

In Loving Memory



Elaine

Elna Rose Griffin

28th January 1939 ~ 23rd November 2021

*The most beautiful soul,
An angel alive and in our hearts forever.*



Requiem Mass for Elaine

Held at Our Lady's, Wangaratta
Tuesday 30th of November 2021 at 1.30pm
Celebrant Father Dean Bongat



~ Introductory Rite ~

Entrance Song

Coat Of Many Colours ~ Dolly Parton

Fr. Dean: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen

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

ALL: and with your Spirit.

Fr. Dean: Greetings

Lighting of the Paschal Candle

Colleen Kennett and Briannon Kennett

Fr. Dean: In baptism, Elaine received the light of Christ.
This light has guided her through her life.

ALL: May Christ's light, now guide her into eternal life.

Sprinkling with Holy Water

Fr. Dean Bongat

Fr. Dean: In the waters of baptism, Elaine died with Christ
and rose with Christ into eternal life.

ALL: May Elaine now share eternal life with Christ in Glory

Words of Remembrance (Eulogy)

Noel Griffin, Sharna Griffin, Graeme Whitty

A Life In Pictures

Hail Mary, Gentil Woman ~ Brianna Parish

Love Is Like A Butterfly ~ Dolly Parton



~ Penitential Rite ~

Fr. Dean: Sisters and brothers, to prepare ourselves to offer prayers for the soul of our sister Elaine in this Holy Mass, let us call to mind all our sins.

Fr. Dean: Lord Jesus, you are the hope and the resurrection,
Lord have mercy.

ALL: Lord have mercy.

Fr. Dean: You died so that we might live, Christ have mercy.

ALL: Christ have mercy.

Fr. Dean: You open for your people the way from death to life, Lord have mercy.

ALL: Lord have mercy.

Fr. Dean: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.

ALL: Amen

Opening Prayer

Fr. Dean: O God, whose nature is always to forgive and to show mercy, we humbly implore you for your servant Elaine, whom you have called to journey to you, and, since she hoped and believed in you, grant that she, may be led to our true homeland to delight in its everlasting joys.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

First Reading

A Reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes ~ Colleen Kennett

For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven:

A time to be born and a time to die; A time to sow and a time to reap;

A time to break down and a time to rebuild; A time to weep and a time to laugh;

A time to mourn and a time to dance;

A time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing;

A time to seek and a time to lose; A time to keep and a time to throw away;

A time to tear and a time to mend; A time for silence and a time to speak;

God has made everything suitable for its time.

The word of the Lord.

All - Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Briannon Kennett

(Response): The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.

Near restful water he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. (R)

(Response): The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

2. 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. (R)

(Response): The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes.

My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. (R)

(Response): The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading

Malakye Pinn (assisted by Bill Griffin)

A Reading from the Second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy

As for me the hour has come for me to go. The time here for me to leave this life. I have done my best in the race, I have run the full distance, I have kept the faith. And now, the prize of victory is waiting for me, the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on that day, and not only me, but all those who wait with love, for Him to appear.

The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

***Happy are they who die in the Lord. Let them rest from their work,
for their good deeds go with them. Alleluia!***

Gospel Reading

Fr Dean: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And with your spirit.

Fr Dean: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

Fr Dean: 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:

“Happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

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

Happy are those who mourn: they shall be comforted.

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

Happy are the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy are the pure in heart: they shall see God.

Happy are the peacemakers: they shall be called children 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.”

Fr. Dean: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ

Homily

Prayers Of The Faithful

Sharna Griffin

Fr. Dean: Let us pray for our sister Elaine to our Lord Jesus Christ, who said:

“I am the resurrection and the life. The person who believes in me will live even if the person dies, and every living person who puts his/her faith in me will never suffer eternal death.”

Response: Lord, hear our prayer

For Elaine, who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that she may now be admitted to the company of the saints. We pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

For the family and friends of Elaine may seek comfort and consolation.

Heal their pain and dispel the darkness and doubt that come from grief.

We pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

That Elaine and all who have died maybe judged in mercy on the last day and may all of us, the living and the dead, rise in glory and grace on that great day.

We pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for those here today, that our memories of Elaine whom we loved, inspire us with a renewed love for all of our sisters and brothers. We pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

May the prayers of Mary, the Mother of God, who stood by the cross as her son was dying, help those who mourn and be with all of us in our time of need.

We pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

Fr. Dean: God our shelter and our strength, you listen in love to the cry of your people: hear the prayers we offer for our departed sister Elaine. Cleanse her of her sins and grant her the fullness of redemption. Through Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen

Offertory

Bread and Wine ~ Malakye and Shylah Pinn

Offertory Song

Hallelujah ~ KD Lang

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Fr. Dean: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

ALL: Blessed be God for ever.

Fr. Dean: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.

ALL: Blessed be God for ever.

Fr. Dean: With humble spirit and contrite heart may we be accepted by you, O Lord, and may our sacrifice in your sight this day be pleasing to you, Lord God. Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

Fr. Dean: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

ALL: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

Prayer Over the Offerings

Fr. Dean: As we humbly present to you these sacrificial offerings, O Lord, for the salvation of your servant Elaine, we beseech your mercy, that she, who did not doubt your Son to be a loving Saviour, may find in her a merciful Judge.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

ALL: Amen

Eucharistic Prayer

Fr Dean: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And with your spirit.

