Celebrating

THE WONDERFUL LIFE OF

DIANE GREENE

1942 - 2026



St. Christopher's Catholic Church

Doon Ave, Syndal

Celebrant
Fr Eugene San, SAC

Concelebrant
Fr Pat Jackson, SAC

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INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE HYMN
Come As You Are by Deidre Brown

GREETING
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: Fr. Eugene San
In the waters of baptism, Diane died with Christ and rose with Him to new life. May she now share with Him in eternal glory.

ALL: Amen

LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE: Sharon Smith
In baptism Diane received the light of Christ. That light has guided her throughout her life. May it now lead her into eternal life

ALL: Amen

PLACING OF THE PALL: Madge and Kerry Martin
At her baptism Diane received the new garment, and was asked to wear it spotlessly throughout her life. May the Lord not look on any wrong that she may have done during her life, but rather look upon her faithfulness to her God and her love for her family and friends.

ALL: Amen

PLACING OF THE SYMBOLS:

- Cadet scarf and toggle-*working and guiding young people; Amy Greene*
- Books-*love of learning and reading; Lachlan and Sophie Hill (accompanied by Simon)*
- Blue Wren-*passion for all things Australiana; Sadie Searle*
- Christmas presents-*love for Christmas and celebrating with her family; Finley Tairych and Ella Searle*
- Cup and saucer-*service to others; Ash Greene*
- Family Photograph-*family and friends; Jagger Greene*

EULOGY: Chris and Matthew Greene

OPENING PRAYER
To you, O Lord, we humbly entrust Diane, so precious in your sight. Take her into your arms and welcome her into paradise, where there will be no sorrow, no weeping nor pain, but the fullness of peace and joy with your son and the Holy Spirit, God forever and forever.

ALL: Amen

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *(Ecclesiastes 3:1-8)*
Read by: Tom Greene

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes.

There is a season for everything, a time for every occupation under heaven:
A time for giving birth, a time for dying;
a time for planting, a time for uprooting what has been planted.
A time for killing, a time for healing;
a time for knocking down, a time for building.
A time for tears, a time for laughter;
a time for mourning, a time for dancing.
A time for throwing stones away, a time for gathering them up;
a time for embracing, a time to refrain from embracing.
A time for searching, a time for losing;
a time for keeping, a time for throwing away.
A time for tearing, a time for sewing;
a time for keeping silent, a time for speaking.
A time for loving, a time for hating;
a time for war, a time for peace.
What does a man gain for the efforts that he makes? I contemplate the task that God gives mankind to labour at.

The Word of the Lord

ALL: Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)

2. 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. (R.)

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

4. 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. (R.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please stand to welcome the Gospel:

ALL: Alleluia, alleluia!

**Come, you whom my Father has blessed, says the Lord;
inherit the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL (*Matthew 5:1-12*)

The Lord be with you.
ALL: And with your spirit

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew
ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

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:
'How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage.
Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted.
Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied.
Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them.
Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God.
Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God.
Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
'Happy 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

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant:
My dear friends, God is tender and merciful. Let us turn to the Lord who hears the cry of those in need.

Gerard Searle:
For Diane: may she be held in God's loving embrace now and for all eternity. We pray to the Lord:
ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

Rachael Martin:
For all of us, Diane's family and friends: may we be comforted in our grief as we continue to support each other as we share memories of her. We pray to the Lord:
ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

Shelley Botterill:
Diane led a life full of love and was always giving to others. May she inspire us in our own lives.
ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

Peter Tonkes:
For those who care for others: that they may be given your strength and patience and be blessed for their kindness and compassion. We pray to the Lord:
ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

Adam Greene:
For the parish community of St Christopher's, which was such a cherished and significant part of Grandma's life, that as they continue to do God's work, they may be guided and strengthened by the Holy Spirit. We pray to the Lord:
ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

Paul Smith:
For those who suffer pain in mind or body: may they never feel alone. We pray to the Lord:
ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

Sharon Smith:
For all who have completed their earthly journey and entered eternal life: may they see Christ face to face in glory. We pray to the Lord:
ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant:
Loving God, your Son Jesus has given us the hope of eternal life in you. Hear the prayers we offer for Diane and grant her your lasting peace. Comfort us in our sadness and give us renewed hope. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.
ALL: Amen

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Gifts

OFFERTORY PROCESSION
Our gifts are brought forward to the altar by Wendy and Chris Fall

OFFERTORY HYMN: *The Memory of Trees* by Enya

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS
Pray, brethren (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.

As we humbly present to you these sacrificial offerings, O Lord, for the salvation of your servant Diane Greene, we beseech your mercy, that she, who did not doubt your Son to be a loving Saviour, may find in Him a merciful Judge. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
ALL: Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

PREFACE

The Lord be with you.
ALL: And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.
ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
ALL: It is right and just.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord.

In him the hope of blessed resurrection has dawned, that those saddened by the certainty of dying might be consoled by the promise of immortality to come. Indeed, for your faithful, Lord, life is changed not ended, and, when their earthly dwelling turns to dust, an eternal dwelling is made ready for them in heaven.

And so, with angels and archangels, with thrones and dominions, and with all the hosts and powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of your glory, as without end we acclaim:

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.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION
ALL: We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.

DOXOLOGY
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.

The Communion Rite

LORD'S PRAYER
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.

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, 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.

SIGN OF PEACE
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.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
ALL: And with your spirit.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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.

COMMUNION

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 shealed.

During Communion, if you are not a Catholic or not receiving Holy Communion, you are most welcome to come forward for a blessing. Please indicate your wish by crossing both arms in front of you.

COMMUNION HYMN:
The Feast Meant for Everyone by Tom Booth

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
Let us pray.
Lord God, whose Son left us, in the Sacrament of her Body, food for the journey, mercifully grant that, strengthened by it, our sister Diane may come to the eternal table of Christ.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
ALL: Amen.

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THE CONCLUDING RITES

THE FINAL COMMENDATION
Invitation to Prayer
With faith in Jesus Christ, we reverently bring the body of our sister Diane Greene to be laid to rest in its human imperfection.

Let us pray with confidence to God, who gives life to all things that He will raise up her mortal body to the perfection and company of the saints. May God give her a merciful judgment and forgive her all her sins. May Christ, the good shepherd, lead her safely home to be at peace with God our Father. And may she be happy forever with all the saints in the presence of the eternal King.

PRAYER OF COMMENDATION
Into your hands, Father of mercies,
we commend our sister Diane Greene
in the sure and certain hope
that, together with all who have died in Christ,
she will rise with him on the last day.

We give you thanks for the blessings
which you bestowed upon Diane in her life:
they are signs to us of your goodness
and of our fellowship with the saints in Christ.

Merciful Lord, turn toward us and listen to our prayers:
open the gates of paradise to your servant
and help us who remain
to comfort one another with assurances of faith,
until we all meet in Christ
and are with you and with our sister forever.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PROCESSION TO THE PLACE OF COMMITTAL
In peace let us take Diane to her place of rest.
May the angels lead you into paradise; may the martyrs come to welcome you and take you to the holy city, the new and eternal Jerusalem.

RECESSIONAL SONG: *Because You Loved Me* by Celine Dion



SPECIAL THANKS TO FATHER EUGENE, FATHER PAT, AND THE ST CHRISTOPHER'S COMMUNITY WHO HELPED MAKE THIS SUCH A LOVING, CARING AND MEMORABLE MASS.

YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED TO JOIN THE FAMILY FOR REFRESHMENTS
IN THE CHURCH FOYER FOLLOWING MASS TO CONTINUE SHARING MEMORIES OF DIANE.