

Requiem mass for the Repose  
of the Soul of  
**Vittorio Alberto Piasente**



**'Vic'**

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St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Wonthaggi  
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 2020  
Celebrant: Father Darren Howie  
Order of Service

**Entrance Hymn:** 'Here I Am Lord!' - sung by Elly Poletti

**Introduction: Fr. Darren Howie**

May the Father of mercies, the God of all consolation, be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

**PLACING OF CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS:**

**Book of the Gospels or Bible**

**Fr. Darren Howie:** In life Vic cherished the Gospel of Christ.

May Christ now greet him with these words of eternal life.

**All: Come, blessed of my Father!**

**Cross**

**Fr. Darren Howie:** The cross symbolises Jesus' triumph over evil in the resurrection and Vic's faith in his own resurrection.

**All: May he now share in Christ's victory over sin and death.**

**Rosary Beads**

**Fr. Darren Howie:** We place Rosary Beads as a sign of Vic's love of Mary.

**All: May Christ now welcome him to the throne of grace.**

**Eulogy:** Prepared by Vic's family and read by Peter,  
Angela and Christopher.

**Opening Prayer: Father Darren Howie**

Almighty God and Father, it is our certain faith that your Son, who died on the Cross, was raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Grant that through this mystery your servant Vic, who has gone to his rest in Christ, may share in the joy of his resurrection. 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**

**(Please be seated. )**

**First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9:** (Read by Belinda Hounslow)

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations; he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord God will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us.

The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God**

**Responsorial Psalm: (Sung)** 'The Lord is my Shepherd; There is nothing I shall want.'

**Second Reading:** (Read by Jacinta Johnston)

A reading from Romans 5:5-8

Hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation: (Sung; please stand)** - sung by Elly Poletti

**All: Alleluia, Alleluia!**

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

**All: Alleluia!**

**Gospel:**

**Fr. Darren Howie,** The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

**Fr. Darren Howie,** A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

**The Beatitudes.**

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 for 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 mercy shown them.

Happy the pure of 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.

Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account.

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

The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

**(Please be seated)**

**Homily: Fr. Darren Howie**

**Prayers of the Faithful:** (To be read by Paul Taranto, Deborah Lalor, Kristy Leys, Esme Beaumont and Bridget O’Keefe.)

**Introduction: Fr. Darren**

**God, the Almighty Father raised Christ his Son from the dead; with confidence we ask him to save all his people, living and dead.**

For Vic who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that he now be admitted to the company of the saints alongside his parents, Pietro and Agnese and his mother-in-law Onorina. We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear us:

**All: Lord hear our prayer**

For Vic who was nourished at the table of the Saviour and extended hospitality to his family and friends. That he may be welcomed into the halls of the heavenly banquet.

We pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord hear our prayer**

For the family and friends of Vic that they may be consoled in their grief by the Lord who wept at the death of his friend Lazarus.

We pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord hear our prayer**

For all the medical professionals who assisted Vic throughout his life. May they continue to provide holistic healing and comfort to their patients.

We pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord hear our prayer**

Dear Lord,

Please help us as we change to be better people, not worse.

We pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord hear our prayer**

**Conclusion: Fr. Darren**

God, our shelter and our strength, you listen in love to the cry of your people: hear the prayers we offer for our departed brothers and sisters. Cleanse them of their sins and grant them the fulness of redemption.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

**Invitation to Prayer:**

**Fr. Darren Howie:**

Pray, brothers and sisters that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the almighty Father.

**(Please stand)**

**All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands  
for the praise and glory of his name,  
for our good  
and the good of all his holy Church. Amen.**

**Prayer over the Gifts:**

**Fr. Darren:** As we humbly present to you these sacrificial offerings, O Lord, for the salvation of your servant Vic, we beseech your mercy, that he, who did not doubt your Son to be loving Saviour, may find in him a merciful judge. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**All: Amen**

**Eucharistic Prayer No. 2**

**Fr. Darren :** The Lord be with you.

**ALL:           And with your spirit**

**Fr. Darren:** Lift up your hearts.

**ALL:           We lift them up to the Lord.**

**Fr. Darren:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**ALL:           It is right and just.**

**Preface: Fr. Darren Howie**

Father, all-powerful and ever living God, we do always and everywhere to give you thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord. In him, who rose from the dead, our hope of resurrection dawned. The sadness of death gives way to the bright promise of immortality. Lord, for your faithful people, life is changed, not ended. When the body of our earthly dwelling lies in death, we gain an everlasting dwelling place in heaven. And so, with all the choirs of angels in heaven we proclaim your glory and join in their unending hymn of praise.

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.

### The Mystery of Faith

All: We proclaim Your Death O Lord and profess Your Resurrection until  
You come again.

### Father Darren Howie:

Through him and with him and in him  
O God, almighty Father,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honour is yours,  
for ever and ever.

### The Communion Rite

At the Saviour's command  
and formed by divine teaching,  
we dare to say:

**ALL: Amen (Sung)**  
**(Please Stand)**

### 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 Darren:** 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.

**Rite of Peace:**

**Fr. Darren:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**All:** And with your spirit.

**The Fraction (Breaking) of the Bread.**

**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. (Please kneel)

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' - sung by Elly Poletti



### **Prayer After Communion:**

**Fr. Darren:** Lord God, whose Son left us in the Sacrament of his Body, food for the journey, mercifully grant that, strengthened by it, our brother Vic may come to the eternal table of Christ.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**All: Amen.**

**Reflection Song:** Piano music

### **Final Commendation: Father Darren Howie**

**(Please Stand)**

Before we go our separate ways, let us take our leave of brother Vic.

May our farewell express our affection for him;

may it ease our sadness and strengthen our home.

One day we shall joyfully greet him again when the love of Christ, which conquers all things, destroys even death itself.

### **Silence**

**(All pray in silence)**

### **Signs of Farewell**

**(Sprinkling and incensing of the coffin)**

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

Saints of God, come to his aid!

Hasten to meet him, angels of the Lord! **(R)**

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

may angels lead you to the bosom of Abraham. **(R)**

Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord,

and let perpetual light shine upon him. **(R)**

**Prayer of Commendation: Fr. Darren Howie**

Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our brother Vic, 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 have bestowed upon Vic in this life: they are signs to us of your goodness and of our fellowship with the saints in Christ.

Merciful Lord, turn toward 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 with your brother for ever.

**All: Amen.**

**Procession to the Place of Committal:**

**Father Darren Howie:** In peace let us take our brother Vic to his place of rest.

**Recessional Hymn :** 'Amazing Grace' - sung by Elly Poletti

*The Committal Service will be held  
at the Kilcunda Cemetery*



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*Rest in peace...*

Sev and family would like to thank everyone for their love and support and for being here today.

Please join them for refreshments and the sharing of memories of 'Vic' at the Dalyston Football Rooms following the burial at Kilcunda Cemetery



*Thank you x*