

Mass of Thanksgiving for the Life of
Romeo Giorgi



7 March 1929 – 22 July 2018
St Patrick's Catholic Church, Wangaratta
10.00am Thursday 26th July 2018
Celebrant – Fr. Michael Pullar

Romeo's Family

Wife

Santina Giorgi

Family

Nazzareno Giorgi
Beatrice & John Speziale
Adriano Speziale
Roberto Speziale
Carla Speziale

Pall Bearers

Nazzareno Giorgi
John Speziale
Adriano Speziale
Roberto Speziale
Adam Alesiani
Frank Galie

Photo

Carla Speziale

Entrance Music

Time to say Goodbye - Andrea Bocelli

Welcome

Father Mike

Placing of Christian Symbols

Lighting of Paschal Candle

Nazzareno Giorgi and Beatrice Speziale

Fr Mike: In Baptism Romeo received the light of Christ.
This light has guided him through his life.

All: May Christ's light now lead him into eternal life

Sprinkling of the Holy Water

Fr Mike: In the waters of Baptism, Romeo died with Christ and rose with
Him into eternal life.

All: May Romeo now share eternal life with Him in glory

Placing of the White Pall

Adriano and Roberto Speziale

Fr Mike: On the day of his Baptism Romeo was clothed in Christ
and given a Christian dignity forever.

All: May Christ now enfold Romeo in his love and bring him to eternal life

Opening Prayer

Father Mike

Words of Remembrance

Read by Nazzareno Giorgi

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Book of Sirach

Read by Adriano Speziale

There is a time for everything,
and a time for every happening under heaven.

A time for living and a time for dying. A time to plant and a time to harvest.

A time to keep silent and a time to speak. God has made everything beautiful in its time. All the works which God has made continue forever. What do we gain for all the efforts we make. I know the heavy burdens laid on us. God has set the right time for everything.

He has given us the desire to know the future, but we are not able to fathom the work of God from beginning to end.

So, I realized that all we can do is be happy and do the best we can during the days God grants us. And when we can eat and drink and find happiness in our work, this is a gift from God.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is my Shepherd

Read by Anna Zorzi

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.

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.

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.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life.

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

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

Second Reading

A Reading from the Second Letter of St Paul to Timothy

Read by Roberto Speziale

As for me, the hour has come for me to go; The time is here for me to leave this life. I have done my best in the race, I have run the full distance, I have kept the faith. And now, the prize of victory is waiting for me, the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the Righteous Judge, will give me on that day. And not only me, but for all those who wait with love for Him to appear.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Happy are those who have died in the Lord: Let them rest from their labours, for their good deeds go with them.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Fr Mike: The Lord be with you

All: And with your spirit

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 5:1-12

All: Glory to you, O Lord

And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him. Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying:

Blessed are the poor in spirit,

For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Family

Fr Mike

Prayers of the Faithful

Read by Carla Speziale, Verity Hancock and Lucia Alesiani

Introduction – Fr Mike

Lord receive our praise and thanks for Romeo's life and welcome him with love and peace. May his life be now completed and fulfilled in your presence forever.

Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord hear our prayer

We pray for Romeo that he may receive the joy of eternal life promised in his Baptism. Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord hear our prayer

We pray for Romeo's family and friends that they will not dwell on the loss but be inspired by the guidance and love he has given. Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord hear our prayer

For the gift of eternal life: that Romeo may be received into the Lord's loving embrace. Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord hear our prayer

We remember all those who have been part of Romeo's life. His dearest wife Santina, his children, grandchildren and family, and all those involved around him. As they valued him in life, may his legacy continue to live with him. Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord hear our prayer

Dear Lord, we know that Romeo is safe with you in heaven. Help us not to be afraid and always know he is in our hearts. Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord hear our prayer

We pray that Romeo is now in peace and that God wraps him in his love and that he is now able to watch over us and guide us through our life journey.

Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord hear our prayer

Offertory – Procession of gifts

Maria and Angelo Alesiani

Offertory Hymn

The Prayer - Andrea Bocelli

Eucharistic Prayer

Acclamation at Consecration

All: We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection,
until you come again.

The Lord's Prayer

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,
Amen

Communion

Communion Hymn

Ave Maria - Ariodante Speziale

Reflection

Final Farewell and Commendation

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

Saints of God, come to his aid, hasten to meet him, angels of the Lord.

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

May Christ, who called you, take you to himself;

May angels lead you to Abraham's side.

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

Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine on him.

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

Recessional Hymn

Viaggio Nella Vita (Tony Rino)





*Our family would like to thank everyone for the support,
and expressions of sympathy they have received and
your presence at this service today.*

*We would be delighted if you could join us for
refreshments following the service at Memories Room at
Mason Park, Mason Street, Wangaratta*