

ST PAUL'S POST

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Happy Birthday



Our
birthday
girl this
week is:

Savio Steed

18 March

Walk a labyrinth!

The contemplative practice of walking a labyrinth grew out of the medieval commitment to going on pilgrimage.

Labyrinths are found in different forms on all continents, within many cultures and mythologies, carved or painted on ancient cave and church walls, and set in floors at sacred sites such as Gothic cathedrals, retreat centres, and contemporary churches. These circular paths are a way of learning and praying through movement instead of through thinking. Labyrinths seem to have emerged from the collective unconscious, representing a clear path to the centre, to the Divine. A classical labyrinth has seven cycles, each representing a stage of life, and seven U-turns as we learn to change course at least that many times in a normal life. A straight-line trajectory grows no one; it only makes you more and more rigid and inflexible.

Find a labyrinth (on the ground, printed on paper, or carved in wood) for your feet or fingers to traverse in the company of God's presence. Walk or trace the labyrinth as if on pilgrimage, without a goal beyond the experience itself. Move consciously and slowly, allowing the Divine to guide and teach. Let the path teach its own lessons. There is no one correct message. The turning circuits of a labyrinth remind us that life is change, transformation, and repentance (that is, metanoia or turning around).

Savio





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**;

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;

Catherine O'Riordan, Sr Eileen's sister

Thank you for prayers

'Very many thanks for the inclusion of Catherine (O'Riordan) in the Masses this week as she appreciates prayer more than anything else. Sheila and I went up to see her and we thought she had made another step forward towards recovery TG. She is still very weak and lacking in strength but we must be patient, all will be well in time please God. Kate has always been a treasure in the family because of her overwhelming generosity to everyone. She looked after our mother to the end and she lived to see 100!'

Sr Eileen



Sister Movement

Marino has prepared a room to welcome Sr Maria McAuley who is now joining the community on 20th March.

Maria will be nearer her family who are looking forward to her arrival and for her to have a long and happy stay.

BEREAVEMENTS

Ann Nolan; Sr Carmel Gorman's Sister died on 10th March, may she rest in peace and rise in glory.

Brother Francis CP died 7th March, may his good soul rest in peace.

Invitation

**Diocesan Celebration to Mark
the Day for Consecrated Life**

**A time of prayer, reflection and song
will be presided over by**

His Grace Archbishop Dermot Farrell

with music provided by

Dublin Diocesan Music Group.

Date: 25th of March 2023

Time: 3.00 p. m

Holy Cross Church, Dundrum

Light refreshments afterwards



**R.S.V.P to Sr. M. Louise O'Rourke, pddm
Office for Religious**

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Archdiocese of Dublin

Ard Decise Átha Cliath

The Queen's Jubilee Canopy of Trees

On 2nd March, Sisters Moya, Pat, Susan and Anne attended the ceremonial planting of a rowan tree from the Queen's Jubilee Canopy of Trees.



Moya had a special photo taken with Sir Ed. Anderson, Lord lieutenant of West Yorkshire who represented the King. Ed is well known to many of our Sisters having served as Chair of the Board of both St. Gemma's Hospice and Leeds Trinity University.

Apart from two other trustees, the other attendees were staff.

Ed told the group that he was very proud of being a patron of St. Gemma's. He became a Board member 24 years ago when Sister Moya, as Provincial, sat on the Board herself.

Afterwards we were invited to tea and cake and it was great to have time to mingle and chat with staff.

It was a lovely occasion.

Friends of the Briery

Friends of the Briery arranged a talk on the Holy Land given by our Parish Priest, Mgr. Kieran Heskin Phd who for many years was on the National Committee for Jewish Christian Relations and led many pilgrimages to the Holy Land.



This was followed by a delicious afternoon tea.

Bookings were closed 3 weeks ago when the maximum of 70 participants @ £12 per person was reached!

The atmosphere was so warm and unifying. Everyone agrees that it was a terrific community event!

The proceeds will pay for the new front gate, here are before and after pics!



