



## REQUIEM MASS

IN LOVING MEMORY OF



*Mary Ramea*

29<sup>th</sup> June 1936 – 8<sup>th</sup> January 2021

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH  
Warrambool Street, GRIFFITH, NSW  
Thursday, 14 January 2021 | 10:00 A.M.



# Mary Romeo

**Beloved wife of**  
*Mick Romeo (deceased)*

**Much loved mother & mother in law of**  
*Lynette*  
*Paul and Angela*  
*Gerard*

**Cherished nonna of**  
*Michael & Racheal*  
*Bruno & Kartia*

**Beloved bisnonna of**  
*Skylar*

**Adored sister and sister in law of**  
*Frances (deceased) & Frank Calabria (deceased);*  
*Julia and Leo Dalla-Bona (deceased); Sam & Anne Sergi;*  
*Tony (deceased) & Jean Pangallo (deceased);*  
*Frank (deceased) & Josie Marando*

## **Pallbearers**

<i>Bruno Romeo</i>	<i>Ross Marando</i>
<i>Michael Romeo</i>	<i>Brian Dalla-Bona</i>
<i>Patrick Sergi</i>	<i>Pat Calabria</i>

## **Priest**

*Fr Jomer Calma*  
*Fr Peter Stojanovic*

## **Organist**

*Belinda Aventi*

## **Vocalist**

*Mechlene Nehme*



**ENTRANCE HYMN** – *We Stand for God*

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, **Mary** died with Christ and rose with him to new life. May she now share with him eternal glory.

**OPENING PRAYER**

PRIEST: O God, whose nature is always to forgive and to show mercy, we humbly implore you for your servant Mary, whom you have called to journey to you, and since she hoped and believed in you, grant that she may be led to our true homeland to delight in its everlasting joys. 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 STAND

**FIRST READING:** Read by *Kathy Altin*

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

*He will destroy death forever.*

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will provide for all peoples. On this mountain he will destroy the veil that veils all peoples. The web that is woven over all nations; he will destroy death forever. The LORD GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces; the reproach of his people he will remove from the whole earth; for the LORD has spoken. On that day it will be said: "Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us! This is the Lord for whom we looked; let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!"

The word of the Lord.

**ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** *'The Lord is my shepherd'* Ps. 23 (Sung)

**SECOND READING:** Read by *Vanessa Aloisi*

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

*Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.*

Brothers and sisters: No one lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. For this is why Christ died and came to life, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why then do you judge your brother? Or you, why do you look down on your brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of God; for it is written: *As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bend before me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.* So then each of us shall give an accounting of himself to God.

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*

Read by: *Betty Wood & Melissa Foley*

**PRIEST:** Brothers and sisters, Jesus Christ is risen from the dead and sits at the right hand of the Father, where he intercedes for his Church. Confident that God hears the voices of those who trust in the Lord Jesus, we join our prayers to his:

**READER:** For Mary, 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.**

**READER:** We give thanks for Mary's kindness and generous heart. She always put others before herself, may she be an example of love to us all.

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

**READER:** Let us pray for our family and friends who have been touched by Mary's life. She will be sadly missed by all who have known and loved her. Let us pray to the Lord.

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

READER: For those who have died 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 the family and friends of **Mary** 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 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: May the prayer of those who cry to you benefit the souls of your servant, O Lord: free them, we pray, from all their sins and make them sharers in your redemption. Through Christ our Lord.

**ALL: Amen.**

***LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST***

*PLEASE SIT*

***OFFERTORY HYMN*** – 'Fill My House'

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 Mary, 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.**

***EUCCHARIST 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.**

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 **Mary**, 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, Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

**ALL: Amen.**



## COMMUNION RITE

### *THE LORD'S PRAYER*

*PLEASE STAND*

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:** Ave Maria

**REFLECTION HYMN:** Only by Grace, *Fr Rob Galea*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*PLEASE STAND*

**PRIEST:** Lord God, whose Son left us, in the Sacrament of his Body, food for the journey, mercifully grant that, strengthened by it, our sister Mary may come to the eternal table of Christ. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**ALL:** Amen.

**EULOGY:** Lynette and Paul

**FINAL COMMENDATION AND FAREWELL**

**Priest:** Saints of God, come to her aid!  
Hasten to meet her, Angels of the Lord!

**Response:** 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.

**Response:** 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.

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

**RECESSIONAL HYMN:** Andro A Vederla Un DI





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