

*The Funeral Mass  
and  
Christian Burial  
for*

*(name of the deceased)*

*(place photo here - optional )*

*(birth date - date of death)*

*Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Pearce, ACT*

*(date of funeral)*

**ENTRANCE HYMN/SONG/MUSIC  
WELCOME**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

**CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS:**

**Celebrant:** *Candle* - **N** received the light of Christ at **his/her** baptism. The Easter Candle reminds us of the flame of faith that burned ever brightly in **his/her** heart.

**All:** May Christ now welcome **him/her** into the kingdom of light and peace.

**Celebrant:** *Holy Water* - In the cleansing waters of Baptism **N** died with Christ and rose with him to new life.

**All:** May **he/she** now share new life with God in glory.

**THESE PARTS OF THE RITUAL ARE OPTIONAL**

**Celebrant:** *Pall* - In Baptism **N** became a new creation, and clothed **him/herself** in Christ. We see in this white Pall the outward sign of **his/her** Christian dignity.

**All: May Christ now wrap him/her in love and bring him/her to the fullness of life.**

**Celebrant:** *Other appropriate symbol* - Bible, Rosary beads, photo of family etc

**All: May Christ now make him/her an eternal example of faith.**

**WORDS OF PERSONAL REMEMBRANCE (*by whom?*)**

**OPENING PRAYER:** Celebrant

**FIRST READING:** (*by whom?*)

**A reading from .....** select an Old or New Testament reading  
The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM -** *(by whom?) or a Hymn/Song/Music. The following is an example only.*

**Response by all:      The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

The Lord is my light and my help;  
Whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
Before whom shall I shrink?      **R**

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long,  
To live in the house of the Lord,  
All the days of my life,  
To savour the sweetness of the Lord,  
To behold his temple.      **R**

O Lord, hear my voice when I call;  
Have mercy and answer.  
It is your face O Lord, that I seek;  
Hide not your face.      **R**

I am sure that I shall see the Lord's goodness  
In the land of the living.  
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.  
Hope in the Lord!      Hope in the Lord!      **R**

**SECOND READING: OPTIONAL** *(by whom?)*

*New or Old Testament*

**A reading from .....**

**The word of the Lord.**

**All: Thanks be to God**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (said by all)

**Alleluia, alleluia!** *This is different in Lent.*

**Happy are they who mourn;**

**They shall be comforted.**

**Alleluia!**

## THE GOSPEL - Celebrant

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

*Please choose a Gospel for the priest to read from*

Celebrant: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to **Saint ....**

**All: Glory to you O Lord.**

*The Gospel text goes here if it is to be printed.*

*The priest/deacon finishes the Gospel with:*

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## HOMILY - Celebrant

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL** - *(read by whom?) Samples below. Feel free to write your own.*

For dear **N**, that **she/he** may be received into the presence of God, a reward **she/he** so richly deserves. Lord hear us.

**All: Lord hear our prayer**

For **N's** children, their spouses and grandchildren, that they may be comforted by knowledge of **her/his** great love for them. Lord hear us.

**All: Lord hear our prayer**

For **N's** extended family and old and new friends who loved **her/him** for **her/his** enduring interest in their lives and welfare. Lord hear us.

**All: Lord hear our prayer**

For those who cared for **N** during **her/his** months at the **(Mercy Care Centre)**, that God may reward them for their special care and compassion. Lord hear us.

**All: Lord hear our prayer**

For all of us, that we continue to espouse the family values that **N** presented in **her/his** life. Lord hear us.

**All: Lord hear our prayer**

For all those suffering in the world, especially ....., that God may comfort them and that we may continue to remember them in our prayers. Lord hear us.

**All: Lord hear our prayer**

## **LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

**OFFERTORY HYMN/SONG/MUSIC** *Offertory Procession YES/NO*  
*& who will bring up the bread & wine?*

### **PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

Celebrant:

**All: Amen**

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.**

### **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

**All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory,**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

### **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

#### **ACCLAMATION**

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

## **THE LORD’S PRAYER–** said by all.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name;  
Your kingdom come, your 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;  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
Amen.

## **COMMUNION**

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/SONG/MUSIC**

*Optional* **REFLECTION HYMN/SONG/MUSIC**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

## **FINAL COMMENDATION**

## **SPRINKLING AND INCENSE**

## SONG OF FAREWELL

Celebrant: Saints of God, come to **his/her** aid!

Hasten to meet **him/her**, angels of the Lord!

**All: Receive **her/his** soul and present **her/him** to God the Most high**

Celebrant: May Christ who called you take you to himself;

May angels lead you to the bosom of Abraham.

**All: Receive **her/his** soul and present **her/him** to God the Most high**

Celebrant: Eternal rest grant unto him/her, O Lord,

And let perpetual light shine upon him/her.

**All: Receive **her/his** soul and present **her/him** to God the Most high**

Celebrant: In peace, let us take our **brother/sister** to **his/her** place of rest.

May the angels lead you into paradise;

may the martyrs come to welcome you to the holy city,

the new and eternal Jerusalem.

## RECESSIONAL HYMN/SONG/MUSIC

*Perhaps a poem/thought/reflection—here is an example*

### **AN IRISH BLESSING**

**May the road rise up to meet you,  
May the wind be always at your back;  
May the sun shine warm upon your face  
And the rain fall gently on your fields  
May there be the sound of laughter in your home  
And your days be long and warm together  
May the good Lord hold you in the palm of his hand,  
Until we meet again.**

*(a photo or picture may be inserted here)*

If Hymns are printed you **MUST** consult your funeral directors regarding Copyright.

### ***SAMPLE ONLY***

***The N family wishes to thank you for your presence here today and invite you all to join them after the burial for refreshments at ???***

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