

A mass in celebration of the life of



Dorothy Sheahan

26 JUNE, 1941 - 15 MARCH, 2026

Monday, 23 March at 11:00 AM

St Vincent de Paul's Catholic Church

Morwell

Celebrant

Father Paul Zaher

Entrance Hymn

Here I Am Lord

Song by

Daniel O'Donnell

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 who made the stars and 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 snow and rain
I have borne My people's pain
I have wept for love of them
They turn away
I will break their hearts of stone
Give them hearts for love alone
I will speak My word 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
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Introduction Rite

Explanation of Christian Symbols

Eulogy and visual tribute

The Voyage - Christy Moore This song was chosen by Dot, Bernie and family for their 30th Wedding Anniversary Mass in 1992

The Voyage
Song by
Christy Moore

I am a sailor, and you're my first mate
We signed on together, we coupled our fate
Hauled up our anchor, determined not to fail
For the heart's treasure, together we set sail
With no maps to guide us, we steered our own course
We rode out the storms when the winds were gale force
Sat out the doldrums in patience and hope
Workin' together, we learned how to cope
Life is an ocean, and love is a boat
In troubled waters that keeps us afloat
When we started the voyage, there was just me and you
Now gathered 'round us, we have our own crew
And together we're sailin' this ship
We've built it with care to last the whole trip
Our true destination is not marked on any charts
We're navigating for the shores of the heart
Life is an ocean, and love is a boat
In troubled waters that keeps us afloat
When we started the voyage, there was just me and you
Now gathered 'round us, we have our own crew

What a Wonderful World

Song by

Louis Armstrong

I see trees of green, red roses too
I see them bloom for me and for you
And I think to myself
What a wonderful world
I see skies of blue and clouds of white
The bright blessed days, dark sacred nights
And I think to myself
What a wonderful world
The colors of the rainbow, so pretty in the sky
Are also on the faces of people going by
I see friends shaking hands, saying, "How do you do?"
They're really sayin', "I love you"
I hear babies cry, I watch them grow
They'll learn much more than I'll never know
And I think to myself
What a wonderful world
Yes, I think to myself
What a wonderful world
Oh, yes

Opening Prayer

(All stand)

Lord God, you have told us love is patient and kind.

Love is not jealous or conceited, or proud, or provoked. Love does not keep a record of wrongs...it is not happy with evil but is pleased with the truth. Love never gives up...its faith, hope and patience never fail. We ask for you to reward Dot for her devotion to her family and grant her the fullness of life promised to those who are faithful.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

First Reading

(Please sit)

A reading from Ecclesiastes 3:1-13

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

a time to be born, and a time to die;

a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

a time to kill, and a time to heal;

a time to break down, and a time to build up;

a time to weep, and a time to laugh;

a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;

a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

a time to seek, and a time to lose;

a time to keep, and a time to throw away;

a time to tear, and a time to sew;

a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

a time to love, and a time to hate;

a time for war, and a time for peace.

What do people gain from the efforts they make?

I contemplate the task that God gives humanity to labour at.

All that he does is apt for its time; but although he has given us an awareness of the passage of time, we can grasp neither the beginning nor the end of what God does.

I know there is no happiness for a human being except in pleasure and enjoyment through life.

And when we eat and drink and find happiness in all our achievements, this is a gift from God.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Response: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

In verdant pastures he gives me repose;

Beside restful waters he leads me; He refreshes my soul.

He guides me in right paths for his name's sake.

R: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side

With your rod and your staff that give me courage

R: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes;

You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

R: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Only goodness and kindness will follow me all the days of my life;

And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for years to come.

R: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Gospel Acclamation

(All stand)

Glory and praise 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.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land.

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.”

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Homily

(All sit)

Prayers of the Faithful

(All stand)

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

(All sit)

Offertory Procession

Make me a channel of your peace - Instrumental

Sanctus

**All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Communion Rite

(All stand)

**All: 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.**

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

Sign of Peace

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And with your spirit.

Lamb of God

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Communion

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Communion Hymn

Hail Mary, Gentle Woman - Jill Martin
Amazing Grace - Instrumental

Prayer After Communion

Priest: God of mercy, your son Jesus gave us the Sacrament of His Body and Blood to guide us on our pilgrim way.

May our sister Dot, who shared in the Eucharist, come to the banquet of life prepared for her.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

Invitation to Prayer

Priest: Trusting in God, we have prayed together for Dot and now we come to the last farewell. There is sadness in parting, but we take comfort in the hope that one day we shall see Dot again and enjoy her friendship. Although this congregation will disperse in sorrow, the mercy of God will gather us together again in the joy of his kingdom. Therefore, let us console one another in the faith of Jesus Christ.

Into your hands, O Lord, we humbly entrust our sister, Dot.

In this life You embraced her with Your tender love;
deliver her now from every evil and bid her eternal rest.

Welcome her 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 for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Prayers of Commendation and Farewell

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 the bosom of Abraham.

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: Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our sister Dot. in the
sure and certain hope that, together with all who have died in Christ,
she will rise with Him.

We give you thanks for the blessings which you bestowed upon Dot 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 Your servant 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 forever.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Recessional

Time to say goodbye - Sarah Brightman

A word from Dot with her final wishes...

P.S. - I AM NOT GOING TO COMPLAIN, SO PLEASE
DO WHATEVER YOU THINK BEST - GOOD LUCK!
GOD BLESS you All. love to all
I love each and everyone of you. Mum. NANA/NANNY DOT.
XXXXXXXX etc. etc.



Anne, Paul, Chris and Dave and their families sincerely thank you for your love, support, and presence today. We warmly invite you to join us for the interment at Yallourn Lawn Cemetery, followed by refreshments at The Morwell Club function room, Helen Street Morwell from 1:30pm onwards.