

A Mass Of Thanksgiving
For The Life Of
Mary d'Apice RSCJ AM

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Kincoppal-Rose Bay School Chapel



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Society of the Sacred Heart

Celebrant: Father Frank Dineen msc

Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we stand, the Gadigal clan of the Eora people. We honour their ancestors and past elders as we honour today Mary d'Apice rscj and all past members of the Society of the Sacred Heart. Mary, along with the members of the Society of the Sacred Heart, ensured that the wisdom of the Holy Spirit, expressed in the Mission and Vision of Madeleine Sophie Barat, was faithfully lived and loyally handed down to others. With the traditional custodians, we gratefully accept the wisdom of our peoples who have died and this day recommit ourselves to their way of life and love.

Entrance Hymn

Do Not Be Afraid

Refrain: Do not be afraid, I am with you.
I have called you by your name, you are mine.
I have called you by your name, you are mine.

Verse 1: The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink?

Verse 2: There is one thing I asked of the Lord; for this I long:
to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Verse 3: I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in
the land of the living.
Hope in Him! Hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord.

Eulogy

Celebrant In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

Celebrant 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.

Words of Farewell

Sprinkling with holy water

Celebrant In the waters of baptism, Mary died with Christ and rose with him to a new life. May she now share his eternal glory.

All Amen.

Presentation of Christian symbols

Placing of the cross

Celebrant In baptism, Mary was marked with the sign of the Cross and in life's struggle she experienced the pain of the Cross. May she now share in Christ's victory over sin and death.

All Amen.

Placing of the Constitutions

Celebrant In Mary's acceptance of the call to religious life, she promised, that as a member of the Society of the Sacred Heart, she would commit herself to discover the Heart of Jesus and to make it

known to others. May she now be in the company of Saint Madeleine Sophie Barat and Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne.

All Amen.

Placing of her Member of the Order of Australia Medal

Celebrant In receiving this award Mary was recognised for her significant service to the Catholic Church in Australia, and to education. May she now be enjoying the reward promised her in eternal life.

Opening Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.
Listen kindly to our prayers O Lord:
as our faith in your Son,
raised from the dead, is deepened,
may our hope of resurrection for your departed servant, Mary, also find new strength. May Mary be now in the company of Madeleine Sophie Barat and Rose Philippine Duchesne since she lived her life discovering the Heart of Jesus and making it known to others.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All Amen.

Liturgy of The Word

First Reading: *A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Romans.*

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, and with all those that he has called

according to his purposes. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many sisters and brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

You, Lord, are my shepherd.
I will never be in need.
You let me rest in fields of green grass.
You lead me to streams of peaceful water,
and you refresh my life.

You are true to your name,
and you lead me along the right paths.
I may walk through valleys as dark as death,
but I won't be afraid.
You are with me and your shepherd's rod
makes me feel safe.

Your kindness and love will always be with me
each day of my life,
and I will live forever
in your house, Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

All Alleluia, Alleluia
I am the Resurrection.
If anyone believes in me, he will live.
Alleluia.

Gospel

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All And with your spirit.

Celebrant A reading from the holy gospel according to John.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Celebrant On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. When Martha heard that Jesus had come, she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother,' Jesus said to her, 'will rise again.' Martha said, "I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said:

I am the Resurrection.

If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.

Do you believe this?'

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

The Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Prayers of the Faithful

- Celebrant Jesus Christ is risen from the dead and sits at the right hand of the Father, where he intercedes for his people.
Confident that God hears the voices of those who trust in the Lord Jesus,
we join our prayers to his:
- Reader We pray for our Holy Father, Pope Francis, all his bishops and priests and for the universal church, especially for all people suffering from persecution and war. May they lead their people in love and compassion, through their leadership of service and humility.
Lord, hear us.
- All Lord hear our prayer.
- Reader We pray for the Society of the Sacred Heart in which Mary served her Lord so faithfully and delighted those with whom she lived and worked. May the Society of the Sacred Heart continue to invite all with whom it works into discovering the Heart of Jesus and making his love known to others.
Lord, hear us.
- All Lord hear our prayer.
- Reader We pray for Mary's family, so dear to her heart, and from whom she always received unfailing affection and support. As they willingly supported Mary in her choice of the Consecrated Life, may they be given the grace to live out their own calling to holiness.
Lord, hear us.
- All Lord hear our prayer.
- Reader We pray for all the children of the Sacred Heart and the many others, who have been inspired by and benefitted from Mary's life. May they remember that Mary welcomed them

unconditionally into a relationship with the Heart of Jesus and invited them to become the persons created in the image of God.

