

# ST PAUL'S POST

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Our  
birthday  
girls this  
week are:

Margaret Travers	10 January
Patricia Redgrave	11 January

THANK YOU ~ and wishing you a Happy New Year!

Thank you very much to everyone who remembered the Provincial Team by sending us Christmas Cards, with many masses being said for our intentions.



We are very grateful for your prayerful support, love and friendship. It is with this support we go forward together in our work for the good of everyone - Sisters, staff and our advisors. I pray that we all welcome in the New Year 2023 with confidence and in the spirit of Venerable Elizabeth Prout. We hold each other in prayer.

*Savio*

For I know that my  
REDEEMER  
lives, and at the last  
He will stand upon the earth.

Job 19:25





# 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**;

Kay Doran's niece-in-law, **Kerry**,  
and her nephew, **Kieran Fitzpatrick**;

Rita McStay's niece-in-law, **Michelle Reid**;

East Holme Nurse, **June**;

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

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

**Noeleen Bermingham**;

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

Francine's sister, **Rita**;

Vy's brother, **Joseph Tran The Day**;

Marian Langan's niece, **Laura Fitzpatrick**;  
**Maria**, Paschal Somers' wife;

Anne Hammersley's great, great nephew,  
**Max**, diagnosed with brittle bone disease.

## Prayers ~ Bereavements

Prayers are asked for **Iryna**, whose son **Taras** died at 'The Front' between Ukraine and Russia on Christmas Day.

Iryna, three members of her host family and a friend joined us during the week for Mass. Later we had tea, scones and sharing. It is heartbreaking.

At this time Iryna is waiting to hear from Ukraine when there will be an exchange of bodies. Then she will go home, in the hope of attending the funeral.

In her words she said: "**he had many medals, they say he is a hero, but I just want my son**".

**Viktorii** too, has her first cousin **Paval**, on the front line.

Marino



Paval and colleague working on underground shelter.

Underground house.



## Our Christmas Tree

We have been and are blessed with Ukrainian staff.

Our Christmas tree is one such gift from them. Viktoriia bought it online and had it delivered to number 22. It is from Ukraine and was a pre-Christmas fund-raiser for the Ukrainian army. Viktoriia was unaware that our old tree had not survived the renovations! Such a lovely surprise. She, Viktoriia, was responsible for most of the decorations. Each Sister also had a small gift from her. We are so fortunate with good people.

**Catherine Lee**



**From Left:** Sisters John Vianney, Marian, Miriam, Viktoriia (red top), & Catherine Kealy.



**From left:** Marian, Agga (cook), John V, Breda (nurse), Miriam, Catherine Kealy and Catherine Lee.



Catherine Lee, Marian and John Vianney.  
Marian and John helped Viktoriia with decorations.

## 11 January: A Date to Remember

Wednesday of this week, 11 January, will mark the 179th anniversary of the holy death in Sutton of our Foundress, Venerable Mother Mary Joseph of Jesus, Elizabeth Prout CP.



*Elizabeth  
Prout  
1820-1864*

Let us pray to her and to Venerable Father Ignatius Spencer CP, who gave her a Final Blessing as she died, for our Congregation and for the Passionists to whom she and we have owed so much.

**Sister Dominic Savio CP**

# Epiphany

## *The Manifestation of Christ to the Magi*

**Pope Francis teaches: “To contemplate creation is to hear a message.”**

The Magi contemplated a star that rose in the East. ... Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out, and there in front of them was the star they had seen rising. It went forward and halted over the place where the child was; the sight of the star filled them with delight....and going into the house they found the child with his mother Mary, and falling on their knees they did him homage.

*Matt 2; 10-11*



We have within us a religious instinct, and if we cultivate it we find ourselves yearning for manifestations of the Divine.

So where to find God, who often seems absent? *Laudato Si'* suggests:

**“Hold it for a moment! You don’t need to step away from this world to meet God. God is everywhere in the created world!”**

Consider a flower, a fly, a snail, a sunbeam, a shadow, a silhouette, a cloud, the sky and the sea – each is more than just itself. Each of these simple things is a unique manifestation of God, and we are invited to catch on to their revelatory quality. A messy pile of autumn leaves is a divine mystery before being a problem to be swept up.

Our days overflow with little revelations of the Divine. It is not accidental that across the globe people choose to pray at dawn and at dusk, when nature is showing off her splendour in the nicest possible way. As beholders of the divine display, we catch on and ‘**Adore**’.

**My best time is dusk. When is yours?**

***Savio, with a little help from Laudato Si'***





It was so very kind of you to send me such a wonderfully generous message following the death of my beloved mother. Your most thoughtful words are enormously comforting, and I cannot tell you how deeply they are appreciated at this time of immense sorrow.

*Charles*



**This card from King Charles came this morning (31.12.22) addressed to the Sisters of the Cross and Passion. It was a response to the letter of condolence we sent at the time of the Queen's death.**

