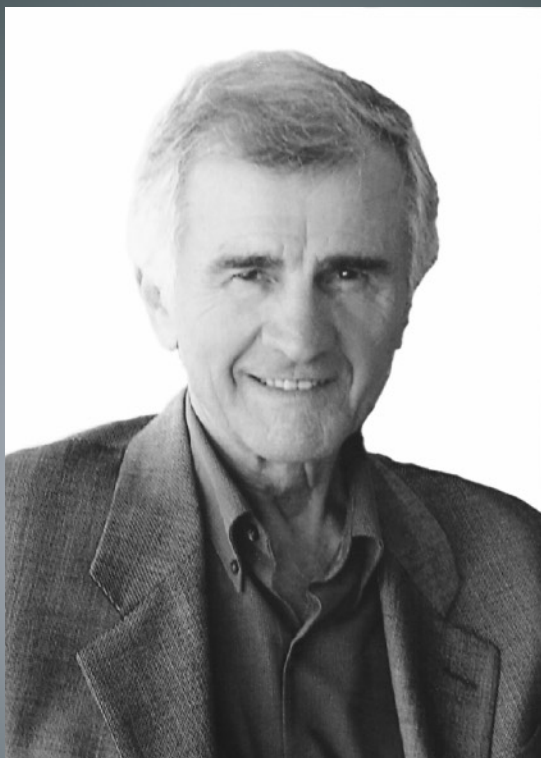


Celebrating the Life



**Michael Lanzon**

1 September 1933 - 24 May 2020



# Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Forestville

## Friday, 5 June 2020

CELEBRANT

Father Shiju Simon

INTRODUCTORY RITES

*(Please stand)*

ENTRANCE SONG

SING OF THE LORD'S GOODNESS

Sing of the Lord's goodness,  
Father of all wisdom come to him and bless his name.  
Mercy he has shown us, his love is for ever,  
faithful to the end of days.

*Refrain:*

*Come, then, all you nations, sing of your Lord's goodness,  
melodies of praise and thanks to God.*

*Ring out the Lord's glory, praise him with your music,  
worship him and bless his name.*

Power he has wielded, honour is his garment,  
risen from the snares of death.  
His word he has spoken, one bread he has broken,  
new life he now gives to all. *(Refrain)*

Courage in our darkness, comfort in our sorrow,  
Spirit of our God most high.  
Solace for the weary, pardon for the sinner,  
splendour of the living God. *(Refrain)*

## GREETING AND WELCOME

Fr. Shiju            In the name of the Father and of the Son  
                         And of the Holy Spirit.

*All                    Amen.*

Fr. Shiju            The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God  
                         And the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

*All                    And with your spirit.*

## SPRINKLING WITH HOLY WATER

Fr. Shiju            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.

## PLACING OF THE PALL

*Ingrid German and Janette Lanzon*

## WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

*(Please sit)*

*Peter, Patrick, and Michael Lanzon*

## OPENING PRAYER

*(Please stand)*

Fr. Shiju            Lord, your wisdom governs the length of our days.  
                         We mourn the loss of Michael,  
                         whose life passed away so quickly,  
                         and we entrust him to your mercy.  
                         Welcome him into your heavenly dwelling  
                         And grant him the happiness of everlasting youth.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

*All                    Amen.*

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

*(Please sit)*

## FIRST READING

*Brianna Lanzon*

*A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes*

*(3:1-8,14)*

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

a time to be born, and a time to die;

a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

a time to kill, and a time to heal;

a time to break down, and a time to build up;

a time to weep, and a time to laugh;

a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together;

a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

a time to seek, and a time to lose;

a time to keep, and a time to cast away;

a time to rend, and a time to sew;

a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

a time to love, and a time to hate;

a time for war, and a time for peace.

I know that whatever God does endures for ever;

nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it;

God has done this,

so that all should stand in awe before him.

The word of the Lord.

*All      Thanks be to God.*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Elke Lanzon

### THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

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*)

## SECOND READING

*A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy (4:3-8)*

For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry. For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

The word of the Lord.

*All Thanks be to God.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Sung)

*(Please stand)*

*All Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Cantor* Come to me you who are blessed, and inherit the Kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world.

*All Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

## GOSPEL

*Fr. Shiju* The Lord be with you.

