

ST PAUL'S POST

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PRAY TOGETHER

**MAKING A DIFFERENCE
IN THE LIVES OF OTHERS**

Relatives/friends of Sisters:-

Eily May's brother, *Tade*;

Eithne's nephew, *Bernard Donoghue*;

Francine's sister, *Rita*;

Vy's brother, *Joseph Tran The Duy*; We pray
for his health and his faith;

Maria Somers, Paschal Somers' wife;

Alex and David Hutchinson;

Sr Lydwina Farrell;

Sr Helena's sister and *Marie*;

Pat Hartin, Katrina Hartin's mother;

Nicky Sister Kay's brother;

Bridie Sr Marcella's Sister;

The people of *Chile*;

Anne O'Keeffe, Sister Cecelia Foley's sister.

I call on you, my God, for you will answer
me; turn your ear to me and hear my
prayer.

PSALM 17:6



Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Saint Patrick's day is celebrated this Sunday 17th March, good wishes to all who celebrate,
it will be lovely to see your celebration pictures!



Some beautiful words from Sister Marcella's niece:

I am so very saddened to share the passing of my dear aunt Marcella. Cella was a huge influence in my life. She set out from her home on a small farm in Ireland as a very young woman to become a nun when there were not many other opportunities for a woman to see the world. She found a fulfilling role in L'Arche where she was a founding member in L'Arche Bognor Regis and lived in a community there and in West Norwood for many years, where she was loved and respected for her love and caring dedication to the residents with learning disabilities. We always had a special connection because we shared the same birthday but it was not until I turned 25 years old when decided I wanted to travel and live in Europe, when she heard that I was looking for adventure and she invited me to come to London. She welcomed me to L'Arche where I got to know her better, where we became more friends than relatives, and she became more than just an auntie to me. She modelled a life dedicated to caring for others and I learned to appreciate her love of life and fantastic sense of humour. She was strong willed, determined and brave and she overcame so many physical challenges at different points of her life. She travelled the world as a leader and advocate for L'Arche. She was a good friend to Jean and Therese Vanier and she was respected for the many leadership roles she took on, but she was always so humble, down to earth, friendly and welcoming to all she met. She loved telling jokes and stories and she always loved a good laugh. She loved to meet and keep in touch with all kinds of people who treasured her friendship in return. She was curious and interested in everything and always kept up with learning technology so she could continue to keep in touch via email, Facebook, FaceTime, WhatsApp and Zoom which is pretty impressive for a woman in her 80's who was challenged by Parkinson's Disease. She was such an amazing, impressive and inspirational woman and she will be missed terribly. I am so grateful I had the chance to live with her and get to know her during my time in London, I have treasured our special connection as we have kept in touch all of the years since. She taught me so many lessons about embracing life, living adventurously, bravely and fearlessly. She taught me lessons of compassion, humility and light heartedness as I witnessed the beautiful way she interacted with Eva & Derek and of course her absolute favourite, Kevin, who she treasured in a special way, in the Elmstone and of course all of the many other residents in L'Arche Lambeth.

I always knew I was lucky to have her in my corner because you never wanted to be on the wrong side of a disagreement with her! She would fight righteously for justice and stand up for what she believed in and never shied away from the hard work, as long as it was for the good of all. She was never afraid to speak her mind and put you in your place if she thought you needed to hear it, but she usually did so with grace and humour. She was tireless, so full of energy and enthusiasm and she found joy and satisfaction in the work she did for others. She was creative, resourceful, she could sew and cook and she kept the most beautiful gardens and flowers. She had faithful bird friends that would come visit her in her garden regularly. She loved parties and gatherings and always wanted people to come together. I will truly miss her and I mourn her passing. I am grateful she will now be up in heaven keeping everyone in line and making sure things get done the right way up there now!

😁😁 Cella, thank you for all you brought to my life. I will miss our emails and FaceTime chats and our special connection. I hope you are at peace now. ❤️❤️❤️❤️

RIP Sister Marcella

Fr Mark Whelehan, CP
1926 - 2024 RIP

Following the reception of his body into St Elizabeth's church on Thursday 14th March at 4.30pm, Fr Mark's Requiem Mass will take place on Friday 15th March at 12.00 noon followed by a private interment in the cemetery at Minsteracres.

For those who are unable to attend the Requiem Mass we will also be celebrating a Vigil Mass of Remembrance in the church on the evening of Thursday 14th at 7.00pm

People wishing to attend the Requiem Mass should be aware that a significant amount of the available seating in the church will need to be reserved for Fr Mark's family and those professed religious and clergy who will be attending. Unfortunately this means that we cannot guarantee that all mourners will be able to be seated in the church and may need to be accommodated in either the Chapel or Library where we will be live streaming the service.

The live stream will also be available to watch at home at <https://www.youtube.com/@minsteracres/streams/live>

Because we expect a large number will want to attend and pay their final respects to Fr Mark, anyone concerned at not being able to be guaranteed a seat in the church may want to consider attending the vigil mass of remembrance on the Thursday evening.



Sr. Damian deep in thought - with her thinking cap on!

An article has been produced by Sister Dominic Savio;
THE CENTENARY OF THE SISTERS OF THE CROSS AND PASSION
IN NORTH AMERICA, 1924 – 2024
FATHER GAUDENTIUS ROSSI'S ATTEMPTS TO BRING THE
SISTERS OF THE CROSS AND PASSION TO NORTH AMERICA AND THE
WONDERFUL STORY OF SISTER ANNE FLANAGAN CP.

Please access it through the following link

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1jghaeWsQU1gm4ZbKMhaG8mVbj16t12YJ/view?usp=sharing>