

A Celebration of the Life of
Vicki Patricia Szpitalak

8th October 1959 - 11th October 2021



St Patrick's Catholic Church, Walcha
11am, Monday 25th October 2021

ENTRANCE MUSIC

“Magic Woman Touch” The Hollies

SPRINKLING OF THE COFFIN

OPENING PRAYER

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF REVELATION (14:13)

I, John, heard a voice from heaven say to me, “Write it down: Happy are those who die in the Lord! Happy indeed, the Spirit says; now they can rest for ever after their work, since their good deeds go with them.”

The Word of the Lord. **Response:** Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 102)

Response: The Lord is kind and merciful.

The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. **R**

As a father has compassion on his sons,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him;
for he knows of what we are made,
he remembers that we are dust. **R**

As for man, his days are like grass;
he flowers like the flower of the field;
the wind blows and he is gone
and his place never sees him again. **R**

But the love of the Lord is everlasting
upon those who hold him in fear;
his justice reaches out to children’s children
when they keep his covenant in truth. **R**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia

This is the will of my Father, says the Lord, that all who believe in the Son will have eternal life and I will raise them to life again on the last day.

Alleluia

A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN (JN 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. **Response:** Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

HOMILY







PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL
Karen and Natalie Szpitalak

Priest: My dear friends in Christ, let us pray to our merciful Father and ask his help in our time of sorrow:

That God will receive our praise and thanksgiving for the life of Vicki.

Let us pray to the Lord. **All:** Lord, hear our prayer.

The family and friends of Vicki seek comfort and consolation. Let us pray that God will heal their pain and dispel the darkness and doubt that come from grief.

Let us pray to the Lord. **All:** Lord, hear our prayer.

That the Lord Jesus who blesses those who mourn and are in pain will look upon Vicki's family and friends who gather around her today.

Let us pray to the Lord. **All:** Lord, hear our prayer.

That God may welcome into glory those of our family and friends who have departed this life, especially Peter.

Let us pray to the Lord. **All:** Lord, hear our prayer.

For the doctors and nurses who cared for Vicki, that their works of service may be richly blessed.

Let us pray to the Lord. **All:** Lord, hear our prayer:

Priest: God, our shelter and our strength, you listen in love to the cry of your people. Hear the prayers we offer in faith and confidence. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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. Amen

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

Simone Szpitalak and Rohan Szpitalak

FINAL COMMENDATION: INVITATION TO PRAYER

Priest: Before we go our separate ways, let us take leave of our sister, Vicki. 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.

SONG OF FAREWELL

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

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

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

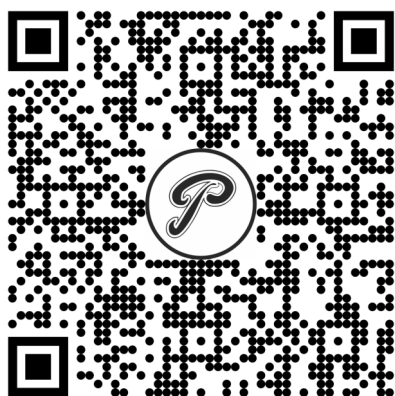
Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord,
And let perpetual light shine upon her. **R**

Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our sister, Vicki, 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 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. Amen.

RECESSIONAL MUSIC

“Your Song” Elton John





In lieu of flowers the family request donations be made to
Melanoma Institute Australia.

The family would like to thank you for your presence here today, for your kind thoughts, prayers and for your expressions of sympathy and support. Following the service you are invited to join Vicki's family at the Walcha Golf Club for light refreshments.



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