



Born: Catherine Anne Dean

6th June, 1955 Bairnsdale, Victoria

Entered Sisters of St Joseph: 19th May, 1985

Professed: 25th June 1988

Died: 23th July 2020

St Vincent's Hospital East Melbourne

Funeral Mass: 28th July, 2020.

Sisters of St Joseph Chapel, Hawthorn East.

Celebrant: Fr Brendan Hogan

Buried: 28th July 2020

Melbourne General Cemetery

RC, Row R, 1165

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

## **Processional Hymn**

#### **COME AND JOURNEY WITH ME**

Come to the song, come to the dance, Bring all you are, And all you be. Come with your voice, come with your heart. Come and journey with Me. Come and journey with Me.

Come let the sun fill up your eyes.

Take the time to look around,

And love, just love, & walk with each other,

Come and journey with Me.

Come and journey with Me.

Come and see, come and be.

Be all you are and all you can be,

And leave all behind and calm your mind.

Come and journey with Me.

Come and journey with Me.

# Sign of the Cross

**Celebrant**: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of

the Holy Spirit.

Response: Amen

Greeting

**Celebrant:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of

God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with

you all.

**Response:** And with your spirit.

## Welcome & Eulogy

Sr Sue McGuinness and Mary-Lou Towns

## **Placing of Josephite Symbols**

The Sisters place symbols of Cathy's life as a Sister of St Joseph on the coffin.

Constitutions and Chapter documents
Josephite Prayer Book
Image from Peru
Family Photo

## Hymn

#### **JOSEPH HOLY**

Joseph holy, faithful guardian Spouse of Mary, ever virgin Loving teacher of God's word.

Chorus: Jos

Joseph holy, faithful guardian Spouse of Mary, ever virgin Loving teacher of God's word.

You the model of obedience You the poor and humble worker You the patron of the Church.

Then we ask you, Joseph faithful Help us always be attentive Listening, hearing God's own Word



## Lighting of the Paschal Candle

Celebrant: The light of Christ was given to Cathy in baptism as a

sign of Jesus' love. Throughout her life she reflected that light to all those with whom she came in contact.

All: May that light now lead Cathy into eternal joy and

peace.

## Sprinkling of Holy Water

Celebrant: When Cathy was baptised, she was baptised into the

life and death of Jesus. Now that she has ended her journey of faith we sprinkle her coffin with holy water which reminds us of Christ's promise of everlasting life.

All: May Cathy now share eternal life with him in glory.

## Collect Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray:

God of blessings, source of all holiness, the voice of your Spirit has drawn countless women and men to follow Jesus Christ, and to bind themselves to You with a ready will and a loving heart.

Look with mercy on our sister Cathy who sought to fulfil her vows to You and draw closer to You. Grant her the reward promised to all good and faithful servants. May she rejoice in the company of the saints, and with them praise You forever.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Response: Amen

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

## **First Reading** A reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes 3: 1-12

#### A time for Everything

There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to mourn and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing, a time to search, and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away, a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak, a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war, and a time for peace.

What do workers gain from their toil? I have seen the burden God has laid on the human race. He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end. I know that there is nothing better for people than to be happy and to do good while they live.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

## Responsorial Psalm

#### A TRUSTING PSALM

Lord, let your mercy be on us as we place our trust in you.

The word of the Lord is faithfulness and love. This love can never be measured. God's beauty is like nothing we have ever seen, so let us place our trust in God.

Lord, let your mercy be on us as we place our trust in you.

The word of the Lord means a patient, gentle God. Whose love can never grow weary. God's mercy is as though our sins have never been, if we can place our trust in God.

## **Second Reading**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 14: 7-10

The life and death of each of us has its 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 of the living.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

## Gospel Acclamation Alleluia! Raise the Gospel

Alleluia! Alleluia! Raise the Gospel over the Earth! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Peace and justice bringing to birth!
Blessed, those who work for justice,
Blessed, those who answer the call.
Blessed, those who dare to dream of lasting peace for all!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Raise the Gospel over the Earth! Alleluia! Alleluia! Peace and justice bringing to birth!

