

In loving memory of

Mary Anna Quarisa



22nd January 1932 ~ 14th March 2024

Anglican Cathedral Church of St Alban the Martyr,
Griffith

Wednesday 20th March 2024
commencing at 10:00am



Mary Anna Quarisa

Loving Wife of

The Late Luigi Quarisa

Adored Mother and Mother-in-Law of

Natalina

Joe & Cathy

Giacinto & Tresa

Lewis & Jan

Frank & Lynda

Liz & Steve

Iva

Cherished Nonna of

Matthew, Lauren, Aleisha, Benjamin,

Jacinta, Jason, Daniel, Dean,

Jonathon, Isabella, Sarah, Xavier,

Maria & Grace

Beloved Great-Nonna of

Noah, Chloe, Allie, Max, Holly, Liam, Angus and Ada

Pall Bearers

Matthew Quarisa Benjamin Quarisa

Daniel Quarisa Jonathon Quarisa

Dean Quarisa Xavier Quarisa

Clergy

Fr Thomas Leslie

Organist

Belinda Aventi

Vocalist

Mechlene Nehme

Placing of Symbols

Cathy Quarisa, Jan Quarisa, Tresa Quarisa, Lynda Quarisa & Steve Tynan

Readers

Aleisha Quarisa and Lauren Quarisa

Prayers of the Faithful

Grace Tynan, Chloe Davidson, Allie Davidson and Jacinta Davidson

Offertory

Natalina Quarisa, Liz Quarisa-Tynan and Iva Quarisa



The Gathering of God's People

Entrance Hymn: *Amazing Grace*

Fr Thomas: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,
Amen.

Grace and Peace from the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Fr Thomas offers a few words of welcome and Introduction

The Placing of Symbols

The Lighting of the Paschal Candle: *Lewis Quarisa*

Fr Thomas: In Baptism Mary received the light of Christ.

This light has guided and inspired her throughout her life.

All: May Christ, the eternal and unfading light,
now welcome Mary home into the Kingdom of Light and Peace.

The Aspersing (Sprinkling with Holy Water): *Joe Quarisa*

Fr Thomas: In the waters of Baptism, Mary died with Christ
and rose with him into new life.

All: May she now share in Christ's eternal glory.

The Placing of the Funeral Pall: *Frank Quarisa*

Fr Thomas: On the day of Baptism, Mary was robed with Christ, sharing his
royal inheritance.

By her life and example, she has lived with Christian dignity and humility.

All: May Christ now enfold her in love, and bring her into her eternal
inheritance.

Placing of the Wheat: *Giacinto Quarisa*

Fr Thomas: Unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground, it remains but a
single grain, but, once buried, it shall spring forth into abundance of life.

All: May our sister Mary become a new creation.

Placing of Other Symbols of Life:

Cathy Quarisa, Jan Quarisa, Tresa Quarisa, Lynda Quarisa & Steve Tynan

A wooden spoon for her love of cooking and providing for her family.

A sheath of rice for her life as a farmer and her hard work and determination.

A crocheted baby blanket to represent the nurturing of her family and friends.

Her music sheets for her talent and passion for storytelling.

Her bible to represent her strong faith.

Fr Thomas: in life, Mary inspired, and created, and loved, reflecting her likeness of the Creator God.

All: May the Creator welcome her home, with the words,
'well done, thou good and faithful servant.'

The Collect

Fr Thomas: Let us pray. God our Father, by raising Christ your Son
you conquered the power of Death and opened for us the way to eternal life.
As we remember before you our sister, Mary,
so we ask your help for all who gather in her memory.
Grant us the assurance of your presence and grace,
that we may trust in your promise of Resurrection,
by the Spirit you have given us, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Celebration of Life

The Eulogy: read by *Isabella Quarisa, Sarah Quarisa & Maria Tynan*

Reflection Item: a celebration of Mary's life in pictures.

