



MASS OF THANKSGIVING AND CELEBRATION
FOR THE LIFE OF

MICHAEL HENRY NEALON (SLIM)

26 JUNE 1947 - 19 DECEMBER 2020

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, GRENFELL
SATURDAY 2nd JANUARY 2021

CELEBRANT

Fr Allen

ENTRANCE HYMN

Ave Maria

CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS

Darcey and Beau Biddle

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

Karl and Jason Nealon

OPENING PRAYER

FIRST READING

Tania Biddle
(2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18)

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 longed for his Appearing.

The Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM (song)

The Lord is my Shepherd

ALLELUIA VERSE

Alleluia, Alleluia!

You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church.

And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. **Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

(John 12: 20-26)

HOMILY

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Caitlin, Sienna, Taylor & Gabrielle Nealon

Lord, we thank you for all that Pop gave to his family. He taught us the joy and the value of family life. May all families share in your love.

We pray to the Lord. Lord hear our prayer.

Lord, Bless Pop's grandchildren and great grandchildren, let them remember with love and gratitude, the stories and memories they shared.

We pray to the Lord. Lord hear our prayer.

Lord, we pray for all Pop's wonderful friends, for their love and support throughout his life. May they be consoled in their grief.

We pray to the Lord. Lord hear our prayer.

Lord, we pray for all our deceased family and friends. May they and Michael all enjoy the rewards of Eternal Peace.

We pray to the Lord. Lord hear our prayer.

Lord, we remember the strength of Pop's faith, and his ability to touch people's lives. We pray that his strength, courage, selflessness and kindness will continue to inspire our lives.

We pray to the Lord. Lord hear our prayer.

Lord, lend your strength to all those who are there for us in times of crisis. Nan and the family would sincerely like to thank everyone who attended the farm on the day of Pop's accident. Your skill, strength, compassion and support for Nan will never be forgotten.

We pray to the Lord. Lord hear our prayer.

Lord, lend your guidance and grace to help us all heal and accept the loss of Pop and rejoice in the life we shared together.

We pray to the Lord. Lord hear our prayer.

For all who are gathered here today to celebrate Pop's life, the life of a loving husband, father, father-in-law, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, uncle, cousin and friend.

We pray to the Lord. Lord hear our prayer.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY

Annie Nealon and Cooper Biddle

OFFERTORY HYMN

Amazing Grace

OUR FATHER

COMMUNION HYMN

Gentle as Silence

PRAYERS OF COMMENDATION

Saints of God, come to his aid! Hasten to meet him, angels of the Lord!

Receive his soul and present her to God the Most High

May Christ who called you, take you to himself; may angels lead you to the arms of Jesus.

Receive his soul and present her to God the Most High

Eternal rest grants unto him; O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

Receive his soul and present her to God the Most High

Into your hands, God of mercy, we commend our brother Michael into 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 which you bestowed upon Michael in this life: they are signs to us of your goodness and of our fellowship with the saints in Christ. Merciful lord, turn towards us and listen to our prayers: open the gates of heaven 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 with Michael forever.

Amen

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Hallelujah

PALL BEARERS

Darren Nealon
Brett Biddle
Ben Nealon
Lachlan Nealon
Macartney Nealon
Luke Nealon



A limb has fallen from the family tree that says 'grieve not for me'
Remember the best times, the laughter, the song,
the good life I lived while I was strong.

Until we meet again.

He was a giant
And I was just a kid
I was always trying
To do everything he did
I can still remember every lesson he taught me
Growing up learning how to be
Like my old man

He was a lion
We were our father's pride
But I was defiant
When he made me walk the line
He knew how to lift me up
And when to let me fall
Looking back, he always had a plan
My old man

My old man
Feel the callous on his hands
And dusty overalls
My old man
Now I finally understand
I have a lot to learn
From my old man

Now I'm a giant
Got a son of my own
He's always trying
To go everywhere I go
Do the best I can to raise him up the right way
Hoping that he someday wants to be
Like his old man

My old man
I know one day we'll meet again
As he's looking down
My old man
I hope he's proud of who I am
I'm trying to fill the boots of my old man

My old man



MY OLD MAN



Colleen and family would sincerely like to thank everyone who attended the farm on the day of Michael's accident. Your skill, strength, compassion and support for Colleen will never be forgotten.



Michael's family would like to take this opportunity to thank you for sharing today with us, and for your love, comfort and support during this very sad time.

You are invited to join the family for the Committal Service at Grenfell Lawn Cemetery, Henry Lawson Highway Grenfell followed by refreshments at the Grenfell Golf Club, Gooloogong Rd, Grenfell.