Before



After

**Lá Fhéile Pádraig sona daoibh!
Hail Glorious St Patrick!**

**Looking forward to
St Patrick's Day from the foot of Slemish.**

This small plug of an extinct volcano, in the heart of County Antrim was where St Patrick worked as a slave, minding sheep. At this stage, early in the 5th century, Patrick was a young shepherd.



In this photo, taken at Slemish, we see Sr Thérèse contemplating the challenge of Pope Francis' call to be a pastor who knows the "smell of the sheep."

**Happy
St Patrick's Day!
Beannachtáí na Féile
Pádraig oraibh!**



Reminder

**The Ecology meeting is tomorrow, Tuesday 14th March, at
7.00pm.**

Savio has sent out the Zoom link.



Eulogy for Sister Catherine Lafferty CP

Sister Catherine Lafferty was born in Dublin, Ireland on 12 May 1934. On 14 August 1951, when she was seventeen, she entered the novitiate of the Sisters of the Cross and Passion in Kilcullen, Ireland. She received the religious habit there on 19 March 1952 and the religious name, 'Sister Mary David'. When she professed her Vows on 22 March 1954, in Maryfield convent, Dublin, she added the devotion 'of Jesus' to her religious name.

Sister Mary David (Sister Catherine Lafferty) was sent to Craiglockhart Teacher Training College near Edinburgh, Scotland and during holidays stayed in our convent in Lochgelly, Fife. On 22 March 1957 she professed her Final Vows before Monsignor Delaney in Lochgelly convent and then she returned to Craiglockhart. She finished her course in Craiglockhart about 20 July 1961. She probably then taught in one of the three primary schools run by the Sisters of the Cross and Passion in Ayrshire.

She reverted to her Baptismal name of Catherine at some time after the Second Vatican Council. It is not clear where she was for the next twenty years but in 1983 Sister Catherine Lafferty was appointed as Local Superior in Kirkcaldy, Fife, Scotland. Having arrived there on 25 June 1983 she became active in the Parish and was on the Parish Council.

In 1985, however, she seems to have been appointed to Wales, for in January 1986 she was appointed as Deputy Head of St Mary's School, Carmarthen, living in our Cross and Passion Convent at Picton Place, Carmarthen. On Sundays she and another Sister went to Llandeilo where after Mass they took a group of children for instructions in the catholic faith.

On 30 September 1991, however, the Sisters of the Cross and Passion had to stop teaching in the Catholic parochial school in Carmarthen, as the Passionist Fathers had left the parish and the next parish priest brought in another group of religious Sisters to take over the school and work in the parish. After some time, therefore, the Sisters of the Cross and Passion moved to Ystradgynlais. In July 1992 Sister Catherine Lafferty was a member of that Community. When she retired from school, she seems to have become a Parish Sister in Pontyberem and Llandeilo. In March 1995 she was the Parish Sister in Llandeilo and in April 1997 she was the Parish Sister in both Llandeilo and Pontyberem. At some date in the 1990s she went to live alone in Llandeilo as the Parish Sister.

After leaving Llandeilo, she went to the Archdiocese of Birmingham where her friend, Sister Carmel Comerford CP was already working. They had separate flats, however, and they finally decided they should retire from their apostolates there. Hence on Saturday 23 June 2018 Sister Catherine Lafferty and Sister Carmel Comerford arrived in Lytham to live in the Sisters' Care Home, formerly simply St Paul's Convent of the Sisters of the Cross and Passion, East Holme, 19 East Beach, Lytham, Lancashire, FY8 5EU and it was here that Sister Catherine died at 7.15 p.m. on Thursday, 16 February 2023. May she rest in peace.

Sister Catherine's Requiem Mass was concelebrated at 10 a.m. in St Peter's church, Lytham on Monday 13 March 2023 by Father Peter Clarke, Parish Priest and by Canon Michael Smith, Parish Priest in Llandeilo and was attended by the Sisters, of course, some of the Staff, Sister Maria Savio, Provincial and other Sisters who came for the occasion, a number of her relatives and some parishioners. Then, in very blustery weather, she was buried in Saltcotes cemetery, Lytham. May she rest in peace.

Sister Dominic Savio CP, archivist, Lytham..