

ANTONIA BUSUTTIL

Born to this life 17th May 1947

Entered eternal life 14th February 2021

Funeral Mass offered at

Queen of Peace Catholic Church
Everingham Road & Queen Street,
Altona Meadows

Thursday 25th February, 2021

Priest

Fr John

Cemetery

Altona Memorial Park, Wattle Lawn

Gathering Song: Ave Maria

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

Blessing with Holy Water

Eulogy

Joey Busuttil

Chanel Callea

Opening Prayer

Fr John: 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 Antonia, who has gone to her rest in Christ, may share in the joy of his Resurrection. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD.

First Reading

Gabi Filipovski

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the
Corinthians 5:1.6-10

We know that when the tent that we live in on earth
is folded up, there is a house built by God for us, an
everlasting home not made by human hands, in the
heavens.

We are always full of confidence, then, when we remember
that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord,
going as we do by faith and not by sight – we are full of
confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the
body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we
are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on
pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought
out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what
he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.
The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Rachael Mallia

Response: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

All: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1. The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom shall I
shrink? (R.)

2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long, to
live in the house of the Lord, all the days of my life, to
savour the sweetness of the Lord, to behold his temple.
(R.)

3. O Lord, hear my voice when I call; have mercy and
answer. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your
face. (R.)

4. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of
the living. Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in
the Lord!

Gospel Acclamation

All: Glory and Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ. Happy are
those who have died in the Lord. Let them rest from their
labours for their good deeds go with them. Glory and praise
to you Lord Jesus Christ

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 5:1-
12

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 in heart: they shall see God.
Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons and daughters 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.

Homily

Prayers of the Faithful

Julie Desira
Rosie Callea
Pauline Gallea
Madison Desira

Fr John: God, almighty Father, raised Christ, his Son, from the dead; with confidence we ask him to save all his people, living and dead.

1. We thank you God for the blessings that was Antonia. We remember her with great love and admiration. Our lives have been enriched by her presence. Her generous heart and bright smile will be cherished forever by all whom she has touched. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Fr John: 2. We pray for Antonia's children and their partners, may they always feel her guidance and continue to speak to her in their journey through life. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Fr John: 3. We give thanks for Antonia's brothers, sisters and their families. We are thankful for all the love and support they have shown Antonia. May they always treasure the many celebrations and memories with her throughout her wonderful lifetime. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Fr John: 4. We are thankful to all the careers who supported Antonia. Without their acts of service, our greater community would be unable to provide the wonderful level of care received. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Fr John: 5. Amidst our sorrow, we celebrate and take special knowledge that Antonia is now gathered around the Lord's table, sharing in the gift of eternal life with her family members who have gone before us. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Fr John: 6. For all of us gathered here, may the love of Antonia remain always within our hearts and minds. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Fr John: Trusting in the gift of eternal life we have placed these prayers before our God. This we ask through Christ our Lord. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Procession

Doris Bonavia

Lorry Grioli

Katie Zahra

Trease Pace

Fr John: Pray 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

Prayer over the Gifts

Fr John: Almighty God we give you thanks for the nourishment of the Eucharist. May these gifts of bread and wine nourish our faith as we remember Antonia who has been called to your table in heaven. This we ask through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

Fr John: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Fr John: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

All: It is right and just

Fr John: 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. For as one alone he accepted death, so that we might all escape from dying, as one man who chose to die, so that in your sight we all might live forever. 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

Acclamation

Fr John: The mystery of faith.

All: We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

COMMUNION RITE

Fr John: 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.

Fr John: 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.

Fr John: 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.

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

All: And with your spirit.

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.

Fr John: 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 Hymns: The Lord is My Shepherd
Beneath my Wings

Slide presentation

FINAL PRAYER AND COMMENDATION

Fr John: Before we go our separate ways, let us take leave of our sister. May our farewell express our affection for her, may it ease our sadness and strengthen our hope. One day we shall joyfully greet her again when the love of Christ, which conquers all things, destroying death itself.

Sprinkling with Holy Water and blessing with Incense

Fr John: 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.

Fr John: 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.

Fr John: 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

Fr John: Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our sister Antonia in the sure and certain hope that, together with all who have died in Christ, she will rise with him on the last day.

Merciful Lord, turn towards 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 our sister for ever. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

Fr John: In peace let us take our sister to her place of rest.

Recessional Song.

Pull Bearers:

Mark Busuttill

Leon Busuttill

Anthony Callea

Mitchell Busuttill

Sam Callea

Chanel Callea