Lord, hear us.

All Lord hear our prayer.

Reader We pray in gratitude for the staff of St Vincent's Care and all who have cared so well for Mary during these latter years. May our loving, generous God bless them.

All Lord hear our prayer.

Reader We pray for all who have died in faith, especially the members of the Society of the Sacred Heart. May they join Saint Madeleine Sophie Barat and Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne in praising eternally the Heart of Jesus.
Lord, hear us.

All Lord hear our prayer.

Reader We pray for all those suffering from the pandemic. Give comfort to the families of those who have died and safety to those who care for the ill.
Lord, hear us.

All Lord hear our prayer.

Celebrant Heavenly Father, thank you for listening to our prayers, which we are confident you will grant, through your Son, Jesus Christ, in union with the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

Liturgy Of The Eucharist

Offertory Procession

Offertory Hymn:

O God, We Give Ourselves Today

O God we give ourselves today
with this pure host to thee,
the self-same gift which thy dear Son
gave once on Calvary.

Entire and whole our life and love
with heart and soul and mind.
For all our sins and faults and needs,
thy Church and all mankind.

With humble and with contrite heart
this bread and wine we give,
because thy Son once gave himself
and died that we might live.

Though lowly now, soon by thy word
this bread and wine will be
the very body of our Lord
his soul and deity.

His very body, offered up
a gift beyond all price.
He gives to us, that we may give,
in loving sacrifice.

O Lord, who took our human life,
as water mixed with wine,
grant through this sacrifice that we
may share thy life divine.

Presentation and Preparation of Gifts

Celebrant Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,
for through your goodness we have received
the bread we offer you:
fruit of the earth and work of human hands.
It will become for us the bread of life.

All Blessed be God for ever.

Celebrant Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,
for through your goodness we have received
the wine we offer you:
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become our spiritual drink.

All Blessed be God for ever

Celebrant Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be
acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise
and glory of his name,
for our good
and the good of all his holy Church.

Prayer over Offerings

Celebrant Look favourably on our offerings, O Lord, so that your departed
servant, Mary, may be taken up into glory with your Son, in
whose great mystery of love we are all united. Through Christ
our Lord.

All Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All And with your spirit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right and just.

Celebrant It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, Holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord.

In him the hope of resurrection has dawned, that those saddened by the certainty of dying might be consoled by the promise of immortality to come. Indeed, for your faithful, Lord, life is changed not ended, and, when this earthly dwelling turns to dust, an eternal dwelling is made ready for them in heaven.

And so, with the Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominions, and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of your glory, as without end we acclaim:

All Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is he, who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!

Celebrant Loving God, we do not always understand what you have planned for us. It is difficult to grasp the mysterious depths of your love. You sent your Son, Jesus, our Lord, brother and friend, to show us who we are. He challenged us to call you

Abba, and taught us not to be afraid. He showed us that love is stronger than all evil.

Send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts so that they may become the body and blood + of your Son, Jesus. We recall that on the night before he died, Jesus took bread and giving thanks to you, loving God, he blessed it, broke it and shared it with his friends, saying:

Take this and eat it, all of you: This is my body, broken for you. In the same way he took the cup of wine, again giving thanks to you, loving God. He blessed and shared it among his friends, saying:

Take this and drink from it, all of you: this is the cup of the new covenant in my blood which is shed for you.
Do this in memory of me.

Memorial Acclamation

Celebrant The mystery of faith.

