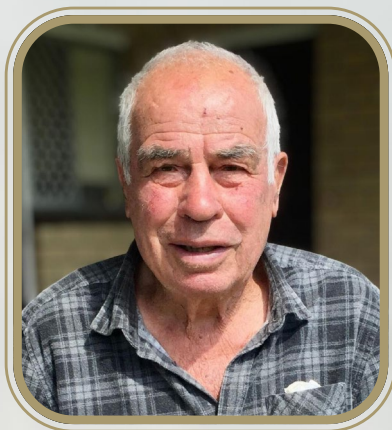




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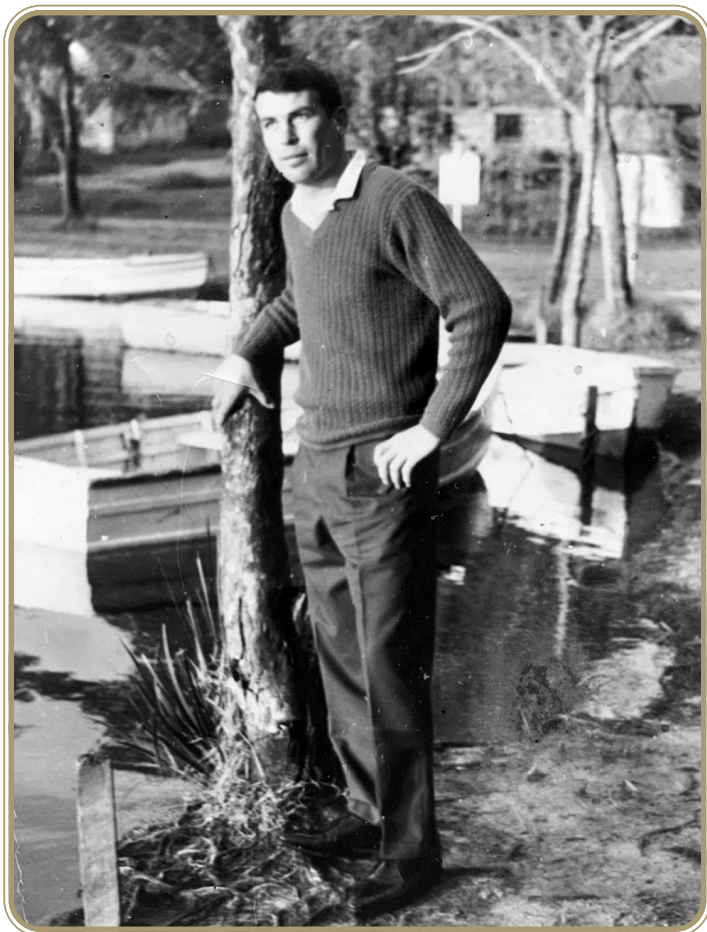


FRANE ERCEG

1 OCTOBER 1937 - 15 OCTOBER 2025

NOTRE DAME CHURCH, CLOVERDALE

TUESDAY 28 OCTOBER 2025 AT 1:00PM



A Celebration of the Life and Love of

Frane 'Frank' Erceg

Born to this Life: 1 October 1937

Born to Eternal Life: 15 October 2025

Notre Dame Church, Cloverdale
Tuesday 28 October 2025 at 1:00pm

Celebrant: Fr Nikola Čabreja

ENTRANCE MUSIC

‘Milost’ – Oliver Dragojević

WELCOME

Fr Nikola Čabraja

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Fr Čabraja: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

All: Amen.

Fr Čabraja: 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.

