



REQUIEM MASS  
CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF  
**ELAINE COLLA**



18TH AUGUST 1938 - 3RD JANUARY 2025

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH  
MONDAY 13TH JANUARY 2025  
COMMENCING AT 10:00AM



# ELAINE COLLA



DEARLY LOVED WIFE OF  
AMELIO

MUCH LOVED MOTHER AND MOTHER-IN-LAW OF  
DIANE & LOUIE FORNER  
LOUISE & GRAHAM THOMPSON  
JULIANNE & ANGELO MACRI

ADORED GRANDMOTHER OF  
LUKE, KAYLA, TALIA, ALLANAH AND MERANDA

CHERISHED GREAT GRANDMOTHER OF  
SIERRA, ALIANA, KHLOE, BREE AND FIA

PRIEST  
FR CONNELL PERRY

ORGANIST  
BELINDA AVENTI

SOLOIST  
FRANCINE DE LORENZO



## **Entrance Hymn** – *Amazing Grace*

## **Welcome**

## **Words of Remembrance** – *Ron Spencer*

### **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.**

### **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 Elaine, 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** – *Rachel Forner*

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 – Luke Forner**

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.**

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

‘How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**ALL: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## **Homily**

### **Prayers of the Faithful – Ivana De Benetti, Karen Bardney**

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.

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

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

READER: 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.

READER: For the family and friends of Elaine, 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.**

READER: We pray for all the doctors, nurses and others who cared for Elaine, 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** – Sierra Forner, Aliana Forner, Khloe Oberholzer & Bree Oberholzer

**Offertory Hymn** – *On Eagles Wings*

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 Elaine, we beseech your mercy that she, 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 Elaine, whom you have called 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 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.  
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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 – *Ave Maria***

## **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, Elaine  
may come to the eternal table of Christ. Who lives and reigns for ever and  
ever.

**ALL: Amen.**

PRIEST: The Lord be with you.

**ALL: And with your spirit.**

PRIEST: May Almighty God bless you, the Father, the Son and the Holy  
Spirit.

**ALL: Amen.**

PRIEST: Go in the peace of Christ.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

## **Recessional Hymn – *How Great Thou Art***





THE FAMILY



















*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 the Yoogali Club following the service as we continue to celebrate the life of Elaine Colla.*

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