

Eucharistic Celebration
in thanksgiving
for the life and love of
Sister Maureen Hodge rsj





Entered Life	9 September 1939
Entered Religious Life	25 March 1973
Professed	6 January 1976
Entered Eternal Life	11 May 2022

St Joseph's Chapel South Perth
10.00am Thursday 26 May 2022

Celebrant ~ Fr Michael Leek OSB

*South Perth Community accompany Maureen
into the Chapel*

Entrance Hymn **BATHE HER IN YOUR LOVE!**

Our sister is here: we give her your hand...

Bathe her in your love,

Clothe her in your care.

Send her along with the wind and a song

And the rains of the earth in her hair.

Fold her in your arms,
hold her close once more.

Colour her life with
the calm and the strife,
That brings us all onto the shore.

Her people will be my people,
her fam'lies and fortunes my own.

We'll walk hand in hand
and till all the land
Until the last seed has been sown.

Light her way back home,
Love her as your own,
For thus she has been,
and will be again,
And is now, forever, Amen.

The wings and roots will be our gift.
The branches and flight why she came.

We'll soon let her know
she can come, she can go,
When visions and highways
start calling her name.

Bathe her in Your love,
Clothe her in Your care,
Send her along with the wind and a song,
and the rains of the earth in her hair.

Acknowledgement of Country Frances Maguire rsj

Eulogy Gary Hodge

Sprinkling of the Coffin

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

Placing of Symbols Pauline Dundon rsj

Constitutions Gemma Scott rsj

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

Family Photo Lesley Hunn

Maureen's family was her pride and joy. She would often speak of them and recall memories from her childhood of happy times spent in Kalgoorlie. We place a family photo taken at her parents 40th Wedding Anniversary as we honour the importance of her family in her life.

Certificate Bernadette Hynes rsj

Maureen's loss of hearing at an early age enabled her to recognise the difficulties that faced the hearing impaired and she was eager to assist them through teaching the life skills of signing and lip reading. We place her Certificate of Life Membership, Western Australia Branch, Better Hearing Australia - an award of which she was very proud.

Apron Eileen Johnson rsj

Weekends saw Maureen take up her apron to minister to the South Perth Community, with scones for morning tea and tasty delights for the main meal, topped off with an apple pie! We place her apron on the coffin, as we give thanks for her loving care of us all.

Opening Prayer

Celebrant : God of life, you invited our sister, Maureen, to walk the Josephite journey. Take her into your hospitable and loving heart to be in the company of Saint Joseph, Saint Mary MacKillop, Julian Tenison Woods, her parents Rodney and Ivy, her brother Peter and all the Saints. We ask this through Jesus the Way, the Truth and the Life.

All: Amen

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Dora Maguire rsj

A Reading from Isaiah 25: 6-9

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy death forever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: see, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us. The word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God*



Responsorial Psalm **THE LORD'S MY SHEPHERD**

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want,
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green He leadeth me
The quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again,
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for his own name's sake.

Yea though I walk in death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear no ill,
For thou art with me, and thy rod
And staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished
In presence of my foes,
My head thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me.
And in God's house for evermore
My dwelling place shall be.

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia Verse

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

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Gospel

A Reading from the Gospel of John 14: 1-6

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am now going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.

Thomas said: "Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" Jesus said: "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: *Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ*

Homily Fr Michael

Prayers of the People Emilie Cattalini rsj

Celebrant: Today's Gospel reminds us that there are many paths by which we journey to bring us to fullness of life. God's words have many hues and sing many melodies. How Maureen saw the colours and heard the music opened up for her the path to life that she chose to walk, with Mary MacKillop, as a Sister of Saint Joseph.

1. Maureen lived her life simply, like a quiet light. Yet she was attentive to the detail that brought a sense of caring to us, her Sisters. For her many kindnesses, we give thanks and pray that we, too, may have a warm, caring attitude to each other. Together we affirm:

All: "God wants us by every means in our power to lead others to life."

In Loving Memory of



of Maureen Hodges



2. Maureen had great joy in being a warm, supportive presence to children in several schools. She spoke fondly of the little ones and their teachers. May we, too, be aware of children all over the world, hold them fondly in our prayer and entrust them to the care of the Good Shepherd. Together we affirm:

All: "God wants us by every means in our power to lead others to life."

