



“Mercy, the Principal path pointed out by Jesus Christ to those who are desirous of following him. Catherine’s deep faith in God who is Mercy and her experience of the pain of poverty shaped her prayer and in turn, her prayer shaped her ministry. Mercy Spirituality is based on this life long journey of discovery of the Mercy of God.”

Jubilee Celebration Canberra



14th April 2018

Mottos:

Sr Carmel Gardiner:

“He Must Increase, I Must Decrease”

Sr June Cassidy:

“Lord Thy Will Be Done”

Sr Lorraine Cupitt:

“In Faith and Hope and Love”

Sr Carolyn Nolan:

“That They May Have Life”



We Are Called

Come! Live in the light!

Shine with the joy and love of the Lord!

We are called to be light for the kingdom,

To live in the freedom of the city of God!

Refrain: We are called to act with justice

We are called to love tenderly,

We are called to love one another,

To walk humbly with God

Come open your heart!

Show your mercy to all those who fear!

We are called to be hope for the hopeless

So hatred and blindness will be no more!

Refrain:

Sing! Sing a new song!

Sing of that great day when all will be one!

God will reign! And we'll walk with each other

As sisters and brothers united in love!

Refrain:

May we be filled with bold courageous faith enabling us to bring your mercy to the world.

Response: Awaken the living flame in us, dancing in our hearts

Marie Kearns

In gratitude we pray for our Jubilarians, June Carmel, Carolyn, and Lorraine, who have shown witness to the mercy way of life, in faith and compassion.

Response: Awaken the living flame in us, dancing in our hearts

We pray for all who have walked the Mercy way of life with our Jubilarians. For our deceased sisters, relatives and friends. May they be rejoicing in the fullness of eternal life.

Response: Awaken the living flame in us, dancing in our hearts



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Welcome

Sr Carolyn Nolan

Community Leader Central A

Recognition of our First People and the Land

Michelle Farrugia

Hearts Catching Fire

Carolyn Nolan

Gathered together in the silence

In the deepening stillness

We became aware of Spirit

Alive within our hearts.

Spirit awakened us

Glowed in us

Aroused our spirits

To the Living Flame

Dancing in our hearts.



Love embraced our fears
Turned us around
Empowered our authority
Gifted us with inner peace
And thrust us forth
To tell our story
Share our love.

We are never alone
We are much loved
Invited to open our hearts
To sit together in the silence
However dispersed and vulnerable
We may become
And trust what moves us
Opens us to catching fire
So that others too may catch
The Living Flame.



Noel Davis

Taken from "Heart Coming Home"

Quiet Time

Let us greet each other with a sign of peace

Prayers of Intercession

God of all mercy, you give us grace and blessing each day, but all too often we shut our ears to your word and close our hearts to your call. Come to us; open our hearts to your Spirit today. Help us to support one another as we seek to be worthy of the life to which we are called. This we ask in the name of Jesus.

Ursula Drennan

For all who give witness among us we pray, sustain them in their efforts to be faithful to this witness each day.

Response: Awaken the living flame in us, dancing in our hearts

May we proclaim the good news of your love to the poor and to all your people.

Response: Awaken the living flame in us, dancing in our hearts

May we know the Spirit's presence in our personal desert temptations and difficulties.

Response: Awaken the living flame in us, dancing in our hearts

We will respond by singing Catherine's Suscipe

My God, I am yours for time and eternity

Lord, I am yours forever.

It is you who must teach me to trust
in your providence, Loving Lord.

You are a god of love and tenderness

I put my trust in you.

And I ask that you grant me acceptance

Of your will, Loving Lord.

Take from my heart all painful anxiety,

Let nothing sadden me but sin.

And let my delight be hoping to see your face

God, my all.

Elaine Deasy Region of Connecticut USA



A Reading from our Constitutions: 4:02

Lorraine Cupitt

Catherine Challenges us to mercy

Through her teaching and her action.

Mercy, she teaches us, is the principal path

Marked out by Jesus for those who desire to follow him.

She imitated him in serving the afflicted,

Through the corporal and spiritual works of mercy;

And she engaged in the particular ministries of

Teaching and care for the sick.

And offering refuge for women and children

At risk of exploitation and homelessness.

Quiet Time



A Reading from Isaiah 43: 2-4.5

Carmel Gardiner

Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name; you are mine.
When you pass through the seas, I will be with you;
When you pass over the rivers, you will not drown.
Walk through fire, and you will not be singed;
Walk through flames, and you will not be burned.
I am Yahweh , Your God,
The Holy One of Israel, your deliverer.
You are more precious to me;
You are honoured, and I love you.

Quiet Time



Presentation of Candles

The candle for us is a symbol of the Spirit awakening in us to be the Living Flame. It recalls our baptism and our consecration on the day Of our profession.

The sisters are presented with their candles by Marie Duffy.

Renewal of Vows

Today, I..... renew my vows, which I made on my first profession day as a Sister of Mercy.

I commit myself once more to a life of celibacy for the sake of mission. Acknowledging you as my first and all encompassing love, I give myself in that same love to my sisters in community, to those in need and to my family and friends.

I commit myself to a life of evangelical poverty, trusting in Divine Providence, chosing to live simply, valuing the resources of the earth and desiring to seek unity of mind and heart in sharing all I have.

I commit myself to a life of obedience within the Mercy Institute uniting myself to Christ, whose obedience led to the redemption of the world. I desire to keep my mind and heart open for dialogue, to listen to my sisters and accept your will in all things.

I commit myself once more to a life of service through your works of mercy, to seek justice, to be compassionate and to reflect your mercy in our world.