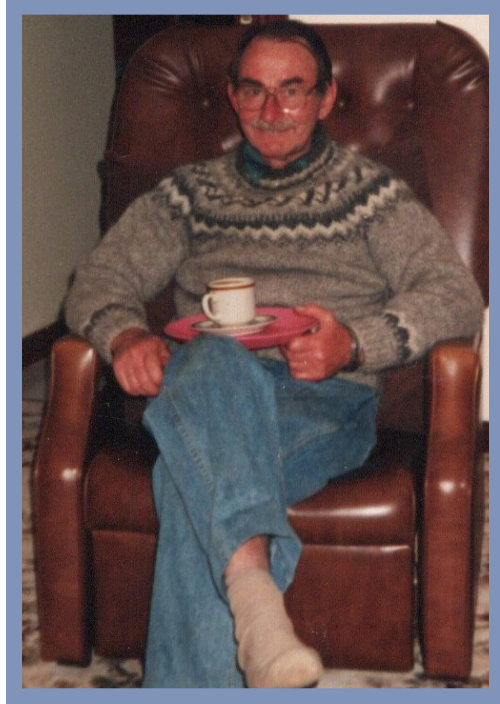


In Loving Memory



Norm

Norman Joseph Lawler

3rd April 1933 ~ 2nd January 2022

*Requiem Mass to Celebrate the Life of
Norman Joseph Lawler*

Our Lady's Catholic Church, Wangaratta
on Wednesday 12th of January 2022 at 11am
Celebrant Father Nathan Verallo

~ Introductory Rite ~

Entrance Song

Here I am Lord - John Michael Talbot

Fr Nathan: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

Fr Nathan: The grace and peace of God our Father,
who raised Jesus from the dead, be always with you.

ALL: And with your Spirit.

Lighting of the Paschal Candle

Eilish Hersom

Fr Nathan: In baptism, Norm received the light of Christ.
This light has guided him through his life.

ALL: May Christ's light, now guide him into eternal life.

Sprinkling with Holy Water

Fr Nathan: In the waters of baptism, Norm died with Christ
and rose with Christ into eternal life.

ALL: May Norm now share eternal life with Christ in Glory.



Placing of the White Pall

Ciaran Mawley

Fr Nathan: On the day of his baptism,

Norm was clothed in Christ and given a Christian dignity forever.

ALL: May Christ now enfold him in his love and bring him to eternal life.

Words of Remembrance (Eulogy)

Anthony Lawler

Juliette and Claire Mawley

A Life In Pictures

The Twelfth of Never - Johnny Mathis

Opening Prayer

Fr Nathan: O God, whose nature is always to forgive and to show mercy, we humbly implore you for your servant Norm, whom you have called to journey to you, and, since he hoped and believed in you, grant that he, may be led to our true homeland to delight in its everlasting joys.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

ALL: Amen.



First Reading

Richard Mawley

A reading from the book of Wisdom
The souls of the virtuous are in the hands of God,
no torment shall ever touch them.

In the eyes of the unwise, they did appear to die, their going looked like a
disaster, their leaving us, like annihilation; but they are in peace.

If they experienced punishment as men see it,
their hope was rich with immortality; slight was their affliction,
great will their blessings be.

God has put them to the test and proved them
worthy to be with him; he has tested them like gold in a furnace,
and accepted them as a holocaust.

They who trust in him will understand the truth,
those who are faithful will live with him in love;
for grace and mercy await those he has chosen.

The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Juliette and Claire Mawley

The Lord is my Shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.
Near restful water he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit.

The Lord is my Shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name,
If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear.

You are there with your crook and our staff;
with these you give me comfort.

The Lord is my Shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing.

The Lord is my Shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.



Gospel Acclamation

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Happy are those who have died in the Lord:

Let them rest from their labours, for their good deeds go with them.

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

Fr Nathan: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And with your spirit.

Fr Nathan: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 14:1-6

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled;
trust in God still, and trust in me.

There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not,
I should have told you.

I am going now to prepare a place for you,
and after I have gone and prepared you a place,
I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am, you may be too.

You know the way to the place where I am going."

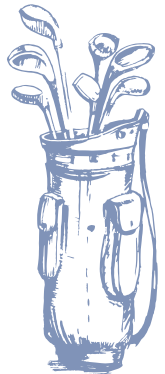
Thomas said: "Lord, we do not know where you are going,
so how can we know the way?"

Jesus said: "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.
No one can come to the Father except through me."

Fr Nathan: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily



Prayers of the Faithful

Eilish, Samuel and Katie Hersom

Fr Nathan: Lord receive our praise and thanks for Norm's life and welcome him
with love and peace.

May his life be now completed and fulfilled in your presence forever.

Let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray for Grandpa that he may receive the joy of
eternal life promised in his baptism.

We pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray for Grandpa's family and friends that they will not
dwell on the loss but be inspired by the guidance and love he has given.

We pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: Lord we ask your blessing for the nurses who looked after Grandpa and we
thank our friends who visited and supported Norm throughout his illness.

Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: Lord we pray for those who have died in the hope of rising again. Grant
them eternal peace and welcome them into the light of your presence.

We pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: Lord, we pray for all assembled here today to give thanks for the life of
Grandpa. May we one day be gathered together again in God's kingdom.

We pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

Fr Nathan: God our shelter and our strength,
you listen in love to the cry of your people:
hear the prayers we offer for our departed brother Norm.
Cleanse him of his sins and grant him the fullness of redemption.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.



