

*Funeral Mass for the Repose of the Soul of*



*Joan Mc Kenzie*

*10<sup>th</sup> August 1929 – 28th August 2023*

*St Augustine's Catholic Church, Yass*

*Friday 15th September 2023 - Fr Peter My officiating*

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*Entrance Music* ~ **Come as you are, by Paul Gurr**

## *Introductory Rites*

**Fr Peter:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**All:** ***And with your spirit.***

*Fr Peter now sprinkles the coffin with baptismal water saying:  
In the waters of baptism Joan died with Christ and rose with him  
to new life. May she now share with him eternal glory.*

## *Words of Remembrance*

**Paul McKenzie, Melissa Mann and Nicole Mann**

## *Reflection*

**Angel, by Sarah McLachlan and When God made you my mum, by Riley Roth**

## *Opening Prayer*

**Fr Peter:** 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 your servant Joan, who has gone to her rest in Christ, may share in the joy of his resurrection. We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

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

## *Liturgy of the Word*

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading, read by Gabbie McKechnie**

*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians*

It is only natural that we should feel sadness at losing you.

Since you shared your life with us – your hard times and your happiness.

Remembering how you helped us all grow to maturity from the day you first took us into your arms right up to the present.

You will have a permanent place in our hearts, and God knows how much we will miss you. We love you as Jesus Christ loves you.

Our prayer is that peace and happiness may be your reward.

The Word of the Lord.

**All:            *Thanks be to God***

## *Responsorial Psalm*

***Psalm 27, read by Fr Peter***

***Response: The Lord Is my Light and my Salvation***

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is my life, my life's refuge; of whom should I be afraid?

*Response*

Hear, O Lord, the sound of my call; be gracious and answer me.

For you, O Lord, my heart is longing. With all my heart your face I seek. *Response*

I believe I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

Be strong; let your heart take courage. Wait for the Lord, wait for the Lord.

*Response*

***2nd Reading, read by Trish Dumpert***

***Romans 14:7-12***

For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone. If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living.

You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. It is written: 'As surely as I live,' says the Lord, 'every knee will bow before me; every tongue will acknowledge God.'

So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.

The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God**

## *Gospel Acclamation*

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Come, you whom my Father has blessed, says the Lord:  
Inherit the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world.

**.Alleluia!**

## *Gospel*

*Fr Peter:* The Lord be with you

**All: And with your spirit**

A reading from the holy gospel according to John 14. 1-6

**All: 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.

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

*Homily*      **Fr Peter**

## *Prayers of the Faithful* - **Read by Rhonda McKechnie**

**Fr Peter:** God, the Almighty Father raised Christ his Son from the dead; with confidence we ask him to save all his people, living and dead.

For Joan, who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that she may now be admitted to the company of our Lord. Lord hear us.

**All:** *Lord hear our prayer*

For our deceased relatives and friends and for all who have helped us, that they may have the reward of their goodness. Lord hear us.

**All:** *Lord hear our prayer*

For those who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again, that they may see God face to face. Lord hear us.

**All:** *Lord hear our prayer*

For all of us assembled here to worship in faith, that we may be gathered together again in God's kingdom. Lord hear us.

**All:** *Lord hear our prayer*

**Fr Peter:** God, our shelter and strength, you listen in love to the cry of your people. Hear the prayer we offer for our departed brothers and sisters, especially for Joan. Cleanse them of their sins and grant them the fullness of redemption. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## *The Lord's Prayer*

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

***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.***

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.

***For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.***

## *Final Commendation*

**Fr Peter:** Before we go our separate ways, let us take leave of our sister, Joan. 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.

*The coffin is once more sprinkled with baptismal water & incensed in memory of the fact that in life the body was the temple of the Holy Spirit.*

## *Song of Farewell*

**Fr Peter:** 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 Peter:** 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 Peter:** 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*

Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our sister Joan 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 on John in this life; they are the 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.

**All:            Amen**

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 Music – On Eagle's Wings, by Walkers to Heaven*

*The pallbearers may now come forward  
and escort Joan from the Church.*

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*The service will continue at the Yass Lawn Cemetery*



*Thank you for sharing today with us.*



*Please join our family to celebrate Joan's life  
at the Yass Bowling club, from 3pm.*