

A CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF

*Jane Miriam Francis*



*A Life Filled With Happiness, Strength and Resilience*

*9<sup>th</sup> June 1967 ~ 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021*

**Thursday, the 9th of December, 2021**

*The Cathedral Church of St Alban the Martyr, Griffith  
Celebrant: The Very Reverend Thomas Leslie  
Dean of St Alban's*

## THE WELCOME

***Entrance Music*** : “*She Will Be Loved*” - Maroon 5

***Introduction*** Fr Thomas.

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

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. For while their going from us seems to be their destruction; they are at peace.

*(Wisdom 3.1,3)*

Let us pray.

**Gracious God, give comfort and peace to all who are temporarily separated from loved ones by the gates of Death.**

**May the ache in our hearts be the strengthening of our souls.**

**May our longing bring resolve to our lives, conviction and purity to our love.**

**Teach us to embrace the times of sadness lest it turn into despair.**

**Transform our yearning into wisdom. and let our hearts grow fonder. Amen.** *(Michael Leunig)*

## THE CELEBRATION OF LIFE

### **Family Tributes:**

- *Emma*
- *Dafydd*
- *Bryn*

**The Eulogy:** *Aled*

**Photographic Tribute:** *a slideshow celebrating Jane's life.*

*Music during the Slideshow: 'Cover Me in Sunshine' - Pink*

# THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

**Reading 1:** *Proverbs 22.1-2, 4, 6,*

*Read by David*

**Psalm 121** *read by alternate verses as marked.*

I lift up my eyes to the hills—

from where will my help come?

**My help comes from the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth.**

He will not let your foot be moved;  
he who keeps you will not slumber.

**He who keeps Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep.**

The Lord is your keeper;  
the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

**The sun shall not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night.**

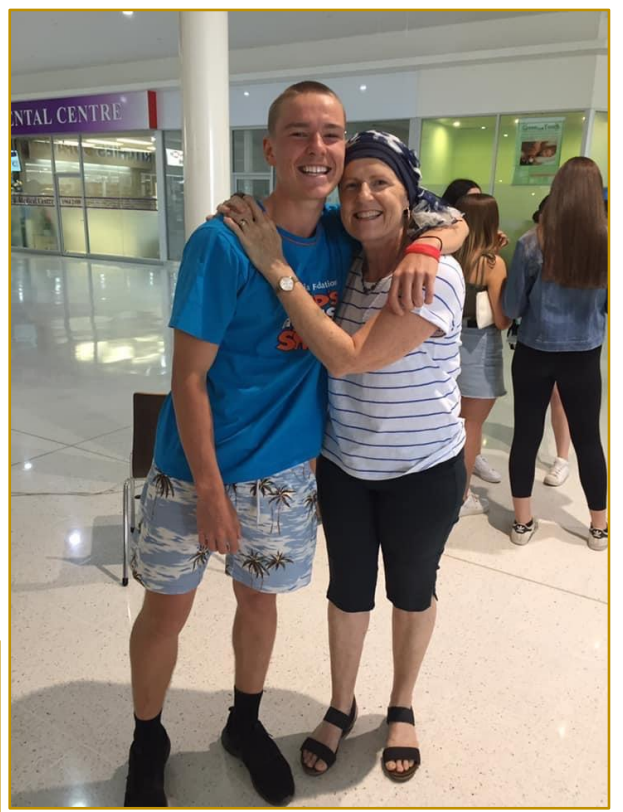
The Lord will keep you from all evil;  
he will keep your life.

**The Lord will guard  
your going out and your coming in  
from this time on and for evermore.**

**Bible Reading:** *Matthew 11.28-30.*

**The Address** *Fr Thomas*







**Hymn:**                    *“All Things Bright and Beautiful”*

*Refrain: All things bright and beautiful,  
all creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful:  
the Lord God made them all.*

**Each little flow’r that opens,  
Each little bird that sings,  
He made their glowing colors,  
He made their tiny wings.**

*Refrain*

**The purple-headed mountains,  
The river running by,  
The sunset and the morning  
That brightens up the sky.**

*Refrain*

**The cold wind in the winter,  
The pleasant summer sun,  
The ripe fruits in the garden,  
He made them every one.**

*Refrain*

**He gave us eyes to see them,  
And lips that we might tell  
How great is God Almighty,  
Who has made all things well.**

*Refrain*

## THE PRAYERS

**The Prayers of Thanksgiving**     *Fr Thomas*

## **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 RITE OF FAREWELL**

Let us entrust our sister Jane to the love and mercy of God.

*The coffin is blessed with holy water, a reminder of Jane's Baptismal inheritance: the eternal life of Christ.*

Let us pray.

**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 Jane now 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 Prayer of Committal is said.*

Rest eternal grant to her O Lord,  
**And let light perpetual shine on her.**  
May she rest in peace, and rise in glory. **Amen.**

*Please stand, as Jane's coffin is taken from the church to the hearse.  
A Guard of Honour from Griffith North Public School and Griffith Blacks Rugby Club  
will line the Cathedral Steps.*

**Recessional Music:** "Supermarket Flowers"- Ed Sheeran  
"O (Fly On) "- Coldplay



*Aled, Dav and Bryn wish to thank you for your kind words of sympathy, love, support and friendship. Your expressions of shared grief are of great comfort to them. You are invited to join with them at the Griffith Leagues Club for light refreshments following the funeral.*



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