

*Eucharistic Celebration
of Thanksgiving
for the life of
Sister M. Leo Clancy LCM*



*St Margaret's Chapel
Calvary Retirement Community
Ryde
10 a.m.
Friday 16th December 2022*



*“There rests the one
who listened,
loved,
answered,
and now receives the reward of hope”*

Venerable Mary Potter



Sister M. Leo Clancy LCM

Born

30th May 1923

Entered the Little Company of Mary

8th June 1945

First Profession

26th April 1948

Perpetual Vows

26th April 1951

Born into Eternal Life

7th December 2022

Motto:

'My life is hidden with Christ in God'

Celebrant: Rev. Fr Terence Bell
Organist: Clare Whitelock
Vocalist: Gai Claridge

Welcome: Sr Monica Whelan LCM

Invitation to the Procession

In receiving the body of our Sister, Leo, this community acknowledges her as one of our own; one who professed her religious vows with us and was part of our Congregation; one with us in the spirit of Calvary.

The Lord guards our coming in and going out. May God be with us today as we make this last journey with our Sister.

The coffin is escorted into the Chapel by Sisters:
**Sr Patricia Mary Bell LCM, Sr Kathleen Cotterill LCM,
Sr Mary Gleeson LCM, Sr Francis Mansour LCM**

Entrance Hymn

(please stand)

Lord of the Dance

Sydney Carter

I danced in the morning when the world was begun
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the
earth,
At Bethlehem I had my birth

CHORUS:

Dance then, wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the Dance said He,
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be
And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said He

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
But they would not dance, they would not follow Me,
I danced for the fishermen, for James and for John
They came with me and the dance went on

CHORUS

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame,
The holy people, they said it was a shame,
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me
high,
And they left me there on a cross to die

CHORUS

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black,
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back,
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
But I am the dance and I still go on

CHORUS

They cut me down and I leap up high,
I am the life that'll never, never die,
I'll live in you if you'll live in me,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said He

CHORUS



Greeting

CELEBRANT:

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

CELEBRANT:

May the God of Mercies and all Consolation be with you.

ALL: And with your spirit.

Sprinkling with Holy Water

CELEBRANT:

In the waters of Baptism, Leo died with Christ and rose with Him to new life.

ALL: May she now share with Him eternal glory.

Placing of the Pall

Sr Patricia Ryan LCM, Sr Helen Kelly LCM

The Pall is placed over the coffin as a symbol of Leo's white Baptismal Robe. It reminds us that she responded to Christ's call to be His disciple and it recognises the dignity conferred on her through Baptism.

Placing of the Symbols

Constitution of the Little Company of Mary

Sr Mary Treacy LCM

The Constitution brought here today is a symbol of Leo's commitment to the Little Company of Mary - lived out with love for, and in faith in, the God who had called her.

Rosary and image of Our Lady of Good Counsel

Sr Nola Conway LCM, Sr Berenice Stubbs LCM

For Leo, the Rosary was a sign of her love for the Little Company of Mary and her relationship with Mary, the Mother of God. She made her profession of vows on the feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel and with her guidance cared and prayed for the sick and dying of the world.

The Bible

Sr Martina Rice LCM

For Leo, she loved to spend time in the chapel when she was able and prayer was very much a part of her life - the good news of Jesus was very much what she shared in her enthusiasm for life with others in her joy of living and giving and the opening song of our liturgy speaks to this, her Lord of the Dance.

Family Symbol

Chris Clancy

The family symbol here today is a reminder that Leo had a deep love for her family and they for her. She loved their visits. The care and support they had for each other was very much part of her life. Leo celebrated, even from afar all the important life events of her family members and always held them in her thoughts and prayers.

Reflection of Thanksgiving

Sr Kathleen Cotterill LCM

Opening Prayer

(please stand)

CELEBRANT:

Almighty God, Our Father, we firmly believe that Your Son died and rose to life. We pray for our Sister Leo who has died in Christ.

Raise her at the last day to share the glory of the Risen Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

ALL: Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

(please sit)

First Reading

Sr Patricia Mary Bell LCM

Song of Songs: 2:8-10

I hear my Beloved.
See how he comes
leaping on the mountains,
bounding over the hills.
My Beloved is like a gazelle,
like a young stag.

My Beloved lifts up his voice
he says to me,
'Come then, my love,
My lovely one, come.

The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.



