



Requiem Mass for the Repose of the Soul of

*Caterina 'Cathy' Fava*

30.1.1948 - 20.04.2021



*Requiem Mass held at  
St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Kerumburra on  
Friday 30th April, 2021*

Father Aju

**Opening Hymn :** 'Answer' - Sarah McLachlan

**Reflection on Cathy's life.** Paul Barbaro

**Photo presentation:**

'Mama' - Connie Francis & 'My Mothers eyes' - Tom Jones

**INTRODUCTORY RITE** (Please stand)

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

**All: Amen.**

Father: 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.**

**Sprinkling with Holy Water**

Father: In the waters of Baptism Cathy died with Christ and rose with him to new life. May she now share with him eternal glory.

**Lighting of the Paschal Candle.** Jack Lowry

Father: Cathy followed the light of the Risen Christ. may she now be at peace in the light of his presence.

**OPENING PRAYER**

Father: O God, glory of believers and life of the just, by the death and resurrection of your Son, we are redeemed: have mercy on your servant Cathy and make her worthy to share the joys of paradise, for she believed in the resurrection of the dead.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

**LITURGY OF THE WORD** - Reader: Shayna Fava

*A reading from the book of Proverbs (31:10-31)*

Who shall find a valiant woman, who shall find a woman of strength? A pearl of great price is she; All who are with her have confidence in her and benefit from her experience. She initiates good, not evil, every day of her life. She does not neglect her tasks, she willingly works, broad minded, her understanding of life is a source of nurture for her. She considers her options then makes her move, investing the experience she already has. She opens her heart to the needy and she is generous with others, but does not neglect her family's needs nor her own priorities. She is strong and respected and not afraid of the future. She speaks with a gentle wisdom and teaches in a kindly way. Those who are close to her praise her.

The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

The Lord is My Shepherd (song)

**GOSPEL** (Please stand)

Father: The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

Father: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

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

Father: 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." Thomas said, "Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" Jesus said: "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## HOMILY

### PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL (please stand )

*Readers: Stella Cannata, Pat Parini, Catena Carri, Wilma Henshall, Sienna Fava*

Father: Our God is a gentle Father, a God of compassion and love. Let us ask him for his strength at this time.

Reader: We give thanks for Cathy's life; for her love and friendship; for all she taught us and for the joys and sorrows that have been shared throughout her life. Lord hear us.

**All: Lord hear our prayer**

Reader: We give thanks for all those who cared for Cathy and for those who care for others in our community. Show us how to serve one another, to offer love, care and support. Lord hear us.

**All: Lord hear our prayer**

Reader: We pray for those who mourn for Cathy. May the pain of their sorrow be softened and the emptiness filled with love. May the presence, support and prayers of friends be a sign of your constant care and love. Lord hear us.

**All: Lord hear our prayer**

Reader: We pray for families, that they will ensure they make time to spend together, that they enjoy their similarities, respect their differences and overcome any difficulties together. Lord hear us.

**All: Lord hear our prayer**

Reader: Many members of our families and friends have gone before us and await the kingdom. May God grant them an everlasting home with Christ. Lord, hear us

**All: Lord hear our prayer**

Father: God our Father, we thank you for your love and support. Receive Cathy with love and kindness. Strengthen us in faith and hope. We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

Offertory Roseanne Fava and Natalie Carri

**LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

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

(Please stand)

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

**PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

Father: Lord, accept these gifts we offer for Cathy, our sister. May they ensure her happiness with you in heaven. We make our prayer through Christ, our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

**PREFACE**

Father: The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your Spirit.**

Father: Lift up your hearts.

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

Father: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Father: It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord.

In him the hope of blessed resurrection has dawned, that those saddened by the certainty of dying, might be consoled by the promise of immortality to come. Indeed, for your faithful, Lord, life is changed not ended, and, when this earthly dwelling turns to dust, an eternal dwelling is made ready for them in heaven.

