

*Requiem Mass for the  
Eternal Rest of the Soul*



*Gladys Daphne Reardon*  
*“Gladie”*

Born 11<sup>th</sup> July 1933

Entered into Eternal Life 5<sup>th</sup> August 2021

St Patrick's Catholic Church, Gundagai  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2021  
Fr. Namora



## **All Nan's Go to Heaven**

Do all Nan's go to Heaven  
Or is it reserved just for you?

Does every other Nan  
do the things you do?

Is every other Nan  
a strong, loving, faithful woman too?

If Heaven is reserved  
For those who deserve,  
Surely that's where you are now.

If God gives his love  
both below and above  
to those who have given a vow,  
surely that's where you are now.  
I believe all Nan's go to Heaven  
you're settled among them today.

All Nan's must go to Heaven  
Because Nan's always see the way.

**ENTRANCE HYMN** “Here I Am Lord” Dan Schutte

## **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**

**Fr Namora:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**All:** Amen.

**Fr Namora:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**All:** And with your spirit

## **REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM**

### **Placing of Christian symbols**

**Lighting of the Paschal Candle** Jaedon Leech

**Fr Namora:** In Baptism, Gladie received the light of Christ. This light has guided her through Christian life.

**All:** May it now lead Gladie to eternal life.

**Placing of the Crucifix** Chloe Leech

**Fr Namora:** The cross is the first of the symbols given to a Christian, it is the symbol of Reconciliation and eternal life offered to all through Jesus’ death.

**All:** May Gladie now share eternal life with Him in Glory.

**Placing of the Rosary Beads** Vance Wilkins

**Fr Namora:** Gladie held onto her Rosary beads very securely during her last days with us and used them to say many a prayer to Our Lady. Gladie had great faith and strength which she imparted to all.

**All:** May Gladie be an inspiration to us all.

## **Placing of Gladie's photo**      Karen Kaiser

**Fr Namora:** Gladie moved to Gundagai in 1951 when she married her husband Joe and soon became very involved in her community of Gundagai. She gave many hours to the community through her voluntary work with St Vincent de Paul, Meals on Wheels and the Catholic Women's League.

## **Placing the Catholic Women's League Life Medal**      Amelie Kaiser

**Fr Namora:** Throughout Gladie's life she dedicated many hours of service to the Church and the Catholic Women's League. In recognition of her services the Catholic Women's League made her a life member.

**All:** May we all remember and treasure Gladie in our hearts.

## **Placing the Golf Trophy**      Maison Kaiser

**Fr Namora:** Apart from dedicating time to her family and her Church Gladie was a very good sports person and she had a great passion for Golf, a sport in which she excelled.

## **OPENING PRAYER**

**Fr Namora:** O God, to whom mercy and forgiveness belong, hear our prayers on behalf of your servant Gladie, whom you have called out of this world; and because she put her hope and trust in you, command that she be carried safely home to heaven and come to enjoy your eternal reward. We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**All:** Amen

## **EULOGY** Mark Reardon, Peter Cheney & Rebecca Snowdon

# The Word of God

**FIRST READING** Denis Snowdon

## ***A reading from St Paul to the Philippians 4: 4-9***

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord: I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near. There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your heart and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord. **All:** Thanks be to God

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Psalm22 (23)

**Response: *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.

### **Response**

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.

### **Response**

You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
My cup is overflowing.

### **Response**

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.

### **Response**

(please stand)

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**All:** God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

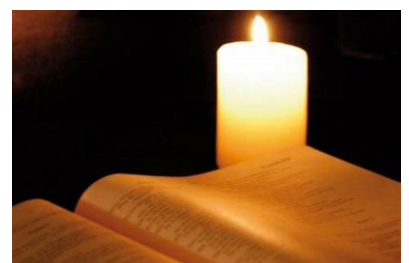
### **GOSPEL READING**

**Fr Namora:** The Lord be with you.

**All:** And with your spirit.

**Fr Namora:** *A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John 14:27-31*

**All:** Glory to you O Lord



Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me say; I am going away, and shall return. If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you this now before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe. I shall not talk with you any longer, because the prince of this world is on his way. He has no power over me, but the world must be brought to know that I love the Father and that I am doing exactly what the Father told me. Come now let us go.

**Fr Namora:** This is the Gospel of the Lord

**All:** Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

(please sit)

**HOMILY** Fr Namora

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**Fr Namora:** Living God, you raised Jesus from the dead and promised us new life through his resurrection. With faith in your promise we pray:

**Carly Snowdon:** We pray for Understanding. God, often your ways are beyond our understanding. As we entrust our dear Nan Glad into your loving care, strengthen our faith and trust through Christ our Lord. Lord hear us.

**All: Lord hear our prayer**

**Carly Snowdon:** Lord you are the Lord of the living and the dead. We ask you to take Nan Glad into your loving care. Give her your heavenly rewards for her life's work here on earth. Welcome her into paradise that she will be with you forever. Lord hear us.

