

Eucharistic Celebration
in thanksgiving
for the life and love of
Sister Leonie Mayne rsj



<i>Entered Life</i>	<i>12 March 1937</i>
<i>Entered Religious Life</i>	<i>24 May 1953</i>
<i>Professed</i>	<i>5 January 1957</i>
<i>Entered Eternal Life</i>	<i>21 January 2025</i>

Holy Family Church
Thelma St, Como

1.30 pm Thursday 6 February 2025
Celebrant ~ Bishop Michael Morrissey
Bishop of Geraldton



Acknowledgement of Country & Welcome

Frances Maguire rsj

Leonie is accompanied into the Church by her family.

Entrance Song Glory and Praise To Our God

Refrain Glory and praise to our God,
Who alone gives light to our days.
Many are the blessings he bears,
To those who trust in his ways.

We the daughters and sons of him
Who built the valleys and plains,
Praise the wonders our God has done
In ev'ry heart that sings. **Refrain**

In his wisdom he strengthens us,
Like gold that's tested in fire.
Though the power of sin prevails,
Our God is there to save. **Refrain**

Ev'ry moment of every day
Our God is waiting to save,
Always ready to seek the lost,
To answer those who pray. **Refrain**

God has watered our barren land
And spent his merciful rain.
Now the rivers of life run full
For anyone to drink. **Refrain**

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Sprinkling with Holy Water

Celebrant:

In the waters of Baptism Leonie entered into the mystery of Christ.
May she now enjoy eternal peace.

(Sprinkling)

With this faith community, Leonie frequently gathered to be nourished at the table of the Word and the Eucharist. We have been graced by her faith and love.

Ceremony of Symbols Dora Maguire rsj and Kath Dawe rsj

Constitutions ~ Diane Kingston rsj

Leonie loved the Congregation—It was deeply set in her heart and mind and this love strongly influenced her attitudes and actions.

Diane will now place a copy of the Constitutions of the Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart.

Poetry ~ Madeline Pham rsj

Leonie read widely and had a great love for Australian literature, in particular *The Collected Verse of A. B. Paterson*.

Madeline will now place a volume of the poetry on the coffin.

Travel Pack ~ Margaret Culhane rsj

Leonie travelled many miles driving the long...hot...dusty roads of the wheatbelt; to serve the women...the men...and the children of the outback. Her own deep relationship with her God and her unwavering commitment to Mary MacKillop's vision, led her "to never see a need without doing something about it."

Eulogy Teresa Pirrottina

Opening Prayer

Celebrant:

God of life, you invited our sister, Leonie, to walk the Josephite journey.

Take her into your hospitable and loving heart to be in the company of St Joseph, St Mary MacKillop, Fr Julian Tenison Woods, her Family and all the Saints.

We ask this through Jesus the Way, the Truth and the Life.

Assembly: Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Dianne Colborne rsj

A reading from the Book of Ruth 1:15-17

Naomi said to her, 'Look, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her god. You must return too; follow your sister-in-law.'

But Ruth said, 'Do not press me to leave you and to turn back from your company, for

'Wherever you go, I will go, wherever you live, I will live.

Your people shall be my people, and your God, my God.

Wherever you die, I will die and there I will be buried.

May Yahweh do this thing to me and more also,

if even death should come between us!'

Seeing that she was determined to go with her, Naomi said no more.

The Word of the Lord.

Assembly: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm As the Deer Longs 🎵🎵

Refrain As the deer longs for running streams,
 So I long, so I long, so I long for you.

Athirst my soul for you, the God who is my life!
When shall I see, when shall I see,
see the face of God?

Refrain

Echoes meet as deep is calling unto deep,
Over my head, all your mighty waters,
sweeping over me.

Refrain



Welcome the Gospəl ♪♪

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

You are the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Gospəl

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 5: 13-16

You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.

You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Assembly: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily Bishop Michael Morrissey





Celebrant: The readings that Leonie chose for us today convey the faithful love she had for us and for so many people across our Nation, a love she expressed in action in so many ways. With her, we reflect and pray.

Reader: “Wherever you go, I shall go.” Leonie walked beside people from all walks of life, in places far and wide. May we all walk beside each other in compassion and companionship.

Assembly: Jesus, God-with-us, companion us on our way.

Reader: “You are the salt of the earth.” Like salt that brings out the flavour in food, may the words we speak be uplifting and bring out the best in each other.

Assembly: Jesus, God-with-us, companion us on our way.

Reader: “You are the light of the world.” May we, the Australian Church, be ready to respond to God’s call to bring light, life, peace and justice to all, regardless of social status, race or religious affiliation.

Assembly: Jesus, God-with-us, companion us on our way.

Reader: We give thanks for the life and love of Leonie and pray with gratitude for her family, her Sisters, her friends and for all who shared in her ministries. We give thanks, too, for all who cared for Leonie in the later years of her life at South Perth and at Margaret Hubery House.

Assembly: Jesus, God-with-us, companion us on our way.

