

*We celebrate and give thanks
for the life of
Sr Marie Therese Foale*



Born: 22 May 1929
Entered Eternal Life: 7 January 2024
Celebrant: Fr Jeff Foale CP
Venue: St Joseph's Chapel



Foale Family, Christmas, 1937



Foale Family, Cyril and Rose, 1960s



Bernadette, Jeff, Marie, Genni and Yae



Graduation Day, 1976
with her proud Dad



Marie with her dear friend,
Maryellen Thomas



Marie, 1960



Marie, May 1988
Graduation,
PhD Adelaide

Acknowledgement of Country and Welcome

Sr Brigette Sipa

Greeting

Bishop Greg: The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And with your spirit.

Bishop Greg: In the waters of baptism Marie died with Christ and rose with him to new life. She now shares with him in glory.

Sprinkling of the coffin

Bishop Greg: The Christian life is a journey with others, sharing life, hopes and fears. Together we thank you God for the gift of Marie's life.

*Marie is accompanied into the Chapel
by Sr Judith Murnane, members of Marie's family
and Sisters of Saint Joseph*

INTRODUCTORY RITE

Gathering Song

Here I am Lord

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I, the Lord of sea and sky
I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in dark and sun my hand will save
I who made the stars of night
I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

Here I am, Lord! Is it I Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night
I will go, Lord, if you lead me
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain
I have borne my people's pain,
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone,
I will speak my word to them
Whom shall I send? *Ref.*

Lighting of the Paschal Candle

Sr Angela Maher

Fr Jeff: In Baptism, Marie received the light of Christ. This light has guided Marie throughout her life and rises with her to new life. She now enjoys eternal life with the risen Christ.

Placing of the White Cloth

Sr Mary McNamara

Fr Jeff: Like the white coffin, the white cloth represents our Baptism. Marie was called by Christ and clothed in a garment of white. We trust that Christ gently enfolds her in love as she is received into the eternal, tender embrace of God.

The Placing of Symbols

Sr Brigette Sipa

Marie's life journey has been one of strong faith, marked by a deep love for her Josephite community and her family. Through these symbols we honour and celebrate Marie's commitment to a long and full life.

Constitutions

Sr Ann Leesue

Her life as a Josephite was always important to Marie. These constitutions symbolise her many years of fidelity to the Josephite spirit and way of life.

Parents' photo

Helen Singh (niece)

Marie inherited her deep faith and her love of learning from her parents, Cyril and Rose. Marie's niece, Helen, will now place a photo of her parents on the focus.

Family Photo

Bernadette Pash (sister)

Marie was the first child of ten children and she always delighted in the times when she was able to be with her siblings. Her sister, Bernadette, will now place a photo of the family next to that of her parents.

Photo of Maryellen & Marie

Sr Maryellen Thomas

Over the years, Marie made many good friends. Marie's dear friend, Maryellen, will now place on the focus a photo which symbolises these friendships and especially her long and deep friendship with Maryellen.

The Josephite Story

Sr Kenise Neill

As archivist, author and proof-reader, the computer played a big part in Marie's later life. Its mastery enabled her to produce a great volume of work, and to keep contact with her family and friends. Kenise places a copy of Marie's first publication, *The Josephite Story*, on the focus.

PhD Certificate

Sr Teresa Taggart

Marie was a born student and always had a dream of being able to study at university. She embraced the opportunity to do this and rejoiced when she was able to do post-graduate studies. This certificate, now being placed by Teresa, symbolises her love for learning and success in study.



Eulogy

Genni Lehmann (sister)
and Sr Maryellen Thomas

Opening Prayer

Fr Jeff Let us pray (*pause for silent prayer*)
God of all consolation, open our hearts to your word,
so that, in listening to it, we may comfort one
another, finding light in times of darkness.
We ask this in Jesus' name.

All: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Jeremiah 1:4-8

Laurie Daube (cousin)

The word of God was addressed to me saying:
Before I formed you in the womb I knew you;
Before you came to birth I consecrated you;
I have appointed you as prophet to the nations.
I said, my God, I do not know how to speak, I am a child.
But God replied:
Do not say: I am a child.
Go now to whom I send you

The Word of our God.

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Prayer of St Augustine
(Millie Rieth, 1979)

Sr Genevieve Ryan

O my God, I long for your presence;
My heart is yearning for you.
Open my heart; make me free as the wind,
Gently telling the goodness of you.

