

Christian Prayers

*In Loving Memory of*



Gerardo Bienzobas  
'Gerry'

*26th May 1944 ~ 23rd November 2023*

Thursday 7th December 2023/10:00am

St Therese Catholic Church, Yenda





# *Gerry Bienzobas*

Beloved husband of  
Nancy

Loved father and father-in-law of  
Susanna & Pece  
Simon & Rosalind

Adored Nonno of  
Javier, Christian, Lucy, Xander and Eva

## Pall Bearers

Simon Bienzobas	Pece Bedelovski
Javier Bienzobas	John Paul Zanatta
Christian Bienzobas	Glen Dunn

## Celebrant

Fr Peter Stojanovic

## Organist

Belinda Aventi

## Vocalist

Mechlene Nehme

## Welcome

**Words of Remembrance:** Read by Simon

**ENTRANCE HYMN:** How Great Thou Art *(Please Stand)*

**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.

**PRIEST:** In the waters of baptism,  
Gerry 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 Gerry, 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:** read by Susanna *(Please Sit)*

**A reading from the book of Wisdom 4:7-15**

A blameless life is a ripe old age.  
The virtuous man, though he die before his time, will find rest.  
Length of days is not what makes age honourable,  
nor number of years the true measure of life;  
understanding, this is man's grey hairs,  
untarnished life, this is ripe old age.

He has sought to please God, so God has loved him;  
as he was living among sinners, he has been taken up.  
He has been carried off so that evil may not warp  
his understanding or treachery seduce his soul;  
for the fascination of evil throws good things into the shade,  
and the whirlwind of desire corrupts a simple heart.

Coming to perfection in so short a while, he achieved long life;  
his soul being pleasing to the Lord,  
he has taken him quickly from the wickedness around him.  
Yet people look on, uncomprehending;  
it does not enter their heads  
that grace and mercy await the chosen of the Lord,  
and protection, his holy ones.  
This is the Word of the Lord.

**The Word of the Lord.**

**ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

(Psalm 22)

**(R) 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)**

## **A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

**Second Reading:** Read by Javier

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.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*(Please Stand)*

**ALL: Alleluia, alleluia**

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

**He who believes in me will not die for ever. Alleluia.**

**GOSPEL**

**A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN**

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, LORD JESUS CHRIST!**

**HOMILY**

*(Please Sit)*

**REFLECTION MUSIC: The Prayer**

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

*(Please Stand)*

Read by Christian and Lucy

**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:** Our Nonno Gerry, was given the promise of eternal life in baptism;  
Lord, give him communion with your saints for ever. Lord hear us.

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

**READER:** Nonno Gerry ate the bread of eternal life, the body of Christ; raise him  
up on the last day. Lord hear us.

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

**READER:** We pray for our brothers and sisters, our relatives, for all who were close  
to us and good to us; Lord, give them the reward of their goodness. Lord  
hear us.

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

READER: We pray for all who have died in the hope of rising again; welcome them, Lord, into the light of your presence. Lord hear us.

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

READER: We pray for all the family and friends of our Nonno Gerry, that they may be consoled in their grief by the Lord, who wept at the death of His friend Lazarus. Lord hear us.

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

READER: We pray for all who have gathered here to worship in faith, make us one in your kingdom. Lord hear us.

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

PRIEST: Lord, hear our prayers for our deceased brothers and sisters; cleanse them of their sins and bring them to the fullness of your salvation. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**ALL: Amen.**

