

In Loving Memory of



‘Charlie’

CHARLES GRECH

Born 14th November 1947

Mellieħa, Malta



Born to Eternal Life 23rd August 2026
Sydney, Australia



Requiem Mass and Thanksgiving
for the life of

Charles Grech

Celebrant
Fr. Marek Okarma

Funeral Directors
Valletta Funeral Services

Musician
Graziano Ferreri

Pallbearers

Malcolm Grech	Tony Calleja
Andrew Vassiliou	David Sultana
Jason Calleja	Mario Calleja

Our Lady of Victories Catholic Church, Horsley Park
Tuesday, 1st September, 2026

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'Forever in Our Hearts'



Dearly missed by his beloved wife, Nancy,
his adoring children, Malcolm and Ashley,
his daughter in-law, Melisa and
his doting grandsons, Joseph and Jacob.
Reunited with all our loved ones that have gone before us.

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'Where it All Began...'



...and Two Became One'

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Entrance Hymn

Here I Am, Lord

Greeting & Introductory Rites

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

All: Amen.

Fr. Marek: 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 Paschal Candle

In Baptism Charles received the light of Christ. He walked as
a child of the light and kept the flame of faith alive in his
heart. May Charles now enter into the splendour of God's
Kingdom of light.

Sprinkling of Holy Water

In the waters of baptism, Charles died with Christ and was
born with Him to eternal life. May Charles now rise with
Christ to newness of life.

Placing Symbols of Faith and Life

Words of Remembrance

Read by Liza Djuric

Opening Prayer

Let us pray.

O God, almighty Father,
our faith professes that Your Son died and rose again;
mercifully grant, that through this mystery
your servant Charles, 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

Read by Ann Borg

A reading from the book of Wisdom

3:1-6. 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;

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but they are in peace.

If they experienced punishment as men see it,
their hope was rich with immortality;
slight was their affliction, great will their blessing 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 - *Sung*



The Lord is My Shepherd

Second Reading

Read by Tracey Sultana

A reading from the second book of Timothy

4:6-8

For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my
departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have
finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is
laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the

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righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

John 6:40

All: Alleluia, Alleluia!

This is the will of My Father, says the Lord,
that all who believe in the Son will have eternal life
and I will raise them to life again on the last day.
Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the Gospel of John

14:1-6

Jesus said to the 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.**

Homily

Prayer of the Faithful *Read by Melisa, Joseph & Jacob Grech*

Fr. Marek:

Father, You are a God of tenderness and compassion. Listen to us now as we bring before You our prayers, trusting and believing that You will hear and answer them.

Reader:

For Charles, a child of God and heir to the kingdom, that he may be held securely in God's loving embrace now and for all eternity. We pray to the Lord.

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

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Reader:

For the family and friends of our brother, Charles, 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.

Reader:

That the Lord Jesus who blesses those who mourn and are in pain will look upon Charles' family and friends who gather around him today. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader:

Many friends and members of our families have gone before us and await the kingdom. May God grant them an everlasting home with Christ. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader:

May all those that have cared for Charles, that their works of service be richly blessed. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

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Reader:

That those who bear the cross of pain in mind or body may never feel forsaken by God We pray to the Lord.

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

Fr. Marek:

Father of love and mercy, we trust that You hear our prayers spoken and unspoken. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory Procession

Ave Maria

Rita Calleja, Stephanie Sultana, Doris Sultana

Invitation to Prayer

Fr. Marek: 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

Fr. Marek: As we humbly present to You these sacrificial offerings, O Lord,
for the salvation of Your servant Charles,
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.

Mystery of Faith

Fr. Marek: The mystery of faith

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

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Fr. Marek: 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

Fr. Marek: 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. Marek: 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

Fr. Marek: 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.



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.

Holy Communion

Fr. Marek: 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

On Eagle's Wings

Thanksgiving Hymn

How Great Thou Art

Prayer After Communion

Fr. Marek: Lord, You give us life in this sacrament. May our brother, Charles, who received life at Your table, enter into everlasting peace and joy of Christ Your Son, who is Lord for ever and ever.

All: Amen.



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Final Commendation

Fr. Marek: 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.

Incensing the Casket

Song of Farewell

Fr. Marek: 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. Marek: May Christ, who called you, take you to
Himself;
May angels lead you to Abraham's side.

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

Fr. Marek: 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

Fr. Marek: Into Your hands, Father of mercies,
we commend our brother Charles,
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 thanks for the blessings
which You bestowed upon him 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 Charles for ever.

All: **Amen.**

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

Recessional Song of Farewell

The Wonder of You

Procession to Charles' Final Resting Place

The cortège will proceed to
Pinegrove Memorial Park
Cnr Kington Road & Great Western Hwy, Minchinbury

Afterwards, please join us for light refreshments
and to share memories at
St Mary's Leagues Club
Cnr Forrester & Boronia Rds, Forrester Rd, St Marys

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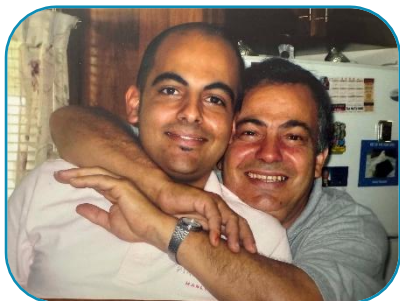
A PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN

☩ Most beautiful Flower of Mount Carmel,
Fruitful Vine, Splendour of Heaven,
Blessed Mother of the Son of God,
Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this my necessity.

☩ Star of the Sea,
help me and show me herein *you are my Mother.*

O Holy Mary, Mother of God,
Queen of Heaven and Earth
I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart, to
succour me in this necessity:
there are none that can withstand you power.

☩, show me herein you are my Mother,
O Mary, conceived with sin,
pray for us who have recourse to thee. (*3 times*)
Sweet Mother, I place this cause in your hands. (*3 times*)







Sincere Thanks

The family wishes to express our loving appreciation and thanks to everyone who has accompanied Charlie in life.

Thank you for your kindness, expressions of love, sympathy, and support and for being with us today sharing in the celebration of Charlie's life.



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'Cheers ...



... Until We Meet again!'