



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

*Ellen May Wales*

19 DECEMBER 1943 – 24 APRIL 2025

ST AUGUSTINE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, YASS  
RYE PARK CEMETERY  
WEDNESDAY 7 MAY 2025, AT 11.00AM  
FR PETER MY OFFICIATING





## ENTRANCE – You'll never walk alone, Gerry & the Pacemakers

### WELCOME – 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**

### 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 Ellen 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**

## WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

### PHOTO MEMORIES: Traveller's Prayer, Slim Dusty

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

**First Reading:** *Proverbs 31*

A capable wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life. She girds herself with strength, and makes her arms strong.

Her lamp does not go out at night. She is not afraid for her household when it snows, for all her household are clothed in crimson. Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. Her children rise up and call her happy; her husband too, and he praises her: Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her a share in the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the city gates. The Word of the Lord.

**All:           Thanks be to God**

## Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 27

### ***Response: The Lord is my light and my salvation***

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

**Response**

One thing I asked of the Lord; this I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.

**Response**

Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;  
I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

**Response**

Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.

**Response**

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

**Response**

Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage;  
wait for the Lord!

**Response**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

I am the resurrection, and the life, says the Lord,  
whoever believes in me will never die.

## GOSPEL

*A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John 14:26-29*

But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## HOMILY – Fr Peter

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

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:

In baptism, Mum (Ellen) was given the pledge of eternal life. May she now be admitted to the company of the saints. Lord hear us.

**Response: Lord hear our prayer**

We pray for the gift of eternal life: That Mum (Ellen) will be received into the Lord's loving embrace. Lord hear us.

**Response: Lord hear our prayer**

We pray for Mum's (Ellen's) family and friends who shared a long life with her and looked after her. That God may now strengthen them, through their love for each other and their faith. Lord hear us.

**Response: Lord hear our prayer**

For all here present: that our remembrance of Mum (Ellen) may be a source of comfort and strength to us. Lord hear us.

**Response: Lord hear our prayer**

We pray for all gathered here today: that we may keep our minds and hearts on the kingdom that lasts forever. Lord hear us.

**Response: Lord hear our prayer**

## 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.

REFLECTION SONG:  
Bridge over troubled waters,  
Simon & Garfunkel



## FINAL COMMENDATION

Before we go our separate ways, let us take leave of our sister, Ellen. 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 sprinkled with baptismal water & incensed in memory of the fact that in life the body was the temple of the Holy Spirit.*

**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 side 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.**

## RECESSIONAL MUSIC:

Take me home, Country Roads, John Denver

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

Roy, Phil, Karen, Julie-anne, Gerard and Andrew

*The cortege will now leave the Church to Ellen's final  
resting place at Rye Park Cemetery.*



## *Thank You*

*Thank you for the kind and loving thoughts  
and prayers we have received.*



*Please join us after the burial for light refreshments  
at the Yass Soldiers Club.*