

IN LOVING MEMORY AND THANKSGIVING FOR THE  
LIFE OF

# Marie D'Silva



18.03.1940 - 19.03.2019



## Celebrants:

Rev Fr. Shaju Varkey,  
Rev Fr. Tony Fernandes SDB  
Rev Fr. Lucas Rodrigues SFX  
Rev. Fr. Patrick D'Souza SFX.  
Rev Fr. Max Gonsalves SFX.  
Rev Fr. Jerry Fernandes SFX.



16th April 2019

St Boniface RC Church  
Tooting



*In tears we watched you sinking,  
We watched you fade away.  
And though our hearts were breaking,  
We knew you could not stay.*

*Our lips cannot speak how we loved you,  
Our hearts cannot tell what to say.  
But God only knows how we miss you,  
In our home that is lonely today.*





## A Fond Farewell



God looked around his garden,  
And he found an empty place.  
He then looked down upon this earth,  
And saw your tired face.  
He put his arms around you  
And lifted you to rest.  
Gods garden must be beautiful,  
He always takes the best.  
He knew that you were suffering,  
He knew you were in pain.  
He knew that you would never  
Get well on earth again.  
He saw the road was getting rough,  
And the hills were hard to climb.  
So, he closed your weary eyelids,  
And whispered, "Peace be thine."  
It broke our hearts to lose you.  
But you did not go alone.  
As part of us went with you  
The day God called you home.

## *Entrance Hymn*

*Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine; Oh, what a foretaste  
of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.*

*This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Saviour  
all the day long. This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Saviour all the day long.*

*Perfect submission, perfect delight, Visions of rapture  
now burst on my sight; Angels descending, bring from  
above Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.*

*This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Saviour  
all the day long. This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Saviour all the day long.*

*Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my Saviour am happy and blest;  
Watching and waiting, looking above, Filled with His  
goodness, lost in His love.*



**First Reading**  
**By Sharon Lilian Mendes**  
**A reading from the Prophet Isiah (25:6-9)**

*On this mountain the Lord of Hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all people, he will destroy death forever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; He will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said; See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult, and we rejoice that he has saved us.*

*This is the word of the Lord.*

*Response: Thanks be to God*

**Responsorial Psalm (Sung)**  
**The Lord's My Shepherd - Psalm 23**

*The Lord's my shepherd; I'll not want,  
he makes me down to lie  
In pastures green, he leadeth me, the quiet waters by.*

*My soul he doth restore again,  
And me to walk doth make.  
Within the paths of righteousness, e'en for his own name's sake.*

*Yea, though i walk in death's dark vale,  
yet will I fear no ill.  
For thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me comfort still.*

*My table thou hast furnished,  
In presence of my foes,  
my head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.*

*Goodness and mercy all my life,  
shall surely follow me  
and in God's house forever more, my dwelling place shall be.*

## Second Reading

By Wencila Goes

*A Reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans (14:7-12)*

*The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord.*

*This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. We shall all have to stand before the judgement seat of God; as scripture says; By my life - it is the Lord who speaks - every knee shall bend before me, and every tongue shall praise God. It is to God, therefore, that each of us must give an account of himself.*

*This is the word of the Lord.  
Response: Thanks be to God*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, Alleluia!*

*Happy are those who die in the Lord!*

*Now they can rest for ever after their work, since their good deeds go with them.*

*Alleluia!*



*A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John (14: 1-6)*

*Jesus said to his disciples:*

*"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 there were not, I should 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 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."*

*This is the gospel of the lord.*

*Response: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.*

**HOMILY**

*by Rev Fr Lucas Rodrigues sfx*

**BIDDING PRAYERS**

*by Nikita Fernandes, Chanel Fernandes &  
Jade D'Mello*

**OFFERTORY PROCESSION**

*Presented by: Pasquin Rodrigues,  
Janet Pereira & Rosa Da'Silva*

## OFFERTORY HYMN

*All to Jesus I surrender,  
All to Him I freely give;  
I will ever love and trust Him,  
In His presence daily live.*

