

Requiem Mass  
In Loving Memory of

*Vitale Bandiera*



**Born:** *14th October 1928*

**Born into Eternal Life:** 26<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Sacred Heart Church, Griffith  
Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2022  
commencing at 11:00am

# Vitale Bandiera

**Beloved husband of**  
*Giuseppina Bandiera*

**Dear loved father and father-in-law of**  
*Peter & Marion Bandiera*  
*Vanda & John Crivellaro*  
*Julie Bandiera*

**Cherished Nonno of**  
*Brian & Rebecca, Tracey & Steven, Gemmi & Mario, Nicole & Gavin*

**Bisnonno of**  
*Kai, Taj, Eli, Luca, Zara and Chelsea*

## **Pall Bearers**

*Peter Bandiera*

*John Crivellaro*

*Brian Bandiera*

*Gavin Crivellaro*

*Steven Ralph*

*Ray Barea*

## **Clergy**

*Fr Christian*

## **Organist**

*Belinda Aventi*

## **Soloist**

*Mechlene Nehme*

Entrance Hymn: *Amazing Grace*

**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, Vitale died with Christ and rose with him to  
new life. May he 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 Vitale,  
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, God, for  
ever and ever.

**ALL: Amen.**

### **Liturgy of The Word**

**PLEASE SIT**

First Reading - Read by Diana Barea

A READING FROM THE SECOND LETTER OF ST PAUL TO TIMOTHY  
(4:6-8)

*I have fought the good fight.*

As for me, my life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has  
come for me to be gone. 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 now is the crown of  
righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous 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.**

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 22:1)

The Lord Is My Shepherd (Sung)

The Lord is my Shepherd, and I want to follow,  
wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.  
Over the mountains, the waters and by-ways,  
valleys and highways he's waiting for me.

I want to go to meet him there, to lay myself down in his love.  
The Lord is my shepherd, and I want to follow,  
wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.

And while on the journey to where we are going,  
he promised to be there to help us along.  
And over the mountains we'll walk on together,  
to know all the wonders he's given to me.

I want to go to meet him there, to lay myself down in his love.  
The Lord is my shepherd, and I want to follow,  
wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.

Second Reading – Read by Marion Bandiera

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF THE APOCALYPSE (21:1-5a. 6b-7)

*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 am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and End. 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.**

**ALL: Alleluia Alleluia!**

**PLEASE STAND**

I am the resurrection and the life, said the Lord;  
Whoever believes in me will not die for ever.

**Alleluia!**

## **Gospel**

A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN (14:1-6)

*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 *Gemmi Bandiera*

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.

GEMMI: We thank you Lord for the life of our Nonno Vitale. As a devoted father, grandfather and great-grandfather, he was a true gentleman and has left us with a legacy of courage, determination, compassion and above all, respect for life. Lord hear us.

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

GEMMI: Nonno loved his garden. Life is like a garden, it matures and dies. Life is beautiful. Please Lord, make everyone's life beautiful. Lord hear us.

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

GEMMI: Lord, may you grant eternal rest to the deceased members of our family. Lord hear us.

**ALL: Lord, hear our prayer**

PRIEST: Lord God, you entrusted Vitale to us and now you embrace him in your love. Comfort us Lord, your sorrowing people, who seek to do your will and to know your saving peace. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**ALL: Amen.**

## Liturgy of The Eucharist

PLEASE SIT

Offertory Hymn

*Salve Regina*

Offertory Procession

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: 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.**

## Invitation to Prayer

PLEASE STAND

**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

**PRIEST:** Look favourably on our offerings, O Lord, so that your departed servant Vitale 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.**

## EUCCHARISTIC 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:

**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.**

**PLEASE KNEEL**

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.

**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, Mark our bishop, and all the clergy. Remember your servant Vitale, 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 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.**

**The Communion Rite**

**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.**

PRIEST: 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.**

**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**

*The Prayer*

**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 brother Vitale may come to the eternal table of Christ. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**ALL:** **Amen**

**PLEASE SIT**

**Words of Remembrance:** *Tracey Ralph*

### **Final Commendation and Farewell**

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

### **Recessional Hymn**

*Andro Vederla un di*

God saw you getting tired  
and a cure was not to be,  
He put his arms around you  
and whispered,  
“Come with Me.”  
With tearful eyes we  
watched you  
and saw you fade away,  
although we loved  
you dearly  
We could not make  
you stay.  
A golden heart  
stopped beating  
Your tender hands at rest,  
God took you home to  
prove to us  
He only takes the best.



*The family thank you and express their sincere appreciation for your kind wishes, your prayers and your presence here today.*

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