

*We celebrate and give thanks at this*  
*Vigil*  
*for the life and love of*  
*Sister Anita Gallagher rsj*



<b>Entered Life</b>	<b>10 May 1919</b>
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**St Joseph's Chapel**  
**16 York Street, South Perth**  
**4.00pm Sunday 28 June 2020**

Welcome

*Frances Maguire rsj*

Gathering Song



***As I Kneel Before You***

As I bow my head in prayer,  
Take this day, make it yours  
and fill me with your love.

***Refrain***

**Ave Maria, Gratia plena,  
Dominus tecum, Benedicta tu.**

All I have I give you,  
Every dream and wish are yours,  
Mother of Christ,  
Mother of mine, present them to my Lord. Ave Maria ...

As I kneel before you,  
And I see your smiling face,  
Ev'ry thought, ev'ry word  
Is lost in your embrace. Ave Maria ...

*Maria Parkinson, Text: © 1978, Kevin Mayhew*

Acknowledgement of Country

*June Barrett rsj*

Lighting of the Paschal Candle

*Lyn Sparling rsj, Ellena Hynes rsj*

Sister

We light the Paschal candle as a symbol  
of the light of Christ, which Anita brought  
into our world. May she live forever in  
the radiance of God's presence.

*Paschal candle is lit.*

Opening Prayer

*Bernadette Hynes rsj*

God of life, the day you birthed us into being is the day we began our journey  
back to you. You are with us every step of the way. Give us the grace to  
embrace our journey with joy and appreciation.

Help us to see the beauty around us - the beauty of nature and the beauty of  
friendships. Let our gratitude for all your gifts make us aware of your presence  
and love for us. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

All

*Amen*

## *A Reflective Decade of the Rosary* Margaret Keane rsj, Diane Kingston rsj

- Leader** Hail Mary, full of Grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb Jesus.
- All** Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen
- Reader** This then is what I pray, kneeling before the Father, from whom every family, whether spiritual or natural, takes its name. **Leader** *Hail Mary ... All Holy Mary ...*
- Reader** In God's infinite glory, planted in love and built on love, with all the saints, you now have the strength to grasp the breadth and the length and the height and the depth, of God's love in Christ Jesus. **Leader** *Hail Mary ... All Holy Mary ...*
- Reader** Knowing the love of Christ, which is beyond all knowledge, you are filled with the utter fullness of God. **Leader** *Hail Mary ... All Holy Mary ...*
- Reader** Behold the handmaid of the Lord. Let it be done to me, according to your word. **Leader** *Hail Mary ... All Holy Mary ...*
- Reader** And the Word was made flesh and dwelt amongst us. **Leader** *Hail Mary ... All Holy Mary ...*
- Reader** And Mary stored up all these things in her heart. **Leader** *Hail Mary ... All Holy Mary ...*
- Reader** By this shall all people know that you are my disciples, if you have love, one for another. **Leader** *Hail Mary ... All Holy Mary ...*
- Reader** Blessed are the gentle. **Leader** *Hail Mary ... All Holy Mary ...*
- Reader** Lord bless the place where I was born, and those who carried me. Lord bless the many little ones, who've shown your face to me. **Leader** *Hail Mary ... All Holy Mary ...*

All Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, forever  
and ever. *Amen*

*Sprinkling of the Coffin.*

*(in keeping with social distancing  
only two people to approach the coffin at a time)*

**Closing Prayer** *Eileen Johnson rsj*

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*

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

**Final Song** *Hail Mary, Gentle Woman*

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.*

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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