*I surrender all,  
I surrender all.  
All to Thee, my blessed Saviour,  
I surrender all.*

*All to Jesus I surrender,  
Humbly at His feet I bow,  
Worldly pleasures all forsaken;  
Take me, Jesus, take me now.*

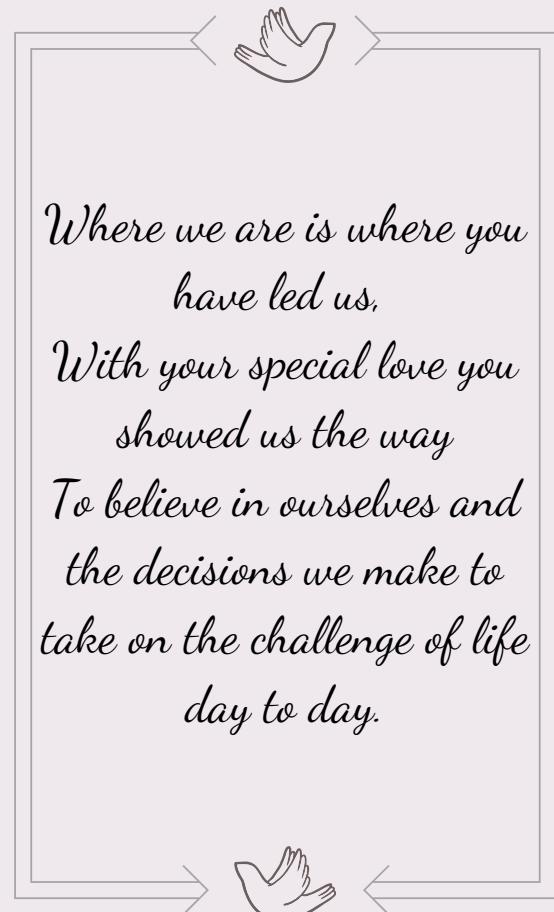
*I surrender all...*

*All to Jesus I surrender,  
Make me, Savior, wholly Thine;  
Let me feel Thy Holy Spirit,  
Truly know that Thou art mine.*

*I surrender all...*

*All to Jesus I surrender,  
Lord, I give myself to Thee;  
Fill me with Thy love and power,  
Let Thy blessing fall on me.*

*I surrender all...*



## *Communion Hymn - Mgahaa Adarak pav*

*Jivantlem vadoll marta,  
Vadoll marta tednam  
Tednam mhojea adarak pav, adarak pav  
Doriar hoddem halta dholta  
Toxench sonvsar mhak haloita  
Tedna mhojea adarak pav, adarak pav*

*Jedna koxtt dhog mhojer ieta,  
Mhojer ieta, tedna  
Tednam mhojea adarak pav, adarak pav  
Emkondd mhojer lodai mandta,  
Ani mhoji xokti denvta  
Tedna mhojea adarak pav, adarak pav*

*Jivantlem vadoll marta,  
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Doriar hoddem halta dholta  
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Tedna mhojea adarak pav, adarak pav  
Tedna mhojea adarak pav, adarak pav  
Tedna mhojea adarak pav, adarak pa*



## *As I Kneel Before You*

*As I kneel before you,  
As I bow my head in prayer,  
Take this day, make it yours  
and fill me with your love.*

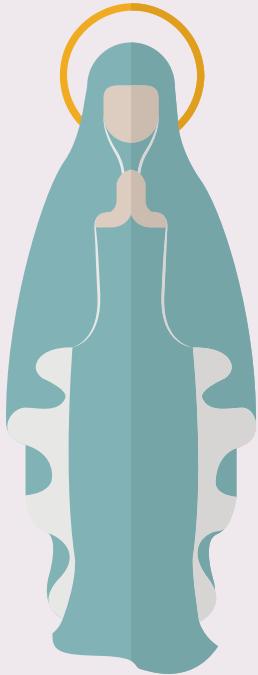
*Ave Maria, gratia plena,  
Dominus tecum, benedicta tu.*

