

*Celebrating*

THE LIFE OF

BEVERLEY EVELYN BYFIELD



*our beautiful Bev*

10th October 1954 ~ 9th October 2021

A beautiful woman  
who lived a beautiful, fulfilling  
life with her family and friends.

Devoted to caring for  
others, deeply loving and  
compassionate who believed  
the little things in life were the  
most important.

Loved by all who knew her  
with memories that will  
endure through time.

Adored wife of Stewart,  
beloved 'Mum' of  
Marlese and Natalie,  
cherished 'Mimi and Meems' of  
Oscar, Tom, Freddie and Iggy.  
'Big Sis' of Mary, Peter, Chris  
and Patrick.

*Her spirit lives on in us all like  
whispering winds through the  
gentle sands and as our time on  
earth is through, in heaven too  
she will have our hand.*



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*The Funeral Service  
for our beautiful Beverley*

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Held on Tuesday 26th October 2021 at 1.30pm  
St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Wangaratta  
**Celebrant** Father Nathan Verallo



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# *Funeral Prayers*

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## ~ ENTRANCE HYMN ~

*Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace*

## ~ INTRODUCTORY RITES ~

**Father Nathan:** In the Name of the Father and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**All:** Amen.

**Father Nathan:** The grace and peace of God our Father, who raised  
Jesus from the dead, be always with you.

**All:** And with your spirit.

**Father Nathan:** My brothers and sisters, we have come together  
to renew our trust in Christ who, by dying on the cross, has  
freed us from eternal death and, by rising,  
has opened for us the gates of heaven.

Let us pray for our sister, Beverley, that she may share in Christ's  
victory, and let us pray for ourselves, that the Lord may grant us  
the gift of his loving consolation.

## ~ LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE ~

*Oscar, Tom, Freddie and Iggy*

**Father Nathan:** In baptism Beverley received the light of Christ  
and rose with him through her life.

**All:** May this light now lead her into eternal life.



~ **SPRINKLING WITH HOLY WATER** ~

**Father Nathan:** In the waters of baptism Beverley, died with  
Christ and rose with him to new life.

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

~ **BAPTISMAL PALL** ~

*Marlese and Natalie*

**Father Nathan:** On the day of baptism, Beverley, was clothed in  
Christ and given Christian dignity for ever.

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

~ **WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE** ~

*Peter Watson and Mary Howe, Oscar Sloan,  
followed by Stewart Byfield (Main Eulogy)*

~ **VISUAL CELEBRATION - A LIFE IN PICTURES** ~

*Beautiful Girl - INXS*

~ **OPENING PRAYER** ~

**Father Nathan:** O God, almighty Father,  
our faith professes that your Son died and rose again;  
mercifully grant, that through this mystery  
your servant Beverley, who has fallen asleep in Christ,  
may rejoice to rise again through him.

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.



~ LITURGY OF THE WORD ~

FIRST READING

*A Reading from the First Letter of Saint John*

**Father Nathan:** We shall see God as he really is. Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is. The Word of the Lord

**ALL:** *Thanks be to God.*

~ RESPONSORIAL PSALM ~

*The Lord Is My Shepherd ~ Paul Gurr*

The Lord is my Shepherd, and I want to follow,  
wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.

Over the mountains, the waters and by-ways,  
valleys and highways he's waiting for me.

*Refrain:* I want to go to meet him there,  
to lay myself down in his love.

The Lord is my shepherd, and I want to follow,  
wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.

And while on the journey to where we are going,  
he promised to be there to help us along.

And over the mountains we'll walk on together,  
to know all the wonders he's given to me

*Refrain*



~ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ~

Alleluia! Alleluia! Come, you whom my Father has blessed,  
says the Lord; inherit the kingdom prepared for you since the  
foundation of the world. Alleluia!

~ GOSPEL ~

Father Nathan: The Lord be with you

All: And with your Spirit

*A Reading from the Holy Gospel According to John*

There are many rooms in my Father's house.

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.'

Father Nathan: The Gospel of Our Salvation

All: Glory to you O Lord Jesus Christ

~ HOMILY ~



## ~ PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL ~

**Father Nathan:** Brothers and sisters, Jesus Christ is risen from the dead and sits at the right hand of the Father, where he intercedes for his Church. Confident that God hears the voices of those who trust in the Lord Jesus, we join our prayers to his:

*Marlese:* In baptism Beverley, received the light of Christ.  
Scatter the darkness now and lead her over the waters of death.

Lord, in your mercy:

**All:** Lord hear our prayer.

*Natalie:* Our sister Beverley was nourished at the table of the Saviour. Welcome her into the halls of the heavenly banquet.

Lord, in your mercy:

**All:** Lord hear our prayer.

*Tom:* Many friends and members of our families have gone before us and await the kingdom. Grant them an everlasting home with your Son. Lord, in your mercy:

**All:** Lord hear our prayer.

*Oscar:* Those who trusted in the Lord now sleep in the Lord. Give refreshment, rest, and peace to all whose faith is known to you alone. Lord, in your mercy:

**All:** Lord hear our prayer.

*Marlese:* The family and friends of Beverley, seek comfort and consolation. Heal their pain and dispel the darkness and doubt that come from grief. Lord, in your mercy:

**All:** Lord hear our prayer.

*Natalie:* We are assembled here in faith and confidence to pray for our sister Beverley. Strengthen our hope so that we may live in the expectation of your Son's coming. Lord, in your mercy:

**All:** Lord hear our prayer.

**Father Nathan:** Lord God, giver of peace and healer of souls, hear the prayers of the Redeemer, Jesus Christ, and the voices of your people, whose lives were purchased by the blood of the Lamb. Forgive the sins of all who sleep in Christ and grant them a place in the kingdom. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen.





## ~ THE LORD'S PRAYER ~

**Father Nathan:** With longing for the coming of God's kingdom,  
let us offer our prayer to the Father:

**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.  
Amen.

## ~ INVITATION TO PRAYER ~

**Father Nathan:** Trusting in God, we have prayed together for  
Beverley and now we come to the last farewell. There is sadness in  
parting, but we take comfort in the hope that one day we shall see  
Beverley again and enjoy her friendship.

Although this congregation will disperse in sorrow, the mercy  
of God will gather us together again in the joy of his kingdom.  
Therefore, let us console one another in the faith of Jesus Christ.

## ~ SILENCE ~

## ~ FLORAL TRIBUTE ~

*Supermarket Flowers ~ Ed Sheeran*



~ SONG OF FAREWELL ~

Father Nathan: Saints of God, come to her aid!  
Hasten to meet her, angels of the Lord!

(R.) *Receive her soul and present her to God the Most High.*

May Christ, who called you, take you to himself; may angels lead  
you to the bosom of Abraham. (R.)

Eternal rest grant unto Beverley, O Lord, and let perpetual light  
shine upon her. (R.)

~ PRAYER OF COMMENDATION ~

Father Nathan: We give you thanks for the blessings which you  
bestowed upon Beverley 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 Beverley for ever.

All: Amen.

~ PROCESSION TO THE PLACE OF COMMITTAL ~

Father Nathan: May the angels lead you into paradise;  
may the martyrs come to welcome you and take you to  
the holy city, the new and eternal Jerusalem.  
In peace let us take our sister Beverley to his place of rest.

*Here Comes The Sun ~ George Harrison*







*Bev's family thank you for your support and presence here today and invite you to join them for light refreshments in the Memories Room at Mason Park following the service.*