Responsorial Psalm

(Sung)

The Lord Is My Shepherd

Brian Boniwell

The Lord is my shepherd, and I want to follow,
Wherever he leads me, wherever he goes
Over the mountains, the waters and byways,
Valleys and highways he's waiting for me

I want to go to meet him there,
To lay myself down in his love.
The Lord is my shepherd and I want to follow,
Wherever he leads me, wherever he goes

And while on the journey, to where we are going
He promised to be there to help us along.
And over the mountains we'll walk on together,
To know all the wonders he's given to me

I want to go to meet him there,
To lay myself down in his love.
The Lord is my shepherd and I want to follow,
Wherever he leads me, wherever he goes

Second Reading **Sr Ronda Mary Singleton LCM**
Ephesians 3:14-19

This, then, is what I pray, kneeling before the Father, from whom every family, whether spiritual or natural, takes its name: Out of his infinite glory, may he give you the power through his Spirit for your hidden self to grow strong, so that Christ may live in your hearts through faith, and then, planted in love, you will with all the saints have strength to grasp the breadth and the length, the height and the depth; until, knowing the love of Christ, which is beyond all knowledge, you are filled with the utter fullness of God.

The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.



Gospel Acclamation

(please stand)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Something which is known to have been from the beginning; this we have heard and seen with our own eyes. Something we have touched and have carefully watched: The Word who is Life, this we share with you!

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Gospel

CELEBRANT:

The Lord be with you.

ALL: And with your spirit.

CELEBRANT:

**A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to
John 6:37-40**

Jesus said to the crowd:

'All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I shall not turn away; because I have come from heaven, not to do my own will, but to do the will of the one who sent me. Now the will of him who sent me is that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, and that I should raise it up on the last day. Yes, it is my Father's will that whoever sees the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and that I shall raise her up on the last day.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Prayers of Intercession

(please stand)

CELEBRANT:

We believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with Him all those who have died. Let us pray to our Loving God that He will raise our Sister Leo from the dead and give new life to her mortal body.

Reader: Sr Francis Mansour LCM

For our Holy Father, Pope Francis, all the leaders of the Church and all the people of God that they live as messengers of Christ, our way, our truth and our life. Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

We give thanks for the life of Leo, a life lived in faithful service to God and His people. Hers was a life that was full of joy and also a gentle presence always there for her family and for others.
Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

We thank you God for Leo's Ministry as a Sister of the Little Company of Mary in many places throughout Australia and for all those she helped throughout the years as she lived out the spirit of Mary Potter and shared this with others in her life.
Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

We give thanks for all those who have cared for Leo with love and respect, especially our LCM Sisters at Ryde, our LCM Family Care Services Team and the staff at Calvary Retirement Community Ryde, for their care and presence to Leo.

Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

We give thanks for Leo's family, especially her Nephew, Chris, who have loved and supported and celebrated with her throughout her life.

Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for all the deceased members of Leo's Family remembering her parents, Michael and Johanna, her deceased Brothers and Sisters and her nephew Patrick, and our LCM Sisters. May they all be united in the fullness of Eternal life with their God. Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

We remember each person who is suffering or dying this day, and ask that they know the loving embrace of their God. Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

CELEBRANT:

Lord be with us on our journey and we ask that you grant these prayers we offer through Mary.

ALL: Amen.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts

(please sit)

Offertory Hymn

Reflective Music

CELEBRANT:

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.

ALL: Blessed be God forever.

CELEBRANT:

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.

ALL: Blessed be God forever.

Invitation to Prayer

(please stand)

CELEBRANT:

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice, and
yours, may be acceptable to God, the Almighty
Father.

ALL:

May the Lord accept this 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

CELEBRANT:

Lord, we are united in this sacrament by the love of Jesus Christ. Accept these gifts and receive Sister Leo into the glory of your Son, who is Lord for ever and ever.

ALL: Amen.

CELEBRANT:

The Lord be with you.

ALL: And with your spirit.

CELEBRANT:

Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.

CELEBRANT:

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: It is right and just.

Preface for the Death of a Religious

CELEBRANT:

Father, all powerful and ever-living God, we do well always and everywhere to give You thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord. He came the Son of a Virgin Mother, named those blessed who were pure of heart, and taught by His whole life the perfection of chastity.

He chose always to fulfil Your holy will, and became obedient even to dying for us, offering Himself to You as a perfect oblation.

He consecrated more closely to Your heart those who leave all things for Your sake, and promised that they would find heavenly treasure. And so, we join the angels and the saints as they sing their undying hymn of praise:

ALL: (sung)

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.

Eucharistic Prayer

(please kneel or sit)

Memorial Acclamation:

CELEBRANT:

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

ALL:

Save us Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection,
You have set us free.

