

A CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF



Joe

GIUSEPPE SPADACCINI

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MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE LIFE OF

Joe

GIUSEPPE SPADACCINI

St Lawrence & Mary Immaculate Church,
Balcatta

Monday 18 August 2025 at 11.30am

CELEBRANTS

Fr Nino Vinciguerra
Fr Tadeusz Seremet SDS
Fr Adam Babimski

MUSIC

Ezereve



ENTRANCE HYMN

'Ave Maria' - Sung by Ezereve

GREETING

Fr Nino

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Cel: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Cel: 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.

BLESSING OF JOE'S CASKET AND PLACING OF PALL

Read by Father Nino as Michael, Paul, Robert and Adam come forward

Cel: As Joe's four sons now place this pall over their father's coffin, we are reminded of the day of his baptism, when he was clothed in the garment of new life in Christ. This simple white cloth is a powerful sign that, before God, all are equal, and that we share the same hope in the promise of the resurrection. In these moments, the pall becomes not only a symbol of faith, but also a tender act of love from Joe's sons to their father, entrusting him to God with the same dignity, grace and hope that marked his life.

CARNATION TRIBUTE - JOE'S GRANDCHILDREN

Read by Anna Spadaccini

Joseph, Aliah, Thomas, Allegra, Chiara, Eve and Xavier come forward

Anna: Today, nine red carnations will be placed in honour of Joe by his grandchildren.

Each flower is a symbol of memory, of love and of legacy.

The red carnation is a flower of admiration and deep affection.

As each grandchild comes forward, they carry not just a bloom, but a part of Joe's story - his strength, his humour, his guidance and the love he gave so freely.

These carnations represent the continuation of his life through theirs - his values, his spirit, and the bonds he helped shape within this family.

Together, they form a tribute not only to the Nonno they knew and loved, but to the legacy he leaves behind: strong, enduring and deeply anchored in love.

EULOGY

Adam Spadaccini (accompanied by siblings)

THE PENITENTIAL RITE

Cel: Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

(Brief pause for the examination of conscience)

All: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin all the Angels and Saints, and you my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Cel: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen.

Cel: Lord have mercy.

All: Lord have mercy.

Cel: Christ have mercy.

All: Christ have mercy.

Cel: Lord have mercy.

All: Lord have mercy.

OPENING PRAYER

(Please stand)

Cel: O God, almighty Father, our faith professes that your Son died and rose again; mercifully grant, that through this mystery your servant Joe, who has fallen asleep in Christ, may rejoice to rise again through him. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

(Please be seated)

Luisa Delli Benedetti

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah (25: 6-9)

The Lord will destroy death forever.

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of the richest food and the finest wine.

On this mountain, he will remove the morning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever.

The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek;

He will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God

In whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

'The Lord Is My Shepherd' - Sung by Ezereve

SECOND READING

Michael Spadaccini (Joe's nephew)

A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy (2 Timothy 4:5-8)

I have fought the good fight to the end, I have run the race to the finish.

The time is here for me to leave this life.

I have done my best in the race, I have run the full distance,
and I have kept the faith. And now there is waiting for me the victory
prize of being put right with God, which the Lord, the righteous Judge,
will give me on that Day — and not only to me, but to all those who
wait with love for Him to appear.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(Please stand)

All: Alleluia! Alleluia!

I am the resurrection and the life, said the Lord;
He who believes in me will not die for ever.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING

Cel: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Cel: 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.

Believe in God, believe also in me.

In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places.

If it were not so, would I have told you

that I go to prepare a place for you?

And if I go and prepare a place for you,

I will come again and will take you to myself,

so that where I am, there you may be also.

And you know the way to the place where I am going.”

Thomas said to him, “Lord, 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

HOMILY

(Please be seated)





PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

(Please stand)

Maria Mancini

Maria Spadaccini

Cel: For our dear Joe, Let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said
"I am the resurrection and the life, whoever believes in me,
shall never die."

Maria Mancini:

In baptism Joe received the light of Christ. We ask God to scatter the darkness now and lead him over the waters of death to eternal life.

We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Maria Mancini:

We thank God for the gift and privilege of knowing Joe and thank him for his strength, determination, his joy and his laughter, that he brought into our lives.

