

*Mass of Thanksgiving
for the Life of*



Aisne Felicia Patience Holt

Born to This Life on 12th February 1939, Suva - Fiji

Born to Eternal Life on 6th September 2026, Melbourne, Australia



St Joseph's Church, Port Melbourne

30th September 2026

A Mass of Thanksgiving for the Life of Felicia Holt

Celebrant – Father Paul Cahill

Entrance Hymn

Ave Maria

Tongan Singer, Talita Langoia

Introduction

Fr. Paul Cahill

Sprinkling with Holy Water

Lighting of Easter Candle

Vikki Olsen

Placing of the Pall & Symbols

Miles Ogilvie & Adam Holt

*The Pall is a reminder of the white garment received in Baptism.
Placing the Pall represents a respectful caring for Felicia
clothing her in a white garment for the last time.*

Felicia always carried this blessing card with her



A Blessing

Our Lady of Tenderness

*Gentle Mary take my brokenness into
your circle of light and compassion.
Restore the harmony and healing I seek.
Gather the threads of my hope and
weave them into your mantle of love.
Bless and hold me in your tender
protection and peace.*

Amen

Prayer written by Rita Magris & Clare Pettigrew
Easter 2008

Icon rewritten by Rita Magris 2006

Words of Remembrance

Olwen Smith

Eulogy

Fiona & Gordon Conroy

Opening Prayer

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Isaiah 40: 28 - 31

Braxton Conroy

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

28. "Do you not know? Have you not heard?

The LORD is God from of old, creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary,

and his knowledge is beyond scrutiny.

29. He gives power to the faint, abundant strength to the weak.

30. Though young men faint and grow weary,

and youths stagger and fall,

31. They that hope in the LORD will renew their strength,

they will soar on eagles' wings;

They will run and not grow weary, walk and not grow faint.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord Is My Shepherd (Sung)

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,
Even 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 my 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 forevermore
My dwelling place shall be.

Second Reading

Romans 8:31-35, 37-39

Tess Ogilvie

A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Romans.

What then shall we say about these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who didn't spare his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how would he not also with him freely give us all things?

Who could bring a charge against God's chosen ones? It is God who justifies. Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, yes rather, who was raised from the dead, who is at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Could oppression, or anguish, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing will be able to separate us from God's love which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand to welcome the Gospel)

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia

"I am the resurrection and the life" says the Lord,
"Whoever believes in me will live forever."

Alleluia

Gospel

John 11:32-45: *The raising of Lazarus*
Fr Paul Cahill

A Reading from the Gospel according to John.

Mary the sister of Lazarus went to Jesus, and as soon as she saw him she threw herself at his feet, saying, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' At the sight of her tears, and those of the Jews who followed her, Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'Lord, come and see'.

Jesus wept; and the Jews said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, ['Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied,] 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?'

[So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said: 'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer.

I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me'.

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff in the cloth around his face.

Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.]

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

(Please be seated)

Prayers of Intercession

Aisne Felicia Patience

Priest: God of Mercy, with confidence in your love and compassion, we make these prayers to you.

Name: Our Felicia was given the promise of eternal life in Baptism; Lord give her communion with your saints forever and raise her up at the last day. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Name: We pray for Felicia, a child of God and heir to the Kingdom, that she may be held securely in God's loving embrace now and for all eternity. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Name: We pray that the Lord may grant Felicia salvation and peace and may she walk in the light of the Lord forever. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Name: We pray for those who brought happiness into Felicia's life and cared for her and supported and sustained her during hard times. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Name: We pray for Felicia, and all our dear deceased family and friends who have gone before us; Lord give them the reward of their goodness and grant them an everlasting home with you. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Name: We pray for our family and friends here and in Tonga, Fiji and Tahiti at this time of sorrow. May they be consoled and find strength in knowing that you have given Felicia the promise of eternal life. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest: God, you are the lover of life. In you there is no darkness or shadow of death. We make our prayers to you, confident that you will answer us. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn

Nearer, My God, to Thee

Words: Sarah Flower Adams

Tune: Bethany

Music: Lowell Mason

Sung by Talita Langoia accompanied by Liam Conroy

Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!
E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me;
Still all my song shall be, nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!

Though like the wanderer, the sun gone down,
Darkness be over me, my rest a stone;
Yet in my dreams I'd be nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!

There let the way appear, steps unto heaven;
All that Thou sendest me, in mercy given;
Angels to beckon me nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!

Then, with my waking thoughts bright with Thy praise,
Out of my stony griefs Bethel I'll raise;
So by my woes to be nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!

Or if, on joyful wing, cleaving the sky,
Sun, moon, and stars forgot, upward I fly,
Still all my song shall be, nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!

Presentation of Gifts

Family Members

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.

Prayer Over the Gifts

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.

Priest: It is truly right and just ...

... 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.

The Priest continues to pray the Eucharistic Prayer

Acclamation

We proclaim your death, O Lord,

And profess your Resurrection

Until you come again.

Great Amen

Communion Rite

Our Father

Lamb of God

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 Song

Moonlight Sonata

played by Katie Payne

Composer: Ludwig Van Beethoven

Visual Remembrance

For All We Know

played & Sung by Liam Conroy

Music: J. Fred Coots ·

Lyrics: Sam M. Lewis

Final Commendation and Prayer of Farewell

*Felicia's casket is incensed as a mark of respect for her
and to accompany our prayers for her.*

Priest: Saints of God, come to his 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.

Recessional Hymn

(Fijian)

Isa isa vulagi lasa dina
Nomu lako au na rarawa kina
Cava beka ko a mai cakava,
Nomu lako au na sega ni lasa.

(Chorus)

Isa lei, na noqu rarawa
Ni ko sana vodo e na mataka
Bau nanuma, na nodatou lasa,
Mai Suva nanuma tiko ga

Vanua rogo na nomuni vanua
Kena ca ni levu tu na ua,
Lomaqu voli me'u bau butuka
Tovolea ke balavu na bula.

(Chorus)

Domoni dina na nomu yanuyanu,
Kena kau wale na salusalu,
Mocelolo, bua, na kukuwalu,
Lagakali, maba na rosi damu.

(Chorus)

Pall Bearers

Isa Lei

Tradition Fijian Farewell Song

(English)

Isa, Isa you are my only treasure;
Must you leave me, so lonely and forsaken?
As the roses will miss the sun at dawning,
Every moment my heart for you is yearning.

(Chorus)

Isa Lei, the purple shadow falling,
Sad the morrow will dawn upon my sorrow
Oh, forget not, when you're far away,
Precious moments beside dear Suva Bay.

Isa, Isa, my heart was filled with pleasure,
From the moment I heard your tender greeting;
'mid the sunshine, we spent the hours together,
Now so swiftly those happy hours are fleeting.

(Chorus)

O'er the ocean your island home is calling,
Happy country where roses bloom in
splendour; Oh, if I could but journey there
beside you, Then forever my heart would sing
in rapture.

(Chorus)

Braxton Conroy

Liam Conroy

Tess Ogilvie

Miles Ogilvie

Richard Ogilvie

Gordon Conroy









*Felicia's family would like to thank you
for your presence at this Mass.
Your prayers, support, kindness and love
are very much appreciated.*



*At the conclusion of the Mass, the family invite you
to join them in St Joseph's Community Hall
(next-door to the church)*

