



Celebrating the life of Paul Choueifati



Born to life 13th April 1928
Born to Eternal Life 23rd August 2020
Our Lady of Fatima Church Kingsgrove
Saturday 29th August 2020



Paul

Beloved husband to

Shafica

Loving father to

Elias & Monique Choueifati

David & Mary-Rose Choueifati

Mary & Robert Sew Hoy

Nada & Matthew Bottaro

Loving grandfather to

Eliana

Cassandra

Sophie

Annie

Paul

Adam (dec.)

Audrey

Emma

Zara

David

Loving brother to

Dib (dec.)

Haifa (dec.)

Susan

George

Nehme

Theresia (dec.)

Celebrant: Father Philip Watkins SSS

Assisted by: Father Hamilton (Casey) Ureta

Father John Iacona

Entrance Hymn: Here I am Lord

Welcome

Sprinkling with Holy Water

Priest: In the waters of baptism Paul died with Christ and rose with Him to new life. May he share with Him eternal glory.

Placing of Pall: David and Nada

Penitential Rite

Opening Prayer

Priest: To you, O Lord

We humbly entrust Paul so precious in your sight

Take him into your loving arms, where there is no sorrow, no weeping
nor pain,

But the fullness of peace and joy with your Son and the Holy Spirit for
ever and ever.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

Liturgy of the Word

(Please be seated)

First Reading: Matthew Bottaro

A Reading from the Book of Wisdom (3: 1-9)

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 an annihilation;
but they are in peace.

If they experienced punishment as we see it,
their hope was rich with immortality;
slight was their affliction, great will their blessings 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.

This is Word of Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my Shepherd (*sung*)

Gospel Acclamation

(Please stand)

Alleluia Alleluia

Happy are those who died in the Lord,

Let them rest from their labours,

For their good deeds go with them.

Alleluia

Gospel Matthew 5:1-11

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up to the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then, he began to speak and he taught them, saying:

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Homily

(please be seated)

Prayers of the Faithful

(Please stand)

Priest: Let us come to our loving Father, asking Him to give eternal rest to Paul and comfort the living.

Audrey: Lord, you are the God of the living and the dead, we ask you to take into your loving care our Judo, Paul. Give him the rewards of his work and his life. Welcome him into paradise so that he might be with you and your Father and the Holy Spirit.

We pray to the Lord

All: Lord hear our prayer

Emma: Lord, be with our family. May our knowledge of Judo's love and large heartedness sustain us in our deep loss. May our loving memories of a devoted husband, father and grandfather be both a comfort and a model to us now and in the times ahead.

We pray to the Lord

All: Lord hear our prayer

Paul: Lord, we thank you for Tayta and the unconditional love, care and support she gave to Judo. Her devotion to Judo has enriched us all.

We pray to the Lord

All: Lord hear our prayer

David: Lord, we pray in a special way for Judo's friends and all those who are present today. Grant them inner peace, good health and happiness.

We pray to the Lord

All: Lord hear our prayer

Zara: Lord, Judo's faith in you was boundless. Unite him now in endless joy with his dearly loved mother, father and siblings, in the joys of heaven.

We pray to the Lord

All: Lord hear our prayer

Annie: We pray for all those who are sick and suffering, especially during this pandemic. We pray for their families and hope that they know God is with them, carrying them through their difficult journey.

We pray to the Lord

All: Lord hear our prayer

Priest: Heavenly Father hear our prayers and bring Paul to the fullness of eternal life and into God's loving embrace.

All: Amen

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn: Ave Maria

Prayer over the Gifts

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

Lamb of God

Communion Rite

Communion Hymn: A3tina Rabbi

Tribute David, Annie, Audrey, Sophie, Cassandra, Eliana & Elias

Prayer of Commendation and Song of Farewell

(please stand)

Priest: Before we go our separate ways, let us take leave of our brother Paul. May our farewells 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 and sprinkling with holy water)

Priest: Saints of God come to Paul's aid. Come to meet him, angels of the Lord.

All: Receive Paul's soul and present him to God the Most High.

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

All: Receive Paul's soul and present him to God the Most High.

Priest: Eternal rest grant unto Paul O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

All: Receive Paul's soul and present him to God the Most High.

Priest: Into your hands, father of mercies, we commend our brother, Paul, in sure and certain hope that, together with all who have died in Christ he will rise with Him on the last day.

