

*Mass of Thanksgiving*  
*Celebrating the life of*



***Clementa Adelaide O'Brien***

***4th November, 1923 - 1st June, 2020***

***Aged 96 Years***

***St. Joseph's Church, Quarry Hill***

***11.00 am Tuesday June 9th, 2020***

***Celebrant: Fr. Tony Shallue***



**Entrance Hymn:** Come to the Water (*Frank Anderson*)

**Welcome & Greeting:** Fr. Tony

**PLEASE BE SEATED**

**Eulogy:** Catherine O'Brien, Christine Pitson, & Donal Ellis

**Photo Presentation:** Wonderland by Night (*Bert Kaempfer*)  
Love Me Do (*The Beatles*)

### **CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS**

*Lighting of Paschal Candle - Semion Kovila*

Fr. Tony: In Baptism, Clementa received the light of Christ,  
it has guided her through her life.

**All: May this light now lead her into Eternal Life.**

*Sprinkling with Holy Water - Fr. Tony*

Fr. Tony: In the waters of Baptism, Clementa died with Christ and  
rose with Him into Eternal Life.

**All: May she now share Eternal Life with Him in Glory.**

*Placing of White Pall - Julie Ellis and Skye Teo*

Fr. Tony: On the day of her Baptism, Clementa was clothed in  
Christ and given a Christian dignity forever.

**All: May Christ now enfold her in His love and bring her  
into Eternal Life.**

### **LIFE SYMBOLS**

Winnie Jennings Rosary and Bible

Therese Costelloe Race Book and Bendigo Jockey Club Membership

Brenda O'Brien Cooking Items

Donal, Morgan and Finbarr Ellis Collingwood Scarf & Talking Clock

Nicholas Pitson Walking Shoes & Newspaper



**PLEASE STAND**

**Collect (*Opening Prayer*):** Fr. Tony

Let us Pray,

Almighty God and Father, by the mystery of the cross, You have made us strong; by the sacrament of the resurrection You have sealed us as Your own.

Look kindly upon your servant Clementa, now freed from the bonds of mortality, and count her among Your saints in Heaven.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

PLEASE BE SEATED

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

**First Reading:** *Read by Geoffrey Pitson*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 25:6-9

**The Lord God will destroy death forever.**

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations; he will destroy Death forever. The Lord God will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away from his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us.

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord is my Shepherd (*Boniwell*)

**Second Reading:** *Read by James Ellis*

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy 4:6-8. 18

**I have fought the good fight to the end.**

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring



me safely to his heavenly kingdom.  
To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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

PLEASE STAND

**Gospel Acclamation:** *(All say together)*

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Happy 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. Tony*

Fr Tony: The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your Spirit.**

Fr. Tony : A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

**All: Glory to You O Lord.**

**Do not let your hearts be troubled.**

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 going now 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**

PLEASE BE SEATED

**Homily:** *Fr. Tony*



## Please stand for the Prayers of the Faithful:

*Introduction: Fr. Tony*

We pray to the Lord, may He welcome Clementa into his love and peace. May her life be now completed and fulfilled in God's presence forever.

*Read by Thomas Pitson*

We pray for Nanna and that she may be held safely in God's loving embrace now and for all eternity.

Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Read by Nicholas Pitson*

We thank you for Clementa our Nanna who has lead us in this world with love, care and determination. We thank you for her guidance as a grandparent.

Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Read by Georgina Pitson*

Many friends and members of our families have gone before us and await the kingdom. Grant them an everlasting home with your Son.

Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Read by Jack Pitson*

We pray for all those who have cared for Nanna, particularly her Doctors and the staff at Strath-Haven, the volunteers, visitors and special ministers of communion. We thank them and ask, Lord, your continued blessings upon them.

Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

**Offertory Procession:**      *Brenda O'Brien and Jessica Pitson*

**Offertory Hymn:**              Gentle Woman

**Communion Hymn:**          Oceans (*Rob Galea*)



## FINAL COMMENDATION AND FAREWELL

PLEASE STAND

### Invitation to Prayer: *Fr. Tony:*

Before we go our separate ways, let us take leave of our sister Clementa. 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.

### Song of Farewell:

*Fr. Tony:* 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. Tony:* 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. Tony:* 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. Tony*

Into your hands, Father of Mercies, we commend our sister Clementa 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 Clementa 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**

Recessional Song: Ave Maria (*Andrea Bocelli*)





Julie, Catherine, Brenda and Christine along with their families would like to thank you all for your love, comfort and support and for your presence here today as they celebrate the life of their much loved  
Mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother,

*Clementa Adelaide O'Brien*



At the Conclusion of Mass the funeral cortege will proceed to the Bendigo Lawn Cemetery where today's service for Clementa will conclude.



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