



*Our Lady of the  
Sacred Heart*



*Pray for us!*



*Mass of Thanksgiving  
for the life of  
Sr Mary Conlan Fdnse*



*Born 17th August 1929  
Professed 2nd July 1948  
Entered Eternal Life 30th December 2023*

*Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Chapel  
Kensington NSW  
9th January 2024*

**Recessional Song**  
**Songs of the Angels**

May songs of the angels welcome you  
And guide you along your way.  
May the smiles of the martyrs greet your own  
As darkness turns into day.  
Every fear will be undone, and death will be no more,  
As songs of the angels bring you home  
Before the face of God.

From the depths I cry to you, O Lord,  
Hear the sound of my pleading.  
For my soul longs for you, O Lord,  
Like the watchman longs for day. R.

I know that my Redeemer lives;  
And he shall stand  
Shall stand upon the earth,  
And I shall see, and I shall see. R.

Behold! I tell you a myst'ry  
We shall all be changed  
For the trumpet shall sound, the dead be raised  
In the vict'ry, the glory of our God. R

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## Final Commendation

**Celebrant:** Trusting in God, we have prayed together for Sister Mary and now we come to the last farewell. There is sadness in parting, but we take comfort in the hope that one day the love of God will gather us together in the joy of his kingdom. Let us therefore console one another in the faith of Jesus Christ.

The body is now sprinkled with holy water and incensed as we pray

**Reader:** Saints of God, come to Mary's aid!  
Hasten to meet her angels of the Lord!

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

**Reader:** May Christ, who called you, take you to himself. May angels lead you to the bosom of Abraham.

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

**Reader:** Eternal rest grant unto Mary, O Lord  
and let perpetual light shine upon her.

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

## Prayer of Commendation

**Celebrant:**

Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our sister, Mary, 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 her in this life: they are signs to us of your goodness and of our union with the saints in Christ.

Merciful Lord, turn toward us and listen to our prayers: open the gates of paradise to your daughter and help us who remain to comfort one another with assurances of faith, until we all meet in Christ and are with you and our sister for ever.

**All:** Amen.

**Celebrant:** In peace let us take Sister Mary to her place of rest.

## Introductory Rite

**Welcome**

**Entrance Song:**

### Woman of the Sacred Heart

In you, our flesh, he had to come.  
You grounded him upon the earth.  
Your feet that walked, your womb that held,  
Your pain that brought this love to birth.  
The Sacred Heart of him you held,  
Can grieve and grow within the space,  
Of patient love and listening;  
A mother's choice, a mystic's grace.

In your delight, in your despair,  
The smallest choices of each day;  
The cost to you, your hope-filled yes,  
Your courage lived shows us the way.  
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart,  
Eternal sign of God's surprise,  
In you we know the poor as blessed,  
This world transformed before our eyes.

O Woman of the Sacred Heart,  
You heard the words of Gabriel.  
Pray we may hear the call of God  
And come to meet Emmanuel.  
His truth is witnessed in your face,  
That he became and was and is  
The Sacred Heart, the resting place  
Our hearts forever held in his.



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**Celebrant:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**All:** Amen

**Celebrant:** May the Father of mercies, the God of all consolation, be with you.

**All:** And with your spirit.

## Placing of Symbols

*Please be seated*

### Lighting of Paschal Candle

**Reader:** In baptism Sister Mary was enlightened by Christ. She walked as a child of the light and kept the flame of faith alive in her heart.

**All:** May Christ, the eternal and unfading light, now welcome her into the Kingdom of light and peace.

### Sprinkling with Holy Water

**Reader:** In the waters of baptism Sister Mary died with Christ and rose with him to new life.

**All:** May she now share with him eternal glory.

### Placing the Pall

**Reader:** On the day of her baptism Sister Mary was clothed in Christ and given the flame of faith.

**All:** May Christ enfold her in his love and clothe her in bright glory.

### The Book of the Gospels

**Reader:** With the Gospel as her guide, Sister Mary gave witness to its living power.

**All:** May she now know the fullness of its promise.

### Religious Consecration: Constitutions

**Reader:** From Sister Mary's baptismal grace flowed her commitment to her religious congregation.

**All:** May she now see and rejoice in the God who called her into this way of life.

Eulogy

## COMMUNION

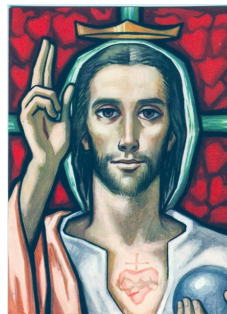
### O Sacred Heart What Shall I Render Thee

