

In Loving Memory



Felice Torchia

21st April 1937 ~ 10th January 2022

*Requiem Mass to Celebrate the Life of
Felice Torchia*

Our Lady's Catholic Church, Wangaratta
on Friday 14th of January 2022 at 1.30pm
Celebrant Father Mike Pullar

Dearly loved husband of Rosa for over 61 years.
Beloved father of Assunta, Caterina, Vittoria, Antonia, Julie, Michelina,
Anna, their husbands and partners.
Loved Nonno to 16 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.



~ *Introductory Rite* ~

Entrance Song

The Prayer - Andrea Bocelli

Blessing of the Coffin

Fr Mike: In the waters of Baptism Felice died with Christ
and was promised eternal life.

ALL: May he now share eternal life with Christ in glory.

Lighting of the Paschal Candle

Assunta Sinopoli

Fr Mike: In baptism, Felice received the light of Christ to
guide him throughout his life.

ALL: May Christ's light now guide him to eternal life.

Words of Remembrance

Thomas Torchia
Alessia Pezzimenti



Opening Prayer

Fr Mike

First Reading

Amy Hodgetts

A reading from the book of Sirach

Here is a good man whose good works have not been forgotten.
In his descendants there remains a legacy born of him,
his descendants stand by the covenant, and thanks to
him so do his children's children.
His offspring will last forever.
His glory will not fade.
His body will be buried in peace,
and his name will live on for all generations.
The people will proclaim his wisdom.
The assembly will celebrate his wisdom.
The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Sung - The Lord is my Shepherd - Fr Paul Gurr



Gospel Acclamation

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Well done good and faithful servant;
enter into the joy of your Lord.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John
Fr Mike: 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.
This is the Gospel of the Lord.
ALL: Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Fr Mike



Prayers of the Faithful

Michelina Sinopoli
Rosalinda Fiumara

Fr Mike: As we thank God for Felice's life we turn to our God
and place our needs before Him.

Reader: We pray for Felice, may he receive the joy of
eternal life promised him when he was baptised.

Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray for Felice, the Torchia family,
that Christ who Himself experienced the anguish of death,
may continue to give them strength and peace.

Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray for all the deceased members of our families.
May Felice be reunited with them.

Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray for all those whose lives have been touched
by Felice and for those who enriched his life.

Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray for those who cared for Felice in his time of
illness and last days. May they be blessed for their care and support.

Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray for those who are here today and those who are not able
to be with us/separated by distance or by death.

Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

Fr Mike: 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.

All: Amen.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Procession of the Gifts

Eva Sinopoli
Chelsea Hall
Grace Ciccarella

Fr Mike: Lord we offer these gifts on Felice's behalf and for all who farewell him today.

Now that he is freed from life's pains and burdens, reward him for his faith, patience and forbearance and grant him a place at the table in your kingdom.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.



Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you

ALL: And with your spirit

Lift up your hearts

ALL: We lift them up to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

ALL: It is right and just

Fr Mike: The mystery of faith.

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

The Communion Rite

***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.
Amen***

Fr Mike: 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 for ever.

Fr Mike: 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.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

ALL: And with your spirit.

Fr Mike: Let us offer each other the 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.

Fr Mike: 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.***

Lord, may you support us all day long,
till the shadows lengthen and evening falls and the busy world is hushed,
and the fever of life is over, and our work is done.

Then in your mercy Lord, grant us a safe lodging and a holy rest.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

Communion Hymn

Ave Maria - Andrea Bocelli

Final Commendation and Farewell

Fr Mike: Before we go our separate ways, let us take leave of Felice.
May our farewell express our affection of his family and friends for him;
may it ease our sadness and strengthen our hope.
May one day all of us be reunited when the love of Christ,
which conquers all things conquers even death itself.

Coffin is incensed and blessed

Fr Mike: Saints of God, come to his aid!
Come to meet him, angels of the Lord.

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

Fr Mike: Felice, 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.

Fr Mike: Eternal rest grant to him, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon him.

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

Fr Mike: Into your hands, God of mercies,
we commend Felice, 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 are thankful for the blessings that Felice received in this life,
signs of your goodness to us and our unity with all the saints.

Almighty God, listen to our prayers and open the
gates of paradise to this good man and help his
family and friends here to be comforted with assurance
of faith until we all meet in Christ
and are with your and Felice forever.

We ask this in the name of your Son,
Jesus Christ, our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

Fr Mike: Felice, May the angels lead you into paradise;
may the martyrs come to welcome you and take you to the
holy city, the new and eternal Jerusalem.

Where Lazarus is poor no longer,
may you find eternal peace.

The Lord guards our coming in and our going out.
May God be with us today as we make this last journey with Felice.

Farewell Song

Time To Say Goodbye - Andrea Bocelli





Felice's family wish to thank all their family and friends who have been so caring in this sad and difficult time and extend a warm invitation to the Memories Room at Mason Park Funerals for refreshments following the service at the cemetery.

