

Requiem Mass
for the Repose of the Soul



*Helen Mary Therese
Donohue*

Born to Life 9th October 1937

Born to Eternal Life 7th August 2021



Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Wagga Wagga

Wednesday 18th August 2021

Rev. Fr Paddy Sykes

OPENING HYMN “Hail Queen of Heaven”, Leo Madushan

GREETING AND WELCOME

Fr Paddy: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Fr Paddy: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: **And with your spirit.**

SPRINKLING WITH HOLY WATER Bernadette Donohue

Fr Paddy: When Helen was baptised, she was baptised into the life and death of Jesus. Now that she has ended her journey of faith, we sprinkle her coffin with water that is holy, as a reminder of Christ’s promise of everlasting life.

All: **May Christ now enfold his love and bring her to eternal life.**

LIGHTING OF PASCHAL CANDLE Marguerite Donohue

Fr Paddy: In Baptism, Helen received the light of Christ. She walked as a child of the light and kept the flame of faith alive in her heart.

All: **May Christ, the eternal and unfading light, now welcome her into the kingdom of light and peace.**

PLACING OF THE PALL

Bernadette and Patrick Donohue

Fr Paddy: On the day of Baptism, Helen was clothed in Christ.

All: **May the God of Jesus Christ, enfold her in love.**

OPENING PRAYER

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING read by Damien Donohue

A Reading from the Book of Wisdom 3:1-9

The souls of the virtuous are in the hands of God, no torment shall ever touch them. In the eyes of the unwise, they did appear to die, their going looked like a disaster, their leaving us like annihilation; but they are in peace. If they experience punishment as men see it, their hope is rich with immortality; slight was their affliction, great will their blessing be. God has put them to the test and proved them worthy to be with him; he has tested them like gold in a furnace, and accepted them as a holocaust. When time comes for his visitation, they will shine out; as sparks run through the stubble, so will they. They shall judge nations, rule over peoples, and the Lord will be their king forever. They who trust in him will understand the truth, those who are faithful will live with him in love; for grace and mercy await those he has chosen.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM "Meet Me In The Middle Of The Air", Paul Kelly

SECOND READING

read by Patrick Donohue

A Reading from the First Letter from St Paul to the Corinthians 1:4-9

I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God



(Please stand to greet the Gospel)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

All: 'Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!'

This is the will of my Father, says the Lord, that all who believe in the Son will have eternal life and I will raise them to life again on the last day.

'Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!'

GOSPEL Fr Paddy: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John, 5:24-29

All: Glory to You O Lord.

Jesus answered the Jews and said to them: "Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes in the one who sent me has eternal life and will not come to condemnation, but has passed from death to life. Amen, amen, I say to you, the hour is coming and is now here when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For just as the Father has life in himself, so also he gave to his Son the possession of life in himself. And he gave him power to exercise judgment, because he is the Son of Man. Do not be amazed at this, because the hour is coming in which all who are in the tombs will hear his voices and will come out, those who have done good deeds to the resurrection of life, but those who have done wicked deeds to the resurrection of condemnation

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY Fr Paddy

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFULL read by Damien & Claire Donohue

Fr Paddy: God our Father raised Jesus from the dead and He will give life to our mortal bodies. We pray to him in faith.

Reader: That God will receive our praise and thanksgiving for the life of Mum. We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: The family and friends of Mum seek comfort and consolation. Let us pray that God will hear their pain and dispel the darkness and doubt that comes from grief. We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That God may welcome into glory those of our family and friends who have departed their life, especially Dad (Kevin Donohue), Thomas and Margaret Wilson, Una Wilson and Mercia Wilson. We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For the doctors, nurses and carers who cared for Mum during her illness, that their works of service may be blessed. We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Fr Paddy: Loving Father, you govern all things wisely and with great love. Listen to our prayers and lead us through Your Spirit to complete joy and communion with you. We make this prayer through Christ, your Son.

All: Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Fr Paddy: As we humbly present to you these sacrificial offerings, O Lord, for the salvation of your servant Helen, we beseech your mercy, that he, who did not doubt your Son to be a loving Saviour, may find in him a merciful Judge. Who lives and reigns forever and ever.

All: Amen

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Fr Paddy: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your Spirit.

Fr Paddy: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Fr Paddy: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right and just.

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.

THE MYSTERY OF FAITH

All: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

THE COMMUNION RITE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

COMMUNION HYMN 'Song of Simeon', Chris Brunelle

PRAYERS OF COMMENDATION

SONG OF FAREWELL

Response: "Receive her soul and present her to God the most high."

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

Response

May Christ, who called you, take you to himself,
May angels lead you to Abraham's side.

Response

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

Response

CLOSING HYMN 'Abide With Me', Kings College, Cambridge



The Sick Stockrider

Hold hard, Ned!
Lift me down once more,
and lay me in the shade.
Old man, you've had your work
cut out to guide both horses,
and to hold me in the saddle when I sway'd,
All through the hot, slow, sleepy, silent ride.

The deep blue skies wax dusky,
and the tall green trees grow dim,
The sward beneath me seems to heave and fall ;
And sickly, smoky shadows through
the sleepy sunlight swim,
And on the very sun's face weave their pall.

Let me slumber in the hollow
where the wattle blossoms wave,
With never stone or rail to fence my bed ;
Should the sturdy station children pull the
bush flowers on my grave,
I may chance to hear them romping overhead.

Adam Lindsay Gordon








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