

IN LOVING MEMORY OF



*Helen Margaret Barton*

14 AUGUST 1935 – 29 JULY 2024

ST AUGUSTINE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, YASS

TUESDAY 6 AUGUST, 2024 AT 11.00AM

FR PETER MY OFFICIATING

## ENTRANCE HYMN

*Here I am, Lord – by Colin Raye*

## 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 Helen died with Christ and rose with him to  
new life. May she now share with him eternal glory.*

## HELEN'S STORY: Tracey Stringer

### OPENING PRAYER

**Fr Peter** Lord, in our grief we turn to you. Are you not the God of love always ready to hear our cries? Listen to our prayers for your servant Helen whom you have called out of this world: lead her to your kingdom of light and peace and count her among the saints in glory.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

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



## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading – Melanie Moore

#### **A reading from the book of Wisdom 3:1-6, 9**

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 blessing 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.

**All: Thanks be to God**

#### **Second Reading – Dianne Carey**

#### **A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 4:13-14, 18**

We want you to be certain, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus. God will bring them with him. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Rebecca Halloran*

### **Alleluia, Alleluia!**

"I am the resurrection and the life," said the Lord. "Whoever lives and believes in me, shall never die."

### **Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL: *Fr Peter*

### **Gospel: Matthew 11:28-30**

Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.

The Gospel of the Lord

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

## HOMILY: *Fr Peter*

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Lord, thank you for the gift of family life that we experienced through Helen, and the treasured and happy times we have shared with her.

Lord hear us.

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

We pray for Helen's family and friends in this time of sorrow and loss, and for those who have gone before her and guide us to celebrate her Life. May she be enjoying her reunion with Greg. Lord hear us.

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

We pray for the sick and elderly, that they may know the support and love of our community in the same way Helen did.

Lord hear us.

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

We thank the Lord for the care and devotion given to Helen by the staff at Gwen Warmington Lodge. Lord hear us.

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

**Fr Peter:** 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

The liturgy of the eucharist now continues as normal.

### OFFERTORY

The gifts are brought forward by  
Sam Laughton, Emily Laughton, Paige Hallam

**OFFERTORY HYMN:** *Gentle Woman - by Marilla Ness*

**COMMUNION HYMN:** *One Bread, One Body*

### Prayer after Communion

**Fr Peter:** Lord God, may the death and resurrection of Christ which we celebrate in this eucharist, bring our sister Helen, the peace of your eternal home. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

## FINAL COMMENDATION

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

Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our sister Helen 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 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**

# RECESSIONAL SONG

*Abide with me – by Audrey Assad*

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



Luke Halloran, Rebecca Halloran, Emily Laughton,  
Glenn Barton, Tracey Stringer and Sam Laughton

*The service will continue at the Yass Lawn Cemetery*





Helen's family would like to thank everyone for the kind messages, thoughts and prayers conveyed to them.



FOLLOWING INTERMENT AT THE CEMETERY, PLEASE JOIN US FROM 1PM AT THE YASS BOWLING CLUB FOR LIGHT REFRESHMENTS.