### *The Lord's Prayer*

PRIEST: At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

**PRIEST & 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**

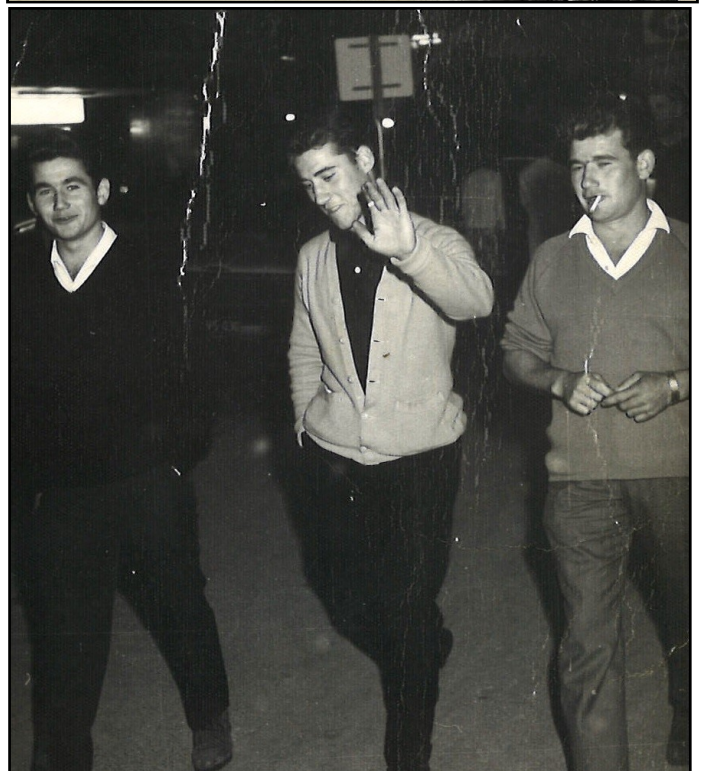
