

Mass of Thanksgiving celebrating the life of

Warren Keith Nicholl

20 February 1931 – 7 July 2022



*"I am prepared to meet my Maker.
Whether my Maker is prepared for the great ordeal
of meeting me is another matter."*

Winston Churchill

Warren Keith Nicholl

20.2.1931- 7.7.2022

Died peacefully at Lansdowne Gardens,
Neutral Bay on 7 July 2022.



Beloved husband of Mary
and loving brother of Bob (dec'd) and David (dec'd).

Father and father-in-law of Maree and Colin,
Gabrielle and Mark, John, Angela and Peter.

A loving, inclusive and inspirational grandfather to ten
grandchildren Tristram, Ryan, Tim, Martin, Kathryn,
Emily, Charlotte, Ben, Liam, and Luke and
eight great grandchildren Tobias, Luella, Macaylah,
Brittany, Rheagan, Jack, Joseph and Noah.

*An honourable and thoroughly decent man
who served the community.*



Celebrant: Monsignor Tony Doherty
Father Frank Brennan SJ AO

Cantor: Adele Kozak

Organist: Jassen Rose



Entrance Hymn

Come As You Are

(Please join us in singing)

Come as you are, that's how I want you.
Come as you are, feel quite at home.
Close to my heart, loved and forgiven;
come as you are, why stand alone?

No need to fear, love sets no limits.
No need to fear, love never ends.
Don't run away shamed and disheartened.
Rest in my love, trust me again.

I came to call sinners, not just the virtuous.
I came to bring peace, not to condemn.
Each time you fail to live by my promise,
why do you think I'd love you the less?

Come as you are, that's how I love you.
Come as you are, trust me again.
Nothing can change the love that I bear you.
All will be well, just come as you are.

Greeting and Welcome Mons. Tony Doherty

Placing of the symbols

Sprinkling with Holy Water

Opening Prayer

Mons. Tony Doherty

First Reading

Ben Hinchley

A reading from the book of Isaiah (43 1-4, 6-7)

Do not be afraid,
for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by your name,
you are mine.

Should you pass through the waters,
I shall be with you;
or through rivers,
they will not swallow you up.
Should you walk through fire,
you will not suffer,
and the flame will not burn you.

For I am the Lord your God,
The Holy One of Israel, your saviour.

The word of the Lord

All: *Thanks be to God.*

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord's My Shepherd

(Please join us in singing)

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me down to lie
in pastures green: he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
yet will I fear none ill:
for thou art with me, and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.

Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me:
and in God's house for evermore
my dwelling place shall be.

Second Reading

Kathryn Whybourne

That Man is a Success
 Who has lived well,
 laughed often and loved much;
 Who has gained the respect
 of intelligent men and the love of children;
 Who has filled his niche
 and accomplished his task;
 Who leaves the world better than he found it,
 whether by an improved poppy or a perfect poem or a rescued soul;
 Who never lacked appreciation of earth's beauty
 or failed to express it;
 Who looked for the best in others
 and gave the best he had.

(Robert Louis Stevenson)

Gospel Acclamation

(Please join us in singing)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Gospel

Mons: The Lord be with you

All: ***And with your spirit***

Mons: 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. You trust in God,
 trust also in me.

In my Father's house there are many places to live in;
 otherwise I would 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 to
 myself, so that you may be with me where I am.
 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; I am Truth and Life.
No one can come to the Father except through me.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All: ***Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.***

Family Tributes

Maree Whybourne
Gabrielle Connolly
John Nicholl
Angela Hinchley

Prayers of the Faithful

Peter Nicholl, John Richard Cummins, Anne Marie Cummins,
Jonathan Nicholl

We ask that Warren's values, honesty and compassion may go on living in his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.
May he live on in their memories and their conscience.
Let us pray to the Lord.

All: ***Lord hear our prayer.***

We pray for all the staff and carers at Lansdowne Gardens who cared for him with such love and kindness for the past 5 ½ years.
Let us pray to the Lord.

