



In alarum tuarum exsulato

In alarum tuarum exulto

In the shadow of Your wings I rejoice

Religious life means being close to God in houses filled with God's presence, among people who openly love God; it's absolute trust in the strength of God's protection, care and love in every facet of my life: willing and cheerful acceptance of everything.

"I am yours, born for you, do whatever you like with me." (Teresa of Avila)

Sr Pauline Smith

Reflection on my motto

Eucharistic Celebration for the

Entrance into Eternal Life

of

Sister Pauline Smith rsm

Born: October 24, 1932

Professed: December 16, 1954

Entered Eternal Life: November 7, 2020

Celebrant

Very Reverend Peter Blayney

Mother Mary Clare Dunphy Memorial Chapel, Parramatta

November 26, 2020

RITE OF RECEPTION

Suscipe

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Refrain: My God, I am yours,
for time and eternity.

Teach me to cast myself entirely
into the arms of Your loving Providence,
with the most lively, unlimited
confidence in Your compassionate,
tender pity. *(Ref.)*

Grant me, O most merciful Redeemer,
that whatever You ordain or permit
may be acceptable to me. *(Ref.)*

Take from my heart all painful anxiety,
suffer nothing to sadden me but sin,
nothing to delight me
but the hope of coming to the possession of You,
my God and my All,
in Your everlasting Kingdom. *(Ref.)*

Leader:

Pauline, our sister, we welcome you among your Mercy family and to this sacred space where you shared Eucharist over many years.

Now we, your sisters, your family and friends gather to honour and celebrate you and the deep faith that nurtured and gave meaning to your life and enriched ours.

We reverently receive your body in gratitude for your years among us, and through this Eucharist celebrate your entrance into eternal life.

WELCOME *(please be seated)*

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATION

PROCESSIONAL *(stand)*

Zephaniah's Song

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Yahweh your God lives within you!
Open your heart and see
how he comes in power creating!
Forming you!

Refrain: He will sing gladly his joy for you!
He will renew you in love!
He will rejoice and in deep delight,
dance for you! *(Repeat refrain)*

Mary, the Lord dwells within you,
don't be afraid,
when God overshadows His chosen creation,
God in you. *(Ref.)*

C In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

REVERENCING THE BODY *(please be seated)*

C *We use holy water to sprinkle the coffin as a sign of Christ's saving love in which Pauline trusted all her life.*

Placing of Symbols

We come now to share some of the symbols of Pauline's life that are expressions of those things that she valued most.

The Pall

At her baptism Pauline was clothed in white and commenced her life as a follower of Christ nurtured by the faith of her family. The white pall being draped on her coffin symbolises that, through her death, Pauline has now come to fullness of life in Christ. The Pall will now be placed on the coffin.

Mercy Cross & Office Book

The Office Book and Mercy Cross represent Pauline's lifelong fidelity to her Religious Profession, her service to this Mercy Congregation and her enormous contribution to the Australian Mercy world.

The Mercy Cross and Office Book will now be placed on the coffin.

Religious Education Series "Come Alive"

As a teacher and RE Coordinator during the 1960s, Pauline contributed to the development of a contemporary Religious Education syllabus informed by the insights of Vatican II and suitable for local conditions. She was co-author and pilot teacher of the text for senior students in the "Come Alive" RE Programme.

The textbook "Come Alive" will now be placed on the coffin.

Code of Canon Law

Throughout her religious life Pauline had placed her great talents at the service of Religious and the wider church through her roles of leadership, education and the advancement of the rightful place of women in the Church. The Code of Canon Law recalls

her thirty years of ministry as a canonical consultant characterised by her habitual generosity, balance and wisdom. The Code of Canon Law will now be placed on the coffin.

Flowers/Music

Pauline's inner beauty and creativity found expression in her great appreciation of flowers, especially roses, in her love of music and in her capacity to distil theological concepts into beautiful hymn lyrics.

Flowers from Margaret Chaplin's garden and a music manuscript will be now placed on the coffin.

Family Photo

As one of ten siblings, Pauline's faith and character were formed in a strong Catholic family. This faith influenced every aspect of Pauline's life.

