

A Mass of Thanksgiving
for the life of

Riva Veronica “Dolly” Street



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Church

Mary Immaculate Catholic Church
Ivanhoe

Date

Tuesday 27th February 2024
11:00am

Celebrant

Father Brendan Lane

Concelebrant

Father Bill Edebohls

Vocalist

John Caddy

Organist

Val Embling

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Hymn Here I am Lord

Greeting

Celebrant: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And with your spirit.

Sprinkling with Holy Water Celebrant

Celebrant: In the waters of baptism Riva died with Christ and rose with Him to new life. May she now share with Him eternal glory. Amen.

Placing of the Pall

Celebrant: At her baptism, Riva received the new garment, and was asked to wear it spotlessly throughout her life. May the Lord not look on any wrong that she may have done during her life, but rather look upon her faithfulness to her God and her love for her family and friends. Amen.

Lighting of the Paschal Candle

Celebrant: In baptism Riva received the light of Christ. That light has guided her throughout her life. May she now enjoy the risen life with her risen Lord. Amen.

Celebrant: May almighty God have mercy on all of us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

Symbols of Riva's Life

Eulogy

Opening Prayer

Celebrant: God of loving kindness, listen favourably to our prayers: strengthen our belief that your Son has risen from the dead, and our hope that Riva will also rise again. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Jennifer Street

Book of Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8

A Reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes.

There is a season for everything.
A season for every activity under the heavens:
A time to be born and a time to die,
A time to plant and a time to uproot,
A time to knock down and a time to build,
A time to weep and a time to laugh,
A time to mourn and a time to dance,
A time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,
A time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,
A time to search and a time to give up,
A time to keep and a time to throw away,
A time to tear and a time to mend,
A time to be silent 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

The Lord is My Shepherd

(Sung)

Second Reading

Heidi Street

2 Timothy 4: 6-11

A Reading from the Second Letter of St Paul to Timothy.

As for me the hour has come for me to go. The time is here for me to leave this life. I have done my best in the race, I have run the full distance, I have kept the faith. And now the prize of victory is waiting for me, the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the Righteous Judge, will give me on that day - and not only to me, but to all those who wait in love for Him to appear.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

John 11: 25-26

All: Alleluia, Alleluia!
I am the resurrection and the life, said the Lord:
whoever believes in me will not die forever.
Alleluia.

Gospel Reading

John 14: 1-6

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

All: Glory to you, Lord.

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.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant: My dear friends, we gather together to celebrate the entrance into eternal life of Riva. Mindful of God’s mercy and love, let us present our prayers to her.

Reader: Lord, we pray for Riva’s loved ones who have gone before her, especially Ray, her beloved husband of 65 years. May they rest eternally in the peace of Christ. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: Lord, we give thanks for Riva and for all that she meant to us in this life. May she now enjoy her eternal reward of the fullness of life in your presence. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: Lord, we pray for Riva’s family. May they always remember her sparkling smile, her generosity and her devotion to her family and loved ones. Her loving spirit will live in our hearts forever. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: Lord, we pray for all those who knew and loved Riva, her friends in the Parish, the staff and residents at Calvary Lower Plenty Garden Views, and her many lifelong friends. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Father in heaven, you love and care for us each day of our lives. May we know your presence in life and in death. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Procession

Offertory Hymn **Ave Maria**

Preparation of the Gifts

Celebrant: 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.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

Celebrant: 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.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

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

All: 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.

Prayer Over The Gifts

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

All: Amen.

Preface

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

All: It is right and just.

Celebrant: It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord.

In Him the hope of blessed resurrection has dawned, that those saddened by the certainty of dying might be consoled by the promise of immortality to come. Indeed for your faithful, Lord, life is changed not ended, and, when this earthly dwelling turns to dust, an eternal dwelling is made ready for them in heaven.

And so, with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominions, and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of your glory, as without end we acclaim:

**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.**

Eucharistic Prayer II

Celebrant: You are indeed holy, O Lord, the fount of all holiness. Make holy therefore, these gifts, we pray, by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall, so that they may become for us the Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

At the time he was betrayed and entered willingly into his Passion, he took bread and, giving thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT: FOR THIS IS MY BODY WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took the chalice and, once more giving thanks, he gave it to his disciples, saying: TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT: FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD, THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT, WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS. DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

Celebrant: The mystery of faith:

All: When we eat this bread, and drink this cup we proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come again, until you come again.

Celebrant: Therefore, as we celebrate the memorial of his Death and Resurrection, we offer you, Lord, the Bread of life and the Chalice of salvation, giving thanks that you have held us worthy to be in your presence and minister to you. Humbly we pray that, partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ, we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit.

Remember, Lord, your Church, spread throughout the world, and bring his to the fullness of charity, together with Francis our Pope and Peter our Bishop and all the clergy.

Remember your servant Riva, whom you have called today from this world to yourself. Grant that she, who was united with your Son in a death like hers, may also be one with Him in his Resurrection.

Remember also our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection and all who have died in your mercy: welcome them into the light of your face.

Have mercy on us all, we pray, that with the blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with Blessed Joseph, his Spouse, with the blessed Apostles, and all the Saints who have pleased you throughout the ages, we may merit to be co-heirs to eternal life, and may praise and glorify you through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Through Him, and with Him, and in Him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, forever and ever.

All: Amen.

COMMUNION RITE

Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: 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.

Celebrant: 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.

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

Sign of Peace

Celebrant: 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, and graciously grant his peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign forever and ever.

All: Amen.

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

All: And with your spirit.

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

Communion

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.

Celebrant: 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.

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

Communion Hymn Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Prayer After Communion

Celebrant: Let us pray:
Lord God, your Son Jesus Christ gave us the sacrament of His body and blood to guide us on our pilgrim way to your kingdom. May our sister Riva, who shared in the Eucharist, come to the banquet of life Christ has prepared for us. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Photo Presentation

FINAL COMMENDATION

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

Song of Farewell

Celebrant: Saints of God come to her aid,
come to meet her angels of the Lord.

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

Celebrant: May Christ, who called you, take you to Himself.
May angels lead you to Abraham's side.

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

Celebrant: Give her eternal rest, O Lord,
and may your light shine on her forever.

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

Prayer of Commendation

Celebrant: Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our sister Riva, in the sure and certain hope that, together with all who have died in Christ, she will rise with Him on the last day. Merciful Lord, turn to 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 in Christ and are with You and with our sister forever.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: May angels lead you into paradise, may the Martyrs come to welcome you and take you into the holy city, the new and eternal Jerusalem.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.

All: Amen.

Recessional Hymn

City of God

Pall Bearers

**Bernard Street
Stephen Street
Marie Street
Raymond Street
Paul Street**



Riva's family would like to sincerely thank you
for your kind thoughts, prayers and presence here today.

Your expressions of sympathy and support
have been a great comfort to them at this time.



Following the service, you are warmly invited to join the family for
refreshments and share memories of Riva at the Old England
Hotel, 459 Lower Heidelberg Rd, Heidelberg Vic 3084





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