

A close-up portrait of a middle-aged man with a shaved head and a full, dark beard and mustache. He is smiling broadly, showing his teeth. He is wearing a dark suit jacket over a light-colored collared shirt. The background is slightly out of focus, showing what appears to be an outdoor setting with a concrete pillar and some greenery.

A Celebration of the Life of
Paulo Cesar Dos Santos Sampaio

7th May 1975 - 23rd June 2024

St Fidelis' Catholic Church
Wednesday 3rd July, 2024

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49 Clarendon Street
Coburg 3058

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Priest

Fr Linh Pham

Readers

Anna Hoskin
Robert Hoskin
Tony Parker

Eulogy

Foti Apostolopoulos
John Sprunt

Pall Bearers

Foti Apostolopoulos
Quan Tran
John Chapman
Thurston Empson
John Sprunt
Tony Parker

The Mass of Thanksgiving

Entrance Hymn: Here I am, Lord (sang by Jill Henwood) (please stand)

I the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin, My hand will save.
I, who make the stars at night, I will make the darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I the Lord of snow and rain, I have born my people's pain
I have wept for love of them, they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone
I will speak my love to them, whom shall I send?

Refrain

I the Lord of wind and flame, I will take the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide, Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life for them, Whom shall I send?

Refrain

Priest: In the name of the Father, and 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. (please be seated)

Lighting of the Paschal Candle

Laura Emmi

Priest: In baptism Paulo received the light of Christ. That light has guided him throughout his life. May he now enjoy the risen life with his risen Lord.

All: Amen.

Sprinkling with Holy Water

Armando Sampaio

Priest: In the waters of baptism, Paulo died with Christ and rose with him to new life. May he now share with him in eternal glory.

All: Amen.

Placing of the White Pall

Laura Emmi & Madalena Sampaio

Priest: At his baptism Paulo received the new garment, and was asked to wear it spotlessly throughout his life. May the Lord not look on any wrong that he may have done during his life, but rather look upon his faithfulness to his God and his love for his family and friends.

All: Amen.

Opening Prayer

Priest: 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 Paulo, 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. *(please be seated)*

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading (Cor 13: 4-7)

Anna Hoskin

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.
Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrong doing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 23

Robert Hoskin

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.

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

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.

Refrain

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

Refrain

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.

Refrain

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 25: 34

(please stand)

All: Alleluia, Alleluia.

Come, you whom my Father has blessed, says the Lord;

inherit the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world.

Alleluia, Alleluia.

Gospel Reading

John 14: 1-6

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: A reading from the holy gospel according to John.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

Homily Fr Linh Pham

(please be seated)

Prayers of the Faithful Tony Parker

(please stand)

Priest: For our brother Paulo, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ, who said: *"I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me shall live even in death and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die."*

Reader: Heavenly Father, we give thanks for all that Paulo has been to us in this life; may he now find peace in eternal life.

We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: Heavenly Father, we commend Paulo to your mercy and care, welcome him into paradise where there will be no more sorrow or pain, but only peace and happiness.

We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: Heavenly Father, we pray for Paulo's relatives and friends gathered here today, may we find comfort as we mourn his passing. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: Heavenly Father, we pray for all those who have died and gone before us marked with signs of faith. Keep us faithful until we gather together with you in our heavenly home. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

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: God, our shelter and our strength, you listen to the cry of your people: hear the prayers we offer for our brother Paulo, Grant him the fullness of redemption. We ask you this through Christ Our Lord.

All: Amen. *(please be seated)*

Eulogy

Foti Apostolopoulos & John Sprunt

Memorial Photo Tribute to Paulo's Life

*Teenage Spaceship - Smog
I See A Darkness - Bonnie Prince Billie*

Final Commendation

Priest: Before we go our separate ways, let us take leave of our brother Paulo May our farewell express our affection for him, may it ease our sadness and strengthen our hope. One day we shall joyfully greet him, when the love of Christ, which conquers all things, destroys even death itself.

Song of Farewell

Gold Teeth - Little Wings

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: 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

Priest: Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our brother Paulo, in the sure and certain hope that, together with all who have died in Christ, he will rise with Him on the last day. Merciful Lord, turn to us and listen to our prayers, open the gates of paradise to your servant Paulo and help us who remain to comfort one another with the assurances of faith, until we all meet in Christ and are with you and with our brother Paulo for ever.

All: Amen.

Priest: 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.

Recessional Music

Laugh Now – Little Wings



Following the service, you are warmly invited to join the family for refreshments and share memories of Paulo at Hotel Lombardo 11-13 Sydney Rd, Coburg at 12:30pm.

We wish to thank you for the heartfelt and comforting expressions of sympathy extended to us for the loss of our beloved Paulo.

Your thoughts are deeply appreciated, and we shall cherish them forever.



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