

*“Be True to Thy Self”*



*Mass of Thanksgiving  
celebrating the life of*

***Irene Mary Norman***

*20th January 1924 - 5th September, 2020  
Aged 96 Years*

*Bendigo Funeral Centre, Chapel  
10.30am Friday September 11th, 2020  
Celebrant: Fr. Peter Dell'Avo PP*



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Entrance Hymn: *Come as You Are (Paul Gurr)*

Welcome & Greeting: *Fr. Peter Dell'Avo*

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Eulogy: *Written by Irene's 4 Children -  
Patricia, Victor John, Lynette and Todd*

Photo Presentation: *Eagle's Wings (Frank Anderson)  
Ave Maria (Il Divo)*

### CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS

*Lighting of Paschal Candle - Todd Norman*

Fr. Dell'Avo: In Baptism, Irene 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. Dell'Avo*

Fr. Dell'Avo: In the waters of Baptism, Irene 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 - Patricia Harrington & Amy Hollingworth*

Fr. Dell'Avo: On the day of her Baptism, Irene 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

Amy Hollingworth Photo of Irene and Vic

Sam Hollingworth Pot Plant

Todd Norman Sewing Machine

Shayla Smith Doll

Lisa Smith Market Sign and Rosary Beads

Jim Harrington Family Photo



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**Collect (*Opening Prayer*):** Fr. Dell'Avo:

Let us Pray,

Into your hands, O Lord, we humbly entrust our sister Irene. In this life you embraced her with your tender love, deliver her now from every evil and bid her enter eternal rest. The old order has passed away: welcome her then into paradise, where there will be no sorrow, no weeping nor pain, but the fullness of peace and joy with your Son and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen.

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### LITURGY OF THE WORD

**First Reading:** *Read by Amy Hollingworth*

A reading from the book of Revelation 14:13

**Happy are those who die in the Lord!**

I, John, heard a voice from Heaven say to me, ‘Write down: Happy are those who die in the Lord! Happy indeed, the Spirit says; now they can rest forever after their work, since their good deeds go with them.’

The word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 22 (23) *Read by Amy Hollingworth*

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

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



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

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell forever and ever.

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

**Second Reading:** *Read by Jim Harrington*

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.**

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

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**I am the resurrection and the life, said the Lord,  
whoever believes in me will not die forever.**

**Alleluia!**



**Gospel (John 14: 1-6) Fr. Dell'Avo**

**Fr. Dell'Avo:** The Lord be with you.

**All:** And with your Spirit.



**Fr. Dell'Avo:** 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**

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**Homily:** *Fr. Dell’Avo*

## Please stand for the Prayers of the Faithful:

**Introduction:** *Fr. Dell’Avo*

Dear friends, we celebrate Irene’s journey through life with joy and we remember the many blessings God granted her in life and knowing He is faithful to His promises, we now turn to Him in prayer.

*Read by Frances Cushing*

Lord God remember Irene’s good works done in faith, may she now rest from her labours.

Lord, hear us.

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

*Read by Frances Cushing*

Lord, comfort Irene’s family in their pain of loss and sorrow. Remember us all gathered here today that we too may comfort one another and experience Your joy and peace.

Lord, hear us.

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

*Read by Sam Hollingworth*

We give thanks to all the individuals, organisations, friends and family who have helped ‘Nan Irene’ with love during her last years.

Lord Hear us.

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



Read by Sam Hollingworth

We pray that the Lord Jesus, who blesses those who mourn and are in pain, will look with love upon ‘Nan Irene’s’ family and friends wherever they may be.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

*Read by Sam Hollingworth*

Lord, we pray for our family members and friends who have gone before us, especially Irene's husband Vic, may she be reunited with them in God's care and may He grant them everlasting peace.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

**Offertory:** Galilee Song (Stella Maris College Ensemble)

**Communion & Reflection Hymn:**     *Abide with Me*

Played by Irene's Great-Grandchildren:

Ruby Gow (French Horn) and Felix Gow (Trumpet).

Accompanied by Neil Favell (French Horn).

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## FINAL COMMENDATION AND FAREWELL

## Invitation to Prayer: Fr. Dell'Avio

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Before we go our separate ways, let us take leave of our sister Irene. 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. Dell'Avo* 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. Dell'Avo* 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. Dell'Avo* 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. Dell'Avo*

Into Your hands, Father of Mercies, we commend our sister Irene, 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 Irene 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:** *How Great Thou Art (Aled Jones)*



Irene's family would like to thank you all for your love, support, concern, and the kind remembrances of her you have shared.

Thank you also for your presence here in person  
and via Live Streaming.



The Funeral cortege will leave at the conclusion of Mass for the  
White Hills Lawn Cemetery.



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