

Rite of Christian Burial & Requiem Mass

# *Leanne Mary Cox*

12th May 1950 - 13th December 2022

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Saints Mary and Joseph Cathedral, Armidale

2pm Tuesday, 20th December 2022



# INTRODUCTORY RITES

## ENTRANCE HYMN | Be Not Afraid

You shall cross the barren desert but you shall not die of thirst  
You shall wander far in safety though you do not know the way  
You shall speak your words in foreign lands and all will understand  
You shall see the face of God and live

*Be not afraid, I go before you always  
Come follow me, and I will give you rest*

If you pass through raging waters in the sea, you shall not drown  
If you walk amid the burning flames, you shall not be harmed  
If you stand before the pow'r of hell and death is at your side  
Know that I am with you through it all

Blessed are your poor, for the kingdom shall be theirs  
Blest are you that weep and mourn, for one day you shall laugh  
And if wicked men insult and hate you all because of me  
Blessed, blessed are you

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## GREETINGS

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

**People:** Amen.

**Priest:** The Lord be with you.      **People:** And with your spirit.

## SPRINKLING OF THE COFFIN

## PLACING OF THE PALL AND OTHER SYMBOLS

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

## OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God and Father, it is our certain faith that your Son, who died on the cross, was raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Grant that through this mystery, Leanne, who has gone to her rest in Christ, may share in the joy of his resurrection. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### A READING FROM THE BOOK OF WISDOM (WIS. 3:1-9 )

*Read by Margaret Carson*

The souls of the virtuous are in the hands of God; no torment shall ever touch them. In the eyes of the unwise, they did appear to die, their going looked like a disaster, their leaving us, like annihilation; but they are in peace. If they experienced punishment as men see it, their hope was rich with immortality; slight was their affliction, great will their blessings be. God has put them to the test and proved them worthy to be with him; he has tested them like gold in a furnace, and accepted them as a holocaust. They who trust in him will understand the truth; those who are faithful will live with him in love; for grace and mercy await those he has chosen.

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



RESPONSORIAL PSALM 26

*Read by Pauline Boston*

**Response:** The Lord is my Light and my salvation

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? **R:**

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long,  
to live in the household of the Lord, all the days of my life,  
to savour the sweetness of the Lord, to behold his temple. **R:**

O Lord, hear my voice when I call; have mercy and answer.

It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face. **R:**

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! **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

**Priest:** The Lord be with you.      **People:** And with your spirit.

A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN (JN 14:1-6)

**People:** Glory to you, O Lord.

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

### GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

*Read by Nat, Harmony, Donna, Josh & Lauchlan*

**Priest:** Brothers and sisters, Jesus Christ is risen from the dead and sits at the right hand of the Father, where he intercedes for his Church. Confident that God hears the voices of those who trust in the Lord Jesus, we join our prayers to his:

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

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

The family and friends of Leanne 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.      **Response:** Lord, hear our prayer.

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

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

Those who trusted in the Lord now sleep in the Lord. Let us pray that all the faithful departed will find in God refreshment, rest and peace.

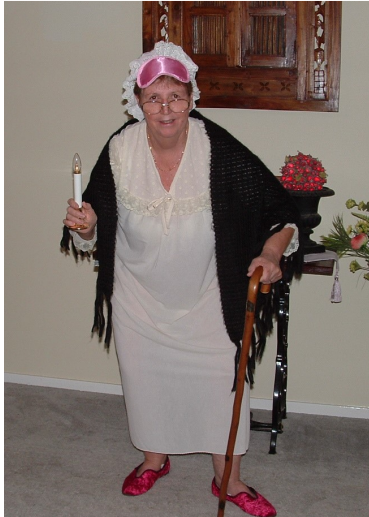
Let us pray to the Lord.      **Response:** Lord, hear our prayer.

For the doctors, nurses and staff at Armidale Public hospital who provided care for Leanne, that their works of service may be richly blessed.

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

**Priest:** Lord God, giver of peace and healer of souls, hear the prayers of the Redeemer Jesus Christ, and the voices of your people, whose lives were purchased by the blood of the Lamb. Forgive the sins of all who sleep in Christ and grant them a place in the kingdom. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen











# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

*Margaret & Paul Robinson*

### OFFERTORY HYMN | I Am the Bread of Life

I am the bread of life, you who come to me shall not hunger  
You who believe in me shall not thirst  
No-one can come to me unless the Father beckons

*And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up  
And I will raise you up on the last day*

The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world  
And you who eat of this bread, you shall live for ever  
You shall live forever

Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man  
And drink of his blood, and drink of his blood  
You shall not have life within you

I am the Resurrection, I am the life  
You who believe in me, even if you die  
You shall live forever

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### 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.



## HOLY COMMUNION HYMN | Lady of the Rosary

Mother of God, thy sinless heart  
Grieves for thy sinless child  
For him who suffered for us and died  
And now again is crucified  
By sins of men defiled

Lady of the Rosary, Ave Maria  
Lady of the Rosary, Ave Maria  
O Virgin Heart Immaculate, Sancta Maria  
To thee our hearts we consecrate, Ave Maria

Mother of men, thy mother's heart  
Grieves for thy children lost  
For those who perish eternally  
And those who suffer the tragedy  
That sins of men have cost

Queen of the world and Queen of Peace  
Help us in sorrow and pain  
By penance and prayer for sin to atone  
That over the world thy son alone  
In his glorious peace may reign  
EJ Doody

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

Lord,  
we have received the pledge of eternal life.  
Hear the prayers we offer for Leanne.  
Freed from the limitations of this life,  
may she be one with all the redeemed  
in the joy of eternal life. This we ask through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

*Read by Norma McCann*

## REFLECTION MUSIC

*"Count Your Blessings" Neil McCann*

## FINAL COMMENDATION

Before we go our separate ways, let us take leave of Leanne.  
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.

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

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

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



## PRAYER OF COMMENDATION

Into your hands, Father of mercies,  
we commend Leanne 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 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 Leanne forever.

## RECESSIONAL HYMN | Companions on the Journey

We are companions on the journey,  
Breaking bread and sharing life,  
And in the love we bear is the hope we share,  
For we believe in the love of our God.  
We believe in the love of our God.

No longer strangers to each other,  
No longer strangers in God's house;  
We are fed and we are nourished  
By the strength of those who care,  
By the strength of those who care.

We have been gifted with each other,  
And we are called by the Word of the Lord  
To act with justice, to love tenderly,  
And to walk humbly with our God,  
To walk humbly with our God.

Rev Carey Landry

## I AM ALWAYS WITH YOU

When I am gone, release me, let me go. I have so many things to see and do,  
You mustn't tie yourself to me with too many tears,  
but be thankful we had so many good years.  
I gave you my love, and you can only guess.  
How much you've given me in happiness.  
I thank you for the love that you have shown,  
but now it is time I traveled on alone.  
So grieve for me a while, if grieve you must,  
then let your grief be comforted by trust  
That it is only for a while that we must part,  
so treasure the memories within your heart.  
I won't be far away for life goes on. And if you need me, call and I will come.  
Though you can't see or touch me, I will be near.  
And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear  
All my love around you soft and clear.  
And then, when you come this way alone,  
I'll greet you with a smile and a "Welcome Home".

In lieu of flowers Leanne's family  
invite you to make a donation to  
Myeloma Australia in her memory.



*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 Prayers of Committal at Armidale Cemetery the family warmly invite you to share light refreshments at the Armidale Ex-Services Club.*



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