A family photo will now be placed on the coffin.

Words of Remembrance

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, our Father,
we firmly believe that your Son died and rose to life.
We pray for our sister, Pauline, who died in Christ.
Raise her at the last day
to share the glory of the risen Christ.
We ask this through the intercession
of the Holy Spirit.

R Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

A Reading from the Song of Songs (2:8-14)

I hear my love.
See how he comes
leaping on the mountains,
bounding over the hills.
My love is like a gazelle,
like a young stag.

See where he stands
behind our wall.
He looks in at the window,
he peers through the opening.

My love lifts up his voice,
he says to me,
“Come then, my beloved,
my lovely one, come.
For see, winter is past,
the rains are over and gone.

Flowers are appearing on the earth.
The season of glad songs has come,
the cooing of the turtledove is heard in our land.
The fig tree is forming its first figs
and the blossoming vines give out their fragrance.
Come then, my beloved,
my lovely one, come.

My dove, hiding in the clefts of the rock,
in the coverts of the cliff,
show me your face,
let me hear your voice;
for your voice is sweet
and your face is lovely.”

The Word of the Lord.

R Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *(spoken)*

Psalm 67

R: *Let the nations praise you, O God,
let all the nations praise you.*

1. May God show kindness and bless us,
and may God's face shine on us.
Then the earth will acknowledge your ways,
and all nations your power to save. **(Resp)**
2. Let the nations rejoice and sing for joy,
for you judge the world with justice,
you judge the peoples with fairness,
you guide the nations on earth. **(Resp)**
3. The earth has yielded its produce;
God, our God has blessed us.
May God continue to bless us,
and be revered by the whole wide world. **(Resp)**

SECOND READING

A Reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Philippians (4:4-8)

Always be joyful, then, in the Lord: I repeat, be joyful. Let your good sense be obvious to everybody. The Lord is near. Never worry about anything, but tell God all your desires of every kind in prayer and petition shot through with gratitude; and the peace of God, which is beyond our understanding, will guard your hearts and your thoughts in Christ Jesus.

Finally, sisters and brothers, let your minds be filled with everything that is true, everything that is honourable, everything that is upright and pure, everything that we love and admire - with whatever is good and praiseworthy.

The Word of the Lord.

R *Thanks be to God.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(spoken)*

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us,
even as we hope in you.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A Reading from the holy Gospel according to John (11:17-27)

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. Bethany is only about two miles from Jerusalem and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died, but even now I know that God will grant whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said:

"I am the resurrection.
Anyone who believes in me,
even though that person dies, will live,
and whoever lives and believes in me,
will never die.
Do you believe this?"

"Yes Lord," she said, "I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into the world."

The Gospel of the Lord.

R Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

C: Gracious and compassionate God, we bring our prayers before you this day with confidence in your loving care.

- 1.** As a faith-filled daughter and canon lawyer of the Church, Pauline used her knowledge to foster an inclusive church for women and men. We pray for Pope Francis, all leaders and members of the Church that we will continue to live the freedom and compassion of Christ in a discipleship of equals.
In faith we pray.

R *God's Mercy endures forever.*

- 2.** 'Music, when soft voices die, vibrates in the memory'. Among Pauline's many gifts of intellect and talent we especially remember and celebrate her as composer, musician, organist and chorister. May our hearts and spirits always remain open to the beauty of the Divine experienced in music.
In praise we pray.

R *God's Mercy endures forever.*

- 3.** Pauline loved life and enjoyed its beauty and bounty, seeing everything created as interconnected with the Divine. She delighted in the natural world, the greening of plants, animals, especially her dogs, and good food. She had a great sense of fun and laughter and a loving heart that understood the limitations and struggles of human life.
With gratitude we pray.

R *God's Mercy endures forever.*

4. We give thanks for the gifts of family, community and friends. Comfort those saddened by Pauline's death, especially her siblings Margaret, Tom, Patrick, and their families, and her religious sisters, especially Rosemary and Marg Chaplin, her cousin Mary McEneaney and all who cared for her at Stella Maris.

With love we pray.

