*The Service to Celebrate the Life of John* Held at Mason Park Chapel, Wangaratta Friday 30th of July, 2021 at 10.30am

> **Gathering** Music Piano Man - Billy Joel

Celebrant Father Nathan Verallo

*Opening Hymn* How Great Thou Art - Chris Rice

> *Welcome* Fr Nathan Verallo

Lighting of the Paschal Candle

Natasha Bianco Fr Nathan Verallo: In Baptism John received the light of Christ and rose with him through his life. **ALL:** May this light now lead him into eternal life.

### Blessing of the Coffin

Fr Nathan Verallo: In the waters of Baptism, John died with Christ and was promised eternal life. **ALL:** May he now share eternal life with Christ in glory.

### Placing of the Pall

Fr Nathan Verallo: On the day of his Baptism, John was clothed in Christ and given his Christian dignity forever.ALL: May Christ enfold him in his love and bring him to eternal life.

Placing of the Personal Symbols Cathy Sheehan and Ron Dawson

Words of Rememberance Cathy Sheehan and Ron Dawson

A Life In Pictures

What A Wonderful World ~ Louis Armstrong Wind Beneath My Wings ~ Bette Midler *Opening Prayer* Fr Nathan Verallo

# A Reading from the First Letter of St John

Natasha Bianco and Paul Bianco ALL: *Thanks be to God.* 

## Responsorial Psalm (sung)

The Lord's My Shepherd ~ Stuart Townend

# Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia! Come, you whom my Father has blessed, says the Lord; inherit the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. Alleluia!

A Reading from the Holy Gospel

*according to Matthew* Fr Nathan Verallo **ALL:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Homily

Fr. Nathan Verallo

Prayers of the Faithful

Remo Bianco ALL: Lord, hear our prayer

**Prayer of Commendation and Farewell ALL:** Receive his soul and present him to God the most high

*Recessional Music* Time To Say Goodbye - Andrea Bocelli and Sarah Brightman

Coffin Bearers Remo Bianco, Paul Bianco, Robert Green and Ron Dawson











John's family wish to thank all their family and friends who have been so caring in this sad time. Thank you to those who could be here with us today; and the thoughts of those who could not join us are genuinely felt and appreciated.







In Loving Memory

John Thomas Bianco 9th July 1949 - 20th July 2021