

Funeral Mass in Thanksgiving for the Life of



Patricia Mary Ridge

Born on April 7th, 1933

Entered Eternal Life on August 18th, 2021

St Paul of the Cross Catholic Church, Blackwood

Wednesday, September 1st, 2021

Celebrant: Rev Fr Tony Telford-Sharp

*Death is nothing at all.
I have only slipped away into the next room.
I am I, and you are you.
Whatever we were to each other, that we are still.*

*Call me by my old familiar name.
Speak to me in the easy way you always used.
Put no difference into your tone.
Wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow.*

*Laugh as we always laughed
at the little jokes we enjoyed together.
Play, smile, think of me, pray for me.
Let my name be ever the household word that it always was.
Let it be spoken without effort,
without the ghost of a shadow on it.*

*Life means all that it ever meant.
It is the same as it ever was.
There is absolutely unbroken continuity.
Why should I be out of mind
because I am out of sight?
I am but waiting for you, for an interval,
somewhere very near,
just round the corner.*

*All is well.
Nothing is past; nothing is lost.
One brief moment and all will be as it was before.
How we shall laugh at the trouble of parting
when we meet again.*

Introductory Rites

ENTRANCE SONG

The Prayer

Foster, Sager, Testa, Renis

WELCOME

BLESSING WITH HOLY WATER

PLACEMENT OF BAPTISMAL PALL

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

Michael Ridge

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OPENING PRAYER

Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING

1 Corinthians 13: 4 - 13

A reading from the first letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians.

Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful.

Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins, but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes. Love does not come to an end.

But if there are gifts of prophecy, the time will come when they must fail; or the gift of languages, it will not continue for ever; and knowledge - for this, too, the time will come when it must fail.

For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect; but once perfection comes, all imperfect things will disappear.

When I was a child, I used to talk like a child, and think like a child, and argue like a child, but now I am a man, all childish ways are put behind me.

Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror; but then we shall be seeing face to face. The knowledge that I have now is imperfect; but then I shall know as fully as I am known.

In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 22 (23)

The response to the Psalm is, "The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want."

All: The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.

Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit.

All: The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name.

If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear.

You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort.

All: The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes.

My head you have anointed with oil, my cup is overflowing.

All: The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life.

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

All: The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Revelation 14: 13

All: Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy are those who have died in the Lord, the Spirit says;

Let them rest from their labours,

for their good deeds go with them.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 25: 31 - 40

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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.

Jesus said to his disciples, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory.

All the nations will be assembled before him

and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats.

He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left.

Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me."

Then the virtuous will say to him in reply,
"Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink?
When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome;
naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?"

And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly,
in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me".

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

Fr Tony Telford-Sharp

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Patricia's grandchildren

Dear Lord, welcome Nanna into your kingdom.
Lord, give her life, peace and happiness with you forever. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray that in these days of Spring we recognise God's cycle of life
and his inspiring symbols of new life all around us. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Nanna believed the central aspect of life is the family.
We pray for all families, that they may grow in love and commitment
as they face the challenges of life. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for all our family members, especially those unable to attend today
due to travel restrictions and distance, especially Nanna's son Tony, his wife Deanne,
Nanna's grandchildren Ben and Liam and Kate, Kate's husband Lachlan,
and Nanna's great grandchildren Ashton, Lilah and Rory.
May the Lord comfort them in their grief. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for all of our family members who have died, especially Poppa Kevin;
that they will find eternal rest and peace. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

OFFERTORY HYMN

Here I Am, Lord

Schutte

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Pray brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice 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.

PREFACE

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.

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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honour is yours, almighty Father, forever and ever.

All: Amen.

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 a sign of peace.

Maintaining safe distancing, each person offers a greeting of peace to those nearby

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 Rite

COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN

Amazing Grace

Newton

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Rite of Commendation and Farewell

BLESSING AND INCENSING OF THE COFFIN

PRAYER OF COMMENDATION AND SONG OF FAREWELL

Saints of God, come to her aid! Hasten 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 angels lead you to Abraham's side.

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

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

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

COMMITTAL

RECESSION

RECESSIONAL SONG

Time To Say Goodbye

Sartori

Pallbearers

Michael Ridge
Brendan Sheehan
Daniel Sheehan

John Sheehan
Bryson Ridge
James Wilkinson

Following Mass, you are all invited to join the family for light refreshments at the Belair Hotel, Main Road, Blackwood (turn left exiting the Church car park).



*May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face;
the rains fall soft upon your fields,
and, until we meet again,
may God hold you in the palm of His hand.*



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