



AGM PRAYER AND VALE

God of welcome and spirit dreaming, we acknowledge that we are meeting on the land for which the Wadawurrung people of the Kulin Nation and their ancestors have been custodians for many centuries, and on which they have performed age-old ceremonies.

May we listen to Your deep heart whisper within this land, in our families and in our beings, calling us to be people of love and right relationship with our planet, other people and ourselves. For the last 160 years the Sisters of Mercy have been privileged to walk on this land. May we find strength and follow in the Mercy tradition as cultures united.

When we gather, we cannot help but be aware of our school friends who are no longer with us. I invite Alumni Committee member **Louise King** to light a candle for our deceased Alumni.

We especially remember those Alumni who have died since the last AGM ...

Name (maiden name and peer year), where known	Deceased Date
Patricia Adams (1951)	22/01/2020
Barbara Balazs (Wright, 1989)	22/8/2019
Leon Barrett (junior boy, 1967)	10/10/2019
Mary Bell (Cotter, 1948)	22/6/2019
Una Birrell (1948)	1/6/2019
Betty Biviano (Jones, 1954)	8/12/2019
Dawn Bourke (Drummond, 1948)	19/06/2020
Georgia Brown (2022)	16/9/2019
Anthony Buckley (junior boy, 1971)	1/07/2020
Graham Callan (junior boy, 1941)	25/7/2020
Sr Joan Campbell (1945)	22/9/2019
Sr Mary Christian (1945)	23/10/2019
Mary Craig (Brennan, 1944)	18/6/2019
Sally Cronk (1997)	16/01/2020

Sr Joan Doolan (1943)	27/12/2019
Ina Fitzgerald (McDonald, 1936)	19/01/2020
Noelene Goonan (1975)	28/3/2019
Patricia Harris (Wall, 1948)	9/04/2020
Catherine Joel (Virgona, 1963)	17/12/2019
Zoe Kennedy (2024)	19/06/2020
Noreen Maher (Wall, 1948)	3/05/2020
Loretto McGovan (Nairn, 1947)	2/03/2020
Sharon McGrath (1973)	14/02/2020
Monica O'Brien (Holy, 1937)	19/07/2020
Patricia Pollard (Glynn, 1945)	29/03/2020
Sr Olive Toirmey (1935)	1/07/2019

I invite you to add the names of any other Alumni who have died in the last 12 months. Let us take a moment to say a silent prayer for them.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

All: Amen.

Prayers of the Faithful

Loving God, we pray in thanks for the ministry of the Sisters of Mercy, especially for those associated with Sacred Heart College. May the Sisters and their associates continue to do what Jesus did – reach out to those most in need, and so bring hope to our world. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer

Loving God, we pray for the Sacred Heart College community. Bless the College leadership, students, parents, staff and friends of the College with Jesus' spirit of mercy, courage and compassionate action, so all may be a source of hope and healing in Geelong and the wider world. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer

Loving God, we pray for all Alumni, living or deceased. We treasure their friendship and pray that our Association will continue to be a vital network, and a means of compassionate service. May we be people who are not blind to needs around us, and instead offer an open heart to others. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer

Lord's Prayer

Leader: Let us pray in the words Jesus taught us ...

All: Our Father....

Final Blessing

Peta: Our response to each blessing is Amen.

Loving God, bless us with a readiness to welcome others and grow in compassion.

All: Amen

Loving God, bless us with a readiness to be generous towards those who need our attention and care.

All: Amen.

Loving God, bless us with a readiness to act for the betterment of our Alumni Association and our wider community.

All: Amen.

May God bless us, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.