

**CELEBRATION OF THE RITES OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL FOR**

# **Verna Elizabeth Miller**

**16<sup>th</sup> May 1932 – 12<sup>th</sup> August 2021**



**St. Bernadette's Catholic Church Ivanhoe  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2021**



Celebrant: Fr Bill Edebohls

After the conclusion of the Mass  
Verna will be taken to be interred  
at Kangaroo Ground Cemetery  
at approximately 12.30pm

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## **PHOTO REFLECTION**

**ENTRANCE HYMN** *Pie Jesu*

*(Stand)*

## **GREETING**

*Priest* ✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*Priest* 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.**

**EULOGY** *Leisa, Jesse/Olivia*

*(Sit)*

## **OPENING PRAYER**

*(Stand)*

*Priest* Let us pray. O God, almighty Father, our faith professes that your Son died and rose again; mercifully grant, that through this mystery your servant Verna, who has fallen asleep in Christ, may rejoice to rise again through him. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*All* **Amen.**

**FIRST READING** *Alexandra*

*(Sit)*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord God will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us.

The word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

### **RESPONSORIAL HYMN**

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, though I walk in death's dark vale,  
yet will I fear none ill;  
for thou art with me, and thy rod  
and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnishèd  
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 for evermore  
my dwelling-place shall be.

### **SECOND READING** *Lauchlan*

A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. We shall all have to stand before the judgment seat of God; as Scripture says: By my life - it is the Lord who speaks - every knee shall bend before me, and every tongue shall praise God. It is to God, therefore, that each of us must give an account of himself.

The word of the Lord.

*All*        **Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*(Stand)*

Alleluia, **alleluia!**

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;  
whoever believes in me will not die for ever. **Alleluia!**

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

*All* **And with your spirit.**

*Priest* A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

*All* **✠ Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to the 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**

*(Sit)*

### **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL** *Olivia*

*(Stand)*

*Priest* Father, we are here at the conclusion of one life, to celebrate, though with sadness, the beginning of a new life. In the shadow of this death which now clouds our joy, let us call upon the Lord, that he might lift us up to new life in the same Christ, our risen Saviour.

*Reader* In baptism Verna received the light of Christ. Scatter the darkness now and lead her over the waters of death. Lord, hear us.

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

*Reader* We give thanks for Verna's life; for her love and her friendship; for her influence upon us; and for the joys and sorrows that have been shared throughout her life. Lord, hear us.

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

*Reader* We give thanks for those who cared for Verna in her sickness and last hours and pray for all who care for the sick and dying. Lord, hear us.

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

*Reader* We pray for all who mourn Verna for her family and friends: May the pain of their sorrow be softened, and the emptiness be filled with love: May the presence, support and prayers of friends be a sign of your constant love and care. Lord, hear us.

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

*Reader* Father, our time on earth passes quickly: support us as we travel towards you, and grant that we may all meet together with Verna in your heavenly presence. Lord, hear us.

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

*Reader* Many friends and members of our families have gone before us in death. Grant them an everlasting home in the kingdom of your Son. Lord, hear us.

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

*Priest* God of the living and the dead, hear us, and at the hour of our death welcome us into your kingdom, where Jesus is Lord for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

*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. Amen.**

## **FINAL COMMENDATION**

*Priest* Before we go our separate ways, let us take leave of our sister Verna. 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, when the love of Christ, which conquers all things, destroys even death itself.

*The coffin is sprinkled with HOLY WATER and then INCENSED.*

*Priest* Saints of God, come to her aid!  
Hasten to meet her, angels of the Lord.

*All* **Receive her soul and present her to God the most high.**

*Priest* May Christ, who called you, take you to himself;  
may angels lead you to the bosom of Abraham.

*All* **Receive her soul and present her to God the most high.**

*Priest* Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon her.

*All* **Receive her soul and present her to God the most high.**

*Priest* Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our sister Verna, 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 for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

*Priest* May the 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** *Miserere mei, Deus (Have mercy on me, O God)*



