

FUNERAL PRAYERS FOR

# Lorraine Elizabeth Hickman

15TH OCTOBER 1933 - 14TH JULY 2021



*Handley and Anderson Chapel*  
*Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021 - 2.30pm*  
*Father Manny*

## **Order of Service**

**Entrance Hymn:** Amazing Grace - Susan Boyle

### **Introduction.**

#### **Opening Prayer.**

Into your hands, O Lord, we humbly entrust our sister, Lorraine.  
In this life you embraced her with your tender love;  
Deliver her now from every evil  
And bid her to enter eternal rest.  
The old order has passed away:  
Welcome her then, into paradise,  
Where there will be no sorrow, no weeping nor pain,  
but the fullness of peace and joy  
with your Son and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **Eulogy.**

#### **Lorraine's life in photos.**

**Music:** Ave Maria - Beyonce

Reading. Romans 6:3-9

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

If in union with Christ we have imitated his death, we shall also imitate him in his resurrection. We must realise that our former selves have been crucified with him to destroy this sinful body and to free us from the slavery of sin. When a man dies of course he is finished with sin. But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ as we know having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more.

## **Responsorial Psalm.**

**Response: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

O God, you are my God, for you I long;  
for you my soul is thirsting.  
My body pines for you  
like a dry, weary land without water. **(R.)**

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary  
to see you strength and your glory.  
For your love is better than life,  
my lips will speak your praise. **(R.)**

So I will bless you all my life,  
in your name I will lift up my hands.  
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,  
My mouth shall praise you with joy. **(R.)**

You have been my help;  
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.  
My soul clings to you;  
Your right hand folds me fast. **(R.)**

## **Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia. Come you whom my Father has blessed, says the Lord.  
Inherit the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world.  
Alleluia.

## **Gospel. Matthew 5:1-12**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.  
Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill.  
There he sat down and was joined by his disciples.  
Then he began to speak.  
This is what he taught them.  
'How happy are the poor in spirit;  
Theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle,  
They shall have the earth as their heritage.  
Happy those who mourn, they shall be comforted.  
Happy those who thirst for what is right  
They shall be satisfied.  
Happy the merciful, they shall have mercy shown them.  
Happy the pure in heart, they shall see God.  
Happy the peacemakers; for they will be children of God.  
Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right,  
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you  
and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account.  
Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

### **The Gospel of the Lord.**

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### **Homily.**

### **Prayers of the Faithful.**

#### **Introduction:**

God, the Almighty Father raised Jesus, His Son, from the dead. With confidence we place these prayers before him.

1. That God will receive our praise and thanksgiving for the life of Lorraine. Lord hear us.

**All: Lord hear our prayer.**

2. That the family and friends of Lorraine seek comfort and consolation. Let us pray that God will heal their pain and dispel the darkness and doubt that come from grief. Lord hear us.

**All: Lord hear our prayer.**

3. For the doctors, nurses and staff at Banfield's Aged Care, who cared for Lorraine, that their works of service be richly blessed. Lord hear us.

**All: Lord hear our prayer.**

4. That God may welcome into glory those of our family and friends who have departed this life, especially her husband, Paul, brother Alan, sister Margot and grandson Ben. May they be united together and rest in eternal peace. Lord hear us.

**All: Lord hear our prayer.**

### **Conclusion.**

Almighty God, you are our strength and hope. Listen to the prayers of your people and grant Lorraine the fullness of your salvation in Jesus Christ who lives and reigns forever and ever.

**Reflection Song:** Wind Beneath My Wings - Bette Midler

### **Final Commendation.**

#### **Prayer of Farewell.**

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

Saints of God, come to her aid!

Hasten to meet her, angels of the Lord! **(R)**

May Christ, who called you, take you to himself;

May angels lead you to Mary and Joseph. **(R)**

Eternal rest to her, O Lord,

And let perpetual light shine upon her. **(R)**

**The Lord's Prayer.**

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.**

**Final Blessing.**

**Music:** Take me Home Country Roads - John Denver



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