*All I have I give you,  
Every dream and wish are yours,  
Mother of Christ,  
Mother of mine, present them to my Lord.*

*Ave Maria, gratia plena,  
Dominus tecum, benedicta tu.*

*As I kneel before you,  
And I see your smiling face,  
Ev'ry thought, ev'ry word  
Is lost in your embrace.*

*Ave Maria, gratia plena,  
Dominus tecum, benedicta tu.*



Dear Saint Bernadette of  
Lourdes,  
You were an inspiration to  
our Mother.  
Now take this message up  
above,  
On this your Feast Day... Tell  
her how much we miss her  
and give her all our love

# *Eulogy*

*Said by William Mendes*

*Tribute sung by Druston D'Mello*

*Supermarket Flowers - Ed Sheeran*

## ***Final Commendation***

*May the choirs of angels,  
Come to greet you.*

*May they speed you to paradise.*

*May the Lord enfold you  
In His mercy.*

*May you find eternal life*



*The Lord is my light and my help  
It is He who protects me from harm  
The Lord is the strength of my days  
Before whom should I tremble with fear?*

*May the choir of angels..*

*There is one thing I ask of the Lord  
That he grant me my heartfelt desire  
To dwell in the courts of our God  
Ev'ry day of my life in his presence*



*May the choir of angels..*

## Final Hymn

*Walk with me oh my lord,  
Through the darkest night and the brightest day. Be at my  
side Oh my Lord,  
Hold my hands and guide me on my way.*

*Sometimes the road seems long, my energy is spent. Then,  
Lord, I think of you and I am given strength.*

*Walk with me oh my lord...*

*Stones often bar my path, and there are times I fall, but  
you are always there to help me when I call.*

*Walk with me oh my lord...*



## TRIBUTES:

*Mum, words cannot express our gratitude for everything you have done for us. You loved everyone unconditionally and you were never afraid to extend your love onto others. We appreciate all the hard work and sacrifices you made in order to make our lives easier. There are so many invaluable memories which we have shared together and will cherish these memories in our heart.*

*You were a strong person and this strength shone through your long fight with cancer. Even though you were in pain you always remained strong and never wanted attention focused on your illness but was always concerned with how we were. You besotted our daughters Nikita & Chanel, ensuring you called our home daily to see if they have arrived home safely, eaten etc. They will miss your phone calls but happy to have been able to spend time with you on our trips to Goa & Europe.*

*Even though you are gone your memory will live on in our hearts forever. Every day we celebrate your life in our heart we will remember our time together in happiness.*

*Rest in Peace Mum, love Corine & Bernard x*





*Nikita - This last year has been tough but I am so glad I got to spend more time with you nana. Being able to look after you has been a blessing as it only allowed me to spend more quality time with you. You were there from the moment I took my first breath and I was there until you took your last. I'll always remember you and forever miss you Nana.*

*Lots of love from your little nurse Nikki x*

*Chanel - Words cannot explain how much I miss you nana, you were always there for me and enabled me to become a better person. You always saw the good in everyone and never faulted people. I'm so grateful that I got to see you anytime I wanted and got to spend every day of your last few weeks with you. You touched my heart in a way I can't explain, and I will always remember our times together. Thank you for appearing to me in my dream, giving me a hug and telling me you were ok. I love you x*

Our dear Nana,

*You always made sure that we felt loved, were fed and always had everything that we needed. You touched our lives in a way that was so unique and brought us all closer as a family. No matter what you were going through, you would always put us first right till the very end. Your life was love and labour, your love for us was true, you did your best for both of us since the day we were born. So sleep now with the angels and let your loving heart rest, although it broke our hearts to lose you, we know God took the best.*

*Rest peacefully our beautiful angel, we will always love you.*

*Nikita & Chanel*

*Our Darling Mai, we'll always remember being with you until your last breath. We were blessed to be able to spend everyday with you over the last few years especially the last few days. We will also miss you giving us kisses whilst helping you down the stairs. It was amazing watching you sing along to your favourite Konkani praise and worship songs. The one thing we will never forget is you choosing to watch "The Song of Bernadette" who was your inspiration. Your eyes lit up every time you watched it. We will miss asking you how you are and your response always being "I am fine thank ku" that always made us both giggle.*

