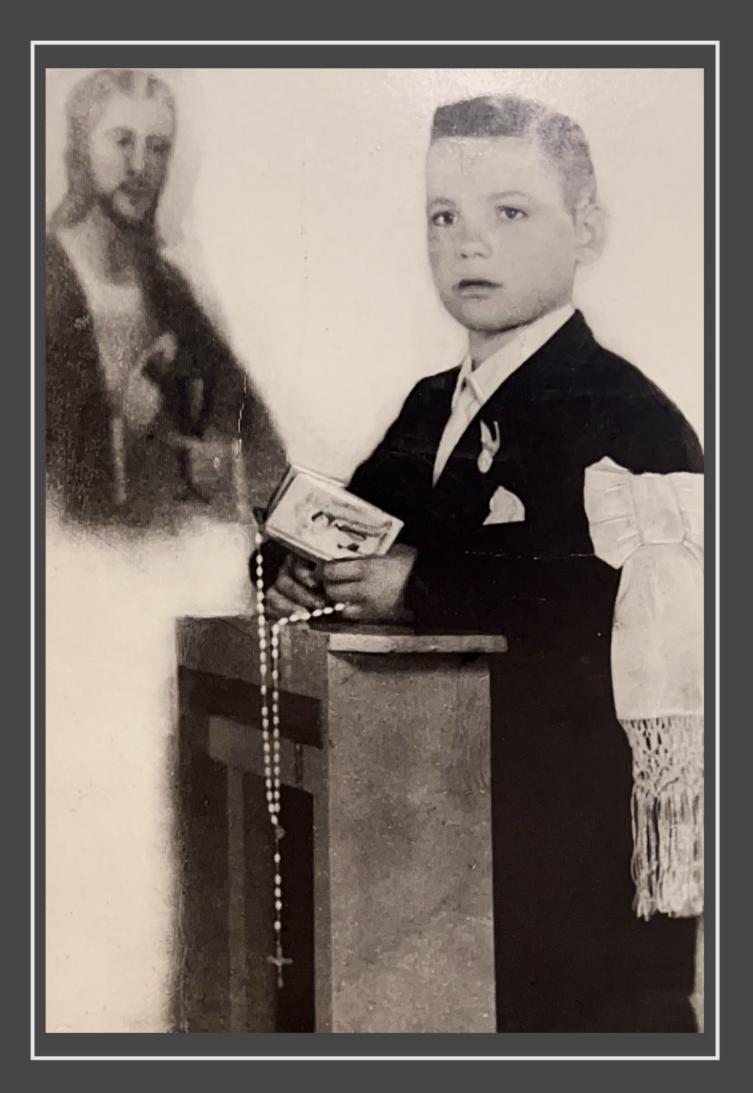


12th January 1943 ~ 3rd January 2025

Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Griffith Friday 10th January 2025 | 10:00am







DOMENICO ROMEO



Loved husband of Teresa Romeo

Cherished son of Gregoria & Pasquale (both deceased)

Cherished brother and brother-in-law of Rosi & Fina (both deceased) and Antonio

Much loved father and father-in-law of Pat & Stella Romeo Roy Romeo Mary & Sam Trimboli

Adored Abuelo of Natalia & Cristian, Fernando & Mariana, Sammy & Kiara, Maria & James, Teresa & Shane and Patricia & Rick

Pall Bearers Roy Romeo Rick Costa Salvatore Trimboli Shane Sibraa Sammy Trimboli James Melville

> Priest Fr Connell Perry

Organist Belinda Aventi

Soloist Francine De Lorenzo

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Entrance Hymn - Here I am Lord

Welcome

Words of Remembrance – Sammy Trimboli & Maria Romeo

Introductory Rite

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

ALL: Amen.

PRIEST: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And with your spirit.

Sprinkling with Holy Water

PRIEST: In the waters of baptism, Domenico 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, our faith professes that your Son died and rose again; mercifully grant, that through this mystery your servant Domenico, 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.

ALL: Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading – Teresa Sibraa

A Reading from the Book of Wisdom

The souls of the virtuous are in the hands of God, no torment shall ever touch them. In the eyes of the unwise, they did appear to die,

their going looked like a disaster, their leaving us, like annihilation; but they are in peace. If they experienced punishment as men see it, their hope was rich with immortality; slight was their affliction, great will their blessing be. God has put them to the test and proved them worthy to be with him; he has tested them like gold in a furnace and accepted them as a holocaust. They who trust in him will understand the truth, those who are faithful will live with him in love; for grace and mercy await those he has chosen.