O Sacred Heart, what shall I render Thee?  
For all the gifts Thou hast bestowed on me.  
O Heart of God, thou seems't but to implore  
That I should love thee daily more and more.

Chorus: Then I will love thee, O Heart of Jesus,  
Then I will love thee daily more and more.

O Heart of Jesus, come and live in me,  
That with thy love my heart consumed may be;  
O Sacred Heart of Jesus, I implore  
That I may love thee, daily more and more.

O Sacred Heart, be this our life's one aim,  
To labour for the glory of thy name;  
O dearest Heart, this grace we thee implore,  
That all the world may know and love thee more.



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### Prayer after Communion

*Please stand*

**Celebrant:** Lord God, whose Son left us, in the Sacrament of his Body, food for the journey, mercifully grant that, strengthened by it, Sister Mary may come to the eternal table of Christ. Who lives and reigns forever and ever.

**All: Amen**

The pall, symbol of the Christian life, is now removed.

## Liturgy of the Eucharist

### Preparation of Gifts:

*Please be seated*

#### We Remember

Refrain: 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 in your heart R./

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### Prayer over the Gifts:

**Celebrant:** Look favourably on our offerings, O Lord, so that your departed servant, Mary, may be taken into glory with your Son, in whose great mystery of love we are united. Through Our Lord, Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you in the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

**All** Amen

Holy, Holy, Holy... Memorial Acclamation... Lamb of God

Our Father

*Please stand*



### Opening Prayer

*Please stand*

**Celebrant:** All powerful God, we pray for our sister, Mary, who responded to the call of Christ and pursued wholeheartedly the ways of perfect love. Grant that she may rejoice on that day when your glory will be revealed and in the company with all the saints, share forever the happiness of your kingdom. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**All:** Amen.

## Liturgy of the Word

*Please be seated*

### First Reading

A reading from the **Song of Songs**

2:10-14

My Beloved lifts up his voice,  
He says to me, 'Come then, my love,  
My lovely one, come.  
See, winter is past,  
The rains are over the gone.  
The flowers appear on the earth.  
The season of glad songs has come  
And the blossoming vines give out their fragrance.  
Come then, my love,  
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 beautiful.'

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 byways,  
valleys and highways, he's waiting for me.

**Refrain:** 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.

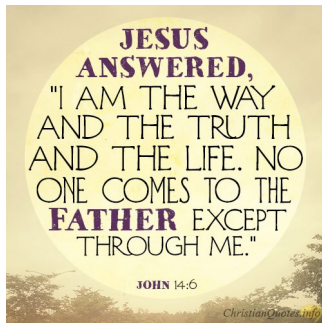
And while on the journey to where we are going,  
He promised to be there to help us along.  
And over the mountains we'll walk on together,  
To know all the wonders he's given to me. R/

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*Please stand*

Alleluia. Alleluia!

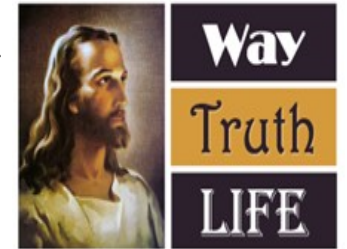
I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;  
No one comes to the Father, except through me.  
Alleluia!



## Gospel:

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

'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. If you know me you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.' Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you do not know me' To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak of myself; it is the Father living in me who is doing this work. You must believe when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason. I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father. Whatever you ask for in my name I will do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son, If you ask for anything in my name, I will do it.



The Gospel of the Lord.

**All:** Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

## Homily

## Prayers of Intercession

*Please stand*