

*Service of Thanksgiving
to Celebrate the Life of
Maylinda Sparks
21.7.1967 - 13.3.2022*



*Lester & Son Chapel
Wodonga*

*Monday 28th March 2022
Priest - Fr Junjun Amaya*

Entrance Music
'Time After Time'
Aiza Seguerra

Greetings & Welcome

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

Priest: The Lord be with you
All: And with your spirit.

Words of Remembrance and Eulogy
Read by Joanna Tomlinson on behalf of Ruby Sparks

Photo Tribute
'Let It Be'
The Beatles

Christian Symbols
Lighting of Paschal Candle
By Ruby Sparks

*Priest: In Baptism, Maylinda received the light of Christ. It has
guided her through her life.*

All: May Christ's light now lead her into eternal life.

Sprinkling with Holy Water

*Priest: In the waters of baptism, Maylinda died with Christ and
rose with Him into eternal life.*

All: May Maylinda now share eternal life with Him in glory.

Opening Prayer (Please stand)

Into your hands, O Lord, we humbly entrust our sister Maylinda. In this life you embraced her with your tender love, deliver her now from every evil and bid her enter eternal rest. The old order has passed away: welcome her then into paradise, where there will be no sorrow, no weeping nor pain, but the fullness of peace and joy with your Son and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Reading

First Reading: From the Diary of Saint Faustina

Read by Brooke Sparks

'Words of Our Lord to Saint Faustina'

"Write down these words, my daughter. Speak to the world about My mercy; let all mankind recognize my unfathomable mercy. It is a sign for the end times; after it will come the day of justice. While there is still time, let them have recourse to the fount of my mercy; let them profit from the blood and water which gushed forth for them".

(Diary, 848)

"My Secretary, write that I am more generous toward sinners than toward the just. It was for their sake that I came down from heaven; it was for their sake that My Blood was spilled. Let them not fear to approach Me; they are most in need of My mercy."

(Diary, 1275)

"Before I come as a just Judge, I first open wide the door of My mercy. He who refuses to pass through the door of My mercy must pass through the door of My justice..."

(Diary, 1146)

(cf., John 10:7: "I am the Door.")

Responsorial Psalm 23

Brian Boniwell

Verse 1

*The Lord is my Shepherd, and I want to follow,
wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.*

*Over the mountains, the waters and by-ways,
valleys and highways he's waiting for me.*

Refrain

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.*

Verse 2

*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. Refrain*

Gospel acclamation (please stand)

Praise and glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

*Come, you whom my Father has blessed, says the Lord;
inherit the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world.*

Praise and glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

John 14:1-6 (Please Stand)

Priest: The Lord be with you

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Priest: *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 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 Truth 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 Sit)

Homily Reflection

Prayers of the Faithful (Please stand)

Priest: *God our father, we celebrate Maylinda's journey through life with joy, and we remember the many blessings you gave her in life, and knowing you are faithful to your promises, we now turn to you in prayer.*

In Baptism, Maylinda received the light of Christ. Let us pray that God will now scatter the darkness and lead her over the waters of death. We pray to the Lord.

All: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For Maylinda's family, especially her daughter Ruby, her mother, brothers and sisters, that they may feel the healing power of Christ in the midst of their pain and grief. We pray to the Lord.

All: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

That God may welcome into glory those of our family and friends who have departed this life, especially Maylinda's husband Stanley and her father Isidroniko. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest: *Lord, in humility, faith and hope, we entrust all our prayers to you, for our dear sister Maylinda. Hold her in your love forever as we hold her in our hearts. 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. 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.

Final Commendation and Farewell (Please stand)

Priest: *Before we go our separate ways, let us take leave of our sister Maylinda. May our farewell express our affection for her, may it ease our sadness and strengthen our hope. One day, we shall joyfully greet her again when the love of Christ, which conquers all things destroys even death itself.*

Priest: *Saints of God, come to her aid
hasten to meet her angels of the Lord.*

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

Priest: *May Christ who called you, take you to himself,
may angels lead you to Abraham's side.*

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

Priest: *Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon her.*

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

Priest: Lord Jesus, like a shepherd who gathers the lambs to protect them from all harm, you led Maylinda to the waters of baptism and shielded her in love. Now carry this daughter of yours on the path to your kingdom of light where she will find happiness and every tear will be wiped away. To you be glory, now and forever. **All: Amen.**

Committal for Cremation:

Priest: Because God has chosen to call our sister Maylinda from this life to himself, with faith in Jesus Christ and hope for the resurrection, we commit her body to the elements, earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust.

The Lord bless her and keep her, the Lord make his face to shine upon her and be gracious to her, the Lord lift up his countenance upon her and give her peace.

Concluding Prayer:

Priest: God of holiness and power accept our prayers on behalf of your servant Maylinda, do not count her deeds against her, for in her heart she desired to do your will. As her faith united her to your people on earth, so may your mercy join her to the angels in heaven. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Priest: Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord.

All: And let perpetual light shine upon her.

Priest: May she rest in peace. **All: Amen.**

Priest: May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **All: Amen.**

Priest: May almighty God bless us all, the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit. **All: Amen.**

Final Music
'I'll Be There For You'
Aiza Seguerra



*Maylinda's family thank you for your
support and kind wishes.*

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