

Celebrating the Life of

Dimity Bellicanta



30th March 1962 ~ 23rd October 2021



Cathedral of St Alban The Martyr, Griffith
Friday 5th November 2021

Dimity Anne Bellicanta

Dearly loved wife of

The Late Warren Bellicanta

Much loved mother and mother in law of

Emily & Ashley

Cherished daughter of

Vernon and the Late Bobbie Bowen

Loved sister of

All of her siblings in Geelong

Celebrant:

The Very Rev'd Thomas Leslie

Dean of St Alban's

Assisting:

The Rev'd Louise Osborne,

Honorary Assistant Parish Priest

The Rev'ds Gemma and Frederik Le Mesurier,

Assistant Curates

*Throughout the service, the congregational responses are marked in **bold typeface**.*

MUSIC : I will remember you—Sarah McGlauchlan

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Grace and peace from the Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Fr Thomas offers words of welcome.

Opening prayer.

**Loving God, you alone are the source of life.
May your life-giving Spirit flow through us,
and fill us with compassion, one for another.
In our sorrow give us the calm of your peace.
Kindle our hope, and let our grief give way to joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

THE CELEBRATION OF LIFE

The Eulogy: *read by Rev'd Louise Osborne.*

Musical Reflection and presentation of photos : *Because you love me*
Celine Dion



THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Reading: *Psalm 23 is read by alternate verses, as marked.*

The Lord is my shepherd: therefore can I lack nothing.
He will make me to lie down in green pastures;
and lead me beside still waters

**He will refresh my soul:
and lead me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.**

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil:

**For you are with me, your rod and staff comfort me.
You spread a table before me: in the presence of all my troubles:**

You have anointed my head with oil and my cup overflows.

**Surely your goodness and loving kindness
will follow me all the days of my life:
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

Second Reading: John 14.1-6, *read by Rev'd Frederik Le Mesurier*

Response: For the Word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

The Sermon: *Rev'd Gemma Le Mesurier*

Reflective Music: *You are the Reason*



THE PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

Concluding with the Lord's Prayer:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as 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.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE FAREWELL

Let us entrust Dimity to the Love and Mercy of God,

**Heavenly and loving Father,
by your mighty power you gave us life,
and in your love you have given us new life in Christ Jesus.
We entrust Dimity into your merciful keeping
in the faith of Jesus Christ,
who died and rose again to save us,
and now lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, in glory for ever. Amen.**

The attendant candle is extinguished.

Let us pray.

**We remember, Lord, the slenderness
of the thread which separates Life from Death,
and the suddenness with which it can be broken.
Help us also to remember that
on both sides of that division
we, and those we love, are surrounded by your embrace.**

**Persuade our hearts that when our dear ones die
neither we nor they are parted from you.**

**In you may we find our peace,
and in you be united with them in the glorious body of Christ,
who has burst the bonds of Death and is alive for evermore:
for he is our Saviour, now and for ever. Amen**

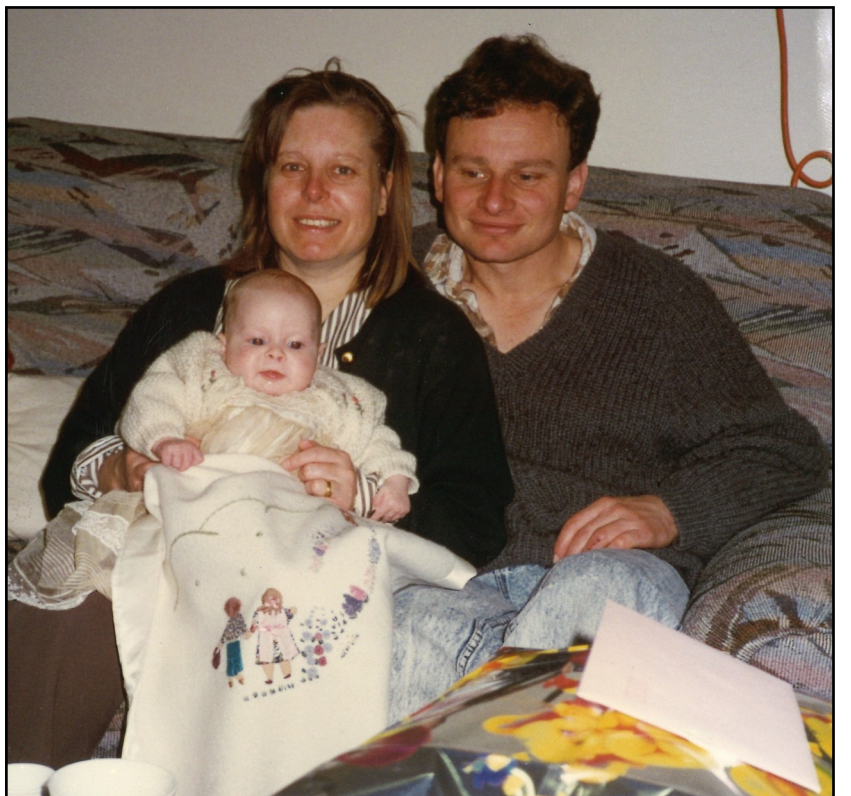
The Dean pronounces a final blessing:

May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face;
the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again,
may God hold you in the palm of His hand. **Amen.**

Recessional Music: *Lay me Down—Sam Smith*

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*“Your mother is always with you.
She’s the whisper of the leaves as
you walk down the street,
She’s the smell of certain foods you remember,
flowers you pick, the fragrance of life itself,
She’s the cool hand on your brow
when you’re not feeling well.
She’s your breath in the air on a cold winter’s day.
She is the sound of the rain that lulls you to sleep,
the colours of a rainbow;
she is Christmas morning.
Your mother lives inside your laughter.
She’s the place you came from, your first home
and she’s the map you follow with every step you take.
She’s your first love, your first friend,
even your first enemy,
but nothing on earth can separate you
not time,
not space...
not even death.”*





Emily, and all of Dimity's family, sincerely thank you for your attendance today, and for all your prayers and support at this time.

Following the service you are invited to join them for light refreshments at the Exies Club.



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