



Irene Schonenberg

16th October 1943 - 26th September 2021

Mass of Christian Burial - Holy Trinity Catholic Church

Wagga Wagga NSW

Thursday 30th September 2021

Celebrant: Fr Thomas Casanova

Photo Tribute - Lady In Red and Supermarket Flowers

Entrance Hymn - Be Not Afraid

Father:

In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Father: 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 Easter Candle:

“Christ came as a light shining in the darkness. May He always be our light, and may His resurrection always be our hope.”

Sprinkling of Holy Water:

In the waters of Baptism, Irene died with Christ and rose with Him to new life. May she now share with Him eternal glory.

Words of Remembrance Cathy Cooke and Roz McPherson

Opening Prayer:

O God, almighty Father, our faith professes that your Son died and rose again; mercifully grant, that through this mystery your servant Irene, 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.

All: Amen.

First Reading: read by Therese McCallum

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes (3:1-11)

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 plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and time to dance; a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; 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 cast away; a time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace. What gain have workers from their toil? I have seen the business that God has given to the children of the earth to be busy with. God has made everything beautiful in his time.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm - The Lord's my Shepherd (Crimond)

Second Reading: read by Melissa Cooke

A reading from the First Letter of Saint John (1 John 3:1-2)

Beloved: See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand to greet the Gospel.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Our true home is in heaven And Jesus Christ, whose return we long for, Will come from heaven to save us.

Alleluia!

Gospel

The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (14:1-6)

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

And Jesus said: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going you know the way." Thomas said to him, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Prayers of the Faithful read by Noeline Jones and Dulcie Carey

God, the almighty Father, raised Christ His Son from the dead; with confidence we ask Him to save all His people, living and dead:

In Baptism, Irene received the light of Christ. Scatter the darkness now and lead her over the waters of death. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Irene received the Body of Christ. May she be welcomed in joy to the Heavenly Banquet. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

For all who have cared for Irene especially the staff and residents of The Haven, may God reward them richly with His grace, Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Many friends and members of our families have gone before us and await the kingdom. Grant Nan and Pop Kaval, Hans, Maz, and Tony and all our deceased family and friends an everlasting home with your Son. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

For Irene's family and all those who mourn, that grief may be lightened by the risen Christ and His promise to unite us again in our heavenly home, and for the grace of a well prepared death, that when God calls we will be ready with the lamp of faith alight. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Father:

God our shelter and our strength,
You listen in love to the cry of your people:
Hear the prayers we offer for our departed brothers and sisters.
Cleanse them of their sins and grant them the fullness of redemption.
Amen.

Offertory

Prayer over the Gifts:

As we humbly present to you
these sacrificial offerings, O Lord,
for the salvation of your servant Irene,
we beseech your mercy,
that she, who did not doubt your Son
to be a loving Saviour,
may find in him a merciful Judge.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

Father: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Father: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Father: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right and just.

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.

In him the hope of blessed resurrection has dawned,
that those saddened by the certainty of dying
might be consoled by the promise of immortality to come.
Indeed for your faithful, Lord, life is changed not ended,
and, when this earthly dwelling turns to dust,
an eternal dwelling is made ready for them in heaven.

And so, with Angels and Archangels,
with Thrones and Dominions,
and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven,
we sing the hymn of your glory,
as without end we acclaim:

**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.**

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.**

Prayer after Communion:

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

All: Amen.

Song of Farewell

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 Abraham's side.

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

Give her eternal rest, O Lord, and may Your light shine upon her
forever.

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

Recessional Hymn: Amazing Grace