*Through a mist of tears, we recall our childhood years, and how hard life was for you, but you soldiered on through and through . We will miss the songs you sang for us, Changing the words to suit each of us.*

*So sing with the angels there in heaven, Till we're back in your arms again. Our family chain is broken, nothing seems the same. But as God calls us one by one, we shall join Dad and You again.*

*Rest in Heaven Our Darling Mai. Love You with All Our Heart*  
*Jeff & Rosie xxx*



*Mum used to love to visit me in Bournemouth we had lots of family time and fun together. Visiting the beach reminded her of being in Goa. I always have this memory of holding mum's hand when I slept next to her and she would say "BHAIJA, I LOVE YOU SO MUCH" and pull me to her and give me a tight hug or if I didn't have a blanket when I was asleep she would make sure she placed it around me just to make sure I was warm and comfortable. Every time I came to London to visit her she would say to Anne, Rita or Elaine can you please give her some wine as she knew that I enjoyed having a glass or two. She was always cooking my specialities of the fish rechad which I loved so much.*

*She will be missed by all, but her memory will live on in us all forever. She was and will always be like mother Theresa -very inspirational.*

*Love You Lots,  
from Netty xxx*

*My darling Mum, no words can ever describe the sadness this brings or how very dearly you are missed. Knowing that you are no longer with us is very painful. There's an empty space in my heart that you once filled. My heart aches for you dearly. I miss our times together especially holding your hand when praying and how you always called me your manager. I will also miss you when making hot cross buns this Good Friday as you always gave me a hand. I will forever cherish all of the memories I had with you. When I sat at your bedside, my heart was sore. I did my duty to the end, till I could do no more. You took your last breath so peacefully with a smile and free from pain. You will forever be in my heart until we meet again. I pray that the angels bring you sweet eternal rest.*

*Love you forever,  
your 'manager' Anasta xxx*

*Mum you are forever in my heart. I really miss you a lot. I will never forget the times we both shared together, especially our shopping trips.*

*Mum I will miss you being my cooking partner. I learnt everything from you and I wont ever forget it. When I got ill you cared for me and never gave up on me, no matter how bad it got. Thank you for being the most loving and wonderful Mum ever. Life will never be the same without you and i will miss you till the end of time. I know you are no longer suffering and are sleeping peacefully with the angels and saints.*

*I love you eternally.*

*From your loving daughter Rita xxx*



*Ever since Pai left us, although I was young I wont ever forget how you brought us all up and gave us everything we needed. I will forever be grateful for everything you have done in order to make me the person I am today. You were so inspirational and taught me so much. Your life was never easy but that never stopped you from giving us the best. Its so hard to say goodbye and I hate to think that were apart, but I promise you Mum, you will always be in my heart.*

*Love you always,  
Elaine xxx*

*"Marie kednam Goyam ietelem? Tem kednam ietelem? Marie-cho phone ailolo?" Marie, mhoje bhoinni, tujea huskean bhoron, mhojem kalliz tuje sovem sodanch voddtalem, ani he vichar hanv mhojea heram bhavam-bhoinnank korit rautalem. Goyant tum pavunk na.... Punn hea sonvsarakuch Adeus korun gelem. Tuzo mog ani moipas mhojean visrunk nozo, mhoje bholaike vixim tuka kherit husko aslo. Deva Bapan tuka aplea doiallponan sorgimchem sukh favo kelear puro mhonn magtam.*

*Tugi mogal bhoin Isabel x*

*Marie, you will always stay in our hearts and be remembered for your kindness and love towards others. As our sister you helped our family in more ways than one. You always shared your recipes to make our cooking as tasty as yours but it never turned out the same. As our aunt we are grateful to you for serving us delicious food and looking after us in our younger years. You never came to our house empty handed.*