OPENING PRAYER

(Please stand)

Fr Čabraja: Into your hands, O Lord, we humbly entrust our brother Frane.
In this life you embraced him with your tender love; deliver him
now from every evil and bid him enter eternal rest. The old order
has passed away: welcome him then into paradise, where there
will be no sorrow, no weeping nor pain, but the fullness of peace
and joy with your Son and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

(Please be seated)

Indra Tomic

A reading from the Book of Isaiah 40: 28-31

Do you not know?
Have you not heard?
The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He will not grow tired or weary,
and his understanding no one can fathom.
He gives strength to the weary
and increases the power of the weak.
Even youths grow tired and weary,
and young men stumble and fall;
but those who hope in the Lord
will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Tajana Maretic-Marvelli

Psalm 139: 13-18

Response: You know me, Lord, and I am yours.

Reader: For you created my inmost being;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

Response: You know me, Lord, and I am yours.

Reader: I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
your works are wonderful,
I know that full well.

Response: You know me, Lord, and I am yours.

Reader: My frame was not hidden from you
when I was made in the secret place,
when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.

Response: You know me, Lord, and I am yours.

Reader: Your eyes saw my unformed body;
all the days ordained for me were written in your book
before one of them came to be.

Response: You know me, Lord, and I am yours.

Reader: How precious to me are your thoughts, God!
How vast is the sum of them!

Response: You know me, Lord, and I am yours.

Reader: Were I to count them,
they would outnumber the grains of sand —
when I awake, I am still with you.

Response: You know me, Lord, and I am yours.

SECOND READING

Jeff Grzinic

A reading from the Book of Revelation 21:1-5a, 6b-7

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth.
The first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now,
and there was no longer any sea.
I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem,
coming down from God out of heaven,
as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband.
Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne,
“You see this city? Here God lives among men.
He will make his home among them;
they shall be his people and he will be their God;
his name is God-with-them.
He will wipe away all tears from their eyes;
there will be no more death, and no more mourning, or sadness.
The world of the past has gone.”
Then the One sitting on the throne spoke;
“Now I am making the whole of creation new,”
he said, “I am the Alpha and the Omega,
the beginning and the end.
I will give water from the well of life free to anybody who is thirsty:
it is the rightful inheritance of the one who proves victorious;
and I will be his God,
and he will be my son.”

The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(Please stand)

Jeff Grzinic

All: Alleluia! Alleluia!

I am the resurrection and the life, said the Lord;
he who believes in me will not die for ever.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING

Fr Čabreja: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Fr Čabreja: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John (14:1-6)

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

(Please be seated)

Fr Nikola Čabreja

EULOGY

(Please be seated)

Marijana Erceg, Steven Erceg and Diane Erceg

PHOTO MEMORIES

'Dalmacija u mom oku' – Mišo Kovač

'Svirajte noćas za moju dušu' – Oliver Dragojević

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

(Please stand)

Michael Grzinic and Robert Radomiljac

Fr Čabreja: Let us pray with confidence for Frane as we give thanks for the gift of his life. We turn to you as a loving father and place our needs before you.

Reader: We pray for Frane who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that he may now be admitted to the company of the saints. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: Lord, we thank you for receiving Frane into your heavenly Kingdom. Reunited with his wife, Nevenka, may they together enjoy the rewards of eternal life. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: Dear Lord, we are grateful for the strength and courage You bestowed upon Frane so that he could build a new life in Australia. May his creative spirit, generosity and determination continue to inspire us. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray for our family and friends assembled here today and for those who were unable to attend. May they find the healing power and comfort of the Lord, in the midst of pain and grief. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray for all the doctors, nurses and health professionals who cared for Frane during his illness. We thank them for the compassionate work they do, and we ask that you bless each and every one of them.

We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray, Lord, that through Your guidance we may bring forth Your Kingdom and build a world where all humanity can experience peace and security. .

We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Fr Čabreja: Ever loving Father, help us to live our lives gently with others and to trust and believe that Frane is never far away from us. Help us to share the fullness of life with you forever. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

(Please be seated)

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY

Our gifts are brought forward by Melita Tomic and Renae Gillespie

OFFERTORY HYMN

‘Good Good Father’ – Chris Tomlin

INVITATION TO PRAYER

Fr Čabreja: Pray, friends, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Almighty Father.

