A Celebration of Life for



'Nick'

NICHOLAS BUHAGIAR

Born 7th May 1943

Siġġiewi, Malta

Entered Eternal Life 12th October 2026

Sydney, Australia

Mass of Thanksgiving
for the life of

Nicholas Buhagiar

Celebrants

Fr. Sebastian Thekkinieth CMI
Fr. Francis Buhagiar

Musicians

Anna Simiana – *Vocalist*
Lech Madre - *Organist*

Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church, Greystanes

Tuesday, 20th October 2026

Dearly missed by his beloved wife, Anna,
his loving children and their partners,
Maryanne, Agnes & Daniel, Sonia, Dennis & Shylanie,
his adoring grandchildren Kristina, Thomas, Jessica,
Catherine, Nicholas, Nathan, and Angelina,
and his brothers, sisters, and their families in Malta.
Reunited with his cherished parents Emmanuel & Rosanna
and his sister and brothers.



In Loving Memory of Nick

(Please Stand)

Entrance Hymn Here I am Lord

Introductory Rites

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

All: **Amen.**

Priest: 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.**

Lighting of the Paschal Candle

Anna Buhagiar

Sprinkling of Holy Water

Placing of the Pall

Maryanne Maetzig, Agnes Micallef, Sonia & Dennis Buhagiar

Placing of the Symbols of Faith and Life

Kristina Micallef, Shylanie & Angelina Buhagiar



Opening Prayer

O God, almighty Father,
our faith professes that Your Son died and rose again;
mercifully grant, that through this mystery
your servant Nick, 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 *(Please sit)*

First Reading *Read by Agnes Micallef*

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes 3:1-11

Everything that happens in this world happens at the time God chooses.
He sets the time for birth and the time for death,
the time for planting and the time for pulling up.
He sets the time for sorrow and the time for joy,
the time for mourning and the time for dancing,
the time for embracing and the time for not embracing.
He sets the time for finding and the time for losing,
the time for saving and the time for throwing away,
the time for tearing and the time for mending,

the time for silence and the time for talk.
He sets the time for everything.

The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

Read by Dennis Buhagiar

Psalm 102:8. 10. 13-18. ℟ v.8.

℟ The Lord is kind and merciful.

The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults.

All: **The Lord is kind and merciful.**

As a father has compassion on his sons,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him;
for he knows of what we are made,
he remembers that we are dust.

All: **The Lord is kind and merciful.**

As for man, his days are like grass;
he flowers like the flower of the field;
the wind blows and he is gone
and his place never sees him again.

All: **The Lord is kind and merciful.**

But the love of the Lord is everlasting
upon those who hold him in fear;
his justice reaches out to children's children
when they keep his covenant in truth.

All: **The Lord is kind and merciful.**

Gospel Acclamation *(Please stand)*

John 6:39

All: **Alleluia, Alleluia!**
This is the will of my Father, says the Lord,
that I should lose nothing of all that
he has given to me,
and that I should raise it up on the last day.
Alleluia!



Gospel

A reading from the Gospel of John 17:24-26

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said:

'Father,
I want those you have given me
to be with me where I am,
so that they may always see the glory
you have given me
because you loved me
before the foundation of the world.
Father, Righteous One,
the world has not known you,
but I have known you,
and these have known
that you have sent me.
I have made your name known to them
and will continue to make it known
so that the love with which you loved me may be in them,
and so that I may be in them.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Homily

(Please sit)



Prayer of the Faithful *(Please stand)*

Priest:
God, the almighty Father, raised Christ his Son from the dead; with confidence we ask him to save all his people, living and dead:

Thomas Micallef:
For Nannu, who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that he now be admitted to the company of the saints. We pray to the Lord.

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

Jessica Holmes:
For Nannu, who was nourished at the table of the Saviour. That he may be welcomed into the halls of the heavenly banquet. We pray to the Lord.

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

Jessica Holmes:
For the family and friends of Nannu, that they may be consoled in their grief by the Lord who wept at the death of his friend Lazarus. We pray to the Lord.

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



Catherine Holmes:
For all of us assembled here to worship in faith, that we may be gathered together again in God's kingdom. We pray to the Lord.

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

Nicholas Maetzig:
For those who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again, that they may see God face to face. We pray to the Lord.

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

Nathan Maetzig:
For all who cared for and supported Nannu throughout his life. We pray to the Lord.

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

Priest:
God, our shelter and our strength, you listen in love to the cry of your people: hear the prayers we offer for 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.**



The Liturgy of the Eucharist *(Please sit)*

Offertory Song Sibt Teżor (I Found Treasure)

Music and Vocals by Paul Buhagiar

Invitation to Prayer *(Please stand)*

Priest: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All: **May the Lord accept this 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

Priest: As we humbly present to You these sacrificial offerings, O Lord,
for the salvation of Your servant Nick,
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**

Liturgy of the Eucharist

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)

Mystery of Faith

Priest: The mystery of faith

All: **We proclaim Your death, O Lord, and profess Your resurrection until You come again.**

Priest: 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.**



Communion Rite

The Lord's Prayer *(Please stand)*

Priest: 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.

