



*In Loving Memory*



*Marie*

**Rose Marie Cecilia Gerraty**

4th November 1935 ~ 21st January 2022





*Mass of Thanksgiving for the Life of*  
*Rose Marie Cecilia Gerraty*

Held at St Joseph's Catholic Church, Beechworth  
on Monday 31st of January 2022 at 11am  
**Celebrant** Father Mike Pullar

## *Introductory Rite*

### *Entrance Song*

Rose Marie ~ Richard Tauber

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

**ALL: Amen.**

Fr Mike: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**ALL: And with your Spirit.**

## *Lighting of the Paschal Candle*

Kate Parsons

Fr Mike: In Baptism Marie received the light of Christ.  
This light has guided her life. May she now enjoy the eternal light and peace.

**ALL: Amen .**

## *Sprinkling with Holy Water*

Fr Mike: Water is the symbol of all life and a symbol of the new life received by Marie at her Baptism. May she now enjoy the fulness of this new life.

**ALL: Amen .**

## *Placing of the White Pall*

John Gerraty

Fr Mike: The white pall over Marie's coffin placed by her son, remind us that on the day of her Baptism, Marie was clothed in a white garment as a sign of being clothed in Christ. May he now enfold her in His love and clothe her in glory.

**ALL: Amen.**

## *Placing of Symbols of Rose Marie's Life on the Coffin*

Wooden Cross ~ Kate Parsons

Bible and Rosary Beads ~ Imogen Gerraty

Photo's and Music ~ John Gerraty

Cup and Saucer and Scissors ~ Brent Parsons

## *Eulogy*

Michael Chambeyron and Paul Gerraty

## *Penitential Rite*

### *Opening Prayer*

Fr Mike: Let us pray: Loving God we gather today to praise and thank You for the beauty, gentleness and goodness of Marie's life. As we grieve her loss, may we forever treasure in our hearts the wisdom she taught us, in moments of family joy and friendship, as well as in times of difficulty and struggle.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**ALL: Amen.**

### *First Reading*

A Reading From The Book Of Ecclesiastes ~ Geradine Thomas

Everything that happens in this world happens at the time God chooses. He sets the time for birth and the time for death, the time for planting and the time for tearing down and the time for building. He sets the time for sorrow and the time for joy, the time for mourning and the time for dancing. He sets the time for love and the time for peace. He has given us the desire to know the future, but never gives us the satisfaction of fully understanding what He does. So I realized that all we can do is to be happy, and to do the best we can while we are alive.

The word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

### *Responsorial Psalm*

Francine and Paul Gerraty

**Response: The Lord's kindness is everlasting**

My soul, give thanks to the Lord, All my being, bless his holy name.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord And never forget all his blessings. **Response**

It is he who forgives all your guilt

Who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. **Response**

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**



## *Second Reading*

A Reading From The Book Of Proverbs ~ Georgina Gerraty

Who shall find a valiant woman? Who shall find a woman of strength?

A pearl of great price she is, all who are with her have confidence in her and benefit from her experience. She initiates good, not evil, every day of her life. She does not neglect her tasks, she willingly works. Broad minded, her understanding of life is the source of nurture for all. She considers options, then decides, investing in the experience she already has. She works diligently, taking pride in her inner resources and strengths. When her gifts are encouraged and their value affirmed, she gives herself wholeheartedly to the task. She opens her heart to the needy, she is generous to them without neglecting her own family's needs. She is known for her dignity and strength and she laughs at the days to come. She speaks with wisdom and she teaches in a kindly way. Those who are close to her praise her. Charm is superficial and beauty fades but the woman who is wise is the one to be praised. May all value her for who she is and applaud her integrity. This is the word of the Lord.

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



## *Gospel Acclamation*

**ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!**

***A woman who honors the Lord should be praised. Give her credit for all she does.  
She deserves the respect of everyone. Alleluia!***

## *Gospel*

Fr Mike: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 14:1-3, 27

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.

Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give to you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

***ALL: Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ.***

## *Homily*

### *Prayers of the Faithful*

Alastair, Stirling, Annabel and Charlotte

Alastair: We give thanks for the gift of Rose Marie's life and her strong faith, may she be held in God's loving embrace, now and for all eternity. We pray to the Lord.

***ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.***

Stirling: That each person gathered here can feel the extraordinary love that Grandma gave to each person she came across, especially when they were family. We give thanks for the time we spent together, she lived a life full of love and shared it with those around her.

***ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.***

Annabel: Dear Lord, we thank you for the wonderful gift of G'ma. We were so privileged to call her our loving Grandma and friend. She inspired everyone to live life gently, to laugh and to love and nurture unconditionally. She showed compassion, empathy, generosity and care when it was needed, and we are grateful to have had her in our lives.

***ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.***

Charlotte: We pray that Grandma is at peace and has been reunited with Frank, may they both enjoy each other again and resume their equal love of dancing. Lord we ask you to watch over and comfort our family as we grieve the loss of our amazing Grandma.

***ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.***

Fr Mike: Father in heaven we trust in you completely. Guide us by your word; protect us by your power and save us by your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**ALL: Amen.**

## *Liturgy of the Eucharist*

### *Invitation to Prayer*

Fr Mike: 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.**

### *Procession of Gifts*

#### *Offertory Hymn*

On Eagles Wings ~ Michael Joncas

### *Prayer Over the Offerings*

Fr Mike: Lord, we are united in this sacrament by the love of Jesus Christ. Accept these gifts and receive our sister Rose Marie into the glory of your Son, who is the Lord forever and ever.

**ALL: Amen.**

### *Eucharistic Prayer*

Fr Mike: The Lord be with you.

**ALL: And with your spirit.**

Fr Mike: Lift up your hearts.

**ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

**ALL: It is right and just.**

### *Memorial Acclamation*

**ALL: Christ has died, Alleluia**

**Christ has risen, Alleluia**

**Christ will come again.**

**Alleluia, Alleluia**

## *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 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**

## *Sign of Peace*

Fr Mike: The peace of the Lord be with you always  
**ALL: And with your spirit.**

## *Breaking of the Bread*

**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**

## *Communion*

Fr Mike: 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 Hymn*

You Raise Me Up ~ Secret Garden

## *A Life In Pictures*

Baracolle ~ London Philharmonic Orchestra and David Parry  
Over The Rainbow ~ Eva Cassidy



## *Reflection*

Phillip Chambeyron

You can shed tears that she is gone  
Or You can smile because she has lived  
You can close your eyes and pray that she'll come back  
Or you can open your eyes and see all that she has left  
Your heart can be empty because you cannot see her,  
Or you can be full of love that you have shared  
You can turn your back on tomorrow and live for yesterday,  
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.  
You can remember her and ache that she has gone,  
Or you can cherish the memory and let her live on.  
You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back,  
Or you can do what mum would want –  
Smile, open your eyes, Love and go on.

## *Final Commendation*

Fr Mike: Before we take Rose Marie to her final resting place, let us take our leave of her. May our farewell express our love 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.

***ALL: Amen.***

## *Signs of Farewell*

Fr Mike: With water, and with incense, we farewell Rose Marie Gerraty. Saints of Good come to her aid! Come and meet her angels of the Lord!

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

Fr Mike: 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 on the Most High.***

Fr Mike: Give her eternal rest, O Lord, And may your light shine on forever.

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

## *Prayer of Commendation*

Fr Mike: Into your hands, God of mercies, we commend our sister, Marie, 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 thanks for all her gifts and talents and for all that Marie was to her family, friends, and the community. Grant her eternal rest.

**ALL: Amen.**

Fr Mike: In peace let us take our sister, Rose Marie, to her place of rest.

## *Farewell Song*

Time to Say Goodbye ~ Sarah Brightman

## *At The Cemetery*

Angel ~ Sarah McLachlan

## *Family*

Frank (Dec)

John, Anita and Imogen

Paul and Dee

Francine, Dave and Gabrielle

David, Barbara, Jasmine, Frankie and Olivia

Philip, Angela, Georgina and Jessica

Kevin, Natalie, Alex and Imogen

Kate, Brent, Alastair, Stirling, Annabel and Charlotte

*We are very grateful for your presence here today  
and thank you all for your support and prayers.*



*- Marie and Frank Reunited -*



I believe that life is given to us so that we may  
grow in love, and I believe that God is in me as  
the sun is in the colour and fragrance of a flower.

The light in my darkness.

The voice in my silence.

*~ Helen Keller*