Music during the Slideshow: "Down on the Farm" by Mary Quarisa &
"You Raise Me Up" Mark Vincent

The Ministry of The Word

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 3.1-14 Read by *Aleisha Quarisa*

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

a time to be born, and a time to die;

a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

a time to kill, and a time to heal;

a time to break down, and a time to build up;

a time to weep, and a time to laugh;

a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;

a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

a time to seek, and a time to lose;

a time to keep, and a time to throw away;

a time to tear, and a time to sew;

a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

a time to love, and a time to hate;

a time for war, and a time for peace.

What gain have the workers from their toil? I have seen the business that

God has given to everyone to be busy with. He has made everything

suitable for its time; moreover,

he has put a sense of past and future into their minds,

yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end.

I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy

themselves as long as they live; moreover, it is God's gift that all should eat and

drink and take pleasure in all their toil.

I know that whatever God does endures for ever; nothing can be added to it, nor

anything taken from it; God has done this, so that all should stand in awe before

him. That which is, already has been; that which is to be, already is; and God

seeks out what has gone by.

For the Word of the Lord: **thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm (Sung): Psalm 23 - 'The Lord Is My Shepherd'

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4.6-8 Read by *Lauren Quarisa*

As for me, I am already being poured out as an offering,
and the time of my departure has come.

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

For the Word of the Lord: **thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation: Revelation 14.13

Mother Louise: Alleluia. **Alleluia.**

Blessed are those who have died in the Lord;

For they rest from all their labours, and their good deeds go with them. **Alleluia.**

The Gospel Reading: John 12.23-26

Jesus said to his disciples,

'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies,
it remains just a single grain; but if it dies,

it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it,

and those who hate their life in this world

will keep it for eternal life.

Whoever serves me must follow me,

and where I am, there will my servant

be also. Whoever serves me,

the Father will honour.'

For the Gospel of the Lord:

praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



The Homily: Fr Thomas.

The Prayers of the Faithful

(Grace Tynan, Chloe Davidson, Allie Davidson and Jacinta Davidson)

1. Lord, we thank you for the gift of Nonna's life: who taught us the joy and value of family, of hard work, and how to enjoy the simplicity of life.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

2. Lord, we take comfort that Nonna is now at peace with you.

Bless us all with the forgiveness and love that you have shown her.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

3. Lord, bless Nonna, now reunited with Nonno, with her parents, family and friends, and all who have gone before. Help us to trust and hope in that day when all whom we love shall be reunited in your heavenly kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

4. Lord, hear our prayers as we pray for peace in our hearts, peace in our families, peace in our community and peace in our world.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Fr Thomas: Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

Grant that what we have asked in faith, we may, by your grace receive, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

The Requiem Eucharist

Offertory Hymn: 'I Shall Sing the Wonderous Story'

Communion Anthem: 'Gentle Woman'

It is the policy of the Cathedral that all who wish to receive communion are welcome to receive, regardless of denominational affiliation.

Post Communion Hymn: 'O Guiding Star' Words and Music by Mary Quarisa

The Rite of Farewell

The pall is removed from Mary's coffin. The coffin is then blessed with incense, as a sign of the prayers of the church surrounding Mary's soul.

The Prayer of Commendation: Fr Thomas

Recessional Hymn: 'How Great Thou Art'

The service continues with prayers at graveside.

The Quarisa family thank you for your attendance here today. Your expressions of sympathy, love and friendship is greatly appreciated. You are invited to join them for light refreshments at Romeo & Giulietta's.













Nonna's Poem

*My Nonna was often described as a diamond
And one week ago, our diamond was with us
Some may say that she was a rough diamond,
But a diamond nonetheless.*

When she sparkled, fragments of light glimmered on everyone.

Now our diamond is in the sky.

She rose out of our reach, leaving us in what feels like an everlasting dark night.

Right now, we can't see any stars and the moon is gone.

Where there used to be a flickering flame is now still and cold.

Our diamond will always be there

But now, she's a star.

And we'll always be able to see her shine

All we have to do is look up.

Her beam will be on us forever,

And she will never fail to show us the way.

My Nonna was often described as a diamond.

But she was worth more than every diamond combined.

And her seemingly rough, chiseled edges

Made losing her hurt more than we could ever imagine.

Grace Tynan

