

*In Loving Memory of*

# *Johanna Eltiena Sikkes*

## *(Anka)*





**ENTRANCE MUSIC:** ‘Hallelujah’ – Jeff Buckley

**WELCOME:**

**Fr. Linh Pham**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

***All:***

***Amen.***

The Lord be with you.

***All:***

***And with your Spirit.***

**LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE:**

**Andrew**

In Baptism, Anka received the light of Christ. Throughout her life she has kept this flame of faith alive in her life.

***All:***

***May Anka now share eternal light and life.***

**SPRINKLING WITH HOLY WATER:**

**Matt**

In the waters of Baptism, Anka died with Christ and rose with him to new life.

***All:***

***May Anka now share with Him eternal Life.***

**PLACING OF THE PALL:**

**Cooper & Charli**

On the day of Anka’s baptism, she was robed in white. As we now robe her with this white pall we pray:

***All:***

***May Christ now enfold Anka in his love and clothe her in bright glory.***

**PLACING OF FLOWERS & CROSS:**

**Jasmine & Luke**

In her dying, Anka has become a new creation. With love and reverence, we place these flowers, fruit of the earth and symbol of new life.

***All:***

***May Anka be with Christ, raised from the dead, the first fruits of all who have fallen asleep.***

**EULOGY:** **Kathie**

**FAMILY TRIBUTES:** Justin Lucas on behalf of Grandchildren  
Matthew Lucas – ‘A Spirit Passing’

**PHOTO MEMORIES:** ‘I Will Remember You’ – Sarah McLaughlin  
‘Have I Told You Lately That I Love You’ – Van Morrison

**OPENING PRAYER:** **Fr. Linh Pham**

Into your hands, O Lord, we humbly entrust our sister Anka. In this life you embraced her with your tender love; deliver her now from every evil and bid her enter eternal rest. The old order has passed away: welcome her then into paradise where there will be no sorrow, no weeping nor pain, but the fullness of peace and joy with your Son and Holy Spirit.

*All:* ***Amen.***

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**FIRST READING:** *From the book of Ecclesiastes* **Read by Deb**  
*‘To Everything There is a Season’*

To everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven ...  
A time to be born, and a time to die; a time for planting, a time for uprooting what has been; a time to heal; a time to break down and a time to build up; a time to weep and a time to laugh; a time to mourn and a time to dance; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; a time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silent, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time for peace. God has made everything beautiful in its time.

The Word of the Lord.

*All:* ***Thanks be to God.***

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** ‘The Lord is My Shepherd’ (*visual*)

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, Alleluia! Blessed are those who have died in the Lord, let them rest from their labours, for their good deeds go with them. Alleluia!

**Fr. Linh Pham:** The Lord be with you.

**All:** *And with your Spirit.*

**Fr. Linh Pham:** A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**All:** *Glory to you, O Lord.*

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 5:1-12

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak, and this is what he taught them: “How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy are the gentle, they shall have the earth for their heritage. Happy are those who mourn, they shall be comforted. Happy are those who hunger and thirst for what is right, they shall be satisfied. Happy are the merciful, they shall have mercy shown them. Happy are the pure in heart, they shall see God. Happy are the peacemakers, they shall be called the children of God. Rejoice and be glad for your reward will be great in heaven. The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**HOMILY:** **Fr. Linh Pham**

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:**

**Read by Peter**

**Fr. Linh Pham:** My dear friends, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ, who said, “I am the Resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, shall never die.”

Lord hear us.

**All:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Peter:** We give thanks for all the life enriching and loving qualities that made Anka such a wonderful gift to all that knew and loved her. Sharpen our awareness of how we can reach out to others like she did. Lord, hear us.

**All:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Peter:** For the gift of life, love and happiness given to us by Anka, give thanks and ask that you grant her eternal peace. Lord, hear us.

**All:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Peter:** For the doctors, nurses and caregivers who cared for Anka over the years, that their works of service may be richly blessed. We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear us.

**All:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Peter:** We pray for those here today, that our memory of Anka whom we loved, inspires us with a renewed love for all the family.

Lord, hear us.

**All:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Fr. Linh Pham:** Ever loving Father, help us to live our lives gently with others and to trust and believe that Anka is never far away from us. Help us live so that we may share the fullness of life with you forever. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All:** *Amen.*

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

**Fr. Linh Pham:** At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

**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.  
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.*

Deliver us Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace In our days, that by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**All:** *For the Kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.*

## **COMMENDATION:**

**Fr. Linh Pham:** Before we go our separate ways, let us take leave of our sister Anka. 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.

Saints of God come to her aid. Come to meet her angels of the Lord.

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

May Christ, who called you, take you to Himself; may angels lead you to Abraham's side.

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

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.*

Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our sister Anka in the sure and certain hope that, together with all who have died in Christ, she will rise with Him on the last day.

Merciful Lord, turn toward us and listen to our prayers: open the gates of Paradise to your servant and help us who remain to comfort one another with assurances of faith, until we all meet in Christ and are with you and with our sister Anka forever.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All:** *Amen.*

**Fr. Linh Pham:** In peace, let us take Anka to her place of rest.

*We will now proceed to the Queenscliff Cemetery, Point Lonsdale.*



**RECESSATIONAL MUSIC:** 'Without You' – Harry Nilsson



### ***'A Spirit Passing'***

*Oma, Oma, so dear you are  
My Mother's heart, you've torn apart.*

*So far away you seem to her  
Yet so near you really are.*

*In my Mother you'll always be  
You'll mend her heart, in time ... I'll see.*

*For she too is dear to me  
A gift of love you've given us.*

*From you to her, and her to me  
A treasure bestowed upon our hearts*

*To pass on through eternity ...*

*- written by Deb Lucas*

### ***Coffin Bearers:***

**Eddie Sikkes**

**Peter Sikkes**

**Andrew Sikkes**

**Cooper Sikkes**

**Justin Lucas**

**Luke Lucas**

**Matt Lucas**



**Following the Burial Service at Queenscliff Cemetery, you are invited to  
share light refreshments at Anka's home (her favourite place)  
– 57 Bluff Road, St Leonards.**