

*Requiem Mass
in Loving Memory of*



Joseph Fernando

Born: 22nd March 1950

Called home: 15th December 2022

St. Damian's Parish Church, Bundoora

Wednesday 21st December 2022

Priest: Fr Joseph Dong Tran



INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE HYMN: *Amazing Grace*

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come
This grace that brought me safe thus far
And grace will lead me home

Celebrant - In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All - Amen.

GREETING

C. - The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

A. - And with your spirit.

SPRINKLING WITH HOLY WATER: Fr. Dong Tran

C. - In the waters of baptism, Joseph Fernando died with Christ and rose with Him to new life. May he now share with Him in eternal glory. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

Dilini Fernando

C. - In baptism Joseph Fernando received the light of Christ. That light has guided him throughout his life. May he now enjoy the risen life with his risen Lord. Amen.

PLACING OF THE PALL Shehan Fernando

C. - At his baptism Joseph received the new garment and was asked to wear it spotlessly throughout his life. May the Lord not look on any wrong that he may have done during his life, but rather look upon his faithfulness to his God and his love for his family and friends. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER: Fr. Joe Dong Tran

C. - Let us pray:

O God, almighty Father, our faith professes that your Son died and rose again; mercifully grant, that through this mystery your servant Joseph who has fallen asleep in Christ, may rejoice to rise again through Him. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

A. - Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Dhyan Karunatilake

A reading from the book of Lamentations: (3:17-26)

My soul is shut out from peace; I have forgotten happiness. And now I say, 'My strength is gone, that hope which came from the Lord'. Brooding on my anguish and affliction is gall and wormwood. My spirit ponders it continually and sinks within me. This is what I shall tell my heart, and so recover hope: the favors of the Lord are not all past, his kindnesses are not exhausted; every morning they are renewed; great is his faithfulness. 'My portion is the Lord' says my soul 'and so I will hope in him.' The Lord is good to those who trust him, to the soul that searches for him. It is good to wait in silence for the Lord to save.

The Word of the Lord.

A. - Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

“The Lord is My Shepherd”

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

Second Reading – Dilini Fernando

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians: (3:20-21)

For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the savior we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe. The Word of the Lord.

All: Thank be to God.

ACCLAMATION:

Sung

A. – Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. I am the Resurrection and the life, says the Lord. He who believes in me will not die forever. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: *John 11: 17-17*

Fr Dong Tran

C. – The Lord be with you.

A. – And with your spirit

C. – A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

A. – Glory to you, O Lord.

Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

The Gospel of the Lord.

A. - Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY: Fr. Joe Dong Tran

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: For our brother Joseph let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ, who said "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me shall live even in death and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die."

READER *Samara Halahakoon*

You raised the dead to life, give our grandfather Joseph an eternal life. Lord hear us.

A. - Lord, hear our prayer.

READER *Januke Fernando*

We pray for the family of Joseph and his friends. In these difficult days may the Lord be their strength and consolation. Lord hear us.

A. - Lord, hear our prayer.

READER *Kavindi De Silva*

We pray for all our departed brothers and sisters. May Joseph be reunited with them in God's kingdom where there is no more pain or suffering. Lord hear us.

A. - Lord, hear our prayer.

READER *Sandhalie Fernando*

He was nourished with your body and your blood at the table of the Lord. Grant him a place at the table in your heavenly kingdom. Lord hear us.

A. - Lord, hear our prayer.

READER *Dhinil Fernando*

Comfort us in our sorrow at the death of Joseph. Let our faith be our consolation and eternal life our hope. Lord hear us.

A. - Lord, hear our prayer.

READER *Hasheal Perera*

We pray for those who cared so lovingly for our father and Joseph, whilst he resided at the Embracia Aged Care residence. Lord hear us.

A. - Lord, hear our prayer.

C. - God, our shelter and our strength, you listen 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 you this through Christ Our Lord.

A. - Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY PROCESSION:

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PREPARATION OF OFFERINGS

C. - Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

A. - Blessed be God for ever.

C. - Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.

A. - Blessed be God for ever.

C. - Pray, Brothers and Sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

A. - 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

C. - As we humbly present to you these sacrificial offerings, O Lord, for the salvation of your servant Joseph, we beseech your mercy, that he, who did not doubt your Son to be a loving Saviour, may find in Him a merciful Judge. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

A. - Amen.

PREFACE

C. - The Lord be with you.

A. - And with your spirit.

C. - Lift up your hearts.

A. - We lift them up to the Lord.

C. - Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

A. - It is right and just.

C. - 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:

**A. - 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.**

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER II

COMMUNION RITE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

**A. - 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.**

C. - Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, 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.

A. - **For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.**

SIGN OF PEACE

C. - 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.

A. - **Amen.**

C. - The peace of the Lord be with you always.

A. - **And with your spirit.**

C. - Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

BREAKING OF BREAD

A. - **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.

COMMUNION

C. - 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.

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

COMMUNION HYMNS

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What a friend we have in Jesus

What a Friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged,
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness,
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—
Take it to the Lord in prayer;
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer;
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,
Thou wilt find a solace there.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

C. - Let us pray. Lord God, whose Son left us, in the Sacrament of His Body, food for the journey, mercifully grant that, strengthened by it, our brother Joseph, may come to the eternal table of Christ. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

A. - Amen.

EULOGY - Ruwanthi Perera & Shehan Fernando

PHOTOGRAPHIC REFLECTION

FINAL COMMENDATION

C. - Before we go our separate ways, let us take leave of our brother. May our farewell express our affection for him, may it ease our sadness and strengthen our hope. One day we shall joyfully greet him, when the love of Christ, which conquers all things, destroys even death itself.

