

Mass of Thanksgiving
For the Life of
Josephine Fenech



Born 30 July 1922 Hamrun Malta G.C.

Died 9 April 2021 Melbourne Australia

Friday 16th April, 2021

St Fidelis Church, Moreland

*Celebrant
Concelebrants*

*Fr Jude Pirotta MSSP
Fr Wayne Edwards
Fr Noel Bianco MSSP
Fr Edwin Agius
Fr Linh Pham*

*Greeters & Distribution
of Memorial Booklets*

*Alexander Robinson
Brigitte Robinson*

QR Code & Register

*Eric Seychell
Sienna Seychell*

*Organ, Guitar & Vocals
Vocals*

*Enrico Constantini
Cassandra Prinzi*



Dad 1951

Mum 1951

Nannu Calcedonio 1961 Nanna Mary Jane 1961



Doris 1946

Agnes 1961



aged 6 months - 1922



First Holy Communion 1929



At school - Homecraft Class 1934



Bridesmaid 1940



Wedding Day 1941



1944



1949

Entrance Hymn (stand)

Come as You Are

*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*

Welcome

Introductory Rites:

Fr Jude Pirotta

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

All: Amen

Greeting: Priest

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

Lighting of the Pascal Candle:

Emma Abate - Grand Daughter

Priest: In Baptism, Josephine received the light of Christ. She walked as a child of the Light and kept the flame of the faith alive in her heart.
(The Paschal Candle is lit)

All: May Christ, the eternal and unfading light, now welcome her into the Kingdom of light and peace.

Sprinkling with Holy Water:

Priest

Priest: When Josephine was baptised, she was baptised into the life and death of Jesus. Now that she has ended her journey of faith, we sprinkle her casket with water that is holy as a reminder of Christ's promise of everlasting life. (The casket is sprinkled)

All: In the waters of Baptism, we too died with Christ and rose with Him to the new life. May He keep us faithful on our journey.

Placing of the Pall:

Mary Seychell & Agnes Fenech - Daughters

Priest: On the day of Baptism, Josephine was clothed in Christ. By her word and example, she has lived with Christian dignity. (The Pall is spread over the casket)

All: May Christ now enfold her in love and bring her to eternal life.

Words of Remembrance & Josephine's Life

Eulogy

John Fenech - Son

Memorial Slide Show

Agnes Fenech - Daughter

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: (sit)

Yvonne Fenech – Daughter in law

A Reading from the Book of Proverbs: 31:10-31

Who shall find valiant women? Who shall find a woman of strength?
A pearl of great price is she. Her friends all have confidence in her and benefit from her wisdom. She initiates good, not evil, every day of her life.
She opens her heart to the needy: she is generous with the poor:
Yet she does not neglect her family's need or priorities of her own:
She is known for her dignity and strength and she laughs at her days to come.
She often speaks with Wisdom and acts in a kindly way.
Those who are close to her praise her, her family and associates and friends:
"Many women succeed or do outstanding things, but you surpass them all!"
Charm is superficial and beauty fades, but the woman who is wise is the one to be praised.

This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm *The Lord is My Shepherd*

(To be Sung)

*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.*

*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.*

*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.*

Second Reading: (Sit)

Frances Fenech – Grand daughter

A Reading from the Second Letter of St Paul to Timothy: 4: 6-8

My Life is being given as an offering to God and the time has come for me to leave this life. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race. I have kept the faith. Now a crown is being held for me, a crown for being right with God. The Lord, the judge who judges rightly, will give the crown to me on that day, not only to me but to all those who have waited with love for him to come again.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation: (stand) (sung)

All: Alleluia, Alleluia

R/ I am they way, the truth and the life says the Lord.
No-one comes to the father, except through me.

All: Alleluia, Alleluia

Gospel:

Fr Jude Pirotta

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

All: And with your spirit

Celebrant: *A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John: 14: 1-6*

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 to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone would not tell you this if it were not so.

And after I go 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 place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going: so how can we know the way?" Jesus said, "I am the way the truth and the life: no one goes to the father except me."

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Prayers of the Faithful: (Stand)

Celebrant: Brothers and sisters, Jesus Christ is risen from the dead and sits at the right hand of the Father, where He intercedes for His Church. Confident that God hears the voices of those who trust in the Lord Jesus, we join our prayers to His:

Rebecca Dring - Grand daughter

R/ In baptism Josephine received the light of Christ. Scatter the darkness and lead her over the waters of death. Lord Hear Us

All: Lord Hear our prayer Mary-Jane Fenech - Grand daughter

R/ Many friends and members of our families have gone before us and await the kingdom. Grant them an everlasting home with your Son. Lord Hear Us

All: Lord Hear our prayer Vanessa Conte - Grand daughter

R/ We give thanks for the doctors, nurses, carers and staff in particular, those that have looked after Josephine over the years and all who care for the sick, the elderly in our communities. Lord Hear Us

