

Mass of Thanksgiving
Celebrating the life of



Mary GASTIN

23rd January 1918 - 10th December 2021
Aged 103 Years

St. Kilian's Church, Bendigo,
2pm Thursday, 16th December 2021
Celebrants; Fr. Junray Rayna
Rev. Deacon Jackson Saunders



PLEASE STAND

Collect (*Opening Prayer*) Fr. Junray

Into your hands, O Lord, we humbly entrust our sister Mary, 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.

Priest: We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: *Read by Terry Gastin*

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.'

Priest: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 129 (130) *Read by Terry Gastin*

Response: I hope in the Lord, I trust in His word.

Out of the depths I cry to You, O Lord, Lord hear my voice!

O let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading.

Response: I hope in the Lord, I trust in His word.

If You, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive?

But with You is found forgiveness: for this we revere You.

Response: I hope in the Lord, I trust in His word.

My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on His word.

My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak.

Response: I hope in the Lord, I trust in His word.



Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed He will redeem from all its iniquity.

Response: I hope in the Lord, I trust in His word.

Second Reading: *Read by Rob Wenn*

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!

**Come, you whom my Father has blessed, says the Lord,
inherit the Kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world.**

Alleluia!

Gospel: (John 14:1-6) - Priest

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: 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: *Rev. Deacon Jackson Saunders*

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Prayers of the Faithful:

Introduction: *Fr. Junray*

Dear friends, we celebrate Mary'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 Isabelle Sugrue

We remember Nan with great love. We thank You for her love for us. We ask that You draw her to Yourself and bring her to the fullness of life.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer

Read by Halle Webster

We pray in thanks for those who are gathered here today. We thank You for those who touched Nan's life and supported her through her joys and sorrows. Fill the sadness in our hearts with Your love and increase our faith and strength.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Read by Alistair Wenn

We pray for our deceased loved one, especially Mary's husband Jim, Son-in-law Harry, members of the O'Brien and Gustin Families whose love and friendship Mary treasured. May they be reunited in Heaven.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.



Read by Flynn Sugrue

We pray for Nan's sister Trish and brother-in-law Brian, who are unable to be present with us today.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Read by Georgie McKenzie

We give thanks for the gift of Nan who has been a strong influence in our lives. Her joy for living, her strong faith and her eternal optimism have been a great example to us all.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

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LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Procession: *Michelle McKenzie & Georgie McKenzie*

Offertory: *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace (Daniel O'Donnell)*

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: *Hail Queen of Heaven*
(The Cathedral Singers – Metropolis Chamber Players)

Communion Reflection: *As Gentle as Silence*



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FINAL COMMENDATION AND FAREWELL

Invitation to Prayer: *Fr. Junray*

Before we go our separate ways, let us take leave of our sister Mary, 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. Junray: 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. Junray: 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. Junray: 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. Junray*

Into your hands, Father of Mercies, we commend our sister Mary 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 Mary 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 for ever.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Recessional Hymn *Angels Calling* (The Tenors)

COFFIN BEARERS
Carmel, Pauline, Michael & Terry





Carmel, Pauline, Michael & Terry along with their families, would like to thank you all for your presence here today as they celebrate the life of their much loved
Mother, Grandmother & Great Grandmother

Mary Gastin

Following Mass, you are warmly invited to join the family at
The Conservatory – All Seasons Resort
171 McIvor Hwy, Bendigo.

A Private Interment will be held.



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