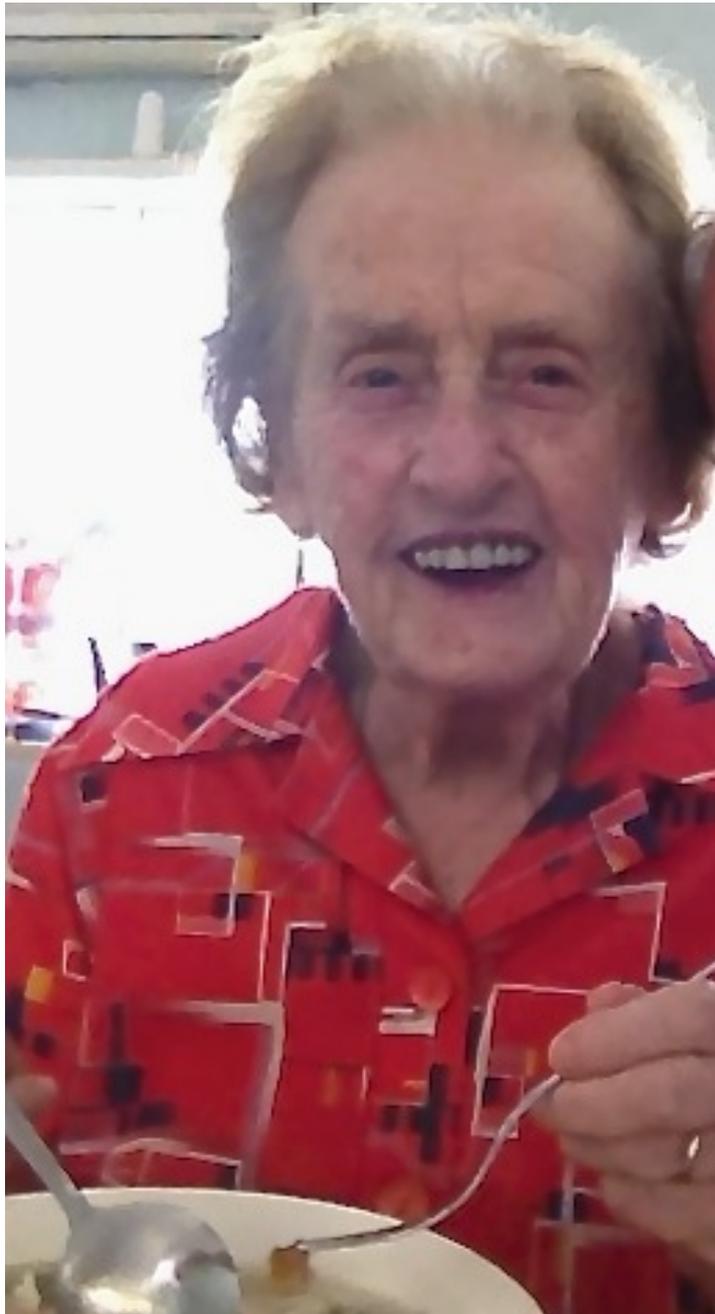


In Loving Memory of
Kathleen Patricia Sparkes

10th June 1928 to 2nd August 2018



St John the Baptist, Clifton Hill

8th August, 2018

Prayer Service

Entrance Hymn *Amazing Grace*

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now I am found;
was blind, but now I see.

Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
T'is grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

When we've been here ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun;
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

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that saved a wretch like me!
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Greeting

Father

Lighting of the Paschal Candle

Sprinkling of Holy Water

Eulogies

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading *Apocalypse 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 for
ever after their work, since their good deeds go with
them.'

The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm: **The Lord's My Shepherd (Crimmins)**

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He leadeth me
The quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for His own name's sake.

Yea, tho' I walk in death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear no ill;
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod
And staff me comfort still.

My table Thou hast furnished
In presence of my foes;
My head Thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy, all my life,
Shall surely follow me;
And in God's house forevermore
My dwelling place shall be.

Second Reading *Thessalonians 4:13-14, 18*

We want to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who died in Jesus: God will bring them with him.
With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another. The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God**

Gospel Acclamation

All: **Alleluia, Alleluia**
Happy are those who have died in the Lord;
Let them rest from their labours
for their good deeds go with them.
Alleluia

Gospel *John 6:37-40*

Jesus said to the crowd:
'All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I shall not turn him away; because I have come from heaven, not to do my own will, but to do the will of the one who sent me. Now the will of him who sent me is that I should lose nothing of all that he has given to me, and that I

should raise it up on the last day. Yes, it is my father's will that whoever sees the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and that I shall raise him up on the last day.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Response: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Prayers of the Faithful

Fr. Let us pray for our sister Kathleen to our Lord Jesus Christ who said: "I am the resurrection and the life. The man who believes in me will live even if he dies, and every living person who puts his faith in me will never suffer eternal death."

Reader We pray for Kathleen, 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.
We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader We pray for Kathleen's family, especially her children and grandchildren, that they may feel the healing power of Christ in the midst of their pain and grief.
We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader We pray for the many medical staff, and all the family and friends who supported Kathleen in recent years. May they receive just reward for their many kindnesses and labours.
We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader Many friends and members of families have gone before us and await the kingdom. May God grant them an everlasting home with Christ.
We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader That those who bear the cross of pain in mind or body may never feel forsaken by God.
We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

The Final Commendation

Signs of Farewell

Song of Farewell

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

Response: **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 the bosom of Abraham.

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

Celebrant: Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her.

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

Recessional



**Kathleen's family thank you for your presence here today
and for sharing in Joan's life. Your support and prayers
are much appreciated by us all.**



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