

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
Salvatore (Sammy) Prestipino



26th of June, 1934 - 5th of December, 2022

Sacred Heart Church, Morwell
Monday 19th of December, 2022 at 1pm



FUNERAL MASS OFFERED FOR
Salvatore Prestipino

(AKA SAMMY, TORIDO, POPPY, SAM)

Born in Calatabiano, Sicilia, Italia
26th of June, 1934

Dearly loved husband of:
Angelina Prestipino, dec.

Cherished father of:
Josephine, Cosimo, Filipina and Alfio

Respected and loved father in-law of:
Sam, Enes, Tony and Donna

Cherished Nonno of:
**Michael, Daniel, Laura, Adrian, Elissa,
Monique, Gianni, Jacob, Riley and Kiana**

Loving Great-Grandfather of:
Anthony and Evelyn

Priest

Fr James Fernandez

Pall Bearers

Alfi Prestipino	Cosi Prestipino
Riley Prestipino	Jacob Prestipino
Sam Barbagallo	Tony Salvatore
Michael Barbagallo	Adrian Salvatore

Photo Holders

Daniel Barbagallo	Gianni Salvatore
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Offertory

Laura Barbagallo	Elissa Mills
Monique Prestipino	Kiana Prestipino

MUSICIANS/VOCALIST

Marie D'Alia, Maria & Allan Williams and Sacred Heart Choir

ENTRANCE HYMN

Ave Maria by Maria Williams

Welcome

EULOGY

Josie, Così, Filipina and Alfi

MEMORIAL PHOTO PRESENTATION

L'italiano by Toto Cutugno

The Prayer by Céline Dion & Andrea Bocelli

INTRODUCTORY RITES

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

All: **Amen.**

Fr James: 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.**

LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

Tony Salvatore

Fr James: In Baptism, Sammy received the light of Christ. He walked as a child of the light and kept the flame of faith alive in his heart.

All: **May it now lead him into Eternal Life.**

SPRINKLING WITH HOLY WATER

Fr James: In the waters of Baptism, Sammy died with Christ and rose with Him into Eternal life.
All: **May it now lead him into Eternal Life.**

PLACING OF THE WHITE PALL

Josie Barbagallo & Filipina Salvatore

Fr James: On the day of his Baptism Sammy was clothed in Christ and given a Christian dignity forever.
All: **May it now lead him into Eternal Life.**

Fr James: May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.
All: **Amen.**

OPENING PRAYER

Fr James: God of mercy, look kindly on your servant Sammy Prestipino who has set down the burden of his years. As he served you faithfully throughout his life, may you give him the fullness of your peace and joy. We give thanks for the life of Sam, now caught up in your eternal love. We make our prayer in the name of Jesus who is our risen Lord now and for ever.
All: **Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please be seated



FIRST READING

Enes Prestipino



A reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes 3: 1-16

Everything that happens in the world
happens at the time God chooses.

He sets the time for birth and the time for death.

A time for planting and the time for pulling up.

A time for tearing down and a time for building.

He sets the time for sorrow and a time for joy.

The time for mourning and a time for dancing.

He sets a time for finding a time for losing.

The time for silence and the time for talking.

He sets the time for love and the time for peace.

I know the heavy burdens God has laid on us.

He sets the right time for everything.

He has given us a desire to know the future.

But never gives us the satisfaction of fully understanding
what he does. So I realise that all we can do is to be happy
and to do the best we can while we are still alive.

The Word of the Lord.

All:

Amen.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS. 26:1. 4. 7-9. 13-14

Sam Barbagallo

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

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.

Response

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.

Response

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

Response

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.

Response

SECOND READING

Donna Prestipino

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others;
if we live, we live for the Lord;
and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we
belong to the Lord.

This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was
so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.
We shall all have to stand before the judgement seat of God;
as Scripture says: By my life – it is the Lord who speaks
– every knee shall bend before me, and every tongue shall
praise God. It is to God, therefore, that each of us must give
an account of himself.

