Celebration of the Eucharist in Thanksgiving for the Life of

JOANNA WAITE

Born into Eternal Life on 9th November, 2021
May the blessing of God surround us
May angels and friends share our journey,
May we be safeguarded, loved and cherished,
May we walk on holy ground,
May people in faith inspire us,
May we be wise and strong and creative,
May we celebrate life and hope,
May God’s image grow within us,
May laughter and courage heal us,
May the Gospel of life sustain us,
All the days of our journey home.

All shall be well and all shall be well
And all manner of thing shall be well.

Live gladly because of His love.

God of all goodness grant unto us to
Desire ardently, to seek wisely,
To know surely and to accomplish
Faithfully Your holy will.

Here He is. Listen to Him.
He comes from the midst of heaven.
He comes singing and those who are
Here praying their flutes respond.

Julian of Norwich.
Mass offered at
St Bede’s Catholic Church
Severn Street, Balwyn North

Saturday 20 November, 2021

Clergy
Fr. John Salvano Parish Priest St. Bede’s
Fr. Werner Utri Dean St. Patrick’s Cathedral

Organist
Thomas Grubb

Cantor
Judith Dodsworth

Cemetery
Eltham Cemetery
Mt Pleasant Road, Eltham
ENTRANCE MUSIC
In Paradisum Faure

May angels lead you into paradise
Upon your arrival, may the martyrs lead you
to the holy city of Jerusalem.
May the ranks of angels receive you
With Lazarus, once a poor man,

May you have eternal rest.

WELCOME & GREETING
Andrea Venier

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and
communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All – And with you.

PLACING OF SYMBOLS
Mary McCormick

LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE
Joan Ryan

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

A. – Amen.
PLACING OF PALL
June Ryan & Ann Niall

At her Baptism Joanna was clothed in Christ. May Christ now enfold her in his love and bring her to eternal life.

A. – Amen.

PLACING OF THE GRAIL CUP
Genny Grabau

In 1942 Joanna made her dedication to The Grail. May this Cup remind us of her faithfulness to this calling.

A. – Amen.

PLACING OF BOOKS
Irena Dunn

Prayer was part of everyday life for Joanna. Books such as her Daily Missal, Prayer of the Church and The Psalms were always near at hand. May this lifetime of prayer carry her home to her God.

A. – Amen.
PLACING OF BIRTHDAY CARDS
Zahra Matos

For Joanna’s 100th Birthday in July this year so many cards arrived. We were all reminded of her continuing ability for keeping in touch with people and for nurturing friendship. May we learn from her the gift of building friendship.

A. – Amen.

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE
James Matos and Andrea Venier

SPRINKLING WITH HOLY WATER
Fr. John Salvano

In the waters of Baptism Joanna died with Christ and rose with Him to new life. May she now share with Him in eternal glory.

A. – Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

God of mercy, look kindly on your servant Joanna who has set down the burden of her years. As she served you faithfully throughout her life, may you give her the fullness of your peace and joy. We give thanks for the life of Joanna, now caught up in your eternal love. We make our prayer in the name of Jesus who is our risen Lord, now and forever.

A. – Amen.
FIRST READING (1 John 3: 1- 2)
Mary McCormick

A reading from the First Letter of St John.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.

The Word of the Lord

A. – Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
The Lord Is My Shepherd
Howard Goodall

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
His goodness restores my soul.

He guides my ways in righteousness,
And He anoints my head with oil,
And my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on His pure delights.

And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
For You are with me,
and Your rod and staff Are comfort I need to know
And I will trust in You alone,
Yes I will trust in You alone,

For Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.

SECOND READING *(Philippians 4: 4-9)*

James Matos

A reading from St Paul's letter to the Philippians.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord

A. – Thanks be to God.
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

A. – 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 (John 14: 1-3)

C. – The Lord be with you.

A. – And with your spirit.

C. – A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

A. – Glory to you, O Lord.

Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.

The Gospel of the Lord.

A. – Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY
PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

C. - For our sister Joanna, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ, “the resurrection and the life” and the pattern for our own creation. It is his promise that one day we shall be truly like him.

Dinny Culican –
We are thankful for Joanna's life.
May she be received into God's loving embrace.
We pray to the Lord.

A. – Lord, hear our prayer.

Kathy Wayland –
May Joanna's Grail sisters here in Australia and overseas know the Lord's strength and peace in this time of loss and sorrow. We pray to the Lord.

A. – Lord, hear our prayer.

Joy Beer –
We pray for Joanna's extended family, especially her nieces Isabella, Lucy and Winifred. May they hold her memory dear and find comfort in their sadness.
We pray to the Lord.

A. – Lord, hear our prayer.

Joan Ryan –
We pray for the Australian members of this family, James and Mim, and their children Zahra and Ibrahim. We thank God for the joy they gave Aunty Eileen in recent years.
We pray to the Lord.
A. – Lord, hear our prayer.

Maureen Bounader –
May God bless abundantly all who have cared for and supported Joanna in her life and responded generously in her times of need. We thank especially Joanna's dearest friends and all the staff of Eva Tilley Memorial Home for their kindness, respect and love over many years. We pray to the Lord.

A. – Lord, hear our prayer.

Ruth Crowe –
We remember all who have died - Joanna's parents, John and Lily, her sister Tessie, her Grail sisters and friends. May they rest in God's peace. We pray to the Lord.

A. – Lord, hear our prayer.

C. – O God, our shelter and strength, hear our prayers for all those we love and in need of your healing grace. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

A. – Amen.
LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY MUSIC
The Lark Ascending – Vaughan Williams.

PREPARATION OF OFFERINGS

C. – 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.

A. – Blessed be God for ever.

C. – 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, it will become our spiritual drink.

A. – Blessed be God for ever.

C. – Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

A. – 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

Lord, receive the gifts we offer for the salvation of Joanna. May Christ be merciful in judging her for she believed in Christ as her Lord and Saviour.

A. – Amen.

PREFACE

C. – The Lord be with you.

A. – And with your spirit.

C. – Lift up your hearts.

A. – We lift them up to the Lord.

C. – Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

A. – It is right and just.

C. – 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 this 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:

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.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER II

C. – You are indeed Holy, O Lord, the fount of all holiness.  
Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray, by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall, so that they may become for us the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
At the time He was betrayed and entered willingly into His Passion, He took bread and, giving thanks, broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying: TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT, FOR THIS IS MY BODY, WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.  
In a similar way, when supper was ended, He took the chalice and, once more giving thanks, He gave it to His disciples, saying: TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT, FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD, THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT, WHICH WILL BE POURED OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS. DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

C. – The mystery of faith.
A. – We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

C. – Therefore, as we celebrate the memorial of His Death and Resurrection, we offer you, Lord, the Bread of life and the Chalice of salvation, giving thanks that you have held us worthy to be in your presence and minister to you. Humbly we pray that, partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ, we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit. Remember, Lord, your Church, spread throughout the world, and bring her to the fullness of charity, together with Francis our Pope and Peter our Bishop and all the clergy. Remember your servant Joanna whom you have called from this world to yourself. Grant that she who was united with your Son in a death like His, may also be one with Him in His Resurrection. Remember also our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection, and all who have died in your mercy: welcome them into the light of your face. Have mercy on us all, we pray, that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with blessed Joseph, her Spouse, with the blessed Apostles, and all the Saints who have pleased you throughout the ages, we may merit to be coheirs to eternal life, and may praise and glorify you through your Son, Jesus Christ. 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.

A. – Amen.
COMMUNION RITE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

C. – At the Saviour’s command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

A. – 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.

C. – 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.

A. – For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

SIGN OF PEACE

C. – 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.
A. – Amen.

C. – The peace of the Lord be with you always.

A. – And with your spirit.

C. – Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

BREAKING OF BREAD

A. – 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

C. – 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.

A. – Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTER
Helen Gomez
COMMUNION MUSIC
Ave Verum Corpuz – Mozart

Ave, verum corpus natum de Maria Virgine, Vere passum immolatum in Cruce pro homine, Cujus latus perforatum una fluxit (et) sanguine, Esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine.