R God's Mercy endures forever.

5. Pauline's deep faith was nurtured in her family and the community of the parish of Epping. May all those who have gone before her, especially her parents, Betty and Jack, and her siblings, Therese, John, Mary, Leonie, Rita and Gerard, and her religious sisters especially Marg Doyle and Cecily, welcome her to the heavenly choir of joy, love and peace.

In trust we pray.

R God's Mercy endures forever.

C God of mercy and love, in you there is no darkness or death. We make these prayers today confident that you will answer us through Christ Our Lord.

R Amen.



LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY

Eagle's Wings

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You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
who abide in his shadow for life,
say to the Lord: "My refuge,
my rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain:

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun
and hold you in the palm of his hand.

The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
and famine will bring you no fear.
Under his wings, your refuge,
his faithfulness, your shield. *(Ref)*

You need not fear the terror of the night,
nor the arrow that flies by day;
though thousands fall about you,
near you it shall not come. *(Ref)*

For to his angels he's given a command
to guard you in all of your ways.
Upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you dash your foot against a stone.

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of his hand,
and hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

C Lord, receive the gifts we offer
for the salvation of our sister, Pauline.
May Christ be merciful in judging our sister,
for she believed in Christ as her Lord and Saviour.

R *Amen.*

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*spoken*)

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (*spoken*)

When we eat this bread and drink this cup we proclaim your
death, O Lord, until you come again.

AMEN (*spoken*)

COMMUNION RITE

OUR FATHER (*spoken*)

SIGN OF PEACE

LAMB OF GOD (*spoken*)

COMMUNION HYMN

Adoro Te Devote

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Adoro te devote, latens Deitas,
Quæ sub his figuris vere latitas:
Tibi se cor meum totum subjicit,
Quia te contemplanis totum deficit.

O memoriale mortis Domini
Panis vivus vitam præstans homini,
Præsta meæ menti de te vivere,
Et te illi semper dulce sapere.

Jesu, quem velatum nunc aspicio,
Oro, fiat illud, quod tam sitio
Ut, te revelata, cernens facie
Visu sim beatus tuæ gloriæ.

Amen.

Translation

*Devoutly I adore You, Godhead unseen,
who hide Your glory under these shadows;
my soul utterly surrenders itself to You;
contemplating You, it is quite overwhelmed.*

*O Memorial of the Lord's own death!
Living Bread, that gives all Your creatures breath,
grant my spirit to live by You,
and always to taste Your sweetness.*

*Jesus, as I look on Your veiled presence,
do not deny what my soul thirsts for,
that Your face unveiled I may see,
and be happy in the vision of Your glory.*

Amen.

REFLECTION HYMN

There is a Place

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There's a time for remembering,
a time to recall
the trials and the triumphs,
the fears and the falls.
There's a time to be grateful
for moments so blessed,
the jewels of our memory
where love is our guest.

There is gold that is gleaming,
in a past we once knew.
In our tears and our laughter,
'twas love brought us thru.
There's a road we have travelled,
where sunlight has kissed,
that carries us onwards
when loved ones are missed.

Refrain: There is treasure in our fields,
there is treasure in our skies.
There is treasure in our dreaming
from the soul to the eye.
For wherever we gather
in the light of God's grace,
and for all whom we remember,
there will ever be a place.

There's a promise of God
that is written in the stars,
for all who may travel,
no matter how far.
God will be your companion,
each journey you make
in the shadow of loved ones,
to lighten your way.

(Ref.)

In the quiet of the evening,
at the close of the day,
we will rest on the journey,
to the Lord we shall pray.
May we thank God for blessings,
for the moments we've shared.
As we seek for tomorrow,
our God will be there. *(Ref.)*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord God, your Son Jesus Christ gave us
the sacrament of his Body and Blood,
to guide us on our pilgrim way to your Kingdom.
May our sister, Pauline,
who shared in the Eucharist,
come to the banquet of life Christ has prepared for her.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R Amen.

FINAL COMMENDATION

Our sister, Pauline, 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 our sister to
meet the Lord of life when he appears in glory.

The coffin is sprinkled with holy water and incense.