We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Maria Mancini:

We pray for Joe's wife Lina, his family and friends who seek comfort and consolation. We ask the Lord to heal their pain and dispel the darkness and doubt that comes from grief, that they take inspiration from remembering Joe's goodness and blessings he brought into their lives.

We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Maria Spadaccini:

We pray for eternal rest for Joe who lived as a dedicated son, devoted brother, cherished husband, loving father and Nonno. May he be held in God's loving care.

We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Maria Spadaccini:

We give thanks to Dr Angelo Carbone, doctors, nurses and health professionals who provided care to Joe throughout his life and especially in his final years.

We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Maria Spadaccini:

May the Lord Jesus welcome those who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again. Especially the much-loved family and friends of Joe, that they may see God face to face.

We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Cel: God, our shelter and our strength, you listened to the cry of your people. Hear the prayers we offer on behalf of Joe and for all our departed brothers and sisters. Cleanse them of their sins and grant them the fullness of redemption.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

(Please be seated)

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

*Our gifts are brought forward to the Altar by
Maria Spadaccini and Kristy Spadaccini*

OFFERTORY HYMN

'Panis Angelicus' - Sung by Ezereve

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

(Please stand)

Cel: As we humbly present to you these sacrificial offerings, O Lord, for the salvation of your servant Joe, we beseech your mercy, that he, who did not doubt your Son to be a loving Saviour, may find in Him a merciful judge.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Cel: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Cel: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Cel: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right and just.

PREFACE

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)

THE MYSTERY OF FAITH

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

Cel: 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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Please stand)

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.

Cel: 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 forever.

THE SIGN OF PEACE

Cel: 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 him
peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and
reign for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Cel: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And with your spirit.

Cel: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

LAMB OF GOD

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)

Cel: Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him who takes away the sins
of the world. Blessed are those who are 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.

HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION MUSIC

'Hallelujah' - Sung by Ezereve

COMMUNION REFLECTION

'Amazing Grace' - Sung by Ezereve

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

(Please stand)

Cel: 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 brother Joe, who shared in this Eucharist come to the banquet of life Christ has prepared for us. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

REFLECTION

Joseph, Aliah, Thomas, Allegra, Chiara, Eve and Xavier come forward

PHOTOGRAPHIC PRESENTATION

'L'Appuntamento' - Ornella Vanoni

'My Way' - Frank Sinatra

FINAL COMMENDATION AND FAREWELL

Cel: Our brother Joe has fallen asleep in Christ. Confident in our hope of eternal life, let us commend him to the loving mercy of our Father and let our prayers go with him. He was adopted as God's son in baptism and was nourished at the table of the Lord; may he now inherit the promise of eternal life and take his place at the table of God's children in heaven.

Let us pray also on our own behalf, that we who now mourn and are saddened may one day go forth with our brother to meet the Lord of life when he appears.

Let us pray.

PRAYER OF COMMENDATION

Cel: Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our brother Joe in the sure and certain hope that, together with all who have died in Christ, he will rise with him on the last day.

We give you thanks for the blessings which you bestowed upon Joe in this life: they are signs to us of your goodness and of our fellowship with the saints in Christ.

Merciful Lord, turn toward 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 brother for ever.

All: Amen.