All pray in silence as Joseph's body is sprinkled with Holy Water and incensed to remind us that through Baptism, he became a child of God, a temple of the Holy Spirit and an heir to heaven.

C. - Saints of God, come to his aid! Hasten to meet him, angels of the Lord.

A. - **Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.**

C. - May Christ, who called you, take you to Himself; may angels lead you to the bosom of Abraham.

A. - **Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.**

C. - Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him.

A. - **Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.**

PRAYER OF COMMENDATION

C. - Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our brother Joseph, in the sure and certain hope that, together with all who have died in Christ, he will rise with Him on the last day. Merciful Lord, turn to us and listen to our prayers, open the gates of paradise to your servant and help us who remain to comfort one another with the assurances of faith, until we all meet in Christ and are with you and with our brother Joseph for ever.

A. - Amen.

C. - May the angels lead you into paradise, may the martyrs come to welcome you and take you into the holy city, the new and eternal Jerusalem. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.

A. - Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

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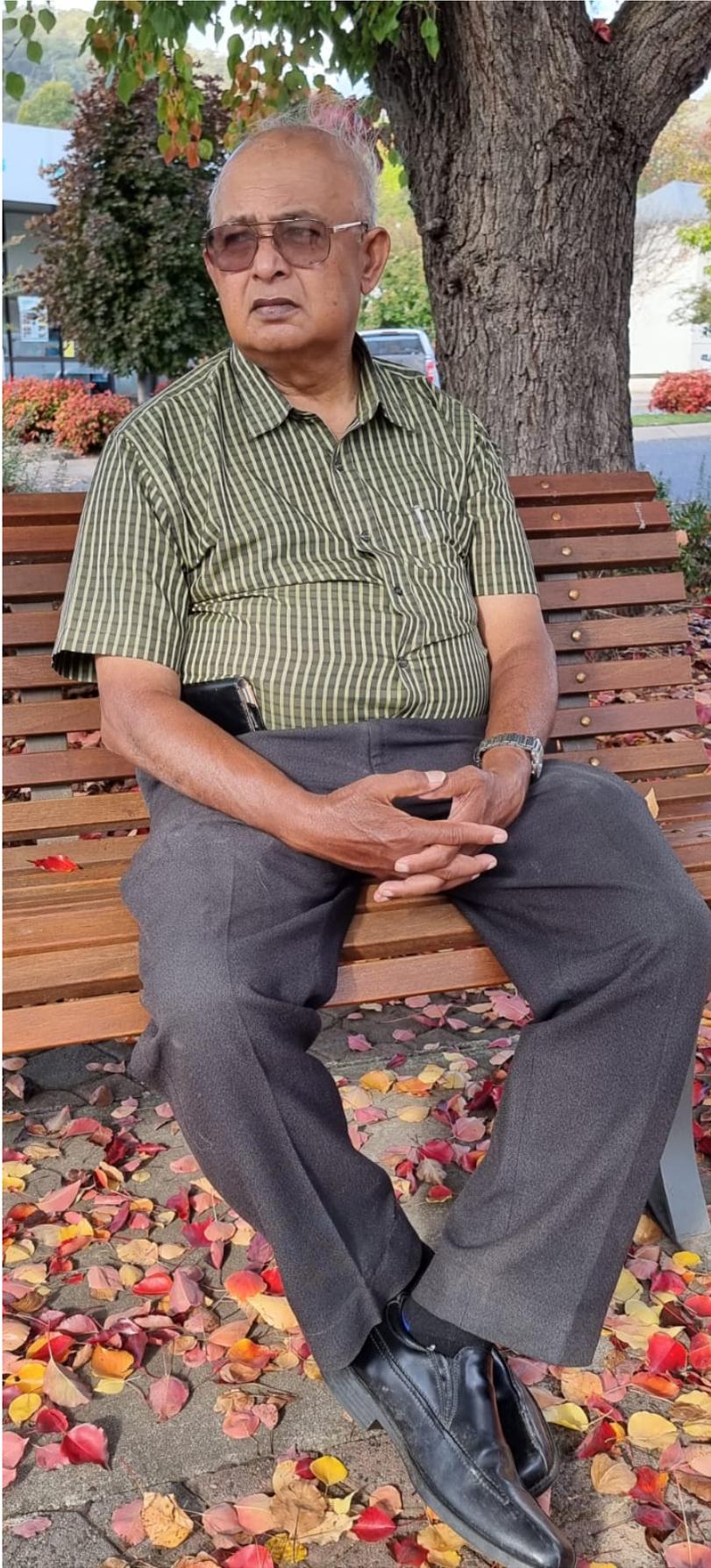
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*The family wish to thank you most sincerely
For your presence here today,
For your expression of sympathy
And the support of your prayers.*