All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

(Please stand)

Fr Čabreja: Lord, we are united in this sacrament by the love of Jesus Christ. Accept these gifts and receive our brother Frane into the glory of your Son, who is Lord for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

PREFACE

Fr Čabreja: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Fr Čabreja: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Fr Čabreja: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right and just.

Fr Čabreja: It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, Holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord.

In Him the hope of blessed resurrection has dawned, that those saddened by the certainty of dying might be consoled by the promise of immortality to come. Indeed for your faithful, Lord, life is changed not ended, and, when this earthly dwelling turns to dust, an eternal dwelling is made ready for them in heaven.

Fr Čabreja: And so, with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominions, and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of your glory, and without end we acclaim:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

(Please kneel)

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Fr Čabreja: The Mystery of faith.

All: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

Fr Čabreja: Through Him, and with Him, and in Him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Please stand)

Fr Čabreja: 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.

Fr Čabreja: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

All: For the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

THE SIGN OF PEACE

Fr Čabreja: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles:
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but
on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant him peace and
unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever
and ever.

All: Amen.

Fr Čabreja: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And with your spirit.

Fr Čabreja: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.

(Please kneel)

COMMUNION

Fr Čabreja: Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him who takes away the sins of
the world. Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the
Lamb.

All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION HYMN

‘Krist na Žalu’

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

(Please stand)

Fr Čabreja: Lord God, Your Son Jesus Christ gave us the sacrament of his
body and blood to guide us on our pilgrim way to your kingdom.
May our brother Frane, who shared in this Eucharist come to the
banquet of life Christ has prepared for us.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

FINAL COMMENDATION AND FAREWELL

Fr Čabreja: With faith in Jesus Christ, we reverently bring the body of Frane, to be buried in its human imperfection. Let us pray with confidence to God, who gives life to all things, that He will raise this mortal body to the perfection and the company of the saints.

May God give him a merciful judgment and forgive all his sins. May Christ the Good Shepherd, lead him safely home to be at peace with God our Father. And may he be happy forever with all the saints in the presence of the Eternal King.

When Frane was baptised, he was baptised into the death of Christ. The Father has raised the Lord Jesus from the dead, and we too have been raised in Him to live a new life for God. Through baptism, we have shared in the death of Jesus in order that we may also share in His resurrection.

In memory of Frane's Baptism, we use this Holy Water, and call on the Lord Jesus to welcome him into the glory of eternal life.

Fr Čabreja: Saints of God, come to his aid!

Come to meet him, Angels of the Lord!

All: **Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.**

Fr Čabreja: May Christ, who called you, take you to himself,
May Angels lead you to Abraham's side.

All: **Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.**

Fr Čabreja: Give him eternal rest, O Lord,
And may your light shine upon him forever.

All: **Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.**

Fr Čabraja: Father, into your hands we commend our brother Frane. We are confident that with all who have died in Christ, he will be raised to life on the last day and live with Christ forever.

We thank you for the blessing you gave him in this life to show your fatherly care for all of us, and the fellowship which is ours with all the saints.

Lord, hear our prayer, welcome our brother Frane into Paradise and help us to comfort each other with the assurance of our faith until we all meet in Christ to be with you and with Frane forever.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Fr Čabraja: Frane, 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.

People of the Lord, go in the peace of Christ.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

RECESSIONAL MUSIC

‘Ima Jedna Duga Cesta’ – Klappa Leggero





THANK YOU

Frane's family would like to thank you all for the many expressions of kindness, care, love and support you have shown them at this time, and for your presence here today.

REFRESHMENTS

You are warmly invited to join the family to share refreshments and reflect on Frane's life at 3 Edwards Crescent, Redcliffe from 4.30pm.

E TRIBUTE



If you would like to leave a message of condolence for Frane's family simply scan this QR code with your smartphone to be directed to Frane's eTribute or visit seasons.com.au