PRAYER OF FAREWELL

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

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

C May Christ who called you, take you to himself;
may angels lead you to the bosom of Abraham. (*Resp.*)

C Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon her. (*Resp.*)

PRAYER

Into your hands, God of Mercy,
we commend our sister, Pauline, in the sure hope that,
together with all who have died in Christ,
she will rise with them on the last day.

We give you thanks for the blessings
which you bestowed upon her in this life:
they are signs to us of your goodness
and of our fellowship with the saints in Christ.

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 the
assurances of faith,
until we all meet in Christ and are with you and with our
sister forever.

R *Amen.*

C 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.

Now let us take our sister to her place of rest.

RECESSIONAL

Your Mercy Endures

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We give thanks to You, Lord, for You are good,
for Your mercy endures forever.

We give thanks to You, God of gods,
for Your mercy endures forever.

We give thanks to You, Lord of Lords,
for Your mercy endures forever.

You alone do great wonders,
for Your mercy endures forever.

You made the heavens in wisdom,
for Your mercy endures forever.

You spread out the earth upon the waters
for Your mercy endures forever.

You made the great lights,
for Your mercy endures forever.

The sun to rule over the day,
for Your mercy endures forever.

The moon and the stars to rule over the night,
for Your mercy endures forever.

AT THE GRAVESIDE

WELCOME

God, whose name is Abundant Mercy,
we thank you for this day of grace
and for the life of Pauline
that brings us to this hallowed place.
May perpetual light shine upon her
and on the faces of all who rest here.
May they know in abundance the life you have promised.

BLESSING OF THE GRAVE

Leader: Blessed be our God of Mercy
the God of everlasting life.

All: Blessed be the waters that brought us to birth
in Christ Jesus.
Blessed be the light of your love that guides our way.
Blessed be all of those who witnessed to us
their faith and trust in God.

Leader: We bring the precious body of our sister, Pauline,
to this hallowed place.
We return her to the earth from which she was shaped
by our loving Creator, who gave her form and beauty.
With reverence we bless her.

All: We pray that in death,
Pauline will be held in your Divine love.
May the remembering earth mind every memory she
brought into our lives.
May the rains fall gently upon her.
May the seeds sown from her generous and creative
heart continue to blossom in new works of mercy,
inspired by the story of her life. Amen.

Reading: John 17:24

Father, I desire that those also whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory which you have given me, because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

Leader: Praise to you, God of all life.
Praise to You, O Holy One.
We give thanks for your tender mercy and loving kindness. Holy are you, God of Hope.

All: Blessed be our God of endless love.

Leader: You open to us eternal life and lead us to the dwelling of saints. You make a home of peace for those who love you. Holy are you, God of Love.

All: Blessed be our God of endless love.

Leader: We praise you, our God and Redeemer.
Your praise is always in our hearts and on our lips.
You are our hope. Holy are you and blessed.

All: Blessed be our God of endless love.

Leader: Loving and merciful God, hear these prayers for our sister, Pauline. By her faith and hope she has always been united with you, her Creator. By her generous service she has been a loving disciple of Jesus Christ. By her strong and enabling love she witnessed to your Holy Spirit. Receive her now into the fullness of your presence. Give comfort to all of us who mourn her passing from our midst, for we believe that you will raise us all on the last day.

All: May the mercy of God enfold you,
and the love of God surround you.
May you be our companion on our way,
until we meet face to face in God.

LOWERING OF THE COFFIN

DECADE OF THE ROSARY:

First Glorious Mystery – The Resurrection

PLACEMENT OF THE GRAVESIDE FLOWERS

Mother of Mercy

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Mother of Mercy, day by day
my love of thee grows more and more;
Thy gifts are strewn upon my way,
like sands upon the great sea-shore.

