

Cecilia Joy Opie

21st July 1969 - 1st January 2017

Welcome to the Requiem Mass to celebrate the life of

Cecilia Joy Opie

Daughter of Joy and Jack (Deceased)
Sister to Jacinta, Jane, Lou, Rebecca,
Maria, John and Andrew

St Pius X Church, Friday 13th January 2017
Priest: Fr Wayne Edwards

Choir: Led by Lou Opie and Jane Opie

Entrance Hymn:

AMAZING GRACE (Please join the Choir in singing)

Amazing grace!
(how sweet the sound)
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

(Repeat first verse.)

Greeting and introduction:

Fr Wayne: In the name of the father and of the son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Lighting of Paschal Candle: John Opie

Priest: In Baptism, Cecilia received the light of Christ.
This light has guided her through her life.

All: May it now lead her into eternal life.

Blessing of the Coffin: Fr Wayne

Sprinkling with Holy Water: Maria Farrugia

Priest: In the waters of Baptism, Cecilia died with Christ and rose with him to a new life.

All: May she now share with him eternal glory.

Placing of the Pall: Joy Opie and Maria Farrugia

Priest: On the day of Cecilia's baptism, she was clothed in Christ.

All: May Christ now enfold Cecilia in his love and clothe her in bright glory.

Placing of the Special items:

Nephews and nieces: Genevieve Opie, Lulu Opie, Sophie Turnbull, Daisy Turnbull and Joshua Farrugia will bring forward some items that represent Cecilia.

Penitential rite

Eulogy: Lou Opie

Opening Prayer

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Jacinta Opie

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes 3:1-11

There is an appointed time for everything,
and a time for every affair under the heavens.
A time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to uproot the plant.
A time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to tear down, and a time to build.
A time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance.
A time to scatter stones, and a time to gather them;
a time to embrace, and a time to be far from embraces.
A time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to cast away.
A time to rend, and a time to sew;
a time to be silent, and a time to speak.
A time to love, and a time to hate;
a time of war, and a time of peace.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord's my Shepherd, led by choir

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 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: Rebecca Opie

A Reading from the Second Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 5:1 6-10

Brothers and Sisters: We know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent, should be destroyed, we have a building from God, a dwelling not made with hands, eternal in heaven.

So we are always courageous, although we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yet we are courageous, and we would rather leave the body and go home to the Lord. Therefore, we aspire to please him, whether we are at home or away. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia

Refrain (choir): Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Verse (choir): Give thanks to the risen Lord, give praise to His name

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Gospel:

Matthew 5:1-12

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them: Blessed are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are the gentle; they shall have the earth as their heritage. Blessed are those who mourn; they shall be comforted. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for what is right; they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful; they shall have mercy shown them. Blessed are the pure in heart; they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers; they shall be called the children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted in the cause of right; theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily: Fr Wayne

Prayers of the Faithful: Nephews and Nieces

Elizabeth Farrugia

We pray for Cecilia, that she may be held safely in God's loving embrace now and for all eternity.

Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Oliver Breadmore

We pray for Cecilia's family and friends. We ask for your blessing on them. Grant them comfort and strength.

Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Anniebelle Farrugia

We pray for those who care for the sick and housebound. We give thanks for the skills and the commitment of doctors, nurses and carers. May they continue to reflect the compassion and healing of God who is made known to us in Christ.

Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

William Turnbull

We pray for peace in our world, that the nations of the world may learn to live in peace and work together to feed the hungry and give shelter to the homeless

Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Priscilla Breadmore

We pray for all those that have died, may they be given the fullness of eternal life.

Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Eucharistic Prayer

Priest: The Lord be with you.

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

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

***All:* It is right and just.**

Offertory Procession: Joy Opie and Andrew Opie

Preface:

***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.

The Lord's Prayer

Fr Wayne: Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words our Saviour gave us:

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 Wayne: Deliver us Lord, we pray, from every evil and grant us peace in our day. In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety, as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our saviour Jesus Christ.

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

Communion Hymn: Hallelujah Sung by Emilija Olsen

Final Commendation and Farewell: Fr Wayne

Recessional Music: Instrumental organ in the style of Leonard Cohen and KD Lang

Pallbearers: John Opie, Andrew Opie, David Olsen, James Davies

Farewell Music: songs based on Cecilia's love and choices of music will be played in the Church Hall after the ceremony

Thank you:

Joy and the family would like to thank you for your loving support, prayers and friendship at this very sad time and for your presence here today.

Please join us for refreshments in the church hall at the conclusion of Mass, to celebrate the life of Cecilia Joy Opie.

Donations to Sacred Heart Mission.

Cecilia's chosen words

"Live a good life. If there be gods and they be just, they will not care how devout you have been but will welcome you based on the virtues you have lived by. If there be gods, but unjust, then you should not wish to worship them. If there are no gods then you will be gone but will have lived a noble life that will live on in the memories of your loved ones."

Marcus Aurelius ("to be read on the occasion of my burial")

"Look for me in Rainbows" - from Cecilia's Mum Joy

Time for me to go now, I won't say goodbye;
Look for me in rainbows, way up in the sky.
In the morning sunrise when all the world is new,
Just look for me and love me, as you know I loved you.

It won't be forever, the day will come and then
My loving arms will hold you, when we meet again.

Time for us to part now, we won't say goodbye;
Look for me in rainbows, shining in the sky.
Every waking moment, and all your whole life through
Just look for me and love me, as you know I loved you.

Just wish me to be near you,
And I'll be there with you.

Music and lyrics: Conn Bernard (1990). Vicki Brown



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