

In Loving Memory Of

Carmel Mary Smith

30.08.1931 - 02.03.2025



Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga

2:00 pm 6th March 2025

Celebrant: Father Andrew Fewings



Opening Hymn Come As You Are

Welcome/Greeting

Lighting of the Paschal Candle

In baptism, Carmel received the light of Christ guiding her through her life.

All: May this light now lead her into eternal life.

Sprinkling with Holy Water

Lord, in the waters of Baptism Carmel died with Christ and rose with him to eternal life.

All: May she now share Christ's life forever.

Placing White Pall

Lord, on the day of her baptism, Carmel was clothed in Christ and was given a Christian dignity forever.

All: May Christ now enfold her in his mercy and love.

Placing Personal Symbols

Lord, these symbols of her life and work remind us of your goodness to her.

All: May her good works go before her.

Eulogy:

Spoken by the family of Carmel

Opening Prayer:

Let us pray.

God of endless ages, from one generation to the next
you have been our refuge and strength.

Before the mountains were born or the earth came to be, you are God.

Have mercy now on your servant Carmel,
whose long life was spent in your service.

Give her a place in your kingdom,
where hope is firm for all who love
and rest is sure for all who serve.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen

First Reading:

A reading from the Book of Proverbs 31:10-31

A perfect wife - who can find her? She is far beyond the price of pearls. Her husband's heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit, advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life. She is like a merchant vessel bringing her food from far away. She gets up while it is still dark giving her household its food. She puts her back into her work and shows how strong her arms can be. She finds her labour well worthwhile; her lamp does not go out at night. She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy. She is clothed with strength and dignity, she can laugh at the days to come. When she opens her mouth, she does so wisely; on her tongue is kindly instruction. Her sons and daughters proclaim her blessed, her husband, too, sings her praises; many women have done admirable things, but you surpass them all! Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise. Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates. The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Response: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

All: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.

Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.

All: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.

If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.

You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort.

All: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.

My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.

All: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever.

All: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading:

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy 4:6-8,18

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen. The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory. Happy are those who die in the Lord, let them rest from their labours for their good deed go with them. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.

Gospel

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John 14:1-6

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.

Prayer of the Faithful

We gather to celebrate Carmel's journey through life with joy, and we remember the many blessings God our Father gave her in life, and knowing God is faithful to his promises, we turn to him in prayer.

We thank you for Carmel, who has led us in this world with love, care and determination. We thank you for her guidance and remember her our mother, nana and friend. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer

We thank God for those who were kind to Carmel, visited her and cared for her. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer

We pray in thanks for those who are gathered here today. We thank you for those who touched Carmel's life and supported her through her joys and sorrows. Fill the sadness in our hearts with your love and increase our faith and strength. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer

We are assembled here in faith and confidence to pray for our sister Carmel. Strengthen our hope so that we may live a life worthy of heaven. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer

Many friends and members of our families have gone before us and await the Kingdom. May God grant them an everlasting home with Christ. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer

God, Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, grant to the souls of your departed servants release from all their sins. Hear our prayers for those we love and give them the pardon they have always desired. We ask this through Christ the Lord.

All: Amen

Communion Hymn Amazing Grace and Christ, Be Our Light

Reflection All I Ask Of You

Prayer of Farewell & Commendation

Trusting in God, we have prayed together for Carmel and now we come to the last farewell. There is sadness in parting, but we take comfort in the hope that one day we shall see Carmel again and enjoy her friendship. Although this congregation will disperse in sorrow, the mercy of God will gather us together again in the joy of His kingdom. Therefore, let us console one another in the faith of Jesus Christ.

Song of Farewell

Celebrant: Saints of God, come to her aid.
 Hasten to meet her, angels of the Lord.

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

Celebrant: 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 the Most High.

Celebrant: Eternal rest grant to her, O Lord,
 and let perpetual light shine upon her.

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

Prayer of Commendation

Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our sister Carmel 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 Carmel in this life: they are signs to us of your goodness and of our fellowship with the saints in Christ. Merciful Lord, turn toward 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 our sister for ever. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Recessional May The Angels Lead You Home









Annette, Russell, David (Paddy), Judi, Michael, Fiona and their families
thank you for your attendance and kindness.

At the completion of the Mass today and following the burial at
Wodonga Cemetery, you are invited to join us for refreshment at
Elgins Hotel, 53 Elgin Blvd, Wodonga.



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