

We celebrate and  
give thanks for  
the life of

*Sister Joan Barry*

Born: 23 April 1922

Entered Eternal Life: 10 January 2022

Celebrant: Most Rev Gregory O'Kelly SJ

St Ignatius' Church, Norwood



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## Acknowledgement of Country

Welcome      *Sr Brigette Sipa*

## *Introductory Rite*

### Greeting

Celebrant:      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.**

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

### *~ Sprinkling of the coffin ~*

With this faith community Sr Joan Barry frequently gathered to be nourished at the table of the Lord's Word and the table of the Eucharist. We have been graced by her faith and love as she faithfully lived her Baptismal Promises. Please join in the Entrance Hymn as we bring Joan, accompanied by Sisters and family, into the Church.

### 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.

## Lighting of the Paschal Candle

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

## Placing of the Pall

Celebrant: In Baptism, Joan 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.

## *Placing of Symbols*



**Eulogy** Sr Sheila McCreanor

## Opening Prayer

Celebrant: 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 your departed servants find new strength. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen**

## *Liturgy of the Word*

**First Reading:** Hosea 2: 16, 21-23

“After that, however, I will woo her. I will lead her into the desert, speaking tenderly to her heart. I will bind myself to you in love forever - yes, I will swear myself to you in rightness and justice, in tender love and in deep compassion.

I swear myself to you in love and faithfulness, and then you will truly know your God. On that day, I will speak aloud, “I will speak out to the heavens and they will speak out to the earth”.

The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God**

## Responsorial Psalm:

Response: Do not be afraid I am with you.  
I have called you by your name, you are mine.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia

Happy are those who have died in the name of the Lord.

Let them rest from their labours for their good deeds follow them.

Alleluia, alleluia.

## Gospel: John 14: 1-6

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 now going 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: *Bishop Greg O’Kelly*



## Prayers of Intercession

Celebrant: God of love, as we gather to remember the life of Joan Barry we recall your loving kindness and compassion to all people. Loving and gracious God, we ask you to be with us as we celebrate and remember Sr Joan, and pray for the needs of our Church, our world and for ourselves.

1. We pray for our Church, and for all who are called through their Baptism to follow you. May we reach out, in love, to offer support and kindness to others, as Joan did. Gracious God, hear us.  
**All: Gracious God, hear our prayer.**
2. We pray for all who are struggling at this time, in our world. May they find someone to support them, give them a helping hand, pray for them, and love them. Gracious God, hear us.  
**All: Gracious God, hear our prayer.**
3. We thank you for Joan, who has enriched our lives so much by her openness, her cheerfulness, and her readiness to accept whatever came her way. May we follow her example and become people of contentment and peace. Gracious God, hear us.  
**All: Gracious God, hear our prayer.**
4. We remember Joan's family, who were always so special to her - her parents Terence and Minnie and her brothers and sisters. We pray particularly for Maurice and the many people who will miss Joan's presence among them. May we, like Joan, live life to the full. Gracious God, hear us.  
**All: Gracious God, hear our prayer.**
5. We pray for the Sisters of St Joseph who, in the 80 years of her Religious Life, were fortunate to be touched by Joan's life, and her presence among us. May each of us strive to be there for others in whatever way we can. We remember especially Eunice, her sister twice over. Gracious God, hear us.  
**All: Gracious God, hear our prayer.**

6. We pray that, just as Joan was an example to us of goodness, love and good old common sense, we too may reach out to others in whatever way is needed. Gracious God, hear us.

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

Celebrant: Loving and gracious God, healer of hearts, we commend our prayers to you. Let us remain in your love as we remember and celebrate the life of Sr Joan.

We ask this through Jesus, the Christ.

**All: Amen.**

### Preparation of Gifts

### *Reflective Music*

Celebrant: Loving God, we are united today by your love and our remembering of Joan's life. Accept these gifts, symbols of our faith and hope, and our commitment to your mission. We ask you this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## *Liturgy of the Eucharist*

### Eucharistic Acclamation

Dying You destroyed our death,  
rising You restored our life,  
Lord Jesus come in glory.



### Great Amen

## *Communion Rite*

**Our Father** spoken

Sign of Peace

Lamb of God

**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. *Chorus*

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. *Chorus*

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*

### *Galilee Song*

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Deep within my heart I feel voices whispering to me.  
Words that I can't understand; meanings I must clearly hear!  
Calling me to follow close, lest I leave myself behind!  
Calling me to walk into evening shadows one more time!

**Chorus** So I leave my boats behind! Leave them on familiar shores!  
Set my heart upon the deep! Follow you again, my Lord! *Repeat*



In my memories, I know how you send familiar rains  
Falling gently on my days, dancing patterns on my pain!  
And I need to learn once more in the fortress of my mind,  
To believe in falling rain as I travel deserts dry! **Chorus**

**Chorus** So I leave my boats behind! Leave them on familiar shores!  
Set my heart upon the deep! Follow you again, my Lord! **Repeat**

As I gaze into the night down the future of my years,  
I'm not sure I want to walk past horizons that I know!  
And I need to learn once more like a stirring deep within,  
Restless, 'til I live again beyond the fears that close me in! **Chorus**

### Prayer After Communion

Celebrant: Loving God, we pray that Joan, who has journeyed from this world, may by this sacrifice, be cleansed and freed from sin and receive the everlasting joys of the Resurrection. We ask this through Jesus our Saviour. Amen.

*~ The coffin is sprinkled with holy water and incensed ~*

### Committal

Celebrant: Saints of God, come to Joan's aid.  
Hasten to meet her angels of God.  
**All: Receive Joan's soul and present her to God the Most High.**

Celebrant: May Christ who called you, Joan, take you into eternal life. May angels lead you home.  
**All: Receive Joan's soul and present her to God the Most High.**

Celebrant: Eternal rest grant to Joan, O God.  
And let perpetual light shine upon her.  
**All: Receive Joan's soul and present her to God the Most High.**



Recessional Hymn

*Welcome Home*

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**Chorus:** Welcome home! Welcome home!  
Welcome home to the land of your freedom and joy!  
Welcome home! Welcome home!  
Be at peace in the arms of your God  
Welcome home!

“This is my body now given for you!”  
This is the gift you have lived!  
And just as the Father embraces the Son,  
So do we embrace you! Welcome home! *chorus*

We come to thank you, the people you loved,  
For us you have been living Word!  
The word you have spoken has nourished our hearts:  
Now the Word comes to you! Welcome home! *chorus*

Let there be music and let there be song  
For the triumph that your life has been  
Hear now God’s angels and saints in their joy  
Join with us as we sing: Welcome home! *chorus*





28 May 2015 St Joseph's School's, Pt Lincoln, Outdoor Learning Space  
named in honour of Sr Joan Barry rsl

