# Funeral Mass

**for**

# *Cheryl Monica Pedersen*

**at**

**Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Tewantin**
**17th September 2026**

*Born to this life — 26th April 1946*

*Born to eternal life — 6th September 2026*

*Priest: Fr Morgan Batt*

*When the wind whispers, listen for me.*
*When a robin perches in the tree.*
*When the stars burn, and life goes on,*
*I'll be the sound of nature's song.*
*When a flower blooms within your mind,*
*I'll be the sun that gives it shine.*
*Forever wasn't mine to give,*
*but you have my heart and on it lives.*
*When all you want to do is cry,*
*look for my love notes in the sky.*
*When the rain falls softly from above,*
*grief is the poem written by love.*

***Forever Wasn't Mine To Give***
*By Jessica Urlichs*

**ENTRANCE HYMN: THE POWER OF YOUR LOVE**

Lord, I come to You, let my heart be changed, renewed
Flowing from the grace that I found in You.
And Lord, I've come to know the weaknesses I see in me
Will be stripped away by the power of Your love.

**Ref: Hold me close, let Your love surround me**
**Bring me near draw me to Your side**
**And as I wait I'll rise up like the eagle**
**And I will soar with You Your spirit leads me on.**
**In the power of Your Love.**

Lord, unveil my eyes let me see You face to face
The knowledge of Your love. As You live in me.
Lord, renew my mind as Your will unfolds in my life
In living every day. By the power of Your love. **Ref x 2**

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**ENTRANCE RITE**

Fr: In the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
**All: Amen.**

Fr: May the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
**All: And with your spirit.**

**SPRINKLING RITE**

The priest sprinkles the coffin with holy water to remind us that Cheryl has been baptised in Christ and has died with Him entering eternal life.

Fr: In the waters of baptism Cheryl died with Christ and rose with him to new life. May she now share with him eternal glory.

**OPENING PRAYER**

Fr: My brothers and sisters, we have come together to renew our trust in Christ who, by dying on the cross, has freed us from eternal death and, by rising, has opened for us the gates of heaven. Let us pray for our sister, Cheryl, that she may share in Christ's victory, and let us pray for ourselves, that the Lord may grant us the gift of His loving consolation.

Fr: Let us pray.

Almighty God and Father, by the mystery of the cross, you have made us strong; by the sacrament of the resurrection you have sealed us as your own. Look kindly upon your servant, Cheryl, now freed from the bonds of mortality, and count her among your saints in heaven.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

**WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE**
Paul Barrett, Kayla Peachey and Ebony Barrett

**FIRST READING:** *Reader: Belinda Barrett Smith*
A reading from the book of Proverbs (3:13-18)

Happy the one who discovers wisdom, the one who gains discernment:
gaining her is more rewarding than silver, more profitable than gold.
She is beyond the price of pearls, nothing you could covet is her equal.
In her right hand is length of days; in her left hand, riches and honour.
Her ways are delightful ways, her paths all lead to contentment.
She is a tree of life for those who hold her fast,
those who cling to her live happy lives.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**All: Thanks be to God**

**PSALM** **Psalm 23** *Reader: Tom King*

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil; for you are with me;
your rod and your staff they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long.

**SECOND READING:** *Reader: John Reece*
A reading from the First Letter of St John (3:1-2)

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,
by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are.
Because the world refused to acknowledge him,
therefore it does not acknowledge us.
My dear people, we are already the children of God
but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed;
all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him
because we shall see him as he really is.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**All: Alleluia, Alleluia! I am the resurrection and the life, said the Lord;
Whoever believes in me will not die forever. Alleluia.**

**GOSPEL**

Fr: The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

Fr: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John (17:24-26)

**All: Glory to You, O Lord.**

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said:
'Father, I want those you have given me
to be with me where I am,
so that they may always see the glory
you have given me
because you loved me
before the foundation of the world.

Father, Righteous One,
the world has not known you,
but I have known you,
and these have known
that you have sent me.
I have made your name known to them
and will continue to make it known
so that the love with which you loved me may be in them,
and so that I may be in them.'

Fr: *The Gospel of the Lord.*

**All: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**HOMILY** Fr Morgan Batt

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:**

*Fr: Let us turn to Christ Jesus with confidence and faith in the power of his Cross and Resurrection.*

Reader: We pray in thanksgiving for Cheryl, a woman of honesty, loyalty, integrity and generosity; a person who loved her family deeply. May her life continue to be an inspiration for all of us. *Lord, hear us.*

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

Reader: We pray for all of Cheryl's family and friends. May their grief be lightened by Christ's promise that they will be re-united one day in heaven. *Lord, hear us.*

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

Reader: We thank you for the graces and blessings you bestowed on Cheryl in this life. Bless her now with the promised life of Resurrection. *Lord, hear us.*

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

Reader: We pray for all of us who knew and loved Cheryl. May we be filled with hope in the resurrection promised to us and to all who believe in the name of Jesus. *Lord, hear us.*

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

Reader: We pray for all those we love who have died; that one day, all of Cheryl's family and friends, will enjoy a glorious new life in the company of Cheryl and all the saints. *Lord, hear us.*

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

*Fr: Lord our God, we place our prayers before you, confident that you will hear us, knowing that we wish to pray only that your kingdom come and your will be done in us. We ask you this through Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

**All: Amen.**

**PREPARATION OF GIFTS**

(*Sue Reece and Deborah King to bring up the gifts of bread and wine)*

Fr: 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.**

Fr: 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.**

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

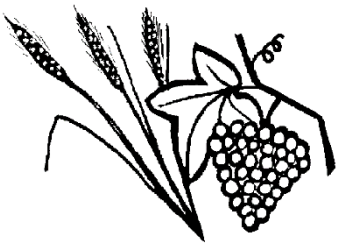
**All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

**PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

Fr: Lord, we are united in this sacrament by the love of Jesus Christ. Accept these gifts and receive our sister, Cheryl, into the glory of your Son, who is Lord for ever and ever.

