

Funeral Prayers for
the repose of the soul of

Armando Romano

16 August 1947 ~ 29 January 2026



Mano





St John's Catholic Church, Trafalgar
Friday 6 February 2026 ~ 11.30 am

Celebrant

Father Bernard Buckley

OPENING HYMN:

(Please stand)

"The Galilee Song" Roseanna Gallo

Deep within my heart I feel, voices whispering to me.
Words that I can't understand, meanings I can't clearly hear!
Calling me to follow close, lest I leave myself behind!
Calling me to walk into, evening shadows one more time!

Refrain: So I leave my boats behind!
Leave them on familiar shores!
Set my heart upon the deep!
Follow you again, my Lord!

In my memories I know, how you send familiar rains
Falling gently on my days, dancing patterns on my pain!
And I need to learn once more, in the fortress of my mind,
To believe in falling rain, as I travel deserts dry!

Refrain

As I gaze into the night, down the future of my years,
I'm not sure I want to walk, past horizons that I know!
But I feel my spirit called, like a stirring deep within,
Restless, 'til I live again, beyond the fears that close me in!

Refrain x 2

GREETING & WELCOME:

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

All: *Amen.*

Fr: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: *And with your spirit.*

PENITENTIAL ACT:

Fr: Lord Jesus, you were raised to life by the Father.
Lord, have mercy.

All: *Lord, have mercy.*

Fr: Christ Jesus, you are the first-born from the dead.
Christ, have mercy.

All: *Christ, have mercy.*

Fr: Lord Jesus, you are our source of eternal life.
Lord, have mercy.

All: *Lord, have mercy.*

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

All: *Amen.*

LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE:

Eli & Ashton Romano

Fr: In baptism, Mano received the light of Christ.
That light has guided him throughout his life.
May he now enjoy the risen life with his risen Lord.

All: *Amen.*

OPENING PRAYER:

Fr: God of all consolation, open our hearts to your word,
so that, listening to it, we may comfort one another,
finding light in time of darkness and faith in time of doubt.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: *Amen.*

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE:

(Please sit)

Adrian Romano & Chiara Romano
Tribute from Italy read by Charlie Calafiore

PHOTO TRIBUTE & REFLECTION MUSIC:

“Rose Rosse” *Massimo Ranieri*

“What A Wonderful World” *Louis Armstrong*

“Il Mondo” *Patrizio Buanne*



FIRST READING: Nella Di Sisto

A Reading from the book of Wisdom (3:1-9)

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 men see it, their hope is
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: Karla Tanguzzo

Karla: The Response is:
The Lord is my Shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

All: *The Lord is my Shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

Karla: The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.

All: *The Lord is my Shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

Karla: He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort.

All: *The Lord is my Shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

Karla: You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.

All: *The Lord is my Shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

Karla: Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house
shall I dwell for ever and ever.

All: *The Lord is my Shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

Please stand to welcome the Gospel

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

All: *Alleluia, Alleluia!*
*‘Rejoice and be glad,
your reward will be great in heaven’.*
Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

Fr: The Lord be with you.

All: *And with your spirit.*

Fr: A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.
(5:1-12)

All: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

Fr: Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill.
There he sat down and was joined by his disciples.
Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:
‘How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of
heaven. Happy the gentle; they shall have the earth for
their heritage. Happy those who mourn; they shall be
comforted. Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is
right; they shall be satisfied. Happy the merciful; they shall
have mercy shown them. Happy the pure in heart; they
shall see God. Happy the peacemakers; they shall be called
children of God. Happy those who are persecuted in the
cause of right; theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy are
you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak
all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice
and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

HOMILY

(Please sit)

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:

Laura Packham & Ally Smaniotto

Fr: For our brother Mano, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said: 'I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me shall live even in death and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.'

Laura: Lord, we give thanks for the life of Uncle Mano, beloved Husband, Father, Nonno, Brother, Uncle and friend.

Lord, hear us.

All: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Laura: Lord, we pray for Uncle Mano's family and friends. May their sorrow be eased in knowing that he is resting peacefully and that his suffering has ended.

Lord, hear us.

All: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Laura: Lord, we pray for all who are gathered here, and for those overseas, interstate or who cannot be with us today. We are thankful for the love and support of family and friends throughout Uncle Mano's life and during this difficult time.

Lord, hear us.

All: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Ally: Lord, we pray for the souls of our dearly departed family and friends who have gone before us. We place them in Your loving care, thankful for their lives and the love they gave. May they rest in eternal peace, and may their memory remain a blessing to us.

Lord, hear us.

All: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Ally: Lord, we pray for the Doctors and Nurses that cared for Uncle Mano, especially over the past months. We give thanks to the LCHS Home Support team and the West Gippsland District Nursing team, who supported Aunty Rosie in being able to care for Uncle Mano at home. Bless them as they continue to bring comfort and healing to all those in their care.

Lord, hear us.

All: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Fr: God of power and love, you made us not for death but for eternal life. Let the splendour of Christ's resurrection scatter the shadows of death, and cause the radiance of eternity to shine upon us.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: *Amen.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

Fr: 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.***

FINAL COMMENDATION

INVITATION TO PRAYER:

Fr: Before we go our separate ways,
let us take leave of our brother Mano.

May our farewell express our affection for him; may it ease our sadness and strengthen our hope. One day we shall joyfully greet him again when the love of Christ, which conquers all things, destroys even death itself.

SPRINKLING WITH BLESSED WATER:

Fr: We use this Holy Water, and call on the Lord Jesus to welcome Mano into the glory of eternal life.

INCENSING OF MANO'S CASKET:

Fr: As a sign of respect for Mano, we let this Incense rise to God, who called him to share in His Glory.

SONG OF FAREWELL:

Fr: 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.*

Fr: Mano, 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.*

Fr: 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.*

PRAYER OF COMMENDATION:

Fr: Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our brother Mano 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 Mano 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 assurances of faith, until we all meet in Christ and are with you and with our brother for ever.

Fr: In peace let us take our brother, Mano, to his place of rest.

RECESSIONAL SONGS:

“My Way” Frank Sinatra

“Paese” Nicola Di Bari



Photo Bearer

Ashton Romano

Casket Bearers

*Adrian Romano, Eli Romano, Sam Romano,
Nello Romano, Sam Carpinteri & Lino Giardina*



Our family would like to convey our sincerest appreciation and heartfelt thanks to all who have joined us today and to all who have expressed their love, prayers and support during our time of sorrow.

You are warmly invited to join the family for refreshments and share memories of Mano at The Turfside Function Centre of the Moe Racing Club 2 Waterloo Road, Moe, following the Burial Service at the Trafalgar Cemetery.