

IN LOVING MEMORY OF



Elizabeth "Libby" Hoffmann

2 September 1942 – 15 July 2025

St Augustine's Catholic Church, Yass

Thursday, 24 July 2025, 11:00 am

Fr Peter My Officiating



Gathering music – Libby’s favourite music

Introductory Rites

Entrance song: How Great Thou Art – Elvis Presley

Greeting

Fr. Peter: May the Father of mercies, the God of all consolation, be with you.

All: *And with your spirit.*

Fr. Peter: In Baptism, Libby received the light of Christ. This light has guided her throughout her life.

All: *May it now lead her into Eternal Life.*

SPRINKLING WITH HOLY WATER

Fr. Peter: In the waters of Baptism, Libby died with Christ and rose with her into Eternal Life.

All: *May she now share eternal life with Him in Glory.*

Christian Symbols

Words of Remembrance: Scott Murphy

Opening Prayer:

Fr. Peter: God of endless ages, from one generation to the next you have been our refuge and strength. Before the mountains were born or the earth came to be, you are God. Have mercy now on your servant Libby, whose long life was spent in your service. Give her a place in your kingdom, where hope is firm for all who love, and rest is sure for all who serve.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: *Amen*

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Proverbs 31:10-31 Bridie Murphy

An excellent 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 seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands.

She is like the ships of the merchant; she brings her food from afar.

She rises while it is yet night and provides food for her household and portions for her maidens.

She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard. She dresses herself with strength and makes her arms strong.

She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp does not go out at night. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. She opens her hand to the poor and reaches out her hands to the needy. She is not afraid of snow for her household, for all her household are clothed in scarlet. She makes bed coverings for herself; her clothing is fine linen and purple.

Her husband is known in the gates when he sits among the elders of the land. She makes linen garments and sells them; she delivers sashes to the merchant. 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. She looks well to the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness.

Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: "Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all." Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm. Joshua Murphy
R/. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Remember that your compassion, O LORD,
and your kindness are from of old.
In your kindness remember me,
because of your goodness, O LORD. R/.

Relieve the troubles of my heart;
And bring me out of my distress.
Put an end to my affliction and my suffering;
and take away all my sins. R/.

Preserve my life and rescue me;
let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you.
Let integrity and uprightness preserve me,
Because I wait for you, O LORD. R/.

Gospel Acclamation:

All: 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.

Gospel

Fr. Peter: The Lord be with you

All: *And with your spirit*

Fr. Peter: A reading from Matthew 5:1-12

All: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them: "How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy the gentle: they share the earth for their heritage. Happy those who mourn; they shall be comforted. Happy those who

hunger and thirst for what is right; they shall be satisfied. Happy the merciful; they shall have mercy shown them. Happy the pure in heart; they shall see God. Happy the peacemakers; they shall be called the sons of God. Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right; theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.” This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Homily

Prayers of the Faithful

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:

Nicolle Culey: Father, we give thanks today for the life of Aunty Libby and for all that she has meant to each one of us.
May she rest in your eternal peace. Lord hear us:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Peter Wollard: Lord, be with Glenn and Allison and their families.
May their knowledge of His love and kindness sustain them in their loss. Lord hear us:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Maree Doyle: We pray in thanksgiving for the staff at Yass Valley Aged Care who cared for Libby. Continue to bless and support them in the work they do. Lord hear us:

All Lord, hear our prayer.





Chris Philp: We pray for all of our family and friends who have passed, and that they may be reunited in the heavenly kingdom. Lord hear us:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Fr. Peter: God, our shelter and our strength, you listen in love to the cry of your people: hear the prayers we offer for our departed brothers and sisters, especially for Libby. Cleanse them of their sins and grant them the fullness of redemption.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: *Amen*

Liturgy of the Eucharist

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS – Ruby, Hope, Kobe, Sam and Larissa Murphy

Offertory Hymn – Hallelujah – KD Lang

INVITATION TO PRAYER

Priest: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to

God, the almighty Father. (stand)

All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Lord, receive the gifts we offer for the salvation of Libby. May Christ be merciful in judging our beloved Libby for she believed in Christ as her Lord and Saviour. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

SANCTUS

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (kneel)

All: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and
profess your Resurrection until you come again
All: AMEN (sung ~ all stand)

The Lord's Prayer

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

All: 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.

Fr. Peter: 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.

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

RITE OF PEACE

Priest: Peace be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

COMMUNION PROCESSIONAL HYMN The Lord is My
Shepherd

PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION (stand)

Priest: Lord God, whose Son left us, in the Sacrament of his Body, food for the journey, mercifully grant that, strengthened by it, our sister Libby may come to the eternal table of Christ. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Final Commendation

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

Signs of Farewell

THE SPRINKLING WITH HOLY WATER AND INCENSING OF THE COFFIN

Song of Farewell

SPRINKLING OF THE COFFIN WITH HOLY WATER

Fr. Peter: Saints of God, come to her aid! Come 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 Abraham's side.

All. **Receive her soul and present her to God the most high.**

Fr. Peter: Give her eternal rest, O Lord, and may your light shine on her for ever.

Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our sister Libby 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 Libby, for ever. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

PROCESSION TO THE PLACE OF COMMITTAL

Fr. Peter: In peace let us take our sister Libby, to her place of rest.

Glenn Hoffmann, Scott Murphy, Joshua Murphy and Samual Murphy will now come forward to escort Libby from the church.

Recessional Song – Rigoletto, Act III: la donna e mobile – Luciano Pavarotti

Thank You

Libby's family would like to thank everyone for their support and compassion during this time.

They invite you to join them in some light refreshments after the conclusion of the service at Yass Golf Club



"Together again, where love never ends"