Great Amen

CELEBRANT:

Through Him and with Him, and in Him in the unity of
the Holy Spirit all glory and honour is Yours,
almighty Father, for ever and ever.

ALL: Amen.

Communion Rite

(please stand)

The Lord's Prayer

CELEBRANT:

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. Amen.

CELEBRANT:

Deliver us, Lord we pray from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that by the help of Your mercy, we may be free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, and grant us peace in our day.

ALL:

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours, now and forever.



Sign of Peace

CELEBRANT:

Lord, Jesus Christ You said to Your Apostles: I leave you peace, my peace I give you. Look not on our sins but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant us the peace and unity of Your kingdom, Where You live forever and ever.

ALL: Amen.

CELEBRANT:

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

ALL: And with your spirit.

CELEBRANT:

Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

ALL: Peace be with you.

Breaking of the Bread

CELEBRANT:

May the mingling of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bring eternal life to us who receive it.

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.

Holy Communion

(please kneel or sit)

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 healed.

Communion Hymn

Come Ring Out Our Joy to the Lord

Kevin Bates

Come ring out our joy to the Lord.
Come ring out our hope in his promises.
Let more of his people welcome his news.

Chorus

*Come ring out loud, come ring out strong,
Come live a new life in him.*

Come celebrate life with our Lord.
Come show him our thanks for his promises.
Let more of his people move to his song.

Chorus

Come remember the people he loves.
Come remember the poor and his promises.
Let more of his people remember his plan.

Chorus

Come free hearts and give him your best.
Come show him your joy in his promises.
Let more of his people follow him free.

Chorus

Come young folk and old folk to him.
Come show people hope in his promises.
Let more of his people love life as one.

Chorus



Prayer after Communion

CELEBRANT:

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 our Sister Leo who shared in the Eucharist come to the banquet of life Christ has prepared for us. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

Family Tribute:

Chris Clancy

Invitation to Prayer

CELEBRANT:

Our Sister, Leo has fallen asleep in Christ. Confident in our hope of eternal life, let us summon her to the loving mercy of our Father and let our prayers go with her. She was adopted as God's daughter in Baptism and was nourished at the table of the Lord.

May she now inherit the promise of eternal life and take her place at the table of God's children in heaven. Let us pray also on our own behalf, that we who now mourn and are saddened may one day go forth with our Sister to meet the Lord of life when He appears in glory.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

Signs of Farewell

The coffin is now sprinkled with holy water and incensed.

Song of Farewell

CELEBRANT:

Saints of God, come to Leo's aid
Come to meet her, angels of the Lord.

ALL:

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

CELEBRANT:

May Christ who called you, take you to Himself
and may the angels lead you to Abraham's side.

ALL:

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

CELEBRANT:

Give Leo eternal rest, O Lord, and may Your light
shine upon her forever.

ALL:

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

Prayer of Commendation

CELEBRANT:

Into Your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our Sister, Leo, 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 thanks for the blessings which You bestowed upon our Sister Leo in this life: they are signs to us of Your goodness and of our fellowship with the saints in Christ.

Merciful Lord, turn towards 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 Leo forever.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

Procession to the Place of Committal

CELEBRANT:

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.

ALL: Amen.



CELEBRANT:

Let us take the body of our Sister, Leo
to its final resting place.

The coffin is escorted from the Chapel by
**Sr Kathleen Cotterill LCM, Sr Monica Whelan LCM,
Sr Mary Gleeson LCM, Chris Clancy**

Recessional Hymn

My Soul is Joyful (Magnificat by Frank Andersen MSC)

My soul is joyful; my spirit is glad!
Yahweh is my Saviour! He is my Lord!
Deep is His Mercy, gentle are His ways!
He has filled me with gladness All my Days

I am his servant; He is truly my God!
I will serve Him forever; Strong is His love!
From This day onward.. all people will see..
God has fashioned His Handmaid; God Lives in me

Holy is His Name! Mercy given to all
Sure and simple His Wisdom! proud men will fall!
Good news for children! Food for all who need..
Strength and life in the Spirit...given to me!





*Leo's family
and the
Sisters of the Little Company of Mary
would like to express their
gratitude to everyone
here today and all those who
ministered to Leo*

God bless you.

*You are invited to
Dalton House Auditorium
Calvary Retirement Community Ryde
for light refreshments after Mass
and after the Interment
at Field of Mars Cemetery
Ryde*



*“It is not the greatness of what we do,
but the way we do it
that will render us pleasing to God.”
~Venerable Mary Potter~*



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