### Gospel Matthew: 11:28-30

Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

# Homily



## Prayers of the Faithful

**Celebrant:** Let us turn to God in prayer, with confidence and trust

in the power of Christ's cross and resurrection:

**Reader** For Pope Francis - that his example of compassion for

all people and concern for the poor, will inspire us to

act justly, with gentleness and compassion.

We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord hear our prayer

**Reader:** For Cathy, who served you faithfully as a Sister of St

Joseph, - that she will be rewarded with the joy and

peace of eternal life. We pray to the Lord

All: Lord hear our prayer

**Reader:** For all those to whom Cathy has ministered as a Sister

of St Joseph, especially the people of Peru, that their memories of her pastoral care and love for them will

sustain them and bring them peace.

We pray to the Lord

All: Lord hear our prayer.

**Reader**: For all the members of Cathy's family, that their

memories of Cathy will bring them great consolation and courage as they experience the sadness of

separation and loss. We pray to the Lord

All: Lord hear our prayer

Reader:

For all those who ministered to Cathy during her sickness – her doctors and the nursing staff at Cabrini Hospital and St Vincent's ICU – that their professional skills, their compassion and their sensitive love will continue to inspire others and be for them the loving face of Jesus.

We pray to the Lord

All:

Lord hear our prayer

Reader:

For all people suffering from the impact of coronavirus, including those who have lost their means of livelihood and those who have contracted the virus – that the healing and hopeful presence of our God will give them courage in the midst of their suffering.

All: Lord

Lord hear our prayer

Reader:

For all those who have gone before us in death, especially Cathy's parents Eileen and Lance, and deceased Sisters of St Joseph, that they may be raised to life in the Risen Lord.

Celebrant:

God you who are the source of consolation and compassion listen favourably to our prayers for our sister Cathy who consecrated her life to you as a Sister of St Joseph. May she, together with all who have died, rejoice forever in your presence. We make this prayer in the name of your Risen Son, Jesus, who is alive and reigns for ever and ever.

**All:** Amen

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## **Preparation of the Gifts**

Celebrant: Pray, brethren,

that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God,

the almighty Father.

Response: 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 holy Church.

# Prayer over the Offerings

Celebrant: O Lord, you gave new life to Cathy in the waters of

Baptism; show mercy to her now and lead her to the

happiness of life in your presence.

We ask this in Jesus' name.

All: Amen.

# **Eucharistic Prayer**

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

Response: And with your spirit.

**Celebrant:** Lift up your hearts.

Response: We lift them up to the Lord.

**Celebrant:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Response: It is right and just.

## **Preface**

## **Holy Holy**

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.

**Celebrant**: ... The mystery of faith

Response: We proclaim your Death, O Lord,

and profess your Resurrection

until you come again.

Celebrant: ... Through him, and with him, and in him, O God,

Almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory

and honour is yours, forever and ever.

Response: Amen





St Mary MacKillop & Fr Julian Tenison Woods Co-founders of the Sisters of St Joseph

## THE COMMUNION RITE

#### Communion

**Celebrant:** Behold the Lamb of God

behold him who takes away

the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called
to the supper of the Lamb.

Response: Lord, I am not worthy

that you should enter under my roof,

but only say the word

and my soul shall be healed.

## **Communion Hymn**

#### **PEACE PRAYER**

Lord make me a means of Your Peace When there's sadness here Let me sow Your joy When the darkness nears May Your light dispel our fears Lord make me a means of Your Peace

Lord grant me to seek and to share
Less to be consoled Than to help console
Less be understood Than to understand Your good
Lord make me a means of Your Peace

Lord grant me to seek and to share
To forgive in thee You've forgiven me
For to die in thee Is eternal life to me
Lord make me a means of Your Peace

## **Prayer After Communion**

Celebrant: Lord, you call us to yourself as friends. In your

presence may we rejoice with Cathy at the feast of

eternal life. We ask this through Christ our Lord

All: Amen

## THE CONCLUDING RITES

### Final Commendation & Farewell

Celebrant: Before we go our separate ways, let us take leave of

our sister Cathy. May our farewell express our affection for her; may it ease our sadness and strengthen our hope. One day we shall joyfully greet her again when the love of Christ, which conquers all

things, destroys even death itself.

