

*Requiem Mass*  
To celebrate the life of

*Paola Castagna*



Born: Zajelše, Slovenia 25 December 1931

Passed away: 26 August 2021

St Mary's Catholic Church, Myrtleford  
2 September 2021 - 2:00 p.m.

Celebrant: Father Tony Shallue

# *Order of service*

*Entrance Music*

*Amazing Grace - Susan Boyle*

*Welcome and Introduction*

~ Father Tony

*Words of Remembrance*

~ Fausto Castagna

*Reflection*

*Viaggio Nella Vita*

*Lighting of the Paschal Candle*

Margherita Keenes

~ Father Tony

In Baptism, Paola received the light of Christ.  
This light has guided her through her life.

**All ~ May Christ's light now lead her into eternal life.**

*Sprinkling of the Holy Water*

~ Father Tony

In the waters of Baptism, Paola died with Christ and  
rose with Him into eternal life.

**All ~ May she now share eternal life with Him in glory.**

## *Opening Prayer*

~ Father Tony

O God, to whom mercy and forgiveness belong, hear our prayers on behalf of your servant Paola, whom you have called out of this world; and because she put her hope and trust in you, command that she be carried safely home to heaven and come to enjoy your eternal reward. We ask this through Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**All ~ Amen.**

## *First Reading*

Lynette Bon

*A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes*

Everything that happens in this world happens as God chooses.

He sets the time for birth, and the time for death;

The time for planting, and the time for pulling up.

He sets the time for sorrow, and the time for joy.

The time for searching, the time for losing,

The time for saving, and the time for throwing away;

The time for silence, and the time for talking,

The time for love, and the time for peace.

What do we gain from all our works?

I know the heavy burden that God has laid on us.

He has set the right time for everything.

He has given us a desire to know the future, but never gives us the satisfaction of fully understanding what He does.

So I realise that all we can do is to be happy and do the best we can while we are still alive.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**All ~ Thanks be to God.**

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

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.

**All ~ 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.

**All ~ 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.

**All ~ 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.

**All ~ The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

*Gospel Acclamation*

**All ~**

*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* ~ Matthew 5:1-12

~ Father Tony

The Lord be with you.

**All ~ And with your Spirit.**

~ Father Tony

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**All ~ Glory to you O Lord.**

Rejoice and be glad for your reward will be great in heaven.

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak.

This is what he taught them: "How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy the gentle; they shall have the earth as their heritage. Happy those who mourn; they shall be comforted. Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right; they shall be satisfied. Happy the merciful; they shall have the mercy shown them. Happy the pure in heart; they shall see God. Happy the peacemakers; they shall be called children of God. Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right; theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All ~ Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Homily*

~ Father Tony

*Prayers of the Faithful*

Father Tony

We thank you for Paola who has led us in this world with love, care and determination. We thank you for her guidance as a mother and grandmother. Lord hear us.

**All ~ Lord hear our prayer.**

Lord comfort Paola's family in their pain of loss and sorrow. Remember us all here today that we too may comfort one another and experience your joy and peace. Lord hear us.

**All ~ Lord hear our prayer.**

We remember Paola's remaining sister Slava, her family in Slovenia and Paola's grandson Matthew who is unable to be present today. We pray that Christ who himself experienced the anguish of death may console them. Lord hear us.

**All ~ Lord hear our prayer.**

Lord, we pray and give thanks to the staff at Myrtleford Lodge for the care, compassion and kindness given to Paola. Lord hear us.

**All ~ Lord hear our prayer.**

Lord, bless those who have shown their love, friendship and support to Paola in so many ways throughout her life. Lord hear us.

**All ~ Lord hear our prayer.**

~ Father Tony

Lord, we ask you to deepen our faith that beyond this earthly life, your life of eternal happiness and peace awaits those who have lived according to your will.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Offertory Hymn*

*As I kneel before you - James Kilbane*

*Procession of Gifts*

*Eucharistic Prayer*

*Acclamation After The Consecration*

**All ~ We proclaim your death O Lord and profess your resurrection until you come again.**

*The Lord's Prayer*

**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.**

*Communion Song*

*Hail Mary, Gentle Woman - Carey Landry*

## *Prayer After Communion*

~ Father Tony

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 await 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.**

## *Prayers of Final Commendation*

### *Invitation to Prayer*

~ Father Tony

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

### *Signs of Farewell*

(Sprinkling with Holy Water and Incensing of the coffin)

### *Song of Farewell*

~ Father Tony

Saints of God, come to her aid!  
Hasten to meet her, angels of the Lord!

**All: Receive her soul and present her to God the most high.**



~ Father Tony

May Christ who called you, take you to himself;  
may angels lead you to Abraham's side.

**All ~ Receive her soul and present her to God the most high.**

~ Father Tony

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon her.

**All ~ Receive her soul and present her to God the most high.**

*Prayer of Commendation*

~ Father Tony

Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our sister Paola in the sure and certain hope that, together with all who have died in Christ, she will rise with Him on the last day. We give you thanks for the blessings, which you bestowed upon Paola in this life: they are signs 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 and help us who remain to comfort one another with assurances of faith, until we all meet Christ and are with you and Paola for ever.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All ~ Amen.**

*Recessional Song*

*V nebesih sem doma*  
The heavens are my home  
(Slovenian song)

*Pallbearers*

Fausto Castagna

Alf Keenes

Paul White

Mauro Frizzo

Peter Rinaudo

*Paola's family would like to thank you for your expressions of sympathy, prayers, love and support at this difficult time.*

*Following the service the interment will take place at the Myrtleford Lawn Cemetery.*





