



WE THANK ALL OF YOU WHO JOINED US IN THIS CELEBRATION OF

MAGDA'S LIFE

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A LIGHT LUNCH AT

STRATHFILED GOLF CLUB—SIDA ROOM

YOUR PRESENCE TODAY IS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED.



THANKSGIVING MASS

*For the life of*

*Magda Marie Ghali*

11TH OCTOBER 1960 -

14TH JUNE 2021



## *Gathering Song*

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 MADE THE STARS OF NIGHT  
I WILL MAKE THEIR 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 WIND AND FLAME  
I WILL TEND THE POOR AND LAME  
I WILL SET A FEAST FOR THEM  
MY HAND WILL SAVE  
FINEST BREAD I WILL PROVIDE  
'TIL THEIR HEARTS BE SATISFIED  
I WILL GIVE MY LIFE TO THEM  
WHOM SHALL I SEND?

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## *A brief Biography*

Magda was born in Cairo, Egypt to Iris and Zaki Ghali and sister to Adel. From a young age every one would comment on Magda's likeness to her mum. We all came to Australia in 1970 to a country where we had no relatives or friends.

Magda attended Narwee Primary School where she excelled in fifth and sixth class. She became very articulate in English in a short time; being her third language, in a very short time. She attended Beverly Hills Girls High which was a short walk from our home, where she also excelled in her studies. Magda was competent and diligent in her university studies. Not surprisingly she received her degree and CPA in the minimum number of years. Her career saw her work in various positions with various companies including NSW and Sydney Universities. She always spoke fondly of her time teaching / tutoring. She knew each student by name and treated them like her children. She received immense joy from seeing her students excel. During that time Magda cared for her parents single-handedly during their illness. She showed strength and stoic perseverance during their dying days. She missed them terribly and often spoke about them.

During Magda's illness she showed strength of character. She challenged doctors and specialists to ensure that she was well informed so she can make decisions about her health and care.

Magda made many loyal friends and made deep connections on a profound level, this was reflected in her spiritual life as well. She was faithful to the Gospel and to God our Saviour to the end. Many will miss Maggie, Magda, Aunty Maggie, Okhty (little sister).



## *Recessional Hymn*

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|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| COME THEY TOLD ME         | PA RUM PUM PUM PUM          |
| PA RUM PUM PUM PUM        | I AM A POOR BOY TOO         |
| A NEW BORN KING TO SEE    | PA RUM PUM PUM PUM          |
| PA RUM PUM PUM PUM        | I HAVE NO GIFT TO BRING     |
| OUR FINEST GIFTS WE BRING | PA RUM PUM PUM PUM          |
| PA RUM PUM PUM PUM        | THAT'S FIT TO GIVE OUR KING |
| TO LAY BEFORE THE KING    | PA RUM PUM PUM PUM,         |
| PA RUM PUM PUM PUM,       | RUM PUM PUM PUM,            |
| RUM PUM PUM PUM,          | RUM PUM PUM PUM             |
| RUM PUM PUM PUM           | SHALL I PLAY FOR YOU        |
| SO TO HONOR HIM           | PA RUM PUM PUM PUM          |
| PA RUM PUM PUM PUM        | PA RUM PUM PUM              |
| WHEN WE COME              | PUM PUM PUM PUM             |
| PUM PUM PUM PUM           | MARY NODDED                 |
| PA RUM PUM PUM            | PA RUM PUM PUM PUM          |
| PUM PUM PUM PUM           | THE OX AND LAMB KEPT TIME   |
| PA RUM PUM PUM            | PA RUM PUM PUM PUM          |
| PUM PUM PUM PUM           | I PLAYED MY DRUM...         |
| PA RUM PUM PUM            |                             |
| PUM PUM PUM PUM PA RUM    |                             |
| LITTLE BABY               |                             |



## *Greeting & Introduction*

### *Opening Prayer*

### *First Reading - Daniel Ghali*

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF ST JOHN (3: 20: 18 - 24)

My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us

**Thanks be to God**

### *Responsorial Psalm*

### *Michelle Homsey and Jai Ghali*

**The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want**

The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul.

**The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want**

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name' sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil: For thou art with me;

Thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

**The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want**



Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;  
Thou annointest my head with oil; My cup runneth over.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I  
will dwell in the House of the Lord forever.

**The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want**

## *Second Reading - Jessica Bueno*

A READING THE SECOND LETTER OF ST. PAUL TO TIMOTHY (4:6-8)

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of  
my departure has come. I have fought the good fight I have finished the  
race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the  
crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give  
me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for  
his appearing.

**Thanks be to God**

PLEASE STAND TO WELCOME THE GOSPEL

Alleluia Alleluia

One thing I seek is to dwell in the house of the Lord, all the days of my  
life! the Lord.