All: ***Lord hear our prayer.***

We pray for his loving wife of 66 years, Mary that the Holy Spirit may comfort and surround her.
Let us pray to the Lord.

All: ***Lord hear our prayer.***

We give thanks for Warren who had a strong love of and loyalty to family.
Let us pray to the Lord.

All: ***Lord hear our prayer.***

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Procession

Anna Whybourne, Bella Bushby, Chris Morrow

Offertory Hymn

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Make me a channel of your peace
Where there is hatred let me bring your love
Where there is injury, your pardon Lord
And where there is doubt true faith in You

Oh, Master grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console
To be understood as to understand
To be loved as to love with all my soul

Make me a channel of your peace
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned
It is in giving to all men that we receive
And in dying that we are born to eternal life

Oh, Master grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console
To be understood as to understand
To be loved as to love with all my soul

Make me a channel of your peace
Where there's despair in life let me bring hope
Where there is darkness only light
And where there's sadness ever joy.

Eucharistic Prayer

Mons: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

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





The Lord's Prayer

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.

Holy Communion

Hymn

Come Back to me

Come back to me with all your heart
Don't let fear keep us apart
Trees do bend though straight and tall
So must we to others' call
Long have I waited for
Your coming home to me
And living deeply our new lives
The wilderness will lead you
To the place where I will speak
Integrity and justice
With tenderness
You shall know.
Long have I waited for
Your coming home to me
And living deeply our new lives
Come back to me with all your heart
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Reflection of Warren's life (video)

FINAL COMMENDATION AND FAREWELL

Invitation to Pray

Mons: God, our father has made Warren his adopted son through Baptism. Now in his wisdom, he has called him to himself.
So before we part let us take leave of him.
May this last farewell express the depth of our love for him ease our sadness and strengthen our hope we know that one day we were greeted him with joy with the love of Christ which overcomes all things will destroy even death itself.

Song of Farewell

Mons: Saints of God come to his aid,
hasten to meet him angels of the Lord

All: ***Receive Warren's soul and present him to God the most high***

Mons: May Christ who called you take you to himself and may the angels lead you to the bosom of Abraham

All: ***Receive Warren's soul and present him to God the most high***

Mons: Eternal rest grant unto Warren oh Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him.

All: ***Receive Warren's soul and present him to God the most high***

Prayer of Commendation

Mons: Father, into your hands we commend our brother Warren 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 which bestowed on Warren in his 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 Warren and help us who remain to comfort one another with assurances of faith until we all meet in Christ and we are with you and with our brother forever.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

All: ***Amen.***

Mons: May the road rise to meet you
May the wind be always at your back
May the sunshine warm upon your face
The rains fall soft upon your fields
And until we meet again
May God hold you in the palm of hand.



Pallbearers

John Nicholl
Colin Whybourne
Mark Connolly
Tim Whybourne
Ryan Connolly
Peter Huxley







Warren Keith Nicholl Magistrate

By John Joseph Anthony Kelly QC,
Retired Judge of the ACT Supreme Court
On the occasion of WKN's 25 years on the bench.

When you first came into the judgement seat
The noble oath still ringing in your ears
You brought with you much knowledge of the law
And better yet, the grace of courtesy
To guide you on the path of equity.
Doubtless you could have asked much
and borne much more
But in your heart, you knew
Through passing years
Your call was daily judgement without heat.

Then as the years slid downwards
Towards old age,
We heard with admiration clear and sage
Advice you gave, advice most strongly based
On wisdom gleaned from situations faced.
Our grave and reverend master of the law
You will be sadly missed but loved much more.



*Thank you for being with us today
and for your love, comfort and support.*



*We invite you to join our family to celebrate Warren's life.
Please join us at 2.30pm at
Sydney Flying Squadron, 78 MacDougall Street Kirribilli.*

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