

Celebrating the Life of

*Mary Grace Licciardo*



Born into this life 18.11.1925  
Born into Eternal Life 10.07.2025

Mass offered at  
St Peter's Catholic Church  
Bentleigh East

Wednesday 30th July 2025  
Priest Fr Raju Jacob



## **Welcoming Music**

*Prior to Mass*  
*‘Ave Maria’ - Andrea Bocelli*

## **Entrance Hymn**

*‘Morning Has Broken’ - Cat Stevens*

## **Welcome**

Donrita

## **Words of Remembrance**

Marisa and Kevin Crawshaw  
Rosetta and Tina Licciardo  
Diana Anderson

## **Photo Tribute**

*‘Mary In The Morning’ - Al Martino*  
*‘Come Back to Sorrento’ - Jack Jezzro*  
*‘Love Theme’ - from Cinema Paradiso*  
*- Ennio Morricone*

## **Placing of Symbols**

### ***Lighting the Paschal Candle***

Antony Cafarella and Lorenzo Cafarella

### ***Sprinkling Holy Water***

Fr Jacob

### ***Placing the White Cloth***

Mary-Angela Licciardo and Therese Harris

### ***Placing the Flowers***

Funeral Director

### ***Special Mementoes***

A portrait photo

Statuette of golden retrievers

A coffee pot and favourite cup

## Opening Prayer

God of life, from the beginning of time,  
you have loved Mary into life  
and drawn her deeper into your love.  
We thank you for Mary and her  
many gifts and we now give her back into your care.  
May we be comforted in the knowledge that she  
now lives in your love.

We make this prayer through Christ, our Lord.

**ALL: Amen.**

## First Reading

*Proverbs 31 :10-31*

Read by Annette Edney

### A reading from the book of Proverbs

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 works diligently, taking  
pride in her inner resources and strengths.  
She opens her heart to the needy, she is generous  
with the poor, yet she does not neglect her family's  
needs nor her own priorities. She is known for her dignity  
and strength and she laughs at the days to come.  
She speaks with wisdom and she teaches in a kindly way.  
Those who are close to her, praise her. May all value who  
she is and may all applaud her integrity.

The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God**

## **Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalm 25*

Read by Gina De Francesco

**Response: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.**

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:

For you are God my saviour.

**Response: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.**

Remember your mercy, Lord,

And the love you have shown from of old.

In your love remember me

Because of your goodness, O Lord.

**Response: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.**

Relieve the anguish of my heart

And set me free from my distress.

Preserve my life and rescue me.

Do not disappoint me, you are my refuge.

**Response: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.**

## **Gospel Greeting**

**Alleluia, Alleluia, blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Alleluia!**

**Gospel**

John 14:1-6  
Read by Fr Jacob

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

**All: Glory to you, 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 now going 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.

If you know me, you know my Father too.

From this moment you know him and have seen him.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Homily**

Fr Jacob

## **Prayers of the Faithful** Read by Antony Cafarella

**Fr Jacob:** God calls each of us to come to know the depths of God's love in the call. God gives to each of us.  
Let us pray for the strength to be faithful.

Today we entrust Mary into your loving care.  
Welcome her now into your heavenly home  
where she will know peace and happiness forever.  
Lord, hear us.

**All:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** We give thanks for Mary's long life and all the happy memories we shared with her and her devotion to her family and friends. May we draw strength to continue to live by her example with the love and kindness she gave to us all.  
Lord, hear us.

**All:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** We pray for all our family and friends who have gone before her. As we farewell Mary from this world, may they be waiting to welcome her with open arms.  
Lord, hear us.

**All:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** We thank you Lord for the wonderful assistance given by the Alfred Hospital, especially the Haematology Department and also thank the Freemasons Coppin Centre and Villa Maria O'Neill House for their care.  
Lord, hear us.

**All:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Fr Jacob:** Entrusting Mary into the loving care of our Mother,  
Let us pray - Hail Mary...

## **Preparation of the Gifts**

### **Hymn**

*'Ave Maria'*  
*- Instrumental - F. Schubert*

### **The gifts will be brought forward by**

Angela Cooper  
and Gina De Francesco

### **Communion Hymn**

*'Panis Angelicus' - Andrea Bocelli*

### **Prayers of Commendation**

Fr Jacob

### **Sprinkling Incense**

Fr Jacob

### **Song of Commendation**

*'Song of Farewell'*

### **Recessional Song**

*'Somewhere My Love'*  
*Laras Theme from Dr Zhivago*  
*- Andy Williams & 101 Strings*  
*Instrumental*



# **Pall Bearers**

Antony Cafarella  
Kevin Crawshaw  
Marino Bongiorno  
Lorenzo Cafarella  
Joe Natoli  
Martin Edney  
Paul Taranto

# *God's Garden*

*God looked around his garden  
And found an empty place.  
He then looked down upon the Earth  
And saw your smiling face.  
He put his arms around you  
And lifted you to rest.  
God's garden must be beautiful.  
He always takes the best.*

*He knew that you were tired  
And things just weren't the same.  
He knew that you would never  
Get well on Earth again.*

*He saw the road was getting rough  
And the hills were hard to climb  
So He closed your weary eyelids  
And whispered "Peace be thine!"*

*It broke our hearts to lose you  
But you didn't go alone  
For part of us went with You  
The day God called You home.*

*- Unknown*





*We would like to thank our family and  
friends for their support, love  
and prayers during this time.*

*Following Mass, the cortege will leave for burial  
at Cheltenham Memorial Park (off Reserve Rd).*

*We would like you to join us for refreshments  
at The Bridge Hotel, Nepean Room  
1-4 Nepean Highway, Mordialloc.*

*(Disabled Access front entrance, Nepean Highway.)*