Alleluia Alleluia

## *Gospel*

THE LORD BE WITH YOU

ALL RESPOND: **and with your spirit**

A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN (14: 1-6)

ALL RESPOND: **Glory to you Lord**

Jesus said to His disciples



## *Sprinkling of the Baptismal Water*

### *Prayer of Commendation*

SAINTS OF GOD, COME TO MAGDA'S AID, COME TO MEET HER ANGELS  
OF THE LORD.

ALL RESPOND: **Receive her soul and present her to God,  
the Most high.**

MAY CHRIST, WHO CALLED YOU, TAKE YOU TO HIMSELF; MAY ANGELS  
LEAD YOU TO ABRAHAM'S SIDE.

ALL RESPOND: **Receive her soul and present her to God,  
the Most high.**

GIVE MAGDA ETERNAL REST, O LORD, AND MAY YOUR LIGHT SHINE ON  
HER FOR EVER.

ALL RESPOND: **Receive her soul and present her to God,  
the Most high.**

MAY THE ANGELS LEAD YOU INTO PARADISE. MAY THE MARTYRS COME  
TO WELCOME YOU AND TAKE YOU TO THE HOLY CITY, THE NEW AND  
ETERNAL JERUSALEM.

## *Final Blessing*



## *Communion Hymn*

**SOUL OF MY SAVIOUR, SANCTIFY MY BREAST,  
BODY OF CHRIST, BE THOU MY SAVING GUEST,  
BLOOD OF MY SAVIOUR, BATHE ME IN THY TIDE,  
WASH ME WITH WATER FLOWING FROM THY SIDE.**

**STRENGTH AND PROTECTION MAY THY PASSION BE,  
O BLESSÈD JESU, HEAR AND ANSWER ME;  
DEEP IN THY WOUNDS, LORD, HIDE AND SHELTER ME,  
SO SHALL I NEVER, NEVER PART FROM THEE.**

**GUARD AND DEFEND ME FROM THE FOE MALIGN,  
IN DEATH'S DREAD MOMENTS MAKE ME ONLY THINE;  
CALL ME AND BID ME COME TO THEE ON HIGH  
WHERE I MAY PRAISE THEE WITH THY SAINTS FOR AY.**



Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; still, trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared a place for you, 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".

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*ALL RESPOND:* **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

## *Homily*

## *Prayers of the Faithful*

Marie Lubgans:

We pray for Magda, cousin, sister, aunt, grandaunt and friend to so many. May she now be welcomed into heaven where she will have peace, joy and all the answers to life's questions. We Pray to the Lord.

*ALL RESPOND:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Danka Ondriskova

We pray for Magda's family and extended family of friends who are mourning her loss. Bless them with strength of mind and spirit. Inspiration to overcome life's struggles and challenges. May they be comforted in knowing that she will journey with them in their hearts. We Pray to the Lord.

*ALL RESPOND:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**



## *Prayers of the Faithful*

Sandy Ghali:

From Magda's place in heaven may her prayers of faith, love and support be felt and heard by all of us. We Pray to the Lord.

*ALL RESPOND:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Kyra Ghali:

In our sadness and loss, we pray for Aunty Magda's joyful reunion with all those she loved that have gone before her. We ask them to pray for us from heaven and join us in spirit on our earthly journey. We Pray to the Lord.

*ALL RESPOND:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Zaki Ghali:

We pray for Aunty Magda's carers at Chris O'Brien Lifehouse, RPA, Concord Hospital and all her Doctors. We ask God's blessings on them for the special love and care they showed Magda. May God bless them with love and joy. We Pray to the Lord.

*ALL RESPOND:* **Lord, hear our prayer**

Barbora Pekarova :

For all of us here today. May any fear we have about life and death be changed into hope and strength. May we give thanks each day for the gift of life that God has made possible for us and welcome His Holy Spirit in our lives and ask for the gifts of love, wisdom, tolerance and understanding. We Pray to the Lord.

*ALL RESPOND:* **Lord, hear our prayer**



## *Liturgy of the Eucharist*

### *Preparation of the Gifts*

Taleigha and Mia Ghali

### *Hail Mary, Gentle Woman*

Hail Mary, full of grace,  
the Lord is with you.

Blessed are you among women  
and blest is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners now  
and at the hour of death.

Amen.

Gentle woman, quiet light,  
morning star, so strong and bright,  
gentle Mother, peaceful dove,  
teach us wisdom; teach us love.

You were chosen by the Father;  
you were chosen for the Son.  
You were chosen from all women  
and for woman, shining one.

Gentle woman, quiet light,  
morning star, so strong and bright,  
gentle Mother, peaceful dove,  
teach us wisdom; teach us love.

Blessed are you among women,  
blest in turn all women, too.  
Blessed they with peaceful spirits.  
Blessed they with gentle hearts.