

**Eucharistic Celebration**  
**in thanksgiving**  
**for the life and love of**  
**Sister Margaret Keane rsj**



<b>Entered Life</b>	<b>25 August 1937</b>
<b>Entered Religious Life</b>	<b>8 January 1953</b>
<b>Professed</b>	<b>6 January 1956</b>
<b>Entered Eternal Life</b>	<b>30 September 2021</b>

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

**2.30pm Tuesday 19 October 2021**

**Celebrant ~ Fr Michael Lazz OSB**

**Congregant ~ Emeritus Bishop Justin Bianchini**



## *Acknowledgement of Country* Margaret Culhane rsj

Betty, Teresa and the Mary Helen Community escort Margaret into the chapel



### *Entrance Hymn*      We Give You Thanks

For the bread and wine we share here,  
For the friends that we embrace,  
For the peace we find in healing,  
For all who gather in this place.  
For the faith of those around us,  
For the dead and all those here,  
For the hope we find in mem'ry,  
For the love that draws us near.

**Refrain:**    We give you thanks, we give you thanks  
                  For the grace to receive, in you we believe.  
                  We give you thanks, we give you thanks.  
                  With faith and hope and love, we give you thanks.

For the movement deep within us,  
For the stories that we bring.  
For the signs of God's compassion,  
For the journey that we sing.  
For the Word that holds our promise,  
For the gifts that we can claim,  
For the wonders that surround us,  
For the song that sings our name.

**Refrain:**

For the water bringing new life,  
For the fragrance of release.  
For the fire that blazes forward,  
For the call to bring forth peace.  
For the blindness now enlightened,  
For the bound that are now free,  
For the brightness of your new day,  
For the kingdom we will be.

**Refrain:**

## *Sprinkling of the Coffin*

### **Celebrant**

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

May she now share with him in glory.

## *Placing of Symbols*

Pauline Dundon rsj

### **Irish Flag and Gum Leaves** Teresa rsj and Betty Keane rsj

Betty and Teresa bring the Irish Flag to acknowledge Margaret's land of birth and a sprig of Gum from the land which she embraced - Australia. We were blessed when Margaret as a young woman following her sister Teresa to join the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart.

### **Constitutions** Rita Kelly rsj and Gemma Scott rsj

Margaret lived her life in the spirit of the Constitutions of the Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart. We honour Margaret for her love and lived appreciation of the Constitutions.

### **Kimberley** June Barrett rsj

Margaret had great empathy with those who were deprived of their rights for freedom and Justice especially the first peoples of Australia and West Papua.

### **Book** Marie Moriarty rsj

One of Margaret's preferred spiritual writers was John O'Donohue. We place a copy of one of his books from which she often drew wisdom and inspiration.



## *Opening Prayer*

### Celebrant

God of life, you invited our sister, Margaret, 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*

Kathleen Dawe rsj

A Reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians

This, then, is what I pray, kneeling before God from whom every being takes its name. May the Holy Spirit, enable you to grow firm in power with regard to your inner self, so that Christ may live in your hearts through faith, and then, planted in love and built on love, with all God's holy people you will have the strength to grasp the breadth and the length, the height and the depth; so that, knowing the love of Christ, which is beyond knowledge, you may be filled with the utter fullness of God. Glory be to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine; glory be to God from generation to generation in the Church and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen.  
The Word of God.

**All** *Thanks be to God*



## *Responsorial Psalm*     **There's A Place**

There's a time for remembering, a time to recall  
the trials and the triumphs, the fears and the falls.  
There's a time to be grateful for the moments so blest:  
the jewels of our memory where love is our guest.

There is gold that is gleaming in a past we once knew:  
in our tears and our laughter, 'twas love brought us through.  
There's a road we have travelled where sunlight has kissed,  
that carries us onwards when loved ones are missed.

There is treasure in our fields. There is treasure in our skies.  
There is treasure in our dreaming from the soul to the eye;  
for wherever we gather in the light of God's grace,  
and for all whom we remember, there will ever be a place.

There's a promise of God that is written in the stars  
for all who may travel, no matter how far.  
God will be your companion, each journey you make  
in the shadow of loved ones, to lighten your way.

In the quiet of the evening, at the close of the day,  
we will rest on the journey. To the Lord we shall pray.  
May we thank God for blessings, for the moments we've shared.  
As we seek for tomorrow, close by us you'll stay.

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## *Gospel Acclamation*

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.*

You know the way for me, you know the time  
Into your hands I trustingly place mine.  
Your plan is perfect, born of perfect love ,  
you know the way, your way is love.



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## *Gospel*

### **A Reading from the Gospel of John**

*Margaret chose two messages from the Gospel of John for her farewell Mass.*

*The first is a message where Jesus asks her to trust.*

*The second, after the resurrection, is a promise of peace.*

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God believe also in me. My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going.”

Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life.

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**All**

*Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ*

*Homily*



**Celebrant:** United in faith and inspired by the words of Mary MacKillop we pray together with Margaret as we seek God's help and guidance in our lives.

1. In the Gospel passages chosen by Margaret, Jesus says: "You know the place to where I am going." Margaret kept her gaze steadfast on the place to where she was going, balancing the paradox of knowing and not knowing and there was born in her a strong, robust, gentle compassion. We thank you for the inspiration she has been to all of us.

**All** "Let us study the Heart of God and, in doing so, we shall learn many beautiful lessons of patience and love."

2. "He showed them his hands." We have received so many acts of kindness and service from Margaret and in her we have seen your hands. May we honour Margaret by continuing to grow in humility and be instruments of compassion to each other.

