



*Veronica Frances Fitzgerald*

**2 April 1934 - 25 July 2021**

Macquarie Park Memorial Gardens  
30 July 2021



# Order of Service

CELEBRANT

Very Rev Fr Michael McLean PP

ENTRANCE HYMN	On Eagle's Wings (Joncas)
WELCOME	Ralph Fitzgerald
OPENING PRAYER	Fr Michael McLean
PLACING OF SYMBOLS	
READING	Prayer of St Francis of Assisi Tricia Cobb
ALLELUIA	
GOSPEL READING	Matthew (5 : 1-12a)
HOMILY	Fr Michael McLean
EULOGY	Peter Kennedy AM & Peter Fitzgerald
POEM	from 'The Beautiful & Damned' Cathie Ryan
REFLECTION	
FINAL COMMENDATION	
RECESSIONAL	In Paradisum (Fauré)

# Entrance Hymn

*On Eagle's Wings (Joncas)*

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord  
Who abide in His shadow for life  
Say to the Lord, "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

**And He will raise you up on eagles' wings  
Bear you on the breath of dawn  
Make you to shine like the sun  
And hold you in the palm of His hand**

The snare of the fowler will never capture you  
And famine will bring you no fear  
Under His wings your refuge, His faithfulness your shield

## **Refrain**

You need not fear the terror of the night  
Nor the arrow that flies by day  
Though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come

## **Refrain**

For to His angels He's given command  
To guide you in all of your ways  
Up on their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you dash your foot against a stone

## **Refrain**

# Welcome

Ralph Fitzgerald

# Opening Prayer

Fr Michael McLean

# Placing of Symbols

# Reading

Tricia Cobb

*Prayer of St Francis of Assisi*

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:  
where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek  
to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive,  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

## Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia;  
Come, you whom my Father has blessed, says the Lord;  
inherit the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation  
of the world.  
Alleluia.

## Gospel Reading

*A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew  
(5 : 1-12a).*

Jesus went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are

persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven."

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

## Homily

Fr Michael McLean

## Eulogy

Peter Kennedy AM & Peter Fitzgerald

## Poem

Cathie Ryan

*from 'The Beautiful & Damned' by F. Scott Fitzgerald*

"She was beautiful, but not like those girls in the magazines. She was beautiful, for the way she thought. She was beautiful, for the sparkle in her eyes when she talked about something she loved. She was beautiful, for her ability to make other people smile even if she was sad. No, she wasn't beautiful for something as temporary as her looks. She was beautiful, deep down to her soul."

# Reflection

*Photographs from Ronnie's life*

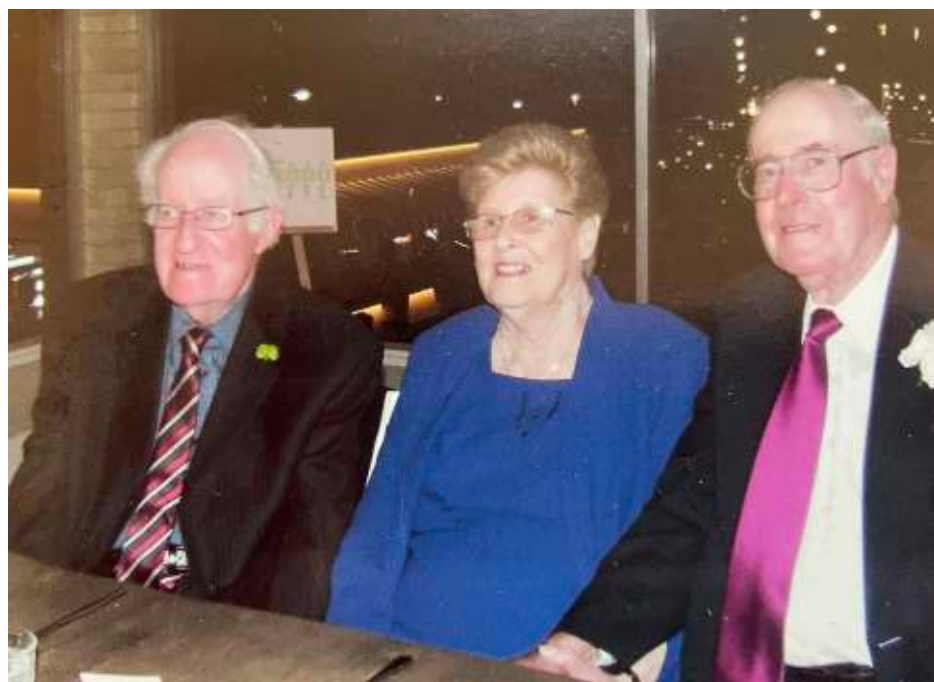
# Final Commendation

# Recessional

*In Paradisum (Fauré)*









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