

*We celebrate and give thanks for the life of*  
*Sister Kath Carroll* rsj



*Born: 11 August 1933*  
*Entered Eternal Life: 9 April 2020*



## Entrance Procession

As the coffin is brought in, quiet music is played.

## Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country

**Leader** In the waters of Baptism Kath died with Christ and rose with him to new life. May she now share with him in glory.

*Sprinkling of the coffin*

We have been graced by her faith and love. Please join in the Gathering Song.

## Gathering Song

**Refrain** Lift up your hearts to the Lord,  
praise God's gracious mercy!  
Sing out your joy to the Lord,  
whose love is enduring.

Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth!  
Praise the name above all names!  
Say to God, "How wondrous your works,  
how glorious your name!"

**Refrain**  
Let the earth worship, singing your praise.  
Praise the glory of your name!  
Come and see the deeds of the Lord,  
bless God's holy name!

**Refrain**

## Lighting of the Paschal Candle

We light the Paschal candle as a symbol of the light of Christ, which Kath brought into our world. May she live forever in the radiance of God's presence.

*Lighting of paschal candle*

# Eulogy

## Opening Prayer

**Leader** God of life, the day you birthed us into being is the day we began our journey back to you. You are with us every step of the way. Give us the grace to embrace our journey with joy and appreciation. Help us to see the beauty around us - the beauty of nature and the beauty of friendships. Let our gratitude for all your gifts make us aware of your presence and love for us.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

**All** Amen

## Liturgy of The Word

### Gospel: Matthew 5: 1-2 The Beatitudes

When he saw the crowds he went up on the mountainside. After he had sat down his disciples gathered around him, and he began to teach.

“How blest are the poor in spirit: the reign of God is theirs.  
Blest too are the sorrowing: they shall be consoled.  
Blest are the lowly: they shall inherit the land.  
Blest are they who hunger and thirst for holiness: they shall have their fill.  
Blest are they who show mercy: mercy shall be theirs.  
Blest are the single-hearted for they shall see God.  
Blest too are the peacemakers: they shall be called children of God.  
Blest are those persecuted for holiness’ sake: the reign of God is theirs.  
Blest are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of slander against you because of me.  
Be glad and rejoice, for your reward is great in heaven”.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**All** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



## Prayers of Thanksgiving

**Leader** God of compassion, as we gather to remember the life of Kath, we recall your loving kindness and compassion for all people.

### Together we pray

For our sister, Kath who from young to old, in health and sickness, in ministry and prayer shared our life.

For Kath's involvement in our Josephite ministries of Education, Prison Chaplaincy and outreach to the poor.

For Kath's recognition of the vision of establishing Beth Hesed, MaryHaven and Mackwood Life and her ability to administer them efficiently.

For Kath's love of life and her ability to enable children to participate in all sports especially as a founding member for Rugby League Clubs. We delighted in her connection with the Broncos and the little Castlemaine Man.

For the larger than life Kath, the drum playing Kath, the creative, fun-loving woman, the great networker and motivator and the brilliant fundraiser.

For the woman of deep faith, acceptance and patience particularly during her final illness. The holding cross was a great comfort to her during her last days.

For Kath's family, especially her sister Marie, relatives and friends and for the Sisters of St Joseph who grieve the death of our sister as we comfort one another in our grief.

For the deceased members of Kath's family, her parents Francis and Agnes and her brothers and sisters Vince, Maurice, Patricia, Ella, Terry, and Brian.

**Leader** We pray, generous God of all beauty and creative energy, bless us all as we gather in your love.

**All** Amen

**Leader** Let us pray together  
Our Father...

**Leader** Lord God, we have come together to celebrate the life of Kath, our sister and friend. As we continue our individual and community journey, may we always be thankful for the gift that Kath has been for us and honour her memory by emulating her example.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

**All** Amen

### Final Commendation

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

**All** Amen

*The Coffin is sprinkled with holy water and incensed*

### Prayer

**Leader** Into your hands, God of Mercies, we commend our sister Kath in the sure and certain hope that, together with those who have died in Christ, she will rise with him on the last day. We give you thanks for the blessings which you have bestowed upon Kath in this life: and our communion with all the saints in Christ. Through Christ our Lord.

**All** Amen