*All And with your spirit.*

*Fr. Shiju* A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (5:1-12)

*All Glory to you, O Lord.*

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them.

He said:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

*All Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.*

## HOMILY

Father Shiju Simon

*(Please sit)*

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL Chris Lanzon

*(Please stand)*

Fr. Shiju      Let us pray for Michael. Our Lord Jesus Christ said: 'I am the Resurrection and the life. The person who believes in me will live even if they die, and every living person who puts their faith in me will never suffer eternal death.'

Chris      Lord, we remember Nannu Michael in all his vigour, energy, and vitality. He was a light that shone for so many, carefully and skilfully crafting and shaping a legacy that will live on richly in us, his family, always. May those special memories of him live with us and sustain us as we mourn his loss.  
*Lord hear us.*

*All      Lord, hear our prayer.*

Chris      Loving God, we thank you for the precious gift of love and friendship we all shared with our grandfather. May we always remember the beautiful enduring qualities of his life and character; his generosity, thoughtfulness, limitless love, fidelity to his family and friends, his fortitude and courage, and his sense of compassion. May Nannu Michael's example remind us to live our lives to the best and to the full.  
*Lord hear us.*

*All      Lord, hear our prayer.*

Chris      For those who mourn his loss, especially his wife Josiane, his sons Peter, Patrick, Michael, and their partners and extended families, his adored grandchildren, Elke, Brianna, Chris, Ava, and Kate, his siblings Carmelina, and Victor, and their families, and the many, many relatives and friends here and overseas; may the love and togetherness he gave us stay in our hearts.  
*Lord hear us.*

*All      Lord, hear our prayer.*

Chris      Dear Lord, we give thanks for the doctors and nurses who so lovingly looked after Nannu Michael in the ICU at the Northern Beaches Hospital especially under the constraints of these unprecedented times by honouring his request to allow his sons to join his wife during his final moments.  
*Lord hear us.*

*All      Lord, hear our prayer.*

Chris            You gave Nannu Michael to us and now we give him back to  
                      you. May he enjoy eternal happiness and be reunited with  
                      Nanna Edith, his parents and brothers, and those who have  
                      gone before him. May they watch over us and give us  
                      strength and comfort.  
                      *Lord hear us.*

*All*                *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Fr. Shiju        God of our salvation, you reward the just and console  
                      those who mourn. Hear our our prayers in the name of  
                      your risen Son, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

*All*                *Amen.*

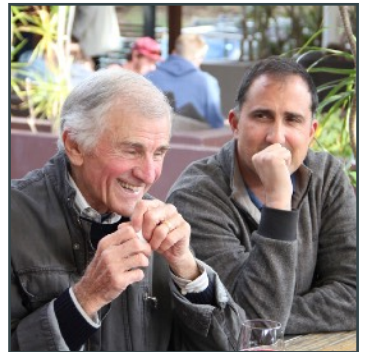
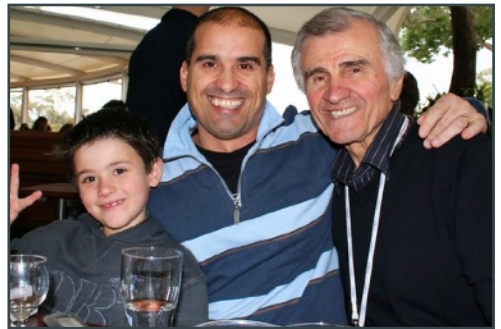
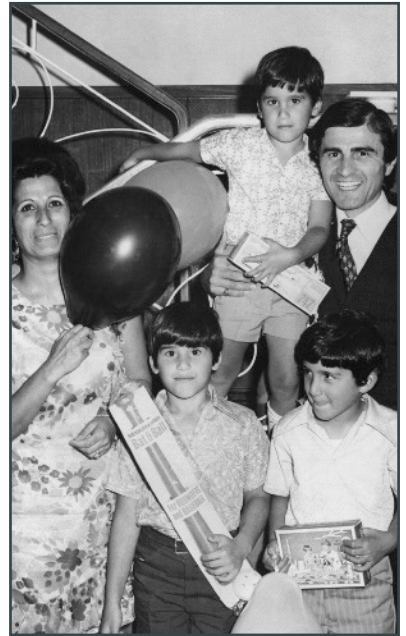
OFFERTORY SONG            Patrick Lanzon

