



Requiem Mass  
to Celebrate the Life of

*Orazio Vecchia*



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# *Grazia Vecchio*

**DEARLY LOVED HUSBAND OF**  
*SEBASTIANA VECCHIO*

**LOVING FATHER OF**  
*JOHN VECCHIO*  
*SARINA VECCHIO*

## **PALL BEARERS**

*ANGELO      STEVEN*  
*JOE      JOHN M*  
*MARK     JOHN A*  
*DANIEL     JUSTIN*

## **PRIEST**

*FATHER NORMAN*

## **ORGANIST**

*BELINDA AVENTI*

## **SOLOIST**

*MECHLENE NEHME*



## **OPENING SONG: *AMAZING GRACE***

### **INTRODUCTORY RITES**

**Priest:** In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All:** Amen

**Priest:** May the Father of mercies, the God of all consolations, be with you.

**All:** And with your Spirit.

**Priest:** Brothers and sisters, we have come together to renew our trust in Christ, who, by dying on the Cross has freed us from eternal death and by rising has opened for us the gates of heaven. Let us pray for Orazio that he may share eternal life with Him in glory. Let us also pray for Nella, his wife, for his children, John and Sarina, and his entire family, that in this time of loss and sadness, they may be given the gift of consolation and renewed hope.

### **Sprinkling the Coffin with Holy Water**

**Priest:** Through the waters of Baptism, Orazio was welcomed into the community of faith. With this Holy Water we bless him again, trusting that the ever-flowing water of eternal life now carries him into the arms of her Creator.

**All:** May he now share eternal life with Him in glory.

### **Lighting of the Paschal Candle – *John Vecchio***

**Priest:** This Candle reminds us of Christ's presence in life of Orazio and of the light he was to us and those whose lives he touched.

**All:** May Christ, the Eternal and Unfading Light, now welcome him into the kingdom of light and peace.

### **Placing of the Cross on the Coffin – *Sarina Vecchio***

**Priest:** The Cross is the central symbol of our Christian identity. It speaks to us of the importance of love, trust, and hope.

**All:** May Orazio, who walked in the footsteps of Jesus, share in His Resurrection and new life.

### **OPENING PRAYER (All be Standing)**

**Priest:** O God, to whom mercy and forgiveness belong, hear our prayers on behalf of Your servant, Orazio, whom You have called out of the world; and because he put his hope and trust in You, command that he be carried safely home to heaven and come to enjoy Your eternal reward. Through our Lord

Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,  
God Forever and ever.

**All: Amen.**

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD (All be seated)**

**First Reading** - *Read by Savannah Badoco*

**A reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes (Eccle. 3:1-8: 11)**

There is a season for everything, a time for every occupation under heaven:

A time for giving birth, a time for dying;

a time for planting, a time for uprooting what has been planted.

A time for killing, a time for healing;

a time for knocking down, a time for building.

A time for tears, a time for laughter;

a time for mourning, a time for dancing.

A time for throwing stones away, a time for gathering them;

a time for embracing, a time to refrain from embracing.

A time for searching, a time for losing;

a time for keeping, a time for discarding.

A time for tearing, a time for sewing;

a time for keeping silent, a time for speaking.

A time for loving, a time for hating;

a time for war, a time for peace.

All that he does is apt for its time;

but although he has given us an awareness of the passage of time,

we can grasp neither the beginning nor the end of what God does.

The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

## **Responsorial Psalm (Ps. 22)**

**Response: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

1. 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.

**Response: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

2. 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.

**Response: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

3. You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing.

**Response: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

**Second Reading – Ready By Ruby Badoco**

**A reading from the Second Letter of St Paul to Timothy (2 Tim 4: 3-8)**

The time is sure to come when people will not accept sound teaching, but their ears will be itching for anything new and they will collect themselves a whole series of teachers according to their own tastes; and then they will shut their ears to the truth and will turn to myths. But you must keep steady all the time; put up with suffering; do the work of preaching the gospel; fulfil the service asked of you.

As for me, my life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to depart. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come for me now is the crown of uprightness which the Lord, the upright judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his appearing.

