Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of

Caterina "Cathy" Cannata

8 November 1948 - 20 November 2025

Mass offered ~St Anthony's Capuchin Friary Catholic Church Hawthorn
Friday 28 November 2025

Priest ~ Fr. James Grant

Music ~ Nadia and Sean ~Vocalist and Accompanist (Pianist)
Music for Funerals

ENTRANCE HYMN: *(please stand)*

Ave Maria

Ave Maria
Che ci proteggi di lassu'
A te rivolgiamo la preghiera
Perche la mamma del cielo sei tu
Tutti noi chiediamo in ginocchio
cosi' Il perdono daGesu
Quaggiu' noi siamo peccatori
Ma tu sei buona e ci saiguidar

Fai che il bene entri nel nostro cuor
Perche' la fonte del bene sei tu
Ave Maria
Ave Maria.

ANTIPHON:

All: **Give them eternal rest, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.**
Celebrant: In the name of the Father †, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
All: **Amen**

GREETING: *(please be seated)*

Celebrant: 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.**

EULOGY: Lina and Cathy's Grandchildren

SPRINKLING WITH HOLY WATER: *Fr James Grant*

Celebrant: In the waters of baptism, Cathy died with Christ and rose with Him to a new life. May she now share with Him in eternal glory.
All: **Amen.**

PLACING OF WHITE PALL: *Charles and Dom*

Celebrant: At her baptism, Cathy received the new garment, and was asked to wear it spotlessly throughout her life. May the Lord not look on any wrong that she may have done during his life, but rather look upon his faithfulness to her God and his love for her family and friends.

OPENING PRAYER: *(please stand)*
Celebrant: Almighty God, our Father, we firmly believe that your Son died and rose to life. We pray for our sister Cathy, who has died in Christ. Raise her to share the glory of the risen Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
All: **Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD: *(please be seated) – Joanne*
A reading from the book of Wisdom (3, 1-6.9)
The souls of the virtuous are in the hands of God, no torment shall ever touch them. In the eyes of the unwise, they did appear to die, their going looked like a disaster, their leaving us, like annihilation; but they are in peace. If they experienced punishment as poeple see it, their hope was rich with immortality; slight was their affliction, great will their blessings be. God has put them to the test and proved them worthy to be with him; he has tested them like gold in a furnace, and accepted them as a holocaust. They who trust in him will understand the truth, those who are faithful will live with him in love; for grace and mercy await those he has chosen.
The Word of the Lord
All: **Thanks be to God**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (PSALM 23) *(Sung)*

The Lord is My Shepherd

The Lord is my Shepherd, and I want to follow,
Wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.
Over the mountains, the waters and by-ways,
Valleys and highways he's waiting for me.

I want to go to meet him there,
To lay myself down in his love.
The Lord is my shepherd, and I want to follow,
Wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.

And while on the journey to where we are going,
He promised to be there to help us along.
And over the mountains we'll walk on together,
To know all the wonders he's given to me.

I want to go to meet him there,
To lay myself down in his love.
The Lord is my shepherd, and I want to follow,
Wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *(please stand)*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord,
He who believes in me will not die forever.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

GOSPEL: – *Fr James Grant*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
All: **And with your Spirit.**
Celebrant: † A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John (14:1-6).
All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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: *(please be seated) – Fr James Grant*

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: *(please stand) - Breanna and Alex*
Celebrant: For our sister Cathy. Let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ, who said "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, shall never die".
*All***: Lord, hear our prayer**

Reader: You wept at the grave of Lazarus your friend, comfort us in our sorrow. Lord, hear us.
*All***: Lord, hear our prayer**

Reader: You raised the dead to life: give to our sister Cathy eternal life.
Lord, hear us.
*All***: Lord, hear our prayer**

Reader: You promised paradise to the repentant thief: bring Cathy to the joys of heaven
Lord, hear us.
*All***: Lord, hear our prayer**

Reader: Our sister Cathy was washed in baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit: give her fellowship with all the saints.
Lord, hear us.
All: **Lord, hear our prayer**

Reader: She was nourished with your body and your blood at the table of the Lord: welcome her to the halls of the heavenly kingdom.
Lord, hear us.
All: **Lord, hear our payer**

Reader: Comfort us in our sorrow at the death of Cathy. Let our faith be our consolation and eternal life our hope
Lord, hear us.
All: **Lord, hear our payer**

Celebrant: God, our shelter and our strength, you listen 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 fullness of redemption. We ask you this through Christ our Lord.
All: **Amen**

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST *(please be seated)*

Offertory of Gifts – *Breanna and Corey*
Offertory Hymn – '*Amazing Grace'*

Amazing Grace,how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,And grace, my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appearThe hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toilsand snaresI have already come:
'Tis gracehasbrought me safe thus far,And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me.His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be,As long as life endures.

Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail,And mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess within the veil,A life of joy and peace.