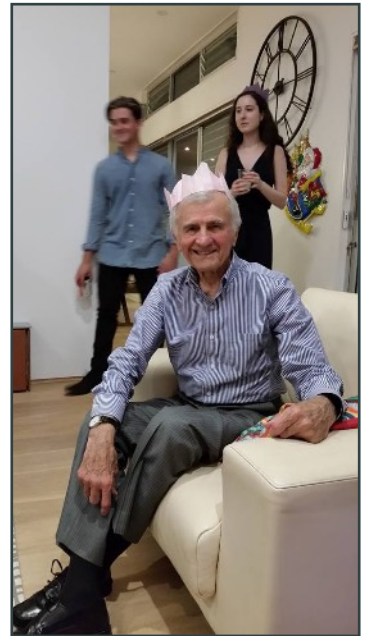
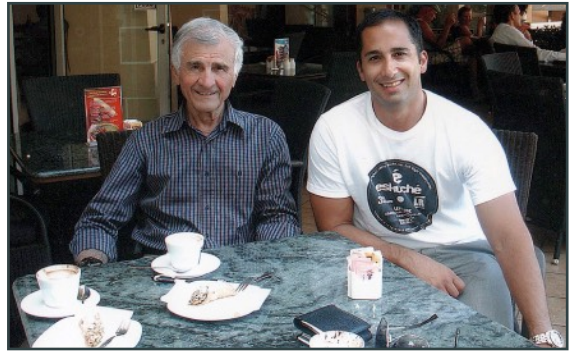
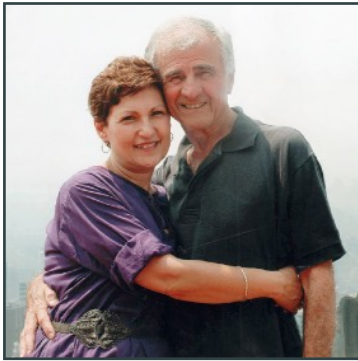
AMAZING GRACE

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.

Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail,  
And mortal life shall cease,  
I shall possess within the veil,  
A life of joy and peace.

When we've been here ten thousand years  
Bright shining as the sun.  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we first begun.





## INVITATION TO PRAYER

*(Please stand)*

Fr Shiju      Pray, brothers and sisters that my sacrifice and yours  
may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

*All      May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the  
praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good  
of all his holy Church.*

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Fr Shiju      Lord, we are united in this sacrament by the love of  
Jesus Christ. Accept these gifts and receive our brother  
Michael into the glory of your Son, who is Lord forever  
and ever.

*All:      Amen.*

Fr Shiju      The Lord be with you.

*All:      And with your Spirit.*

Fr Shiju      Lift up your hearts.

*All:      We lift them up to the Lord.*

Fr Shiju      Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All:      It is right and just.*

## PREFACE

Fr Shiju      It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy  
Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our  
Lord. In him the hope of blessed resurrection has  
dawned, that those saddened by the certainty of dying  
might be consoled by the promise of immortality to  
come. Indeed for your faithful, Lord, life is changed not  
ended, and, when this earthly dwelling turns to dust,  
an eternal dwelling is made ready for them in heaven.  
And so, with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and  
Dominions, and with all the hosts and Powers of  
heaven, we sing the hymn of your glory, as without end  
we acclaim:

All (Sung)      Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Hosts,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

*(Please kneel or sit)*

### ***Memorial Acclamation:***

Fr Shiju          The mystery of faith:

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

Fr Shiju          Through him, and with him and in him,  
O God, almighty Father, In the unity of the Holy  
Spirit,  
All glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

*All (sung)      Amen. Amen.*

## COMMUNION RITE

### *The Lord's Prayer*

Fr. Shiju At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

*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.*

Fr. Shiju Deliver us, Lord we pray from every evil, and graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

*All For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever.*

## SIGN OF PEACE

Fr. Shiju Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you: look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

*All Amen.*

Fr. Shiju The peace of the Lord be with you always.

*All And with your Spirit.*

Fr. Shiju Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*All (Sung) Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.*

## HOLY COMMUNION

Fr. Shiju        Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away  
the sins of the world, Blessed are those called to the  
supper of the Lamb.

