

MASS OF THANKSGIVING
CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

Sylvia Farrugia



Born:
11 October 1936

Xewkija
Gozo Malta

Died:
10 July 2026

Richmond NSW
Australia

Aged 89 years

Friday 17 July 2026
St Monica's Catholic Church
Richmond



Mass Celebrant

Fr Adam Carlow

Musician

Natasha Vella

Pallbearers

Peter, Anthony, Daniel, Wayne, Matthew, Adrian
Steven, Michael, Jason, James, Michael, Kevin

Entrance Hymn

Amazing Grace

Welcome

Fr Adam Carlow

Placing of Symbols

Knitting Needles ~ Liana

Holy Picture ~ Macey

Cross ~ Hunter

Wedding Gloves ~ Nate

Rosary Beads ~ Zac

Eulogy

Jodie

Opening Prayer

Fr Adam Carlow



Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING

Read by Alyce

A Reading from Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

There is an appointed time for everything,
and a time for every affair under the heavens.

A time to give birth, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to uproot the plant.

A time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to tear down, and a time to build.

A time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance.

A time to scatter stones, and a time to gather them;
a time to embrace, and a time to be far from embraces.

A time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to cast away.

A time to rend, and a time to sew;
a time to be silent, and a time to speak.

A time to love, and a time to hate;
a time of war, and a time of peace.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Sung by Natasha Vella

The Lord is My Shepherd

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(Please Stand)

Philippians 3:20

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Our true home is in heaven, and Jesus Christ whose return
we long for will come from heaven to save us.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING

Read by Fr Adam Carlow

A Reading from the holy Gospel according to John 14:1-6

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.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Read by Georga

For our sister Sylvia, that the Lord, who assigns the time to be born and the time to die, may welcome him/her into the peace of the heavenly Jerusalem, we pray.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Read by Kyle

For the family, relatives and friends of Sylvia, that the sorrow of parting will open up to the certainty that death does not break our communion with Christ in whose body we all live, we pray..

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Read by Zac

For the Holy Church, that she may proclaim with apostolic clarity the victory of Christ over death as a response in faith to the anxiety of men and women about their future, we pray.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Read by Leo

For the grace of a well-prepared death, that, when God calls, we will be ready with the lamp of faith alight and our baptismal robe unstained, we pray.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Read by Kaitlyn

For the forgiveness of sins, that our prayers and the offering of this atoning Sacrifice will bring all the departed to the full vision of God's glory, we pray.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Read by Adrian

We pray for Nunnu Peter and Leanne who are no longer with us, may they rest in peace, we pray.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Read by Liana

We would like to thank Fr Adam, Valetta Funeral Services and Uniting Nursing Home for being there, for treating Mum with dignity, respect and genuine warmth and for going above and beyond during this journey, we pray.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn

One Bread One Body

Procession of Gifts

Charlene and Eva

Communion Hymn

How Great Thou Art

Reflection Hymn

Hail Mary, Gentle Woman

Final Commendation & Farewell

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

Recessional Hymn

Hail Mary, Gentle Woman

Following Mass, the family will proceed to
Pine Grove Memorial Gardens for the burial.

Our family would like to thank you for your
kind and comforting expressions of sympathy and
for being here to celebrate Sylvia's life with us.
Your thoughtfulness is deeply appreciated and treasured.

