

A celebration of the life of
Margaret Frances Murphy

*Margaret's family wish to thank you most sincerely for your
attendance here and at home today.
Your expressions of sympathy and support have been
a great comfort to us at this time.*



16 March 1937—11 August 2020



*Remember me in your heart:
Your thoughts, and your memories,
Of the times we loved,
The times we cried,
The times we fought,
The times we laughed.
For if you always think of me,
I will never have gone.*



*We walked the path of this life,
hand in hand, heart to heart,
joined as one,
Husband and Wife*

*We lived together in happiness.
Now we rest together in peace*

All: 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.

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

PRAYER OF COMMENDATION

Celebrant: Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our sister Margaret, 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 our 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 Margaret for ever.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: 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 SONG -

Wind Beneath My Wings (Bette Midler)

Mass offered at

*St John the Baptist Catholic Church
Queens Parade, Clifton Hill*

Friday, 21 August 2020

Celebrant

Fr Arnold Heredia

Musician

Norm Falvo

Pall Bearers

*Jenni Murphy, Ramon Murphy,
Peter Murphy, Chris Bahen*

**ENTRANCE SONG -
Amazing Grace**

Celebrant: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

All: Amen

Celebrant: 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

**SPRINKLING WITH HOLY WATER
Jenni**

Celebrant: In the waters of baptism, Margaret died with Christ and rose with Him to new life. May she now share eternal life with Him in glory.

**LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE
Ramon**

Celebrant: In Baptism Margaret received the light of Christ. That light has guided her throughout her life. May she now enjoy the risen life with her risen Lord.

May almighty God have mercy on all of us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

**PLACING OF THE PALL
Angela**

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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant: Let us pray. Lord God, whose Son left us, in the Sacrament of His Body, food for the journey, mercifully grant that, strengthened by it, our sister Margaret, may come to the eternal table of Christ. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All: Amen

FINAL COMMENDATION

Celebrant: Before we go our separate ways, let us take leave of our sister, Margaret. May our farewell express our affection for her, may it ease our sadness and strengthen our hope. One day we shall joyfully greet her, when the love of Christ, which conquers all things, destroys even death itself.

SONG OF FAREWELL

Celebrant: 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.

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

graciously grant peace in our days,
that, by the help of your mercy,
we may be always free from sin
and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

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

Celebrant: Lord Jesus Christ,
who said to your Apostles:
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you;
look not on our sins,
but on the faith of your Church,
and graciously grant her peace and unity
in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

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

All: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

**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.**

All Kneel

Celebrant: On the day of her baptism, Margaret was clothed in Christ. By her word and example, she has lived with Christian dignity. May Christ now enfold her in His love, and bring her to eternal life.

OTHER CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS Jenni, Ramon, Angela

OPENING PRAYER

Celebrant: 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 Margaret, 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.

All Sit

**EULOGY -
Ramon Murphy, Peter Murphy**

FIRST READING - Angela Murphy

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians. 13:1-6

Love is always patient and kind; love is never jealous;
Love is not boastful or conceited. It is never rude and never seeks its own advantage.
It does not take offence or store up grievances.
Love does not rejoice in wrong doing but finds its joy in the truth.
It is always ready to make allowances, to trust, to hope, to endure whatever comes.
Love does not come to an end.
As it is, three things remain: Faith, Hope and Love

And the greatest of these is Love.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Joan Bahen

Psalm 23

Response: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where He gives me repose. Near restful water He leads me, to revive my drooping spirit.

Response: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

He guides me along the right path; He is true to His name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness, no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort.

Response: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing.

Response: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

Response: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

All Stand

All: Alleluia Alleluia

I am the resurrection and the life says the Lord,

He who believes in Me will not die forever.

Alleluia

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.

All Kneel

Celebrant: The mystery of faith.

**All: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.**

Celebrant: Through him, and with him, and in him,
O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

All Stand

THE COMMUNION RITE

Celebrant: 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.**

Celebrant: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,

it will become our spiritual drink.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

Celebrant: Pray, brothers and sisters,
that my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God,
the almighty Father.

All Stand

**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.**

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Celebrant: God our Creator, may this bread and wine we offer
as a sign of our love and worship lead us to salvation. Grant this
through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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.

Preface

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

GOSPEL *(John 14:1-6)*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit

Celebrant: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

All: Glory to you, Lord.

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."

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."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

All Sit

HOMILY - Fr Arnold

All Stand

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL -

Bronwyn Murphy, Julie Falvo, Jenni Murphy

Celebrant: Father, so often your ways are beyond our understanding. As we entrust Margaret to your care, strengthen our faith and trust through Christ our Lord.

Lord we pray for Jenni, Ramon and Angela. And all of Margaret's large and extended family. May they continue to feel comforted and supported by family and friends.

We pray to the Lord

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer

We pray for all who are gathered here and in their homes today, that those who are burdened by her loss may be blessed with courage, strength and patience.

We pray to the Lord

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer

Lord we pray for Margaret's friends of which there are many, especially her neighbours and friends at the Little Sisters of the Poor and Rushall Park. She had a gift of friendship which she gave generously. May we continue to be inspired by this aspect of her life.

We pray to the Lord

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer

Lord we pray for all of Margaret's family who have gone before her and now rejoice with her, especially her beloved husband Bernie, her eldest son Philip and Jenni's partner, Grant. May they all be united in love and peace.

We pray to the Lord

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer

Lord we pray for the Doctors and Nurses working through this pandemic, that they continue to have the strength to provide care, especially those in Ward 8 east at St Vincent's Hospital. Bless them and watch over them.

We pray to the Lord

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer

Each of us has our own prayers and thoughts to make. Let us, in the quiet of this Church and at home, pause and offer our own prayers for Margaret.

We pray to the Lord

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer

Celebrant: Lord, before you we place our prayers, spoken and unspoken. Through the intercession of Mary the Mother of God, may all our prayers be heard through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

All Sit

Celebrant: 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.

Celebrant: 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,