3. We sang earlier of the Shepherd that leads us both in green pastures and dark vales. Maureen faced life's challenges with some trepidation at times. However, she walked with dignity and determination. She found in her own challenges the inspiration to bring the quiet light of her compassion and strength to her hearing impaired sisters and brothers. May we, too, find inspirations of compassion in our life's challenges. Together we affirm:

All: "God wants us by every means in our power to lead others to life."

4. Maureen loved her family with such deep joy and affection. For every blessing, for family, for companionship, for trials that stretch us and joys that comfort us, for the cycle of the seasons and for all creatures great and small, we give thanks as we remember with Mary MacKillop that "Gratitude is the memory of the heart." Together we affirm:

All: "God wants us by every means in our power to lead others to life."

5. We pause to pray for the members of Maureen's family who have died....for all who cared for her at South Perth and at Margaret Hubery House. . . for peace in our world... and for us all to grow into a deeper and more compassionate humanity. Together we affirm:

All: "God wants us by every means in our power to lead others to life."

Celebrant: Certain of Maureen's continued presence and support, we make our prayer through Jesus, our Way our Truth and our Life. Amen.

All: Amen.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Prayer over the Offerings

Celebrant

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

All: Amen

Holy Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of Hosts
Heaven and earth are full of your glory
Hosanna in the highest
Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest

Eucharistic Acclamation

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

Amen

Our Father



Lamb of God

Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us (repeat)

Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world grant us peace

Special Ministers Margaret Culhane rsj & Teresa Keane rsj

Communion Hymn

Bread Broken, Wine Shared

Refrain: Bread broken, wine shared;

Jesus, here, taking our lives, opening our hearts

Making us whole, setting our loving free.

Take all our dreams, all that we are,

All we could ever be.

Lord of all life, we want to be yours,

We take bread and eat.

Open our minds, open our hearts,

Let love set us free within.

Lord of all life, we want to be yours,

We pour wine and drink.

Make us alive, filled with your hope.

Living what's really true.

Lord of all life, we want to be yours.

We know this is you.

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Open My Eyes Lord

Open my eyes Lord, help me to see your face

Open my eyes Lord, help me to see.

Open my ears Lord, help me to hear your voice
Open my ears Lord, help me to hear.

Open my heart Lord, help me to love like you
Open my heart Lord, help me to love.

I live within you, deep in your heart O Love
I live within you, rest now in me.

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Prayer after Communion

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

Recessional Hymn

May the Angels Lead You into Paradise

May the Angels lead you into paradise
May the martyrs receive you at your coming
And lead you into the holy city Jerusalem
And may Christ the Lord who has called you
receive you into his open arms
May the Angels lead you into paradise
And welcome you home

May the choirs of angels receive you
and with Lazarus who once was poor
may you be with God in heaven forever more
And may Christ the Lord who has called you
receive you into his open arms
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Sr Maureen Hodge passed away peacefully at Margaret Hubery House Rossmoyne on 11 May 2022.

Maureen Ann Hodge was born in Kalgoorlie Western Australia on 9 September 1939. She was the eldest of eight children born to English born Ronald Brian Hodge and his Australian born wife Ivy Brooks. Maureen grew up in Kalgoorlie and when she finished school worked for Telecom.

Maureen entered the Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart of 25 March 1973 and was professed as Sr Maureen Ann of Our Lady of Sorrows.

On her Silver Jubilee she wrote:

*Kalgoorlie is my place of birth on Paddy Hannan's golden mile
I worked for Telecom and God called me on His line
I've been here and I've been there sharing my gifts with others
For twenty five more years I hope to share my life with others.*

By the time it came for Maureen to celebrate her Ruby Anniversary her health had declined and she was unable to travel east to meet up with her group. To her delight they came west and she was able to spend many memorable days with them at South Perth.

Maureen, we will remember and treasure always the grace of your quiet presence, your kindness and concern for our well-being over the years - the meals you prepared, the morning tea chats, your enjoyment of feast day celebrations and the reverence with which you took care of our Chapel for so many years.

We honour your ministry in your caring love for children, the steadfast faithfulness of your service to your hearing impaired brothers and sisters and the joy you shared after visits from your dearly loved family.

Thank you for giving us these proud memories that we hold fondly, dear Maureen, as we say farewell.

Go in peace and joy now to the heavenly home you have so longed for.

*The family and Sisters invite you to St Joseph's Convent, 16 York St,
South Perth for some light refreshments following the burial ceremony.*



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