RECESSIONAL MUSIC

'Here I Am Lord' - Sung by Ezereve



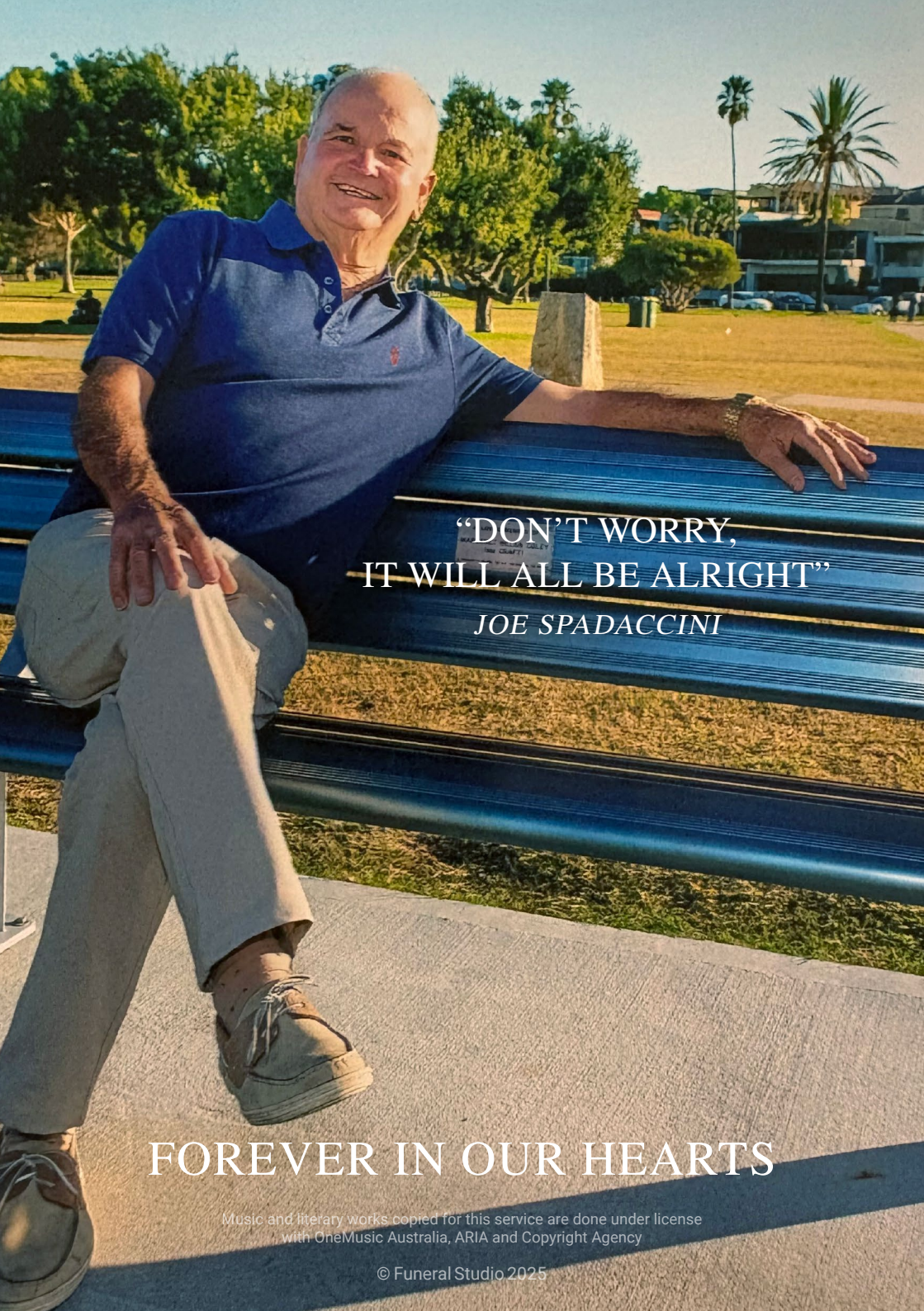
Thank You

We extend our sincere gratitude for the prayers, messages and support we have received during this difficult time. Your kindness has brought us comfort and strength as we farewell our much-loved husband, father and Nonno.

A special and deeply heartfelt acknowledgment must be made to our mother, Lina. Your unwavering devotion, care and quiet sacrifice over these past years have been a true embodiment of love, loyalty and grace. The dignity and comfort with which our father was surrounded in his final years is a direct reflection of your strength and selflessness.

The love and commitment you both shared are at the foundation of our family. It is an example of the principles of devotion and loyalty on which we continue to build our lives, and it is a legacy we will honour always.

Michael, Paul, Robert, Adam and Families

A photograph of a middle-aged man with short grey hair, smiling warmly. He is wearing a blue polo shirt with a small red logo on the chest and light-colored trousers. He is sitting on a blue metal bench, leaning back with his right arm resting on the bench's backrest and his left hand on his lap. The background shows a grassy area with trees and a building under a clear sky.

“DON’T WORRY,
IT WILL ALL BE ALRIGHT”

JOE SPADACCINI

FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS

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