

*In Loving Memory of*  
*Veronica Adelaide Tierney*



*25<sup>th</sup> November, 1925 – 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2016*

*St Mary's Church, East St Kilda*  
*Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2016*

To Act Justly, To Love Tenderly and  
To Walk Humbly With Your God

*Micah 6: 8*

**Celebrants:** Father Joe Caddy,  
Father Leo Harney &  
visiting celebrants.

**Cantor:** John Caddy

**Organist:** Thomas Grubb

**Pall Bearers:**

Joe Tierney  
Paul Tierney  
Justin O'Halloran  
Harley Tierney  
Dean Tierney  
Kieran Tierney

# The Mass of Thanksgiving

**Opening Hymn    Here I Am Lord**

*(please stand & sing)*

I the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin, My hand will save.  
I, who make the stars at night, I will make the 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 born 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 love to them, whom shall I send?

*Refrain*

I the Lord of wind and flame, I will take the poor and lame,  
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide, Till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life for them, Whom shall I send?

*Refrain*

**Opening Prayers**

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

**All:            Amen**

Fr Caddy: 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.**

Fr Caddy: Faithful God, you have lovingly brought Vera's journey to an end. We praise you for her life of faithfulness and strength. Grant that as we grieve her death we may hold her memory dear and live in the hope that death opens out into glory. We make this prayer through Christ who abides with us forever and ever.

**All: Amen.** *(please be seated)*

*Lighting of Pascal Candle* Tony O'Halloran

<i>Symbols of Life</i>	<i>Rosary Beads</i>	Bernadette Harney
	<i>Racing Trophy</i>	Ross Herbstreit
	<i>Our Lady of the Storms</i>	Jo Dyce

*Words of Remembrance* Joe Tierney

## *Liturgy of the Word*

*First reading:* Proverbs 31: 10-31 Christina Tierney

Who shall find a valiant woman? Who shall find a woman of strength? A pearl of great price is she: Her friends have all confidence in her and benefit from her wisdom. She initiates good, not evil, every day of her life. She opens her heart to the needy, she is generous with the poor, yet she does not neglect her family's needs nor priorities of her own.

She is known for her dignity and strength, and she laughs at the days to come. She often speaks of wisdom and she acts in a kindly way. Those who are close to her, praise her, her family and associates and friends: "Many women succeed or do outstanding things but you surpass them all" Charm is superficial and beauty fades, but the woman who is wise is the one to be praised.

The word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

**Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my Shepherd**

(Sung)

The Lord is my Shepherd, and I want to follow,  
wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.  
Over the mountains, the waters and by-ways,  
valleys and highways he's waiting for me.  
*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  
*I want to go to meet him there...*

**Second Reading: A reading from 2 Timothy 4:6-8**

Paul Tierney

Very soon now I will be on my way to heaven. I have fought  
the good fight. I have finished the race. I have kept the faith,  
and now the time has come for me to stop and rest. In  
heaven a crown is waiting for me which the Lord, the  
righteous judge, will give me on the great day of his return.

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God**

**Gospel Acclamation**

(please stand)

Alleluia, Alleluia.  
Blessed are those who have died in the Lord;  
let them rest from their labours  
for their good deeds go with them.

**All: Alleluia**

## *Gospel*

Priest: The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

### *A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John (14:1-6)*

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 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: Father Joe Caddy* (please be seated)

### *Prayers of Intercession*

Fr Caddy: Let us pray to our God for Vera.

Justin O'Halloran: We give thanks for the life and love we shared with Vera and all the wonderful memories she has left us.  
Lord hear us.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Elizabeth O'Halloran: We pray for Basil, Vera's husband, who entered eternal life two years ago after 62 years of marriage. May the Lord welcome them both into eternal life. Lord hear us.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Louise O'Halloran: We pray for our family members who have already gone into God's eternal care. We pray especially for Vera's parents Honorah and William and her brothers and sisters Molly, Noreen, Joe, Betty, Wal and Will. Lord hear us.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Harley Tierney: We pray for Vera's only surviving brother, Father Leo, that he receives the strength and support he needs during this sad time. Lord hear us.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Dean Tierney: We thank you Lord and pray for Father Joe Caddy, Father Leo Harney for offering our thanksgiving Mass for Vera today. Lord hear us.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Kieran Tierney: We thank you Lord for all Vera's dear friends who have kept in touch and supported her so lovingly during her recent illness. Lord hear us.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Erin Callister: We pray for Vera's eight grandchildren that they follow her example by making good choices and showing compassion to those in need. Lord hear us.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Sophie Callister: We pray for all of us here today to give thanks for the life of Vera and may we be gathered together again in God's kingdom. Lord hear us.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**



