

ST PAUL'S POST

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Earth Day Saturday 22nd April

As the countdown to Earth Day 2023 continues, it is important to remember we have the power to be champions for Earth, our blue planet.

To protect our planet, we must invest in it. Pope Francis calls it "Caring for our Common Home"

Here are some ways we can do this:

PLANT a TREE or TREES

Trees are one of the most powerful tools to combat the climate crisis. Planting a tree that will bear fruit has a double benefit as it gives food for the community.

I hope to have plums again this year!

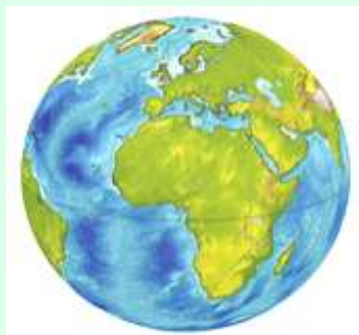
Plant a pollinator garden:

Pollination is essential for all terrestrial life on Earth. Plant a pollinator garden using species native to your area. This helps support local populations of butterflies, bees and other organisms.

Save rain water

This gives you water to keep your plants well hydrated during a hopefully warm summer.

Savio



Happy St George's Day for the 23rd April to all our UK

Sisters.

We hope you have a very happy day and rejoice in your patron Saint.



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
Catherine O'Riordan, Sr Eileen's sister;
Annie McCambridge;

Thomas Mullins, Fr Tadhg's brother.

Sister **Betty Cahill** suffered a fall and broke her hip, she was taken to hospital where she has been to theatre for surgery, which she has thankfully come through and is now back at East Holme being cared for. Sister Betty would be grateful for prayers for a full recovery;

Pulane Makepe's father who is seriously ill at the moment. Pulane asks us to pray that the right decisions will be made with regard to his treatment.

Thanks and prayer updates

We have received this message with news from **Pulane**.

'I wish to show my appreciation to all the sisters for your prayers and to update that my father is discharged from hospital and making progress with his recovery.'

We continue to hold him in our prayers.

And a note from **Paschal Somers** whose wife, **Maria Somers**, is on our prayer list.

'Maria's journey continues but we are grateful for so many prayers, so much support and for good medical assistance. She is currently in the first few weeks of a three month course of chemotherapy. The surgery in December was able to remove most of the brain tumour but the chemo is designed to shrink what remains. If this is successful, Maria will be transferred to Guy's Hospital for further treatment aimed at stopping the tumour from growing altogether. The latter is her best hope. She is bearing up well but I expect that some side effects will occur soon enough.'

Please do keep Maria's name on the sisters' prayer list and wholehearted thanks for that and for all the prayers.'

A Good Friday Agreement



On 10th April 1998, the Community of Drumalis joined with Cardinal Daly to celebrate the day of the signing of the Good Friday Agreement (pictured above).

It was an answer to all the prayers and hard work of many people and community groups but, as Bill Clinton suggests in the following extract, more peace work and prayer are still needed:

“A generation on, the situation in Northern Ireland is far from perfect. Too little progress has been made in true integration between the two communities. Divided neighborhoods remain, and economic inequality persists. The uncertainty surrounding Brexit — which Northern Ireland voted against — has led to political paralysis and left the country without a standing government for more than a year. But against the odds, the peace has held and democracy has not lost its grip.”

Sr Margaret Rose

Over at East Holme

'Overall we had a good Easter break, no doubt we remembered the years when we could all trot off together to our parish church and participate fully in those beautiful services of the Easter weekend- so especially dear to us as Sisters of the Cross and Passion. Some of us actually did attend and thanks to modern technology most of us could see, hear and feel part of it all.

On Easter Monday our Staff invited us to a surprise celebration. It was to be known as;
The Easter Bonnet Competition!



A lot of hard work and wonderful creativity went on behind the scenes, so that on Monday afternoon the doors were opened and we Sisters entered to what I would call a wee "Paradise on earth".

The exhibits were displayed and we were invited to come, see and be spellbound. This we truly were as we slowly moved from bonnet to bonnet, eager to take in the amazing beauty of it all.

We were pervaded with a sea of colour, rich imagination and a wealth of creativity. After we had time to get our breath back members of staff left the room and the Sisters were given the task of deciding which bonnets won the three prizes.

East Holme fun continued



East Holme Easter bonnet winners



Choosing the winners, for us, was a very difficult task because they were all so lovely!

Finally we decided.....

First Prize: Nathan, our chef. Second prize: Sharon, our events manager. Third prize Nurse Vonnie



The applause was heartfelt, not just for the winners but also for everyone who so generously played a part in this unforgettable event.

Most precious was the atmosphere which prevailed in that room on Easter Monday. We were all left with a deep sense of joy and togetherness and wanting to say a million thanks'

Lovingly, Eily May C.P

Sister Joan's Diamond Jubilee



'I was made a servant of the Lord by God's gift' Ephs 3.7'

The Community of Sisters in Dublin, together with the staff in Marino, celebrated Sr Joan's Diamond Jubilee on Wednesday April 12th.

They were joined by Joan's sister Marie, brother Charlie, sister in law Elizabeth and brother in law Frank.



Marcella and Vivian



Catherine Kealy, John Vianney, Therese O'Regan and Catherine Lee

'A wonderful afternoon was had by all as we enjoyed a delicious spread prepared by Agga our chef, and assisted by John Vianney and the staff!'



Clare and Maeve