

*CELEBRATING
The LIFE OF
Claire Caverswall*

22nd June 1935 – 21st August 2026



*Friday, 25th September 2026, 10:30am
The Twelve Apostles Catholic Church, Jindalee
Father Tony Simbel*

Order of Service

Entrance Song - Ave Maria | Andrea Bocelli

Opening Hmn - Amazing Grace
(Chorus)

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I am found
Was blind, but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Through many dangers, toils and snares
We have already come
'Twas grace has brought us safe thus far
And grace will lead us home

When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright, shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we've first begun

(Chorus)

Welcome and Blessing of Coffin

Opening Prayer



LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading - Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Jack Caverswall

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens:

A time to be born and a time to die,
A time to plant and a time to uproot,

A time to kill and a time to heal,
A time to tear down and a time to build,

A time to weep and a time to laugh,
A time to mourn and a time to dance,

A time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,
A time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,

A time to search and a time to give up,
A time to keep and a time to throw away,

A time to tear and a time to mend,
A time to be silent and a time to speak,

A time to love and a time to hate,
A time for war and a time for peace.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 23

Emma Coyer

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

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside still waters;
He restores my soul. *Response.*

He leads me in right paths for His name's sake.
Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

I fear no evil; for You are with me;
Your rod and Your staff - they comfort me. *Response.*

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows. *Response.*

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me,
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord,
my whole life long. *Response.*

Gospel Reading - John 14:1-6

Fr Tony

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John (14:1-6).

Fr: John 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 too may be. 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 I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: *Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.*

Homily

Prayers of the Faithful

Tom and Sarah Caverswall

Fr: God, the almighty Father, raised Christ his Son from the dead; with confidence we ask him to bring life and peace to his faithful servant, and comfort to all of us who mourn.

For Claire we give thanks for the long life of 91 years blessed upon our mother, grandmother, great grandmother, friend and wife. May

she now receive the crown of righteousness promised to those who keep the faith, and find eternal rest in God's heavenly kingdom
(Pause)

We pray to the Lord.

All: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For her legacy of faith: We pray that the strong Catholic faith Claire lived by and passed on to her family may continue to guide us. May her devotion to the Church, her strength of character, and her deep prayer life remain a shining light for generations to come.
(Pause)

We pray to the Lord.

All: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For those who cared for her: We pray in gratitude for the family members, friends, carers, and health professionals who supported Claire with kindness, patience and love during her final years. May they be blessed for their compassion and generosity.
(Pause)

We pray to the Lord.

All: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For all those who have died: We pray for the souls of all our relatives and friends who have gone before us. May they be reunited with Claire in that place where there is no more sorrow, suffering, or pain (Pause)

We pray to the Lord.

All: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Fr: God of mercy and compassion, hear the prayers we offer today for Claire and for all who mourn her passing. Cleanse her of any sins and bring her to the joy of your presence, grant her eternal rest and bring us all one day into the joy of your heavenly kingdom. Through Christ our Lord.

All: *Amen.*

Eulogy

Fiona Coyer

Visual Tribute - I'll Never Find Another You | Seekers

Second Hymn - How Great Thou Art

Oh Lord, my God
When I, in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed

(Chorus)

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
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How great Thou art, how great Thou art

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin

(Chorus)

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration
And then proclaim, my God, how great Thou art

(Chorus)

Poem - Feel No Guilt in Laughter

Feel no guilt in laughter, she'd know how much you care.
Feel no sorrow in a smile that she is not here to share.
You cannot grieve forever, she would not want you to.
She'd hope that you could carry on the way you always do.

So, talk about the good times and the way you showed you cared,
The days you spent together, all the happiness you shared.
Let memories surround you, a word someone may say
Will suddenly recapture a time, an hour, a day.

Clair Borg

That brings her back as clearly as though she was still here,
And fills you with the feeling that she is always near.
For if you keep those moments, you will never be apart.
And Claire will live forever locked safely within your heart.

Farewell Prayer

Final Hymn – Nearer my God to Thee

Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to Thee!
E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me,
still all my song shall be,
nearer, my God, to Thee;
nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!

Though like the wanderer, the sun gone down,
darkness be over me, my rest a stone;
yet in my dreams I'd be
nearer, my God, to Thee;
nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!

There let the way appear, steps unto Heaven;
all that Thou sendest me, in mercy given;
angels to beckon me
nearer, my God, to Thee;
nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!

Then, with my waking thoughts bright with thy praise,
out of my stony griefs Bethel I'll raise;
so by my woes to be
nearer, my God, to Thee;
nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!

Or if, on joyful wing cleaving the sky,
sun, moon, and stars forgot, upward I fly,
still all my song shall be,
nearer, my God, to Thee;
nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!

Sincere Thanks

Claire's family wish to sincerely thank you for your love and support, and your presence with them here today.

Following the service, please join them in sharing memories and refreshments at
The Jindalee Hotel, Sinnamon Room,
12pm - 4pm.



Pall Bearers

Doug Caverswall	Mitchell Coyer
Graeme Caverswall	Michael Coyer
Jack Caverswall	Matt Borg
Tom Caverswall	
