

Celebration of the Life of



Sr M Annunziata Clorinda Stanizzi

Born: 13th May 1915 - Italy

Entered Eternal Life: 1st October 2008 - Australia



St. Dominic's Catholic Church
Corner Hornsey Road & The Crescent, Flemington NSW
Tuesday, 7th October 2008
Feast of the Holy Rosary
Presiding Priest: Reverend Fr. Michael Goonan, ssp



We need to be contemplatives, to be really contemplatives. It is the example of Jesus Master and of Mary that we follow, who prayed and who worked. If we are Eucharistic souls, we are able to communicate Christ to others. We will give what we possess: it's not only what we do that counts. To help others, we need to possess God. Let us not just work for our own personal salvation, but that of everyone: for the salvation of all people.

(From a meditation given by Sr M Annunziata Stanizzi, 11.02.1986)

ENTRANCE HYMN

"Glory and Praise"

*Antiphon: Glory and praise to our God,
who alone gives light to our days.
Many are the blessings he bears
to those who trust in His ways.*

- 1. We, the daughters and sons of Him
who built the valleys and plains,
praise the wonders our God has done
in ev'ry heart that sings. (Antiphon)*
- 2. In His wisdom He strengthens us
like gold that's tested in fire.
Though the power of sin prevails,
our God is there to save. (Antiphon)*
- 3. Ev'ry moment of ev'ry day
our God is waiting to save,
always ready to seek the lost
to answer those who pray. (Antiphon)*
- 4. God has watered our barren land
and spent His merciful rain.
Now the rivers of life run full
for anyone to drink. (Antiphon)*

WELCOME

PLACING OF CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS

Mother's Rosary Beads:

*Mother had a great devotion to our Blessed Lady
and her rosary beads never left her hands,
even up until the last day of her illness.*

Mother's Constitutions

The Rule of Life, by which Mother lived all her life.

Holy Scripture

The Word of God on which Mother contemplated daily.

OPENING PRAYER

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9

(The Lord God will destroy death for ever)

*On this mountain,
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples
a banquet of rich food.*

*On this mountain he will remove
the mourning veil covering all peoples,
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,
he will destroy Death for ever.*

*The Lord will wipe away
the tears from every cheek;
he will take away his people's shame
everywhere on earth,
for the Lord has said so.*

*That day, it will be said: See, this is our God
in whom we hope for salvation;
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.
We exult and we rejoice
that he has saved us.*

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 13:4-8, 13

(Love Does Not Come To An End)

*Love is always patient and kind;
it is never jealous;
love is never boastful or conceited;
it is never rude or selfish;
it does not take offence,
and is not resentful.
Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins
but delights in the truth;
it is always ready to excuse, to trust,
to hope and to endure whatever comes.*

*Love does not come to an end.
But if there are gifts of prophecy,
the time will come when they must fail;
or the gift of languages,
it will not continue for ever;
and knowledge for this, too,
the time will come when it must fail.*

*In short, there are three things that last;
faith, hope and love;
and the greatest of these is love.*

This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Sung by Cantor

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia
I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia*

Gospel: John 6:51-58

*(All who eat this bread will live forever;
and I will raise them up on the last day.)*

Jesus said to the crowd:

*'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.
Anyone who eats this bread will live forever;
and the bread that I shall give is my flesh,
for the life of the world.'*

*Then the Jews started arguing with one another,
'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said.*

Jesus replied:

*'I tell you solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son
of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you.
Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood
has eternal life, and I shall raise him upon the last day.
For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.
He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood
lives in me and I live in him.
As I, who am sent by the living Father,
myself draw life from the Father,
so whoever eats me will draw life from me.
This is the bread come down from heaven;
not like the bread our ancestors ate:
they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread,
will live forever.'*

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ

HOMILY

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Fr Michael: *Lord Jesus Christ, by dying you destroyed our death by rising you restored our life. Grant that the message of Easter may be our hope of eternal life as we join our prayers with His.*

1. *In baptism, Mother Maria Annunziata received the light of Christ. By her religious profession she further fulfilled her baptismal consecration. We pray now that God will hold her securely in his loving embrace and grant her eternal rest and peace. Lord hear us.*

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

2. *For Mother's family in Italy, that they may feel the healing power of Christ in the midst of their pain and grief. Lord hear us.*

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

3. *That the Lord Jesus who blesses those who mourn and are in pain at the loss of Mother, especially her religious sisters here in Australia, whom she so lovingly nurtured into the service of Jesus Master, will gather around them today with his grace, peace and consolation. Lord hear us.*

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

4. *That the Good Lord in his mercy and love will grant to Mother eternal happiness and peace in reward for her sacrifices, sufferings, virtue and love as she leaves behind the legacy of her life, dedicated to Jesus Master, for us all to follow. Lord hear us.*

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Prayers of Intercession, (cont...)