The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please stand to welcome the Gospel

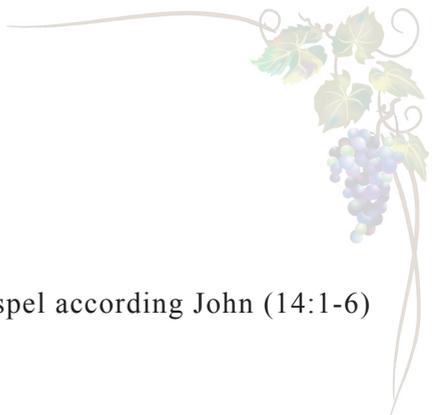
All: *Alleluia, Alleluia.*

Happy are those who have died with the Lord: let them rest
from their labours for their good deeds go with them.

Alleluia, Alleluia.



GOSPEL



Fr James: The Lord be with you.
All: And with your spirit.

Fr James: A reading from the Holy Gospel according John (14:1-6)
All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Fr James: 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 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

Fr James

Please be seated



PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Please stand

Fr James: My dear friends, we know that nothing can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord, so let us pray to our loving God at this time.

Michael: Perché tu conforti con la consolazione della fede e con la speranza della vita eterna, tutti noi che soffriamo per il distacco dallo nostro Nonno Salvatore.
Preghiamo, ascoltaci o Signore.

All: **Lord hear our prayer.**

Daniel: Lord, you promise to be with those who mourn. Come fill their hearts with treasured memories and their minds with hope as they look to the future.
Lord Hear us.

All: **Lord hear our prayer.**

Laura: Father, may we all know your peace that surpasses understanding now. Thank you that we can rest in the knowledge that Nonno is safe in your arms. Our hearts release him into the fullness of your care and the beautiful promises of eternity.

All: **Lord hear our prayer.**

Adrian: Nonno Sam, grazie per tutto che ai fatto per noi.
Eri sempre felice, quando eri con la tua famiglia.
Il tuo sorriso e amore resta sempre nei nostri cuori.
Siamo stati Benedetti, con la tua presenza.
Grazie per essere il pui migliori Nonno del mondo.
Ascoltaci o signore

All: **Lord hear our prayer.**

Elissa: Lord, we pray for all of us, Nonno's family, may we feel the healing power of Christ in the midst of our pain and grief.
We pray that the Lord takes away the pain of our loss.
Lord Hear us.

All: **Lord hear our prayer.**

Monique: Lord, we give thanks for Nonno, husband, beloved son, brother, father, great nonno, uncle and friend to many. May cherished memories of him remain forever in our hearts.
Lord hear us

All: **Lord hear our prayer.**

Gianni: Lord, we pray for all those who have been touched by our Nonno, that they may draw inspiration from his life of faith and love and remember the devoted principles he has given us.

Lord Hear us.

All: **Lord hear our prayer.**

Jacob: Lord, we thank you for the life of Nonno. May his love, kindness spirit always inspire us and give us strength.
Lord hear us.

All: **Lord hear our prayer.**

Riley: Lord, grant us strength in our sorrow, comfort in the time we had with our Nonno. We will honour the memories and find joy in knowing that your eternal care is ever closer to the ones we love.

Lord hear us.

All: **Lord hear our prayer.**

Kiana: Lord, please give my nonno the love and care he needs in heaven and please help him find Nonna in heaven.

Lord hear us.

All: **Lord hear our prayer.**

Fr James: God our shelter and our strength, listen in love to the prayers of your people. We ask you this through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**





LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Please be seated

OFFERTORY HYMN

Trinity Song

PROCESSION WITH GIFTS

Fr James: Pray brothers and sisters 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.**

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Fr James: Look favourably on our offerings, O Lord, so that your departed servant Nick may be taken up into glory with your Son, in whose great mystery of love we are all united. Through Christ our Lord.

All: The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

Fr James: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Fr James: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right and just.**

Fr James: 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 blessed 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, and 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 join in 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 come in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Please kneel

Fr James: 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.

Fr James: The Mystery of Faith
All: **We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.**

Fr James: 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 Francis our Pope, Greg our Bishop and all the clergy.

