



Requiem Mass
In loving memory of

Margaret Rose James

11th August 1937 ~ 14th December 2019



*Our Lady of Pompeii Catholic Church, Yoogali
Thursday 19th December 2019
Commencing at 10:00am*

Margaret Rose James

Dearly loved wife of

Byron James

Much loved mother and mother-in-law of

Kevin & Wendy Power

Gordon & Karen Power

Mick Power & Michele Storrier

Loved “Granma” of her 8 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren

Pall Bearers

Gordon Power

John Power

Harold Rossiter

Linda Diggelmann

Scott Davis

Jay Reynolds

Celebrant

Fr Peter Stojanovic

Organist

Sharon Salvestro

(PLEASE STAND)

Entrance Hymn: *How Great Thou Art*

GREETING

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE: *Michael Donaldson*

OPENING PRAYER

PRIEST: O God, almighty Father, our faith professes that your Son died and rose again; mercifully grant, that through this mystery your servant N., who has fallen asleep in Christ, may rejoice to rise again through Him, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

ALL: **Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

(PLEASE SIT)

First Reading: *Peggy MacBeth*

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ECCLESIASTES 3:1-8

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.

A time to be born, a time to die;

A time to plant, a time to harvest what was planted;

A time to kill, a time to heal;

A time to break down and a time to build up;

A time to weep and a time to laugh;

A time to mourn and a time to dance;

A time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing;

A time to seek and a time to lose;

A time to keep silence and a time to speak;

A time to love and a time to hate;

A time for war and a time for peace.

The Word of the Lord

ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Marion Donaldson*

Psalm 139

O Lord, you have searched and know me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

R: I come to an end – I am still with you

Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your Presence? If I ascend to heaven You are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, You are there. **R**

For it was You who knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise You, for I am wonderfully and fearfully made.

How weighty to me are Your thoughts O God!

I come to the end – I am still with you **R**

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts.

See if there is any wicked way in me and lead me in the way everlasting. **R**

Second Reading: *Anita Armstrong*

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF REVELATION 14:13

I, John, heard a voice from heaven say to me, "Write down: Happy are those who die in the Lord! Happy indeed, the Spirit says; now they can rest forever after their work, since their good deeds go with them."

The Word of the Lord.

ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD.

Gospel Acclamation: *Anita Armstrong*

(PLEASE STAND)

ALL: Alleluia, alleluia

"I am the resurrection and the life", said the Lord:

"Those who believe in me, though they die, they will live."

Alleluia.

GOSPEL

A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN

Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' `Your brother, said Jesus to her, 'will rise again: Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day: Jesus said:

`I am the resurrection and the life.

If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' `Yes, Lord, she said, 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: PRAISE TO YOU LORD, LORD JESUS CHRIST!

HOMILY

(PLEASE SIT)

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL *Linda Diggelmann & Narelle Hillsley*

(PLEASE STAND)

PRIEST: Brothers and sisters, Jesus Christ is risen from the dead and sits at the right hand of the Father where he intercedes for his Church. Confident that God hears the voices of those who trust in the Lord Jesus, we join our prayers to his:

READER:

We pray for Margaret, may God bless her and receive her with generosity and love. May she continue to inspire us, to intercede for us and be there at the end to welcome us.

Lord, hear us:

ALL: Hear our prayer.





READER:

For those who nursed Margaret in her illness that all of them will be rewarded for their gentleness and care.

Lord, hear us:

ALL: Hear our prayer.

READER: For those who mourn today, that they will receive strength to assist them in their sadness and grief.

Lord, hear us:

ALL: Hear our prayer.

READER: For those living through drought please send beautiful rain and give them the courage to go on.

Lord, hear us:

ALL: Hear our prayer.

READER: For the people affected by the bushfires give them strength to rebuild their lives.

Lord, hear us:

ALL: Hear our prayer.

READER: We remember all those who have died. May they enjoy the promise of eternal happiness.

Lord, hear us:

ALL: Hear our prayer.

PRIEST: Lord God,

Giver of peace and healer of souls,

hear the prayers of the Redeemer, Jesus Christ,

and the voices of your people,

whose lives were purchased by the blood of the Lamb.

Forgive the sins of all who sleep in Christ

and grant them a place in the kingdom.

We ask this through Christ our Lord

ALL: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn: *The Lord is My Shephard*

Offertory Procession: *Byron James & Sophie Waters*

Prayers over the Gifts:

PRIEST: Lord, receive the gifts we offer for the salvation of our Sister Margaret. May Christ be merciful in judging Margaret for she believed in Christ as her Lord and Saviour. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

ALL: **Amen.**

PRIEST: The Lord be with you.

ALL: **And with your spirit.**

PRIEST: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

ALL: **It is right and just.**

ALL: **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.**

Eucharist Prayer

(PLEASE KNEEL)

The mystery of faith:

ALL: Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

COMMUNION RITE:

(PLEASE STAND)

The Lord's Prayer

PRIEST: At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching,
we dare to say:

ALL: **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.**

Sign of Peace

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

ALL: **And with your spirit.**

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

Lamb of God

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.

COMMUNION

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

Communion Hymn: *Let Me Love You*

Prayer After Communion:

(PLEASE STAND)

PRIEST: Lord God, whose Son left us in the sacrament of His Body, food for the journey, mercifully grant that, strengthened by it, our sister Margaret may come to the eternal table of Christ.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

ALL: **Amen.**

FINAL COMMENDATION AND FAREWELL

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

Recessional Hymn: Eagles Wings





*May the road rise to meet you
May the wind be always at your back
May the sunshine warm upon your face
May the rains fall softly upon your fields
Until we meet again:
May God hold you in the palm of his hand*

Margaret's families wish to thank you for your kind words of sympathy, love, support and friendship.

Your expressions of shared grief are of great comfort to them.

You are invited to join with them at the Griffith Leagues Club for some light refreshments following the funeral.



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