

Eucharistic Celebration

in thanksgiving

for the life and love of

Sister Philomena Kalmundrsj



Entered Life

22 August 1935

Entered Religious Life

13 December 1953

Professed

5 January 1957

Entered Eternal Life

22 December 2020



St Joseph's Chapel, 16 York Street, South Perth

10.00am Thursday 7 January 2021

Celebrant ~ Emgritus Bishop Justin Bianchini

Welcome

Kath Hitchcock rsj

Entrance 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.

Refrain *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.

Refrain

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst
Make us your bread, broken for others
Shared until all are fed.

Refrain

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
Walls made of living stone.

Refrain

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

Refrain



Acknowledgement of Country *Lyn Sparling rsj*

Sprinkling of the Coffin

Celebrant

In the waters of baptism Philomena died with Christ and rose with him to new life.

May she now share with him in glory.

Placing of Symbols

Constitutions

Anne Marie Lanigan rsj

Retreat Reflections

Denise Casey rsj

Family History

Margaret Hough

Opening Prayer

Celebrant

God of life, you invited our sister, Philomena, 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

Isaiah 43: 1-4

Dora Maguire rsj

Israel, the Lord who created you says,
“Do not be afraid – I will save you.
I have called you by name – you are mine.
When you pass through deep water, I will be with you;
Your troubles will not overwhelm you.
When you pass through fire, you will not be burned;
The hard trials that come will not hurt you.
For I am the Lord your God, the holy God of Israel, who saves you.
I will give up Egypt to set you free; I will give up Sudan and Seba.
I will give up whole nations to save your life,
Because you are precious to me
And because I love you and give you honour.”
The Word of the Lord.

All *Thanks be to God*

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is My Shepherd

The Lord is my shepherd and I want to follow
Wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.
Over the mountains, the waters and by ways,
Valleys and highways he’s waiting for me.

Refrain I want to go to meet him there,
To lay myself down in his love.
The Lord is my shepherd and I want to follow
Wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.

And while on the journey to where we are going
He promised to be there to help us along,
And over the mountains we'll walk on together,
To know all the wonders he's given to me. **Refrain**

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Gospel Acclamation **Celtic Alleluia**

Sung *Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.*

All Strong is his love for us; He is faithful forever.

Sung *Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.*

Gospel **Luke 4: 14 – 20**

Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day as was his custom. Jesus stood up to read and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

“The Spirit of God is upon me,

Because he has anointed me,

To bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives

And recovery of sight to the blind.

To let the oppressed go free,

To proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.”

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat

down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him.

Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

All *Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ*



Homily

Prayers of the Faithful

Emilie Cattalini rsj

Celebrant

Lord of our life and source of all harmony, while on the journey to where we are going you promised to be there to help us along. We commend to you our Sister, Philomena. Good Shepherd, enfold her in your love.

1. Philomena blessed us with her interest in the individual human stories that come together to give us an insight into what it means to be human. With all the paradoxes of the strengths and vulnerabilities of our journeys, may we hold each other's stories with respect and kindness. We pray with the Lord, our Shepherd who reminds us that:

All "You are precious to me. I love you and give you honour."

2. We remember with gratitude Philomena's family and all who blessed her with companionship and warmth in her journey over valleys and highways. We remember especially the care and attention that Sister Margaret and her Penola Community shared with her over these last few years. May we all renew our determination to relieve suffering and bring hope. We pray with the Lord, our Shepherd who says:

All "Do not be afraid. When you pass through deep water I will be with you."

3. In this time of uncertainty, anxiety and grief the world over, we pray with Philomena, our Sisters and all her family members with her in heaven, that we may strengthen each other with faith in the strong love of the Lord, our Shepherd who reminds us that:

All "The hard trials that come will not overwhelm you."

4. We pause in silence, to thank our God who walks with us ... to remember Philomena. . .to pray for her family and friends. . for our Church ... and all humanity.

All For every blessing of family and companionship, for trials that stretch us and joys that comfort us, for the cycle of the seasons and stories of our lives, we give thanks as we remember with Philomena that "Goodness and kindness shall follow us all the days of our lives. In the Lord's own house shall we dwell forever."

Celebrant

All this we pray with faith and trust in the ever-present and all encompassing love of God, through Christ, the Good Shepherd.
Amen.



In Loving Memory of



Philomena Kalmund rsj



Liturgy of the Eucharist

Prayer over the Offerings

Celebrant

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

All Amen

Holy Holy

Eucharistic Acclamation

When we eat this bread and drink this cup we proclaim your death O Lord until you come again.

Amen

Our Father

Lamb of God

Special Minister *Margaret Keane rsj*

Communion Hymn 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.

Refrain

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.

Refrain

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.

Refrain

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Thanksgiving Hymn Be Not Afraid

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.

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

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 tongues insult and hate you
all because of me,
blessed, blessed are you! **Refrain**

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Prayer after Communion

Celebrant

Lord God, we have come together to celebrate the life of
Philomena, our sister and friend. As we continue our

individual and community journey, may we always be thankful for the gift that Philomena 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 Philomena 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 Philomena 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 Philomena, to her place of rest.



Recessional Hymn Joseph Holy

Joseph Holy, faithful guardian,
Spouse of Mary, ever Virgin,
Loving Teacher of God's Word

Refrain

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

Refrain

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

Refrain

Dom Moreno osb



Elizabeth Mary Kalmund (Mary to her family), the eldest daughter of Arthur Victor Kalmund and Elizabeth Madderson was born in Perth Western Australia on 22 August 1935.

Following her education by the Sisters of Mercy at Our Lady's College Victoria Square Perth Mary entered the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart at South Perth on 13 December 1953. Her first year in Sydney was spent at Lawson where she studied for her Leaving Certificate.

Mary entered the Novitiate on 5 January 1955 and was professed as Sr Mary Philomena of the Infant Jesus on 5 January 1957.

Philomena's first years of Ministry were spent in Victoria where she taught the lower primary grades at Spotswood. In 1960 she returned to Western Australia and for the next 28 years ministered in the Goldfields, wheatbelt and south west where she was known and respected as a gifted infant teacher.

1988 saw Philomena called to ministry at Baulkham Hills as the Secretary Bursar. In January 1993 she was transferred to Naremburn and worked as Assistant Bursar and Assistant Archivist at St Joseph's Administration Centre in Mount Street, North Sydney. From March 1994 to December 2012 Philomena was full time in the Congregational Archives before returning once again to Western Australia.

This move back to Western Australia gave Philomena the opportunity to continue her research of the Kalmund and Maddersen family trees and to reconnect with her family and many friends.

Philomena, your enjoyment of delving into archives, knowing the stories of family and Sisters, carefully filing precious memories was a pleasure for you and a gift to us.

Now the story of your presence and journey with us has come to a completion. We thank you and know that you will enjoy the song of peace of the Christmas Angels and delve ever more deeply into the Great Story of God's amazing love.

Go in peace, dear Philo.



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