Irish 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
And may the rains fall soft upon your fields
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

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Mary Margaret Burroughs

25th January 1936 - 2nd September 2026

Welcome to this Requiem Mass to Celebrate the Life of Mary

Held at St Peter's Catholic Church, Cambridge
7th September 2026 at 6.00pm

A private interment will be held at The Hamilton Park Lawn Cemetery, Newstead on Tuesday 8th September 2026.

Celebrant: Father Phillip Billing

Organist: Sharon Honiss

Piper: Mike Plant

Pallbearers
Carrying In: Philip McCarty, Denton McCarty, Christopher McCarty
Matthew McCarty, Jeremy McCarty, Isaac Stevens

Carrying Out: Alison Bullick, Beth Read, Kathryn Hensley
Marara Rewiti Stevens, Tylah Downes, Mary-Ann McCarty

Opening Hymn: 'Here I Am Lord'
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 of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain: 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 wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set 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? *Refrain...*

Closing Hymn: Hail Queen of Heaven *(HF Hemy)*
Hail Queen of Heav'n, the ocean star
Guide of the wand'rer, here below.
Thrown on life's surge, we claim thy care
Save us from peril and from woe.

Mother of Christ, star of the sea.
Pray for the wanderer, pray for me.

O gentle, chaste, and spotless Maid
we sinners make
our prayers thru thee.
Remind thy Son that He has paid
the price of our iniquity.

Virgin most pure, star of the sea.
Pray for the sinner, pray for me.

And while to him who reigns above
In Godhead One, in Person's Three
The source of life, of grace of love
Homage we pay on bended knee.

Do thou, bright queen,
star of the sea
Pray for your children; pray for me.

INVITATION

Following the Requiem Mass for Mary, you are warmly invited to join the family in the Church Lounge for supper and refreshments, and to continue sharing memories and celebrating Mary's life together.

Lamb Of God
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.

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

Holy Communion

Instrumental During Holy Communion: Ave Maria

Communion Prayer

Pictorial Tribute

Final Commendation

Invitation To Pray

Song Of Farewell
Come to her aid O saints of God. Come meet her angels of the Lord.
Receive her soul, O holy ones, present her now to God Most High.

May Christ who called you take you home, and angels lead you to Abraham.
Receive her soul, O holy ones, present her now to God most high.

Give her eternal rest, O Lord, may light unending shine on her.
Receive her soul, O holy ones, present her now to God most high.

I know that my redeemer lives, the last day I shall rise again.
Receive her soul, O holy ones, present her now to God most high.

Prayer Of Commendation

Procession To The Place Of Committal

Greeting

Placing Christian Symbols of Faith, Hope, and Love

Sprinkling with Holy Water	*Fr Philip Billing*
Lighting of the Candle	*Denton McCarty*
White Pall	*Jennifer Ross*
Crucifix	*Joshua Stevens*
Book of the Gospels and Rosary	*Padriac McCarty-Plant*
Placing of flowers	*Wairangi Stevens*

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.

Opening Prayer

In Memory of Mary: Peter McCarty

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Wisdom 3:1- 6,9 read by Pauline Honey

Response: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 23

'The Lord is My Shepherd' *(Brian Boniwell)*
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.

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...*

Second Reading: Revelations 14:13 read by Michelle McCarty

Response: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *(Maria Guzzo, Mass of Queen of Peace)*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Jesus is risen from death.
Alleluia, Alleluia, He is the light of the world.

GOSPEL: John 14:1-6- Proclaimed by Fr Philip Billing

Response: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily: Fr. Philip Billing

Prayers Of The Faithful: Family

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Presentation Of Gifts
Olivia Stevens, Shiloh Stiles McCarty, Casey Stiles McCarty

Offertory Hymn: Instrumental

PRAYERS DURING THE EUCHARIST

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of His name, for our good and the good of all his holy church.

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

Priest: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right and just.

Holy Holy *(Maria Guzzo, Mary Queen of Peace)*
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts,
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
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Memorial Acclamation
When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death O Lord, until you come again.

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.

(Pause)

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