



*A chapter completed  
 A page is turned  
 A life well lived  
 A rest well earned*

Thank you for your presence.  
 Please join us to share memories and refreshments  
 together at 92 Hensley Park Rd Hamilton.



Glen Huntly artist Michael Norris has filled his home with his colourful work. Picture: JASON SAMMON. N37CK302

## His home is where the art is

MICHAEL Norris' home is not only his castle – it's his gallery. From the outside, the brick flat he calls home on Grange Rd, Glen Huntly, looks like any other building. But inside, walls are covered with colourful paintings of suburban scenes and portraits. "I get ideas looking at things if I'm travelling around," he said. "Mostly it's from my imagination, I've always been creative." Mr Norris' labour of love started more than 30 years ago. He said he had about 250 works in his house. Mr Norris has turned his artistic flair to just about anything, even creating a cardboard holder for medals he received running consecutive Melbourne marathons from 1984 to 1989.

A Memorial Service for the life of

# Michael John Norris

2nd October 1951 - 21st May 2026

F. Greed & Sons Chapel Hamilton  
 1st June 2026

Conducted by Fr. David Oulton & Deacon Jannie Ryan

# Order of Service

## INTRODUCTORY RITES (Stand)

### WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYERS (Stand)

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

**All: Amen.**

*Priest:* The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you**

My brothers and sisters, to prepare ourselves for this celebration of Gods love, let us call to mind our sins.

**Hymn** - "Praise my Soul the King of Heaven"

**1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;**

**to his feet your tribute bring.**

**Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
evermore his praises sing.**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Praise the everlasting King!**

**2. Praise him for his grace and favor**

**to his people in distress.**

**Praise him, still the same as ever,**

**slow to chide, and swift to bless.**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Glorious in his faithfulness!**

**3. Fatherlike he tends and spares us;**

**well our feeble frame he knows.**

**In his hand he gently bears us,**

**rescues us from all our foes.**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Widely yet his mercy flows!**

**4. Angels, help us to adore him;**

**you behold him face to face.**

**Sun and moon, bow down before him,**

**dwellers all in time and space.**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Praise with us the God of grace!**

## PENITENTIAL RITE

*Priest:* You raise the dead to life in the Spirit: Lord, have mercy.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

*Priest:* You bring pardon and peace to the sinner: Christ have mercy.

**All: Christ have mercy.**

*Priest:* You bring light to those in darkness: Lord, have mercy.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

*Priest:* May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

**All: Amen.**

## THE OPENING PRAYER

**THE FIRST READING (Sit)** I Corinthians 13

*At the end of the reading:*

*Reader:* This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*The response is repeated after each verse of the psalm.*

**The Lord is my shepherd;**

**there is nothing I shall want.**

## THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Stand)

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the resurrection and the life, says the

Lord: he who believes in me will not die

forever. **Alleluia!**

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

*When the Gospel is announced:*

**Glory to you, Lord.**

*The Gospel is read, ending:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*The people respond:*

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

## THE HOMILY, Family Reflections, Eulogy (Sit)

### PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL (Stand)

*Reader:* Lord, in your mercy.

**All: Hear our prayer.**

*Priest:* Now let us pray in the words our Risen Saviour has given to us

**ALL: 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, for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

### THE FINAL COMMENDATION

*Priest:* With faith in Jesus Christ, we reverently bring the body of our brother to be cremated in its human imperfection. Let us pray with confidence to God, who gives life to all things that he will raise up this mortal body to the perfection and the company of the saints. May God give him a merciful judgment and forgive all his sins. May Christ, the Good Shepherd, lead him safely home to be at peace with God our Father. And may he be happy for ever with all the saints in the presence of the eternal King.

*The body is sprinkled with HOLY WATER. This is a gesture of farewell, a mark of respect for the person who leaves us. The HOLY WATER reminds us that Baptism made him a member of Christ and an heir to eternal life.*

*Priest:* In the waters of Baptism Michael died with Christ and rose with Him to new life. May he now share with Him in eternal glory.

*Priest:* Saints of God, come to his aid!  
Come to meet his 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 most high.**

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

**All: Receive his soul and present him to God most high.**

*The priest says the final prayer of commendation, concluding with:*

*Priest:* Rest eternal grant to him O Lord.

**All: And let light perpetual shine upon him**

"Bridge Over Troubled Water" - Simon & Garfunkel