The word of the Lord

ALL: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is My Shepherd (Ps. 23)

Second Reading - Patricia Costa

A Reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I, John, heard a voice from heaven say to me, 'Write down: Happy are those who die in the Lord! Happy indeed, the Spirit says; now they can rest forever after their work, since their good deeds go with them.'

The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

ALL: Alleluia, alleluia.

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

He who believes in me will not die forever.

Alleluia.

Gospel

PRIEST: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And with your spirit.

PRIEST: A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

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

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.

Maria: For Domenico, who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life; that he may now be admitted to the company of the saints. Let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

Teresa: For our deceased relatives and friends and for all who have helped us, that they may have the reward of their goodness. Let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

Kiara: For the family and friends of Domenico, that they may be consoled in their grief by the Lord, who wept at the death of his friend Lazarus. Let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

Patricia: We pray for all the doctors, nurses and carers who cared for Domenico, that they may continue to do their good work. Let us pray to the Lord.

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

ALL: Amen.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory Procession – Mary Trimboli & Julie Holliday

Offertory Hymn – The Prayer

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 forever.

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 forever.

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.

Prayers over the Gifts

PRIEST: As we humbly present to you these sacrificial offerings, O Lord, for the salvation of your servant Domenico, 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.

ALL: Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

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:

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

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: We proclaim your death O Lord, and profess your resurrection, until 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 all the clergy.

Remember your servant Domenico, 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, her 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

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.

Sign of Peace

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.

Communion

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 – *Viaggio* and *Will You Love Me?*

Prayer After Communion

PRIEST: 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 Domenico may come to the eternal table of Christ. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

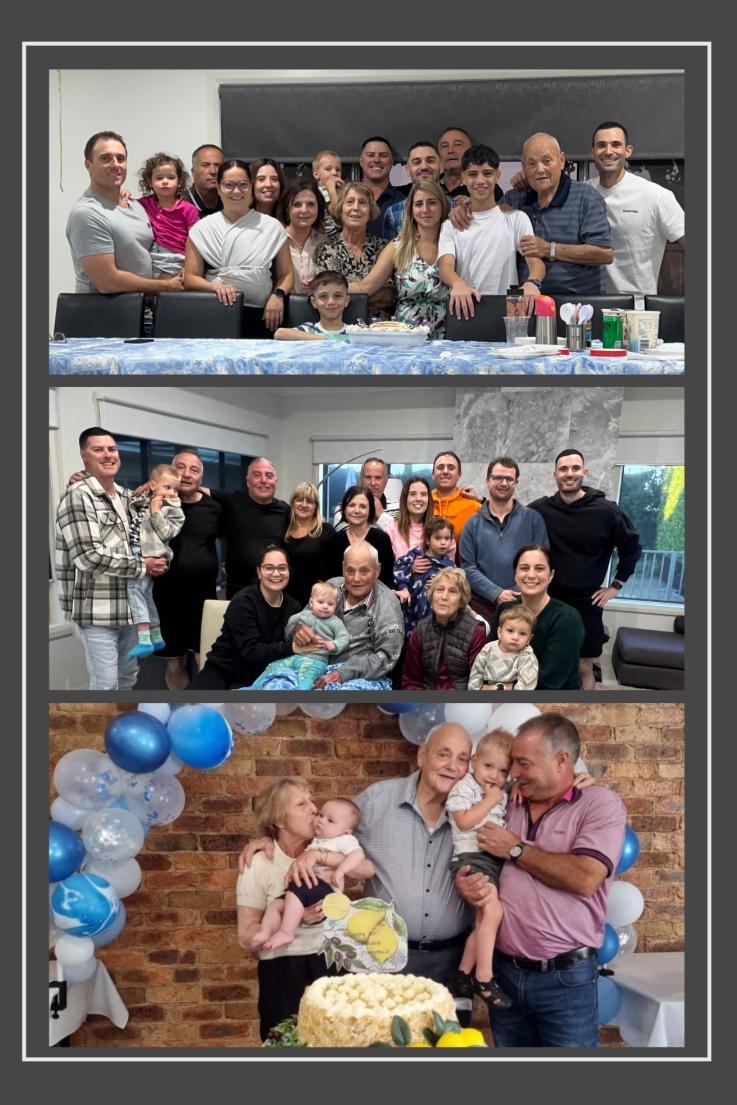
ALL: Amen.

