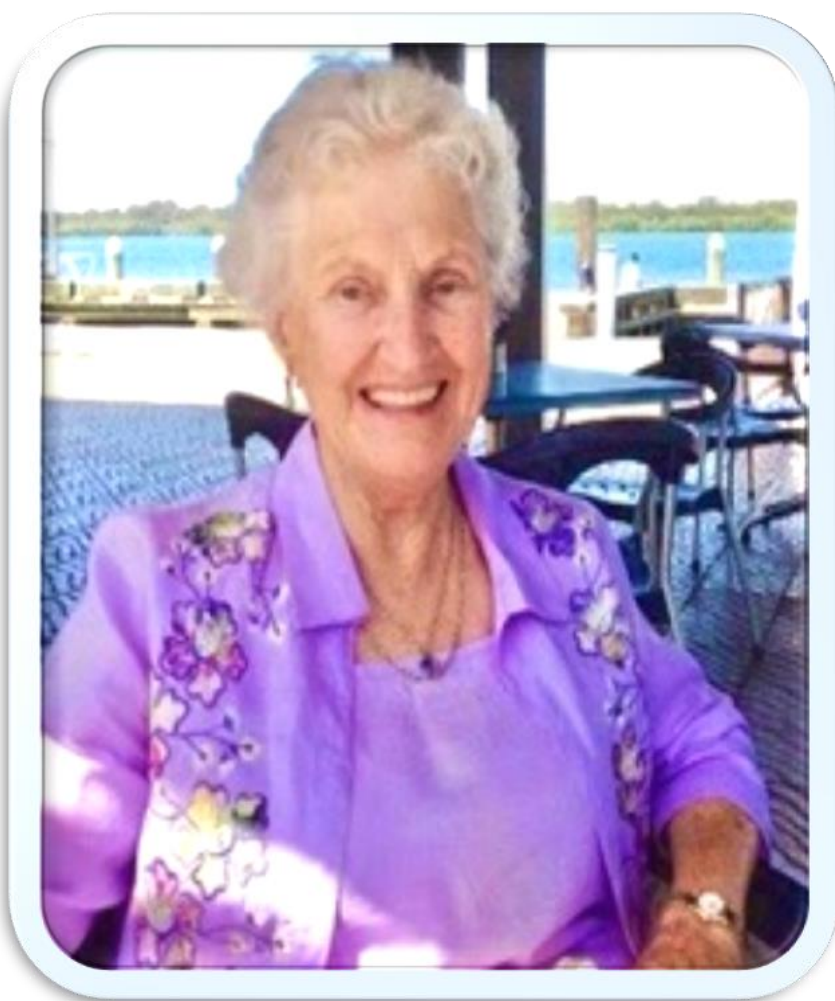


*Requiem Mass
for the
Repose of the Soul
of
Dympna Agnes Sheehy*



*Born: 30th January 1924 ~ Glen Innes, NSW
Entered the Fullness of Life ~ 24th June, 2025 ~ Ballina,
St Francis Xavier Catholic Church Ballina ~ 15th July, 2025
Celebrant: Father Gerard Hall SM*

Please Stand:

ENTRANCE HYMN:

CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

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1.

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. **R/**

Refrain:

*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.*

2.

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. **R/**

3.

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

THE INTRODUCTORY RITE:

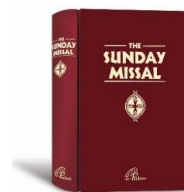
Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Priest: The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And with your spirit.

PLACING OF CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS



OPENING PRAYER: (Priest)

Loving and merciful God, we entrust our sister Dympna to your mercy. You loved her greatly in this life: Now that she is freed from all its cares, give her happiness and peace forever. Welcome her now in paradise where there will be no more sorrow, no more weeping or pain, but only peace and joy. We make this prayer in the name of Jesus who is our risen Lord now and forever. Amen

People: Amen.



LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please be seated

FIRST READING:

Reader: Loretta McDonald

A reading from the book of Proverbs

Who shall find a valiant woman: she is worth more than jewels.
Advantage and not hurt she brings all the days of her life.
She does her work with eager spirit; with what her efforts have earned,
she plants a vineyard. She holds out her hand to the poor and opens her
arms to the needy. She is clothed in strength and dignity, and can laugh at
the days to come. When she opens her mouth she does so wisely; on her
tongue I kindly instruction.
Those who know her sing her praises. 'Many women have done admirable
things, but you surpass them all.' Give her fruit of her hands, and let her
works praise her at the city gates.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

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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:



SECOND READING: *Thess 4:13-18***Reader:** Trish Warwarek

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died.

At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please Stand:

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father except through me.

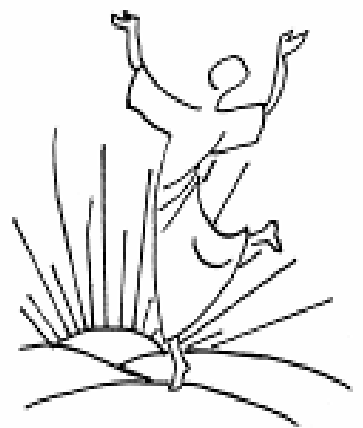
Alleluia!

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Priest: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

People: Glory to you, O Lord.



GOSPEL:

Father Gerard

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.

People: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Please be Seated:

HOMILY:

Father Gerard



Please Stand:

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: *Readers: Bill Duffy, Clare Bellenger, Benn Dalby*

Priest: For our Sister Dympna, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ, who said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me shall live even in death and who lives and believes in me shall never die."

Reader: In baptism, Dympna received the light of Christ through the waters of salvation, may she now find a welcome in the divine light of heaven,
We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer

Reader: For Dympna's deceased relatives and friends, especially her parents John and Minnie, her brothers Edward, Maurice, and Greg, her sister Mary and her husband John Sheehy. May they have the reward of eternal life,
We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray for Dympna's family and everyone here today who have come to honour the life of Dympna and pray for the happiness of her soul in heaven. May they be blessed in their kindness and comforted in their sorrow,
We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: Dympna promoted faith and justice in her life. May those who suffer from injustice, violence, war and famine feel the mercy of God and may peace reign in our world, We pray to the Lord

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For the carers, nurses and staff at Crowley Village and for all those whose vocation is to care for the sick and elderly. May they be blessed for their dedication, We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray for Fr. Gerard, Father Peter, Fr. Eric and Fr Anselm, our Parish clergy, and all the priests who supported Dympna in her undying faith over the years, We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

Priest: O God, our shelter and our strength, You listen in love to the cry of your people: Hear the prayers we offer for our departed brothers and sister. Cleanse them of their sins and grant them the fullness of redemption. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

Please be Seated:

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY PROCESSION:

Family Members

OFFERTORY HYMN:

ON EAGLE'S WINGS

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1.

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." **R/:**

2. 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/:**

Refrain:

**And He will raise you up
on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath
of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of His
hand.**

3. 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/:**

4. For to His angels He's given a
command
to guard you in all your ways,
upon their hands they will
bear you up,
Lest you dash your foot against a
stone. **R/:**

And he will raise you up on
eagle's 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.

Priest: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

People: Blessed be God for ever.

Priest: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.

People: Blessed be God for ever.

Priest: (washes hands)

Please stand:

Priest: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

People: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

Priest: (prayer to bless and accept our offering)

People: Amen.

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

People: It is right and just.

PREFACE:

SANCTUS:

People: 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.

Please Kneel:

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Mystery of Faith:

Priest: The mystery of faith.

**People: We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection until
you come again.**



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER CONCLUSION:

People: Amen.

Please Stand:

THE COMMUNION RITE:

THE LORD'S PRAYER: All pray. Our Father

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

People: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.

SIGN OF PEACE:

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you; look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And with your spirit.

Priest: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.



All: 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.

Please Kneel:

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

People: Lord I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

HOLY COMMUNION



COMMUNION HYMN:

I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

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Refrain

***And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,
And I will raise you up on the last day.***

1.

I am the bread of life.
You who come to me shall
not hunger;
you who believe in me
shall not thirst.

No-one can come to me unless
the Father beckons. **R:**

3.

Unless you eat of the flesh of the
Son of Man and drink of his blood,
and drink of His blood,
you shall not have life within you. **R:**

2.

