
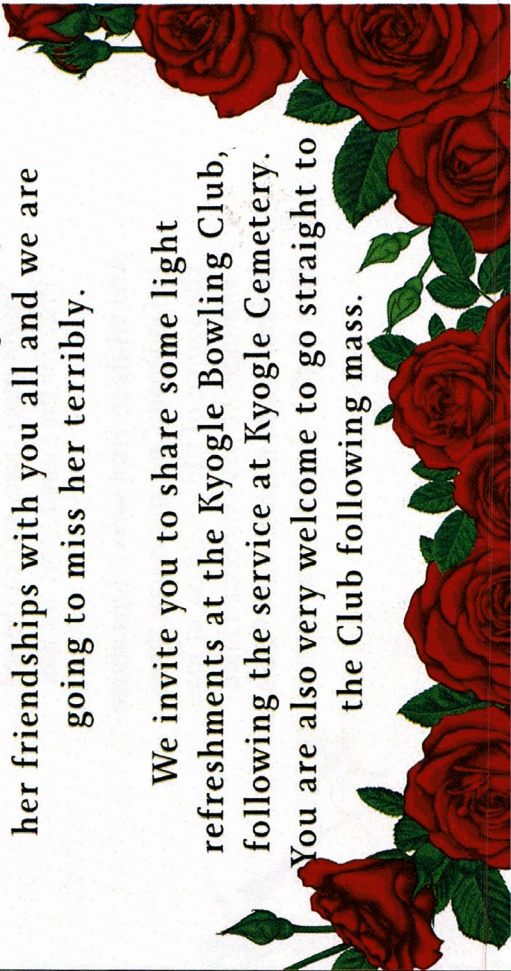


Every day I need you Lord, but this day specially.
I need some extra strength to face whatever is to be.
This day more than any day I need to feel you near,
to fortify my courage and to overcome my fear.
By myself I cannot meet the challenge of the hour.
There are times when human creatures need a higher
Power to help them bear what must be borne.
So, dear Lord, I pray - hold my onto my trembling
hand and be with me today.



Alison, Libby and our families sincerely
thank you for being with us today to
celebrate the life of Ellen. She greatly loved
her friendships with you all and we are
going to miss her terribly.

We invite you to share some light
refreshments at the Kyogle Bowling Club,
following the service at Kyogle Cemetery.
You are also very welcome to go straight to
the Club following mass.




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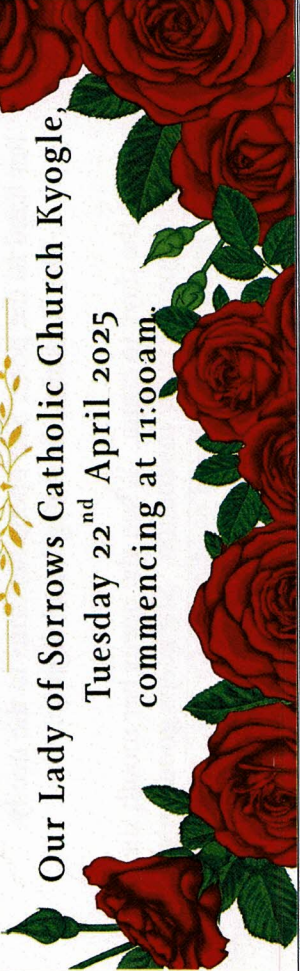
Ellen Dougherty



22nd April 1939 - 9th April 2025



Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church Kyogle,
Tuesday 22nd April 2025
commencing at 11:00am.



ENTRANCE HYMN: Here I Am Lord. (STAND)

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard by people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin, my hand will save.

I who make the stars at night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

*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 bourned 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?

*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.*

INTRODUCTORY RITE:

SPRINKLING WITH HOLY WATER

OPENING PRAYER

LITURGY OF THE WORD. (SIT)

FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of Proverbs. READER: Libby Gonda

A perfect Mother – who can find her? She is far beyond the price of pearls.
Her family's heart has confidence in her, from her they will derive no little profit.
Advantage and not hurt she brings them, all the days of her life. She is always busy with wool and flax. She does her work with eager hands.

She is like a merchant vessel, bringing her food from far away.

She gets up while it is still dark, giving the household their food. She puts her back into her work and shows how her arms can be. She finds her labour well worthwhile. Her lamp does not go out at night. She holds out her hand to the poor. She opens her arms to the needy.

She is clothed in strength and dignity.

She can laugh at the days to come. When she opens her mouth she does so wisely. On her tongue is kindly instruction. She keeps good watch on the conduct of her household, no bread or idleness for her. Her sons and daughters stand up and proclaim her blessed. They sing her praises. Many women have done admirable things, but you surpass them all.

