

Eucharistic Celebration
in thanksgiving
for the life and love of
Sister Anita Gallagher rsj



Entered Life	10 May 1919
Entered Religious Life	01 February 1937
Professed	06 January 1939
Entered Eternal Life	20 June 2020

St Joseph's Chapel
16 York Street, South Perth
10.15am Monday 29 June 2020



Celebrant ~ Bishop Michael Morrissey

Welcome

Kath Hitchcock rsj



Entrance Song On Eagles Wings

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord
Who abide in His shadow for life
Say to the Lord
"My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain

*And He will raise you up on eagles' wings
Bear you on the breath of dawn
Make you to shine like the sun
And hold you in the palm of His hand.*

The snare of the fowler will never capture you
And famine will bring you no fear
Under His wings your refuge
His faithfulness your shield.

You need not fear the terror of the night
Nor the arrow that flies by day
Though thousands fall about you
Near you it shall not come.

For to His angels He's given a command
To guard you in all of your ways
Upon their hands they will bear you up
Lest you dash your foot against a stone.

Acknowledgement of Country *June Barrett rsj*

Sprinkling with Holy Water

Celebrant

In the waters of baptism Anita died with Christ and rose with him to new life. May she now share with him in glory.

Sprinkling

Eulogy

Emilie Cattalini rsj

Placing of Symbols

Constitutions

Pauline Dundon rsj , Denise Casey rsj

During her life Anita was faithful to the Josephite rule and enriched the lives of others through her living of the Josephite charism.

Volume of Music

Pauline Dundon rsj, Dora Maguire rsj

In placing a volume of music we recall how Anita evoked the gift of Music in her students during her years of teaching - a gift she shared freely.

Opening Prayer

Celebrant

God of life, you invited our sister, Anita, to walk the Josephite journey. Take her into your hospitable and loving heart to be in the company of St Joseph, St Mary MacKillop, Julian Tenison Woods, her Parents and all the Saints. We ask this through Jesus the Way, the Truth and the Life.

All *Amen*

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading *Mary McNamara rsj*

Ecclesiasticus 3:17-20; 6:5

Be gentle in carrying out your business, and you will be better loved than a lavish giver. The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, it is the homage of the humble that is treasured.

A kindly turn of speech multiplies one's friends and a courteous way of speaking invites many a friendly reply.

The Word of the Lord

All *Thanks be to God.*

Responsorial Psalm **Psalm 63**

Response

My soul shall be filled as with a banquet

My mouth shall praise you with joy.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia

If we die with Christ we shall live with him

If we are faithful to the end, we shall reign with him

Alleluia

Gospel Matthew 5: 1-12

When he saw the crowds he went up on the mountainside. After he had sat down his disciples gathered around him, and he began to teach.

“How happy are the poor in spirit: the reign of God is theirs.

Happy too are the sorrowing: they shall be consoled.

Happy are the lowly: they shall inherit the land.

Happy are they who hunger and thirst for goodness and right: they shall have their fill.

Happy are they who show mercy: mercy shall be theirs.

Happy are single-hearted for they shall see God.

Happy too are the peacemakers: they shall be called children of God.

Happy are those persecuted for holiness' sake: the reign of God is theirs.

Be glad and rejoice, for your reward is great in heaven”.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All *Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

Homily **Bishop Michael**



In Loving Memory of



*Sr Gerarda, Sr Miriam, Sr Anita,
Jim, Mum*

Left - aged four years, in Sr Gerarda's crocheted frock!



Sr Miriam, Mum, Nell, Teresa, Alan



*25th Anniversary, Boulder
Sr Anita, Sr Linus*



*Srs Irene, Consilio, Maureen W, Anita, Kathryn,
Carmel C, Dora, Dorothy, Philomena McG*

Anita Gallagher *rsj*



Left: First Communion, New Norcia (1926)
Above: same spot, 40 years later (1966)



Dalwallinu



Biggest and only catch,
Shark Bay



Playing cards, South Perth



Birthday girl (2008)



The Gallagher sisters, 1989



1986



Prayers of Intercession Kathleen Dawe rsj, Maree Riddler rsj

Our readings today hold for us the inspirations that Anita took to heart with such fidelity and graciousness. They became the song of her life that continues to echo within us, giving us an alluring melody that invites us to ponder ever more deeply the beauty of a life lived with and in Christ.

