

#### A SERVICE TO CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF

# Micholas John Thompson

#### Held at

Sacred Heart Catholic Church Alexandra Road, Ulverstone onto the Central Coast Memorial Park

Friday, 27th January, 2023 Commencing at 2pm

Officiating - Fr Steven Smith

#### **Carriers & Escorts**

Garry Campbell
Dean Rowe

Leigh Febey

Ross McPherson
Dean 'Herbie' Smith

Damian Hall

Stackie & Heath

# Nick's family

are so grateful that you could be here today,
and for the many ways in which you have shown them support.
They warmly invite you to join them for refreshments,
and sharing of memories at the West Ulverstone Community Sports Club,
49 Amy Street, West Ulverstone, at the conclusion of the interment.

# Order of Gervice

#### **Entrance Music**

'Kiss & Say Goodbye' - Josh Tatofi

**Priest:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Response: Amen.

**Priest:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God

and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**Response:** And with your spirit.

# Sprinkling of Nick's Coffin with Holy Water

On the day of his baptism Nick was welcomed into the Church, given new life in Christ, and clothed with the garment of salvation.

Today we greet the body of our brother and surround him with the Church's prayer.

We commend our brother to the mercy of God and pray that the promise made to him in Baptism will be fulfilled.

# **Eulogy & Tributes**

Kathryn, Hayden, Markelle & Alisha

#### **Time of Reflection**

'How Do I Say Goodbye?' - Dean Lewis

#### **Invitation to Prayer**

My brothers and sisters,

Let us pray for Nick that he may share in Christ's victory,
and let us pray for ourselves, that the Lord may grant us the
gift of his loving consolation.

# **Opening Prayer**

O God, almighty Father, our faith professes that your Son died and rose again; mercifully grant, that through this mystery your servant Nick, 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.

#### Gospel Acclamation (Please Stand)

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead; Glory and kingship be his for ever and ever. Alleluia!

# **Gospel Reading**

John 14 vs 1-6

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.'

### **Homily**

#### **Prayers for the Faithful**

**Celebrant:** My friends, 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:

**Reader:** For Nick, a child of God and heir to the Kingdom, that he may be held securely in God's loving embrace now and for all eternity, Let us pray to the Lord.

**Response:** Lord, hear our prayer

**Reader:** For Nick's family, that they may feel the healing power of Christ in the midst of their pain and grief, Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer

**Reader:** For all those who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again, especially Nick and all his deceased relatives and friends, that they may see God face to face, Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer

**Celebrant:** 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.

Response: Amen

#### The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words our Saviour gave us:

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.

#### Photo Remembrance

'Rich Man' - Little Big Town, 'Remember Me This Way' - Jordan Hill & 'Visiting Hours' - Ed Sheeran

#### **Final Commendation & Farewell**

Trusting in God, we have prayed for Nick and now we come to this last farewell.

There is sadness in parting, but we take comfort in the hope that one day we shall see Nick again and enjoy his friendship.

Although we will disperse today 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.

**Priest:** Saints of God, come to his aid. Come to meet him angels of the Lord.

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

**Priest:** May Christ who called you take you to himself. May angels lead you to Abraham's side.

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

**Priest:** Give him eternal rest, O Lord, and may your light shine on him forever.

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

#### **Priest:**

Into your hands, Father of mercies,
we commend our brother Nick in the sure and certain hope that,
together with all who have died in Christ,
he will rise with him on the last day.
We give you thanks for the blessings bestowed upon Nick 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 our brother for ever.

Response: Amen.

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

# **Leaving Music**

'All Good Things' - Jackson Browne