PRAYER OF COMMENDATION:

Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our sister, Ellen in the sure and certain hope that, together with all who have died in Christ, she will rise with her on the last day.

We give you thanks for the blessings which you bestowed upon Ellen in this life: they are signs to us of your goodness and of 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 assurances of faith, until we meet in Christ and are with you and with our sister forever.
ALL: Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: Hail Queen of Heav'n

Hail, Queen of Heav'n, 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.



FAITH OF OUR FATHERS

O faith of our fathers, living still
In spite of dungeon, fire and sword,
Oh how our hearts beat high with joy
Whene'er we hear that glorious word!

Faith of our fathers! holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death!

Our fathers, chained in prisons dark,
We're still in heart and conscience free;
How sweet would be their children's fate,
If they, like them, should die for thee:

O faith of our fathers! Holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death!

O faith of our fathers, we will love
Both friend and foe in all our strife,
And preach thee, too, as love knows how
By kindly words and a virtuous life.
Faith of our fathers! holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death!

FINAL COMMENDATION & SONG OF FAREWELL

INVITATION TO PRAYER:

Priest: Before we go our separate ways, let us take leave of our sister. May our farewell express our affection for Ellen: may it ease our sadness and strengthen our hope. One day we shall joyfully greet her again when the love of Christ, which conquers all things, destroys even death itself.

SIGNS OF 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.

Charm is deceitful and beauty empty.

The woman who is wise is the one to praise.

Lord, give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

The word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (SUNG)

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 byways,
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: *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*

Second Reading: Reader - Bernadette De Wit A reading from the Second letter from St Paul to Timothy.

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 to me on that day, and not only to me but all those who have longed for his appearing.

The word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (STAND)

All: Alleluia, Alleluia

This is the will of my father says the Lord,
all who believe in him will have eternal life
and I will raise them to life again on the last day.
Alleluia.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 1:1-6.

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 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. All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily: Fr Jim (SIT)

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: Alice Power, Joseph Power & Matthew Pound (STAND)

PRIEST: God the almighty Father, raised Christ his Son from the dead, with confidence we ask him to save all his people, living and dead.

1. We pray and thank you for the wonderful life of Ellen - our mum, sister, nanna, aunt and friend. May her qualities of love, kindness, generosity, sense of community, fun and strength that she showed through her life be an inspiration to us all. **Lord, hear us. All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

2. We pray for Nanna's family and friends, especially her brother Jim, daughter's Alison and Libby, her son-in-laws Bernard, Steve and Damian and all her grandchildren – James, Imogen, Joseph, Alice and Matthew. May they take comfort in the many, happy memories we've shared and that Nanna is always in our hearts and not in any more pain. **Lord, hear us. All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

3. We pray especially for Ellen's granddaughter, Imogen, who can't be here for Nanna today. May she find comfort in Nanna's love for her during this sad time while far away from us. **Lord, hear us. All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

4. We pray that Nanna will be welcomed into heaven with great joy by her family who have gone before her, especially her brothers Barry, Darcy and Bill, her sisters Patricia and Sr Juliana, her beloved and much missed husband Matt and her beloved daughter Sally. **Lord, hear us. All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

5. We pray for all the members of the extended Dwyer and Dougherty families who loved and shared many happy times with Nanna. Family was very important to her and she cherished hers greatly. **Lord, hear us. All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

6. We pray and give thanks especially to Dr Bandara, the staff of Kyogle Hospital and the staff of Whiddon Kyogle, for the wonderful care, kindness, dignity and love you showed to Nanna. **Lord, hear us. All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

PRIEST:
God, our shelter and our strength, you listen in love to the cry of your people, hear the prayers we offer for our departed sister Ellen, cleanse her of her sins and grant her the fullness of redemption. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

LITURGY of the EUCHARIST: (SIT)

OFFERTORY: Reflective Music

Offertory Procession – Jan Condon & Sue Colquhoun

The Eucharistic Prayer

Communion Hymns: God Gives His People Strength

God gives his people strength

If we believe in his way he's swift to repay

All those who bear the burden of the day.

God gives his people strength.

God gives his people hope.

If we but trust in his word, our prayers are always heard.

He warmly welcomes anyone who's erred.

God gives his people hope.

God gives his people love.

If we but open wide our hearts, he's sure to do his part.

He's always the first to make a start.

God gives his people love.

God gives his people peace.

When sorrow fills us to the brim and courage grows dim,

He lays to rest our restlessness in him.

God gives his people peace.

Eulogy: Alison Dougherty & James Gonda