

**REQUIEM MASS**

*In Memory Of*



**Caterina Violi**

**BORN 29TH JUNE 1923 ~ CARERI, REGGIO CALABRIA  
ENTERED ETERNAL LIFE 8TH AUGUST 2024 ~ ROBINVALE,  
VICTORIA**

**SACRED HEART CHURCH, GRIFFITH  
THURSDAY 15TH AUGUST 2024 – 1:00PM**





# Caterina Violi

**Dearly loved Wife of**

Rocco (deceased)

**Beloved Mother & Mother-in-Law of**

Domenic & Suzanne, Mary & Frank Sergi (deceased),

Tony & Paulina, Madge & Tony Lazzara (deceased)

**Much Loved Nonna of**

Roy, Kate & Daniel, Phillip (deceased), Melissa & Adrian, Roy & Rachel,

Delisse & Robert, Belinda, Jesse & Louise and Royce & Isabella.

**Loved Bisnonna of**

Madisyn, Lillia, Leonardo, Valerie and Orlando.

**Sister and sister- in law of**

Madge & Antonino Violi.

**Pall Bearers**

Roy Violi      Jesse Lazzara

Roy Violi      Royce Lazzara

Daniel Sotgia      Robert Brigante

**Officiating Priest:** Fr Henry Ibe

**Organist:** Belinda Aventi

**Vocalist:** Nilva Close

## Entrance Hymn – Amazing Grace

### Greeting

**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.

### Sprinkling with Holy Water

**Priest:** In the waters of Baptism, Caterina died with Christ and rose with Him to new life. May she now share with Him eternal glory.

### Opening Prayer

**Priest:** Listen kindly to our prayers, O Lord: as our faith in your Son, raised from the dead, is deepened, may our hope of resurrection for your departed servant Caterina, also find new strength. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

**All:** Amen.

### First Reading – Paulina Violi

#### A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes (3:1-8, 11)

There is a season for everything, a time for every occupation under heaven:

A time for giving birth, a time for dying; a time for planting,  
a time for uprooting what has been planted.

A time for killing, a time for healing; a time for knocking down, a time for building.

A time for tears, a time for laughter; a time for mourning, a time for dancing.

A time for throwing stones away, a time for gathering them;  
a time for embracing, a time to refrain from embracing.

A time for searching, a time for losing; a time for keeping, a time for discarding.

A time for tearing, a time for sewing; a time for keeping silent, a time for speaking.

A time for loving, a time for hating; a time for war, a time for peace.

All that he does is apt for its time.

The Word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

**Responsorial Psalm (Ps. 23): The Lord is My Shepherd – Kate Sotgia**

**Response: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

The Lord is my shepherd;  
There is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit. **R.**

He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and your staff;  
with these you give me comfort. **R.**

You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing. **R.**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever. **R.**

**Second Reading – Belinda Violi**

**A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy (4: 6-9)**

As for me, my life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation     John 6:39**

**All:**        **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

This is the will of my Father, says the Lord, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, and that I should raise it up on the last day.

**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. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house, there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**All:**        Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

**Homily**

**Prayers of the Faithful**

**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:

**Melissa Violi:** For Nonna, who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that she now be admitted to the company of the saints. We pray to the Lord.

**All:**        Lord, hear our prayer.

**Melissa Violi:** For Nonna, who was nourished at the table of the Saviour, that she may be welcomed into the halls of the heavenly banquet. We pray to the Lord.

**All:**        Lord, hear our prayer.

**Madisyn:**    For all of us assembled here to worship in faith and honour Nanna, that we may be gathered again in God's kingdom. We pray to the Lord.

**All:**        Lord, hear our prayer



**Louise Lazzara:** For the family and friends of Nonna, that they may be consoled in their grief by the Lord who wept at the death of his friend Lazarus.

We pray to the Lord.

**All:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Louise Lazzara:** We pray for those loved ones who have gone before Nonna. Her husband Rocco, her grandson Phillip, her sons in law Frank and Tony, and her parents Antonio and Maria, that they may be reunited. We pray to the Lord.

**All:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Isabella Deluca:** For the staff at the Riverside Hostel, where Nonna spent her last few months, we thank them for their kind and compassionate care. May they continue to tend to their aged patients with the same care. We pray to the Lord.

### Conclusion

**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 sister, Caterina. Cleanse her of her sins and grant her the fullness of redemption.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen.

### Procession of the Gifts

Mary Sergi, Madge Lazzara & Suzanne Violi

### Offertory Hymn – Gentle Woman



## Prayer over the Gifts

**Priest:** Look favourably on our offerings, O Lord,  
so that your departed servant, Caterina,  
may be taken up into glory with your Son,  
in whose great mystery of love we are all united. Through Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen.

**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.

## Preface

**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:

**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.**



## Eucharistic Prayer II

**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 his 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.**

**Priest:** The mystery of faith.

**All:** **When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, un-  
til you come again.**

**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 her to the fullness of charity, together with Francis our Pope, and Mark our Bishop, and all the clergy.

Remember your servant Caterina, whom you have called today from this world to yourself.

Grant that she 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, her Spouse, with the blessed Apostles, and all the Saints who have pleased you throughout the ages, we may merit to be co-heirs to eternal life, and 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**

**Priest:** 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.**

**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 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.**

**Priest:** 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.

**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 – Ava Maria and The Prayer**

#### **Prayer after Communion**

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

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**All:** Amen.

### **Words of Remembrance – Roy Violi and Royce Lazzara**

#### **Photographic Presentation**

#### **Final Commendation**

**Priest:** Before we go our separate ways, let us take leave of our sister Caterina. May our farewell express our affection for her; may it ease our sadness and strengthen our hope. One day we shall joyfully greet her again when the love of Christ, which conquers all things, destroys even death itself.

Saints of God, come to her aid!

Hasten to meet her, angels of the Lord!

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

**Priest:** May Christ, who called you, take you to Himself: may angels lead you to the bosom of Abraham.

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

**Priest:** Eternal rest, grant unto her O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.

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

**Priest:** Into Your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our sister, Caterina, in the sure and certain hope that, together with all who have died in Christ, she will rise with him on the last day.

We give you thanks for the blessings

which you have bestowed upon Caterina in this life: they are signs to us of your goodness and of our fellowship with the saints in Christ.

Merciful Lord, turn toward 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 sister for ever.

**All: Amen.**

**Priest:** In Peace let us take our sister to her place of Rest.

**Recessional Hymn – Il Viaggio della Vita**



















**We wish to express our gratitude to all our family and friends  
for your support, condolences and kindness  
since we lost our Mum and Nonna.**

**We appreciate your presence here today.  
Please join us at Romeo and Giulietta's Restaurant  
for light refreshments.**