Fr. Dean: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.

Fr. Dean: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: It is right and just.

Fr Dean: It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord.

For he is the salvation of the world, the life of the human race, the resurrection of the dead.

Through him the host of Angels adores your majesty and rejoices in your presence for ever.

May our voices, we pray, join with theirs in one chorus of exultant praise, as we acclaim:

ALL: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Fr. Dean: You are indeed Holy, O Lord, the fount of all holiness.

Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray, by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall, so that they may become for us the Body and ✠ Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. At

the time he was betrayed and entered willingly into his Passion,

he took bread and, giving thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take this, all of you, and eat of it, for this is my Body, which will be given up for you.

In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took the chalice and, once more giving

thanks, he gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take this, all of you, and drink from it,

for this is the chalice of my Blood, the Blood of the new and eternal covenant,

which will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this in memory of me. The mystery of faith.

ALL: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

Fr. Dean: Therefore, as we celebrate the memorial of his Death and Resurrection, we offer you, Lord, the Bread of life and the Chalice of salvation, giving thanks that you have held us worthy to be in your presence and minister to you. Humbly we pray that, partaking of

the Body and Blood of Christ, we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit. Remember, Lord, your Church, spread throughout the world, and bring her to the fullness of charity,

together with Francis our Pope, Shane our Bishop and all the clergy.

Remember your servant Elaine, whom you have called today from this world to yourself.

Grant that she who was united with your Son in a death like his, may also be one with him in his Resurrection. Remember also our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection, and all who have died in your welcome them into the light of your face. Have mercy on us all, we pray, that with the Blessed Virgin, Mother of God, with blessed Joseph, her Spouse, with the blessed Apostles, and all the Saints who have

pleased you throughout the ages, we may merit to be coheirs to eternal life, and may praise and glorify you through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Fr. Dean: Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

ALL: Amen.

The Communion Rite

Fr. Dean: At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

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.

Fr. Dean: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

ALL: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

Fr. Dean: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

Fr. Dean: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

ALL: And with your spirit.

Fr. Dean: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

Fr. Dean: May this mingling of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bring eternal life to us who receive it.

ALL: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Fr. Dean: May the receiving of your Body and Blood, Lord Jesus Christ, not bring me to judgement and condemnation, but through your loving mercy be for me protection in mind and body and a healing remedy.

Fr. Dean: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world.

Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

ALL: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Communion

The Prayer ~ Andrea Bocelli and Celine Dion
Over the Rainbow ~ Israel Kamakawiwo'ole

Prayer After Communion

Fr. Dean: Lord God, whose Son left us, in the Sacrament of his Body, food for the journey, mercifully grant that, strengthened by it, our sister Elaine may come to the eternal table of Christ. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

ALL: Amen

Final Commendation and Farewell

Fr. Dean: Trusting in God, we have prayed together for Elaine, and now we come to the last farewell. There is sadness in parting, but we take comfort in the hope that one day we will see Elaine again and enjoy her friendship. Although this congregation will disperse in sorrow, may the mercy of God will gather us together again in the joy of his kingdom.

Fr. Dean: We bless Elaine's mortal remains with the water that recalls the day of her baptism, the day on which she put on Christ. In the day of Christ's coming may she be clothed in Christ's glory. We honour her body with incense, this body which has been for all her life as a temple of the Spirit of God. (Sprinkling of the Holy Water and Incensing)

Fr. Dean: Saints of God, come to Elaine's aid, come to meet her angels of the Lord.

ALL: Receive her soul and present her to God the Most High.

Fr. Dean: Elaine, may Christ who called you, take you to himself;
may the angels lead you to Abraham's side.

ALL: Receive her soul and present her to God the Most High.

Fr. Dean: Eternal rest grant unto Elaine, O Lord, and let your perpetual light shine upon her

ALL: Receive her soul and present her to God the Most High.

Fr. Dean: Into your hands, God of mercies, we commend Elaine, in the sure and certain hope that together with all who have died in Christ. May she will rise with him on the last day.

Merciful Lord, turn toward us and listen to our prayers: open the gates of paradise to your servant Elaine, 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 Elaine for ever.

We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

ALL: Amen

Farewell Song

Amazing Grace ~ Sharna Griffin

Church Coffin Bearers

Raymond, Sharna, Anthony and Melissa Griffin, Colleen and Briannon Kennett

Cemetery Coffin Bearers

Matthew, Daniel and Bill Griffin, Jack, Toby and Jesse Kennett



Look For Me In Rainbows

*Time for me to go now, I won't say goodbye;
Look for me in rainbows, way up in the sky.
In the morning sunrise when all the world is new,
Just look for me and love me, as you know I loved you.*

*Time for me to leave you, I won't say goodbye;
Look for me in rainbows, high up in the sky.
In the evening sunset, when all the world is through,
Just look for me and love me, and I'll be close to you.*

*It won't be forever, the day will come and then
My loving arms will hold you, when we meet again.*

*Time for us to part now, we won't say goodbye;
Look for me in rainbows, shining in the sky.
Every waking moment, and all your whole life through
Just look for me and love me, as you know I loved you.*

*Just wish me to be near you,
And I'll be there with you.*



*Elaine'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 graveside service.*