Reader: Leonie, we pray now that you may rest in peace, as you join all your family and loved ones who have died. We ask that you pray with us and for us, pilgrims on earth.

Assembly: Jesus, God-with-us, companion us on our way.

Celebrant: We offer this Eucharist in thanksgiving for the life of Leonie and for all the blessings of beauty and mate-ship that you have bestowed on our Country. May we continue to work towards reconciliation and grow in peace and love. We pray this through Christ, with Christ and in Christ. Amen.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Prayer over the Offerings

Celebrant: Pray, friends that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

Assembly: May the Lord accept this sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of God's name, for our good and the good of all God's holy people.

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

Assembly: Amen.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

Assembly: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

Assembly: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

Assembly: It is right and just.

In Loving Memory of



Sr Leonie Mayne rsj



Holy Holy ♪♪

Assembly: 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.

Eucharistic Acclamation ♪♪

Assembly: We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your resurrection until you come again.

Amen ♪♪



Our Father

Lamb of God

Assembly: Lamb of God, you take away
the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away
the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away
the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Special Ministers Pauline Dundon rsj and Theresa Morellini rsj

The Dream and the Journey, how sweetly entwine!
Like the leaves and the tendrils of a flowering vine,
Drawing wisdom from rain and the kiss of the sun,
The Dream and the Journey go on.

We were called to this place from a home far away,
The Cross as the centre still calls us today.
We look round and see just how far we have come,
Giving thanks for the work that was done.

This road was not meant for the soft or the faint,
But with God and for God we can do many things.
Finding strength in the joys and challenges here.
Meeting needs of the time without fear.

The Dream and the Journey have taken their toll,
We remember with love their names and their soul,
We honour our Sisters and Brothers gone home,
As the Dream and the Journey live on.

The Dream and the Journey, how sweetly entwine!
Like the leaves and the tendrils of a sacred old vine.
Giving thanks for the rain as we grow toward the Son,
The Dream and the Journey go on.

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Thanksgiving Hymn All I Ask of You

Refrain All I ask of you is forever to
remember Me as loving you.

Deep the joy of being together
in one heart and for me
that's just where it is.

Refrain

As we make our way through
all the joys and pain,
Can we sense our younger, truer selves?

Refrain

Someone will be calling you
to be there for awhile.
Can you hear their cry from deep within?

Refrain

Laughter, joy and presence:
the only gifts you are!
Have you time? I'd like to be with you.

Refrain

Persons come into
the fibre of our lives
And then their shadow fades and disappears. (But)

Refrain



Prayer after Communion

Celebrant:

May the Sacrament we receive, Loving God, strengthen us to walk the way of the Cross and bring us to the glory of the Resurrection. Through Christ our Lord.

Assembly: Amen.



Final Commendation and Farewell

Celebrant:

Into your hands, God of Mercies, we commend our sister Leonie 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 Leonie in this life and our communion with all the saints in Christ.

Through Christ our Lord.

Assembly: Amen

*The coffin is sprinkled with holy water
and blessed with incense.*

Refrain We are companions on the journey,
Breaking bread and sharing life;
And in the love we bear is the hope we share,
For we believe in the love of our God.
We believe in the love of our God.

No longer strangers to each other,
No longer strangers in God's house;
We are fed and we are nourished
By the strength of those who care,
By the strength of those who care.

Refrain We are companions on the journey,
Breaking bread and sharing life;
And in the love we bear is the hope we share,
For we believe in the love of our God.
We believe in the love of our God.

We have been gifted with each other,
And we are called by the Word of the Lord;
To act with justice, to love tenderly,
And to walk humbly with our God,
To walk humbly with our God.

Refrain We are companions on the journey,
Breaking bread and sharing life;
And in the love we bear is the hope we share,
For we believe in the love of our God.
We believe in the love of our God.

Leonie's Josephite Journey

Kathleen Leonie Mayne known as Leonie was the second born daughter of Charles Thomas Mayne and Kathleen Mary Lindley. Leonie was born in Kalgoorlie Western Australia on 12 March 1937, the younger sister of Noreen RIP and big sister to Laurie and Teresa. Leonie lived her early years in the small mining town of Westonia nestled amongst 4,000ha of salmon gum, morrell and gimlet woodland interspersed with granite outcrops. It was here that Leonie developed her love of the Australian bush especially through the poetry of Banjo Patterson.

On completion of her secondary education Leonie entered the Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart at South Perth on 24 May 1953. She received the Habit on 5 January 1955 and was professed as Sr Gregory of the Holy Ghost on 5 January 1957.

Following her profession Sr Gregory returned to Western Australia and commenced her ministry as a Primary teacher in Busselton a coastal town south of Perth. In the following years as a Primary and Secondary teacher, Leonie covered the length and breadth of the Archdiocese of Perth and Diocese of Bunbury. In 1988 Leonie was a consultant with the Catholic Education Office in Perth before moving into Adult Education.

