

Requiem Mass for The Life and Love of

**STASE LAIMUTE
(LAIMA) JOMANTAS**



BORN

4th July 1927 - Alytus, Lithuania

BORN TO ETERNAL LIFE

18th August 2023 - Caulfield, Melbourne

INTRODUCTORY RITES

GATHERING MUSIC | *Piano Trio No. 7 in B-Flat Major' - Beethoven*
Performed by Beaux Arts Trio

ENTRANCE MUSIC | *'Canon In D' - Pachelbel*

WELCOME | Fr Peter

PLACING OF CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS

Sprinkling of Baptismal Water

All: **May Christ now bathe her in his love.**

Placing of Baptismal Stole

All: **May Christ enfold her in his life.**

Lighting of a Paschal Candle

All: **May Christ now hold her in his light.**

EULOGY | Simon Taskunas

GATHERING PRAYER

Fr Peter: Into your hands, O Lord, we humbly entrust our sister, Laima.
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 the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.

All: **Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING | Read by Vince Taskunas

Reader: *A reading from the Prophet Isaiah (60:1-5)*

Arise, shine out, for your light has come;
the glory of God is rising on you
though night still covers the earth
and darkness the peoples.
Above you the Lord now rises
and around you his glory appears.
At this sight you will grow radiant with joy.
No more will the sun give you daylight
nor moonlight shine on you,
for the Lord will be your everlasting light,
and your days of suffering will be ended.

The word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (SUNG) | *'The Lord's My Shepherd' - Crimond*

SECOND READING | Read by Marian Scarlett

Reader: *A reading from the 2nd Letter of St. Paul to Timothy (4:6-8)*

The time has come for me to leave this life. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the Faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day – and not only to me, but to all who wait for him to appear.

The word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand to welcome the Gospel

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

All: Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the resurrection and the life says the Lord;
whoever believes in me will not die forever. Alleluia!

Fr Peter: The Lord be with you.
All: And with your spirit.

Fr Peter: A reading from the holy gospel according to John (14:1-6)
All: Glory to you, Lord.

Jesus said: "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 not I would 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."

All: The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord, Jesus Christ.

HOMILY | Fr Peter



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION | Janelle Proud, Dianne Birch, Colleen Morris,
Josie Benton and Nanette Ainsworth

Fr Peter: We know that Laima is at peace with God.
We pray now in faith and hope.

Janelle: With great love, we pray for Laima as she enters eternal life. We thank you, Lord, for her gentle life and love, and ask that you draw her to yourself and bring her to fullness of life. Lord, hear us:

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

Dianne: We give thanks for the life of Laima, for her gift in faith, for the love, care, concern and graciousness she shared with those whose lives she touched. Lord, hear us:

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

Colleen: We pray for all who shared in Laima's life and were loved by her. Lord, we ask for your blessing on them, your consolation and strength. May they continue to draw life from her presence in their lives. Lord, hear us:

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

Josie: We pray for all those dear to us who have died, especially Laima's parents who died in the Second World War, her husband Vincent, and her brother Al. May they be joyfully reunited, and share the welcome and warmth of God's loving presence. Lord, hear us:

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

Nanette: We pray for the doctors, nurses, carers and neighbours, who all cared for Laima so beautifully and respectfully over the years, that God will reward them for their kindness. Lord, hear us:

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

Fr Peter: Lord, may you support us all the days long, till the shadows lengthen, and evening falls, and the busy world is hushed and the fever of life is over, and our work is done; then, in your mercy, Lord, grant us a safe lodging, a holy rest and peace at last.

All: **Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY | *Moonlight Sonata' - Beethoven*

The gifts of bread and wine will be carried forward by Anne Taskunas.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Fr Peter: Lord, we are united in this sacrament by the love of Jesus Christ.
Accept these gifts and receive our sister Laima into the glory of your Son,
who is Lord for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATION

All: When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death O Lord, until you come again.

COMMUNION | *'Sheep May Safely Graze' - J.S. Bach*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Fr. Peter: Loving God, your Son Jesus Christ gave us the sacrament of his body
and blood to nurture and guide us on our journey to your kingdom.
May our sister Laima who shared in the Eucharist, come to the
banquet of life Christ has prepared for us. We ask this through
Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

FINAL COMMENDATION

PRAYERS OF COMMENDATION

Fr Peter: Trusting in God, we have prayed together for Laima and now we come to the last farewell. There is sadness in parting but we take comfort in the hope that one day we shall see Laima again and enjoy her friendship. Although we disperse now in sorrow, the mercy of God will gather us together again in the joy of his kingdom. Therefore, let us console one another in the faith of Jesus Christ.

Fr Peter: 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.**

Fr Peter: 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.**

Fr Peter: Give Laima eternal rest, O Lord,
and may your light shine on her forever.

All: **Receive her soul and present her to God the Most High.**

Fr Peter: O God, author and sustainer of our lives, our final home, we commend Laima to you. Trusting in your mercy and in your all-embracing love, we pray that you give her happiness forever. Turn also to us who have suffered this loss. Strengthen the bonds of this family and our community. Confirm us in faith, in hope and in love, so that we may bear your peace to one another and one-day stand together with Laima and all the saints in your heavenly kingdom. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Fr Peter: In peace, let us now carry Laima to her place of rest.

RECESSIONAL SONG | *Con Te Partirò - Andrea Bocelli*



Laima's family sincerely thank everyone
for their wonderful support, kindness and prayers.

Thank you for coming today
to share in the celebration of Laima's life
and for the part you played in her life.

Our Lady of the Assumption Church, Cheltenham
Friday 25th August, 2023 at 11:00am | Celebrant - Fr. Peter Matheson