

*Sr Kathrine Conley RSM, OAM*



*Born ~ 22<sup>nd</sup> October 1934*  
*Entered Eternal Life ~ 16<sup>th</sup> August 2022*

*'Through Christ, With Christ, In Christ'*

*29<sup>th</sup> August 2022*

*St Paul of the Cross Church  
(The Monastery)  
Glen Osmond*

*Main Celebrant: Rev. Maurice Shinnick*



## **Lighting of the Paschal Candle**

### **Opening Hymn: Christ be our light.**

Longing for light, we wait in darkness,  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
Light for the world to see.

**Refrain:** Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has pow'r to save us  
Make us your living voice.

**Refrain**

Longing for shelter, many are homeless  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others  
Walls made of living stone.

**Refrain**

Many the gifts, many the people  
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another  
Making Your kingdom come.

**Refrain**

## **Acknowledgement of Country**

**Welcome:** Sr Nola Morrissy RSM – South A SA Community Leader

## **Placement of the Pall and Symbols**

**Blessing of Coffin with Holy Water**

**Placing symbols of Kate's life**

## **Opening Prayer**

**First Reading:** Micah: 6:6,8

**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 63**

**Response: Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.**

**Reader:** O God, you are my God, at dawn I seek you.

For you my soul is thirsting

For you my flesh is pining.

Like a dry weary land without water.

I have come before you in this holy place

To behold your strength and your glory. **Response**

Your loving mercy is better than life.

My lips will speak your praise.

I will bless you all my life;

In your name will I lift up my hands.

My soul shall be filled as with a banquet

With joyful lips, my mouth shall praise you. **Response**

When I remember you on my bed,

I muse on you through the watches of the night.

For you have been my strength,

In the shadow of your wings I sing for joy,

My soul clings fast to you;

Your right hand upholds me. **Response**

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 4:1-6

**Alleluia Verse:** Celtic Alleluia sung.

Verse spoken: Do not fear for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by your name, you are mine.

Alleluia.

**Gospel:** Matthew 25: 31-40

**Homily**

## **Universal Prayers.**

### **Celebrant:**

1. For Kate, who, in life, shone with the unconditional love of her loving creator, and who spread that love to all with whom she lived and worked, may now be experiencing eternal peace.  
Welcome her, Loving God.

### **All: Welcome her, Loving God.**

2. For Kate's family, who have filled Kate's world with such joy - Bill and Bea, Lucy and Hanna, Joanne and Patrick, Paul and Monica, Emilia and Louisa, Tony and Jo, Dylan and Isaac, that they may now be comforted by the memories of the life they have shared.  
Console them, Loving God.

### **All: Console them, Loving God.**

3. For Kate's Mercy Sisters and her many friends, who throughout Kate's varied ministries in education, formation, spiritual companionship, industrial chaplaincy, support for homeless women at Catherine House, advocacy for women, especially those from her time as chaplain in the women's prison, she continued to support, that they may now share that friendship with those around them.  
Inspire them, Merciful God.

### **All: Inspire them, Merciful God.**

4. For Kate's gift of peace, so generously shared with her family, her Sisters, her friends and in her relationship with all created things, that this peace will live on in all of us.  
Bring us this peace, merciful God.

### **All: Bring us this peace, Merciful God.**

5. For Kate's doctors, nurses and all the staff at Carmelite, who have shown Kate such compassion, that their knowledge and skill will continue to heal those in their care.  
Be with them, Healing God.

### **All: Be with them, Healing God.**

6. For all who have died. We remember Kate's parents, Anne and Os, her sister Moira, the Sisters of Mercy, that they may now join Kate in eternal happiness.

Rejoice with them, Surprising God.

**All: Rejoice with them, Surprising God.**

**Celebrant**

**Preparation of Gifts: Music**

**Communion Hymn: Be Still My Soul**

Be still my soul, the Lord is on thy side.  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.  
Leave to thy God to order and provide  
In every change, he faithful will remain.

