



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Rebecca Mercy Lees

11th December 1932 – 25th October 2025

St Joseph's Church, Gundaroo
Thursday 6th November 2025 at 11am
Fr Peter My Officiating



Opening Music- How great thou art' - Carrie Underwood
'Supermarket Flowers' Ed Sheeran & 'Scars in Heaven' Casting
Crown

Greeting- Fr Peter

Words of Remembrance (Please be seated) – Roy Jenkins and Nicole
Jenkins (followed by grandchildren)

We gather together this morning, to commend Rebecca Mercy Lees (Renie)
to God our Father; and commit her body to the earth. In spirit of faith in
the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, let us offer our prayers for
Rebecca.

OPENING PRAYER: (Fr Peter) (Please stand)

Liturgy of the word

First reading – (please be seated)

*A reading from the Book of Proverbs – **Brooke Downey***

My soul is shut out from peace;
I have forgotten happiness.
And now I say, "My strength is gone,
That I hope which came from the Lord".
Brooding on my anguish and affliction
Is gall and wormwood.
My spirit ponders in continually and
Sinks within me.
This is what I shall tell my heart,
And so recover hope:]
The favours of the lord are not all past,
His kindness is not exhausted;
Every morning they are renewed;
Great is his faithfulness.
'My portion is the Lord', says my soul
'and so I will hope in him.'
The Lord is good to those who trust him,
To the soul that searches for him.

It is good to wait in silence
For the lord to save.

The Word of the Lord

ALL: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM –Brooke Downey

God, you are my god, for you I long;
For you, my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
Like a dry, weary land without water.

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
To see your strength and your glory.
For you, love is better than life,
My lips will speak your praise.

So I will bless you all my life,
In your name, I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
My mouth shall praise you with joy.

You have been my help;
In the shadow of your wings, I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
Your right hand holds me fast.

Second Reading- Kellie Scanes

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

The life and death of each of us
Has an influence on others;
If we live, we live for the lord;
And if we die, we die for the lord,
So that alive or dead, we belong to the lord.

This explains why Christ both died and came to life,
It was so that he might be Lord
Both of the dead and the living.
[We shall all have to stand before the judgment seat
Of god; as scripture says:
By my life- it is the lord who speaks-
Every knee shall bend before me,
And every tongue shall praise god.
It is to god, therefore, that each of us
Must give an account of himself.]

The Word of the Lord.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please Stand)

ALL: Alleluia! 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! Alleluia! Alleluia!

GOSPEL Fr Peter

The Lord be with you

ALL: And with your spirit

Fr Peter: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

Fr Peter: Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There
she 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;
There is the kingdom of heaven.
Happy the gentle;
They shall have 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 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.

The Gospel of the Lord
ALL: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY (Please be seated)

Intercessions:

Reader: Sarah: Father, we give thanks today for the life of
Rebecca and for all that she has meant to each
one of us. May she rest in your eternal peace.

Lord hear us:

A// **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: Sarah: Lord, be with Rebecca's family and friends. May
their knowledge of her love and kindness sustain
them in their loss. Lord hear us:

A// **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: Rebecca: We pray in thanksgiving for the staff at Gwen
Warmington Lodge who cared for Rebecca.

Continue to bless and support them in the work they do. Lord hear us:

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: Rebecca: For the family and friends of Rebecca, that they may be consoled in their grief by the Lord. 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 SISTER. 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 — Pam Jenkins and Colin Reid (Please be seated)

Offertory Hymn – Amazing Grace Karen Lees and Ashlyn Pryke

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 OFFERING- Fr Peter

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
Proclaim your Resurrection until you come again
All: AMEN (sung ~ all stand)**

Now let us pray as Christ the Lord has taught us: (Please stand)

**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.**

RITE OF PEACE

**Priest: Peace be with you.
All: And with your spirit.**

COMMUNION PROCESSIONAL HYMN

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 Rebecca Mercy Lees may come to the eternal table of
Christ. Who lives and reigns forever and ever.

All: Amen.

FINAL COMMENDATION

Fr. Peter: Before we go our separate ways, let us take leave of our SISTER Rebecca Mercy Lees. May our farewell express our affection for Rebecca; may it ease our sadness and strengthen our hope. One day, we shall joyfully greet Rebecca again when the love of Christ, which conquers all things, destroys even death itself.

Committal music: 'Hallelujah'- Lucy Thomas

Signs of Farewell

*THE SPRINKLING WITH HOLY WATER AND THE INCENSING OF THE
COFFIN*

Fr. Peter: Saints of God, come to her aid! Come to meet Rebecca, 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 Rebecca eternal rest, O Lord, and may your light shine on her for ever.

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

Fr. Peter: Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our SISTER Rebecca Mercy Lees in the sure and certain hope that, together with all who have died in Christ, Rebecca will rise with him on the last day. We give you thanks for the blessings which you bestowed upon Rebecca 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 Rebecca,
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 Rebecca, to her place of
rest.

Farewell Music “I love you so Rebecca” Jonny Chester

“Life Goes on” Ed Sheeran and Luke Combs

Pall Bearers:

Mark Lees

Adam Lees

Peter Downey

Dylan Downey

Jonathon Newcombe

Russell Peacock

Thank You

Rebecca'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

The Golf Club

2 Worth Street, Yass 2582







In Loving Memory of our Wonderful Mum

Of all the special gifts in life,

However great or small,

To have you as our mum,

Was the greatest gift of all.

May the winds of love blow softly,

And whisper in your ear,

“We love and miss you Mum,

And wish that you were here.”

Deep in our hearts,

your life is kept to love and cherish,

Not forget.

No more tomorrows we can share,

but yesterdays are always there.

A silent thought,

A secret tear,

Keep your memory ever near,

In our hearts forever.

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