*Thank you for everything you did for us.*

*Love always, your brother Johnnie, Estella, Wencila, Marlene, Cyndalia and Pierce*

*My dear loving sister, you were our encyclopaedia. You knew everyone as you made effort to visit us all. You were loving and caring to us. You looked after my son, daughter in law and grandchildren's as they were your own. We will miss you very much. Your memories will be sketched into our hearts as you live in your heavenly abode. May your soul rest in peace.*

*Love Luiza, Mateus, Meagan, Sara, Myles and Mia*



*We have such fond memories of you Marie titin. You were the children's favourite aunt, got us gifts and chocolates, what more would kids want? The time you were in Goa with us, it was Picnic week for all. Even after your illness you never gave up and fought till the end. You are in a better place now. You will be missed dearly by us and everyone who knew you. May your kind soul rest in peace.*

*Love Juliet, Sophia, Jules & Jubal*

*Marie my beloved sister, God has called you to enjoy His company with all the saints and angels. St. Joseph – advocate saint of departing souls, has welcomed you dearest Marie on the day of his feast - 19 March 2019.*

*I treasure the memories of your visits which were always accompanied with a 'love parcel' of goodies for me. These goodies became a source of love and generosity as I shared them with many people around. Your monetary blessings have been used to touch the lives of many. Their blessings through me are with you.*

*Love Sr Santana*

*Dear Marie, we are beyond lucky to have someone so selfless as you. Thank you for making us a call on all our birthdays every year and making it extra special. Though you were in pain you never caught back the idea of sending us sweets from overseas. You always had a beautiful smile that will never be forgotten. You were loved and will always be loved by us.*

*Loads of love your brother Richard, Maria Goes & Fly*

*“Bhoini” is what I have resounding in my heart and ears. Our meets and greets over the phone or in person always started with a “Bhoini” and followed with a hug or “How is ....?; each inquiry using my family members names. You were a little replica of Mother Claus to all of us in Goa, your bags of goodies were treats of love for me and my family. Marie’s generosity knew no bounds as she gifted not only my family but my in-laws as well. Your sense of humour always brought a smile on our faces. Those little jokes and giggles will always be treasured.*

*I remember the last days of pain yet there was never a grumble as we spent time in prayer over the phone. We both hold the Mercy Chaplet so close to our hearts and every chaplet we prayed together brought us closer in our spiritual journey to our Maker, as individuals and as sisters. The aura of piety in your family set an example for mine and I bless you for that. You leave behind a legacy of prayer with your children.*

*Your last words, “Bhoini go safely and come back safely soon”, still brings tears as you left as soon as I reached Goa. But our Mother Mary is a great comfort as I know our large family has an interceder in heaven. Enjoy your spiritual rest with our Maker, Marie.*

*Love your “Bhoini” Tereza*



*God saw you getting tired, and a cure was not to be, so he put his arms around you and whispered come to me. Your presence we will miss aunty Marie. Your memories we will treasure forever, loving you always, forgetting you never.*

*Love your nieces Effie, Sophie and family*

*Marie Aunty to our family will always be remembered as a strong woman who helped us during our difficult times. She always had so much to give to everyone, love, support and care. To my mother Rosy, she was not only a sister but also a mother. May her soul rest in peace.*

*A tribute of love from niece Espy, Angelo, Volney and Flanna.*







*We would like to thank you all for being with us today as we bid farewell to our beloved mum/nana/sister/aunty. Our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to each one of you for your messages of sympathy, prayers, mass offerings and other expressions of support during our time of great loss of our mum.*

*Committal at 2PM*

*London Road Cemetery, 59 Victoria Road, Mitcham, Surrey,  
CR4 3JB*

*Wake:*

*Following the burial service please join the family to celebrate the life of Maria at:*

*Chak89, Suite 2,105 Bond Road, Mitcham, Surrey, CR4 3HG*

*In lieu of flowers, donation envelopes are available at the back of the church or online to Cancer Research*

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/mariadsilva>

