

Celebrating

THE LIFE OF



Rinaldo

Rinaldo Antonio Paola

8th April 1935 ~ 26th March 2022

The Service to Celebrate Rinaldo's Life

Held at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Wangaratta
on Tuesday 5th of April 2022 at 10.30am

Celebrant Father Nathan Verallo

Entrance Song

Passera ~ Il Divo

Welcome

Father Nathan Verallo

Lighting of the Paschal Candle

~ Gabriel ~

Fr Nathan: In Baptism, Rinaldo received the Light of Christ. That Light has guided him throughout his life. May he now enjoy the risen life with his risen Lord.

All: May Christ's Light now lead him into Eternal Light.

Blessing of the Coffin

~ Fr. Nathan, Maria, Nella, Guiseppe and Linda ~

Placing of the Pall

~ Jordan and Jonathan ~

Fr Nathan: At his Baptism Rinaldo received the new garment, and was asked to wear it spotlessly throughout his life. May the Lord not look on any wrong that he may have done during his life, but rather look upon his faithfulness to his God and his love for his family and friends.

All: Amen.

Placing of Mementos of Rinaldo's Life

~ Gabriel and Jonathan ~

Words of Remembrance

Eulogy
~ Nick Paola ~

Opening Prayer
Father Nathan Verallo

First Reading

A Reading from Ecclesiastes (3: 1-9)

~ Jordan ~

Everything that happens in this world happens at the time God chooses. He sets the time for birth and the time for death, the time for planting and the time for pulling up, the time for killing and the time for healing, the time for tearing down and the time for building. He sets the time for sorrow and the time for JOY, the time for mourning and the time for dancing.

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 realised that all we can do is be happy and do the best we can while we are still alive.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 23)

~ Jordan ~

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 water he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. ***Response.***

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.***

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.***

Second Reading

A Reading from the Second letter of St. Paul to Timothy (4: 6- 8)

~ Jonathan ~

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 Righteousness Judge, will give me on that day.

And not only me, but for all of those who wait with love For Him to appear.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

***Alleluia! Alleluia! Come, you whom my Father has blessed, says the Lord;
inherit the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation
of the world. Alleluia.***

Gospel Reading

Fr Nathan: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And with your spirit.

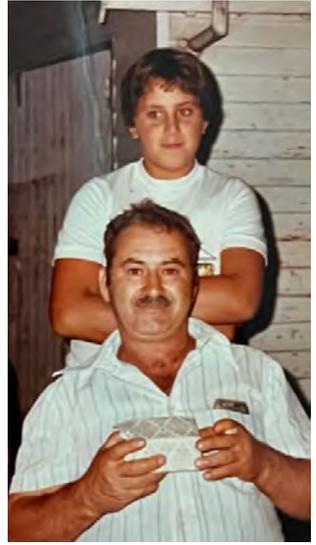
Fr Nathan: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 14:1-4

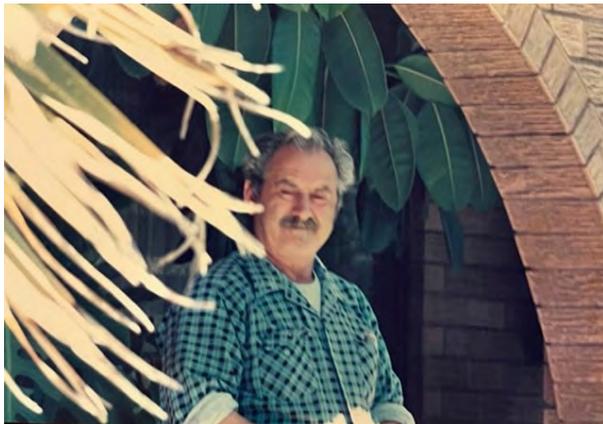
ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

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." The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

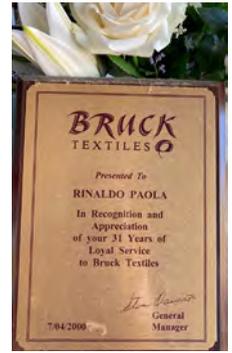




RINALDO PAOLA

'Rocky' is a member of a long serving Bruck family born in a small village in Italy during 1935. Rocky arrived in Australia in 1967. He has spent most of his 30 years in the Weaverroom.

A man of many talents, including gardening, knife making, & home renovations, but he is as tough as old boot leather. After a serious accident at work, it was thought Rocky would not return from his serious leg fracture, but no - after a seemingly short recovery, he was back working away at his job.





Prayers of the Faithful

~ Jordan and Jonathan ~

God, you blessed us and honoured us with a wonderful soul whose heart and hands toiled for the lives we are privileged to have lived and continue to live.

We pray that in your presence he may continue to look over the land that he loved to nurture so much. Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer

Heavenly God, embrace our father, who worked so hard for the prosperity of his family. Bless him and keep his family close to you as they mourn the loss of their patriarch. Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer

Dad, your suffering has ended, and now we mourn the loss of your earthly life. God receive his eternal soul into your garden of paradise, providing him with eternal heavenly life. Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer

Your life on earth was full of wonder, adventure, and love. You enriched the lives of everyone you touched. May the gates of Heaven receive your soul as you commence a new spiritual life with your wife. You are no longer alone. Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer

Dad, thank you for everything you have done for us. Thank you for having the strength and the courage to build a life in a foreign land so that your children and your grandchildren could have a world of opportunities available to them. Please lend us your strength and your courage as we say goodbye to you in this life.

Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer

Offertory Procession

~ Gabriel and Jonathan ~

Memories ~ Maroon 5

Eucharistic Prayer

Father Nathan Verallo

Communion

Fall On Me - Andrea Bocelli and Matteo Bocelli

A Life In Pictures

He Ain't Heavy He's My Brother ~ The Hollies

L'italiano ~ Toto Cutugno

Prayers of Commendation and Farewell

Fr Nathan: Trusting in God, we have prayed together for Rinaldo, and now we come to the last farewell. There is sadness in parting, but we take comfort in the hope that one day we will see Rinaldo again and enjoy his friendship. Although this congregation will disperse in sorrow, the mercy of God will gather us together again in the joy of His Kingdom.

Saints of God, come to Rinaldo's aid, come to meet him angels of the Lord.

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

Fr Nathan: Rinaldo, may Christ who called you, take you to himself; may the angels lead you to Abraham's side.

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

Fr Nathan: Eternal rest grant unto Rinaldo, O Lord, and let your perpetual light shine upon him.

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

Fr Nathan: Into your hands, God of mercies, we commend Rinaldo, in the sure and certain hope that together with all who have died in Christ.

May he rise with him on the last day.

Merciful Lord, turn toward us and listen to our prayers: open the gates of paradise to your servant Rinaldo, and help us who remain to comfort one another with assurances of faith, until we all meet in Christ and are with you and with our brother Rinaldo for ever.

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

ALL: Amen.

Fr Nathan: 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.

In peace let us take our brother Rinaldo to his place of rest.

Recessional Song
There You'll Be - Faith Hill

Casket Breakers
Tony and Nick Paola
Michael Bonacci
Joey Paola
Jonathan Paola
Gabriel Paola

At The Cemetery
Il Mondo - Il Volo
Memories ~ Maroon 5





Rinaldo'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 Old Town and Country Tavern, on the corner of Mason Street and Greta Road, Wangaratta for refreshments following the service at the cemetery.