**but deliver us from evil.**

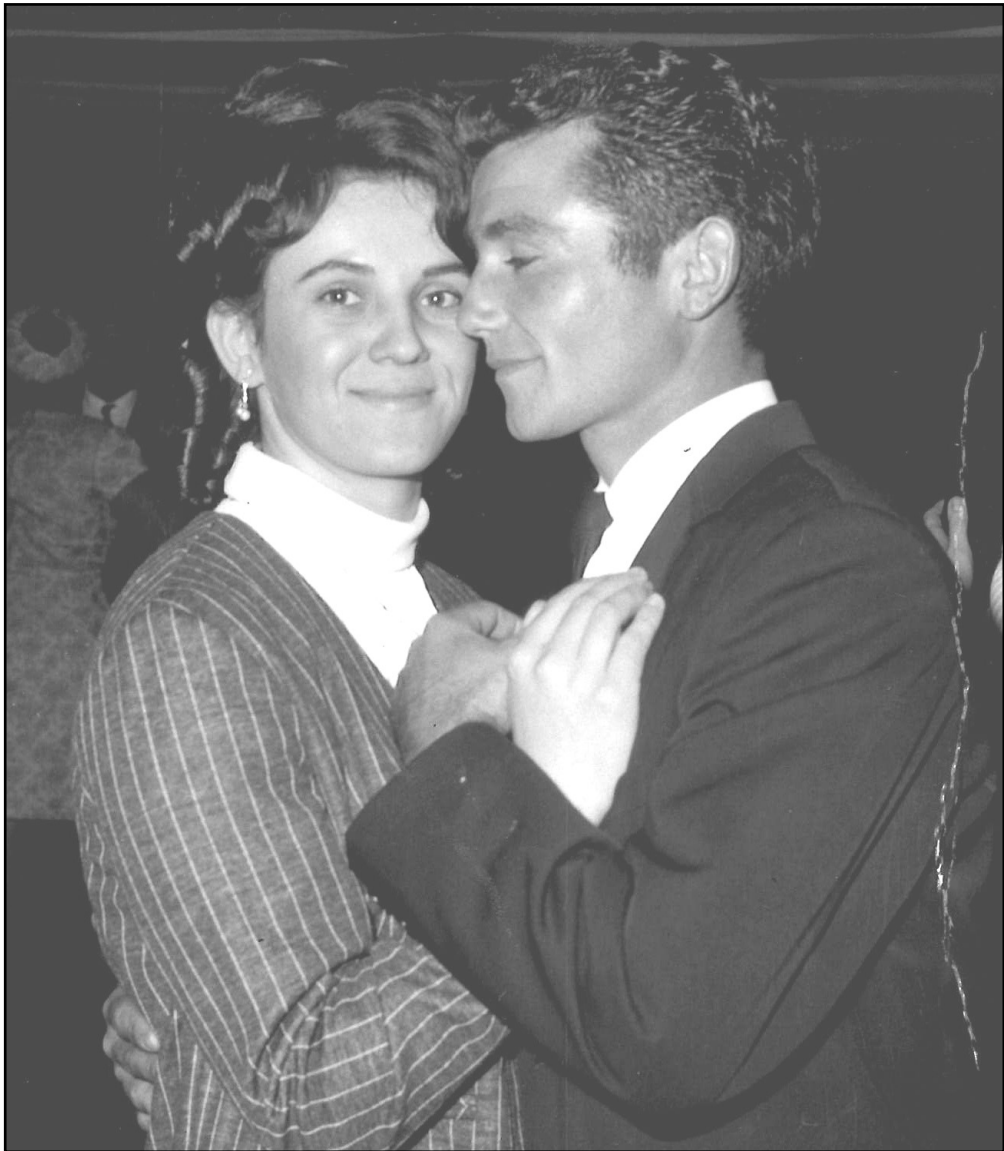
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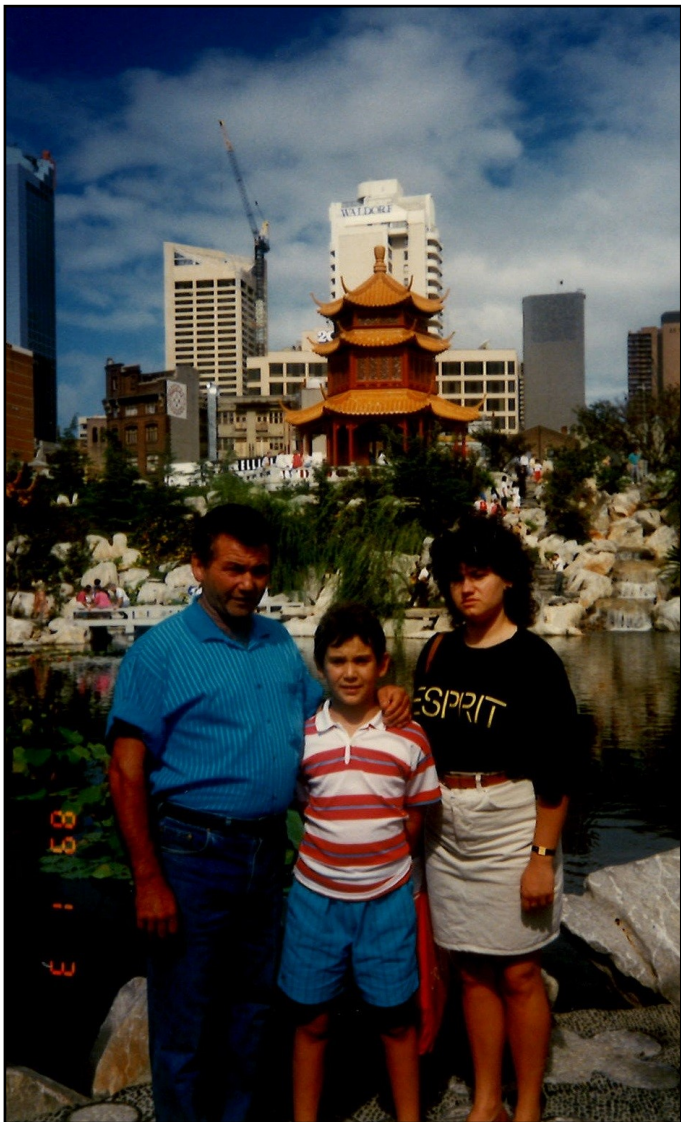
**Response (ALL): Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.**

