

ST PAUL'S POST

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Our birthday girl this week is:

Happy Birthday

Marcellina Cooney 9 May

Mary the Mother of God

During this month we particularly turn our minds to honouring Mary, Mother of God.

In school I used to teach a hymn as below.



May is the month of Mary
Month we all love so well
Mary is God's own mother
Gladly her praise we tell.

Mary is beautiful

Mary is fair

Gladly we praise her in songs
and in prayer

Blue is the sky in Maytime

Bright is the Sun above

Bluebells all nod in Chorus

Joining our song of love.

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**;

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 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 is still in hospital in Dublin. Please can you keep her in your prayers for what is hopefully a speedy recovery.

Platinum Jubilee Jubilations!

Congratulations to:

Sr Francis Clare Cullen, Sr Rita Mc Stay
and Sr Therese Mc Donnell on your
Platinum Jubilees on 9th May!

Saturday 6th of May this year was a relaxed and happy day for many of us who set up in front of our televisions to watch the crowning of King Charles.

We rejoiced that the day went so well.

Hopefully it will be a dry day and a happy and joyful evening for everyone gathered in Windsor.

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Middleton in Bloom

There was something else on my brother's mind this weekend, he lives in Florida and he picked up this hyperlink to advise me about [NO Mow in May](https://www.rte.ie/news/environment/2023/0506/1381009-biodiversity-no-mow-may/).

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I took a stroll in the garden here in Middleton and there is so much blossom, the lilac is in full bloom, the Apple tree is also showing off its white and pink blossom, the blue bells and forget me nots are vying with each other for a space to flourish.

I could not help it but recall one of the early winners of Eurovision sung by Dana.

All kinds of Everything remind me of You – God the Creator of the Universe.

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Coronation day celebrations at Elmleigh



Celebrations continued



Watching a 'Part of History' over at Duncan Terrace

Sister Rita and Sister Martin Joseph got a little party ready and watched the lot!

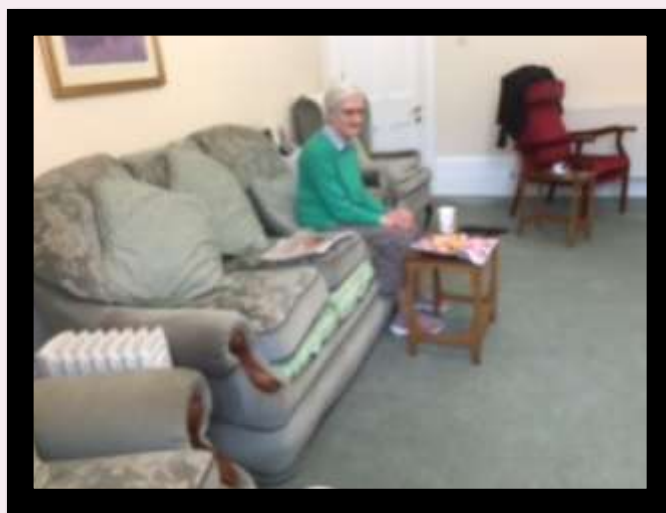
'Just Rita and I, but we really enjoyed ourselves.

We also had another wee jorum watching the analysis of the day on TV.

And plan another watching the concert from Windsor!

A part of history!'

Sr Martin Joseph



“Threading the Rope” at Drumalis

A few weeks ago Drumalis hosted a gathering of environmental groups – Creation Care Network, A Rocha Partners and Church Groups. These groups meet quarterly in response to the need for educating ourselves practically and theologically in Creation Care and learning from each other. The day finished with a moving closing ritual – **“Threading the Rope”**.



This is a ritual which in some countries is used keep elephants at bay, but here in Drumalis the intention is to return to nature a large “swathe” of the mown lawn. This plot will once more be home for whatever species of flora and fauna are natural to the site. As the photos show, each participant stood by the posts, arranged in a circle, as the rope was threaded through each post with great respect and care.

A blessing was offered by Margaret Rose and Thérèse (pictured right), who sprinkled the water of life on the site.

The hope is that retreatants will experience some of the inspiration of the natural world, its beauty and wildness as time goes on.



“Threading the Rope” at Drumalis

This final photo shows how, in a few weeks, the character of the space has already become vibrant with natural growth. This gesture is less about control and management and more about responding to the **CRY OF EARTH** who has the capacity to self-heal and flourish again in all its beauty, wildness and diversity.

