## ST PAUL'S POST

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Our birthday girl this week is:

Eithne Donoghue

9 March

World Day of prayer was celebrated on the first Friday in March, this year 3rd March.

World Day of Prayer is a movement and a process that requires a commitment in time, study, preparation, and personal stretching in order to bring into a local community, in an authentic way, the realities of women in distant places. It is a movement symbolized by an annual day of celebration – the first Friday of March – to which all people are welcome. Through World Day of Prayer, women around the world affirm their faith in Jesus Christ and are encouraged to strive for wisdom to guide the actions in our daily lives.

The ecumenical spirituality of World Day of Prayer is a yearlong experience that inspires us to be ready to receive, from God, inspiration by listening to the voice of women linked to a country context, Bible texts, prayers and a theme. Praying and acting together creates and strengthens community between people near and far.

**Logo**- The symbol for World Day of Prayer was developed by the women of Ireland and adopted as the international logo in 1982. Its design is made up of arrows converging from the four points of the compass, persons kneeling in prayer, the Celtic cross, and the circle, representing the world and our unity through all our diversity.the world shifts; and we hope it does towards justice and peace.

The Flower is the Mimosa.



The prayer that comes to mind when I think of World day of Prayer is the verse from

The Day thou gavest....

"As o'er each Continent and Island

The dawn leads on another day,

The voice of prayer is never silent

Nor dies the strain of praise away."

Savio



## 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;

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;

now receiving palliative care;

Maria, Paschal Somers' wife;

Ann Nolan, Carmel Gorman's sister.

Marian Langan's niece Laura Fitzpatrick died last

week may she rest in peace.



## Short Strand Celebrities meet up again in Drumalis

Agnes, Rosaleen and Ella at the recent Parish Retreat
Promoters
Re-Connecting Day
at Drumalis

### Celebrations

Sister Elizabeth Cox celebrated her Platinum Jubilee at East Holme on March 2nd. She was joined in her celebrations by the Sisters and staff as they joyfully sang her good wishes, and Nathan lit the candle on her celebration cake.

It was a joy for all attendees who accompanied Sister Elizabeth to give thanks for her 70 years of loving service with the Lord.

Among those who celebrated on the day were some of her companions from novitiate days - many moons ago now!





#### Sheila's Platinum Jubilee

Sheila's jubilee was a modified version of 'This is Your Life'. Catherine Kealy, Cecilia, Clare, Maeve and Miriam shared on aspects of Sheila's life. Her brother John's I'll walk with God was played on You Tube along with the Chilian Nation anthem, which were both much appreciated surprises. So too was a message from Anne Culliton in Santiago. Much buzz and joy.

Clare and Maeve flying the 'flag' for Chile.



The teddy bear on Donal's knee, created by Sheila, is going to his grandson.



Miriam sharing memories and demonstrating Sheila's skill in crochet.



Reminiscing with family photos.



Sheila, surprised by her nursing certificate awarded in 1956!!





# Lots of fun had for Una's 90th birthday celebrations



Brenda serving up some treats



Vivien, John Vianney and Ann Langan enjoying them!

## Hello and Goodbye

#### Hello!

For those of you who don't know, my name is Kim Ormsby, I'm the new Confidential Secretary and will be taking over the weekly Paul's Post from Lorraine, I feel like I have very big shoes to fill!

I have been an at home mum for 10 years now and feel very privileged to be appointed to work with you at Sisters of the Cross and Passion.

It is very exciting to be at the start of a new beginning with you all by my side.

As world book day was last week I thought a little picture of my children was appropriate for you all to see, Christopher is the Holy Bible and Elizabeth is a Willy Wonka chocolate bar with a golden ticket!

I hope you like this weeks Paul's Post and please keep all your fantastic content coming in as it wouldn't be possible without you all!



#### **Dear Sisters**

As most of you will know by now, last week was my last time of being involved with St Paul's Post. It has been quite a journey over the years.. 306 editions! And only possible because of all your input as you partnered me in making it happen. I have appreciated that very much.

It's been lovely to be a small part of your community and catch glimpses of your lives, both past and present, and working for you has been a privilege and a blessing.

Thank you especially for your amazing faithfulness in praying for my family at various times.. we have been very touched as we reaped the benefits!

I will continue to follow the happenings in your lives through the Post and will be praying for you all as you continue your journey together with Jesus.

With every blessing

Love Lorraine x