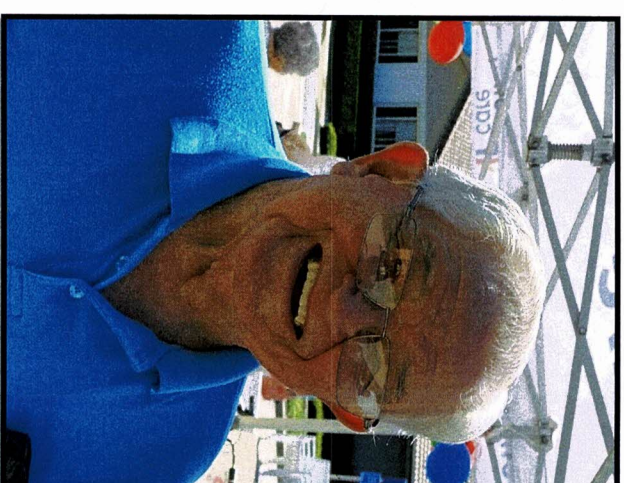




*Funeral Prayers
for the Repose of the Soul
of*

*Gilbert Ernest Ronan
'Mick'*



Born: 24th February, 1931 ~ Nimbin NSW

Entered the Fullness of Life: – 5th January 2024 ~ Ballina, NSW

St Francis Xavier Church, Ballina ~ 16th January 2024

Celebrant: Father Peter Padsungay

'Rest in Peace', Mick

Please Stand:
ENTRANCE HYMN:

AMAZING GRACE

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1. Amazing grace,
how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me,
I once was lost, but
now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught
my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that
grace appear,
The hour I first believed.
3. Through many dangers,
toils and snares
I have already come.
'Tis grace has brought me
safe thus far
And grace will lead me home.
4. How sweet the name of
Jesus sounds
to a true believer's ear.
It soothes his sorrows
and heals his wounds,
And drives away his tears.

THE INTRODUCTORY RITE:

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

Priest: The Lord be with you
People: *And with your spirit.*

PLACING OF CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS:

OPENING PRAYER:

Priest: Lord our God, the death of our brother, Mick recalls our human condition and the brevity of our lives on earth. But for those who believe in your love death is not the end, nor does it destroy the bonds that you forge in our lives.

We share the faith of your Son's disciples and the hope of the children of God.

Bring the light of Christ's resurrection to this time of testing and pain as we pray for Mick and for those who loved him, through Christ our Lord.

People: *Amen.*

Please be seated:

RECESSIONAL HYMN:
HOW GREAT THOU ART

1. O Lord my God! When I in
awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy
hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the
mighty thunder
Thy pow'r throughout the
universe displayed.

2. When through the woods and
forest glades I wander.
And hear the birds sing
sweetly in the trees,
And when I look from lofty
mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook and feel
the gentle breeze. /R

3. When Christ shall come with
shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy
shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble
adoration
And there proclaim my God,
how great Thou art. /R

Refrain:

**Then sings my soul, my
Saviour God to Thee:
How great Thou art, how
great Thou art!
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Saviour God to Thee:
How great Thou art, how
great Thou art. .**



Mick's family, wish to sincerely thank everyone
who attended these Funeral Prayers today
and all who have offered their prayers and
loving support in so many ways.



Following the burial at East Ballina Cemetery

Please join with family and friends

from 11.30 am at the Activity Centre, Crowley Care,

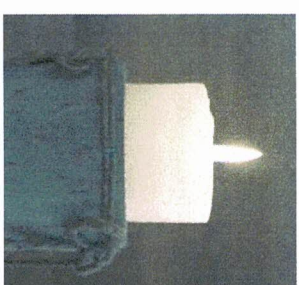
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FINAL COMMENDATION & FAREWELL

SONG OF FAREWELL:

Priest: Saints of God, come to is aid! Hasten to meet him,
Angels of the Lord!

All: *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 the bosom of Abraham.

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

Priest: Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let
perpetual light shine upon him.

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



FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of Revelations

Reader: *Family Member*

I John, heard a voice from heaven say to me, 'Write down:
Happy are those who die in the Lord! Happy indeed, the Spirit
says: now they can rest forever after their work, since their good
deeds go with them.'

The Word of the Lord

People: *Thanks be to God.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

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The Lord is my shepherd
and I want to follow
wherever he leads me,
wherever he goes.
Over the mountains,
the waters and by ways,
valleys and highways,
he's waiting for me.

Refrain: *I want to go
to meet him there,
to lay myself down in his love.
The Lord is my Shepherd
and I want to follow
wherever he leads me,
wherever he goes.*

And while on the journey
to where we are going,
he promised to be there
to help us along.
And over the mountains
we'll walk on together,
to know all the wonders he's given to me.

Refrain:



Please stand

BLESSING:

SECOND READING:

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

As for me, my life is already being poured away, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith.

All there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day; and not only to me but to all those who have labored for his appearing.

The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Please stand:

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the Way, the truth and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father except through me.

Alleluia!

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: *And with your spirit.*

Priest: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

People: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

GOSPEL:

Father Peter

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."

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Priest: *The Gospel of the Lord.*

People: *Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

Please be seated:

HOMILY:

Please stand:

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:

Priest: *My dear friends, let us join with one another in praying to God, not only for our departed brother Mick but also for the Church, for peace in the world, and for ourselves.*

Reader: For Mick who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that he now be admitted to the company of the saints.
Let us pray to the Lord.

All: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Reader: For Mick, who ate the body of Christ, the bread of life, that he may be raised up on the last day.
Let us pray to the Lord.

All: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Reader: For the family and friends of Mick, that they may be consoled in their grief by the Lord who wept at the death of his friend Lazarus.
Let us pray to the Lord.

All: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Reader: For our deceased relatives and friends and for all who have helped us, that they may have the reward of their goodness.
Let us pray to the Lord.

All: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Reader: For all of us who assemble here to worship in faith, that we may be gathered together again in God's kingdom.
Let us pray to the Lord.

All: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Priest: *Lord Jesus Christ, hear our prayers for Mick and for all who have gone before us in faith to eternal life. May they share in the fullness of salvation in the kingdom where you are Lord forever and ever.*

People: *Amen.*

Please be seated:



Father Peter

Readers: *Tyler Ronan
Sharon Balkin*