Response:

My heart is restless, my God,
Til it finds its rest in you.

As a seed that is planted and nurtured
Your word is in my heart.
Death becomes life; your will it is peace,
And in silence your glory resounds.

Response:

My heart is restless, my God,
Til it finds its rest in you.

Teach me the patience of a flower unfolding
in the light and warmth of your love.
You are my God, tender-hearted and faithful;
To you alone my love belongs.

SECOND READING

Matthew Coleman (nephew)

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Philippians 1: 3-11

I thank my God each time I think of you and every time I pray for you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. It is only natural that I should feel like this towards you all, since you have shared the privileges which have been mine; both my chains and my work defending and establishing the gospel. You have a permanent place in my heart and God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless and prepare you for the Day of Christ when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

The Word of our God

All: *Thanks be to God*

Gospel Acclamation

*All: Alleluia, alleluia
I call you my friends,
For I have made known to you all that the Father has told me.
Alleluia*

Gospel John 15:15

Bishop Greg O'Kelly

A reading from the Gospel of John.

You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then our God will give you anything you ask for in my name. What I command you is to love one another.

The Gospel of our God

All: Praise to you, Jesus Christ.

Homily Fr Jeff Foale (brother)

Universal Prayer

Fr Jeff: Let us pray to our God who blesses Marie and the community of her family and friends who have gathered here today. We unite in prayer, as she did, turning to the needs of today with love and hope.

1. **Michael Foale (brother)**

Mary MacKillop believed that God was active in her life. We pray for all those whose lives were touched by Marie, especially through her ministries of education and writing and in her work to preserve the Josephite history and promote the life and spirit of Mary MacKillop.

In faith we pray:

Response: God of love, hear our prayer.

2. **Michael Foale**

We give thanks for Marie's parents, Cyril and Rose, and for all those members of her family who have gone before us, especially her sisters Miriam, Josephine and Cecilia and her brother Fabian. May God reward them for their fidelity and love. In faith we pray:

Response: God of love, hear our prayer.

3. **Michael Foale**

We pray for all the members of Marie's extended family. May they experience the comfort and strength of God's love in their lives. In faith we pray:

Response: God of love, hear our prayer.

4. **David Hilliard**

We pray for Marie's many Josephite companions and other friends who have journeyed with her throughout her life. Grant us hearts that are grateful for the gifts of companionship and faithfulness. In faith we pray:

Response: God of love, hear our prayer.

5. **David Hilliard**

We pray for the staff at Calvary Flora McDonald, and especially for her dear friend, Maryellen, who ministered to Marie in her frailty. May their commitment and dedication continue to be a sign of God's compassionate love in our world. In faith we pray:

Response: God of love, hear our prayer.

6. **David Hilliard**

Marie appreciated the wonder and grandeur of God in all things. May our world reflect this greatness and beauty, especially in the way we care for each other and Earth and work to promote peace. In faith we pray:

Response: God of love, hear our prayer.

Fr Jeff: Tender, loving God, thank you for being with us,
amongst us and in each other. We are confident that
you receive our prayers and continue to walk with us
and through us as we journey through life.
We pray this in Jesus' name.
Response: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Presentation of Gifts Yae Schoenhenzel (sister) and Sr Jan Victory

As Gentle as Silence

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Oh, the love of our God is the essence
of all that I love here on earth.

All the beauty I see, God has given to me,
and God's giving is gentle as silence.

Every day, every hour, every moment,
has been blest by the strength of God's love.
At the turn of each tide, God is there at my side
and God's touch is as gentle as silence

There've been times when I've turned from God's presence
and I've walked other paths, other ways,
but I've called on God's name in the dark of my shame
and God's mercy was gentle as silence.

Prayer over the Gifts

Holy, Holy Spoken

Eucharistic Acclamation

*All: We proclaim your death, O Lord
And profess your Resurrection
Until you come again.*

Great Amen

COMMUNION RITE

Our Father Spoken

Sign of Peace

Lamb of God Spoken

Communion Hymn

Will You Love Me

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1. Will you give me your life forever?
Will you carry my cross ev'ry day?
Will you walk in the light of my presence?
Will you follow the truth of my ways?

Chorus: Will you love me as I have loved you?
Will you live with me the darkness as I die?
For the moon and the stars will be gone like the
night and the sun will be shining on you.