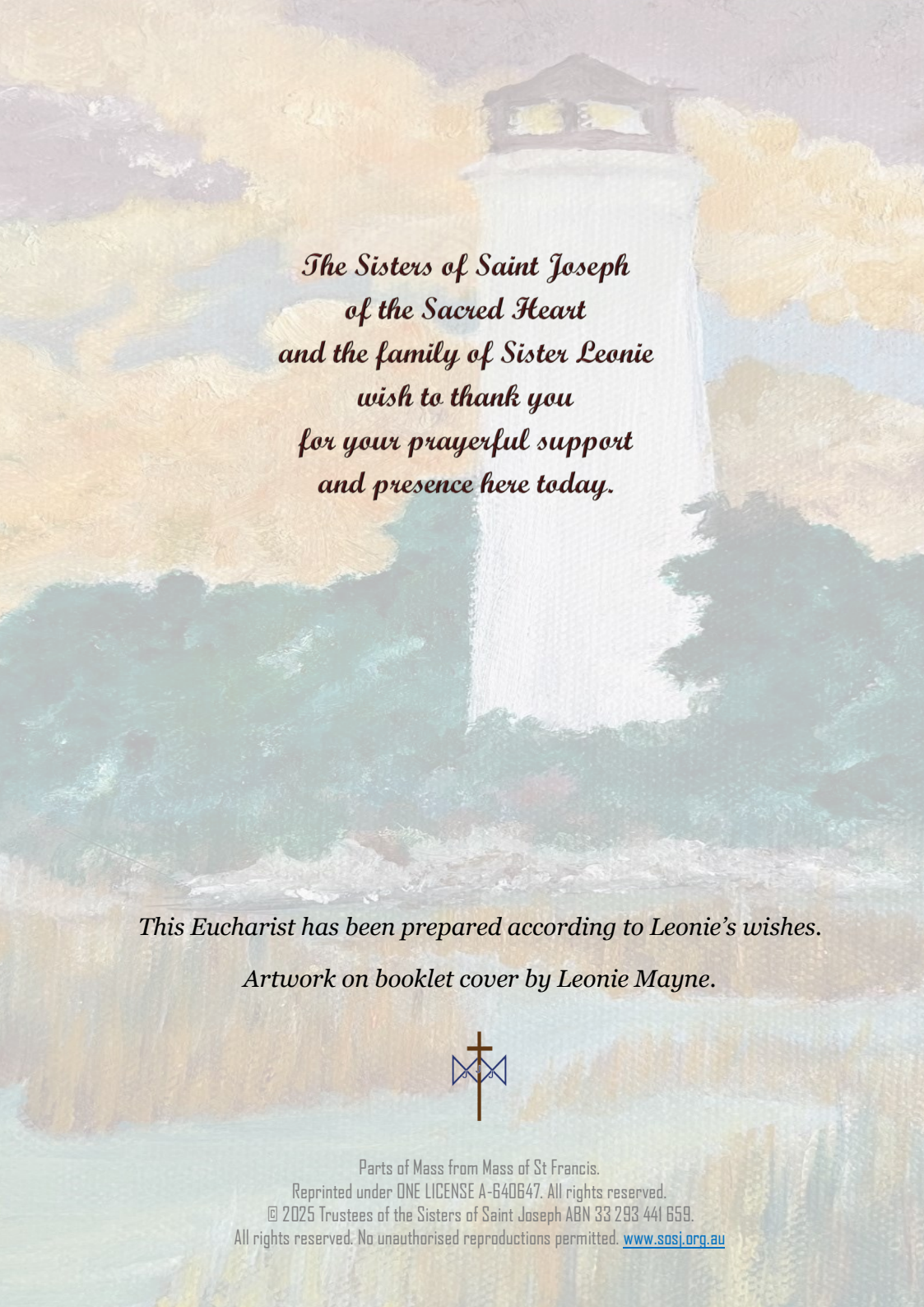
In 1990 Leonie was appointed Provincial of Victoria. On her return, she was appointed Regional Officer in the Catholic Education Office of Geraldton for four years. 2000 found Leonie at Mary MacKillop Place North Sydney as the Hospitality and Facilities Co-Ordinator, a position she held until the end of 2003.

Returning to Western Australia, Leonie was part of establishing the Rural Network based in Merredin and spreading throughout the wheatbelt region. At the end of 2017, Leonie returned to the metropolitan area and while maintaining in contact with the people of the wheatbelt began a ministry of Prayer and Hospitality, initially at Wilson and then at South Perth.

In 2022 Leonie moved into care at Margaret Hubery House Rossmoyne where she passed peacefully away on 21 January 2025.

Leonie, with your spirit of service in the footsteps of Mary MacKillop and as a grounded country woman, you have been an inspiration to us. We have enjoyed your companionship, your yarns and your sense of humour. Now we farewell you with many fond memories. Go in peace, dear Leonie.





*The Sisters of Saint Joseph
of the Sacred Heart
and the family of Sister Leonie
wish to thank you
for your prayerful support
and presence here today.*

This Eucharist has been prepared according to Leonie's wishes.

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