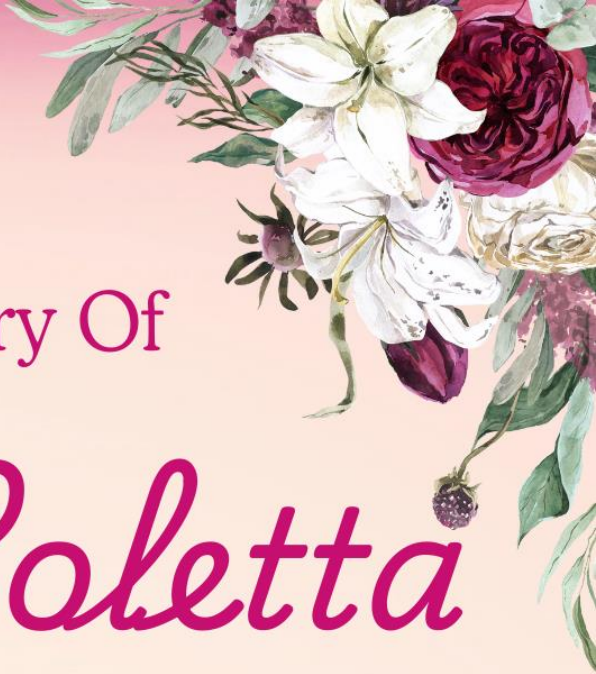




Requiem Mass
In Loving Memory Of



Luigina Poletta



13th July 1935 ~ 26th December 2024

Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Griffith
Friday 3rd January 2025 | 10:00am





Luigina Poletta



Loving wife of
Primo Poletta

Much loved mother and mother-in-law of
Claud & Jinny
Grace
Daniela & Brian

Adored Nonna of
Laura, Dean, Belinda,
Kye and Jayde

Cherished Bisnonna of
Natalya, Bailey, Will, Sophie, Jonah, Mia, Reeve, Liv, Leo

Pall Bearers
Brian McAuslan Dean Poletta
Kye McAuslan Brett Barling
Will Tyler

Priest
Fr Neil Hernandez

Organist
Belinda Aventi

Soloist
Mechlene Nehme



Entrance Hymn: *Galilee Song*

Introductory Rites

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 of Water

Priest: In the waters of Baptism, Luigina died with Christ and rose with Him to new life. May she 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 Luigina, who has fallen asleep in Christ, my rejoice to rise again through Him, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

All: **Amen**

First Reading: *Read by Laura Tyler*

(Is 25:6-9)

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

On this mountain
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples
a banquet of rich food.
On this mountain he will remove
the mourning veil covering all peoples,

and the shroud enwrapping all nations,
he will destroy Death for ever.
The Lord God will wipe away
the tears from every cheek;
he will take away his people's shame
everywhere on earth,
for the Lord has said so
That day, it will be said: See, this is our God
in whom we hoped for salvation;
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.
We exult and we rejoice
that he has saved us.

The word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

Responsorial Psalm (Ps. 22) *read by Dean Poletta*

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

1. 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.

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

2. 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.

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

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

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

Second Reading: *Read by Belinda Barling*

1 John 3: 1-2

A reading from the first letter of Saint John

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,
by letting us be called God's children;
and that is what we are.
Because the world refused to acknowledge him,
therefore it does not acknowledge us.
My dear people, we are already the children of God
but what we are to be in the future
has not yet been revealed;
all we know is, that when it is revealed
we shall be like him
because we shall see him as he really is.

The word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

Gospel Acclamation

(John 6: 39)

All: **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**His is the will of my Father; says the Lord,
that I should lose nothing of all that he has given to me,
and that I should raise it up on the last day.
Alleluia!**

Priest: The Lord be with you!

All: **And with your spirit.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John (John 6: 37-40)

Jesus said to the crowd:

‘All that the Father gives me will come to me,
and whoever comes to me
I shall not turn him away;
because I have come from heaven,
not to do my own will,
but to do the will of the one who sent me.
‘Now the will of him who sent me
is that I should lose nothing
of all that he has given to me,
and that I should raise it up on the last day.
Yes, it is my Father’s will
that whoever sees the Son and believes in him
shall have eternal life
and that I shall raise him up on the last day’

Priest: The gospel of the Lord

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

Homily: *Fr Neil*

Prayers of the faithful: *by Mia Barling and Sophie Barling*

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:

Mia Barling: In baptism Luigina, received the light of Christ. Scatter the
darkness now and her over the waters of death. We pray.

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

Mia Barling: Our sister Luigina was nourished at the table of the Saviour.
Welcome her into the halls of the heavenly banquet. We pray.

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

Sophie Barling: Many friends and members of our families have gone before us and await the kingdom. Grant them an everlasting home with your Son. We pray.

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

Sophie Barling: The family and friends of Luigina seek comfort and consolation. Heal their pain and dispel the darkness and doubt that come from grief. We pray.

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

Sophie Barling: We are assembled here in faith and confidence to pray for our sister Luigina. Strengthen our hope so that we may live in the expectation of your Son's coming. We pray.

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, Luigina. 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 to the Altar: *by Jonah and Reeve Tyler*

Offertory Hymn – Angels Calling

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 hand 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 Luigina, for whom we offer you the sacrifice of praise, humbly entreating that, reconciled with you through these devoted offices, she 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.

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

Remember your servant Luigina, 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 all the Saints who have pleased you throughout the ages, we may merit to be coheirs 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, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day. In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

All: **For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.**

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles: I leave you peace, my peace I give you. Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom where you live 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 a 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: *Angels Calling*

Prayer after Communion

Priest: Renewed by this life-giving Sacrament, we pray, O Lord, that the soul of our sister Luigina 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.

Words of Remembrance:

read by Laura Tyler, Dean Poletta, Belinda Barling

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Final Commendation

Priest: Before we go our separate ways, let us take leave of our sister Luigina. 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.

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

Merciful Lord, turn towards us and listen to our prayers: open the gates of paradise to your servant and help us who remain to comfort one another with assurance of faith, until we all meet in Christ and are with you and with our sister forever.

All: **Amen**

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

Recessional Hymn: *The Prayer*













**“The love of a family is life’s
greatest blessing.”**



Luigina's family wish to thank you for your love, prayers and friendship and for your attendance today. Your expressions of sympathy has brought us all great comfort.

Please join with us at the Griffith Ex-Servicemen's Club for some light refreshments following the service.



God's Garden Must Be Beautiful

God looked around the garden, and found an empty space.

He looked down upon earth, and saw your tired face.

He put his arms around you, and lifted you to rest.

God's garden must be beautiful, for he only takes the best.

He knew that you were weary, and he knew you were in pain.

He knew that you would never, be well on earth again.

He saw the roads were getting tough, and the hills were hard to climb.

So he closed your weary eyelids, and whispered peace be thine.



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