

# ST PAUL'S POST

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Our birthday girls this week are:

## Happy Birthday

Marie McNeice	21 May
Francis Cullen	27 May



## PRAY TOGETHER

**MAKING A DIFFERENCE  
IN THE LIVES OF OTHERS**

### Relatives/friends of Sisters:-

Marguerita's brother, **Pat**;

Eily May's brother, **Tade**, and her sister, **Mary Philomena White**;

East Holme Nurse, **June**;

Carmel Comerford's sister, **Clare**;

Marcella Roe's sister, **Eileen**;

**Nicky Doran**, Sr Kay's Brother who is ill. We pray for **Sr Kay** too and Nicky's wife, **Bernadette**;

**Margaret James**, an associate;

**Noeleen Bermingham**;

Eithne's nephew, **Bernard Donoghue**;

Francine's sister, **Rita**;

Vy's brother, **Joseph Tran The Day**- now receiving palliative care;

**Maria Somers**, Paschal Somers' wife;  
**Annie McCambridge**;

**Thomas Mullins**, Fr Tadgh's brother;

Sister **Betty Cahill** -Sister Betty would be grateful for prayers for a full recovery from her broken hip;

**Pulane Makepe's father**;

**Sr Maeve** - Prayers for a speedy recovery;

**Sr Marcellina** - Who is recovering from a hip operation.



Sr Eileen has let us know that her sister, **Catherine O'Riordan** is doing very well now and would like to thank the Sisters most sincerely for their prayer.

## Celebration in Marino

The Community in Marino had yet another celebration last week; May 16th was Sister Nora's birthday.

She was 88 and we were delighted to share her birthday with her!



Sister Nora getting ready for the party.



Maria, Marcella and Una, in conversation with Nora.

Sheila and John Vianney enjoying the party.



## Celebration continued

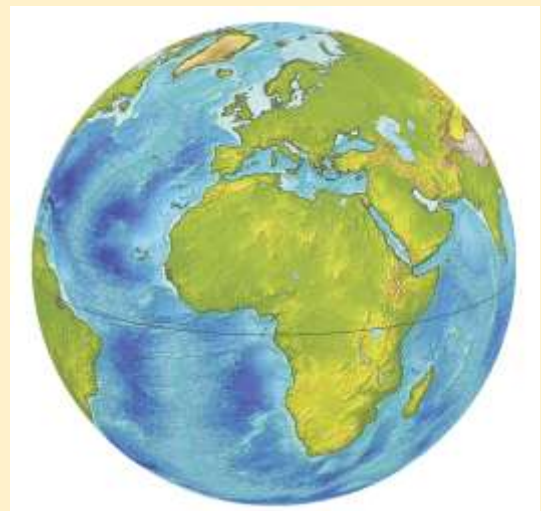


Nora, about to enjoy another delicious cake made by Agga, our cook.

## Laudato Si' Week 2023

# May 21st to 28th

From **May 21st to 28th**, people around the world will come together to celebrate Laudato Si' Week 2023, a commemoration dedicated to reflecting and acting upon the message of Pope Francis' encyclical on the environment, Laudato Si'. This year's theme, "Hope for the Earth."





## Elizabeth Prout Celebration Mass

On Saturday 20th May, we met in Sutton to celebrate the Thanksgiving Mass for Venerable Elizabeth Prout. Although the numbers of us attending are getting fewer each year, those of us who did attend, came together and enjoyed the Mass and each other's company.



Fr Nicholas Postlethwaite celebrated the Mass, assisted by Monsignor Paul Grogan.

Paul was, for a number of years, Chaplain to Leeds Trinity.

The singing, led by a male voice, was both powerful and moving.

But it was Nicholas' account of the life of Elizabeth, delivered in a quiet but clear voice that was most moving. The link for the Homily is below.

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We were joined in celebrating by the usual local parishioners; a contingent from Christ the King Parish in Liverpool, some members of the Community of the Passion, also from Liverpool, and a group from Manchester who have a special devotion to Elizabeth. Fr John Paul could not be present as he had a First Communion celebration elsewhere, but did join us just as we were leaving Church. Hopefully these pictures will give you a feel for the day!



## St Gemma's Hospice



### **ST. GEMMA'S HOSPICE**

I've had a busy couple of months at St. Gemma's as your Representative on the Board of Trustees. It's great for me that Sister Susan comes along with me as an observer. It really helps to chat over what we've seen and heard. Susan really loves going and it is thanks to her that we arranged a full day actually seeing the work of the hospice.

