

In Loving Memory



Evelyn

Kathleen Evelyn O'Keefe

24th June 1922 ~ 18th May 2021

The Funeral Service for Evelyn

Held at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Wangaratta
on Tuesday 25th May 2021 at 1pm
Celebrant Father Nathan Verallo

Entrance Hymn

Glory And Praise To Our God ~ Dan Schutte

Welcome

Father Nathan Verallo

Lighting of the Paschal Candle

Luke Syme, Joe Edgar

In Baptism Evelyn received the light of Christ. This light has guided her through her life.

All: May Christ's light now lead her into eternal life.

Sprinkling of Holy Water

In the waters of Baptism Evelyn died with Christ and rose with Him into a new life.

All: May she now share eternal life with Him in glory.

Placing of the White Pall

Denise O'Keefe, Gayle O'Keefe

On the day of her baptism Evelyn was clothed in Christ and given
Christian dignity for ever.

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

Opening Prayer

Father Nathan Verallo

God of loving kindness, listen favourably to our prayers: strengthen our belief that your Son has risen from the dead and our hope that your servant Evelyn, will also rise again. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever. Amen.

First Reading

Dianne Pincott

Isaiah 43: 1-5

Israel, the Lord who created you says, "Do not be afraid – I will save you. I have called you by name – you are mine.

When you pass through deep waters, I will be with you,

Your troubles will not overwhelm you. When you pass through fire, you will not be burnt; the hard trials that come will not hurt you.

For I am the Lord your God. The holy God of Israel, who saves you.

I will give up whole nations to save your life, because you are precious to me and because I love and give you honour.

Do not be afraid – I am with you!"

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Luke O'Keefe

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults.

Response: The Lord is kind and merciful.

As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him; for he knows of what we are made, he remembers that we are dust.

Response: The Lord is kind and merciful.

As for man, his days are like grass; he flowers like the flower of the field; the winds blow and he is gone and his place never sees him again.

Response: The Lord is kind and merciful.

But the love of the Lord is everlasting upon those who hold him in fear; his justice reaches out to children's children when they keep his covenant in truth.

Response: The Lord is kind and merciful.

Second Reading

Bronwyn Blundell

From the letter of St. Paul to the Romans 14:7-12

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Bronwyn Blundell

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Happy are those who have died in the Lord,
Let them rest from their labours, For their good deeds go with them.
Alleluia.*

Gospel

Father Nathan Verallo

The Gospel according to Matthew 11: 25-39

All: Glory to you O Lord

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

‘How happy are the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle:
they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn:
they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:
they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful:
they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart:
they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers:
they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. 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

Janet McMaster, Jacqui O'Keefe, Georgia O'Keefe

Priest: Let us pray for Evelyn to our Lord Jesus Christ who is the Good Shepherd who gave his life to save us. In our loss, let us turn to Him and with confidence make our needs known to him.

Loving God, we pray for Evelyn that she will now enjoy the fullness of love, peace and joy for which she has longed and that is promised to all who love you.

We pray to the Lord

Response: Lord hear our prayer

We pray that Evelyn's family and friends will be comforted in their grief and sharing of memories of her long and joyful life.

We pray to the Lord

Response: Lord hear our prayer

For all gathered here may we always remember, especially at times of stress and challenge, that we are loved by God who will care for us.

We pray to the Lord

Response: Lord hear our prayer

We pray for all who cared for Evelyn, especially the staff at St Catherine's.

We pray to the Lord

Response: Lord hear our prayer

Lord, we ask for your love and blessings on all the sick and elderly that they experience compassion and generosity in their care to alleviate all feelings of loneliness and isolation.

We pray to the Lord

Response: Lord hear our prayer

For our deceased relatives especially John O'Keefe, Evelyn's beloved husband, we pray Lord that you bring them into the light of your presence.

We pray to the Lord

Response: Lord hear our prayer

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

Offertory Hymn

Hail Mary, Gentle Woman ~ Brianna Parish (feat. Brook Parish & Bridget Parish)

Procession of Gifts

Jocelyn Syme, Lauren O'Keefe

Eucharistic Prayer

Father Nathan Verallo

Acclamation After Consecration

Father Nathan Verallo

The Communion Rite

The Lord's Prayer

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. Amen.

Communion

Panis Angelicus ~ Josh Groban

Invitation to Prayer

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

Prayers of Final Commendation

Songs of Farewell

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

Invitation to Prayer

Father Nathan Verallo

Signs of Farewell

Recessional Hymn

Irish Blessing ~ The Priests, Sally Herbert, The Irish Film Orchestra, Danny O'Neil,
Brendan Monaghan & Academia Philamonica Romana



Evelyn's family wish to thank all their family and friends who have been so caring in this sad time. A warm invitation is extended to join them for light refreshments in the Memories Room at Mason Park following the graveside service.