

*Funeral Mass for the
Repose of the Soul of*

Mary Carleen Bessen

Born 30 March 1929

Entered Eternal Life 4 September 2021





*Funeral Mass celebrated by
Rev Fr Eka Tanaya SJ
in St Ignatius Catholic Church,
cnr Queen and William Streets, Norwood
on 15 September 2021.*



Mary Carleen Bessen

*Cherished daughter of
Ellen and Carl (both deceased).*

*Adored sister of
Viola and Aileen (both deceased).*

*Devoted aunt of
Marion (deceased), Stephen, Christine,
Carleen, Claire, and Gregory (deceased).*

*Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord
and let perpetual light shine upon her.*

Introductory Rite

OPENING HYMN *Ave Maria (Schubert)*

GREETING AND WELCOME

BLESSING WITH HOLY WATER

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE *Carleen Mason and Catherine Bradshaw*

OPENING PRAYER

Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING *Isaiah 43: 1-3a, 4* *Stephen Fitridge*

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

Thus said the Lord who created you:

“Do not be afraid for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by your name,
you are mine.
Should you pass through the sea,
I will be with you;
or through rivers, they will not swallow you up.
Should you walk through fire,
you will not be scorched
and the flames will not burn you.
For I am the Lord, your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.
You are precious in my eyes,
because you are honoured and I love you.
Do not be afraid for I am with you.

The Word of the Lord.

All *Thanks be to God.*

RESPONSORIAL HYMN *Psalm 27: Do Not Be Afraid (Willcock)*

Refrain *Do not be afraid, I am with you;
I have called you by your name, you are mine;
I have called you by your name, you are mine.*

The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
Before whom shall I shrink? *Refrain*

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long:
To live in the house of the Lord,
All the days of my life. *Refrain*

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart,
Hope in the Lord. *Refrain*

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 4: 6-8

Chris Lindner

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy.

Now the time has come for me to be gone.
I have fought the good fight to the end;
I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith.
All there is to come now is the crown of righteousness,
reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge,
will give to me on that day; and not only to me,
but to all those who have longed for his appearing.

The Word of the Lord.

All *Thanks be to God.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Revelation 14:13*

All *Alleluia, Alleluia!*
Blessed are those who die in the Lord;
let them rest from their labours for their good deeds go with them.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 25: 31-40

The Lord be with you.

All And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

When the Son of Man comes in his glory,
and all the angels with him,
he will sit upon his glorious throne,
and all the nations will be assembled before him.
And he will separate them one from another,
as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.
He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

Then the king will say to those on his right,
'Come, you who are blessed by my Father.
Inherit the kingdom prepared for you
from the foundation of the world.
For I was hungry and you gave me food,
I was thirsty and you gave me drink,
a stranger and you welcomed me,
naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me,
in prison and you visited me.'

Then the righteous will answer him and say,
'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you,
or thirsty and give you drink?
When did we see you a stranger and welcome you,
or naked and clothe you?
When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?'

And the king will say to them in reply,
'Amen, I say to you,
whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine,
you did for me.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Richard Lisiewicz

Lord, we thank you for the life of Carleen.
Now that her earthly journey is over,
may she enjoy peace and happiness.
God among us, hear us.

Response *God among us, hear our prayer.*

We thank God for allowing Carleen's family,
especially her nieces and nephews,
the privilege of sharing their lives with her.
May they continue to share such privilege with many others.
God among us, hear us.

Response *God among us, hear our prayer.*

Lord, we pray for all those who cared for and comforted
Carleen and for all who minister to the elderly.
May you bless them and reward them
for their goodness and compassion.
God among us, hear us.

Response *God among us, hear our prayer.*

We pray for the Church and for the world in these troubled times,
that the peace of Christ may be present for all people.
God among us, hear us.

Response *God among us, hear our prayer.*

We recall the many joys and blessings Carleen brought to her family,
her relatives and her friends. May they be consoled knowing
Carleen is now in your loving embrace.
God among us, hear us.

Response *God among us, hear our prayer.*

Liturgy of the Eucharist

OFFERTORY HYMN

Gentle As Silence (White)

Oh, the love of my Lord is the essence
Of all that I love here on earth
All the beauty I see He has given to me
And His giving is gentle as silence.

Every day, every hour, every moment
Have been blessed by the strength of His love
At the turn of each tide, He is there at my side,
And His touch is as gentle as silence.

There've been times when I've turned from his presence
And I've walked other paths, other ways
But I've called on His name in the dark of my shame
And His mercy was gentle as silence.

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

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

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

All *And with your spirit.*

Lift up your hearts.

All *We lift them up to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All *It is right and just.*

PREFACE AND SANCTUS

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.*

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

The mystery of faith.

All *When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come again.*

FINAL DOXOLOGY AND GREAT AMEN

Through him, with him, 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.*

Communion Rite

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.*

Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day.
In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety
as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

All *For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.*

SIGN OF PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All And with your spirit.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

AGNUS DEI

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.

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world.

Blessed are those 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

COMMUNION HYMN **Make Me A Channel of Your Peace** (*Temple*)

Make me a channel of Your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me bring Your love.

Where there is injury, Your pardon, Lord.

And where there's doubt, true faith in You.

Make me a channel of Your peace.

Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.

Where there is darkness, only light,

And where there's sadness, ever joy.

Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek

So much to be consoled as to console,

To be understood as to understand,

To be loved, as to love, with all my soul.

Make me a channel of Your peace.

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned.

In giving of ourselves that we receive,

And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Final Commendation and Farewell

INVITATION TO PRAYER AND SONG OF FAREWELL

Saints of God, come to her aid!
Come to meet her, angels of the Lord!

All *Receive her soul and present her to God the Most High.*

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

All *Receive her soul and present her to God the Most High.*

Give her eternal rest, O Lord,
and make your light shine upon her forever.

All *Receive her soul and present her to God the Most High.*

FINAL PRAYER

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Pie Jesu (Lloyd Webber)



*Carleen's Committal Service will take place
in West Terrace Cemetery, West Terrace, Adelaide.
You are welcome to join her Family
for the Committal Service.*

*For those not able to attend the Committal Service,
you are invited to pay your last respects to Carleen
with rose petal tributes before the hearse departs.*



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