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

Celebrant And so, loving God, celebrating Jesus' death, his rising from the dead, and ascension to your right hand we join in his perfect offering to you, a life of love, lived in your presence. Until Jesus, our Saviour, comes again, we proclaim the work of your love, and we offer you the bread of life and the cup of eternal blessing.

Look with favour on the offering of your church in which we show forth the paschal sacrifice of Christ entrusted to us. Through the power of your Spirit of love include us now and for ever among the members of your Son, whose body and blood we share.

Loving God, open our hearts to your Spirit living in us. May this same Spirit help us listen without fear to your call to us. May your Spirit lead us to a life of love and service, full of confidence in you.

God who calls us all, protect your Church and its leaders, Pope Francis and all bishops. Protect all women and men who work in your name. Remember people of all faiths and those who do not have faith, here and throughout the world.

Remember your servant and daughter, Mary, whom you have called from this world to yourself. Grant that she who was united with the Heart of your Son in a death like his, may also be one with him in his Resurrection.

We remember all those you have called from this life. May they share in the joy of the resurrection, with Mary, the mother of God, and all saints, especially Saint Madeleine Sophie Barat and Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne, who listened to your call.

In union with all peoples, living and dead, we commit ourselves to the ongoing processes of life, that goodness may triumph over evil, that pain and suffering may lessen, that justice may triumph. May we never stop working with our creative God who brings the possible out of the impossible, life from death, hope from despair, and the growth of all life according to the eternal plan of God.

Celebrant Through him, with him, in him. In the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours almighty Father, forever and ever.

All Amen.

Communion Rite

Celebrant At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching we dare to say:

- 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.
- Celebrant Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
- All For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.
- Celebrant Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your Apostles:
'Peace I leave you, my peace I give you.'
Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will.
Who live and reign for ever and ever.
- All Amen.
- Celebrant Let us give each other a sign of peace.
- All Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.
- Celebrant Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.
- All Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Communion Hymn
I am the Bread of Life

I am the bread of life.
Those who come to me shall not hunger;
those who believe in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me unless the Father draw them.

Refrain:
And I will raise them up, and I will raise them up,
and I will raise them up on the last day.

The bread that I will give
is my flesh for the life of the world,
and those who eat of this bread,
they shall live for ever, they shall live for ever.

I am the resurrection, I am the life.
Those who believe in me even if they die,
they shall live for ever.

Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ,
the Son of God, who has come into the world.

Espacio

Prayer after communion

Celebrant

Let us pray.

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

All

Amen.

Final Commendation

Invitation to prayer

Celebrant Before we go our separate ways, let us take leave of our sister, Mary. May our farewell express our affection for her, may it ease our sadness and strengthen our hope.
One day we shall joyfully greet her again when the love of Christ, which conquers all things, destroys even death itself.

Signs of Farewell

Sprinkling and incensing of the coffin

FAREWELL

Celebrant Saints of God, come to her aid! Come to meet her angels of the Lord!

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

Celebrant May Christ who called her, take her to himself; may angels lead her to Abraham's side.

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

Celebrant Eternal rest grant unto 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

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.

Merciful Lord, turn to 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.

All

Amen.

Recessional Song

Les Promesses du Sacré Cœur

Cœur de Jésus, sauvez le monde;
Que l'univers vous soit soumis;
En Vous seul notre espoir se fonde,
Seigneur, Seigneur, vous nous l'avez promis.

Vous l'avez dit votre promesse,
Fait notre espoir, notre bonheur,
Je bénirai dans ma tendresse
Les enfants de mon Sacré Cœur .

Vous l'avez dit, Saveur fidèle,
Votre amour nous l'a révélé
Le Cœur brûlant pour moi de zèle,
Par le mien sera consolé.

*Please join with us for Morning Tea, to be followed by the burial in the RSCJ
Community Cemetery.*

*All who wish to follow the cortège to the Cemetery are most welcome.
(Please note that access to the cemetery is difficult for those
with physical limitations)*

Procession to the Place of Committal
In Paradisum by Fauré

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