

A CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE AND
ENTRANCE INTO ETERNAL LIFE OF

Sister Barbara Hallam pbvm



Born 5th July 1938

Professed 12th January 1959

Entered Eternal Life 1st August 2021

Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Wagga Wagga
Friday, 6th August 2021 at 10:00am

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CELEBRANT
Fr John Baptist

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:**

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:**

GREETING

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

All: Amen.

Fr John Baptist: 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 Barbara 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.

LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

Leader: This candle reminds us of Christ's
presence in Barbara'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 Barbara
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 Barbara now share eternal life
with God in glory.

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PLACEMENT OF THE PALL

Leader: At her Baptism, Barbara 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 Barbara in love and bring her to eternal life.

PLACEMENT OF BIBLE

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

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

PLACEMENT OF PRESENTATION CONSTITUTIONS AND VOWS

Leader: Barbara 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 Barbara now enjoy the rewards of a life lived with devotion and fidelity.

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

OPENING PRAYER

God of all creation we gather to farewell
Sister Barbara whose journey of strong faith
supported her throughout her life. Look kindly upon
her and comfort us who are gathered here to mourn
her loss. We pray that the Spirit of life and wonder
that was ever present in Barbara's life will find
hopeful expression in our lives. We ask this through
Jesus Christ who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God forever & ever.

Amen

FIRST READING

Isaiah 25: 6-9

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah
On this mountain the Lord will prepare for all
peoples a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine
wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.
On this mountain the Lord will remove the mourning
veil covering all peoples and the shroud enwrapping
all nations, and will destroy death forever.
The Lord will wipe away tears from every cheek; the
Lord will take away the people's shame everywhere
on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be
said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for
salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord Is My Shepherd

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.

**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

**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.**

SECOND READING

Romans 8: 31-39

A Reading from the letter to the Romans.

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us- he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us. Nothing therefore can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us. For I am certain of this: Neither death nor life, no angel, no ruler, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, Alleluia
I am the good shepherd;
I know my own and mine know me.
Alleluia, Alleluia.**

GOSPEL

John 10: 7-16

Fr John Baptist: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Fr John Baptist: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John, **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to them, I am the gate for the sheep. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it to the full. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away- and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So, there will be one flock and one shepherd.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

HOMILY

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Fr John Baptist: We gather as a family of faith to give thanks for Barbara's life and service.

We pray for her and for all our needs and place these prayers in trust before our loving God.

Reader: We pray for the world and our national and spiritual leaders that they develop the wisdom and courage to address the issues that are causing conflict, illness and destruction today. Lord hear us. **All: Lord hear our prayer**

Reader: We give thanks for the gift of Barbara, her enthusiasm for life, and her love, care and concern for others. May we be blessed by the ways in which she has lived life.

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

Reader: We pray for those who mourn the death of Barbara: especially her Presentation Sisters, her family, Fran and Jim, Helen, Greg and Trish, and Barbara's nieces and nephews.

May they be enriched by their memories of Barbara's life.

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

Reader: We pray for those who have journeyed with Barbara, particularly her carers at Caloola Court, the staff at Nagle Terrace, friends and Sisters who have journeyed with her and supported her during her debilitating illness. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer

Reader: We pray for deceased members of the Presentation Sisters and for the deceased members of the Hallam family.

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

Fr John Baptist: God our shelter and our strength
you listen in love to the cry of your people,
we ask you to hear and answer these prayers
we bring before you.

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 Barbara. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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

COMMUNION HYMN

We Walk By Faith

We walk by faith, and not by sight:
No gracious words we hear
Of him who spoke as none e'er spoke,
But we believe him near.

We may not touch his hands and side,
Nor follow where he trod;
Yet in his promise we rejoice,
And cry "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief,
And may our faith abound;
To call on you when you are near,
And seek where you are found:

That when our life of faith is done
In realms of clearer light
We may behold you as you are
In full and endless sight.

We walk by faith, and not by sight:
No gracious words we hear
Of him who spoke as none e'er spoke,
But we believe him near.

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COMMUNION HYMN
As Gentle As Silence

Oh, the love of my Lord is the essence
of all that I love here on earth.
All the beauty I see God has given to me,
and the giving is gentle as silence.

Every day, every hour, every moment
have been blessed by the strength of God's love.
At the turn of each tide God is there at my side,
with a touch that is gentle as silence.

There've been times when I've turned from your presence,
and I've walked other paths, other ways.
But I've called on your name in the dark of my shame,
and your mercy was gentle as silence

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of mercy, your son Jesus,
gave us this sacrament to guide us on our pilgrim way.
May our sister Barbara who shared in the Eucharist
come to the Banquet of life prepared for her.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

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*FINAL COMMENDATION
AND FAREWELL*

Barbara 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 Barbara, to meet God, our Creator

SONG OF FAREWELL

Response: Receive Barbara 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 Barbara 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 Barbara 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

Welcome Home

**Welcome home! Welcome home!
Welcome home to the land of your freedom and joy!
Welcome home! Welcome home!
Be at peace in the arms of your God!
Welcome home!**

“This is my body now given for you!”
This is the gift you have lived!
And just as the Father embraces the Son,
So do we embrace you! Welcome home!

Refrain.

We come to thank you, the people you loved,
For us you have been living word!
The Word you have spoken has nourished our hearts;
Now the Word comes to you! Welcome home!

Refrain.

Deep in the Godhead the Mystery you know;
In the love-span of God do you live!
So now shall your prayer be effective and free;
Pray for us now that you're welcome home!

Refrain.