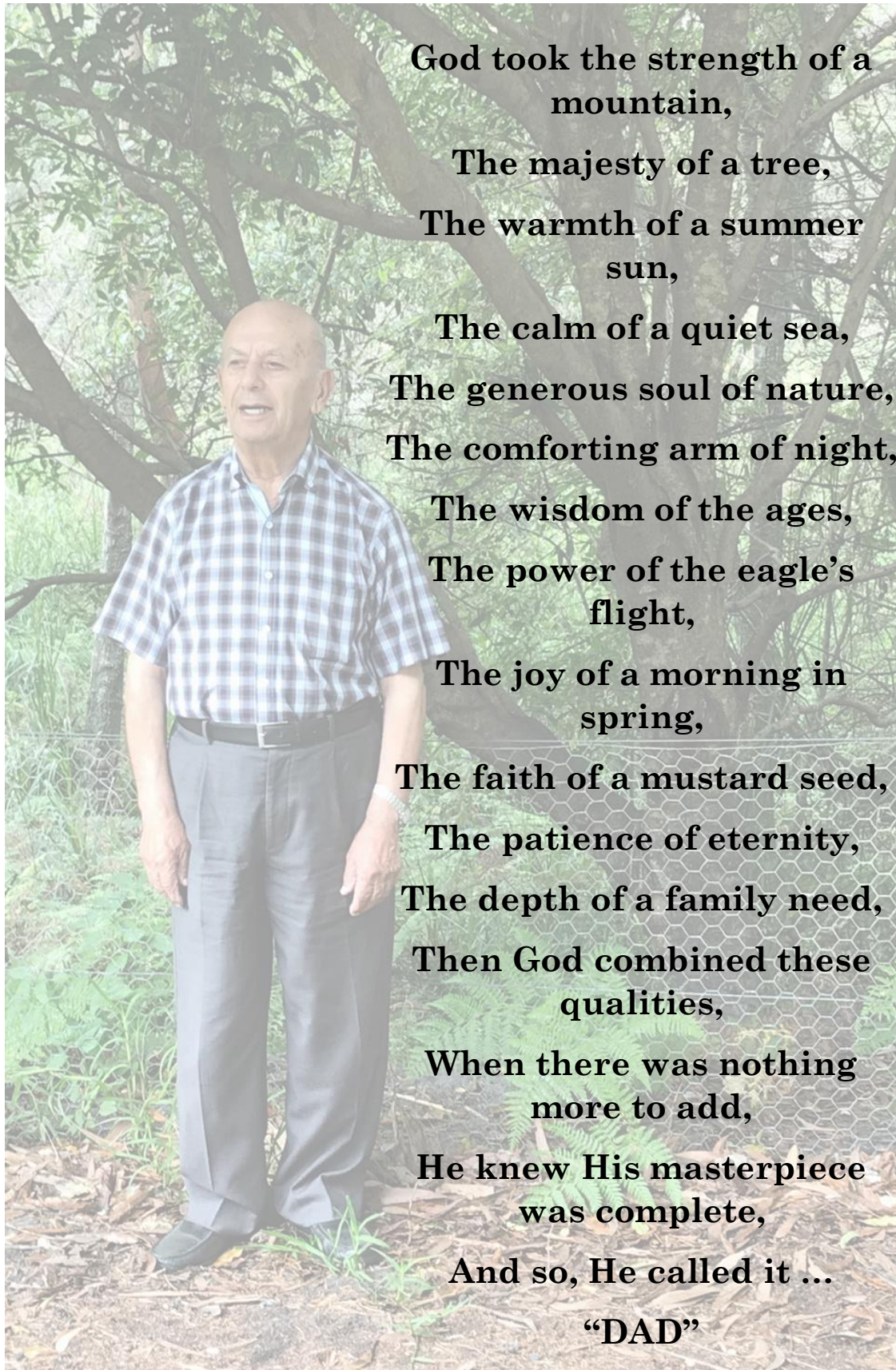
We give thanks for the blessings which you bestowed on Paul in this life. They are signs to us of your goodness and of our fellowship with the saints in Christ.

Merciful Lord, turn towards us and listen to our prayers. Open the gates of Paradise to your servant Paul and help us who remain to comfort one another with assurance of faith, until we all meet in Christ and are with our brother Paul, forever.

All: Amen

Pallbearers: Elias, David, Matthew, Robert, Joseph M, Joseph B

Recessional Hymn: How Great Thou Art



God took the strength of a
mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer
sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's
flight,
The joy of a morning in
spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these
qualities,
When there was nothing
more to add,
He knew His masterpiece
was complete,
And so, He called it ...
"DAD"

*"Dad, in our hearts you will remain to walk with us throughout our
life, until we meet again."*

- Elias, David, Mary, Nada



Our love and sincere thanks to all family and friends for their support
and prayers.
Thank you for being with us today.