Thanks Giving for the Life of

Sister Christine Ann Lowther

19 June 1957 – 19 June 2014

Requiem Mass for

Sister Christine

Held at

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Osier Road, Greenmeadows

on Tuesday 24th June 2014 at 11am.

Celebrating Priests

Fr Peter Head sm
Fr Kevin Head sm
Fr Rob Devlin sm

Organist

Sister Colleen Edgecombe RNDM

Funeral Directors

Paul and Michelle Dunstall

Entrance 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?

Welcome: Fr Peter Head

Eulogy: Mary Lack, Christopher Lowther,
Michael Lowther, Suzanne Purdy
Sister Carmel Cole RNDM
(Province Leader)

LITURGY OF THE WORD:
First Reading: 1 Samuel 3:1-10
Read by Sr Anne Sklenars RNDM

Psalm: **The Lord's my Shepherd**:
Sacred Heart College students

Alleluia: Celtic Alleluia

Gospel: Luke 1:39 – 56 The Visitation

Homily: Fr Kevin Head

Prayers of Intercession: Victoria Purdy, Sr Maureen Duncan RNDM, Sr Alei Leilua RNDM, Paul Fletcher, Kirsty Lowther
Music by Victoria and Sam Purdy

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST:

Presentation of the gifts: Shelley Lowther, Diane Lowther, Jim Halpin, Sr Jeanette McRae RNDM

Holy Holy:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Acclamation:

Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.

Amen:

Our Father:

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.

Lamb of God:

Lamb of God, offered for us,
You take away the sins of the world:
Have mercy on us, have mercy, have mercy on us.
Bread of Life, broken for us,….
Jesus Christ, risen for us,
You take away the sins of the world:
O grant us peace. O grant us lasting peace,
Lamb of God.

Communion:

To Be Your Bread Now

Cantor: David Maunder

Refrain:

To be your bread now, be your wine now,
Lord come and change us, to be a sign of your love.
Blest and broken, poured and flowing gift that you gave us
To be your body once again.

Communion Hymn:

You are Mine

I will come to you in the silence,
I will lift you from all your fear.
You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice,
be still and know I am here.
I am hope for all who are hopeless,
I am eyes for all who long to see.
In the shadows of the night, I will be your light,
come and rest in me.

Refrain:
Do not be afraid, I am with you,
I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me, I will bring you home
I love you and you are mine.

I am strength for all the despairing,
healing for the ones who dwell in shame.
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free,
and all will know my name.

I am the Word that brings all to freedom.
I am the peace the world can not give.
I will call your name, embracing all your pain,
stand up, now walk, and live!

Concluding Prayer:

Prayers of Commendation:

Gloria Patri
Gloria Filio
Gloria Spiritui Sancto
Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto
Sicut erat in principio et nunc, et semper,
et in saecula saeculorum. Amen

Recessional Hymn:

Christ be our Light

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
Light for the world to see.

Refrain:
Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice.

Many the gifts, many the people,
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
Making your kingdom come.

Pall Bearers:

At Church Christopher Lowther, Michael Lowther, Stephen Lack
Nigel Purdy, Simon Lack, Craig Lowther

At Cemetery Daniel Lack, Hamish Lack, Callum Lack
Bailey Lowther, Matthew Purdy, Sam Purdy

Christine's family and the Sisters thank you for your presence here today and invite you to join them for refreshment in the parish centre after the interment at the Wharerangi Cemetery.

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