Be still, my soul; thy best, thy heavenly Friend.  
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul, when dearest friends depart  
And all is dark and in the vale of tears.  
Then shalt thou better know his love, His heart.  
Who comes to soothe thy sorrow and thy fears.

Be still, my soul, the waves and winds still know  
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

Be still, my soul, the hour is hastening on  
When we shall be forever with the Lord  
When disappointment, grief and fear are gone,  
Sorrows forgot, love's purest joys restored.

Be still, my soul, when change and tears are past,  
All safe and blessed, then we shall meet at last.

**Reflection Hymn:** Panis Angelicus

**Eulogy:** Sr. Elizabeth Young RSM, Joanne Wright

## **FINAL COMMENDATION**

Symbols and Pall are removed.

**Fr. Maurice:**

Trusting in God, we have prayed together for Kate and now we come to the last farewell. There is sadness in parting, but we take comfort in the hope that one day we shall see her again and enjoy her love and friendship. Although we will disperse in sorrow, the mercy of God will gather us together again in the peace and joy of God's kin-dom. Therefore, let us console one another in the faith and love of Jesus Christ.

The coffin is sprinkled with holy water and incensed.

## **Song of the angels**

May songs of the angels welcome you and guide you along your way  
May the smiles of the martyrs greet your own as darkness turns into day.  
Every fear will be undone and death will be no more  
As songs of the angels bring you home before the face of God.

**Fr. Maurice**

In peace let us take our sister Kate to her place of rest.

**Final Hymn:** On Eagle's Wings

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,  
Who abide in his shadow for life say to the Lord.  
"My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

**Refrain:** And He will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun,  
And hold you in the palm of his hand.

The snare of the fowler will never capture you,  
And famine will bring you no fear  
Under His wings your refuge,  
His faithfulness your shield.

**Refrain**

You need not fear the terror of the night,  
Nor the arrow that flies by day,  
Though thousands fall about you,  
Near you it shall not come

**Refrain**

For to His angels, He's given a command  
To guard you in all of your ways,  
Upon their hands they will bear you up,  
Lest you dash your foot against a stone.

**Refrain**







## **RITE OF COMMITTAL AT THE GRAVESIDE**

**Leader:**

With faith in Jesus Christ we reverently bury the body of our Sister Kate. Let us pray with confidence that God, in whose sight all creation lives, will raise up in holiness and power this body of our sister Kate and commend her soul to be numbered among the blessed. May she rejoice forever in the presence of God and in the company of all the saints.

**Reader:** Let us pray the words of our foundress, Catherine McAuley.

**All:** My god, I am yours for time and eternity.

**Reader:** Teach me to cast myself entirely into the arms of your loving providence.

**All:** With the most lively, unlimited confidence in your compassionate tender pity.

**Reader:** Grant me, O most merciful Redeemer that whatever you ordain or permit  
May be acceptable to me.

**All:** Take from my heart all painful anxiety; let nothing sadden me but sin.

**Reader:** Let my delight be the hope of coming to the possession of you,  
my God and  
My all, in your everlasting kingdom.

**All:** My god I am yours for time and eternity.

**Leader:** Kate, may God embrace you with the spirit of love because you have proved  
It is Jesus Christ whom you have sought and loved with your whole heart.

The coffin is lowered.

**Leader:** O mothering earth, receive Kate's body, formed of you, by the hand of God, and again returning to your embrace.

Receive her now as your own.