Liturgy of the Eucharist

Hail Queen of Heaven - Philip Robinson

Offertory Procession

Timothy Mawley and Eamon Hersom

Fr Nathan: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,
for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you:
fruit of the earth and work of human hands,
it will become for us the bread of life.

ALL: Blessed be God for ever.

Fr Nathan: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,
for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you:
fruit of the vine and work of human hands,
it will become our spiritual drink.

ALL: Blessed be God for ever.

Fr Nathan: Pray, brothers and sisters,
that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God,
the almighty Father.

***ALL: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good and the good of all his holy Church.***

Prayer Over the Offerings

Fr Nathan: As we humbly present to you these sacrificial offerings,
O Lord, for the salvation of your servant Norm,
we beseech your mercy, that he,
who did not doubt your Son to be a loving Saviour,
may find in him a merciful Judge.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

ALL: Amen.



Eucharistic Prayer

Fr Nathan: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And with your spirit.

Fr Nathan: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.

Fr Nathan: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: It is right and just.

Fr Nathan: It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord.

For he is the salvation of the world,
the life of the human race,
the resurrection of the dead.

Through him the host of Angels adores your majesty
and rejoices in your presence for ever.

May our voices, we pray,
join with theirs in one chorus of exultant praise,
as we acclaim:

ALL: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

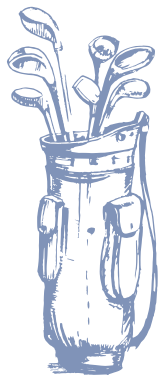
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Fr Nathan: You are indeed Holy, O Lord, the fount of all holiness.

Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray,
by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall,
so that they may become for us the Body
and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

At the time he was betrayed and entered
willingly into his Passion,
he took bread and, giving thanks,
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take this, all of you, and eat of it, for this is my Body,
which will be given up for you.



In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took the chalice and,
once more giving thanks, he gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take this, all of you, and drink from it,
for this is the chalice of my Blood, the Blood of the new and eternal covenant,
which will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this in memory of me. The mystery of faith.

***ALL: We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection until you come again.***

Fr Nathan: Therefore, as we celebrate the memorial of his
Death and Resurrection, we offer you,
Lord, the Bread of life and the Chalice of salvation,
giving thanks that you have held us worthy to be
in your presence and minister to you.

Humbly we pray that, partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ,
we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit.

Remember, Lord, your Church, spread throughout the world,
and bring him to the fullness of charity, together with Francis our Pope,
Shane our Bishop and all the clergy.

Remember your servant Norm,
whom you have called today from this world to yourself.
Grant that he who was united with your Son in a death like his,
may also be one with him in his Resurrection.

Remember also our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep
in the hope of the resurrection,
and all who have died in your mercy;
welcome them into the light of your face.

Have mercy on us all, we pray,
that with the Blessed Virgin Mary,
Mother of God, with blessed Joseph, her Spouse,
with the blessed Apostles,
with St Patrick, our Patron,
and all the Saints who have pleased you
throughout the ages, we may merit to be coheirs to eternal life,
and may praise and glorify you through
your Son, Jesus Christ.

Fr Nathan: Through him, and with him, and in him,
O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

ALL: Amen.



The Communion Rite

Fr Nathan: At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching,
we dare to say:

***ALL: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.***

Fr Nathan: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our
days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin
and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of
our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

ALL: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

Fr Nathan: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles:
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins,
but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in
accordance with your will.
Who live and reign for ever and ever.

Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

ALL: And with your spirit.

Fr Nathan: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

***ALL: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.***

Fr Nathan: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the
world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

***ALL: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.***

Communion

Amazing Grace ~ Harry Secombe

Prayer After Communion



Fr Nathan: Lord God, whose Son left us, in the Sacrament of his Body,
food for the journey, mercifully grant that, strengthened by it,
our brother Norm may come to the eternal table of Christ.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

ALL: Amen.

Final Commendation and Farewell

Fr Nathan: Trusting in God, we have prayed together for Norm,
and now we come to the last farewell. There is sadness in parting, but we take comfort in
the hope that one day we will see Norm again and enjoy his friendship.
Although this congregation will disperse in sorrow, may the mercy of God will gather us
together again in the joy of his kingdom.

Fr Nathan: Saints of God, come to Norm's aid, come to meet him angels of the Lord.

ALL: Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.

Fr Nathan: Norm, may Christ who called you, take you to himself;
may the angels lead you to Abraham's side.

ALL: Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.

Fr Nathan: Eternal rest grant unto Norm, O Lord,
and let your perpetual light shine upon him.

ALL: Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.

Fr Nathan: Into your hands, God of mercies, we commend Norm,
in the sure and certain hope that together with all who have died in Christ.
May he rise with him on the last day.

Merciful Lord, turn toward us and listen to our prayers:
open the gates of paradise to your servant Norm, and help us who remain
to comfort one another with assurances of faith, until we all meet in Christ
and are with you and with our brother Norm for ever.

We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

Fr Nathan: Norm, May the angels lead you into paradise;
may the martyrs come to welcome you and take you to the
holy city, the new and eternal Jerusalem.

In peace let us take our brother Norm to his place of rest.

Farewell Song

Danny Boy ~ Finbar Wright





Mary and family sincerely thank you for your kind thoughts, prayers and comforting presence here today. We would like you all to join us for refreshments at the Town & Country Tavern.