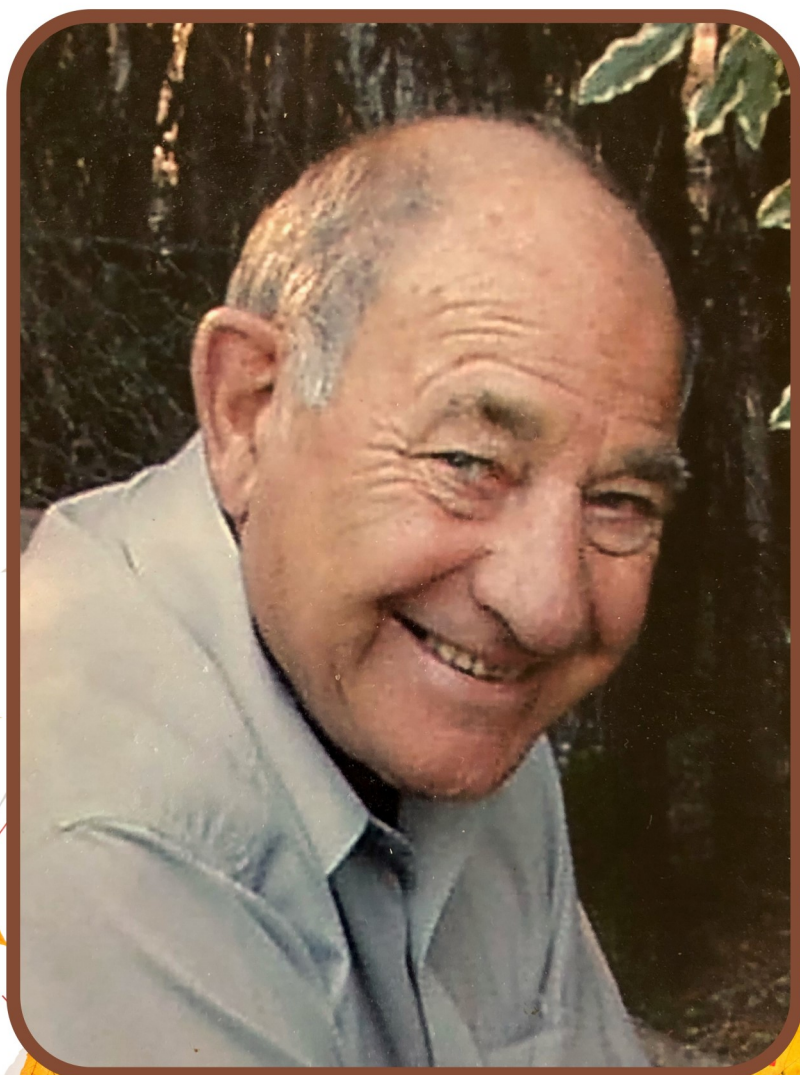


Funeral Prayers for
Silvio (Joe) Ferdinando
Bagnara
28.10.1932- 20.2.2021



Funeral Prayers
St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Wonthaggi
on Wednesday 24th February, 2021 - 2.00pm

Father Darren Howie

ORDER OF SERVICE

Entrance Hymn: 'Here I am Lord'

Eulogy: Maree Bagnara

(All please stand)

Opening Prayer: Father Darren Howie

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 Joe, who has gone to his rest in Christ, may share in the joy of his resurrection.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen

(Please be seated)

First Reading: read by David Bagnara

Ecclesiastes 3:1-4

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance"

The Word of the Lord

All: thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm: 'The Lord is My Shepherd' (sung)

Second Reading: read by Gerard Bagnara

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God."

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

(All please stand)

Gospel Acclamation: Father Darren Howie

All: Alleluia, Alleluia!

Come, you whom my Father has blessed, says the Lord; Inherit the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world.

All: Alleluia!

Gospel: Father Darren Howie

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

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

(Please be seated)

Homily: Father Darren Howie

Prayers of the Faithful:

God, the Almighty Father raised Jesus His Son from the dead; with confidence we place these prayers before him.

Elizabeth McDermott

For Dad, we pray in gratitude to God for giving us our much loved and loving husband, father and Grandbags and for the wonderful life he lived and shared with us all.

Lord hear our prayer

All: Lord hear our prayer

We pray for Marge, Maree, David, Elizabeth and Gerard and our families. May they continue to be enriched by Dad's strong character and achievements during his busy life.

Lord hear our prayer

All: Lord hear our prayer

We pray for those who cared for Dad with compassion and understanding during he's failing health and particularly over the last challenging 12 months we thank you.

Lord hear our prayer

All: Lord hear our prayer

We pray for all those who have gone before him. May he rejoice at his reunion with them and enjoy the fullness of eternal life together.

Lord hear our prayer

All: Lord hear our prayer

We pray for all our friends and family who are gathered here today to celebrate Dad's life and give solace to them all.

Lord hear our prayer

All: Lord hear our prayer

We pray that God will receive our praise and thanksgiving for the life of Joe.

Lord hear our prayer

All: Lord hear our prayer

Conclusion:

Father Darren Howie

Almighty God You are our strength and hope. Listen to the prayers of Your people and grant Joe the fullness of Your salvation in Jesus Christ who lives and reigns forever and ever.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen**The Lord's Prayer: (All)**

Our Father, who art in heaven,

Hallowed be thy name;

Thy kingdom come;

Thy will be done on earth as 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.

Final Commendation: Father Darren Howie**Prayer of Farewell:****Response: Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.**

Saints of God, come to his aid!

Hasten to meet him, angels of the Lord! **(R)**

May Christ, who called you, take you to himself;

may angels lead you to the bosom of Abraham. **(R)**

Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord,

and let perpetual light shine upon him. **(R)**

Final Song: 'Hail Queen of Heaven'



God's Garden

God looked around his garden
and found an empty place,
He looked down upon the earth
and saw your tired 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 suffering,
he knew you were in pain,
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.



Marge and family would like to thank you for your love, support, prayers and for being here today.

You are invited to the Wonthaggi Golf Club (Clubhouse), Dr. Sleeman Drive for refreshments and sharing memories of Joe following the burial at Wonthaggi Cemetery.