



**Funeral Mass**  
**in loving memory of**



*Leonarda Anna (Lena) D'Aquino*

7 November 1945 – 4 August 2022

*Sacred Heart, Griffith* 10<sup>th</sup> August 2022 | 10:00am

# *Lena D' Aquino*

**Beloved wife of**  
*Sebastiano (Nello)*

**much loved mother & mother-in-law of**  
*Angelo & Annalisa, Alfia & Paul, Joe & Michelle, Mark & Sarah*

**Cherished Nonna of**  
*Christopher, Alessia, Simon, Sofia, Lacey & Lachlan*

## **Pallbearers**

*Angelo D'Aquino      Paul Rosengreen*

*Joe D'Aquino      David D'Aquino*

*Mark D'Aquino      Peter Di Mauro*



**Priest**  
*Fr Grace*

**Organist**  
*Belinda Aventi*

**Vocalists**  
*Mechlene Nehme*



**ENTRANCE HYMN** *Amazing Grace / Amici Miei*

**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,  
Leonarda 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 Lena, 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** *read by Sonia James*

**PLEASE SIT**

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF WISDOM

*He accepted them as a holocaust*

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 blessings 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.  
When the time comes for his visitation they will shine out;  
as sparks run through the stubble, so will they.  
They shall judge nations, rule over peoples,  
and the Lord will be their king for ever.  
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.**

**SECOND READING** *Read by Bridget Flocco*

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF THE APOCALYPSE

*There will be no more death.*

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new,' he said. I will give water from the well of life free to anybody who is thirsty; it is the rightful inheritance of the one who proves victorious; and I will be his God and he a son to me.'

The word of the Lord.

**ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

**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.**

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!**

**HOMILY**

**PLEASE SIT**

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

**PLEASE STAND**

**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.

**LACEY:** For Nonna 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.**

**LACHLAN:** For Nonna who ate the body of Christ, the bread of life, that she may be raised up on the last day. Let us pray to the Lord.

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

**SOFIA:** 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.**

**SIMON:** 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.**

**ALESSIA:** For the family and friends of our Nonna 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.**

**CHRISTOPHER:** For all of us 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 Procession** *Angelo, Alfia, Joe and Mark*

**Offertory Hymn** *Ave Maria*

**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.**

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: As we humbly present to you these sacrificial offerings, O Lord, for the salvation of your servant Lena, 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.**

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

**PLEASE STAND**

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.**

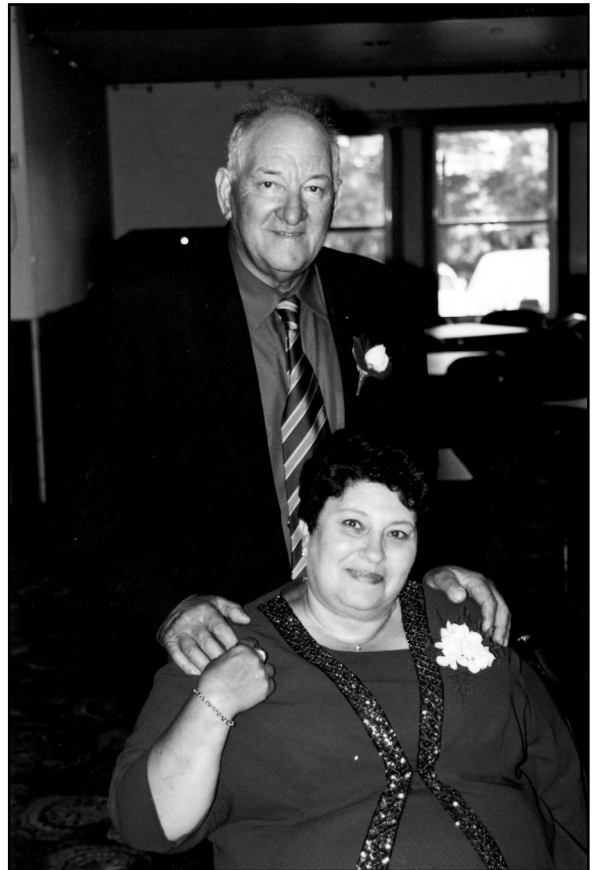
PRIEST: It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Christ our Lord.  
In him the hope of blessed resurrection has dawned,  
that those saddened by the certainty of dying  
might be consoled 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.**
















## Eucharist Prayer II

**PLEASE KNEEL**

**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:** **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 all the clergy. Remember your servant Lena, 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*

**PLEASE STAND**

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

**PRIEST & ALL:**

**Padre nostro, che sei nei cieli,  
sia santificato il tuo nome,  
venga il tuo regno,  
sia fatta la tua volontà,  
come in cielo così in terra.  
Dacci oggi il nostro pane quotidiano,  
e rimetti a noi i nostri debiti  
come noi li rimettiamo ai nostri debitori,  
e non ci indurre in tentazione,  
ma liberaci dal male.  
Tuo è il regno, tua la potenza et la gloria nei secoli.**

**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.  
Amen.**

### *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 Hymns**    *I am the Bread of Life*  
*Panis Angelicus*

## **Prayer After Communion**

**PLEASE STAND**

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,  
our sister Lena may come  
to the eternal table of Christ.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**ALL: Amen.**

## **Word of Remembrance**

**Reflection song:** *Supermarket Flowers*

## **FINAL COMMENDATION AND FAREWELL**

**ALL: Receive her soul and present her to God the Most High.**

## **RECESSIONAL HYMN**

*"The Prayer" - Andre Bocelli with Celine Dion*







*The D'Aquino families would like to express their deep gratitude for your prayers and attendance here today.*

*Your expressions of sympathy are of great comfort to them.*

*You are invited you to join with them for some refreshments following the service at the Mirrool Rooms of the Griffith Ex-Servicemen's Club.*



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