5. *We pray for all who cared for Mother during her times of illness but especially over these past few weeks, all the doctors, nurses and Srs Catherine and Maryanne who spent many hours with her in hospital, that they may be abundantly blessed for their loving care of Mother. Lord hear us.*

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

6. *For our Pauline Family here in Australia for whom Mother always lovingly prayed. May God be with us all and strengthen us in courage and love as we continue to bring Jesus Master Way, Truth and Life to the world of today. Lord hear us.*

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

7. *For those assembled here in faith and confidence to pray for Mother Maria Annunziata that we may all be strengthened in hope as we too await for our everlasting home. Lord hear us.*

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

8. *On this feastday of Our Lady of the Rosary we remember Mother's great devotion to Mary and the rosary. Her main intention was always for vocations and so we continue to pray that God will enlighten those whom He is calling to respond to His the invitation. Lord hear us.*

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Fr Michael: *God of mercy and compassion, receive our prayers on behalf of your servant and faithful Disciple Mother Maria Annunziata and grant her eternal rest in your heavenly Kingdom.
We make our prayer through Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Presentation of the Gifts

(Soft Music)

Sanctus

(Sung)

Memorial of the Paschal Mystery

(Sung)

Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.

Great Amen

(Sung)

THE RITE OF COMMUNION

The Lord's Prayer

(Sung)

Lamb of God

(Sung)

Communion Hymn

"Be Still For the Presence of the Lord"

(Sung by Cantor)

REFLECTION HYMN

"As Gentle As Silence"

1. *Oh the love of my Lord is the essence,
of all that I love here below.
All the beauty I see
He has given to me
and His giving is gentle as silence.*
2. *Every day, every hour, every moment,
have been blessed by the strength of His love.
At the turn of each tide, He is there at my side,
and His touch is as gentle as silence.*
3. *There've been times when I've turned from
His presence, and I've walked other paths other ways.
But I've called on His name, in the dark of my shame,
and His mercy was gentle as silence.*

A Tribute to Mother

FINAL PRAYER AND COMMENDATION

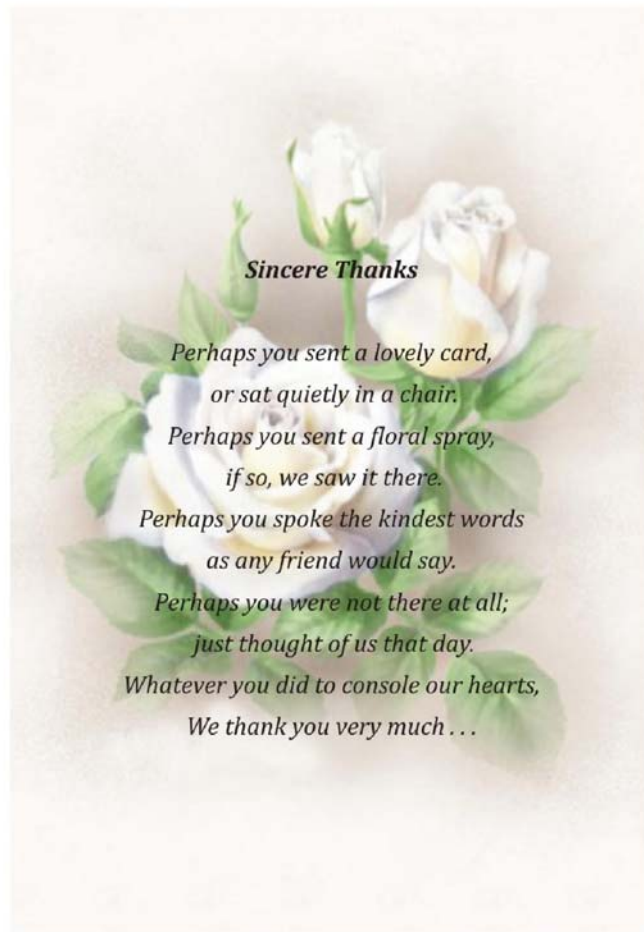
FINAL HYMN

"Hail Queen of Heaven"

1. *Hail Queen of heav'n, the ocean star,
guide of the wand'rer here below:
thrown on life's surge, we claim thy care
save us from peril and from woe.
Mother of Christ, star of the sea,
pray for the wand'rer, pray for me.*
2. *O gentle, chaste and spotless maid,
we sinners make our prayers through thee;
remind thy Son that He has paid
the price of our iniquity.
Virgin most pure, star of the sea,
pray for the sinner, pray for me.*
3. *Sojourners in this vale of tears,
to thee, blest advocate, we cry;
pity our sorrows, calm our fears,
and sooth with hope our misery.
Refuge in grief, star of the sea,
pray for the mourner, pray for me.*
4. *And while to Him who reigns above,
in Godhead One, in Persons Three,
the source of life, of grace, of love,
homage we pay on bended knee;
do thou, bright Queen, star of the sea,
pray for thy children, pray for me.*







Sincere Thanks

*Perhaps you sent a lovely card,
or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a floral spray,
if so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words
as any friend would say.
Perhaps you were not there at all;
just thought of us that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts,
We thank you very much . . .*

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