



# *Gwen French*

BORN 19<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 1931

ENTERED ETERNAL LIFE 20<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2022

OUR SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN THANKSGIVING AND FAREWELL  
FOR

*Gwendoline Emily French*

Held at

St Brigid's Catholic Church  
Goldie Street, Wynyard  
onto the  
Wynyard Lawn Cemetery

Wednesday, 28th September, 2022  
Commencing at 1pm

Officiating - Fr John Girdauskas

Organist - Kevina Whiting

**Carriers**

Ricky French  
Rodney French  
Tony French

Zack French  
John Wesker  
Jamie Hite

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

WELCOME AND GREETING

SPRINKLING WITH HOLY WATER

GATHERING HYMN

### COME AS YOU ARE

1. Come as you are, that's how I want you.  
Come as you are, feel quite at home.  
Close to my heart, loved and forgiven;  
Come as you are, why stand alone?
2. No need to fear, Love sets no limits  
No need to fear, love never ends.  
Don't run away shamed and disheartened.  
Rest in my love, trust me again.
3. I Came to call sinners, not just the virtuous.  
I came to bring peace, not to condemn.  
Each time you fail to live by my promise,  
Why do you think I'd love you less?
4. Come as you are, that's how I love you.  
Come as you are, trust me again.  
Nothing can change the love that I bear you.  
All will be well, just come as you are.

**EULOGY** - *Tony French & Rodney French*

**PHOTO MONTAGE**

**OPENING PRAYER**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING - *Chantelle French*

A Reading from the Second Letter of St Paul to Timothy 4:6-8

As for me, my life is already being poured out as an offering, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish. I have kept the faith; all that is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his appearing.

This is the Word of the Lord

*All:* Thanks be to God

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

#### THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

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 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.

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.

### **GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN 14:1-6**

John said: '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 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 O Lord Jesus Christ*

### **HOMILY**



**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** - *Lindy Davidson*

***Priest: Having listened to God's Word and reflected on it, let us place our prayers before God today:***

For Gwen who through baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that she may now be admitted to the company of saints, Lord hear us

***All: Lord hear our prayer***

For those we have known and loved who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith, Lord hear us

***All: Lord hear our prayer***

For those unable to be here with us, who are separated by distance and covid restrictions, Lord hear us

***All: Lord hear our prayer***

For those who grieve and experience the loss of someone they have loved, Lord hear us

***All: Lord hear our prayer***

For the sick, the aged and forgotten members of our communities, that they be cared for with love and compassion, Lord hear us

***All: Lord hear our prayer***

For ourselves, that our belief in the Risen Lord and the promises made to us through baptism will be fulfilled, Lord hear us

***All: Lord hear our prayer***

***Priest: God our shelter and strength, you listen in love to the cry of your people: hear the prayers we offer for Gwen and all who have loved her in this life, we make this our prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen***

# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY REFLECTIVE MUSIC

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER 2

COMMUNION HYMN

## HOSEA

1. Come back to me with all your heart.

Don't let fear keep us apart.

Trees do bend, 'though straight and tall;

So must we to others' call.

Long have I waited for your coming home to me

And living deeply our new life

2. The wilderness will lead you

To your heart where I will speak.

Integrity and justice

With tenderness you shall know.

Long have I waited for your coming home to me

And living deeply our new life.

3. You shall sleep secure with peace;

Faithfulness will be your joy.

Long have I waited for your coming home to me

And living deeply our new life.



## THANKSGIVING HYMN

### FILL MY HOUSE

1. Fill my house unto the fullest,  
Eat my bread and drink my wine,  
The love I bear is held from no one.

*Refrain:* All I Own  
And all I do,  
I give to you.

2. Take my time unto the fullest,  
Find in me the trust you seek,  
Take my hands to you out-reaching.

3. Christ our Lord with love enormous,  
From the cross His lesson taught,  
Love everyone as I have loved you.

4. Join with me as one in Christ-love,  
May our hearts all beat as one,  
May we give ourselves completely.

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

### FINAL COMMENDATION

### INVITATION TO PRAYER

### SONG OF FAREWELL

*'Receive her soul and present her to God the Most High'*

### PRAYER OF COMMENDATION

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

### HERE, I AM LORD

1. 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 make the stars of 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.*

2. 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?

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will seat a feast for them.  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
'Til their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them  
Whom shall I send?

You are *Near*, even if I don't *See* you.

You are *With me*, even if you are *Far away*.

You are in my *Heart*, In my *Thoughts*,

In my *Life*.

*Always*.







*Gwen's family  
are so grateful that you could be here today,  
and for the many ways in which you have shown them support.*



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