

A CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE AND
ENTRANCE INTO ETERNAL LIFE OF

*Sister Carmel Ann
Clancy pbvm*



*Born 19th June 1942
Professed 14th January 1963
Entered Eternal Life 19th March 2021*

Our Lady Of Fatima Catholic Church,
Wagga Wagga.

Monday, 29th March 2021 at 11:00am

CELEBRANT

Fr Paddy Sykes
and Priest Friends of Carmel

ENTRANCE HYMN

Christ, Be Our Light

Longing for light, we wait in darkness
Longing for truth, we turn to You.
Make us Your own, Your holy people
Light for the world to see.

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in Your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice. **Refrain:**

Longing for food, many are hungry
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us Your bread, broken for others
Shared until all are fed. **Refrain:**

Longing for shelter, many are homeless
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us Your building, sheltering others
Walls made of living stone. **Refrain:**

Many the gifts, many the people
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another
Making Your kingdom come. **Refrain:**

WELCOME
Sister Margaret Barclay

GREETING

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

All: Amen.

Fr Paddy: 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.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Leader: We welcome Sister Carmel to this church. With
faith and hope and deep gratitude for her life among
us, we reverently receive her body and commend her
to our God of mercy.

PLACEMENT OF THE PALL

Leader: At her Baptism, Carmel was clothed with a
white robe as a sign of new life. Today we cover her
coffin as a sign of her entry into eternal life.

**All: May our God now enfold Carmel in love and
bring her to eternal life.**

LIGHTING OF THE EASTER CANDLE

Leader: This candle reminds us of Christ's presence in
Carmel's life and of the light she was to us
and those to whom she ministered.

**ALL: May Christ, the eternal and unfading light,
now welcome her into the Kingdom of
Light and Peace.**

SPRINKLING WITH HOLY WATER

Leader: Through the waters of Baptism Carmel was welcomed into the community of faith. With this holy water we bless her again, trusting that the ever-flowing water of eternal life now carries her into the arms of her Creator.

All: May Carmel now share eternal life
with God in glory.

PLACEMENT OF BIBLE

Leader: In this life Carmel cherished the Eucharist and the Scriptures

ALL: May Christ, the Word of God, lead Carmel
to resurrection and new life

PLACEMENT OF PRESENTATION CONSTITUTIONS AND VOWS

Leader: Carmel entrusted all to God and offered her life to her Congregation and its mission through her vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. We now place on her coffin a copy of her Vows and the Constitutions of the Presentation Sisters.

All: May Carmel now enjoy the rewards of a
life lived with devotion and fidelity.

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

OPENING PRAYER

Creator God, the sacred fire of your love enfolds the Universe in being with its wonderful array of life forms—the galaxies, the sun, the moon and planet earth.

We give thanks for that same fire of love that has enfolded Carmel through her living and dying. May all of us gathered here this morning come to a deeper appreciation of the mystery and wonder of your Being, present in every facet of our lives. We ask this through Jesus the Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever.

Amen

FIRST READING

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah 43: 1-4

Israel, the Lord who created you says,
"Do not be afraid - I will save you.
I have called you by name - you are mine.
When you pass through deep waters,
I will be with you;
your troubles will not overwhelm you.
When you pass through fire, you will not be burnt;
the hard trials that come will not hurt you.
For I am the Lord your God,
the holy God of Israel, who saves you.
I will give up Egypt to set you free;
I will give up Ethiopia and Seba.
I will give up whole nations to save your life,
because you are precious to me
and because I love you and give you honor.

The word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Be Not Afraid

You shall cross the barren desert,
but you shall not die of thirst.
You shall wander far in safety
though you do not know the way.
You shall speak your words in foreign lands
and all will understand.
You shall see the face of God and live.

Be not afraid.

I go before you always.

Come, follow me, and I will give you rest.

If you pass through raging waters in the sea,
you shall not drown.
If you walk amid the burning flames,
you shall not be harmed.
If you stand before the pow'r of hell
and death is at your side,
know that I am with you through it all.

Be not afraid.

I go before you always.

Come, follow me, and I will give you rest.

Blessed are your poor,
for the kingdom shall be theirs.
Blest are you that weep and mourn,
for one day you shall laugh.
And if wicked tongues insult and hate you
all because of me,
blessed, blessed are you!

Be not afraid.

I go before you always.

Come, follow me, and I will give you rest.

SECOND READING

A Reading from Paul's letter to
the Philippians 1:3-6

I thank my God whenever I think of you; and every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the one who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the day of Christ Jesus comes.

The word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
This is what the Lord asks of you;
Only this, to act justly, to love tenderly
and to walk humbly with your God.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,**



GOSPEL

Fr Paddy: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Fr Paddy : A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke 24:13-33 **All:** Glory to you, O Lord.

