

In loving memory of

Charmaine Johnstone



29th April 1970 ~ 9th April 2024

Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Griffith

Tuesday 16th April 2024
commencing at 10:00am



In Loving memory of *Charmaine Louise Johnstone*

Much loved daughter of

Graeme & Cecilia

Adored Mother and Mother-in-Law of

Lauren & Lorenz

James

Harrison

Breanna

Sister and sister-in-law of

Rozanne & Lloyd

Rodney & Jodee



Loved aunty of

Meg, Michael, Jason, Jack, Brooke and Erinn

Loved by

Peter Taylor, Vivian Gaffey, Julie Roberts, Mischell Savino

Andrew Carey and her many friends

Pall Bearers

Rod Johnstone

Michael Heffer

Lloyd Heffer

Jason Heffer

James Taylor

Harry Calton

Clergy

Fr Anthony Schipp

Organist

Belinda Aventi

Vocalist

Mechlene Nehme

Entrance Hymn: *Amazing Grace*

Words of Remembrance: *Meagan, Viv, Peta and Andrew*

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

All: **Amen.**

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

All: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: In the waters of baptism Charmaine died with Christ and rose with Him to new life, may she now share with him eternal glory.

Opening Prayer

Priest: Be near, O Lord, we pray, to your servant Charmaine, on whose funeral day we offer you this sacrifice of conciliation, so that, should any stain of sin have clung to her or any human fault have affected her, it may, by your loving gift, be forgiven and wiped away.

Through Christ our Lord

All: **Amen**

Reading: *Prayer of Peace by St Francis of Assisi* Read by Jodee.

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace;
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
And where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,
Grant that I may not so much seek
To be consoled as to console;
To be understood, as to understand;
To be loved, as to love;
For it is in giving that we receive,
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
And it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life.
Amen.



Responsorial Psalm – *The Lord is my Shephard (sung)*

Second Reading – *Read by Jodee Taylor*

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus. God will bring them with him. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

All: **Alleluia, Alleluia.**
 I am the resurrection and the life, said the Lord;
 He who believes in me will not die forever.
 Alleluia.

Gospel

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John 14:1-6

Jesus said to his 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 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 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 Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me."

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Homily



Prayers of the Faithful

Priest: God, the almighty Father, raised Jesus Christ, his son from the dead, with confidence we ask him to save all his people, living and dead.

Breanna: For Charmaine, who in baptism was given a pledge of eternal life, that she may be admitted to the company of saints.
Lord, hear our prayer.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Breanna: We pray for Charmaine's children, Lauren, James and Harrison, that they may be consoled in their grief and loss.
Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Breanna: We pray for those, who bear the cross of pain, in mind and body, may never feel forsaken by God for 'He' is unconditional love.
Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Breanna: We pray for family, friends and workmates who have given Charmaine their love and laughter.
Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Breanna: We prayer for Dr Sangeetha, Dr Samuels the oncologist personnel, the nurses at the Griffith Base Hospital and all who have cared for Charmaine over the years of illness.
Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest: God, our shelter and our strength, you listen in love to the cry of your people: hear the prayers we offer for our departed brothers and sisters. Cleanse them of their sins and grant them the fullness of redemption.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

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.
Forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil.**

Priest: Deliver us Lord, we pray, from every evil. Graciously grant peace in our days, that by help in 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.

All: **For the kingdom, the power and glory are yours now and forever.
Amen.**

Photographic Tribute: *Scars in Heaven*

Final commendation and farewell

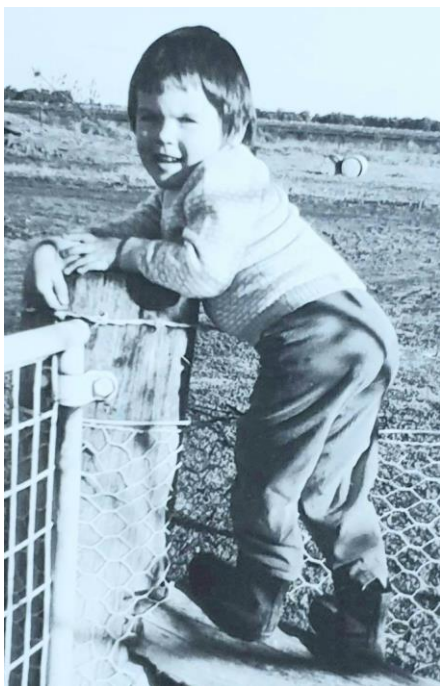
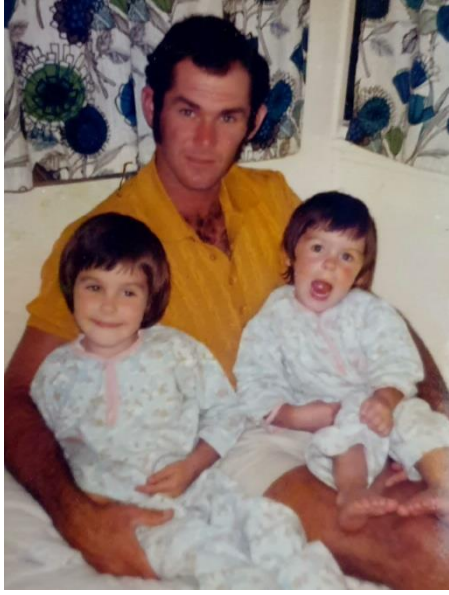
Priest: Receive Charmaine's soul and present her to God the most High. Eternal rest grant upon her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.

All: **May she rest in peace**

Final Hymn – *You Raise Me Up*





















While praying one day a woman asked, "Who are you, God?"

He answered, "I Am."

"But who is 'I Am'?" she asked.

He replied, "I am Love, I am Peace, I am Grace, I am Joy, I am Strength, I am safety,
I am the Comforter, I am the Beginning and the End.

I am the Way, Truth, and the Light."

With tears in her eyes she looked toward heaven and said, "Now I understand.

But who am I?"

God tenderly wiped the tears from her eyes and whispered,

"You are mine."

Sincere Thanks

The love of our family, relatives and friends have comforted us in the loss of Charmaine.

We thank you sincerely for your expressions of sympathy
and wonderful support during this sad time.

You are invited to join at the Exie's Sports Club following the service
to continue celebrating with us.

Cecilia & Graeme Johnstone and family



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