The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

**Gospel Acclamation (All be standing)**

**All:** Whoever lives in love lives in God and God lives in them.

**Gospel**

**Priest:** The Lord be with you.

**All:** And with your Spirit.

**A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John (John 14: 1-6)**

**All:** Glory to You, O Lord.

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 be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

**Homily Priest (All be seated)**

*Eulogy – Pauline Zardo*

**Visual Reflection of Orazio's Life**

**Prayers of Intercession**

**Priest:** My dear friends, let us join with one another in praying to God, not only for our departed brother, Orazio, but also for the Church, and for ourselves.

**Sarina:** For Orazio, who in baptism was given his pledge of eternal life, that he now be admitted to the company of the saints. Lord, hear us.

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

**Sarina:** Thank you, Lord, for always answering our prayers. You kept Orazio safe throughout his life, right to the end. His passing was peaceful and for that we are truly grateful. Lord, hear us.

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









**Alessia:** For our deceased relatives and friends: Giovanni, Rosaria, Salvatore, Paolo Vecchio and Giusepina Graso, Angelo, Paolina, Gaetano, Lena D'Aquino and Antonio Previtiera, that they may have their reward for their goodness. Lord, hear us.

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

**Sofia:** Lord, we pray for all those who cared so wonderfully for Orazio, especially for Doctor Abbas and Pat Zirilli, the staff at The Pioneers Lodge, the emergency department and the medical ward at The Griffith Base Hospital,. May their works of service be richly blessed. Lord, hear us.

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

**Lacey:** We pray for Nella, Sarina and John, for Orazio's family, relatives and friends: that the Lord may keep their hearts and minds in his love and peace. Lord, hear us.

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

**Laura:** We pray for all those present: that we may receive an increase of faith in our Heavenly destiny and draw inspiration from Orazio's example.

Lord, hear us.

**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 beloved Orazio. Cleanse him of his sins and grant him the fullness of redemption. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

**All:** Amen

*Procession of the Gifts to the Altar – Nancy and David*

*Offertory Hymn – Ave Maria*

**Liturgy of the Eucharist**

**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 hand for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

## Prayer over the Gifts

Priest: Look with favour, O Lord, on your servant Orazio, for whom we offer you the sacrifice of praise, humbly entreating that, reconciled with you through these devoted offices, he may merit to rise again to life. Through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen**

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.**

## Preface

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:

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

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 his 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 Orazio, 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 all the Saints who have pleased you throughout the ages, we may merit to be coheirs to eternal life, and 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**

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

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, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day. In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

All: **For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.**

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles: I leave you peace, my peace I give you. Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom where you live 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 a sign of peace.

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.**

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.

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

**Communion Hymn – *Al Di La* by Emilio Pericoli**

### **Prayer after Communion**

Priest: Renewed by this life giving Sacrament, we pray, O Lord, that the soul of our brother Orazio, to whom you gave a part in your covenant, may he be purified by the power of this mystery and rejoice without end in the peace of Christ. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.



## **Final Commendation**

Priest: Before we go our separate ways, let us take leave of our Beloved Orazio. May our farewell express our affection for him; may it ease our sadness and strengthen our hope. One day we shall joyfully greet him again when the love of Christ, which conquers all things, destroys even death itself.

Priest: Saint of God, come to Orazio's 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, Orazio, take you to Himself: may angels lead you to the bosom of Abraham.

All: **Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.**

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

All: **Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.**

Priest: Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our Beloved Orazio, in the sure and certain hope that, together with all who have died in Christ, he will rise with Him on the last day.

We give you thanks for the blessing which you have bestowed upon Orazio in this life: he is a sign to us of your goodness and of our fellowship with the saints in Christ.

Merciful Lord, turn towards us and listen to our prayers: open the gates of paradise to your servant, Orazio, and help us who remain to comfort one another with assurance of faith, until we all meet in Christ and are with you and with our brother forever.

All: **Amen**

**Priest: In Peace let us take our brother Orazio to his place of rest.**

**Recessional Hymn – *The Prayer by Andre Bocelli***

# Thank You



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Please know you have all helped me through this most difficult time.

My heartfelt thanks,  
Nella



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