1. *"Be gentle in carrying out your business and you will be better loved than a lavish giver."*

While we give thanks for Anita's gentleness, we pray that we, too, may be gentle and humble of heart in our dealings with each other. We pray...

All *Jesus, gentle and humble of heart, hear our prayer.*

2. *"Happy are the peacemakers."* As our world moves through these days of pandemic, unrest and poverty, may we bless our neighbourhoods, our nation and our world with an ever deeper courtesy and peace. We pray...

All *Jesus, Heart of universal peace, hear our prayer.*

3. *"Happy are they who mourn."* Anita knew sadness in her life from childhood through to adulthood - from the death of her father through to the deaths of her mother, brothers and sisters. May our moments of difficulty and sadness be for us the growth of an ever stronger faith and deeper compassion. We pray...

All Heart of Jesus, source of strength and comfort, hear our prayer.

4. *"Happy those who hunger and thirst for goodness and right, they shall have their fill."* May we be the helping hands of humanity and may we find joy in the companionship and welcome we offer to all, as we wait to join the great Communion Feast with Anita and all our Sisters and loved ones who have gone before us. We pray...

All Eucharistic Heart of Jesus, hear our prayer.

Celebrant

We pause a moment to pray for our personal intentions. (Pause) We ask all this through Christ, our Lord, Amen.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Prayer over the Offerings



Celebrant

As we gather at your table to farewell our sister Anita, grant that what we offer with praise, may strengthen us all in joy and love. Through Christ, our Lord.

All *Amen*

Eucharistic Acclamation

Save us Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

Amen

Our Father

Lamb of God

Communion Reflection *Adoro Te* (Moreno)

Thanksgiving Hymn *I Found a Treasure in a field*

Lord, to whom can I go?
You alone speak the words of life.
You alone on the earth
or in heaven above
are my Saviour and my Lord.

Chorus

I found the treasure in a field,
that neither time nor death can steal.
I will sell what I have,
give all that I am,
to hold this treasure as my own.

Jesus, Lord of my life,
I can ask for nothing more
than to see and believe
that my life lies in you,
in the kingdom of my Lord. **Chorus**

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Prayer after Communion

Celebrant

Lord God, we have come together to celebrate the life of Anita, our sister and friend. As we continue our individual and community journey, may we always be thankful for the gift that Anita has been for us and honour her memory by emulating her example.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

All *Amen*

Final Commendation and Farewell

Celebrant Into your hands, God of Mercies, we commend our sister Anita in the sure and certain hope that, together with those who have died in Christ, she will rise with him on the last day. We give you thanks for the blessings which you have bestowed upon Anita in this life: and our communion with all the saints in Christ. Through Christ our Lord.

All *Amen*

(The coffin is sprinkled with holy water and blessed with incense)

Celebrant In peace, let us take our sister Anita, to her place of rest.

*At the conclusion of the Recessional Hymn
all in attendance are asked to leave the chapel*

Recessional Hymn

Salve Joseph

Salve Joseph, custos pie,
Sponsae Virginis Mariae
Educator optime

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Sponsae Virginis Mariae
Educator optime

Per te cuncti liberemur
Omni paera quam meremur
Nostris pro criminibus.

Salvatorem deprecare
Ut nos velit liberare
Nostrae mortis tempore

Moreno



Sister Anita Gallagher rsj

*Daughter of Hugh and Elizabeth Gallagher,
youngest sister of Ellen, Anna Maria (Gerarda rsj),
Rosanna, Patrick (Jim), Mary Augustine (Miriam rsj)*

The Sisters of Saint Joseph and the family of Sister Anita
wish to thank you for your prayerful support and presence here today.



Attentive to the Spirit

Nurtured by Faith

Indwelling Presence

Transformed by Grace

Adoring the triune God

