



Sheila's family would like to thank you all  
for joining them today.  
Your prayers and support have given them  
great comfort in this period of sadness.  
You are invited to continue this celebration of Sheila's  
life at Goonellabah Sports and Recreation Club  
202 Oliver Avenue  
Goonellabah

*REQUIEM MASS  
FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF*

***SHEILA MARY BELL***



*14 SEPTEMBER 1924 - 31 DECEMBER 2024*

*ST CARTHAGE'S CATHEDRAL  
LISMORE*

*THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 1.00PM*

*CELEBRANTS: FR JIM GRIFFIN AND FR BING MONTEAGUDO*



**ENTRANCE HYMN: Here I Am Lord**

I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
my hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
whom shall I send?

*Refrain: Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord?*

*I have heard you calling in the night.*

*I will go Lord, if you lead me.*

*I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone,  
give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my word to them.

Whom shall I send? (R)

**Welcome & Opening Prayer: Fr Jim**

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**FIRST READING: Romans 14:7-12**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

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. We shall all have to stand before the judgment seat of God; as Scripture says: By my life—it is the Lord who speaks—every knee shall bend before me; and every tongue shall praise God. It is to God, therefore, that each of us must give an account of himself.

**Reader: The Word of the Lord.**

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**SONG OF FAREWELL**

**Fr Jim:** Saints of God come to her aid!

Hasten to meet her, angels of the Lord.

**Response:** Receive her soul and present her to God the most high.

**Fr Jim:** May Christ, who called you, take you to himself,  
may angels lead you to the bosom of Abraham.

**Response:** Receive her soul and present her to God the most high.

**Fr Jim:** Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord,  
and may the perpetual light shine upon her.

**Response:** Receive her soul and present her to God the most high.

**Fr Jim:** Father, into your hands we commend Sheila.

We are confident that with all who have died in Christ, Sheila will be raised to life on the last day and live with Christ for ever.

We thank you for all the blessings you gave her in this life to show your fatherly care for all of us and the fellowship which is ours with the saints in Jesus Christ.

Lord, hear our prayer; welcome Sheila to paradise and help us to comfort each other with the assurance of our faith until we meet in Christ to be with you and Sheila for ever.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen**

**RECESSIONAL: Grieve Not by Lori True**



## RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The Lord's My Shepherd - Crimond

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,  
even 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.



## 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. (R)

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. (R)

For to His angel's 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. (R)

## THANKSGIVING HYMN: Ave Maria

**WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE:** Carly Damen and Tony Bell

## FINAL COMMENDATION

**Fr Jim:** With faith in Jesus Christ, we reverently bring the body of Sheila to be buried in its human imperfection.

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

May God give Sheila a merciful judgement and forgive all her sins.  
May Christ, the Good Shepherd, lead Sheila safely home to be at peace with God our Father.

And may Sheila be happy forever with all the saints in the presence of the eternal King.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Alleluia, Alleluia!*

Happy are those who have died in the Lord, let them rest from their labours, for their good deeds go with them.  
*Alleluia!*

*Please Stand*

## GOSPEL: John 14:1-6 Fr Bing

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 going now 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."

## The Gospel of the Lord

**Response: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**



**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:**

**Fr Jim:** Let us come to our loving Father asking him to give eternal rest to Sheila and comfort and hope to her family.

**Reader:** For Sheila that she may receive the happiness of eternal life, promised by her baptism into Christ's Church.

*(Pause for silent prayer . . . . .)*

Let us pray to the Lord.

**R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** For Sheila's family that grief may be lightened by the risen Christ and his promise to unite us again in our heavenly home.

*(Pause for silent prayer . . . . .)*

Let us pray to the Lord.

**R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** For the grace of a Christian life, that, when God calls, we will be ready with the lamp of faith alight and our baptismal robe shining.

*(Pause for silent prayer . . . . .)*

Let us pray to the Lord.

**R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** For our deceased relatives and friends, and all who have helped us, that they may have the reward of their goodness.

*(Pause for silent prayer . . . . .)*

Let us Pray to the Lord.

**R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** For all of us assembled here to worship in faith, that we may be gathered in the joy and peace of God's kingdom.

*(Pause for silent prayer . . . . .)*

Let us pray to the Lord.

**R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** We pray for the intercession of St Mary McKillop of the Cross, Sheila's favourite Saint, that she will enjoy the presence of peace in heaven.

*(Pause for silent prayer . . . . .)*

Let us pray to the Lord.

**R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Fr Jim:** God of our salvation, you reward the just and console who mourn. Hear our prayers for Sheila in the name of your risen Son Jesus, who is Lord for ever and ever.

**All:** Amen.

**LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST:**

**OFFERTORY - Vicki Knudson and Margaret Richards**

**OFFERTORY HYMN: Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace**

Make me a channel of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me bring your love,  
where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,  
and where there's doubt true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace.

Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope  
where there is darkness only light,  
and where there's sadness ever joy.

Oh Master grant that I may never seek  
so much to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood, as to understand,  
to be loved, as to love with all my soul.

Make me channel of your peace.

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
in giving to all men that we receive,  
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER III**

*Please kneel*

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Please stand*

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done on earth, as it is, in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil. Amen.