Now that very same day, two of them were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. And it happened that as they were talking together and discussing it, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but their eyes were prevented from recognising him. He said to them, "What are all these things that you are discussing as you walk along?" They stopped, their faces downcast. Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, "You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days." He asked, "What things?" They answered "All about Jesus of Nazareth, who showed himself a prophet powerful in action and speech before God and the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have now gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us; they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they could not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing." Then he said to them, "You foolish ones! So slow to believe all that the prophets have said! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer before entering into his glory." Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself. When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them saying, "It is nearly evening and the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. Now, as he was with them at table, he took bread and said the blessing; then broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

HOMILY

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Fr Paddy: God's love for us is unfailing and unchanging. As we gather to give thanks for the life of Carmel we place our prayers in trust before our God.

Reader: We pray for the Church. In these troubled times of disasters, pandemic and conflicts may we be signs of hope, generosity and courage as we journey together towards peace, wellness and harmony.

Lord hear us. **All: Lord hear our prayer**

Reader: We pray for our world. The beauty and gift of nature were close to Carmel's heart. May we be strong in upholding the importance of caring for all of creation.

Lord hear us. **All: Lord hear our prayer**

Reader: We pray for deceased members of the Presentation Sisters, especially Sister Mary Clancy and for the deceased members of the Clancy family.

Lord hear us. **All: Lord hear our prayer**

Reader: We pray for those who mourn the death of Carmel. May her Presentation Sisters, her family, the staff at the Forrest Centre and Nagle Terrace and her many friends be comforted and enriched by their memories of Carmel's life.

Lord hear us. **All: Lord hear our prayer**

Reader: We pray that Carmel's life may inspire us to face the future with courage and trust that all will be well.

Lord hear us. **All: Lord hear our prayer**

Fr Paddy: Lord of life, your trusting people come to you in their sorrow and also in their hope.

We ask you to hear and answer our prayer. **Amen**

PREPARATION OF GIFTS

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Creator God, we recognise your nurturing presence within and among us. Accept the gifts we offer in this Eucharist for Carmel. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen**

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection until you come again.

COMMUNION HYMN

I Have Loved You

**I have loved you with an everlasting love,
I have called you, and you are mine;
I have loved you with an everlasting love,
I have called you, and you are mine.**

Seek the face of the Lord and long for him:
He will bring you his light and his peace. **Refrain:**

Seek the face of the Lord and long for him:
He will bring you his joy and his hope. **Refrain:**

Seek the face of the Lord and long for him:
He will bring you his care and his love. **Refrain:**

COMMUNION HYMN
We Remember

**We remember how you loved us to your death,
And still we celebrate, for you are with us here;
And we believe that we will see you when you come,
In your glory, Lord, we remember, we celebrate, we
believe.**

Here, a million wounded souls are
Yearning just to touch you and be healed;
Gather all your people, and hold them to your heart.

Refrain:

Now we recreate your love we
Bring the bread and wine to share a meal;
Sign of grace and mercy, the presence of the Lord.

Refrain:

Christ, the Father's great "Amen"
To all the hopes and dreams of every heart;
Peace beyond all telling, and freedom from all fear.

Refrain:

See the face of Christ revealed in
Ev'ry person standing by your side;
Gift to one another, and temples of your love.

Refrain:

REFLECTION
The Irish Blessing

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of abundant life, we give thanks for your presence
in Carmel's life and we ask your blessing on all who
have been part of the fabric of her life.
We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen

FINAL COMMENDATION AND FAREWELL

Carmel has fallen asleep in Christ. Confident in our
hope of eternal life, let us commend her to the loving
mercy of God and let our prayers go with her. She was
adopted as God's daughter in Baptism and was
nourished at the table of the Lord; may she now inherit
the promise of eternal life and take her place at the
table of the blessed in heaven. Let us pray on our own
behalf, that we who now mourn and are saddened, may
one day go forth with Carmel, to meet God, our Creator

SONG OF FAREWELL

**Response: Receive Carmel and present her
to God the most High.**

Leader: Saints of God, come to her aid!
Hasten to meet her, angels of the Lord!

Response:

Leader: May Christ, who called you, take you to
himself, May angels lead you to Abraham's side.

Response:

Leader: Eternal rest, grant unto her, O Lord,
And let perpetual light shine upon her.

Response:

PRAYER OF COMMENDATION

Into your hands, God of mercies, we commend Carmel in the sure hope that together with all who have died in Christ, she will rise with them on the last day. We give thanks for the blessings which you bestowed upon her in this life; they are signs to us of your goodness and of our companionship with the saints in Christ. Merciful Lord, turn towards us and listen to our prayers; open the gates of paradise to Carmel and help us who remain to comfort one another with assurances of faith, until we all meet in Christ and are with you for ever. **Amen.**

May the angels lead you into paradise, May the martyrs come to welcome you and take you to the Holy City, the new and eternal Jerusalem.



RECESSIONAL HYMN
City Of God

Awake from your slumber! Arise from your sleep!
A new day is dawning for all those who weep.
The people in darkness have seen a great light.
The Lord of our longing has conquered the night.

**Let us build the city of God.
May our tears be turned into dancing!
For the Lord, our light and our love,
has turned the night into day!**

We are sons of the morning; we are daughters of day.
The One who has loved us has brightened our way.
The Lord of all kindness has called us to be
a light for his people to set their hearts free.

