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Please stand as the Priest enters the Hall
Entrance Song: Life Goes On – by Ed Sheeran and Luke Coombs

Welcome and Introductory Rites
Fr Harold: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
All: *Amen.*
Fr Harold: The grace and peace of God our Father, who raised Jesus from the dead, be always with you.
All: *And with your spirit*

Placing of Symbols of Betty's Life: Grandchildren
(Please be Seated)

Eulogy: Read by Andrew and Kirsty Williams

The Coffin is now sprinkled with Holy Water

Opening Prayer:
Fr Harold: O God, Almighty Father, our faith professes that your Son died and rose again; mercifully grant, that through this mystery your servant Betty who has fallen asleep in Christ, may rejoice to rise again through him. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.
All: *Amen*

LITURGY OF THE WORD
First Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Read by Kerry Dunn
We shall stay with the Lord forever:
A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians
We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that It will be the same for those who have died In Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any disadvantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air.

So we shall stay with the Lord forever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another. The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 27 Read by Jane Williams
Response: I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.

1. The Lord is my light and my salvation;whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
   (Response.)
2. One thing I asked of the Lord,that will I seek after: to live in the house of the Lordall the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.
   (Response.)
3. Hear, 0 Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me! "Come," my heart says, "seek his face!"Your face, Lord, do I seek. Do not hide your face from me.
   (Response.)
4. I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lordin the land of the living. Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage;wait for the Lord!
   (Response.)

(Please stand to welcome the Gospel)

Gospel Acclamation

All: *Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will never die. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!*
Priest: The Lord be with you.
All: *And with your spirit.*

Gospel Reading: John 14:1-6
A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John
There are many rooms in my Father's house.
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 be Seated)

Homily: Fr Harold

Prayers of the Faithful: Read by Kirsty Williams

Response: Hear our prayer.

Priest: God, Our Father, you were with your Son as he passed through death to join you in his resurrection. Be with us today as we present Betty Williams and entrust her to your love.

Kirsty: In baptism Betty received the light of Christ. Scatter the darkness now and lead her over the waters of death. Lord, in your mercy:
Response: Hear our prayer.

Kirsty: Many friends and members of our families have gone before us and await the kingdom. Grant them an everlasting home with your Son. Lord, in your mercy:
Response: Hear our prayer.

Kirsty: Many people have shown great love and support for Betty and her family over this time. They thank them for the gracious care and love they demonstrated. Lord, in your mercy:
Response: Hear our prayer.

Kirsty: Those who trusted in the Lord now sleep in the Lord. Give refreshment, rest, and peace to all whose faith is known to you alone. Lord, in your mercy:
Response: Hear our prayer.

Kirsty: The family and friends of Betty seek comfort and consolation. Heal their pain and dispel the darkness and doubt that come from grief. Lord, in your mercy:
Response: Hear our prayer.

Priest: Lord God, as you gave Betty the gift of life and helped her to love her family and friends in this world, grant her the reward of love and peace with you, forever in heaven. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Offertory Gifts in Procession:

Offertory Song: Angels by Robbie Williams

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Fr Harold: Blessed are you Lord…… the bread of life.

All: *Blessed be God forever*

Fr Harold: Blessed are you Lord…… our spiritual drink.

All: *Blessed be God forever*

(Please stand)

Fr Harold: Pray, my friends, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Almighty Father.

All: *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.*

Prayer over Offerings

Fr Harold: As we humbly present to you these sacrificial offerings, O Lord, for the salvation of your servant Betty we beseech your mercy, that she who did not doubt your Son to be a loving Saviour, may find in him a merciful judge.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All: *Amen*

The Eucharistic Prayer

Fr Harold: The Lord be with you

All: *And with your spirit*

Fr Harold: Lift up your hearts

All: *We lift up them up to the Lord*

Fr Harold: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

All: *It is right and just.*

Preface

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

(Please kneel or be Seated)

Eucharistic Acclamation

Fr Harold: The Mystery of Faith

All: *We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection until you come again.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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. Amen.

All: *For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.*

Sign of Peace

Fr Harold: The Lord be with you

All: *And with your Spirit.*

Fr Harold: Let us all offer each other the sign of peace

All: *All offer one another the customary sign of peace: a handclasp or handshake, which is an expression of peace, communion and charity*

Breaking of the Bread

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.

(Please kneel or be seated)

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Fr Harold: 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 Song: Just give me a reason by Pink feat Nate Ruess

Photographic Tribute

(Please stand)

Prayer after Communion:

Fr Harold: Grant, we pray, almighty God, that your servant Betty who has journeyed from this world, may by this sacrifice be cleansed and freed from sin and so receive the everlasting joys of the resurrection.
Through Christ our Lord.

All: *Amen.*

FINAL COMMENDATION AND FAREWELL

Priest: Before we go our separate ways, let us take leave of our sister Betty. 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.

The coffin is once again sprinkled with holy water as a reminder of the life of God which began in baptism; it is also incensed as a sign of the dignity of the body of the deceased and of our hope that by the power of the Holy Spirit they have been raised to eternal life.

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.*

Prayer of Commendation

Fr Harold: To you, O Lord, we commend the soul of Betty your servant; in the sight of this world she is now dead; in your sight may she live for ever. Forgive whatever sins she committed through human weakness and in your goodness grant her everlasting peace. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: *Amen.*

Fr Harold: May the angels lead you into paradise; may the martyrs come to welcome you and take you to the holy city, the new and eternal Jerusalem.

All: *Amen.*

Fr Harold: May choirs of angels welcome you and lead you to the bosom of Abraham; and where Lazarus is poor no longer may you find eternal rest.

All: *Amen.*

Fr Harold: In peace let us take our sister Betty to her place of rest.

Recessional Song: Time to Say Goodbye by Andrew Bocelli & Sarah Brightman
You're my Best Friend by Don Williams

ELIZABETH WILLIAMS (nee Butterick)

Born 28th May 1955
Entered into rest 20th March 2026

Loving wife to Larry

Adored mum and mother-in-law to
Tracey, Kerry and Paul, Andrew and Jane, Cameron and Kirsty

Much loved Nanna to
Olivia, Georgia, Xavier, Charlotte, Angus, Leo, Sylvie,
Alfie, Zeta, Esme, Lucy, George, Jack and Lenny.

Funeral Mass held at the Carrieton Memorial Hall followed by a committal at the Carrieton cemetery on Monday 30th March 2026.

Funeral Mass conducted by Father Harold Camonias
with Father Ramel Morales and Father Mark Whybrow

Pall Bearers

Andrew Williams
Cameron Williams
Mark Williams
Wayne Williams
Trevor Williams
Tony Williams

We wish to thank all who have shared in this funeral mass today. Your presence and expressions of love and support are greatly appreciated. A special thank you to the staff at the Orroroo District Hospital for their care and compassion. You are invited to join us in the Carrieton Community Clubrooms following the committal in the Carrieton Cemetery for some light refreshments and to share your memories of Betty.

Larry, Tracey, Kerry, Andrew, Cameron and their families.

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