Priest: 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.**



Sign of Peace

Priest: 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 grant us the peace and unity of Your Kingdom where You live for ever and ever.

All: **Amen.**

Fraction Rite

(Please kneel)

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.

Holy Communion

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

Panis Angelicus

Reflection Hymn

Ave Maria

Prayer After Communion

(Please stand)

Priest: Let us pray:
Lord God, whose Son left us, in the Sacrament of his Body, food for the journey, mercifully grant that, strengthened by it, our brother Nick, may come to the eternal table of Christ. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All: **Amen.**

Words of Remembrance

(Please sit)

Read by Maryanne Maetzig on behalf of the Family

Photo Tribute



Final Commendation

Priest: Before we go our separate ways,
let us take leave of our brother.
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 of Holy Water

Incensing the Casket

Song of Farewell *(Please stand)*

Priest: 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.**

Priest: 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.**

Priest: Give him eternal rest, O Lord,
And may Your light shine upon him for ever.

All: **Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.**

Prayer of Commendation

Recessional Hymn

Salve Regina

Sung by The Collegium Musicum Choir
Music Director & Organist Prof. Dion Buhagiar
Maestro di Cappella
Recorded at St John's Co-Cathedral Valetta, Malta





Procession to Nick's Final Resting Place

The cortège will proceed to
Pinegrove Memorial Park
Cnr Kington St and Great Western Highway, Minchinbury

Afterwards, please join us for refreshments,
and sharing of memories at
Toongabbie Sports Club
12 Station Road, Toongabbie

Sincere Thanks

We thank you for
accompanying Nick in life, for your support,
friendship, prayers and for your
presence here today to celebrate his life.



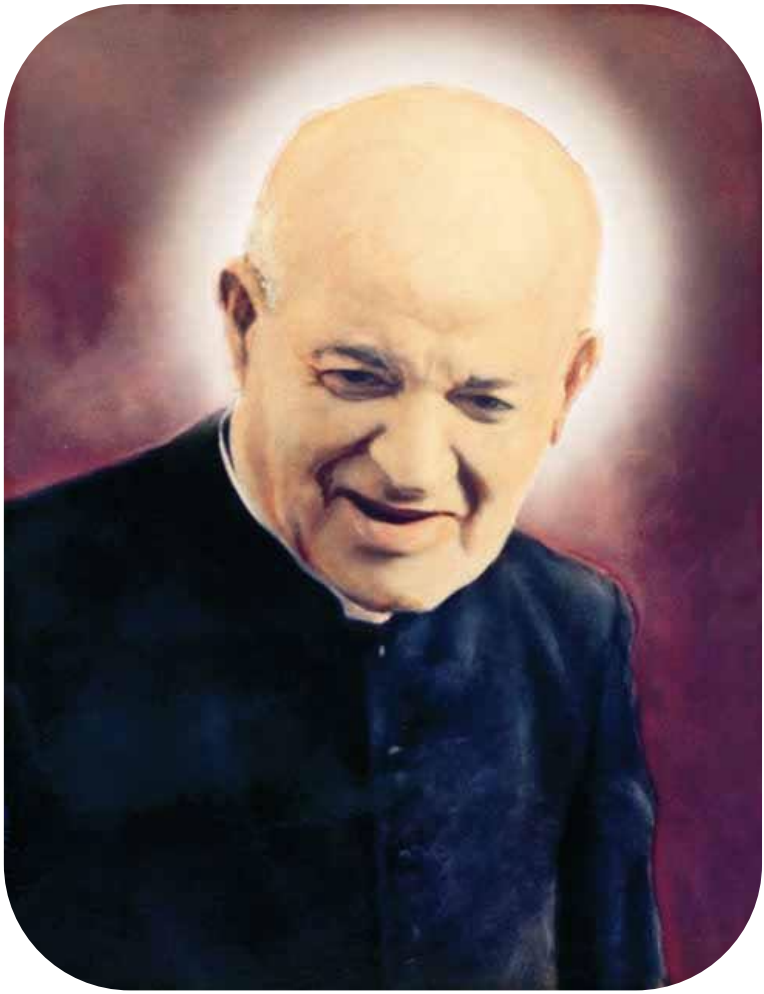
Foot Prints in the Sand

One night a man had a dream that he was
walking along the beach with the Lord.
Across the sky flashed scenes from his life.
For each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand;
one belonging to him, the other belonging to the Lord.

When the last scene of his life flashed before him,
he looked back at the footprints in the sand.
He noticed that many times along the path of his life
there was only one set of footprints, and that it happened
at the very lowest and saddest times in his life.

This really bothered him and he questioned the Lord about it.
Lord, You said that once I decided to follow You,
You'd walk with me all the way. But during the most troublesome
times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't
understand why when I needed You most, You would leave me.

The Lord replied, My precious, precious child, I love you and I would
never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering,
when you see only one set of footprints,
it was then that I carried you.



'Thank you, Lord God and forgive me, Lord God'.

San Ġorġ Preca

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Until we Meet Again'

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