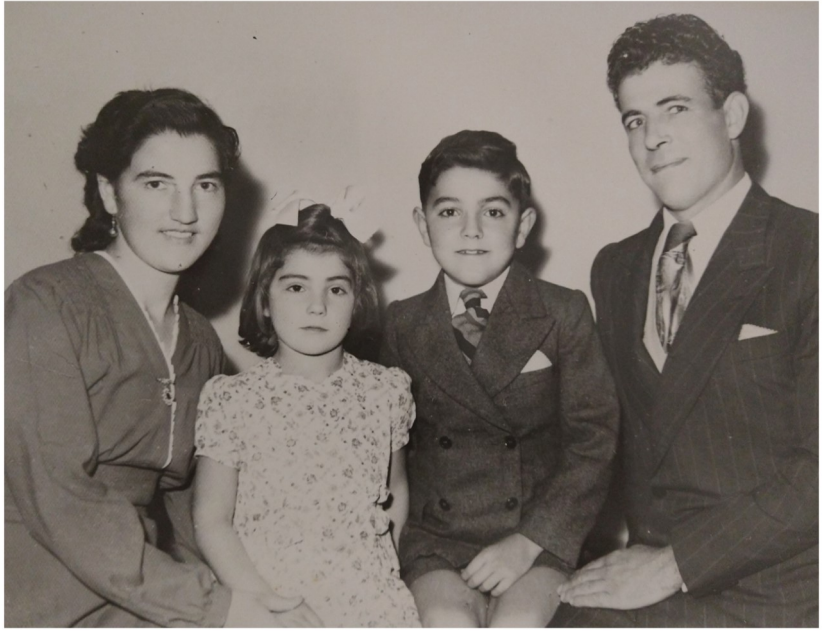


In Loving Memory of  
*Maria Cengia*

4th November 1927 - 15th February 2022





Requiem Mass will be offered at  
St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Wonthaggi  
on Friday February 25, 2022 - 11.00am  
Father Darren Howie

## ORDER OF SERVICE

**Entrance Song:** 'You'll Never Walk Alone'

**Introduction:** Fr. Darren Howie

**Opening Prayer:**

Almighty God and Father,  
by the mystery of the cross,  
you have made us strong;  
by the Sacrament of the resurrection  
you have sealed us as your own.  
Look kindly upon your servant Maria,  
now freed from the bonds of mortality,  
and count her among your saints in heaven.  
We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

**Eulogy:** David Cengia

**Reading:** A reading from the Book of Daniel  
*read by Sienna McDermott*

I, Daniel, was doing penance when I received a message from the Lord:  
'At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard  
over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress,  
unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time  
comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found  
written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth  
many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting  
disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and  
those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all  
eternity.'

The word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

**Responsorial Psalm:** *read by Jazmin Busana*

**Response:** O Lord, hear my prayer

Lord, listen to my prayer:

Turn your ear to my appeal.

You are faithful, you are just; give answer.

Do not call your servant to judgement  
for no one is just in your sight. **(R)**

I remember the days that are past:

I ponder all your works.

I amuse on what your hand has wrought  
and to you I stretch out my hands.

Like a parched land my soul thirsts for you. **(R)**

Lord, make haste and give me answer:

For my spirit fails within me.

In the morning let me know your love  
for I put my trust in you. **(R)**

Teach me to do your will

For you, O Lord, are my God.

Let your good spirit guide me

in ways that are level and smooth. **(R)**

**Second Reading: A reading from the 1<sup>st</sup> letter of St John**

*read by Eva McDermott*

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,  
by letting us be called God's children;  
and that is what we are.

Because the world refused to acknowledge him,  
therefore, it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God  
but what we are to be in the future  
has not yet been revealed;

all we know is, that when it is revealed  
we shall be like him

because we shall see him as he really is.

The word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, Alleluia!

This is the will of my Father, says the Lord,  
All who believe in the Son, will have eternal life  
And I will raise them to life again on the last day.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel: Fr. Darren Howie****A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John**

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: Fr. Darren Howie****Prayers of the Faithful:**

**Introduction: Fr. Darren Howie**

**God, the Almighty Father raised Jesus His Son from the dead.**

**With confidence, we place these prayers before Him.**

*Dianna Marinou:* For Maria, a child of God and heir to the kingdom, that  
she may be held securely in God’s loving embrace now and for all  
eternity. Lord hear us.

**All: Lord hear our prayer**

*Nikki Cengia:* That God will receive our praise and thanksgiving for the life of Maria. Lord hear us.

**All: Lord hear our prayer**

*Ally Cengia:* The family and friends of Maria seek comfort and consolation. Let us pray that God will heal their pain and dispel the darkness and doubt that come from grief. Lord hear us.

**All: Lord hear our prayer**

*Chloe Cengia:* Those who trusted in the Lord now sleep in the Lord. Let us pray that all the faithful departed will find in God refreshment, rest, and peace. Lord hear us.

**All: Lord hear our prayer**

*Chiara Marinou:* For all of us assembled here to worship in faith, that we may be gathered together again in God's kingdom. Lord hear us.

**All: Lord hear our prayer**

*Lily Cengia:* For the Doctors, Palliative Care Nurses and Hospital Staff from Wonthaggi and Korumburra, who ministered to Maria, that their works of service may be richly blessed. Lord hear us.

**All: Lord hear our prayer**

*Olivia Marinou:* We pray for the members of Maria's Family, who have passed away, especially her parents Giovanni, Anna, her husband Georgio and her daughter Marcia. Lord hear us.

**All: Lord hear our prayer**

**Conclusion: Fr. Darren Howie**

**Almighty God, you are our strength and hope. Listen to the prayers of Your people and grant Maria the fullness of Your salvation in Jesus Christ who lives and reigns forever and ever.**

**Fr. Darren Howie**

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

**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 Howie**

Look with favour, O Lord,  
on Your servant Maria,  
for whom we offer You this sacrifice of praise,  
humbly entreating that, reconciled with you through these devoted  
offices, she may merit to rise again to life.

Through Christ our Lord.

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.**

**Preface: Fr. Darren Howie**

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

For as one alone he accepted death,  
so that we might all escape from dying;  
as one man he chose to die,  
so that in Your sight we might live for ever.

And so, in company with the choirs of Angels,  
we praise you, and with joy we proclaim:

**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: No 3

### The Mystery of Faith

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

### The Communion Rite

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.

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:** 'Galilee Song'

**Communion Reflection:** 'Ave Maria'

**Prayer After Communion:** Fr. Darren Howie

As we receive these heavenly gifts,  
we give you thanks, O Lord,  
and humbly pray that the soul of your servant Maria,  
freed through your Son's Passion from the bonds of sin,  
may come happily into your presence.  
Through Christ our Lord

**Final Commendation:** Fr. Darren Howie

**Prayer of Farewell:**

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

Saints of God, come to her aid!

Hasten to meet her, 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 her O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon her. *(R)*

**Recessional Song:** 'Be Not Afraid'

**Wonthaggi Cemetery**

**Carry Over Song:** 'Amazing Grace' (instrumental)

**Lowering Song:** Bell ringing is a final tribute from Maria's home town  
San Donato on the day she passed away.





Maria's family would like to thank you for all your love and support and for being here today.

You are all welcome to join the family for refreshments at the Wonthaggi Bowls Club, Billson Street following the burial at Wonthaggi Cemetery.