When we've been here ten thousand years,Bright shining as the sun.
We've no less days to sing God's praise,Than when we've first begun.

PREPARATION OF GIFTS:
Celebrant: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.
All: **Blessed be God for ever.**

Celebrant: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.
All: **Blessed be God for ever.**

Celebrant: Pray, brethren, 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.** *(stand)*

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS:

Celebrant: Lord, receive the gifts we offer for the salvation of Cathy. May Christ be merciful in judging our sister Cathy, for she believed in Christ as her Lord and Saviour. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
All: **Amen.**

Preface
Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
All: **And with your Spirit.**
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
All: **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: **It is right and just.**

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 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.** *(please kneel or sit)*

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER:

Celebrant: 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.
Celebrant: The Mystery of Faith:
All (Sung): **When we eat this bread, and drink this cup we proclaim your death Oh Lord, until you come again, until you come again.**

Celebrant: 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 Leo our Pope and Peter 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 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 your will 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.** *(please stand)*

COMMUNION RITE

LORD'S PRAYER:
Celebrant: 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.

Celebrant: 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.**

Celebrant: 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.**
Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
All: **And with your Spirit.**
Celebrant: Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

COMMUNION
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 or sit)

Celebrant: 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

'Viaggio Nella Vita'

VERSE: Avevo tanta voglia di viaggiare.
Timi dicesti "vai" ed io partii.
Lascai dietro di me un vecchio mondo
Al(alla)nuovo(a)amico(a)mio(a)pensaci tu.

CHORUS:Prendimi per mano, Dio mio,
Guidami nel mondo a modo tuo.
La strada è tanto lunga e tanto dura,
Però con te nel cuor non ho paura.

VERSE: Io sono ancora giovane Signore,
Manonsonotanto(a)vecchio(a) dentro il cuore.
Le cose in cui credevo mi han deluso(a),
Io cerco solo amore e libertà.

CHORUS:

VERSE: Un giorno mi han proposto un altroviaggio
Il cuore mi diceva "non partire".
Quelgiorno ero triste e me ne andai,
La strada per tornar non trovo più.

CHORUS:

VERSE: Per mevicina è ormai la grande sera,
Il sole muore verso l'orizzonte.
Io sento cheil tuo regno è più vicino
Son pronto(a)per il viaggio mio con Te

CHORUS:

'I'll Be Always Loving You'

VERSE:I am here with you by your side,
Sheltering your heart from the night.

CHORUS: Wherever you go, whatever you do,
I'll be always loving you.

VERSE: Let me love the world through your heart,
Let me heal your wounds with my touch.

CHORUS: Wherever you go, whatever you do,
I'll be always loving you.

BRIDGE:I will be your God your comforter. I will hold you close in my heart.

VERSE: Let me see the world through your eyes,
Let forgiveness shine through your smile.

CHORUS: Wherever you go, whatever you do,
I'll be always loving you.
Wherever you go, whatever you do,
I'll be always loving you.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

All: **May eternal light shine on them, O Lord, with all your saints for ever, for you are rich in mercy** *(Please Stand)*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant: 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.**

FINAL COMMENDATION

Celebrant: Trusting in God, we have prayed together for Cathy and now we come to the last farewell. There is sadness in parting, but we take comfort in the hope that one day we shall see Cathy again and enjoy her friendship. Although this congregation will disperse in sorrow, the mercy of God will gather s together again in the joy of his kingdom. Therefore let us console one another in he faith of Jesus Christ.
(The coffin is sprinkled with holy water & incensed)

SONG OF FAREWELL
Celebrant: 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**
Celebrant: 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**
Celebrant: 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**

Celebrant: 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 Cathy in this life: they are sings to us of your goodness and of our fellowship with the saints in Christ. Mericful Lord, turn to us and listen to our prayers: open the gates of paradise to your servant and help us who remain to comfort one another with the assurances of faith, until we all meet in Christ and are with you and with our sister for ever.
We ask this through Chist our Lord.
All: **Amen.**

All: **May the angels lead you into paradise, may the martyrs come to welcome you and take you into the holy city, the new and eternal Jerusalem. Eternal rest grant unto her, o Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.**

Procession *(from front of Church to back)*

RECESSIONAL HYMN ~ *'Mamma'*

Cathy will now be escorted from the church by the pallbearers and immediate family to the hearse if the congregation could please remain seated until instructed to move out row by row to offer condolences to family.

We will then move to the Monumental section, Lilydale Memorial Park Cemetery, 128 Victoria Rd, Lilydale for the burial.
Following the burial you are invited to share memories and refreshments with family at the Gardiners Run Golf Course. 130-132 Victoria Rd, Lilydale.

The family would like to thank all their family and friends
for the love and support during this sad time.

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and doctors at Waverley Valley Care Community for the care,
compassion and support they gave Cathy (mum) and
all the family in Cathy's final days.

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