**All: Amen.**

**PREFACE**



Fr: The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

Fr: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Fr: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right and just**

Fr: 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 blessed 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 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.**

**EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

Fr: You are indeed Holy, O Lord,
the fount of all holiness.
Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray,
by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall,
so that they may become for us
the Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

At the time he was betrayed
and entered willingly into his Passion,
he took bread and, giving thanks, broke it,
and gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT,
FOR THIS IS MY BODY,
WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

In a similar way, when supper was ended,
he took the chalice
and, once more giving thanks,
he gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT,
FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD,
THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT,
WHICH WILL BE POURED OUT FOR YOU
AND FOR MANY
FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.
DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

Fr: The mystery of faith.

**All: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,**
**we proclaim your Death, O Lord,**
**until you come again.**

Fr: Therefore, as we celebrate the memorial of his Death
and Resurrection, we offer you, Lord,
the Bread of life and the Chalice of salvation,
giving thanks that you have held us worthy
to be in your presence and minister to you.

Humbly we pray that,
partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ,
we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit.
Remember, Lord, your Church,
spread throughout the world,
and bring her to the fullness of charity,
together with Leo our Pope, Shane our Archbishop
and all the clergy.

Remember Cheryl,
whom you have called from this world to yourself.
Grant that she who was united with your Son
in a death like his, may also be one with him in his Resurrection.
Remember also our brothers and sisters
who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection,
and all who have died in your mercy:
welcome them into the light of your face.

Have mercy on us all, we pray,
that with the blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God,
blessed Joseph her spouse, with the blessed Apostles
and all the Saints who have pleased you
throughout the ages,
we may merit to be co-heirs to eternal life,
and may praise and glorify you
through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
O God, almighty Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honour is yours,
for ever and ever.

**All:** **Amen.**

**<u>THE LORD'S PRAYER</u>**

*Fr:* *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.**

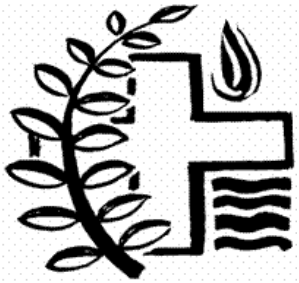
**Give us this day our daily bread,**
**and forgive us our trespasses**
**as we forgive those who trespass against us.**
**And lead us not into temptation;**
**but deliver us from evil.**

Fr: 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.**

Fr: Lord Jesus Christ,
who 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.**



Fr: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**All: And with your spirit.**

Fr: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

**SIGN OF PEACE**

**BREAKING OF BREAD**

**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.**

Fr: 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'LL BE ALWAYS LOVING YOU**

1. I am here with you by your side,
Sheltering your heart in the night.
Wherever you go, whatever you do,
I'll be always loving you.
I will be your God, your comforter
I will hold you close in my heart.

2. Let me love the world through your heart.
Let me heal your wounds by my touch.
Wherever you go, whatever you do,
I'll be always loving you.
I will be your God, your comforter
I will hold you close in my heart.

Coda: Wherever you go, whatever you do,
I'll always be loving you. I'll always be loving you.

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**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Fr: Lord in this sacrament
you give us your crucified and risen Son.
Bring to the glory of the resurrection our sister, Cheryl,
who has been purified by this holy mystery.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen**

**INVITATION TO PRAYER:**

Fr: Trusting in God, we have prayed together for Cheryl 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 Cheryl 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.

**HONOURING WITH INCENSE**

**SONG OF FAREWELL**

Fr: 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.**

Fr: 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.**

Fr: 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.**

**FINAL COMMENDATION AND FAREWELL**

Fr: Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our sister, Cheryl,
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 Cheryl 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 forever.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

**BLESSING OF THE PEOPLE**

Fr: Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord.

**All: And let perpetual light shine upon her.**

Fr: May she rest in peace.

**All: Amen.**

Fr: May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

**All: Amen.**

Fr: May the peace of God, which is beyond all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God
and of his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

**All: Amen.**

Fr: May almighty God bless you,
The Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

*Fr: In peace let us farewell our sister from this house of prayer
as we say together.*

**All:** ***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 SONG: DANCING QUEEN** *(Sung by Eliott)*

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*Thank you...*

*The Family of Cheryl would like to extend their warmest thanks to all who have loved, supported and prayed for Cheryl*

*After Mass you are invited to join the family for some light refreshments at The Royal Mail Hotel, 120 Poinciana Ave, Tewantin to celebrate Cheryl's life and the joy that she brought to the whole family.*

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*In loving memory*

*May she rest in peace.*