REQUIEM MASS
FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF

Carmel Borg

9TH JANUARY 1925 - 4th FEBRUARY 2024

In Loving Memory

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC CHURCH, MANSFIELD
FRIDAY 23RD FEBRUARY , 2024 AT 12.45PM

Carmel and Charlie
6th July 1947, Mellieha, Malta

Order of Service

Gathering Music : "Wind Beneath My Wings" *by Bette Midler*
"The Rose" *by Bette Midler*
"Our Father" - *Maltese version*

Rosary Service

Introductory Rites

Fr. George: The grace and peace of God our Father, who raised Jesus from the dead, be always with you.

All: And also with you

Blessing of Coffin and sprinkling with Holy Water.

Lighting of the Candle : Anthony Borg and John Borg

Placing of Symbols: Photo of Carmel and a Maltese banner presented by Claire Bonnici and John Borg

Words of Remembrance: Caterina Craig

Photo Tribute: " Looking Forward, Looking Back" by Slim Dusty
" Memories" by Dean Lewis

Funeral Mass

Entrance Hymn: "Here I Am Lord" sung by Julie Aldous
(Please Stand and join in singing)

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

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 wind and flame
I will tend the poor and lame
I will set a feast for them
My hand will save
Finest bread I will provide
'Til their hearts be satisfied
I will give my life to them
Whom shall I send?

Fr.George: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

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

All: And with your spirit.

Opening Prayer

First Reading : Ecclesiastes 3:1-11, read by Andrea Busst
Everything that happens in this world, happens at the time God chooses:
He sets a time for birth, and a time for death, the time for planting, and a time for pulling up; the time for tearing down and the time for building.

He sets a time for sorrow, and a time for joy, the time for mourning and the time for dancing.
He sets time for love and the time for peace;

He has given us a desire to know the future, but never gives us the satisfaction of fully understanding what he does.
So I realise that all we can do is to be happy and do the best we can while we are still alive.
The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm – "Eagles' Wings " *by Frank Anderson*

[Refrain]
I have carried you on eagle's wings
I will care for you in all your years

My heart is full of peace
You have been within my life
Your guiding hand has always covered me
I am full of confidence in You
[Refrain]

My soul is like a child, cradled safe within your arms
You have carried me across my years
Leading me thru' sorrow and through joy
[Refrain]

You have bridged the flowing streams
And moved aside the mountains tall
You have kept me through the stormy past
I know that you secure and guide me still.
[Refrain]

Never need I be afraid
No matter how uncertain things may be
Sometimes through me, sometimes in spite of me
You seem to find Your purpose in my life
[Refrain]

I know failure in my life
The weakness so central to my heart
When I have strayed or fallen in my life
You gently set me on my feet again
[Refrain]

Gospel Acclamation: (Please Stand)

All: Glory and praise to you Lord Jesus Christ
This is the will of my Father, says the Lord,
that all who believe in the Son will have eternal life
and I will raise them to life again on the last day. Glory and praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Reading : John 14:1-6

Fr.George: The Lord be with you
All: And with your spirit.

Fr.George: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.
All. Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the disciples:
Do not let your hearts be troubled.
Trust in God still, and trust in me.
There are many rooms in my Father's house;
if there were not, I should have told you.
I am going now to prepare a place for you,
and after I have gone and prepared you a place,
I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am,
you may be too.
You know the way to the place where I am going.'
Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so
how can we know the way?' Jesus said: 'I am the Way,
the and the Life.
No one can come to the Father except through me.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ. (Please Be Seated)

Homily

Prayers of the Faithful

Paula Gammell: We give thanks for the life of Carmel. She placed her faith and trust in the Lord and she faced her sorrows and hardships with courage, patience and acceptance. *Lord hear us*
Response: Lord hear our prayer

David Peeters: Nanna has left us and is now reunited with Nannu and other family members; Victoria, Joseph and Simon. May they all rest in peace. *Lord hear us*
Response: Lord hear our prayer

Allison Bonnici: Lord, we thank you for giving us a mother, Nanna, and Buz Nanna who has totally devoted her life to her children and grandchildren. *Lord hear us*
Response: Lord hear our prayer

Demelza Busst: We pray for our family - may we be comforted and strengthened by our love for each other and enriched by our memories of Nanna . *Lord hear us*
Response: Lord hear our prayer

Taylor Borg: Lord we ask you to give us comfort in knowing that Nanna is at peace and rejoicing in God's love. *Lord hear us*
Response: Lord hear our prayer

Claire Myers: We thank you Lord for all those who loved, nursed and cared for our Nanna, in her twilight years. Especially all the nurses, doctors and pastoral givers. *Lord hear us*
Response: Lord hear our prayer

Madalene Craig: We thank you Carmel, our Mum and Nanna, who has led us in our life journeys with love, care and guidance. *Lord hear us*
Response: Lord hear our prayer

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory Procession: Claire Bonnici and Mary Peeters

Offertory Hymn: "As Gentle As Silence" *sung by Julie Aldous*

The Communion Rite

The Lord's Prayer
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.

Fr. George: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil.

All: For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever.

Fr. George: Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your Apostles....Who live and reign for ever and ever.

All: Amen

Communion

Communion Hymn: "The Lourdes Hymn" - please join in singing
(*words on screen*)

Immaculate Mary, thy praises we sing,
You reign now in Heaven with Jesus our King.
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria.

In Heaven the blessed your glory proclaim;
On earth we your children invoke your sweet name.

We pray for our Mother, the Church upon earth,
And bless Holy Mary, the land of our birth.

Communion Reflection: "I Will Never Forget You" (Isaiah 49)
please join in singing *(words on screen)*

I will never forget you, My people
I have carved you on the palm of My hand
I will never forget you
I will not leave you orphaned
I will never forget My own
Does a mother forget her baby?
Or a woman the child within her womb?
Yet even if these forget,
Yes, even if these forget,
I will never forget my own
I will never forget you, My people
I have carved you on the palm of My hand
I will never forget you
I will not leave you orphaned
I will never forget My own.

Final Commendation and Procession to the Place of Committal

Fr. George: Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend Carmel, 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 you thanks for the blessings which you have bestowed upon Carmel in this life: they are signs to us of your goodness and of our fellowship with the saints in Christ. Merciful Lord, turn toward us and listen to our prayers: open the gates of paradise to Carmel 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 for ever.
All: Amen.

Recessional Music: "Time To Say Goodbye" by Il Divo

Coffin Bearers: Anthony, Mary, Claire, Andrea, Pauline, John, Caterina

A family like ours.....

To be a part of a family like mine
is so divine
where love is shown
hurt is shared
our love for each other is never impaired

we talk
we laugh
we cry
but we are a family
and we do it all together
for as a family
we do it all as one

you hurt one
you hurt all
and as a family unit
we will stand tall
for we are family
a family full of strength
a family full of love
a family no one can touch
that is why we love our family so much.

Thankyou

The Borg family wish to sincerely thankyou for
all your offerings of sympathy, prayers and kind thoughts.

Special thanks to Fr. George Feliciouz P.P Mansfield
and Julie Aldous for the music.

At the conclusion of the service you are all invited to join family
for refreshments at St. John's Hall, 43 Highett St. Mansfield.

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