## *Liturgy of the Eucharist*

### **Presentation of the gifts:**

Cath O'Halloran  
Julie Tierney  
Fiona Andrew  
Genevieve Tierney

### **Hymn:     *Hail Mary, Gentle Woman***

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.  
Blessed are you among women  
and blest is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners now  
and at the hour of death.  
*Gentle woman, quiet light,  
morning star, so strong and bright,  
gentle Mother, peaceful dove,  
teach us wisdom; teach us love.*

You were chosen by the Father;  
you were chosen for the Son.  
You were chosen from all women  
and for woman, shining one.

Blessed are you among women,  
blest in turn all women, too.  
Blessed they with peaceful spirits.  
Blessed they with gentle hearts.  
*Gentle woman, quiet light,  
morning star, so strong and bright,  
gentle Mother, peaceful dove,  
teach us wisdom; teach us love.*

**Offertory:**

Priest: 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.**

Priest: 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.**

Priest: 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.**

*Priest will say a prayer over the gift, to which all respond*     **Amen**

Priest: The Lord be with you

**All: And with your spirit**

Priest: Lift up your heart

**All: We lift them up to the Lord**

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

**All: It is right and just**

Priest: *(continues with a long prayer ... at the end of this prayer:)*

**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.**

*Priest will pray the Eucharistic Prayer*

Priest: The mystery of faith

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

*Priest continues with the Eucharistic Prayer*

Priest: 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.**

Priest: Deliver us Lord ..... and the coming of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

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

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ ..... who live and reign forever and ever.

**All: Amen.**

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

**All: And with your spirit.**

Priest: Let us offer each other the sign of peace  
*(everyone shakes hands)*

**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.**

Priest: 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 Hymns:*

#### **Strong and Constant**

I will be Yahweh who walks with you!  
You will be always within my hand!  
Take my heart and give it all to me!

*Refrain:*

*Strong and constant is my love!  
Strong and constant is my love!*

Should you wander far away from me,  
I will search for you in every land!  
Should you call, then you will truly know:

*Refrain:*

When you know sorrow within your life,  
I will come! I will embrace your heart!  
Through your pain you will discover me!

*Refrain:*

#### **Gentle as Silence**

Oh, the love of my Lord is the essence  
Of all that I love here on earth.  
All the beauty I see, He has given to me,  
And his giving is gentle as silence.

Every day, every hour, every moment,  
Have been blessed by the strength of His love.  
At the turn of each tide, He is there at my side,  
And his touch is as gentle as silence.

There've been times when I've turned from his presence,  
And I've walked other paths, other ways,  
But I've called on his name, in the dark of my shame  
And his mercy was gentle as silence.

Prayer after Communion

### *Final Commendation*

Fr Caddy: Before we take Vera to her final resting place, let us take our leave of her. May our farewell express our love for her; 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*

Fr Caddy: With water, and with incense, we farewell Vera.  
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.**

Fr Caddy: 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.**

Fr Caddy: 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*

Fr Caddy: Into your hands, God of mercies, we commend our sister Vera in the sure and certain hope that, together with all who have died in Christ, she will rise with him on the last day.  
Grant her eternal rest.

**All:           Amen.**

Fr Caddy: In peace let us take our sister, to her place of rest.

### *The Departure*

#### *Recessional Music: Hail Queen of Heaven*

Hail, Queen of heaven, 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, O 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, O star of the sea,  
Pray for the sinner, pray for me.

Sojourners in this vale of tears,  
To thee, blest advocate, we cry;  
Pity our sorrows, calm our fears,  
And sooth with hope our misery.  
Refuge in grief, star of the sea,  
Pray for the mourner, 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, O star of the sea,  
Pray for thy children, pray for me.

Vera's family wishes to thank you  
for your support and prayers.

We would like you to join us for refreshments at  
The Dick Whittington Tavern 32 Chapel St St Kilda  
(between Inkerman and Carlisle Streets).

Interment will be at Lilydale Memorial Park  
126-8 Victoria Road (1.5 km past the old lawn cemetery)  
on Saturday October 8, 2016 at 11am.



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