Refrain: *Sweet Lady of Mercy
our mother, our friend,
O light our lives with thy pure ray;
Defend and guard us to the end
then claim us as thine own for aye.*

Get me the grace to love thee more;
Jesus will give if thou wilt plead.
And Mother, when life's cares are o'er,
Oh, I shall love thee then indeed. **(Ref)**



Dad & Mum

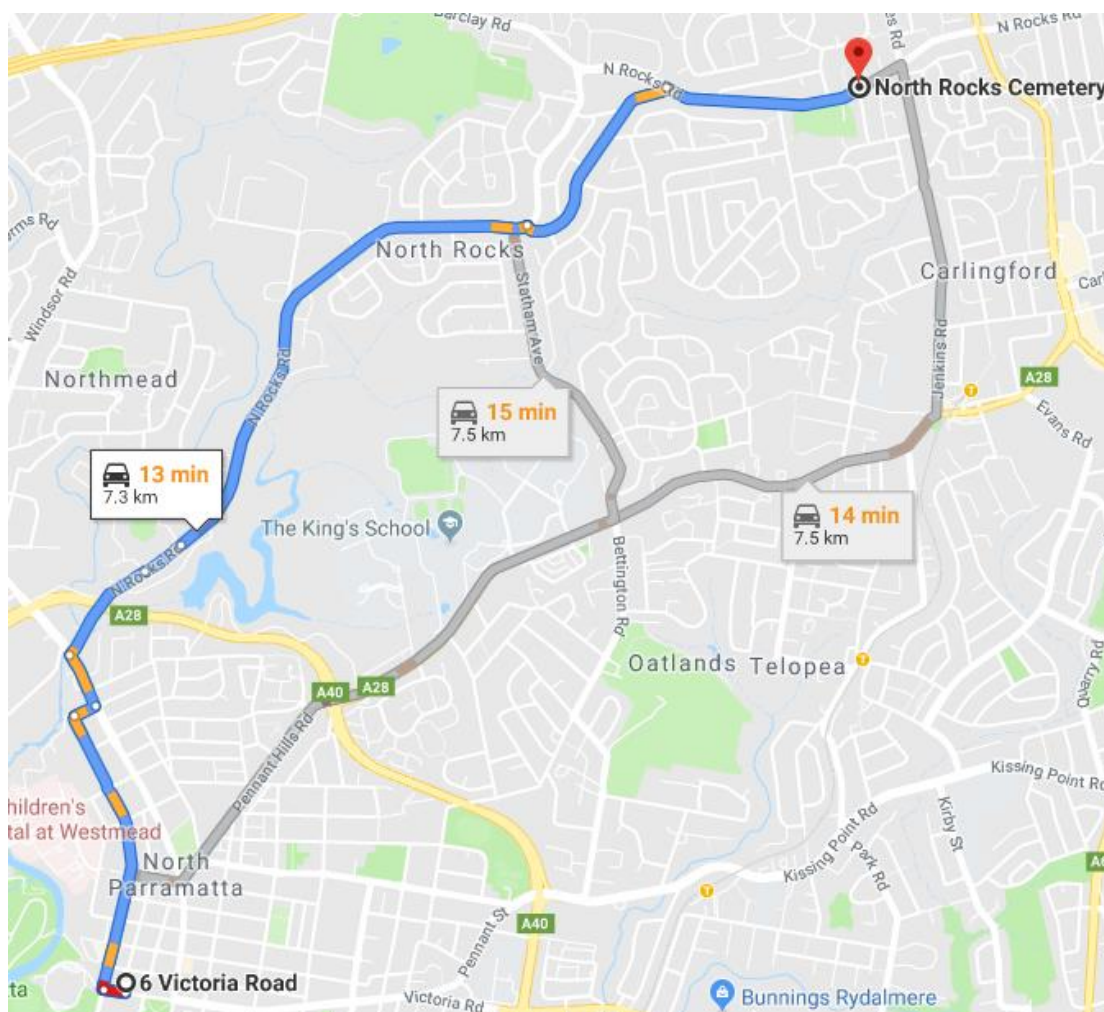






*Immediately following the Mass the funeral cortege will proceed to **North Rocks Catholic Cemetery**, North Rocks Road, North Rocks.*

Please refer to the map below for directions from the Chapel.





*The Sisters of Mercy Parramatta
and the relatives and friends
of Sister Pauline Smith
would like to thank you
for your kind expressions of sympathy.*

