

Celebrating the life of
Patricia Mary 'Pat'
McCONNACHIE

18th December, 1930 - 2nd September, 2021



*"You are nearer to God in the garden
than anywhere else on earth"*

Mass of Thanksgiving
Bendigo Funeral Centre
11am Tuesday September 14th, 2021
Celebrant: Rev. Mgr. Francis Marriott PE



PLEASE STAND

Entrance Hymn: Amazing Grace (*Nana Mouskouri*)

Welcome & Greeting: Mgr. Frank

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Eulogy: Sue McConnachie
Lisa McConnachie

Photo Presentation: I Have A Dream (*Nana Mouskouri*)
Family (*Foster & Allen*)

CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS

Lighting of Paschal Candle - Paul McConnachie

Mgr. Frank: In Baptism, Pat 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 - Mgr. Frank

Mgr. Frank: In the waters of Baptism, Pat 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 - Mia & Bronté McConnachie, and Liam Jacobs

(*Grandchildren laying their Baptismal Stoles on the coffin*)

Mgr. Frank: On the day of her Baptism, Pat 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

Ninetieth Birthday Photo Book

A collection Pat's life photos collated by her family

Placed by Anthony McConnachie

Photo of Pat's parents Ruby & Richard Kelly

Placed by Denis Kelly

Rosary Beads

Pat's faith was very dear to her.

Placed by Tess Dockter



Photo of Pat & Steve

Steve was the love of her life.

Placed by Chris Kelly

Family Photo

Pat's family and friends brought her so much happiness and good times.

Placed by Liam Jacobs

Potted Plant

Pat so loved her garden and was renowned for her collection of rotating potted flowering plants.

Placed by Mia McConnachie

Cross Stitch Cushion.

This was lovingly hand stitched by Steve when he was fighting his battle with cancer.

Placed by Bronté McConnachie

Poem: *Read by Helen Armour*

A Mother's Farewell To Her Children

*When I must leave you for a little while,
Please do not grieve and shed wild tears
and hug your sorrow to you through the years,
But start out bravely with a gallant smile;
and for my sake and in my name
Live on and do all things the same,
Feed not your loneliness on empty days,
But fill each waking hour in useful ways,
Reach out your hand in comfort and in cheer
And I in turn will comfort you and hold you near;
And never, never be afraid to die,
For I am waiting for you in the sky!*

- Helen Steiner Rice

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Collect (Opening Prayer): *Mgr. Frank*

Let us Pray,

God of faithfulness, in Your wisdom you have called your servant Pat out of this world; release her from the bonds of sin, and welcome her into Your presence, so that she may enjoy eternal light and peace and be raised up in glory with all Your saints. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: *Read by Liam Jacobs*

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 142 (143) *Read by Jade Cuskelly*

Response: O Lord, hear my prayer

Lord, listen to my prayer: turn Your ear to my appeal. You are faithful, You are just; give answer. Do not call Your servant to judgement for no-one is just in Your sight.

Response: O Lord, hear my prayer

I remember the days that are past: I ponder all Your works. I muse on what Your hand has wrought and to You I stretch out my hands. Like a parched land my soul thirsts for You.

Response: O Lord, hear my prayer

Lord, make haste and give me answer: for my spirit fails within me. In the morning let me know Your love for I put my trust in You.

Response: O Lord, hear my prayer

Teach me to do Your will for You, O Lord, You are my God. Let Your good Spirit guide me in ways that are level and smooth.

Response: O Lord, hear my prayer

Second Reading: *Read by Sandra Kippen*

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 12:31-13:13

The greatest of the gifts is love.

Be ambitious for the higher gifts. And I am going to show you a way that is better than any of them. If I have all the eloquence of men or of angels, but speak without love, I am simply a gong booming or a cymbal clashing. If I have the gift of prophecy, understanding all the mysteries there are, and knowing everything, and if I have faith in all its fullness, to move mountains, but without love, then I am nothing at all. If I give away all that



I possess, piece by piece, and if I even let them take my body to burn it, but am without love, it will do me no good whatever. 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. Love does not come to an end.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

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Gospel Acclamation (*all say together*):

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Happy are those who die in the Lord, let them rest from their labours for their good deed go with them.

Alleluia!

Gospel: (*Luke 12:22-32*) Mgr. Frank

The Lord be with you.

All: And with your Spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

All: Glory to you O Lord.

Do not worry. Your Father has given you the Kingdom.

Jesus said to His disciples, "That is why I am telling you not to worry about your life and what you are to eat, nor about your body and how you are to clothe it. For life means more than food and the body more than clothing. Think of the ravens. They do not sow or reap; they have no storehouses and no barns; yet God feeds them. And how much more are you worth than the birds! Can any of you, for all his worrying, add a single cubit to his span of life? If the smallest things, therefore, are outside your control, why worry about the rest? Think of the flowers; they never have to spin or weave yet, I assure you, not even Solomon in all his regalia was robed like one of these. Now if that is how God clothes the grass in the field which is there today and thrown into the furnace tomorrow, how much more will He look after you, you men of little faith! But you, you must not set your hearts on things to eat and things to drink; nor must you worry. It is the pagans of this world who set their hearts on all these things. Your Father well knows you need them. No; set your hearts on His Kingdom and these other things will be given you as well. There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the Kingdom. The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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May His Word Be
In My Heart And
On My Lips



Homily: Mgr. Frank

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PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Introduction: Mgr. Frank

Dear friends, we pray to the Lord, may He welcome Pat into His love and peace. May her life be now completed and fulfilled in God's presence forever.

Reader: Mikayla Cuskelly

We pray that Christ the Lord bid Pat welcome and may she rejoice in the company of all who have gone before us. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: Lisa McConnachie

Lord, comfort Pat'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.

Reader: Mia McConnachie

We pray for all who have helped Pat during her illness and showed kindness to her family, especially the carers, medical staff and special ministers of Communion. We thank them and ask, Lord, Your continued blessings upon them. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: Bronté McConnachie

We pray for those gathered here today, for those joining us via technology and for those who cannot attend. Fill the sadness of our hearts with the presence of Your love, increase our faith and strengthen our love for You and one another. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

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LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Procession: Jade & Mikayla Cuskelly

Offertory Hymn: One Bread, One Body (*Instrumental*)

Mystery of Faith: (*all say together*)

*When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim Your death O Lord, until You come again.*



COMMUNION

Communion Hymn: Come As You Are (*Paul Gurr*)

PLEASE STAND

FINAL COMMENDATION AND FAREWELL

Invitation to Prayer: *Mgr. Frank*

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

Mgr. Frank: 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.

Mgr. Frank: 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.

Mgr. Frank: 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: *Mgr. Frank*

You are the author and sustainer of our lives, O God. You are our Final Home. We commend to You our sister Pat. Trusting in Your mercy and in Your all-embracing love, we pray that You give her happiness forever. Turn also to us who have suffered this loss. Strengthen the bonds of this family and our community. Confirm us in faith, in hope, and in love, so that we may bear Your peace to one another and one day stand together with all the saints who praise You for Your saving help.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

Recessional Song: Wind Beneath My Wings (*Bette Midler*)



At the conclusion of Mass a Private Cremation will be held.





"Together Again"



*Pat's family would like to thank you for all your loving kindness and care.
Pat was delighted by and loved you all.*



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