Hail, true body born of the Virgin Mary, Who truly suffered, sacrificed on the Cross for man, Whose pierced side overflowed with water and blood, Be for us a foretaste In the test of death.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

C. – Let us pray:  Lord, God, your son Jesus christ gave us the sacrament of his body and blood to guide us on our pilgrim way to your kingdom.  May Joanna who shared in the Eucharist come to the banquet of life Christ has prepared for us.  We ask this through Christ our Lord.

A. – Amen.

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FINAL COMMENDATION

C. – “ I am the Resurrection and the Life “, says the Lord. “ If anyone believes in me, even though she dies, she will live. And whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.” Joanna has gone to rest in the peace of Christ.  With faith and hope in eternal life, let us commit her to the loving
mercy of our Father and assist her with our prayers. May the Lord now welcome her to the table of God's children in Heaven and with all the saints may she inherit the promise of eternal life. Let us pray also to the Lord for ourselves. May we who mourn be reunited one day with Joanna. Together may we meet Christ Jesus when He who is our life will appear in His glory.

SONG OF FAREWELL

C. - Saints of God, come to her aid! Hasten to meet her, angels of the Lord.

A. - Receive her soul and present her to God the Most High.

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

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PRAYER OF COMMENDATION

C. - Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our sister Joanna / Eileen Georgina, 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.

A. – Amen.

C. - May Mary, the most merciful mother of God, and our mother also, kindest comforter of those who mourn, commit to her son the soul of Joanna that she may joyfully reach her longed-for home in heaven. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.

RECESSIONAL MUSIC
“Alleluia” from “Exsultate jubilate” – Mozart

Joanna’s family, her Grail community and her dear friends would like to sincerely thank you for your kind thoughts, prayers and presence here today.

The burial will take place at Eltham Cemetery
Mt Pleasant Road, Eltham

As Joanna would say, “All will be well, dear!”
Timeline

Eileen Georgina (Joanna) Waite

1921 Born at 10 Cypress Street, Bethnal Green, London, ‘at home’ July 12.

1927 Travelled to Australia on the Moreton Bay, when Joanna’s father transferred from Smith & Sons in London to Smith Sons & Rees in Sydney – clock and watch maker.

1936 Left home to join the Grail at the age of 15, attending the formation centre in Springwood, Blue Mountains.

1939-1940 Joined the Grail centre at Tay Creggan, Melbourne.

1941-1942 Worked at Sydney Centres – Loyola, the Grain of Wheat and Moylena.

1942 Made her dedication to the Grail.

1943 Returned to Tay Creggan, Melbourne.

1944-1945 The Arrows Club Sydney rest centre for servicewomen during the war. Summer schools in Brisbane, Rockhampton and Mackay.

1946 Tay Creggan; relationship to Whitlands community led by Ray Triado.

1947 Springwood – school girls camps.


1951-1953 The Family Apostolate.

1955-1958  Ballybrac  Mackay – residential centre for young women, Christian community development in Mackay

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1962-1969  Tay Creggan - Administration of Adult Education Centre and residential formation centre for young women; working with married couples and families.

1970-1973  Welfare officer at Commonwealth Hostels

1973-1978  Management of Home Tutor Scheme with Department of Immigration

1978  Four Seasons program with The Grail Australia

1980s  Cared for her mother

1988  Mother’s death

1989-2011  Visited Tessie in England, travelled in Europe on several occasions, “officially” retired & resided in various homes- 
Unit in Northcote Ave, Balwyn, Moorfield Retirement Village and St Joseph's Residential care in Hawthorn

2011  Became a resident of Eva Tilley Memorial Home, North Balwyn

2017  Celebration of 75 years of dedication in the Grail

2019  James and family came to spend Christmas in Melbourne

2021  Celebration of 100th Birthday July 12

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