

Mass of Thanksgiving for the Life of

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St Anthony's Catholic Church
Thursday 22 March 2018, 10am

Celebrant: Father Julian Messina

INTRODUCTORY RITES

OPENING HYMN

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.

Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

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

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That saved a wretch like me!
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GREETING

LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

ARETI KELLY,
ALEXANDRA KELLY, NICHOLAS KELLY

PLACING OF SYMBOLS

VALENTINO SCOPELLITI, ABEL SCOPELLITI,
EVA SCOPELLITI, HARPER TANNA

OPENING PRAYERS

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

All: Amen.

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.

Priest: Faithful God, you have lovingly brought Joseph's journey to an end. We praise you for his life of faithfulness and strength. Grant that as we grieve his death we may hold his memory dear and live in the hope that death opens out into glory. We make this prayer through Christ who abides with us forever and ever.

All: Amen

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

MARCUS RYAN, DAMIEN PEILE,
EVA SCOPELLITI

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

CATHERINE TANNA

A reading from Ecclesiastes, 3:1-8

There is a time for everything,
And a season for every activity under the heavens:
A time to be born and a time to die,
A time to plant and a time to uproot,
A time to kill and a time to heal,
A time to tear down and a time to build,
A time to weep and a time to laugh,
A time to mourn and a time to dance,
A time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,
A time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,
A time to search and a time to give up,
A time to keep and a time to throw away,
A time to tear and a time to mend,
A time to be silent and a time to speak,
A time to love and a time to hate,
A time for war and a time for peace.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord is my Shepherd

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want
he makes me down to lie
In pastures green, he leadeth me,
the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again,
and me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness
ev'n for his name sake.

Yea, through I walk in death's dark vale,
yet will I fear none ill,
For thou art with me,
and thy rod and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished
in presence of my foes
My head thou dost with oil anoint
and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me,
And in God's house for evermore
my dwelling place shall be.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia
Blessed are those who have died in the Lord;
Let them rest from their labours
For their good deeds go with them.

All: Alleluia

GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John, 14:1-6

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am going now to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am, you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going."

Thomas said: "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 can come to the Father except through me."

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

FATHER JULIAN

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest: Let us pray to our God for Joseph.

Isabella Nilsson: We give thanks for the life of Joseph, and for the gift that he was to the many lives he touched, and pray that he is at peace. Lord hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Isabella Nilsson: We pray for Joseph's family and friends. Let their hearts not be troubled but filled with peace. Lord hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Isabella Nilsson: We pray for the medical and support staff at Caritas Christi Hospital, whose loving care for Joseph was so invaluable. Lord hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Isabella Nilsson: We give pray for all those other friends and neighbours who helped look after Joseph and make his life better during his illnesses. Lord hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Isabella Nilsson: We pray for all those who have gone before. Lord hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

AMY SCOPELLITI, EMMA SCOPELLITI,
JACK SCOPELLITI

OFFERTORY

Priest: 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.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

Priest: 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.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

Priest: 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 gifts, to which all respond **Amen**.*

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: Lift up your heart.

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

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right and just.**

Priest continues with a long prayer. At the end of this prayer...

All: **Holy, Holy, Hold 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.**

Priest will pray the Eucharistic Prayer

Priest: The mystery of faith.

All: **We proclaim your death O Lord and profess your
resurrection until you come again.**

Priest continues with the Eucharistic Prayer

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

All: **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.**

Priest: 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.

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

All: Amen.

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

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: 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.

Priest: 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

Ave Maria

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

FINAL COMMENDATION

Priest: Before we take Joseph to his final resting place, let us take our leave of him. May our farewell express our love for him; may it ease our sadness and strengthen our hope. One day we shall joyfully greet him again when the love of Christ, which conquers all things, destroys even death itself.

SIGNS OF FAREWELL

Priest: With water, and with incense, we farewell Joseph. Saints of God, come to his aid! Come to meet him 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 Abraham's side.

All: Receive his soul and present him to God the 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 the Most High.

PRAYER OF COMMENDATION

Priest: Into your hands, God 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.

We give thanks for all his gifts and talents and for all that Joseph was to his family, friends and the community.

Grant him eternal rest.

All: Amen.

Priest: In peace let us take our brother to his place of rest.

RECESSIONAL

Canon in D, Pachelbel

PALL BEARERS

Rocco Scopelliti

Vince Scopelliti

Stefan Nilsson

David Condon





Joseph's family would like to thank you for your love and support, and for sharing this celebration of his life.

At the conclusion of Mass you are warmly invited to join the family for refreshments at 9 Power Avenue, Hawthorn.