

*Caroline Mary Kathleen
Upward-Degerholm*

14 November 1955 - 11 March 2026



Requiem Mass for

*Caroline
Upward-Degerholm*

St Joseph's Catholic Church, Upper Hutt
Tuesday, 17 March 2026 at 11.00am

Officiating: Cardinal John Dew | Organist: Stella Stowers



Pallbearers:

Entrance

James Warren
Anna Kruhlak
Mathew Degerholm
Sarah Degerholm
Bronagh Warren
Shaun Browne

Recessional

James Warren
James Upward
Michael Upward
Adrian Upward
Charlotte Keane
Chris Kruhlak

OPENING 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 wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them,
My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide,
'Til their hearts be satisfied,
I will give my life to them,
Whom shall I send?

Refrain

I will hold Your people in my heart.



WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

EULOGY

James Warren

READING

Apocalypse 21 : 1 - 5, 6 - 7

Bronagh Warren

PSALM

Psalm 23: The Lord's My Shepherd

Sarah Degerholm

GOSPEL

John 14 : 1 - 6

There are many rooms in my Father's House.

HOMILY

WE PRAY TO THE LORD

Mathew Degerholm

Response: Lord, graciously hear us.

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Caroline's Grandchildren

Gentle As Silence



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Alleluia, Alleluia

COMMUNION

The Servant Song

Brother, sister, let me serve you;
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,
and companions on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ light for you
in the night time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow,
till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, sister, let me serve you;
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.



REFLECTION SONG
Hail Mary, Gentle Woman
Brianna Parish

SLIDESHOW TRIBUTE TO CAROLINE
Storybook Love - Mark Knopfler & Willy DeVille
Sweet Caroline - Neil Diamond

UNIVERSAL PRAYER
Anna Kruhlak

COMMENDATION & FAREWELL
*Response: Receive her soul,
and present her to God the most high.*





RECESSIONAL

So I Leave My Boats Behind

Deep within my heart I feel
Voices whispering to me;
Words that I can't understand
Meanings I must clearly hear.
Calling me to follow close,
Lest I leave myself behind!
Calling me to walk into
Evening shadows one more time.

Chorus:

*So I leave my boats behind!
Leave them on familiar shores!
Set my heart upon the deep.
Follow you again my Lord.*

In my memories I know
How you send familiar rains,
Falling gently on my days
Dancing patterns on my pains!
And I need to learn once more,
In the fortress of my mind:
To believe in falling rains
While I travel deserts dry.

Chorus

As I gaze into the night,
Down the future of my years,
I'm not sure I want to walk
Past horizons that I know.
But I feel my spirit called
Like a stirring deep within
Restless 'til I live again
Beyond the fears that close me in.

Chorus

The Irish Blessing

May the Lord bless you
and keep you.

May the Lord let his face shine on you
and be gracious to you.

May the Lord uncover his face to you
and bring you peace.



An Invitation

Caroline's family thank you for your love and support and invite you to join them for refreshments in the church foyer at the conclusion of this Requiem Mass.

You are also welcome to join us for Caroline's interment at Akatārawa Cemetery. The cortege will leave at 1:30pm, via Queen Street and Fergusson Drive.

The family invite you to share stories and laughter over light refreshments at Silverstream Retreat from 5pm.

You are welcome to make a donation in Caroline's memory to the Neurological Foundation by scanning the QR code below or by availing yourself of the donation box in the foyer. Thank you.

Memorial Book

Caroline's family invite you to sign the pages of the memorial book located in the foyer.

This will serve as a permanent record of those present today.

