

Celebrating the Life of

Delia Hewitt

and praying for her Eternal Life with God



Born: 17 January 1948

Entered Eternal Life: 3 June 2024

St John the Baptist Church, Clifton Hill

Tuesday, 11 June 2024

Entrance Hymn – Ave Maria (Andrea Bocelli)

Ave Maria Gratia plena

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Ave, ave dominus

Dominus tecum

Benedicta tu in mulieribus

Et benedictus

Et benedictus fructus ventris

Ventris tui Jesus

Ave Maria

Ave Maria Mater dei

Ora pro nobis peccatoribus

Ora, ora pro nobis

Ora ora pro nobis peccatoribus

Nunc et in hora mortis

In hora mortis, nostrae

In hora mortis, mortis, nostrae

In hora mortis, nostrae

Ave Maria

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Greeting & Welcome

Fr Cassius: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Fr Cassius: 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.

Introductory words

Sprinkling with Holy Water - Fr Cassius

Fr Cassius: In the waters of baptism, Delia died with Christ and rose with Him to new life.

All: May she now share eternal life with Christ in glory.

Placing of Pall - Caroline Blazey and Ann Marie Hewitt

Fr Cassius: On the day of her Baptism, Delia was clothed in Christ. By her work and example, she lived with Christian dignity.

All: May Christ now enfold her in His love and bring her to eternal life.

Lighting of a Candle from the Paschal Candle - Martin Hewitt

Fr Cassius: In Baptism, Delia was enlightened by Christ.

All: May Christ, the eternal and unfading light now welcome her into his kingdom of light and peace.

Words of Remembrance - Ann Marie Hewitt

Opening Prayer

Fr Cassius: Almighty God and Father,
by the mystery of the cross,
you have made us strong;
by the sacrament of the resurrection
you have sealed us as your own.
Look kindly upon Delia,
now freed from the bonds of mortality,
and count her among your saints in heaven.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading (Wisdom 3:1-6, 9)

Angela Bridgland: *A Reading from the book of Wisdom*

The souls of the virtuous are in the hands of God,
no torment shall ever touch them,
in the eyes of the unwise, they did appear to die,
their going looked like a disaster,
their leaving us, like annihilation;
but they are in peace.
If they experienced punishment as we see it,
their hope was rich with immortality;
slight was their affliction, great will their blessings be.
God has put them to the test
and proved them worthy to be with him;
he has tested them like gold in a furnace,
and accepted them as a holocaust.
They who trust in him will understand the truth,
those who are faithful will live with him in love;
for grace and mercy await those he has chosen.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 23: The Lord is my Shepherd (Brian Boniwell)

Gospel Acclamation

All: Alleluia, Alleluia.
*I am the Resurrection and the Life, says the Lord,
whoever believes in me will never die.*
Alleluia.

Gospel (John 14:1-6)

Fr Cassius: The Lord be with you

All: And with your spirit

Fr Cassius: A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Fr Cassius: 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 – Fr Cassius

Prayers of the Faithful

Fr Cassius: God of tenderness and compassion, you have told us to come to you in prayer. We are gathered here to remember with gratitude the life of Delia and to celebrate her entry into eternal life.

Caroline Blazey: Delia touched all our lives. Help us to keep alive the values and the ideals she put before us. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Louise Gibney: We pray for Delia, a child of God and heir to the kingdom, that she may be held securely in God’s loving embrace now and for all eternity. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Caroline Blazey: God of all consolation, help Martin and all of us in our grief to comfort one another. May we find light in a time of darkness and faith in time of doubt. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Caroline Blazey: We thank you for the gift of Delia's love of life, her sense of humour, hardworking nature and courage. May she inspire these qualities in our lives and feel peace in your care. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Louise Gibney: We pray for the community of doctors, nurses and other staff at St Vincent's and Caritas Christi who have cared for Delia, that their works of service may be richly blessed. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Fr Cassius: Heavenly Father, hear our prayers and deliver Delia to the fullness of eternal life and grant us consolation in our loss. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Procession of Gifts - Ann Marie Hewitt and Caroline Blazey

Offertory Hymn - One Bread One Body (John B. Foley)

Preparation of the Gifts

Fr Cassius: 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 Gifts

Fr Cassius: Look favourably on our offerings, O Lord,
so that your departed servant Delia
may be taken up into glory with your Son,
in whose great mystery of love we are all united.
Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Preface for the Mass for the Dead

Fr Cassius: The Lord be with you.

All: And with you spirit.

Fr Cassius: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Fr Cassius: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right and just.

Fr Cassius: 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 - From the Missal

Memorial Acclamation

Fr Cassius: The Mystery of faith.

All: We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.

Eucharistic Prayer continues

Doxology

Fr Cassius: 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, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

COMMUNION RITE

The Lord's Prayer

Fr Cassius: 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.

Fr Cassius: 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 for ever.

Fr Cassius: 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 her peace and unity
in accordance with your will.
Who live and reign for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Sign of Peace

Fr Cassius: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Fr Cassius: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

Breaking of the Bread

All: Lamb of God, you take away our sins of the world:
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away our sins of the world:
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away our sins of the world:
Grant us peace.

Fr Cassius: 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 - Prayer of St Francis

CONCLUDING RITES

Prayer after Communion

Fr Cassius: Grant, we pray, O Lord, that your servant Delia
for whom we have celebrated this paschal Sacrament,
may pass over to a dwelling place of light and peace.
Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Pictorial Reflection - A Tribute to Delia

Final Commendation

Fr Cassius: Trusting in God we have prayed together for Delia. May our
farewell express our affection for her; may it ease our sadness and
strengthen our hope. One day we shall joyfully greet her again in
the love of Christ.

Fr Cassius: In Baptism, Delia shared in the death and resurrection of Christ.
May she be welcomed into the glory of eternal life.

The coffin is sprinkled with the Water

Fr Cassius: As a sign of respect for Delia, we let this incense rise to God who
has called her to share in his glory.

The coffin is incensed

Fr Cassius: Saints of God come to Delia's aid!
Hasten to meet her angels of the Lord!

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

Fr Cassius: May Christ, who called you, Delia, take you to himself;
may the angels lead you to Abraham's side!

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

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

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

Fr Cassius: Into your hands, Father of mercies,
we commend Delia 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 Delia during her life:
they are signs to us of your goodness
and of our fellowship with the saints in Christ.
Merciful Lord, turn toward us and listen to our prayers:
open the gates of paradise to Delia
and help us who remain to comfort one another
with assurances of faith, until we all meet in Christ
and are with you and with Delia for ever.

All: Amen.

Procession to the Place of Committal

Fr Cassius: In peace let us take Delia to her place of rest.
May the angels lead you, Delia, into paradise;
may the martyrs come to welcome you
and take you to the holy city, the new and eternal Jerusalem.

Recessional Hymn – I'll always be loving you (Trisha Watts)

I am here with you by your side,
Sheltering your heart in the night.

*Wherever you go, whatever you do,
I'll be always loving you.
I will be your God your comforter.
I will hold you close in my heart.*

Let me love the world through your heart,
Let me heal your wounds with my touch.

*Wherever you go, whatever you do,
I'll be always loving you.
I will be your God your comforter.
I will hold you close in my heart.*

Let me see the world through your eyes,
Let forgiveness shine through your smile.

Wherever you go, whatever you do,
I'll be always loving you.
I'll be always loving you.
Loving you.