And so, with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominions, and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of your glory, as without end we acclaim:

**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.**

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER.** (Please kneel or sit)

Father: You are indeed holy, O Lord, the fount of all holiness. Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray, by sending down your spirit upon them like the dewfall, so that they may become for us the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

At the time he was betrayed and entered willingly into his Passion, He took bread and, giving thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take this, all of you, and eat of it, for this is my Body, which will be given up for you.

In a similar way, when supper was ended, He took the chalice and, once more giving thanks, he gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take this, all of you, and drink from it, for this is the chalice of my Blood, the Blood of the new and eternal covenant, which will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in memory of me.

Father: The mystery of faith.

**All: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection until you come again.**

Father: Therefore, as we celebrate-the memorial of his Death and resurrection, we offer you, Lord, the Bread of life and the chalice of salvation, giving thanks that you have held us worthy to be in your presence and minister to you. Humbly we pray that, partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ, we may be gathered into one by the holy spirit.

Remember, Lord, your church, spread throughout the world, and bring her to the fullness of charity, together with Francis our Pope, Greg our Bishop and all the clergy.

Remember your servant Cathy, whom you have called from this world to yourself. Grant that she who was united with your son in a death like his, may also be one with him in his resurrection.

Remember also our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection, and all who have died in your mercy: welcome them into the light of your face. Have mercy on us all, we pray, that with

the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with Blessed Joseph her spouse with the blessed apostles, and all the saints who have pleased you throughout the ages, we may merit to be coheirs to eternal life, and may praise and glorify you through your son, Jesus Christ.

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.

**All: Amen.**

**COMMUNION RITE** (Please stand)

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

**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: 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 Savior, Jesus Christ.

**All: For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.**

Father: 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.**

Father: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**All: And with your Spirit.**

Father: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

(At this each extends a greeting of peace to his/her neighbor by saying: "Peace be with you".)



**All:** Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.  
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Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

**PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION** (Please kneel or sit )

Father: 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.

**Music:** ‘Sky Full of Stars’ played by Aiden Lowry

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** (Please stand)

Father: Let us pray.

Lord God, your Son Jesus Christ gave us the sacrament of his body and blood to guide us on our pilgrim way to your kingdom. May our sister, Cathy, who shared in the eucharist, come to the banquet of life Christ has prepared for us. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen.

**Vote of thanks**

Rose Lowry, Sal Fava, Jack Lowry and Enza Lillicrapp (video)

**FINAL COMMENDATION AND FAREWELL**

Father: With faith in Jesus Christ, we reverently bring the body of our sister, Cathy to be buried in its human imperfection.

Let us pray with confidence to God, who gives life to all things, that he will raise up this mortal body to the perfection and the company of the saints in the presence of the eternal king.

Before we part, let us take leave of our sister Cathy. May this last farewell express the depth of our love for her, ease our sadness, and strengthen our hope. We know that one day we shall greet her with joy where the love of Christ, which overcomes all things, will destroy even death itself.

**(The celebrant uses holy water as a reminder of baptism.)**

Father: When Cathy was baptised, she was baptised into the death of Christ. The Father has raised the Lord Jesus from the dead, and we too have been raised in him to live a new life for God.

In memory of our baptism, we use this holy water, and call on the Lord Jesus to welcome Cathy into the glory of eternal life.

**(The Celebrant uses incense as a final mark of respect.)**

Father: As a sign of respect for our sister, Cathy, we let this incense rise to God, who has called her to share in his glory.

### **SONG OF FAREWELL**

Father: 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: May Christ, who called you, take you to himself;  
may angels lead you to the bosom of Abraham.

**All: Receive her soul and present her to God the Most High.**

Father: 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: Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our sister, Cathy, 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 her 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, Cathy, 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 sister forever.

**All: Amen.**

Father: In peace let us take our sister Cathy, to her place of rest.

FINAL HYMN: 'Time to Say Goodbye' - Andrea Bocelli & Sarah Brightman

Burial held at the Korumburra Cemetery

Music: 'In the Arms of an Angel' - Sarah McLachlan

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Cathy's family would like to thank everyone for their love, support, prayers and for being here today.

You are welcome to join them for refreshments and sharing memories of 'Cathy' at the Italian Social Club, 38 Bridge Street, Korumburra following the committal at Korumburra Cemetery.