

We celebrate and  
give thanks for the life of  
*Sr Carmel Clarke*

Born: *24 March 1941*

Entered Eternal Life: *27 December 2022*

Celebrant: *Fr Richard Morris*

Venue: *St Joseph's Chapel*





  
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## Song of Farewell

### Saints of God

Tune: Amazing Grace

Come to Carmel's aid, O Saints of God! O angels meet her now.  
Receive her spirit, present her now to God, the Lord most High.

May God who called you, take you home, to rest near Abraham.  
Receive her spirit, present her now to God, the Lord Most High.

Give Carmel eternal rest, O God, may she have endless light.  
Receive her spirit, present her now, to God, the Lord Most High.

## Time To Say Goodbye

Instrumental

## Kangaroo Island

Carmel's long time place of ministry



*Piano player take me by the hand  
and tell me how galaxies revolve.  
With starry arms and nebulous  
fingers etched in your mind  
Piano player play for me  
the music of the planets turning  
and songs of solar flares  
with cosmic voices between  
each ivory key  
play just for me.*

Piano Player: poem by Elizabeth Shield

## Acknowledgement of Country

### Welcome

Brigette Sipa rsj

## Introductory Rite

Fr Richard: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**All:** *And with your spirit.*

Fr Richard: In the waters of baptism Carmel died with Christ and rose with him to new life. May she now share with him in glory.

### *Sprinkling of the coffin*

Gathered with this faith community Carmel was nourished at the table of the God's Word and the table of the Eucharist. We have been graced by her faith and love as she faithfully lived her Baptismal Promises.

*Carmel's body is accompanied into the Chapel by the Sisters and family*

## Entrance Hymn

### Joseph Holy

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Joseph Holy, faithful guardian,  
Spouse of Mary, ever Virgin,  
Loving teacher of God's Word. *Repeat*

You the model of obedience,  
You the poor and humble worker,  
You the patron of the Church.

Then we ask you, Joseph faithful,  
Help us always be attentive,  
Listening, hearing God's own Word.

Joseph Holy, faithful guardian,  
Spouse of Mary, ever Virgin,  
Loving teacher of God's Word.



### *Lighting of the Paschal Candle*

Fr Richard: In Baptism, Carmel received the light of Christ. This light has guided Carmel throughout her life and rises with her to new life. May she now enjoy eternal life with the risen Christ.

### *Placing of the Pall*

Fr Richard: In Baptism, Carmel was claimed by Christ and clothed in a garment of white. May Christ now gently enfold her in love and receive her in the embrace of God.

### *The Placing of Symbols*

**Eulogy** Genevieve Ryan rsj

### **Opening Prayer**

Fr Richard: Listen kindly to our prayers O God, and as our faith in your Son, raised from the dead is deepened, so may our hope of resurrection for Carmel find new strength. Grant that Carmel who has fallen asleep in Christ, may rejoice to rise again through him. We make this prayer through Christ Jesus.

**All:** *Amen*

## *Liturgy of the Word*

**First Reading:** Hosea 2: 16-17, 21-22

*Carmel has treasured these words as God's promises to her.*

That is why I am going to lure you and lead you out into the wilderness and speak to your heart. I will betroth you to myself forever, betroth you with integrity and justice, with tenderness and love. I will betroth you to myself with faithfulness, and you will come to know your God.

The Word of the Lord.

**All:** *Thanks be to God*

## *Communion Rite*

**Our Father**

spoken

**Sign of Peace**

**Lamb of God**

Spoken

**Communion Hymn**

**A Journey Remembered**

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**Chorus**

*O praise the Lord, my soul.  
My God, how great you are.  
My heart and my soul sing out your praise.  
My God, how great you are.*

You have carried me within your arms whenever I've known fear.  
You have waited patiently for me, then you drew me near.  
You have run beside me even when I didn't want to know  
that you are my home and my joy.

In the doubting times you touched my hope and showed me how to be.  
In the hours of fear and hopelessness your truth set me free.  
In the memory of family I learnt to know your name,  
Learnt that you are my home and my joy.

Lord, bless the place where I was born and those who carried me.  
Lord, bless the many smiles, who have kindly set me free.  
Lord, bless the many little ones who've shown your face to me.  
You are my home and my joy. **Chorus**

**Prayer after Communion**

Fr Richard: Loving God, we pray that Carmel, who has journeyed from this world, may by this sacrifice, be cleansed and untethered from all that has bound her. May she receive the everlasting joys of the Resurrection. We ask this through Jesus our Saviour.

