

✝ *Requiem Mass*
Celebrating the Life of



Francesco
SCARFONE

8th December 1931 ~ 9th July 2024

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH, GRIFFITH

16th July 2024 | 10:00am



Frank
SCARFONE

Loving husband of
Rita Scarfone



Loved father and father-in-law of
*Pina & Fred Ciccía, Tony & Tracie Scarfone and
Albert & Diana Scarfone*

Adored Nonno of
*Anthony & Taylém, Andrew & Emma,
Samuel & Ebony, Sophia and Rianna*

Pall Bearers

<i>Anthony Scarfone</i>	<i>Joseph Scarfone</i>
<i>Andrew Scarfone</i>	<i>Nicholas Scarfone</i>
<i>Samuel Scarfone</i>	<i>Anthony Scarfone</i>

Priest
Father Henry Ibe

Organist
Belinda Aveni

Soloist
Mechlene Nesime

Hymn: *How Great Thou Art*

Introductory Rites

Fr Henry: 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

Fr Henry: In the waters of Baptism, Francesco died with Christ and rose with Him to new life. May he now share with Him eternal glory.

Opening Prayer

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 Francesco, 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 *Read by: Diana Scarfone*

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse (14:13)

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 for ever after their work, since their good deeds go with them.'

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 23) *Read by: Tracie Scarfone*

The Lord is My Shepherd

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.
He restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my
life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Gospel Acclamation (John 6:40)

Alleluia! Alleluia!

This is the will of my Father, says the Lord,
that all who believe in the Son will have eternal life
and I will raise them to life again on the last day.

Alleluia!

Gospel (Fr Henry)

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 (Fr Henry)

Prayers of the Faithful *Read by: Emma Papaolo & Ebony Corner*

Fr Henry: 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 Francesco, who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that he now be admitted to the company of the saints. We pray to the Lord.

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

Reader: For Francesco, who was nourished at the table of the Saviour, that he may be welcomed into the halls of the heavenly banquet. We pray to the Lord.

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

Reader: For the family and friends of Francesco, 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. We pray to the Lord.

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

Reader: For the Clergy and those who care for the sick, the elderly and the poor. We pray to the Lord.

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

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

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

Fr Henry: God, our shelter, and our strength, you listen in love to the cry of your people: hear the prayers we offer for our departed brother, Francesco. Cleanse him of his sins and grant him the fullness of redemption. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Procession of the Gifts

Offertory Hymn: *Our Supper Invitation*

Liturgy of the Eucharist

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

Priest: Look with favour, O Lord, on your servant Francesco, 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.**

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 **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 Mark our Bishop, and all the clergy.

Remember your servant Francesco, whom you have called
today 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 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: *Amazing Grace*

Prayer after Communion

Priest: Renewed by this life-giving Sacrament, we pray, O Lord, that the soul of our brother Francesco, 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:

Presented by Samuel Scarfone, Sophia Scarphone & Rianna Scarfone

Photographic Tribute

Final Commendation

Priest: Before we go our separate ways, let us take leave of our brother Francesco. May our farewell express our affection 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.

Saints of God, come to his aid!

Hasten 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 the bosom of Abraham.

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

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

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

Priest: Into Your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our brother Francesco, 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 you thanks for the blessings which you have bestowed upon Francesco 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 brother for ever.

All: **Amen.**

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

Recessional Hymn: *Ave Maria (Schubert)*



















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In celebration of the life of Francesco,
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