**All: Lord hear our prayer**

**Natalie Wilkins:** We pray and give thanks for the special way Nan Glad touched the lives of so many people. We give thanks also for all the things she did to try and make life better for others through her kindness, generosity and faith; for all the moments she was there to listen and to those in need and offer guidance through her wisdom; for all the years she spent working to take care of Pa Joe and her family and her beloved community of Gundagai. Thank you Nan Glad.

Lord hear us.

**All: Lord hear our prayer**

**Natalie Wilkins:** We pray for Nan Glad's much loved community of Gundagai. We give thanks for the skill and the commitment of the doctors, nurses and carers at the Gundagai Medical Centre, the Gundagai Hospital and Residential Aged Care Unit, and Uralba Hostel. We pray they are given continued strength to work in and for their community through their compassion, kindness and dedication.

Lord hear us.

**All: Lord hear our prayer**

**Carol Smith:** We pray for Auntie Gladie, all her family members, particularly Uncle Joe, her mother and father, her sibling and her many friends who have gone before her, that they welcome her with open arms. Lord hear us.

**All: Lord hear our prayer**

**Carol Smith:** We pray for our Aunty Gladie's children, her grandchildren, her great grandchildren and her many nieces and nephews, may God grant them peace, comfort and strength. And may the fond memories they all hold dear of her bring continued joy and happiness into their lives. Lord hear us.

**All: Lord hear our prayer**

**Fr Namora:** God of our salvation, reward the just and console those who mourn. Hear the prayers in the name of your risen Son, Jesus Christ who lives and reigns forever and ever.

**All: Amen**



**Offertory Procession:** Sarah Snowdon, Ella Snowdon, Abbey Snowdon, Zara Snowdon, Carly Snowdon

**OFFERTORY HYMN**            “Come as You Are” (Fr. Paul Gurr)

### **INVITATION TO PRAYER**

**Fr Namora:** 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.

### **PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

**Fr Namora:**

**All:** Amen.

### **Holy, Holy, Holy**

**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 MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION**

**Fr Namora:** The mystery of faith.

**All:** When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,

We proclaim your Death, Oh Lord, until you come again.

### **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.

**Fr Namora:** 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 await in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**All:** For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

## **SIGN OF PEACE**

**Fr Namora:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**All:** And with your spirit.

**Fr Namora:** Let us now offer each other the sign of peace.

## **BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

**Fr Namora:**

**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.

## **COMMUNION**

**COMMUNION HYMN** “Come to the Water” (Frank Anderson)

## **REFLECTION AFTER COMMUNION**

**REFLECTION HYMN** “Hail Mary Gentle Woman” (Carey Landry)

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**Fr Namora:**

**All:** Amen

## FINAL COMMENDATION AND FAREWELL

**Fr Namora:** Before we go our separate ways,  
Let us take leave of our sister Gladie.  
May our farewell express our affection for her;  
May it ease our sadness and strengthen our hope.  
One day we shall joyfully greet her again  
When the love of Christ, which conquers all things,  
Destroys even death itself.

## THE BLESSING “Celtic Song of Farewell” (MaryAnne Polich)

**Fr Namora:** 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.

**Fr Namora:** May Christ who called you, take you to himself;  
May the angels lead you to the bosom of Abraham.

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

**Fr Namora:** 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.



## **PRAYER OF COMMENDATION**

**Fr Namora:** Into your hands Father of mercies, we commend our sister Gladie in sure and certain hope that, together with all who have died in Christ, she rise with him on the last day.

We give you thanks for the blessings which you bestowed upon Gladie in this life; they are signs to us of your goodness and of our fellowship with the saints in Christ.

Merciful Lord, turn toward us and listen to our prayers; open the gates of paradise to your servant and help us who remain to comfort one another with assurances of faith, until we all meet in Christ and are with you and with our sister forever.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen

## **BLESSING**

**Fr Namora:** In peace, let us take our sister Gladie to her place of rest.

**All:** Amen

**RECESSIONAL HYMN:** “You Raise Me Up” Secret Garden



## **PALL BEARERS**

Mark Reardon    Denis Snowdon    Mark Hockey  
Joanne Sweet    Barney Reardon    Anthony Somerville





Beloved wife of the late Harold “Joe” Reardon. Dearly loved mother and mother-in-law of Cathy & Mark and Mark & Jann. Loving ‘Nan Glad’ of her grandchildren Louise, Rebecca, Natalie, Denis, Alison, Joanne and Karen and her great-grandchildren Jaedon, Levi, Sarah, Vance, Chloe, Ella, Ethan, Maison, Amelie, Abbey, Zara and Willow. Adored by her sister Jean Prowse and brother Peter Cheney. Fond aunt of her nieces and nephews and their families.

*“At Peace”*



## *Forever in our Hearts*

Cathy, Mark and their families would like to thank you all for joining us in the celebration of Gladie's life.

Following the internment at the North Gundagai Lawn Cemetery, Gladie's family would like to invite you to join them at the Gundagai Services Club for refreshments and sharing fond memories.



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