

*Antonio (Tony) Gasperolti*



13 FEBRUARY 1933 - 5 FEBRUARY 2022

### AN IRISH BLESSING

MAY THE ROAD RISE TO  
MEET YOU.

MAY THE WIND BE ALWAYS  
AT YOUR BACK.

MAY THE SUN SHINE WARM  
UPON YOUR FACE.

THE RAIN FALL SOFT UPON  
YOUR FIELDS,

AND UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN,  
MAY GOD HOLD YOU IN  
THE PALM OF HIS HAND.

AMEN.

**ST MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, MYRTLEFORD****FRIDAY, 11 FEBRUARY 2022 - 11.00 AM****CELEBRANT: FATHER TONY SHALLUE**

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**MASS IN MEMORY AND THANKSGIVING  
FOR THE LIFE OF ANTONIO GASPEROTTI***Entrance Hymn*

~ NESSUN DORMA (*Pavarotti*)

*Greeting and Introduction*

~ Father Tony

In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**All ~ Amen.**

~ Father Tony

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.**

*Words of Remembrance*

~ Andrea Gasperotti

*Lighting of the Paschal Candle*

~ Geoffrey and Lisa Gasperotti

~ Father Tony

In Baptism Antonio 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 with Holy Water*

~ Father Tony

In the waters of Baptism, Antonio died with Christ and rose with Him into a new life.

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

## *Placing of the White Pall*

~ Geoffrey and Lisa Gasperotti  
 ~ Father Tony

On the day of his Baptism, Antonio was clothed in Christ and was given Christian dignity for ever.

**All ~ May Christ now enfold him in His love and bring him into eternal life.**

## *Placing of Life Symbols*

(*Bowls and Pack of Cards have been placed on the table*)  
 ~ Father Tony

We have some symbols of Antonio's life (bowls and a Pack of Cards) to remind us of his life with us on earth.

**All ~ May these symbols comfort us and remind us of Antonio's journey in life.**

## *Opening Prayer*

~ Father Tony

O God, to whom mercy and forgiveness belong, hear our prayers on behalf of your servant Antonio, whom you have called out of this 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.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**All ~ Amen.**

## *Liturgy of the Word*

*First Reading* ~ Ecclesiastes 3:1-8.11

~ Liana Folino

*A reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes.*

For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven.  
 A time to be born, and a time to die;  
 A time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;  
 A time to break down, and a time to build up;  
 A time to weep, and a time to laugh;  
 A time to mourn, and a time to dance;  
 A time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;  
 A time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

A time to seek, and a time to lose;  
 A time to keep, and a time to throw away;  
 A time to tear, and a time to sew;  
 A time to keep silent, and a time to speak;  
 A time for war, and a time for peace;  
 God has made everything suitable for its time.  
 The Word of the Lord.

**All ~ Thanks be to God.**

*Responsorial Psalm*

~ Sequoia and Acacia Gasperotti

**Response: My soul is thirsting for you, 0 Lord my God.**

O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water.

**All ~ My soul is thirsting for you, 0 Lord my God.**

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise.

**All ~ My soul is thirsting for you, 0 Lord my God.**

So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy.

**All ~ My soul is thirsting for you, 0 Lord my God.**

You have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

**All ~ My soul is thirsting for you, 0 Lord my God.**

*Second Reading ~ 2 Timothy 4:6-8*

~ Lisa Gasperotti

*A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy*

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 all those who wait with love, for Him to appear.  
 The Word of the Lord.

**All ~ Thanks be to God.**

## *Gospel Acclamation*

~ Lisa Gasperotti

*All ~*

*Alleluia! Alleluia!*

**I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord: He who believes in me will not die for ever.**

*Alleluia!*

## *Gospel* ~ John 14:27-28,16:22

~ Father Tony

The Lord be with you.

*All ~ And with your spirit.*

~ Father Tony

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

*All ~ Glory to you, O Lord.*

~ Father Tony

Jesus said to his disciples: “Peace I leave you, my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. I have come from the Father and have come into the world, again I am leaving the world and am going to the Father. If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. You are sad now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy away from you.”  
The Gospel of the Lord.

*All ~ Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.*

## *Homily*

~ Father Tony

## *Prayers of the Faithful*

~ Father Tony

As we thank God for Antonio’s life we turn to our heavenly Father and place our needs before Him.

~ Sequoia, Acacia and Susannah Gasperotti

We pray for Nonno, that he may receive the joy of eternal life promised him in Baptism. Lord hear us.

*All ~ Lord hear our prayer.*

We pray for Nonno's family and for all his friends. Let them experience your comfort and compassion today and always. Lord hear us.

**All ~ Lord hear our prayer.**

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

**All ~ Lord hear our prayer.**

We pray for all those whose lives have been touched by Nonno and for those who enriched his life. Lord hear us.

**All ~ Lord hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who cared for Nonno in his final illness. Lord hear us.

**All ~ Lord hear our prayer.**

For all the deceased members of our families we ask your light and peace. May all of us be united with them in eternal life.

**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.

**All ~ Amen.**

Liturgy of the Eucharist

*Offertory Procession*

~ Tania Folino and Susannah Gasperotti

*Prayer Over Gifts*

~ Father Tony

*Preface*

~ Father Tony

The Lord be with you.

**All ~ And with your spirit.**

~ Father Tony

Lift up your hearts.

**All ~ We lift them up to the Lord.**

~ Father Tony

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All ~ It is right and just.**

~ Father Tony

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, .....

**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.**

### *Eucharistic Prayer*

#### *Acclamation After Consecration*

~ Father Tony

The mystery of faith.

**All ~**

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

### Communion Rite

#### *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.**

~ 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 for ever.**

*Sign of Peace*

*Lamb of God*

**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.**

*Communion*

~ Father Tony

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*

~ AVE MARIA (*Andrea Bocelli*)

*Prayer after Communion*

~ Father Tony

*Prayers of Final Commendation*

*Invitation to Prayer*

~ Father Tony

Trusting in God, we have prayed together for Antonio, and now we come to the last farewell. We take comfort in the hope that one day we shall see Antonio again and enjoy his friendship. Although this congregation will disperse, God will gather us together again in the joy of his kingdom. Therefore let us console one another in the faith of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

## *Signs of Farewell*

(Sprinkling with Holy Water and Incensing of the coffin)

## *Song of Farewell*

~ Father Tony

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.**

~ Father Tony

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.**

~ Father Tony

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

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

## *Prayer of Commendation*

~ Father Tony

Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend Antonio 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 blessings, which you bestowed upon Antonio 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 in Christ and are with you and Antonio for ever.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All ~ Amen.**

## *Recessional Hymn*

~ TIME TO SAY GOODBYE (*Andrea Bocelli*)

## *Pallbearers*

Roberto Gasperotti, Luigi Gasperotti,  
Andrea Gasperotti, Geoffrey Gasperotti  
Tom Scalzo and Frank Scalzo



*Antonio's family  
would like to thank everyone  
for the love, support,  
and expression of sympathy  
they have received.*

*Your thoughtfulness will always be remembered.*



*Following the interment at the Myrtleford Lawn Cemetery  
the family would like you to join them for refreshments  
at the Savoy Club Myrtleford.*



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