

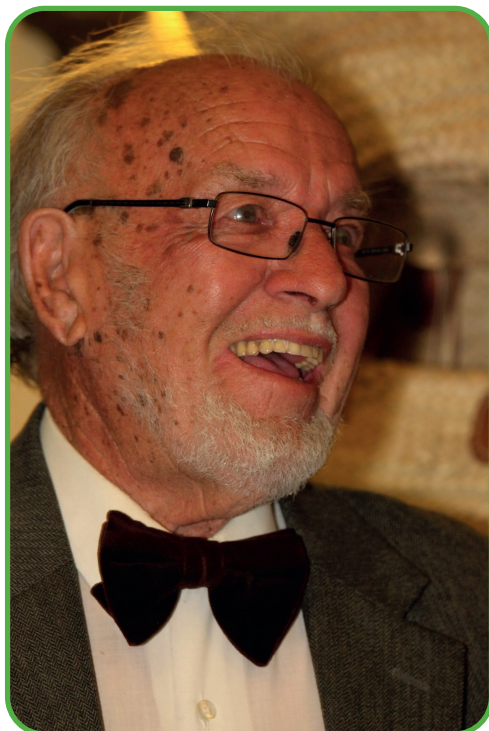
*A
Celebration
of the
Life of*

Ewan Francis Neeson



17.01.1927 – 31.12.2025

*St Joseph's Catholic Church,
Tarrayoukryan
9th January, 2026*



Ewan Francis Neeson
 17th January 1927 – 31st December 2025
 Born in Casterton, Victoria
 Late of “Glanleam”, Nareen

Beloved husband of the late Aileen Mary Neeson (nee Delahunty),
 dearly loved father and father-in-law of Kathryn and Denis, Josephine and
 Stephen (dec), John and Lee, Roderick, Patrick and Anne.

Loving Pa to Matthew, Scott, Simon, Katherine, Liam, Brigid, Conor, Cara,
 Rebecca, Ryan and Fionn, and their partners.

Loving Great-Pa to Oliver, Thomas, Benjamin, Lachlan, Anna, Elliot,
 Maggie and Max.

Loving brother and brother-in-law of Ivan and Monica (both dec),
 Austin and Carmel (both dec), Pauline and Cliff (dec).

Much loved uncle to the Neeson and Delahunty clans.

CELEBRANTS: Father Cay Trinh and Father Damien Heath

ENTRANCE HYMN: **Hosea** (Gregory Norbet)

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.

Refrain

**Long have I waited for your coming home to me
 and living deeply our new life.**

The wilderness will lead you
 to your heart where I will speak.
 Integrity and justice
 with tenderness you shall know. **(Refrain)**

You shall sleep secure with peace;
 faithfulness will be your joy. **(Refrain)**

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. **(Refrain)**

GREETING

Blessing of the Coffin
 Lighting of the Paschal Candle – Paddy Neeson
 Placing of the Pall – Kathie Wray and Lee Neeson
 Placing of the Wreath – John Neeson and Paddy Neeson

PLACING OF SYMBOLS

Symbols brought to the altar by Rod Neeson, Matthew Costain, Liam Howell,
 Rebecca Neeson, Brigid Howell, Maggie Battersby-Howell, Simon Costain and
 Cara Neeson.

OPENING PRAYER

Father: God of Abundance, we come together in gratitude for the life of Ewan –
 son, brother, brother-in-law, husband, father, father-in-law, cousin, uncle,
 grandfather, great-grandfather and friend.
 We give thanks that we have been touched by his love, generosity, hospitality
 and kindness.
 We pray this in Jesus' name.

All: **Amen.**

EULOGY:

Presented by Rod Neeson and Jo Howell

FIRST READING (*Apocalypse 14:13*) (Read by Anne Pekin)

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 for ever after their work,
since their good deeds go with them.'

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM – (*Psalms 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6*) (Read by Anne Pekin)

Response: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul. **(R)**

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff – they comfort me. **(R)**

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows. **(R)**

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life;
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long. **(R)**

SECOND READING

(*Second letter of St Paul to Timothy 4:6-8*) (Read by Scott Costain)

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 is the crown of righteousness received for me which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for His appearing.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

All: Alleluia, Alleluia!
Come, you whom my Father has blessed, says the Lord;
take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you
since the foundation of the world.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL (*John 14:1-6*)

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going."

Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

Father: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

(Read by Conor Howell, John Neeson and Katherine Howell)

Father: We are gathered in faith, hope and love, drawn together by Ewan's life.
Let us pray to our loving God in praise and petition.

1. We give thanks for the gift of Ewan and for all the love he shared with us.
We give thanks for Ewan's loving, generous spirit. We ask that you grant him eternal peace and happiness.
Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
2. We pray for Ewan's family, relatives and friends; that the Lord may keep their hearts and minds in his love, and give his peace, at this difficult time. May their sadness be eased by his memory.
Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
3. We pray for those who are unable to celebrate Ewan's life with us today. May they know how important they were to Ewan, and that they are with us today in spirit.
Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
4. We pray for the staff of Glenelg House who cared so lovingly for Ewan. They showed him great compassion, love, kindness and respect. We thank them also for their care and support of Ewan's family. We will be forever grateful.
Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
5. We pray that we will be guided by Ewan's gift of himself to all of us, to live our lives the way he did – with faith, kindness, generosity, compassion and a great love of his family.
Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
6. We entrust Ewan to your care, Lord. May he be reunited with those he loved who have gone before him. We pray that their reunion in God's presence be joyous and everlasting.
Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Father: Heavenly Father, hear our prayers and bring Ewan to the fullness of eternal life. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OFFERTORY PROCESSION: Serenade to Spring (Secret Garden)
(Gifts brought to the altar by Jo Howell and Denis Wray)

COMMUNION HYMN: Our Supper Invitation (Kevin Bates)

Take of my bread and eat, drink my new wine.
Take of my life and live, branch of my vine.
Let me befriend you now; eat take your fill.
Don't be afraid to dream; love has its will.

Take up your burden now, walk 'til you find
Just what the journey means; walk while there's time.
Food for the journey will answer your need.
Don't be afraid to walk; love, my love will lead.

Take of my bread and eat, drink my new wine.
Be a sweet nourishment to good friends of mine.
Let me befriend you now; eat, take your fill.
Share with your people, that love has its will.

Take of my bread and eat, drink my new wine.
Take of my life and live, branch of my vine.

VISUAL PRESENTATION OF EWAN'S LIFE

FINAL COMMENDATION AND FAREWELL

BLESSING AND INCENSING THE COFFIN

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

RECESSIONAL SONG: Take Me Home (Phil Coulter)

COFFIN BEARERS: John Neeson, Rod Neeson, Paddy Neeson, Ryan Neeson,
Fionn Neeson and Tony Neeson



*May the road rise to
meet you.
May the wind be
always at your back.
May the sun shine
warm upon your face.
The rains fall soft
upon your fields.
And until we meet
again, may God hold
you in the palm of
his hand.*

TRADITIONAL
IRISH
BLESSING



The Neeson family thank you all for joining us today to celebrate Ewan's life.

We appreciate your presence, prayers and condolences.

After the burial at the Tarrayoukyan Cemetery, please join us for refreshments at the Nareen Hall.