**All** "Our good God sees the heart."

3. We thank you for the love that enfolded Margaret all the years of her life, from her mother Bridget, father Thomas, brothers Patrick, John, Michael, Thomas, Martin and Joseph and sisters Mary, Teresa, Betty, Eileen, Kathleen, Anna, Bridget and Eileen.

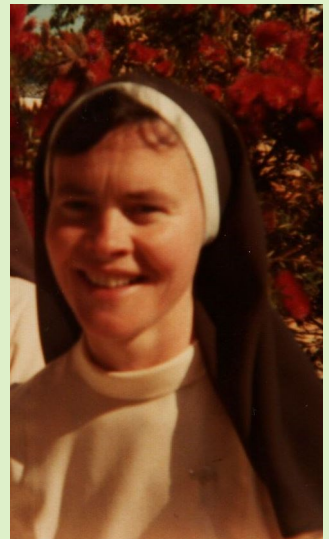
We pray especially for Teresa and Betty and all Margaret's dearly loved family so far away in Ireland. We ask that you bless them with courage and strength in their sorrow.

**All** "May the spirit of unity and love reign among us."

4. For the Sisters, the Health Carers here at South Perth, at St John of God Hospital and at Joseph Cooke House who gave such loving attention to Margaret in the days of her diminishment - may you continue to bless them with strength and peace.

**All** "It is our good God who is our support and strength."

# *In Loving Memory of*





# *f Margaret Keane rsj*



5. We pause to pray for all who care for the sick and dying the world over (pause) for all who mourn the loss of loved ones (pause) for the social justice issues so close to Margaret's heart (pause) and for our own intentions (pause).

**All** "Let us all have courage."

Celebrant: We gather all the prayers in our hearts as we pray with Mary MacKillop who asked us to "Pray that a great unity may prevail, that charity may shine, and that a holy, unworldly wisdom may influence our every word and act." We make our prayer through Christ, our Lord.

**All** Amen.

## Liturgy of the Eucharist

### *Prayer over the Offerings*

Celebrant

As we gather at your table to farewell our sister, Margaret, 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*

We proclaim your death O Lord and profess your resurrection until you come again



*Amen*



*Our Father*

*Lamb of God*

*Special Minister*

Nola Goodwin rsj

*Communion Hymn*      **You Are Mine**

I will come to you in the silence,  
I will lift you from all your fear.  
You will hear my voice,  
I claim you as my choice,  
Be still and know I am here.

I am hope for all who are hopeless,  
I am eyes for all who long to see.  
In the shadows of the night,  
I will be your light,  
Come and rest in me.

**REFRAIN:** Do not be afraid, I am with you,  
I have called you each by name.  
Come and follow me,  
I will bring you home:  
I love you and you are mine.

I am strength for all the despairing,  
Healing for the ones who dwell in shame.  
All the blind will see,  
The lame will all run free,  
And all will know my name.     **Refrain**

I am the Word that leads all to freedom.  
I am the peace the world cannot give.  
I will call your name,  
Embracing all your pain,  
Stand up, now walk, and live!     **Refrain**

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## *Thanksgiving*

### TRIBUTE TO MARGARET

Dear Margaret, you were among us like a lamp whose oil of kindness never ran out and whose glow of compassion never dimmed.

And what is this flame but the divine radiating from the blazing depth, born of exuberant love, sustained by a fragrant balm - the oil of union and of the feminine.

The flame flickered at the softest breath that whispered in your heart and awoke the pain of too much tenderness.

The Fire in a woman who knew how to say "Yes!" Who would not give up this pain easily, careful to keep the flame alive, entrusting herself unhesitatingly.

We came to you with our requests and heard your "yes", a spark of the great "fiat" of your life. Like the lamp that heralds the Presence.

Margaret, you have entrained us with you into this radiating Fire that shines at the heart of things. The flickering Breath of the Whispered Voice that is overheard by the soul and undertaken by the heart. It is

the Christ among us. His Heart. A Fire. A Love leaping like a flame that kindles the lamp of life.

Holy, holy.

Sanctus, Sanctus.

***Together:*** Your intelligent face with warm eyes lit by an inner flame of enthusiasm for the poor and the little ones will not be forgotten by those of us who had the privilege of being blessed by the simplicity of your warm and joyful humanity, Margaret.

Heart of Jesus, heart of Fire, you have united our Sister, Margaret, to yourself. You have made her heart captive in the endless, joyous, blazing fire of your love.

Margaret we thank you, we honour you, we love you. Go in peace.

### *Prayer after Communion*

Celebrant

Lord God, we have come together to celebrate the life of Margaret, our sister and friend. As we continue our individual and community journey, may we always be thankful for the gift that Margaret 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 Margaret 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 Margaret 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 Margaret, to her place of rest.

## *Recessional 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:** 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  
And hold you, hold you in the palm of His hand

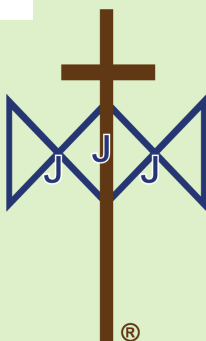
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*The Sisters of St Joseph and Margaret's family both here and in Ireland wish to express gratitude for your prayerful love and concern during Margaret's short illness and after her death. Margaret is lovingly remembered by all whose lives she touched.*

*We thank you for your presence with us today as we farewell a precious member of our community. The Eucharistic ritual we have shared was a fitting celebration of Margaret's fully lived life.*

*May she rest in peace.*





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