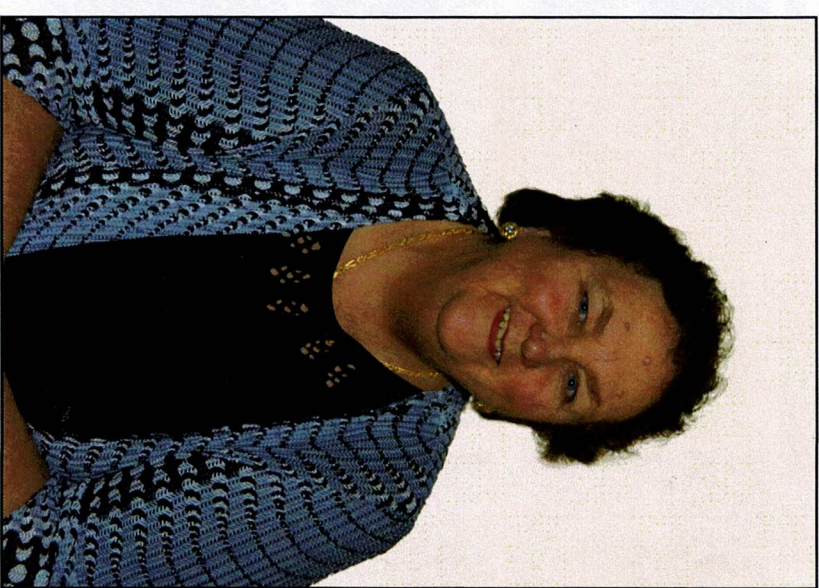


Joy's family would like to thank you all
for joining them today.
Your prayers and support have given them
great comfort in this period of sadness.

Following the burial at Alstonville Cemetery
you are invited to
continue this celebration of Joy's life
by joining them for light refreshments at
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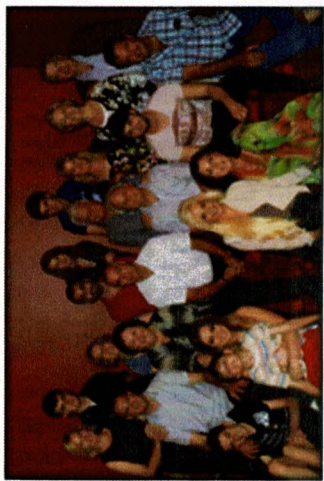
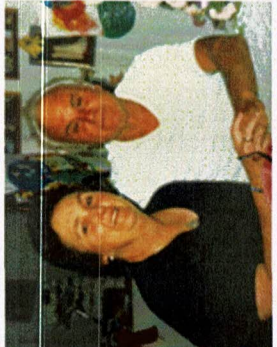
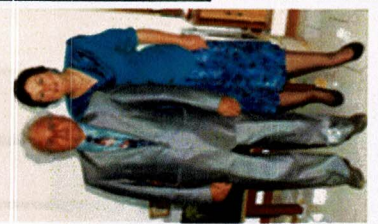
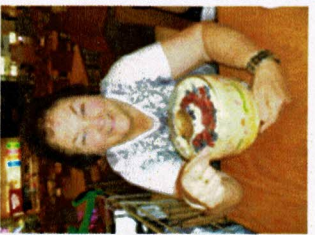
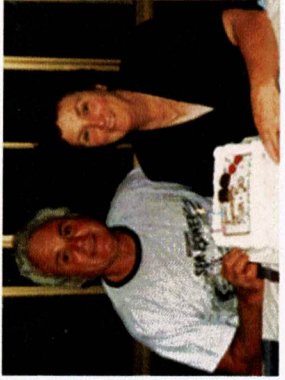
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Requiem Mass
For the Repose of the Soul
of
Joy Shirley Romilito



18 February 1940 - 10 September 2024

St Carthage's Cathedral
Thursday 26 September 2024, 10.00am
Celebrant: Fr Michael Nugent



Fr Michael:

To you, O Lord, we commend the soul of Joy your servant;
in the sight of this world she is now dead;
in your sight may she live for ever.
Forgive whatever sins she committed
through human weakness and in your goodness
grant her everlasting peace.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Response: Amen

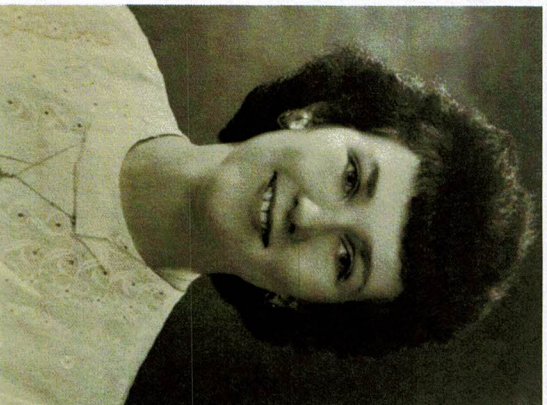
Deacon:

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.
Where Lazarus is poor no longer
may you my brother find eternal rest.

Deacon: In peace let us take our sister to her place of rest.

RECESSIONAL : Time to Say Goodbye -

Andrea Bocelli and Sarah Brightman



PROCESSIONAL HYMN: Come As you Are

Come as you are, that's how I want you
Come as you are, feel quite at home.
Close to my heart, loved and forgiven;
Come as you are, why stand alone?

No need to fear, love sets no limits.
No need to fear, love never ends.
Don't run away shamed and disheartened.
Rest in my love, trust me again.

I came to call sinners, not just the virtuous.
I came to bring peace, not to condemn.
Each time you fail to live by my promise,
why do you think I'd love you the less?