2. Like the purest of gold in the furnace,
is your love strong enough to endure?
Does your faith carry on through the shadows?
Does it shine in the night for the world? *Chorus*
3. Can you walk in the footprints of silence
through the wilderness sands in the sun,
from the desert of doubt and temptation
to the glorious mountain of fire? *Chorus*

Perhaps love is like a resting place
A shelter from the storm.
It exists to give you comfort,
It is there to keep you warm.
And in those times of trouble
When you are most alone,
The memory of love will bring you home.

Perhaps love is like a window,
Perhaps an open door.
It invites you to come closer.
It wants to show you more.
And even if you lose yourself
And don't know what to do
The memory of love will see you through

Oh love to some is like a cloud
To some as strong as steel.
For some a way of living
For some a way to feel.
And some say love is holding on
And some say letting go.
And some say love is everything
And some say they don't know.

Perhaps love is like the ocean,
Full of conflict, full of pain.
Like a fire when its cold outside
Thunder when it rains.
If I could live forever and all my dreams come true,
My memories of love will be of you.

Prayer after Communion

Fr Jeff: God of life, your son Jesus Christ gave us this Eucharist to guide us on our pilgrim way to you. We rejoice in Marie who rests in your eternal loving embrace. We ask this in Jesus' name.

All: Amen.

Invitation to Prayer

Sr Mary Cresp

Trusting God, we have prayed for Marie and we come now to take our leave of her. There is sadness in parting but we take comfort in the hope that we shall see Marie again and enjoy her friendship. As the coffin is sprinkled and incensed, we are all invited to extend a hand over the coffin as the blessing is prayed:

*The coffin is sprinkled with holy water and incensed by
Sisters Sheila McCreanor and Liz Morris*

Psalm 62 (adapted) by Nan Merrill

Sr Chris McArthur

For You alone, Marie has waited in silence:
Her hope was from the Beloved enfolding her in strength and steadfast love, her faith remained firm.

In the silence rested her freedom and her guidance;
For You are the Heart of her heart,
You spoke to her in the silence.

*Trust in Love at all times O people
Pour out your heart to the Beloved.
Let silence be a refuge for you.*

For You our hearts wait in silence.
From the Beloved comes life,
love and light.

Sr Mary Cresp

God of consolation You grant the light of faith that guides our
Earthly journey. Walk with us that we may all reach the joys
You have prepared for us which are beyond all our imagining.
We ask this with Jesus, companioning presence.

All: Amen

Recessional Hymn

Love Changes Everything

© Andrew Lloyd Webber, 1979

Love, love changes everything: hands and faces, earth and sky,
Love, love changes everything, how you live and how you die.
Love can make the summer fly, or a night seem like a lifetime.

Yes, love, love changes everything

Now I tremble at your name.

Nothing in the world will ever be the same.

Love, love changes everything: days are longer, words mean more,
Love can break the strongest heart, pain is deeper than before.
Love will turn your world around and that world will last forever.

Yes, love, love changes everything

Brings you glory, brings you shame.

Nothing in the world will ever be the same.

Off into the world we go, planning futures, shaping years.

Love bursts in and suddenly all our wisdom disappears.

Love makes fools of everyone: All the rules we make are broken.

Yes, love, love changes everything. Live or perish in its flame.

Love will never, never let you be the same.

Love will never, never let you be the same.



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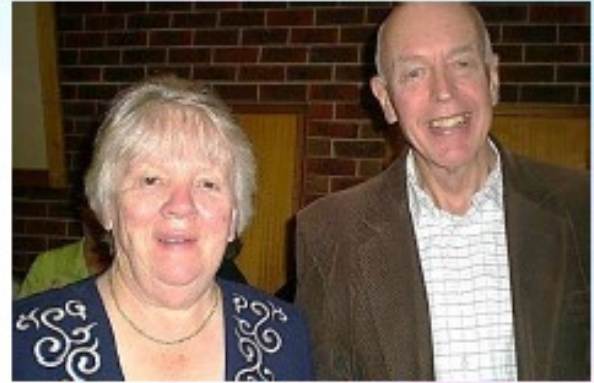
Diamond Jubilee Sisters, Marie with
Mary Canny and Judith Murnane



Marie and Teresa Taggert



Marie and Gen Ryan
with Marie's Book
Never See a Need



Marie and David Hilliard



Marie and Gen's
beloved dog, Joey



Marie and Maryellen enjoying the sun



Friendship with Catherine Shelton,
Kenise Neill and Gen Ryan