The Lord Jesus Christ will change our mortal bodies to be like his in glory, for he is risen, the first born from the dead. In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life and with longing for the coming of God's reign, we pray:

**All:** Our Father

### Poem

**Leader:** Let us pray together:

God of endless ages, from one generation to the next you have been our refuge and strength. Accept our prayers for Kate and for all who are buried here. Give them a place in your Kin-dom, where hope is firm for all who love and rest is sure for all who serve. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

### Salve Regina

Salve Regina, Mater misericordiae  
Vita dulcedo, et spes nostra, salve  
Ad te clamamus, exules, filii Hevae  
Ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes  
In hac lacrimarum valle.  
Eia ergo, Advocata nostra,  
Illos tuos misericordes oculos ad nos converte;  
Et Jesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui,  
Nobis post hoc exilium ostende,  
O Clemens, O pia, O dulcis Virgo Maria.

## Kate's Journey

1934	Born in Snowtown 22 <sup>nd</sup> October
1953	Entered Sisters of Mercy, Angas Street. Taught Grades 2 and 3 at SAC as a postulant.
1955	Professed as Sister of Mercy
1955 – 1965	Taught at Parkside, SAC and Albert Park
1959	Finally Professed
1966 - 1977	Head of School at Albert Park, Millicent, Mt. Gambier, Elizabeth.
1972 – 1977	Superior at Elizabeth. Provincial Councillor
1977 – 1978	September - Sabbatical in Manila. Returned in November when her father died. Returned to Manila Feb until May 1978. Pymble, NSW 3 <sup>rd</sup> Term 1978.
1979 – 1983	Henley Beach – Formation Mistress, Retreat Work, Spiritual Direction.
1984 - 1985	Wingfield, Industrial Chaplaincy April 1984
1986 – 1999	Woodville Gardens, Chaplain Women's Prison
1995	Sabbatical Year – Hermitage, Keyneton, Barossa Valley.
1999	Vicaress Congregational Council – outreach Ministry to women leaving Prison and families. Taryn House for Homeless.
1999 – 2000	Retreat Work, Spiritual Direction, Outreach, Pastoral Care.
2019 – 2000	Moved to Carmelite. Outreach and Pastoral Care.
2022	Died 16 <sup>th</sup> August



We would like to thank you for celebrating this Eucharist with us in  
Memory of Kate.

We acknowledge with gratitude those who have cared for Kate,  
especially in the staff at Carmelite.

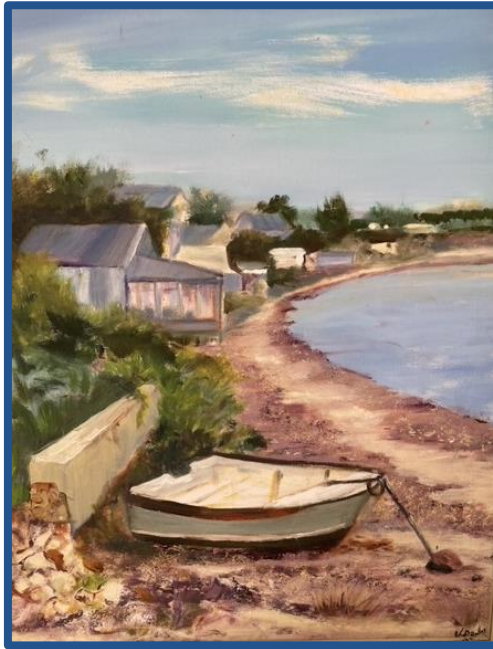
After the burial at West Terrace Cemetery, you are invited to light  
Refreshments at the Mercy Centre, 4 Victoria Street, Mile End. The  
Venue is on the corner of Victoria Street and Victoria Lane.  
Please enter through the gate on Victoria Lane.



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When I die give what's left of me away  
To children and old men that wait to die.  
And if you need to cry,  
Cry for your brother walking the street beside you.  
And when you need me, put your arms around anyone  
And give them what you need to give me

I want to leave you something,  
Something better than words or sounds.  
Look for me in the people I've known or loved,  
And if you cannot give me away,  
At least let me live in your eyes and not in your mind.

You can love me best by letting hands touch hands,  
And by letting go of children that need to be free.  
Love doesn't die, people do.  
So when all that's left of me is love,  
Give me away.

Merrit Malloy