Come as you are, that's how I love you.
Come as you are, trust me again,
Nothing can change the love that I bear you.
All will be well, just come as you are.

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER : Fr Michael

PLACING OF CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Job 19:1. 23-27a

Job said: "Ah, would that these words of mine were written down,
inscribed on some monument with iron chisel and engraving tool,
cut into the rock for ever. This I know: that my Avenger lives, and
he, the Last, will take his stand on earth. After my awaking, he will
set me close to him, and from my flesh I shall look on God. He
whom I shall see will take my part: these eyes will gaze on him and
find him not aloof."

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 42:1-2

As the deer pants for the water,
so my soul longs after You.
You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship You.
You alone are my strength, my shield,
to You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship You.

I want You more than gold or silver,
only You can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy-giver
and the apple of my eye.
You alone are my strength, my shield,
to you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship You.

You're my friend and you're my brother,
even though You are a king.
I love you more than any other
So much more than anything.
You alone are my strength, my shield,
to you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship You.

Second Reading: Timothy 4:6-8

As for me, my life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to depart. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come for me now is the crown of uprightness which the Lord, the upright judge, will give to me on that day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his appearing.
The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

FINAL COMMENDATION:

SONG OF FAREWELL

Singer: Saints of God come to her aid!
Hasten to meet her, angels of the Lord.

Response: Receive her soul and present her to God the most high.

Singer: May Christ who called you, take you to himself;
may angels lead you to the bosom of Abraham.

Response: Receive her soul and present her to God the most high.

Singer: Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord,
and may perpetual light shine upon her.

Response: Receive her soul and present her to God the most high.

REFLECTION : Welcome Home

**Refrain: Welcome home! Welcome home
Welcome home to the land of your freedom and joy!
Welcome home! Welcome home!
Be at peace in the arms of your God!
Welcome home!**

“This is my body now given for you!”
This is the gift you have lived!
And just as the Father embraces the son,
so do we embrace you! Welcome home! **(R)**
Let there be music and let there be song,
for the triumph that your life has been!
Hear how God's angels and saints in their joy
join with us as we sing, welcome home! **(R)**

COMMUNION HYMNS: Ave Maria - Angela Quinn

Be Still My Friends

**Refrain: I ask you my friends to be still
and know that I am here with you.
The longing in your heart I will fill
for I now make my home in you.**

The mountains the valleys, the oceans deep
sing praises and glory to you.

And all of creation joins in song
but man finds You within! **(R)**

The crowds on the hillsides need your bread
the lame need your healing hands.

The blind and the dumb cry out for you.
When will men understand? **(R)**

We've worked all the day, Lord, hear our prayer:

Our hearts laboured long for You!

But now we've returned and you know our need
to spend some time with You! **(R)**

THANKSGIVING HYMN: Hail Mary, Gentle Woman

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you

Blessed are you among women,

and blest is the fruit of your womb Jesus.

Holy Mary; Mother of God

Pray for us sinners now and at the hour of death Amen

Refrain: Gentle Woman, quiet light

Morning Star so strong and bright

Gentle Mother, peaceful dove

Teach us wisdom teach us love.

You were chosen by the Father

You were chosen by the Son

You were chosen from all women

And for woman, Shining One **(R)**

Blessed are you among women

Blessed in turn all women too

Blessed they with peaceful spirit

Blessed they with gentle hearts. **(R)**

Please Stand to Welcome the Gospel

Alleluia, alleluia!

This is the will of my Father, says the Lord,
that I should lose nothing of all that he has given to me,
and that I should raise it up on the last day.

Alleluia

GOSPEL: John 6:37-40

Jesus said to the crowd: "All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I shall not turn him away; because I have come from heaven, not to do my own will, but to do the will of the one who sent me. Now the will of him who sent me is that I should lose nothing of all that he has given to me, and that I should raise it up on the last day. Yes, it is my Father's will that whoever sees the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and that I shall raise him up on the last day."
The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

(Please be seated)

HOMILY

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:

Fr Michael:

Let us pray with faith and confidence to God our Father who raised his Son Jesus Christ from the dead. May he listen to our prayers and give peace and salvation to the living and the dead.

Reader: For our sister Joy that she may receive the happiness of eternal life, promised by her baptism into Christ's Church.

Lord in your mercy,

R. Hear our prayer.

Reader: For our sister Joy who ate the body of Christ, the bread of life, that she may be raised up on the last day.

Lord, in your mercy,

R. Hear our prayer.

Reader: For those who mourn the death of Joy, that their grief may be lightened by the risen Christ and his promise to unite us again in our heavenly home.

Lord, in your mercy,
R. Hear our prayer.

Reader: For the grace of a Christian life, that when God calls, we will be ready with the lamp of faith alight and our baptismal robe unstained.

Lord, in your mercy,
R. Hear our prayer.

Reader: For our deceased relatives and friends especially Tito and for all who have helped us, that they may have the reward of their goodness.

Lord, in your mercy,
R. Hear our prayer.

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

Lord, in your mercy,
R. Hear our prayer.

Fr Michael:

Lord God,
you have called us to be your people
and to serve you all the days of our life.
Help us to be faithful, as Christ was faithful,
and come with him to the glory of the resurrection.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PROCESSION OF GIFTS: I'll Be always Loving You

I am here with you by your side,
sheltering your heart from the night.

**Refrain: Where ever you go, whatever you do,
I'll be always loving you.**

Let me love the world through your heart.
Let me heal your wounds with my touch. **(R)**

I will be your God, your comforter.
I will hold you close in my heart.

Let me see the world through your eyes.
Let forgiveness shine through your smile. **(R)**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER III

(Please kneel)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(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.