Let there be music and let there be song,
For the triumph that your life has been!
Hear how God's angels and saints in their joy
Join with us as we sing, Welcome home!

Refrain.

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GRAVESIDE SERVICE

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

READING

John 11:40-44

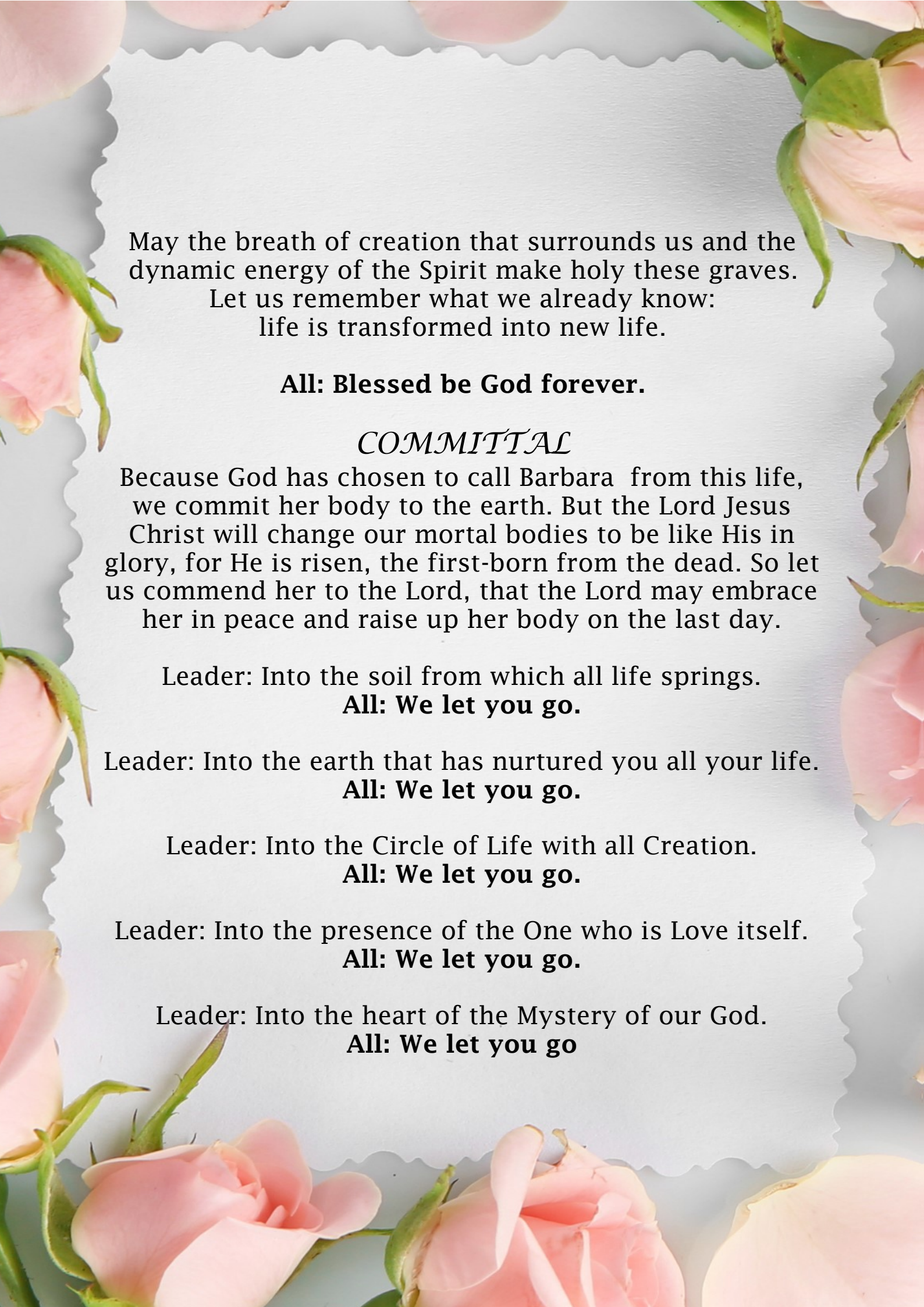
I tell you, most solemnly, unless a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; But if it dies, it yields a rich harvest.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE PLACE OF COMMITTAL

Leader: 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 Barbara, who we bring to her resting place today.

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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 Barbara 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 Barbara 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 Barbara 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 exsilium ostende.
O clemens, O pia, O dulcis Virgo Maria.



BARBARA'S MINISTRY

Barbara began her ministry as a primary school teacher with the Presentation Sisters. In 1959 and until 1975 she taught in Primary Schools in the Riverina and Sydney areas.

From 1976 to 1979 Barbara began giving religious instruction in State Schools (CCD) in Sydney. She had a deep spirituality, and this ministry had a special place in her heart.

Again in 1980 Barbara was asked to go back to classroom teaching and so taught Primary school children in Wagga and in 1981 in Ganmain.

Barbara yearned for spiritual renewal and in 1982 she attended the Spirituality Centre in Randwick after which she was again involved with the development and coordination of spirituality and religious education in State Schools (CCD) in Sydney.

When her father's health deteriorated Barbara returned to her hometown of Gunning to care for him. After his death she returned to the (CCD) ministry in the Canberra-Goulburn Archdiocese.

Then from 2002-2010 she became a carer for our Sisters in Sutherland until she herself was in need of care.



"Freedom - is to be in possession of oneself"

- Hegel

The Presentation Sisters and Barbara'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 at the
Australian Rules Football Club, Fernleigh Road, Wagga.



ALAN HARRIS MCDONALD
EST. 1928