



We Remember

Margaret Mary Anderson

16th May 1931 ~ 29th April 2020



Funeral held at
Holy Spirit Church
Oban Road, Ringwood North

Tuesday 5th May, 2020 11:00am

Priest
Monsignor Greg Bennet

Entrance Song: *One Small Star*

Introductory Rite:

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

All: Amen

Fr. Greg: The Lord be with you

All: And with your spirit

Placing of The Symbols of Faith

Sprinkling of Holy Water: (Fr. Greg)

Fr. Greg: In the waters of Baptism, Margaret died with Christ and rose with Him to new life.

May she now share with Him eternal glory.

All: Amen

Lighting of The Paschal Candle:

Fr. Greg: In Baptism Margaret received the light of Christ. That light has guided her throughout her life. May she now enjoy the risen life with her risen Lord.

All: Amen

Placing of The Pall:

Fr. Greg: At her Baptism, Margaret received a new garment, and was asked to wear it spotlessly throughout her life. May the Lord not look on any wrong that she may have done during her life, but rather look upon her faithfulness to her God and her love for her family and friends.

All: Amen

Eulogy

Reflection Song: *Supermarket Flowers*

Opening Prayer:

Fr. Greg: Father, God of all consolation, in your unending love and mercy for us you turn the darkness of death into the dawn of new life. Show compassion to your people in their sorrow as they farewell their mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister and friend, Margaret, knowing how much she deserves the reward of being with you. We ask this through Christ, Our Lord.

All: Amen

Reading: *Ecclesiastes (3:1-8)*

A Reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes

There is a season for everything.

A time for every purpose under Heaven;

A time to be born and a time to die;

A time for pain and a time to heal;

A time to knock down and a time to build;

A time to weep and a time to laugh;

A time to mourn and a time to be glad;

A time to embrace and a time to be alone;

A time to search and a time to lose;

A time to keep silent and a time to speak;

A time to hate and a time to love;

A time for conflict and a time for peace.

All that we do is right for it's time; we question,
but cannot understand the work of God
from beginning to end.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm:

Response: 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; I shall not want.

in lush pastures he gives me rest;

Beside soothing waters he leads me;

he refreshes my soul.

He guides me in right paths

for his name sake.

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

You spread the table before me

in the sight of my foes;

You anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

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

Only goodness and kindness follow me

all the days of my life;

And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord

for many years to come.

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

Reading: (1 Corinthians 13:4-8)

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

"Love is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes." 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. This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Blessed are those who die in the Lord;

let them rest from their labours for their good deeds go with them.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John (14:1-6)

Fr. Greg: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew:

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. Blessed are the

merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven. Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in Heaven."

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ**Homily**

Prayers of the Faithful:

Fr Greg:

Let us come to our loving Father, asking Him to give eternal rest to Margaret and comfort and hope to the living.

Lord, we thank you for Margaret's life. We have all been touched by her love, generosity and friendship. We ask that you help us keep her memory alive in each of us. Lord hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Dear God, we pray for all us who grieve over the loss of Margaret, that we may be comforted by the knowledge that the Lord will continue to care for her. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord, we give thanks for the love which Margaret showed during her life to her family and friends. May she know the perfection and fulfilment of that love in Heaven. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Dear God, we pray for the faithfully departed, especially Margaret, Cliff and Maree; that they may dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord, we pray for the staff at Mercy Place who so beautifully cared for Margaret over the past few months. May you continue to bless and support them in their service to others. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Fr. Greg:

Father, into your hands we commend the soul of our sister Margaret. Look gently upon her and bring her home to your kingdom where death will be no more. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen

The Lord's Prayer:

Fr. Greg: 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.**

Fr. Greg: Deliver us, Lord we pray, from every evil. Graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

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

All: Amen.

Final Commendation and Farewell

Fr. Greg: Before we go our separate ways, let us take our leave of our sister Margaret. 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.

SILENCE

Signs of Farewell (sprinkling and incensing of the coffin)

Fr. Greg: 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. Greg: 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.

Fr. Greg: Eternal rest grant unto her soul, 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. Greg: Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our sister Margaret in the sure and certain hope that, together with all who have died in Christ, she will rise with him on the last day.

We give you thanks for the blessings which you bestowed upon Margaret in this life: they are signs 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 for ever. We ask you this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

Procession to the Place of Committal:

Fr. Greg: In peace let us take our sister to her place of rest.

Margaret's family would like to thank you everyone for the love and sympathy that has been offered to them at this difficult time.

Final Song: *Ave Maria*

