



In Loving Memory



Giovanni Cerato

Better known as John

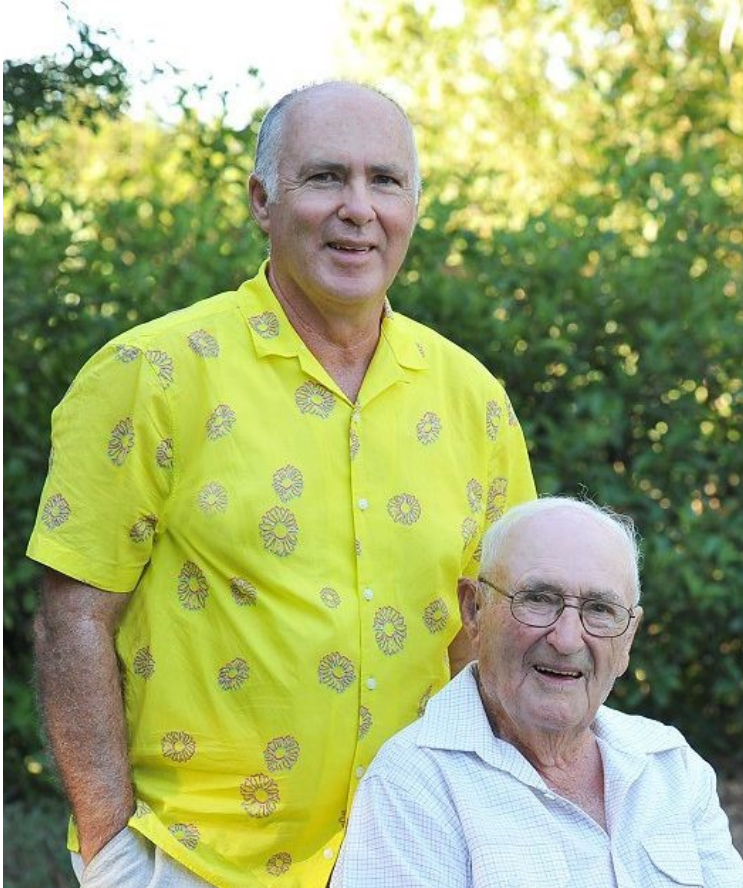
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Sacred Heart, Griffith

Tuesday 17th January 2023/10:00am





Giovanni ‘John’ Cerato

Loved husband of:

Ines Cerato (dec)

Dear loved father & father-in-law of:

Denise & Geoffrey

Kevin & Lidia

Loved nonno of:

Brett, Paul, Megan & Andrew, Melanie,

Jordan & Rachel and Stephanie

Beloved bisnonno of:

Oliver, Charlie & Henry

Loved brother and brother-in-law of:

George Cerato (dec), Mary Cerato,

Nancy Rinaldo (dec) and Frank Rinaldo (dec)

Pall Bearers

Brett McFadzean

Paul McFadzean

Jordan Cerato

Robert Cerato

Stephanie Cerato

Michael Rinaldo

Priest

Fr Cyprian Onuorah

Organist

Belinda Aventi

Vocalist

Nilva Close

Entrance Hymn

PLEASE STAND

Amazing Grace

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.**

We now invite Kevin to light the Paschal Candle

PRIEST: In the waters of baptism, John died with Christ and rose with him to new life. May he now share with him eternal glory.

In Baptism, John received the light of Christ. This light has guided him through life.

ALL: **May Christ, the eternal and unfading light, now welcome him into the Kingdom of light and peace.**

OPENING PRAYER

PRIEST: 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, John, 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.

Liturgy of the Word

PLEASE SIT

ACTS 10:34-36, 42-43

Reader: Paul McFadzean

He is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter proceeded to speak, "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him. You know the word that he sent to the children of Israel as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name."

The word of the Lord.

ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD.

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd Ps. 23

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Second Reading Reader: Stephanie Cerato

Romans 5:5-11

Since we are now justified by his Blood, we will be saved through him from the wrath.

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters: If, by the transgression of the one, death came to reign through that one, how much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of justification come to reign in life through the one Jesus Christ. In conclusion, just as through one transgression condemnation came upon all, so, through one righteous act, acquittal and life came to all. For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so through the obedience of the one the many will be made righteous. The law entered in so that transgression might increase but, where sin increased, grace overflowed all the more, so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through justification for eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The word of the Lord

ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD.

Gospel Acclamation

PLEASE STAND

ALL: 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 READING

PRIEST: The Lord be with you

All: And with your Spirit

PRIEST: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

ALL: Glory to you O Lord

GOSPEL

A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN

There are many rooms in my Father's house.

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!

Comily

PLEASE SIT

Prayers of the Faithful

PLEASE STAND

Readers: Paul and Stephanie

- PRIEST:** Let us in faith call upon God the almighty Father, who raised Christ his Son from the dead; as we pray for the salvation of the living and the dead.
- READER:** For John, 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.**
- READER:** For our brother, John, who ate the body of Christ, the bread of life, that he may be raised up on the last day. Let us pray to the Lord.
- ALL:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- READER:** For the family and friends of our brother, John, 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:** For our deceased relatives and friends and for all who have helped that they may have the reward of their goodness. Let us pray to the Lord.
- ALL:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- READER:** For those who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again,
that they may see God face to face. Let us pray to the Lord.
- ALL:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- READER:** For all assembled here to worship in faith, that we may be gathered together again in God's kingdom. 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

PLEASE SIT

Offertory Hymn

- 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 for ever.**
- PRIEST:** By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity.
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 for ever.**

PRIEST: With humble spirit and contrite heart may we be accepted by you, O Lord, and may our sacrifice in your sight this day be pleasing to you, Lord God.
Wash me, O Lord from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

Invitation to Prayer

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

PLEASE STAND

PRIEST: Look favourably on our offerings, O Lord, so that your departed servant, John, may be taken up into glory with your Son, in whose great mystery of love we are all united. Through Christ our Lord.

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:

Sanctus

PRIEST & 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.**

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 **B**lood 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: **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 John, 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

PLEASE STAND

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.**

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 wait 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

The priest says the prayer for peace:

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.

The people exchange a sign of peace

**PRIEST & 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

PLEASE KNEEL

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.

**PRIEST & ALL: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,
but only say word and my soul shall be healed.**

Communion Hymn

Here I Am Lord

Prayer After Communion

PLEASE STAND

PRIEST: Grant, we pray O Lord, that your servant John, for whom we have celebrated this paschal Sacrament, may pass over to a dwelling place of light and peace.
Through Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

Eulogy

Read by: Melanie Cerato

Final Commendation and Farewell

PRIEST: 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.

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

PRIEST: In the sure hope of the resurrection, we take leave of our brother: let us go in peace.

Reflection Hymn











Thank you for your attendance here today and for your expressions of sympathy, love, prayers and friendship.

Please join us for light refreshments at the Griffith Exies Sporties Club.

Denise & Geoff and Kevin & Lidia



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