



*Margaret's family thank you for your prayers, your expressions of sympathy, for your love, support and presence today. You are cordially invited to join us for refreshments at Husk Distillery, Tumbulgum following the burial at the Tweed Valley Lawn Cemetery.*



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*Requiem Mass  
to celebrate the life of*



*Margaret Mary Chiesa*

*10 February 1943 – 16 February 2025*

*Church of the Sacred Heart, Murwillumbah*

*1 March 2025*

*Celebrant: Rev. Fr. Peter Wood*



*A Prayer for Today*

Everyday I need Thee Lord, but  
 this day especially, I need some other  
 strength to face whatever is to be...

This day more than any day  
 I need to feel Thee near to  
 fortify my courage and to sustain  
 my faith.

By myself I cannot meet the  
 challenge of life here. There are  
 things which human creature  
 need a higher Power - to help  
 them bear what must be borne.  
 And so, dear Lord I pray - hold  
 on to my trembling hand and  
 be with me today



## **THE FINAL COMMENDATION AND FAREWELL**

### **Invitation to Prayer**

### **Incensation and Sprinkling with Holy Water**

**Song of Farewell : SONG OF FAREWELL Ernest Sands**

May the choirs of angels come to greet you.  
 May they speed you to paradise.  
 May the Lord enfold you in His mercy.  
 May you find eternal life.

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**Response (all): Receive her soul and present her to God the most high.**

### **Prayer of Commendation**

**Recessional Hymn: EAGLE'S WINGS Frank Anderson MSC**

I have carried you on eagle's wings!  
 I will care for you in all your years!  
 My heart is full of peace;  
 you have been within my life!  
 Your guiding hand has always covered me!  
 I am full of confidence in you!  
 My soul is like a child,  
 cradled safe within your arms!  
 You have carried me across my years!  
 Leading me through sorrow and through joy!  
 Never need I be afraid!  
 No matter how uncertain things may be!  
 Sometimes through me, sometimes in spite of me,  
 You seem to find your purpose in my life!  
 I know failure in my life,  
 the weakness so central to my heart!  
 When I have strayed or fallen in my life,  
 You gently set me on my feet again!  
 You have bridged the flowing streams!  
 And moved aside the mountains tall  
 You have kept me through the stormy past!  
 I know that you secure and guide me still!  
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### **Pall Bearers**

Anthony Chiesa  
 Paul Chiesa  
 Peter Somerville  
 Paul McLennan  
 Louis Chiesa  
 Oliver Chiesa

## THE COMMUNION RITE

### *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.*

### *The Lamb of God*

**Communion Hymn: LIKE A SHEPHERD** Bob Dufford SJ

**Like a shepherd he feeds his flock  
and gathers the lambs in his arms,  
holding them carefully close to his heart,  
leading them home.**

Say to the cities of Judah:  
prepare the way of the Lord.  
Go to the mountain top, lift your voice:  
Jerusalem, here is your God.

I myself will shepherd them  
for others have led them astray.  
The lost I will rescue and heal their wounds  
and pasture them giving them rest.

Come unto me if you are heavily burdened,  
and take my yoke upon your shoulders,  
I will give you rest.  
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**Reflection Hymn: AVE MARIA**

### *Prayer after Communion*

## *Words of Remembrance*

Anthony Chiesa, Camille Somerville, Andrea Chiesa and Paul Chiesa

**Opening Hymn: BE NOT AFRAID** Bob Dufford SJ

You shall cross the barren desert,  
but you shall not die of thirst.  
You shall wander far in safety  
though you do not know the way.  
You shall speak your words in foreign lands  
and all will understand.  
You shall see the face of God and live.

**Be not afraid, I go before you always.  
Come, follow me, and I will give you rest.**

If you pass through raging waters in the sea,  
you shall not drown.

If you walk amid the burning flames,  
you shall not be harmed.

If you stand before the pow'r of hell  
and death is at your side,

Know that I am with you through it all.

Blessed are your poor, for the kingdom shall be theirs.

Blest are you that weep and mourn,  
for one day you shall laugh.

And if wicked ones insult and hate you  
all because of me,

Blessed, blessed are you!

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## THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

*Greeting*

*Sprinkling of Holy Water*

*Placing of Christian Symbols*

*Opening Prayer*

## ***THE LITURGY OF THE WORD***

### ***First Reading***

Eleanor Somerville

#### **A Reading from the book of Wisdom (3:1-9)**

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 blessings 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. When the time comes for his visitation they will shine out; as sparks run through the stubble, so will they. They shall judge nations, rule over peoples, and the Lord will be their king for ever. 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 respond:*** Thanks be to God.

### ***Responsorial Psalm***

Eva McLennan

#### **PSALM 22(23)**

***The Response is:***

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want  
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit.

***Response.***

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort.

***Response.***

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing.

***Response.***

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

***Response.***

## ***THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST***

### ***Preparation of the Gifts***

### ***Procession of the Gifts***

Natalie Chiesa & Annabel Chiesa

#### **Offertory Hymn: HAIL MARY: GENTILE WOMAN** Catey Landry

Hail Mary, full of grace,  
The Lord is with you,  
Blessed are you among women,  
And blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
Pray for us sinners now,  
And at the hour of death, Amen.

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 for the Son,  
You were chosen from all women,  
And for woman, shining one.

Blessed are you among women,  
Blest in turn all women, too,  
Blessed they with peaceful spirits,  
Blessed they with gentle hearts.  
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***Holy, Holy, Holy***

***Eucharistic Prayer***



## *The Prayers of the Faithful*

### **Celebrant:**

Let us pray with faith and confidence to God our Father. He raised his son, Jesus Christ from death. May he give peace and salvation to the living and the dead.

Chloe Chiesa

For Nonni, who lived a life of generosity and dedication to God and her family, that she may be welcomed with love and joy into the heavenly home of the Eternal Father. We pray to the Lord

**Response (all):** Lord, hear our prayer.

Max McLennan

Lord, we pray that all who had the privilege of knowing Nonni will be inspired by her unfailing faith, integrity and love. That they may come to a greater understanding of their own faith and a renewed love for all our brothers and sisters. We pray to the Lord.

*Response.*

Amelia Somerville

We pray for all of us, Nonni's family and friends, that we be comforted in our sorrow and the Lord fill the emptiness in our hearts with the love of his presence. We pray to the Lord.

*Response.*

Rosie Chiesa

For all the faithful departed, especially Nonni's relatives and friends and members of this community, that they may dwell in the house of the Lord forever. We pray to the Lord.

*Response.*

Claudia Somerville

Loving God, we pray for those who suffer from the anxiety, ambiguity and confusion of dementia, and in a special way for their caregivers. Give them patience to work through the questions asked, answered and asked again. Give them long memories to recall the fullness of their loved one's life beyond the moments of forgetting and give them the grace to let go of what was and embrace what is in love. We pray to the Lord.

*Response.*

### **Celebrant:**

Father, hear our prayers for Margaret and for all who have gone before us to eternal life. May they share in the fullness of salvation in the Kingdom where you are Lord for ever and ever. Amen.

## *Second Reading*

Elysia Chiesa

### **A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans (8:26-27)**

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

The word of the Lord.

**All respond:** Thanks be to God.

## *Gospel Acclamation - all*

*Alleluia! Alleluia!*

This is the will of my Father, says the Lord, all who believe in the Son will have eternal life and I will raise them to life again on the last day.

*Alleluia!*

## *Gospel*

### **A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John (14:1-6)**

Jesus said to the disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am going now to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said: I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## *Homily*