Refrain:

God is light; in him there is no darkness.
Let us walk in his light, his children, one and all.
O comfort my people; make gentle your words.
Proclaim to my city the day of her birth.

Refrain:

O city of gladness, now lift up your voice.
Proclaim the good tidings that all may rejoice!

Refrain:

GRAVESIDE SERVICE

Fr Paddy: We are gathered here to commit Carmel's body to the earth, to pray for her and to take our leave of her.

READING

John 11:40-44

Jesus said to Martha, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I know that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me". When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!". The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him and let him go free".

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Leader: God of Martha and Mary and Nano,
God of the living who visited Jesus within
His grave and filled Him with the fullness of life,
hear our prayer this day as we come to the burial
place of our Sisters. With reverence, we visit this
ground where their bodies were placed in the
womb of the earth to await the final day of glory.
We pause in silence to be united with them and with
Carmel, who we bring to her resting place today.

PRAYER OVER THE PLACE OF COMMITTAL

May the breath of creation that surrounds us and the dynamic energy of the Spirit make holy these graves.

Let us remember what we already know;
life is transformed into new life.

All: Blessed be God forever.

COMMITTAL

Because God has chosen to call Carmel from this life, we commit her body to the earth. But the Lord Jesus Christ will change our mortal bodies to be like His in glory, for

He is risen, the first-born from the dead. So let us commend her to the Lord, that the Lord may embrace her in peace and raise up her body on the last day.

Leader: Into the soil from which all life springs.

All: We let you go.

Leader: Into the earth that has nurtured you all your life.

All: We let you go.

Leader: Into the Circle of Life with all Creation.

All: We let you go.

Leader: Into the presence of the One who is Love itself.

All: We let you go.

Leader: Into the heart of the Mystery of our God.

All: We let you go

INTERCESSIONS

Let us pray to God the source of all mercies.
Remember all the good our Carmel has done.

All: Gracious God in your mercy hear our prayer.

Welcome her into eternal life.

All: Gracious God in your mercy hear our prayer.

Let us pray for those who mourn. Comfort them in
their grief. Lighten their sense of loss.

All: Gracious God in your mercy hear our prayer.

We pray together in the words Jesus gave us.

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.

Amen.

LITANY

Mary of Nazareth pray for us

Mary of Magdala pray for us

Mary and Martha of Bethany pray for us

Nano Nagle pray for us

Mother John Byrne, Mother Xavier Byrne, pray for us

Mother Paul Fay, Mother Evangelist Kelly, pray for us

Mother Stanislaus Dunne pray for us

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Loving God, you have given us many friends in heaven.
Through their prayers we are confident that you will
watch over us always and fill our hearts with your love.
May God grant Carmel eternal life and joy.

SALVE REGINA

Salve, Regina, mater misericordiae;
Vita, dulcedo, et spes nostra, salve.
Ad te clamamus, exsules, filii Hevae.
Ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes
in hac lacrimarum valle.
Eia ergo, Advocata nostra,
illos tuos misericordes oculos
ad nos converte:
Et Jesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui,
nobis, post hoc exilium ostende.
O clemens, O pia, O dulcis Virgo Maria.



CARMEL'S MINISTRY

Carmel's Ministry with the Presentation Sisters enriched the lives of many people—students, staff and families. She was a very skilled and much loved secondary school teacher and began this ministry at Domremy College in Five Dock, Sydney in 1963. After three years at Domremy Carmel was transferred to Mt Erin High School, Wagga Wagga. In 1972 Carmel pursued further study at Macquarie University in Sydney. Fresh from her study in 1974 she had more teaching opportunities at Sutherland, Mt Erin, Domremy College until 1985 when she had a sea change.

In 1986 she moved into the area of catechetics in State Schools and continued for several years in this apostolate in the Drummoyne area in Sydney. From 1993 to 1999 she also became involved in the administration of the CCD office.

Finally, in 2012 when Carmel's health deteriorated, she moved to Wagga Wagga and continued to reach out to people in need through her contacts with ex-students, the Bridge Club, Erin Earth, helping with children's homework and making a response to current justice issues.

For the last two years she was a very significant person in the Forrest Centre where, though seriously ill herself, she brought life and energy to the other residents and staff.

Carmel lived life to its fullest.

May she now rest in peace.

**These days I take comfort
in the words of Henri Nouwen....**

*"Hope frees us to live in the present,
With deep trust that God will never leave us."*

**I think that what God is asking of me
is to trust and take one day at a time.
Not always easy but there it is!**

Carmel's reflection



The Presentation Sisters and Carmel's family
thank you for your presence here today and
for your kind expressions of sympathy.

At the conclusion of the prayers at the
graveside, you are invited to refreshments in
the Mirage Room at the Wagga RSL Club, cnr of
Kincaid Street and Dobbs Street, Wagga Wagga.



ALAN HARRIS MCDONALD

EST. 1928