**RECESSIONAL MUSIC: What a wonderful world (Louis Armstrong)**

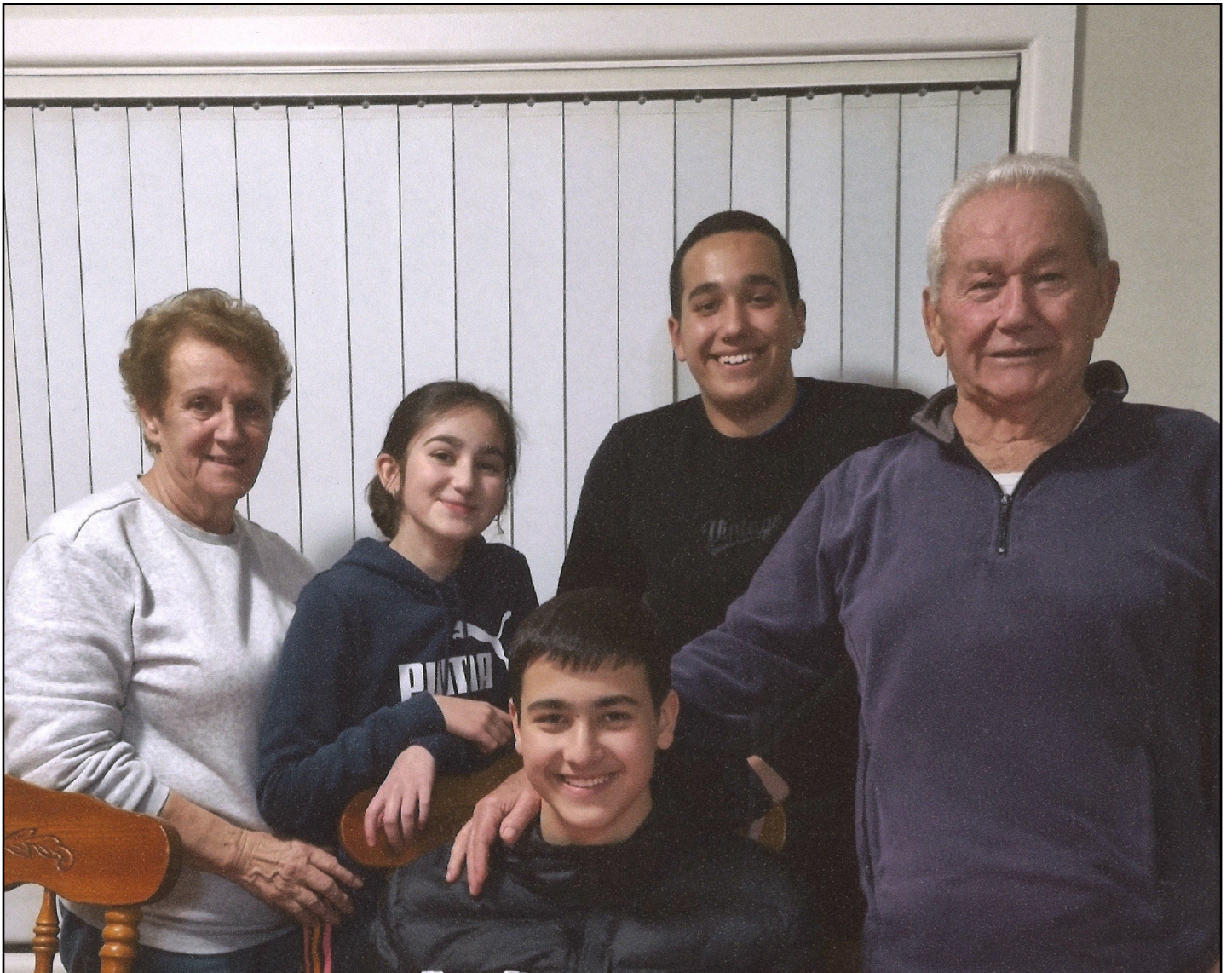


















# Thank You

Our family thank you and express sincere appreciation for your love, support, friendship and presence here today.

We invite you to join us at Romeo & Giulietta's for light refreshments following the service.