#### **20th April 2023 – Drinks Reception for New Donors**

Susan and I attended this Drinks Reception at St. Gemma's for new Donors and Trustees. At a previous Board Meeting, the Trustees had been asked to invite anyone they knew who might support St. Gemma's. I introduced Jo Jarvis, a cousin of Sister Cecilia Wilkinson, R.I.P. who has a medical business and Jo suggested her friend, Christine Logan, the mother of the Sports Presenter Gabby Logan. They both came and sat with us.

Phil Corrigan, Chair of Trustees and Kerry Jackson CEO hosted the evening and shared details about the impact of the work of St. Gemma's in its 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the plans for the future. Phil showed us a picture of herself as a teenager alongside an old St. Gemma's collecting box and explained that her Parish Priest in Bradford was a keen supporter of St. Gemma's and she often went on the sponsored walk he organised to raise funds. Her Parish Priest was Canon Lyons!

We then had a presentation from a young woman Abbie Stone who was running the London Marathon for St. Gemma's in memory of her mother and father who had both died in St. Gemma's when she was a teenager and in thanksgiving for receiving 8 years of bereavement counselling and support. Everyone was asked to donate and I donated £50 on behalf of the Province (PLT).

#### **25th April 2023 Spiritual Care Integration Group**

This meeting was attended by Kerry, Laurence, Laura, Barry, Fr. Dennis, Susan and myself. After much discussion and a PowerPoint presentation from Laurence, we agreed to form two groups; strategic and operational as the meetings had become too big with representation from all the hospice departments. Basically, we need to equip people, dealing with patients, how to give Spiritual Care which is different for all. The Operational group will be those directly involved in training and the Strategic group will ensure that training is happening. Next meeting in 6 months.



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### 4th May 2023 – Day at St. Gemma's

Susan and I spent the whole day from 8.30am being introduced to all the aspects of the work of St. Gemma's.

We visited Community Outreach, (250 Patients on the books!) They had two free beds in the Inpatient Unit and 3 people who were desperate to come in. We then attended the Triage meeting where they made the difficult decision which of the 2 of the 3 patients would be admitted. We popped into a meeting of out-patients and took part in Angel Signs where we each took an Angel label with a word written on the reverse. It was amazing how the words resonated with each patient. Mine was LOVE and I remembered how the logo for St Gemma's was 'Love Knows No Measure' and it felt perfect for that day as we were seeing all the love around us. We then quickly popped into the meeting next door which was for the carers of the patients we had just seen. They told us how wonderful the support given at St Gemma's is.

We were introduced to most of the Staff and they explained their work. At lunch time we were treated to lunch in the bistro and they had put table cloths on for us!

In the afternoon, we met with Trish Stockton head of the Academic Unity of Palliative Care who explained their amazing educational work.

Finally, we met with Kerry and thanked her for allowing us to have such an amazing insight into the work of St. Gemma's.

When we first arrived we were told of a young woman who had been admitted to the Inpatient Unit the day before for a global check on her medication but during the day her condition deteriorated very quickly. She told the staff that all she wanted to do in her last days was to get married! So the staff got in touch with her fiancé and then set about arranging a wedding. Registrars were contacted, staff went out for flowers, food was produced, the conservatory was festooned with lights and that patient's last wish was granted all thanks to the caring, loving and amazing staff at St Gemma's!

It was an amazing experience. I was greatly impressed by the commitment of the Staff and the overall peaceful, yet very busy atmosphere. Everyone was trying to do their best in some very difficult circumstances. I really felt that I had touched the beating heart of St. Gemma's.



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### 5th May 2023 – Staff Awards

Susan was very pleased to have been invited to be on the panel of Judges for the Staff Awards. It proved to be a lot of work as she had to read through 270 nominations! The Panel met at the end of April to discuss the awards and they were amazed to see that all were in agreement with the nominations.

The presentation evening was at the Village Hotel in Leeds so myself and Susan put on our best bib and tucker. We had a delicious buffet meal accompanied by Singing Waiters who soon had everyone up and dancing (not us, of course!)

The retiring High Sherriff of West Yorkshire gave out some very special Awards which was a lovely surprise for everyone. Susan presented the Long Service Awards and the Staff Awards were presented by the previous year's recipients. It was hard to recognize the Staff in their beautiful evening dresses but it was wonderful to see everyone enjoying themselves. We had a great evening and it made us both feel a part of St Gemma's.

### On 16th May

Bishop Marcus celebrated Mass at St. Gemma's for the Feast of St. Gemma. Apparently, he has a devotion to St. Gemma since he visited her home town of Lucca. The link to his very interesting homily is below. Kerry commented that she had found it a very moving Mass.

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