

*In Loving Memory*



*Val*

**Valda Mary Craig**

14th August 1938 ~ 13th June 2022

*Requiem Mass to Celebrate the Life of*  
*Valda Mary Craig*

St Joseph's Catholic Church, Beechworth

Wednesday 22nd June 2022

**Celebrant** Father Brian Carey

*Gathering Music*

The Prayer ~ Andrea Bocelli

Wings to Fly ~ Susan Boyle

*Entrance Hymn*

Come As You Are ~ Paul Gurr O.Carm

Come as you are, that's how I want you. Come as you are, feel quite at home.

Close to my heart, loved and forgiven, Come as you are, why stand alone.

No need to fear, love sets no limits. No need to fear, love never ends.

Don't run away, shamed and disheartened, Rest in my love, trust me again.

I came to call sinners not just the virtuous. I came to bring peace not to condemn.

Each time you fail to live by my promise, Why do you think I'd love you the less.

Don't run away, shamed and disheartened. Come as you are, why stand alone.

Come as you are, that's how I love you. Come as you are, trust me again.

Nothing can change the love that I bear you. All will be well, just come as you are.

*Welcome*

Father Brian Carey: The Lord be with you.

**ALL: And with your spirit.**

*Sprinkling of Holy Water*

In the waters of Baptism Val died with Christ and rose with him to Eternal Life.

**ALL: May she now share eternal life with Him in glory.**

*Words of Remembrance*

Jackie

Chris

# *A Life In Pictures*

Melody Gardot - Sweet Memory and Over the Rainbow

## *Opening Prayer of the Mass*

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

## *A Reading From The Book Of Sirach*

Brad

For everything there is a season, a time for every occupation under heaven.

A time to be born, and time to die;

A time for planting, and time for uprooting; A time for tears and a time for laughter;

A time for mourning and a time for dancing; A time for searching and a time for

losing; A time to keep silent and a time to speak;

God sets the time for everything. He has given us the desire to know the future, but

never gives us the satisfaction of fully understanding what He does. ALL we can do

is be happy and do the best we can while we are still alive ...

The word of the Lord.

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

## *Responsorial Psalm*

The Lord is My Shepherd ~ Brian Boniwell

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*

***ALL: Alleluia Alleluia! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord,  
all who believe in me will live forever. Alleluia.***

## *Gospel*

Fr Brian: The Lord be with you

***ALL: And with your spirit.***

Fr Brian: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John (Jn14)

***ALL: Glory to you O Lord.***

Fr Brian: 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.***

## *Homily*

Father Brian

## *Prayers Of The Faithful*

Father Brian: Let us pray with faith and confidence to God our Father, who raised his Son, Jesus Christ from death, that he may give comfort to the living and eternal rest to those who have died.

Cameron

We pray for Val who had a full and happy life and faced the final years with strength, courage and grace. Lord hear us:

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

We pray for Doug, who was a loving and devoted husband for 62 years of marriage and lovingly cared for Val in her final years. Lord hear us:

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

We pray for Jackie who devoted the past years to supporting her parents so they could remain together in their home. Lord hear us:

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

We pray for family members, Chris, Mariette, Michael, Jackie and Peter.

Lord hear us:

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

We pray for Val's siblings, extended family /good friends. Lord hear us.

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

We pray for Rico for her special care and support of Val throughout her illness.

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

We pray in thanks for all who cared for Val as her health declined. The doctors, nurses and all the carers at Beechworth Health and Indigo at Home Alpine Health - may their kindness, care and expertise be rewarded and appreciated. Lord hear us.

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

Father Brian: Father, because you are the lover of life in whom there is no darkness or death, we make our prayers, confident that you will answer them. Through Christ our Lord.

***ALL: Amen.***

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

*Procession of Gifts*

Callum, Caitlin, Jemma, Daniel and Lucy  
Here I am Lord ~ Relaxing Guitar Group

*Prayer Over the Gifts*

*Memorial Acclamation*

***ALL: We proclaim your death O Lord and profess your resurrection  
until you come again.***

*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 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.

## *Communion*

As I Kneel Before You ~ Alex Quinn

As I bow my head in prayer. Take this day, make it Yours and fill me with Your love

**Ave Maria, Gratia plena, Dominus tecum, Benedicta tu**

All I have, I give You. Every dream and wish are Yours  
Mother of Christ, Mother of mine, present them to my Lord

**Ave Maria, Gratia plena, Dominus tecum, Benedicta tu**

As I kneel before You, and I see Your smiling face  
Every thought, every word, is lost in Your embrace

**Ave Maria, Gratia plena, Dominus tecum, Benedicta tu**

Peace Prayer of St Francis ~ Salisbury Catholic Choir

Make me a channel of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me bring your love,  
where there is injury, your pardon Lord,  
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

**Chorus: Oh Master, grant that I may never seek so much  
to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved, as to love, with all my soul.**

Make me a channel of your peace.

Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope,  
where there is darkness only light,  
and where there's sadness ever joy.

**Chorus**

Make me a channel of your peace.

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
in giving to all men that we receive,  
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

## *Prayer After Communion*

### *Prayers of Commendation and Farewell*

Trusting in God, we have prayed together for Val. We take comfort in the hope that one day we shall see Val again and enjoy her love and friendship. Although we acknowledge our heavy hearts, we trust that the love and the mercy of God will gather us together again in the joy of his kingdom. Therefore let us console one another in our faith in Jesus Christ.

(Sprinkling with Holy Water and Incensing)

Saints of God, come to her aid!

Come to meet her, angels of the Lord!

***Response: 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.

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

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.

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

Into your hands, Father of mercies,

We commend Val 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 Val in this life:  
they are signs to us of your goodness  
and of our fellowship with the saints.

Merciful Lord, turn towards 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 Val forever.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord,

***ALL: Amen.***

### *Recessional Music*

And I Love You So ~ Kamahl

The Rose ~ Kamahl

### *Casket Bearers*

Chris, Mariette, Michael, Jackie, Peter and Josh.

### *At The Cemetery*

Sparrow ~ Dave Lewis & Elias Braun

Starbed ~ Soul garden



*Val's family thank you for the support and expressions of sympathy they have received, and for your comforting presence here today.*

*They welcome you to proceed to the interment at the Stanley Cemetery  
And all are invited to the Beechworth Bowls Club for refreshments and  
share memories of Val.*