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Final Commendation and Song of Farewell

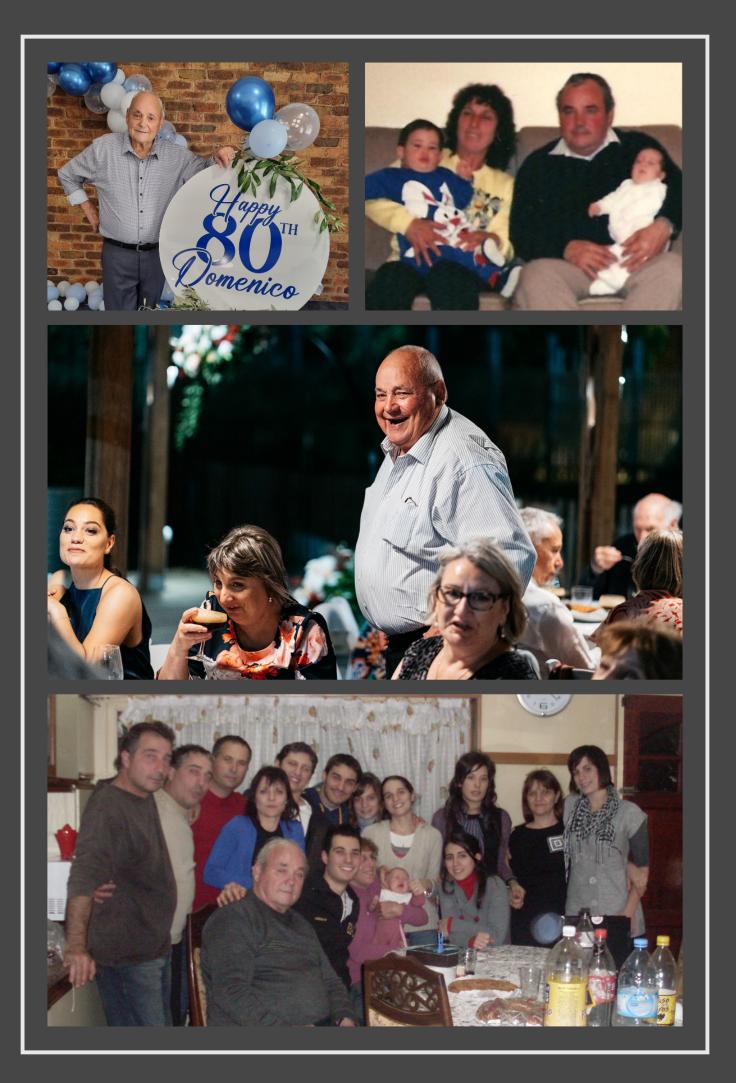
ALL: Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.

Recessional Hymn - Time to Say Goodbye and Ave Maria















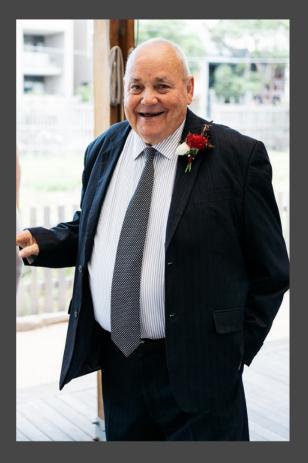




Thank you for your prayers, expressions of sympathy, your love and your support. Your attendance today has been of great comfort to us.

Please join with us at Romeo & Giulietta's Restaurant following the service as we continue to celebrate the life of Domenico Romeo.





The true gentleman he was buried today His children and grandchildren and his friends at his graveside did weep For one who died peacefully in bed in his sleep Devoted to his friends one who loved his family and his wife To many he was a role model in life Of life he had lived eight decades of years A man who was well worthy of parting tears For him, bonfires never did blaze in the town To be a good person his claim to renown But of living a good life one who did succeed Of more of his kind the Human World is in need From life, for him it was a painless release The true gentleman may he now rest in peace