(The Coffin is sprinkled with holy water and incensed)

Let us pray with confidence to God, who gives life to all things, that God will raise up Cathy's mortal body to the perfection and the company of the saints

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May Christ the Good Shepherd, lead Cathy safely home to be at peace with our loving God and may she be

happy for ever with all the saints.

Josephites: Cathy, today we commend you lovingly to the Lord.

May God receive you into everlasting peace and joy.

**All:** Receive her soul and present her to God the Most

High.

Josephites: Cathy, may the choirs of angels come to meet you and

welcome you into the company of Mary MacKillop, Julian Tenison Woods, Irene McCormack and all the

Sisters who have gone before you.

**All:** Receive her soul and present her to God the Most

High.

Josephites: Cathy, may the martyrs come to welcome you and

take you to the eternal city where you may enjoy

forever the fullness of life and love.

**All:** Receive her soul and present her to God the Most

High.

Celebrant: God of unconditional love, into your hands we

commend our sister Cathy. Inspired by her life of dedicated service as a Sister of St Joseph, may we always walk in the light of your presence and follow the truth of your ways until that day when we are all united with her in your kingdom of love and peace. We

ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen

## Dismissal

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

Response: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: May almighty God bless you,

the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Response: Amen

**Celebrant:** Go in peace.

Response: Thanks be to God.



## **Recessional Hymn**

#### CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

Longing for light, we wait in darkness Longing for truth, we turn to You. Make us Your own, Your holy people Light for the world to see.

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine in Your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled Longing for hope, many despair. Your word alone has pow'r to save us. Make us your living voice.

Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong. Let us be servants to one another, making your kingdom come.

Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.



Cathy and Margaret Malady at 2019 Chapter



# **Life and Ministry**

Cathy was born in Bairnsdale, the third of seven children, five girls and two boys. Her parents were Eileen and Lance Dean. She attended primary and secondary school in Bairnsdale and was taught by the Presentation Sisters. On leaving Nagle College, she trained as a Mothercraft Nurse at St Joseph's Babies Home in Broadmeadows. She worked briefly at St Vincent's Private Hospital and later at the East Gippsland Hospital in Bairnsdale. Cathy was also a lay missionary with the Pallotine Fathers in Tardan for two years as a House Mother to Aboriginal girls between the ages of 5 and 9. When she left Western Australia, she worked in the library at Nagle College, Bairnsdale before entering the Sisters of Saint Joseph.

Following Novitiate in Sydney, Cathy returned to Victoria to the Broadmeadows community and studied a Diploma of Ministry at the National Pastoral Institute.

Cathy lived in Altona, Werribee, Ouyen, Swan Hill, Sea Lake and Cranbourne working either in Parish or in Pastoral Care. Further study gave her a CPE qualification and a Bachelor of Social Science (Pastoral Studies) before she was missioned to Peru.

In Peru Cathy spent much of her time living and working with the women of the Pueblo in Pitumarca, a small community in the Andes. Together they learnt knitting and weaving and were able to improve the quality of their life with skills training, self-development and leadership training.

On her return to Australia, Cathy touched many lives through her ministries at Mary MacKillop Aged Care, Hawthorn East, Footscray, Koo Wee Rup/Packenham and Numurkah/Shepparton.

Cathy was a member of the 2019 Chapter Planning Team and a Chapter delegate. She moved back to Hawthorn East in early 2020 to take up her ministry as an elected member of the Vic-Tas Regional Leadership Team.





Cathy and Geraldine Larkins celebrating their Silver Jubilees 27th March, 2013



Cathy in Peru.



Back row: Sharon Teresa, Anne Porter, Cathy Dean, Rita Malavisi, Mary Davis, Front Row: Janette Murphy, Patricia Day, Marianne Zeinstra.



Wendy Dean, Cathy and Margaret Malady

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