*All                Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under  
my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be  
healed.*

## COMMUNION SONG

### I'LL BE ALWAYS LOVING YOU

I am here with you by your side,  
Sheltering your heart from the night.

#### *Refrain*

*Wherever you go, whatever you do,  
I'll be always loving you.*

Let me love the world through your heart,  
Let me heal your wounds with my touch. *(Refrain)*

*I will be your God your comforter.  
I will hold you close in my heart.*

Let me see the world through your eyes,  
Let forgiveness shine through your smile. *(Refrain)*

## THANKSGIVING SONG

### ON EAGLE'S WINGS

*Sung by Peter Lanzon*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Fr. Shiju Grant, we pray, O Lord, that your servant Michael, for whom we have celebrated this paschal Sacrament, may pass over to a dwelling place of light and peace. Through Christ our Lord.

*All Amen.*

## FINAL COMMENDATION AND FAREWELL

### INVITATION TO PRAYER

Fr. Shiju Trusting in God, we have prayed together for Michael and now we come to the last farewell. There is sadness in parting, but we take comfort in the hope that one day we shall see Michael again and enjoy his friendship. Although this congregation will disperse in sorrow, the mercy of God will gather us together again in the joy of His kingdom. Therefore, let us console one another in the faith of Jesus Christ.

## SPRINKLING AND INCENSE

### SONG OF FAREWELL

Fr. Shiju Saints of God, come to Michael's aid!  
Hasten to meet him, angels of the Lord.

*All Receive Michael's soul and present him to God the Most High.*

Fr. Shiju May Christ who called you take you to himself and may the angels lead you to the bosom Abraham.

*All Receive Michael's soul and present him to God the Most High.*

Fr. Shiju Give Michael eternal rest, O Lord, and may your light shine upon him forever.

*All Receive Michael's soul and present him to God the Most High.*

## PRAYER OF COMMENDATION

Fr. Shiju     Into your hands, Father of mercies,  
                 we commend our brother, Michael,  
                 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  
                 you bestowed upon our brother, 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 paradise 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 and with our brother, Michael, forever.

                 We ask this through Christ our Lord.

*All            Amen.*

## PROCESSION TO THE PLACE OF COMMITTAL

Fr. Shiju     May the angels lead you into paradise,  
                 may the martyrs come to welcome you  
                 and take you to the holy city,  
                 the new and eternal Jerusalem.

## PALL BEARERS

                 Peter Lanzon, Patrick Lanzon,  
                 Chris Lanzon, Brianna Lanzon, Elke Lanzon and Miles Chester.

## RECESSIONAL SONG

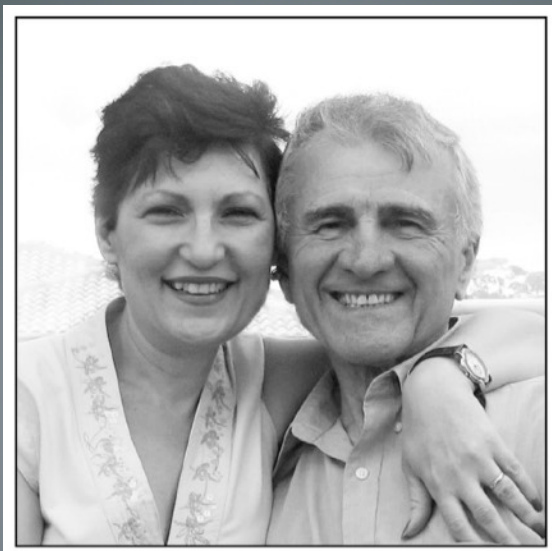
                 THE LORD OF THE DANCE  
                 *Cerise*

Josiane and Michael's family would like to thank you all  
for your love, prayers, and support.

In lieu of flowers Josiane has requested  
a contribution to a charity of your choice.







## ST. MARY MACKILLOP PRAYER

Ever generous God,  
You inspired Saint Mary MacKillop  
To live her life faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ  
and constant in bringing hope and encouragement  
to those who were disheartened, lonely or needy.  
We ask that our faith and hope be fired afresh by the Holy Spirit  
so that we too, like Mary MacKillop,  
may live with courage, trust and openness.

Ever generous God hear our prayer.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ. Amen.

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