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A REQUIEM MASS FOR

*Linda Bernadette Cowen*

née Oliver

3 July 1951 – 10 February 2026



## *A Requiem Mass for Linda*

Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Tuesday 17 February 2026 at 1.30pm

### **Celebrant**

Fr Darren McFarlane

### **Musician**

Theresa Guzzo

### **Pallbearers**

Jeffrey Cowen, Richard Cowen, Paul Oliver  
Neil Oliver, Rex Oliver, Leo Oliver

### **Recessional 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 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?

*Refrain...*

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, till their hearts be satisfied  
I will give my life to them; Whom shall I send?

*Refrain...*



**The family thank you for your prayerful presence and support here today.**

Immediately following the Requiem please join the family for refreshments in the Cathedral Hall. After this, Linda will be lovingly laid to rest with her husband Leo in the Maple Lawn at Hamilton Park Cemetery, at Newstead.

You are warmly invited to join the family at the cemetery, and later at Camarosa, Ruakura Rd, for refreshments.



## 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.

## Communion Hymn: 'Prayer of St Francis'

Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.  
where there is injury, your pardon, Lord.  
and where there's doubt true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace  
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope  
Where there is darkness, only light,  
And where there's sadness, ever joy.

O Master, grant that I may never seek,  
So much to be consoled, as to console.  
To be understood, as to understand  
To be loved, as to love with all my soul!

Make me a channel of your peace,  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned.  
In giving to all, that we receive.  
And in dying, that we're born to eternal life.

## Prayer after Communion: Fr Darren

## Final Prayers and Commendation

*Response: Receive her soul and present her to God the most high.*

## Opening Hymn: 'Come as You Are'

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?

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.

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 the less?

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.

## Introductory Rites and Welcome: Fr Darren

## Tribute in Memory of Linda: Katrina Steele and Jeffrey Cowen

*Lisa Cowen will read "I carry a cross in my pocket"*

## Opening Prayer: Fr Darren

## First Reading: Ecclesiastes 3:1-11

Read by Francesca Eathorne

*Response: Thanks be to God.*

## Psalm: 'The Lord's My Shepherd' (Crimond)

The Lord 's my shepherd, I'll not want: He makes me down to lie.  
In pastures green He leadeth me; the quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again and me to walk doth make.  
Within the paths of righteousness e'en for His own name's sake.

Yea though I walk in death's dark vale; yet will I fear no ill.  
For Thou art with me and Thy rod and staff me comfort still.

Goodness and mercy all my life; will surely follow me.  
And in God's house forever more my dwelling place shall be.



**Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:5-8**

Read by Barbara Miles

*Response: Thanks be to God.*

**Gospel Acclamation:** Celtic Alleluia

**Gospel: John 6:37-40**

Proclaimed by Fr Darren

*Response: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.*

**Homily:** Fr Darren

**Prayers of the Faithful:** Katrina Steele, Chloe, Georgia & Mason Cowen

*Response: Lord hear our prayer.*

**Offertory Hymn: 'As Gentle as Silence'**

Oh the love of my Lord is the essence.  
Of all that I love here on earth  
All the beauty I see He has given to me.  
And His giving is gentle as silence.

Every day, every hour, every moment;  
Has been blessed by the strength of His love  
At the turn of each tide He is there at my side.  
And His touch is as gentle as silence.

There've been times when I've turned from his presence  
And I've walked other paths other ways.  
But I've called on His name in the dark of my shame  
And His mercy was gentle as silence.

*The bread and wine to be consecrated at Eucharist will be brought forward by  
Mason Cowen and Tyler Gorrie-Cowen.*

**Prayers during 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**

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**

We proclaim your death O Lord,  
and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

**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.

**The Sign of Peace**