**All:** *Amen*

*The coffin is sprinkled with holy water and incensed*

**Chorus:**

*Our lives are in your hands,  
Our lives are in your hands;  
Our love for you will grow, O God;  
Your light in us will shine.*

- 3. Our own belief in you, O God,  
Is only a shadow of your faith in us,  
Only a shadow of your faith in us;  
Your deep and lasting faith.
- 4. The dreams we share today, O God,  
is only a shadow of your dreams for us;  
only a shadow of Your dreams for us;  
if we but follow You. *Refrain*
- 5. The joy we share today, O God,  
is only a shadow of Your joys for us;  
only a shadow of Your joys for us;  
when we meet face to face. *Refrain*

**Prayer over the Gifts**

Fr Richard: Loving God, we are united today by your love and our remembering of Carmel’s life. Accept these gifts, symbols of our faith and hope, and our commitment to your mission. May your love cleanse her from any human weakness. We ask you this through Christ our Lord.

**All:** *Amen*

**Holy, Holy** spoken

**Eucharistic Acclamation** sung

*We proclaim your death, O Lord  
And profess your Resurrection  
Until you come again.*

**Amen** sung

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Response:** *Arise, come to Your God, singing your songs of rejoicing.*

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Celtic Alleluia**

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**Sung:** *Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia, Alleluia.*

**Spoken:** Come to me, all you who labour and are burdened  
And I will give you rest.

**Sung:** *Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia, Alleluia.*

**Gospel:** **Matthew 6:25-34**

Do not worry about your life. I am telling you not to worry about your life and what you are to eat, nor about your body and what you are to wear. Surely life is more than food, and the body more than clothing! Look at the birds in the sky. They do not sow or reap or gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they are? Can any of you, however much you worry, add one single cubit to your span of life? And why worry about clothing? Think of the flowers growing in the fields. They never have to work or spin yet I assure you that not even Solomon in all his royal robes was clothed like one of these. Now if that is how God clothes the wildflowers growing in the field which are there today and thrown into the furnace tomorrow, will he not much more look after you, you have so little faith? So do not worry; do not say, “What are we to eat? What are we to drink? What are we to wear?” It is the gentiles who set their hearts on all these things. Your heavenly Father knows you need them all. Set your hearts on his kingdom first, and on God’s saving justice, and all these other things will be given you as well. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. The Gospel of the Lord.

**All:** *Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ*

**Homily** Fr Richard Morris

## Universal Prayer

Fr Richard Today we have gathered to celebrate the life of our dear sister, Carmel, and to commend her to God. Let us also place before the God who loves and cares for each one of us the needs of the Church and the world.

We pray for our Church, into which Carmel was baptised, especially for all those entrusted with leadership: Pope Francis, Archbishop Patrick, and Bishop Karol. May they be blessed with wisdom and courage in their ministry of guiding people. We pray to our God.

**All:** *Loving God, hear our prayer.*

We pray for our sister, Carmel. May she enjoy eternal peace with the God whom she loved, desired to be with and served so faithfully throughout her life. May Sisters, Josephites, families, friends and all who have journeyed with Carmel be rewarded for their kindness and companionship. We pray to our God.

**All:** *Loving God, hear our prayer.*

We pray for all those with whom Carmel ministered during her many years of dedicated service in schools, motor missions and pastoral work. May her compassion and care live on in all those people who meant so much to her. We pray to our God.

**All:** *Loving God, hear our prayer.*

We pray in gratitude for all those who cared for Carmel in her final years, especially the staff at Calvary Flora McDonald. May their ministry be richly blessed. We pray to our God.

**All:** *Loving God, hear our prayer.*

We pray for all who are grieving at this time, especially Carmel's relatives, Pauline and her family and Sister Catherine Clark and Carmel's other Josephite Sisters and friends. May they all be comforted in their sadness and consoled by the memories they hold in their hearts. We pray to our God.

**All:** *Loving God, hear our prayer.*

We pray for all who have died, especially Carmel's parents, Frank and Ellen, little Ellen Sarah and all deceased family members and Sisters of St Joseph who have gone before us. May they all be united in the joy of resurrection. We pray to our God.

**All:** *Loving God, hear our prayer.*

Fr Richard : Gracious God, we commend these prayers to you with trust, confident that you will respond not only to these requests but also grant with tender compassion those unspoken prayers in our minds and hearts. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord.

**All:** *Amen.*

## *Liturgy of the Eucharist*

### Procession of Gifts

### Only a Shadow

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1. The love we have for you, O God,  
is only a shadow of your love for us;  
only a shadow of your love for us,  
Your deep abiding love.
2. The bread we take and eat, O God,  
Is your body broken and shared with us,  
Your body broken and shared with us,  
The gift of Your great love.