

A REQUIEM MASS FOR THE ETERNAL REPOSE
OF THE SOUL OF

Ignatius Sultana

‘Louie’



Born 28 September 1944, *Xaghra Gozo Malta*
Entered Eternal Life 5 January 2024, *Lismore Australia*

Aged 79 years

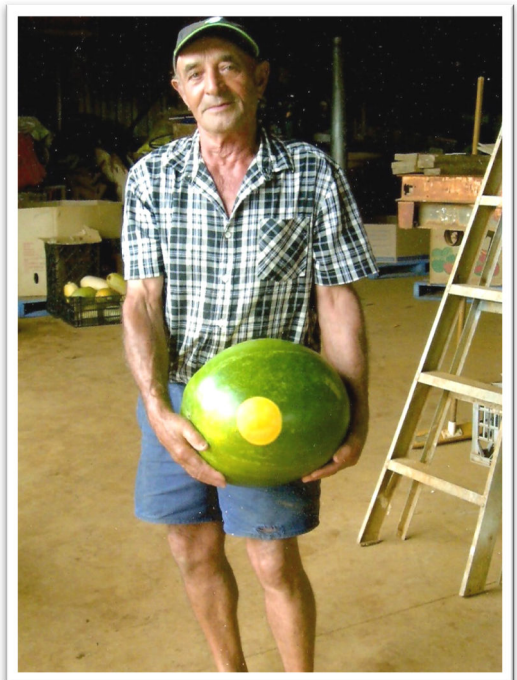


Funeral Mass

Thursday 18 January 2024
Our Lady of the Rosary Church
Alstonville

Pallbearers

Mario Azzopardi
Joseph Sultana
Charlie Sultana
Jeffrey Sultana
Francis Sultana
Phil Sultana



Order of Mass



Entrance Hymn
Amazing Grace | Harry Secombe

Welcome

Sprinkling With Holy Water

The coffin is sprinkled with Holy Water as a reminder of Louie's baptism and initiation into the community of faith.

Placing of the Pall

The pall, a sign of Christian dignity is a reminder of the garment given at baptism and therefore signifying life in Christ that Louie shared with the Lord through baptism.

It also signifies that all are equal in the eyes of God.

Paschal Candle

The Easter candle reminds us of Christ's undying presence among his faithful people. It symbolises his victory over sin and death and our share in that victory by virtue of our initiation through baptism.

The Sacred Scriptures

The Sacred Scriptures are placed on the coffin as a sign that Christians live by the Word of God and that fidelity to that Word leads to eternal life.

The Cross

The cross is a reminder that the Christian is marked by the cross in baptism and through Jesus' suffering on the cross we are brought to the victory of his resurrection.

Placing of Photo of Louie

Opening Prayer

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

A reading from the first letter of St John 3: 1 - 2

Reader: Anne Dimech

Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him." This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord Is My Shepherd | Harry Secombe

Gospel Acclamation

(please stand to greet the Gospel)

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!

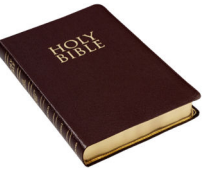
Gospel Reading

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Priest: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John 14: 1 - 6

All: Glory to you Lord.



Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going you know the way. Thomas said to him, "master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the Way and the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Prayers of the Faithful

Readers: Georgina, Rita, Louise and Ann-Marie

Priest: 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 Louie, who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that he now takes his place in the company of the saints. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

For the family and friends of our brother, Louie, that they may be consoled in their grief by the Lord who wept at the death of his friend, Lazarus. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

For our deceased relatives and friends and for all who have helped us, especially the palliative care staff at Lismore Base Hospital, that they may have the reward of their goodness. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

For Louie's family members who have gone before us, especially his late wife Grace, brothers Jerry and Michael and parents Carmel and Lewis. We also pray for those who are sick within his family. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

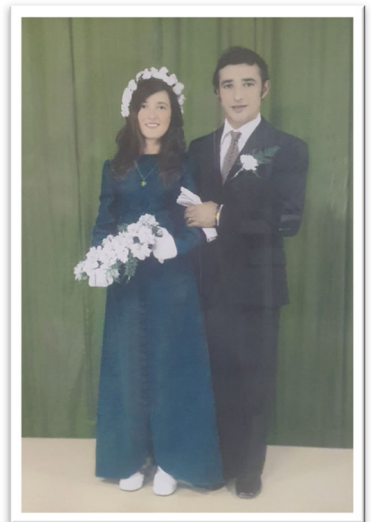
Priest: God, our shelter and strength, you listen in love to the cry of your people. Hear the prayers we offer for our departed brother, Louie. Cleanse him of his sins and grant him the fullness of redemption. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Offertory Procession

Offertory Hymn

Prayer Over The Gifts



LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Eucharistic Prayer

Communion Rite

The Lord's Prayer

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. Amen.

The Sign of Peace



Communion Hymn

Ave Maria | Andre Rieu

Eulogy

Joseph Sultana and Charlie Sultana

Photographic Tribute

FINAL COMMENDATION AND FAREWELL

Song of Farewell

Priest: Saints of God, come to his aid! Hasten to meet him, angels of the Lord!

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

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

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

Priest: Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

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

Recessional Song

Time To Say Goodbye | Andrea Bocelli and Sarah Brightman





Loving Husband of 46 years to Grace (dec)

Devoted father to Charlie and Joseph

Adored Son of Carmel and Lewis

*Dearest brother of Therese, Jerry (dec), Esther, Joseph, George,
Rosa, Rita, Emmanuel and Michael (dec)*

Treasured by all his relatives and friends near and far



Sincere Thanks

*The Sultana Family wish to sincerely thank everyone
who attended today and all who have offered their prayers
and loving support to the family in so many different ways.*