Remember your servant Sam whom you have called from this world to yourself. Grant that he 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 the 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 you 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.**

THE COMMUNION RITE

Please stand

Fr James: 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.**

Fr James: 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.**

Fr James: 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.**

Fr James: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: **And with your spirit.**

Fr James: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

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

Fr James: 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.**

COMMUNION HYMN

Here I am Lord & The Lord is my Shepherd

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Fr James: Lord God, your Son Jesus Christ gave us the sacrament of his body and blood to guide on our pilgrim way to your kingdom. May our brother Sammy, 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.**

Please stand

FINAL COMMENDATION AND FAREWELL

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

SONG OF FAREWELL

Fr James: 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 James: 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 James: 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 James: Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend Sammy 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 have bestowed on Sammy in this life: they are signs to us of your goodness and 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 our brother Sam, forever.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

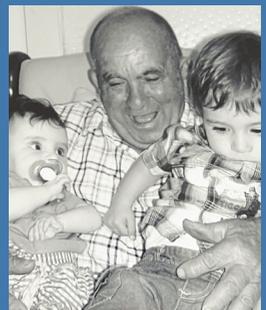
Fr James: May the angels lead you into paradise, may the martyrs come to welcome you and take you into the Holy City, the new and eternal Jerusalem. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.

All: **Amen.**

Fr James: In peace let us take Sam to his place of rest.

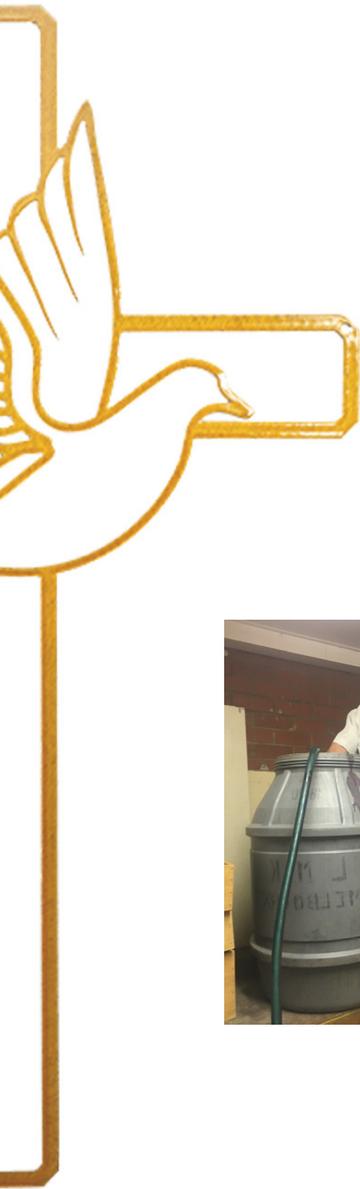
RECESSIONAL HYMN

Prendimi per Mano by Luciano Lanzi

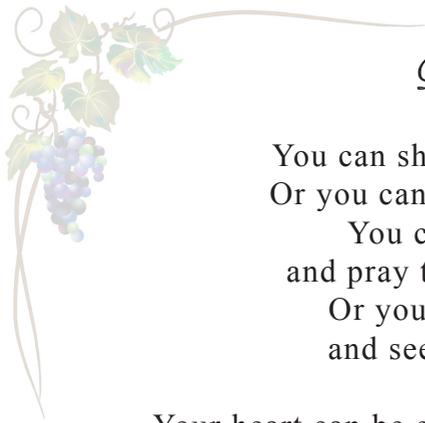




*Per sempre
nostri*



*bre nei
cuori*



Dad is gone

You can shed tears that he is gone,
Or you can smile because he lived,
You can close your eyes
and pray that he will come back,
Or you can open your eyes
and see all that he has left.

Your heart can be empty because you can't see him
Or you can be full of the love that you shared,
You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday,
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.

You can remember him and only that he is gone
Or you can cherish his memory and let it live on,
You can cry and close your mind
be empty and turn your back,
Or you can do what he would want:
smile, open your eyes,
love and go on.

It broke our hearts to lose you Dad
But you didn't go alone,
for part of us went with you
The day God called you home to be with Mum.

Riposa in Pace Papa.



Thank-you

I am now in Gods House
Think of me as one at rest
For me you should not weep
I have no pain no troubled thoughts
For I am just asleep.

If your heart is heavy now
Because I've gone away
Dwell not long upon it friends & family
For none of us can stay.

Those of you who liked me
I sincerely thank you all
And those of you who loved me,
I thank you most of all
Take care dear friends and family,
until we meet again.

The family wish to sincerely thank you
for your attendance today.

Your expressions of sympathy and support have
been a great comfort to us at this sad time.

Thank-you.

Following the mass the burial will be at the
Traralgon Cemetery, thereafter you are warmly invited to
join the family for refreshments at the
Italian Australian Club, Morwell.





Riposa in pace