



REQUIEM MASS
IN LOVING MEMORY
OF



Antonio Giuseppe Vardanega

26 May 1936 – 11 September 2019

Sacred Heart Griffith

WARRAMBOOL STREET, GRIFFITH NSW 2680

MONDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER 2019 AT 1:00PM

Antonio Giuseppe Vardanega

Beloved husband of

Mary Vardanega

Much loved Father of

Debbie and Kevin Torresan

James Vardanega

Peter and Cassie Vardanega

Andrew Vardanega

Much loved Nonno

Kirsten, Alex Blake, Dallas Torresan

Cheyenne, Jesse and Zane Vardanega

Pall Bearers

James Vardanega Dallas Torresan

Kevin Torresan Danny Favero

Blake Torresan Danny Ziliotto

Priest

Fr Jomer Calma

Organist

Belinda Aventi

Vocalist

Mechlene Nehme

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: In the waters of baptism, Antonio died with Christ and rose with him to new life. May he now share with him eternal glory.

OPENING PRAYER:

PRIEST: O God, almighty Father, who have strengthened us by the mystery of the Cross and promise us a share in the mystery of your Son's Resurrection, mercifully grant, we pray, that your departed servant Antonio may be gathered into the company of your chosen ones. Through our Lord Jesus, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

ALL: **Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

PLEASE SIT

Read by Kirsten Torresan

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes (3:1-11)

There is an appointed time for everything,
and a time for every affair under the heavens.

A time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to uproot the plant.

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 be far from embraces.

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 be silent, and a time to speak.

A time to love, and a time to hate;
a time of war, and a time of peace.

What profit has the worker from his toil?
I have considered the task that God has appointed for the sons of
men to be busied about. God has made everything appropriate to its
time and has put the timeless into their hearts without man's ever
discovering, from beginning to end, the work which God has done.

The word of the Lord

ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

RESPONSE: THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD,
AND I WANT TO FOLLOW,
WHEREVER HE LEADS ME,
WHEREVER HE GOES.

SECOND READING

Read by Dallas Torresan

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (10:34-43)

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ - he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

The Word of the Lord.

ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD.





GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

PLEASE STAND

ALL: Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the resurrection and the life, said the Lord:

He who believes in me will not die for ever.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL

A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN

There are many rooms in my Father's house.

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, LORD JESUS CHRIST!

HOMILY

PLEASE SIT

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

PLEASE STAND

PRIEST: God, the almighty Father, raised Christ his Son from the dead; with confidence we ask him to save all his people, living and dead.

ZANE VARDANEGA: Our Nonno Tony, was given the promise of eternal life in baptism;
Lord, give him communion with your saints for ever.
Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

ZANE VARDANEGA: Nonno ate the bread of life eternal life, the body of Christ; raise him up on the last day.
Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

ZANE VARDANEGA: We pray for our brothers and sisters, our relatives, for all who were close to us and good to us; Lord, give them the reward of their goodness. Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

ZANE VARDANEGA: We pray for all who have died in the hope of rising again; welcome them, Lord, into the light of your presence. Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

ZANE VARDANEGA: We pray for all the family and friends of our Nonno Tony, that they may be consoled in their grief by the Lord, who wept at the death of his friend Lazarus. Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

ZANE VARDANEGA: We pray for all who have gathered here to worship in faith; Lord, make us one in your kingdom through unselfish love.

Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

PRIEST: 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 their sins and grant them the fulness of redemption. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY HYMN: - I'LL BE ALWAYS LOVING YOU PLEASE SIT
Cheyenne Vardanega, Jesse Vardanega & Andrew Vardanega

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.

Invitation to Prayer

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.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS:

PLEASE STAND

PRIEST: Look with favour, O Lord, on your servant Antonio, for whom we offer you the sacrifice of praise, humbly entreating that, reconciled with you through these devoted offices, he may merit to rise again to life. Through Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

PLEASE STAND

PRIEST: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And with your spirit.

PRIEST: Lift up your hearts.

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: 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:

Sanctus

PRIEST & 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.**

Eucharist Prayer II PLEASE KNEEL

PRIEST: You are indeed Holy, O Lord, the fount of all holiness. Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray, by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall, so that they may become for us the Body and ✠ Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. At the time he was betrayed and entered willingly into his Passion, he took bread and, giving thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: **TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT, FOR THIS IS MY BODY, WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.**

In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took the chalice and, once more giving thanks, he gave it to disciples, saying: **TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT, FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD, THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT, WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS. DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.**

The mystery of faith:

ALL: Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

PRIEST: Therefore, as we celebrate the memorial of his Death and Resurrection, we offer you, Lord, the Bread of life and the Chalice of salvation, giving thanks that you have held us worthy to be in your presence and minister to you. Humbly we pray that, partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ, we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit. Remember, Lord, your Church, spread throughout the world, and bring him to the fullness of charity, together with Francis our Pope and Gerard our Bishop and all the clergy.

Remember your servant Lucia, whom you have called from this world to yourself. Grant that he who was united with your Son in a death like his, may also be one with him in his Resurrection. Remember also our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection, and all who have died in your mercy: welcome them into the light of your face. Have mercy on us all, we pray, that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with Blessed Joseph, his Spouse, with the blessed Apostles, and with all the Saints who have pleased you throughout the ages, we may praise and glorify you through your Son, Jesus Christ. 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: Amen.

Communion Rite

Lord's Prayer

PLEASE STAND

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

**PRIEST & 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.**

PRIEST: 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 wait 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

The priest says the prayer for peace:

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 him peace and unity
in accordance with your will.
Who live and reign for ever 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.

The people exchange a sign of peace

PRIEST & 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.

PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION

PLEASE KNEEL

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.

PRIEST & ALL: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter
under my roof,
but only say word and my soul shall be healed.

Communion Hymn: One Bread, One Body

Reflection Hymn: Ave Maria

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

PLEASE STAND

PRIEST: Let us pray.

Renewed by this life-giving Sacrament, we pray, O Lord, that the soul of our brother Antonio, to whom you gave a part in your covenant, may be purified by the power of this mystery and rejoice without end in the peace of Christ. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

ALL: Amen.

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE:

James Vardanega and Debbie Torresan

FINAL COMMENDATION AND FAREWELL

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

RECESSIONAL HYMN - *Il Viaggio Nella Vita*



The Vardanega Family would like to express their deep gratitude for your prayers and attendance here today. They invite you to join them for refreshments after the service at Romeo & Giulietta's.



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