All: Lord Hear our prayer John Fenech - Grandson

R/ We give thanks to you Lord for the life of Josephine. May all of us here today and abroad celebrate the part we were able to play in her life Lord Hear Us

All: Lord Hear our prayer Agnes Muthu - Grand daughter

R/ Family and friends of Josephine, seek comfort and consolation. Heal their pain and dispel the darkness and doubt that come from grief. Lord Hear Us

All: Lord Hear our prayer

Celebrant God, our shelter and our strength, you listen in love to the cry of your people: hear the prayers we offer for our departed brothers and sisters. Cleanse them of their sins and grant them the fullness of redemption. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All **Amen**

Offertory (sit)

I Will Never Forget You My People

*I will never forget you my people,
I have carved you on the palm of My hand,
I will never forget you,
I will not leave you orphaned,
I will never forget my own*

*Does a mother forget her baby,
Or a woman the child within her womb,
Yet even if these forget,
Yes even if these forget,
I will never forget my own.*

*I will never forget you my people,
I have carved you on the palm of My hand,
I will never forget you,
I will not leave you orphaned,
I will never forget my own.*

Liturgy of the Eucharist: (sit)

Celebrant: 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.**

Priest will say a prayer over the gift, to which all respond

All: **Amen**

Celebrant The Lord be with you
All: **And with your spirit**

Celebrant Lift up your heart
All: **We lift them up to the Lord**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: **It is right and just**

Celebrant: *(continues with a long prayer ... at the end of this prayer:)*

All: **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.**

Celebrant: will pray the Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant: The mystery of faith

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

Celebrant: Continues with the Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant: 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.**

Celebrant: Deliver us Lord and the coming of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

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

Celebrant: Lord Jesus Christ who live and reign forever and ever.

All: **Amen.**

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: **And with your spirit.**

Celebrant: Let us offer each other the sign of peace

All: 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.

Celebrant: 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 Hymn Panis Angelicus

Ave Maria - Latin

Prayer after Communion (Sit)

Celebrant:

Prayer of Commendation

Signs of Farewell

Celebrant: With water, and with incense, we farewell Josephine.
Saints of God, come to her aid!
Come to meet her angels of the Lord!

All Receive her soul and present her to God the Most High.

Celebrant: May Christ who called you, take you to himself; may angels lead you
to Abraham's side.

All Receive her soul and present her to God the Most High..

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

All Receive her soul and present her to God the Most High.

Recessional Hymn:

You Raise Me Up

(please follow the casket out)

*With Photograph of Mum to Lead Pall Bearers
- Robert Seychell Grandson*

Pall Bearers

Allan Fenech - Son

Publius Fenech - Son

Gaetan Fenech - Son

John Fenech - Son

Peter Conte - Son in Law

Edward Conte - Grandson

Symbols of Life

The Rosary

The photograph of Madre Gemma Camilleri.

A holy nun belonging to the Franciscan Sisters of the Heart of Jesus, was the sister of her aunt by marriage. Mum had the privilege of meeting her with dad not long after losing Agnes Debora aged 4 1/2 and a year before coming to Australia. She said that "You will be blessed in the land of milk and honey (referring to Australia) & for what you have done with your family you too will be blessed".

Madre Gemma Camilleri prayed for those who went to speak to her, even though she was bedridden for most of her years. There is cause for her beatification which is being examined.

Canonization booklet Mary of the Cross (Mary Helen) MacKillop - Australia's First Saint

Mum attended the Canonization in 2010 with Agnes including a 17 day tour of Italy. A dream come true as we missed the Canonization of Malta's first saint, Dun George Preca who mum had known well & received the grace of his blessing in 1962 before coming to Australia with the family and being 6 months pregnant with Agnes.

Maltese & Australian Flag mum waved at the Canonization Mary of the Cross (Mary Helen) MacKillop - Australia's First Saint

Mum gladly waved this flag in St Peter's Square. The joining of these flags symbolizes her and her family's country of birth and that of her ancestors and in honour of Australia which gave us so many opportunities

Legio Mariae - Legion of Mary book

Mum volunteered for over 20 years visiting the sick, the bereaved, and the elderly

Family Photo

The family photo was taken before mum's 79th birthday



1990



2001



*Josephine's family wish to thank you for your presence here today,
for those who are watching this Requiem Mass on Live streaming
& for sharing in Josephine's life.*

*Your support, messages and prayers
are appreciated by us all.*



*The burial will be at the Fawcner Cemetery (Sixth Avenue)
at approximately 3.00pm -*

*The cortege will drive & briefly pause at the family home
built by our father, Publius & which the family
have shared many memories for 58 years.*

Thank-You



Thank you all for the Memories

