

Celebrating
THE LIFE OF



Barney

Denis William Charles Watson

14th February 1952 ~ 8th June 2022





The Service to Celebrate Barney's Life
Held at St Patrick's Catholic Church, Wangaratta
on Tuesday 21st of June 2022 at 1pm
Celebrant Father Nathan Verallo

Entrance Song

In My Life ~ The Beatles

Welcome

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.

Fr Nathan: Greetings

Lighting of the Paschal Candle

~ Christine Watson ~

Fr Nathan: In Baptism, Barney received the light of Christ
and rose with him through his life.

ALL: May this light now lead him into eternal life.

Sprinkling of Holy Water

Fr Nathan: In the waters of baptism Barney died with Christ
and rose with him to new life.

ALL: May he now share eternal life with Christ in glory.

Placing of the Pall

~ Nicole Everitt and Lisa Kennedy ~

Fr Nathan: On the day of his baptism Barney was clothed in Christ
and given Christian dignity for ever.

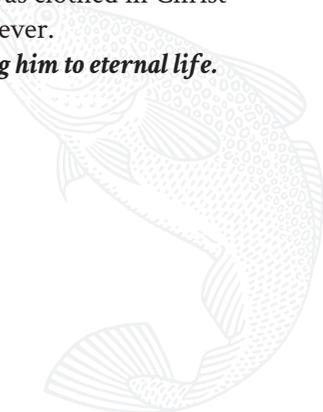
ALL: May Christ enfold him in his love and bring him to eternal life.

Words of Remembrance

Eulogy ~ Rob McIlroy

A Life In Pictures

My Way ~ Elvis Presley



Opening Prayer

Fr Nathan: O God, almighty Father, our faith professes that your Son died and rose again; mercifully grant, that through this mystery your servant Barney who has fallen asleep in Christ, may rejoice to rise again through him. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

ALL: Amen.

A Reading From The Corinthians - 13:4-8

~ Taylah Coatsworth ~

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.

It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease;
where there are tongues, they will be stilled;

where there is knowledge, it will pass away. This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

~ Kylie Everitt ~

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want; He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters, He restores my soul.

He guides me in straight paths for His name's sake

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil.

For Thou art with me. Thy rod and thy staff, the comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies.

Thou anointest my head with oil, My cup runneth over.

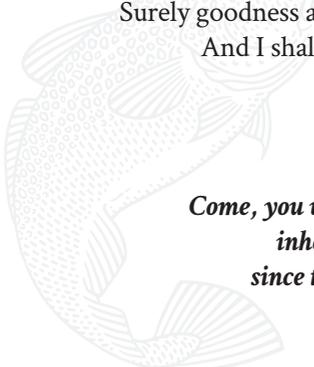
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.

And I shall dwell in the House of the Lord forever.

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 John

Fr Nathan: The Lord be with you

ALL: And with your Spirit

Fr Nathan: A reading from the Holy Gospel According to Matthew

ALL: Glory to you O Lord.

Fr Nathan: Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.' The Gospel of Our Salvation.

ALL: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Prayers of the Faithful

~ Kayla Grassi ~

Fr Nathan: Brothers and sisters, Jesus Christ is risen from the dead and sits at the right hand of the Father, where he intercedes for his Church. Confident that God hears the voices of those who trust in the Lord Jesus, we join our prayers to his:

In baptism, Barney received the light of Christ. Scatter the darkness now and lead him over the waters of death. Lord, in your mercy:

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

Our brother Barney was nourished at the table of the Saviour. Welcome him into the halls of the heavenly banquet. Lord, in your mercy:

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

Many friends and members of our families have gone before us and await the kingdom. Grant them an everlasting home with your Son. Lord, in your mercy:

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

The family and friends of Barney seek comfort and consolation. Heal their pain and dispel the darkness and doubt that come from grief. Lord, in your mercy:

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

We are assembled here in faith and confidence to pray for our brother Barney. Strengthen our hope so that we may live in the expectation of your Son's coming.

