



Pat's family thank you for your presence here today and for the love, sympathy and support shown to them at this time.

Following the burial at the Casino Lawn Cemetery, family and friends are invited for light refreshments at the

Casino Golf Club - 147 West St, Casino.



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REQUIEM MASS

Patricia Merle Heffernan



24th January 1932 - 15th April 2025

Celebrant
Fr Jim Griffin

St Mary's Catholic Church, Casino
29th April, 2025



ENTRANCE HYMN: COME AS YOU ARE

Come as you are that's how I want you,
Come as you are, feel quite at home,
Close to my heart, loved and forgiven,
Come as you are, why stand alone?

No need to fear, love sets no limits,
No need to fear, love never ends.
Don't run away shamed and disheartened,
Rest in my love, trust me again.

I came to call sinners, not just the virtuous.
I came to bring peace, not to condemn.
Each time you fail to live by my promise,
Why do you think I'd love you the less?

Come as you are, that's how I love you,
Come as you are, trust me again.
Nothing can change the love that I bear you.
All will be well, just come as you are.

PLACING OF CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS

First Reading: Isaiah 25: 6A, 7 - 9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

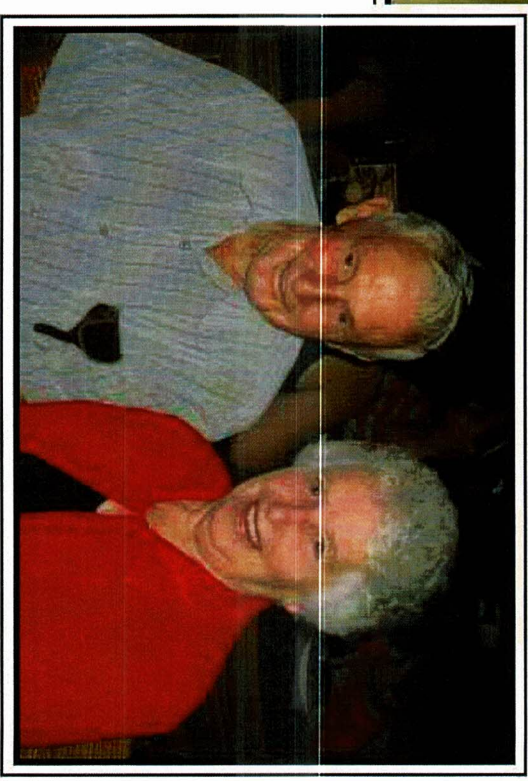
On this mountain,
The Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food.
On this mountain He will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples,
And the shroud enwrapping all nations, He will destroy death forever.

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



Prayer of Commendation

Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend Patricia in the sure and certain hope that, together with all who have died in Christ, she will rise with him on the last day. We give you thanks for the blessings which you bestowed upon Patricia in this life: they are signs to us of your goodness and our fellowship with the saints in Christ.

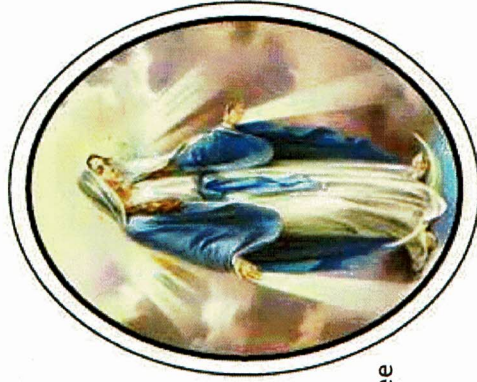
Merciful Lord turn towards us and listen to our prayers: open the gates of paradise to your servant and help us who remain to comfort one another with the assurances of faith, until we all meet Christ and are with you and with Pat forever.

In peace let us take Patricia to her place of rest.

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

HAIL QUEEN OF HEAVEN

HAIL, Queen of Heaven, the ocean Star,
Guide of the wanderer here below!
Thrown on life's surge we claim thy care
Save us from peril and from woe.
Mother of Christ, Star of the sea,
Pray for the wanderer, pray for me
O gentle, chaste, and spotless Maid,
We sinners make our prayers through thee
Remind thy Son that He has paid
The price of our iniquity.
Virgin most pure, Star of the sea,
Pray for the sinner, pray for me.
And while to Him who reigns above,
In Godhead One, in Persons Three,
The source of life, of grace, of love,
Homage we pay on bended knee;
Do thou, bright Queen, Star of the sea.
Pray for thy children, pray for me.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM: THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

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.

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.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy: 6 – 8

A reading from the Second letter of St Paul to Timothy.

As for me, my life is already poured away as a libation,
and the time has come for me to be gone.
I have fought the good fight to the end;

I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith;

All there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me,
which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on the day;

and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his appearing.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Blessed are those that have died in the Lord;

Let them rest from their labours for their good deeds go with them.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Gospel: John 14: 1 – 6

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. No one comes to the Father except through me."

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Homily

Prayers of the Faithful

Fr Jim: Let us pray with faith and confidence to God our Father who raised his Son, Jesus Christ from death.

For Patricia, that she may receive the happiness of eternal life promised by her baptism into Christ's Church. Let us pray to the Lord.

R. Lord hear our prayer.

For Patricia's family, that their grief may be lightened by the risen Christ and his promise to unite us again in our heavenly home. Let us pray to the Lord.

R. Lord hear our prayer.

For our deceased relatives and friends and all who have helped us, that they may have the reward of their goodness. Let us pray to the Lord. Let us pray to the Lord.

R. Lord hear our prayer.

For all of us assembled here to worship in faith, that we may be gathered together in the joy and peace of God's kingdom. Let us pray to the Lord.

R. Lord hear our prayer.

For all who have loved and supported Patricia throughout her life and her recent illness, may they be blessed for their love, prayers and generosity. Let us pray to the Lord.

R. Lord hear our prayer.

Fr Jim: Lord Jesus, hear the prayers of those gathered here today for you are the Way, the Truth, and the Life. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen



Preparation of the Gifts: Quiet Music

COMMUNION HYMN: GENTLE AS SILENCE



Oh, the love of my Lord is the essence
Of all that I love here on earth
All the beauty I see He has given to me
And His giving is gentle as silence.

Every day, every hour, every moment
Have been blessed by the strength of His love
At the turn of each tide,
He is there at my side,
And His touch is as gentle as silence.

There've been times when I've turned from his presence
And I've walked other paths, other ways
But I've called on His name in the dark of my shame
And His mercy was gentle as silence.

REFLECTION HYMN: AVE MARIA (Solo)

Final Commendation

In the waters of baptism Patricia died with Christ and rose with him to new life. May Patricia now share with him in eternal glory. Trusting in God, we have prayed together for Patricia and now we come to her farewell. There is sadness in parting, but we take comfort in the hope that one day we shall see Patricia again and enjoy her friendship. Although we will leave here in sorrow, the mercy of God will gather us together again in the joy of his kingdom. Therefore, let us console one another in the faith of Jesus Christ.

Song of Farewell

Saints of God come to his aid.
Hasten to meet him, angels of the Lord

All: Receive her soul and present her to God the Most High.

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.

Eternal rest grant unto Patricia, O Lord,
And let perpetual light shine upon her.

All: Receive her soul and present her to God the Most High.