The bread that I will give is my flesh
for the life of the world, and you
who eat of this bread, you
shall live forever.
You shall live forever. **R:**

4.

I am the Resurrection I am the life.
You who believe in me even
if you die,
You shall live forever. **R:**

Please be seated:

COMMUNION REFLECTION:

GALILEE SONG

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1.

Deep within my heart I feel
Voices whispering to me:
Words that I can't understand.
Meanings I must clearly hear!
Calling me to follow close,
Lest I leave myself behind!
Calling me to walk into
Evening shadows one more time!

Refrain

2.

In my memories I know
How you send familiar rains
Falling gently on my days
Dancing patterns on my pain!
And I need to learn once more,
In the fortress of my mind:
To believe in falling rain as
I travel deserts dry!

Refrain

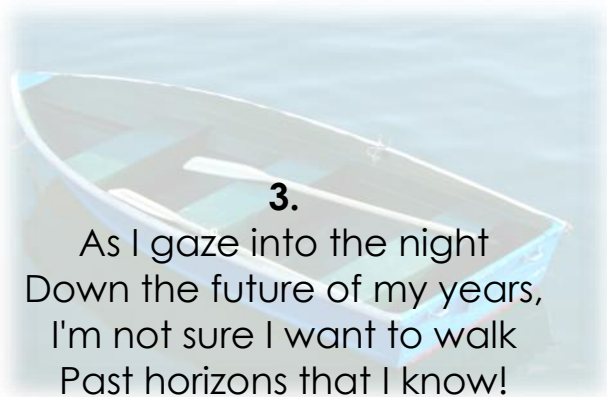
Refrain:

***So I leave my boats behind!
Leave them on familiar shores!
Set my heart upon the deep.
Follow You again, my Lord!***

3.

As I gaze into the night
Down the future of my years,
I'm not sure I want to walk
Past horizons that I know!
But I feel my spirit called
Like a stirring deep within
Restless 'till I live again
Beyond the fears that
close me in!

Refrain



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

Lord God, whose Son left us, in the Sacrament of his Body, food for the Journey, mercifully grant that, strengthened by it, our sister Dympna may come to the eternal table of Christ.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen

Personal Tribute:

Gemma Duffy



Photo Presentation:

FINAL COMMENDATION & FAREWELL

SONG OF FAREWELL:

Priest: Saints of God, come to her aid! Hasten to meet her,
Angels of the Lord!

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

Priest: May Christ, who called you, take you to himself;
may angels lead you to the bosom of Abraham.

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

Priest: Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual
light shine upon her.

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

Please stand:

BLESSING:



RECESSIONAL HYMN:

HOW GREAT THOU ART

1.

O Lord my God! When I in
awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hands have
made,
I see the stars, I hear the
mighty thunder
Thy pow'r throughout the
universe displayed.

2.

When through the woods and forest
glades I wander.
And hear the birds sing sweetly
in the trees,
And when I look from lofty
mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook and feel
the gentle breeze. /R

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Saviour
God to Thee:

How great Thou art, how great
Thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Saviour
God to Thee:

How great Thou art, how great
Thou art. .

3.

When Christ shall come with
shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy
shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble
adoration
And there proclaim my God,
how great Thou art. /R

PALL BEARERS

**Bill Duffy
Benn Dalby
John Crotty**

**Tony Ryall
Murray Warwarek
Mark Biddle**

*Dympna's family wish to sincerely thank everyone
who attended this Requiem Mass today
and all who have offered their prayers and
loving support in so many ways.*

*Following this Mass family and friends are invited to gather at
Crowley Activity Centre, 154 Cherry Street, Ballina
to remember and celebrate the life of Dympna.
Burial will be at the East Ballina Cemetery
at 2.00 pm.*

*This is what the Lord asks of you,
only this: to act justly, to love tenderly,
and to walk humbly with your God.*

Micah 6:8



*See! I will not forget you....
I have carved you on the palm
of my hand. Isaiah 49:15*



*'Think of her as living in the hearts of those she touched.
For nothing loved is ever lost and she was loved so much'.*

'Rest in peace, Dympna'