Lord, in your mercy:

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

Fr Nathan: Lord God, giver of peace and healer of souls, hear the prayers of the Redeemer, Jesus Christ, and the voices of your people, whose lives were purchased by the blood of the Lamb. Forgive the sins of all who sleep in Christ and grant them a place in the kingdom. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Fr Nathan: With longing for the coming of God's kingdom, let us offer our prayer to the Father:

*Our Father, Who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name
Thy kingdom come*

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

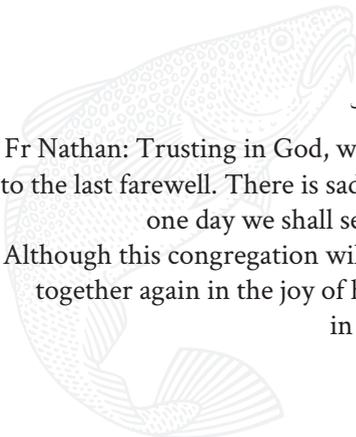
*Give us this day our daily bread
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.*

Amen.

Invitation To Prayer

Fr Nathan: Trusting in God, we have prayed together for Barney and now we come to the last farewell. There is sadness in parting, but we take comfort in the hope that one day we shall see Barney again and enjoy his friendship.

Although this congregation will disperse in sorrow, the mercy of God will gather us together again in the joy of his kingdom. Therefore let us console one another in the faith of Jesus Christ.



Song of Farewell

Fr Nathan: Saints of God come to Barney's aid!

Hasten to meet him, angels of the Lord!

ALL: Receive his soul and present him to God the most high.

Fr Nathan: Barney, may Christ, who called you, take you to himself;

may the angels lead you to the bosom of Abraham.

ALL: Receive his soul and present him to God the most high.

Fr Nathan: Eternal rest grant unto Barney, O Lord,

and let perpetual light shine upon him.

ALL: Receive his soul and present him to God the most high.

Prayer of Commendation

We give you thanks for the blessings which you bestowed upon Barney in this life: they are signs to us of your goodness and of our fellowship with the saints in Christ.

Merciful Lord, turn toward us and listen to our prayers:

open the gates of paradise to your servant 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 Barney for ever.

ALL: Amen.

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

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

Recessional Song

You'll Never Walk Alone ~ Gerry and The Pacemakers

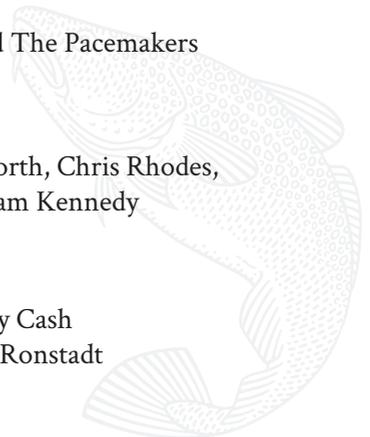
Coffin Bearers

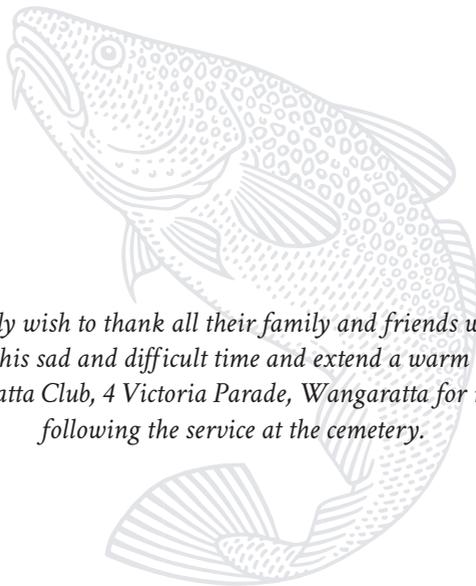
Andrew Coatsworth, Harrison Coatsworth, Chris Rhodes,
Daniel Everitt, Jarrod Everitt, Cam Kennedy

At The Cemetery

We'll Meet Again ~ Johnny Cash

Goodbye My Friend ~ Linda Ronstadt





Barney's family wish to thank all their family and friends who have been so caring in this sad and difficult time and extend a warm invitation to The Wangaratta Club, 4 Victoria Parade, Wangaratta for refreshments following the service at the cemetery.