

# ST PAUL'S POST

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Our birthday girl  
this week is:

## Happy Birthday

Catherine Lee

1 April



## 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.

## BEREAVEMENT

Prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of *Clare Tighe* who has died ,  
after a very long illness.

Please pray also for her mother and sister who have nursed her at home during this time.

She will be met by her late father Jim Tighe and her great aunt, Mother Josephine CP.

**May she rest in peace and rise in glory.**

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# Platinum Jubilee Jubilations!

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Congratulations to Sister **Helena McCamphill**

70 Years Professed on 27th March 2024



Congratulations to the following Sisters for 60 years professed:

Sisters Rosaleen Murray and Mary Carlin on 2nd April and Sisters Catherine Laboure Donnelly, Margaret Rose McSparran and Elizabeth Cahill on 4th April.



## The Ecology Group

The Ecology group meeting is tonight, Monday 25th March at 7pm on Zoom.



There is also an invitation to join The Sisters of the Earth Community:

Greetings from Vermont! I am writing to invite you to celebrate with us on our 25th anniversary on June the 1st 2024. Our theme is 'Awe and Wonder!' It would be awesome if you could join us on Zoom or in person to participate in some of the events to celebrate Thomas Berry!  
***Sending blessings, Sister Gail***

Link for the full details:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1lg\\_JbaytvA2egJOYZMS-rMgdF09WlfCc/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1lg_JbaytvA2egJOYZMS-rMgdF09WlfCc/view?usp=sharing)

We hope you have a happy and holy Easter week, enjoying it with friends and family. As Monday 1st April is a Bank Holiday the next edition of **Paul's Post** will be out on Monday 8th April.

Please send in any pictures or stories you wish to be included.

## Over at East Holme .....



On Monday 18th March, Lyric Rag came to perform to the Sisters in Celebration of St Patrick's Day. It was a beautiful afternoon of music and laughter.



On Friday 22nd March it was Sisters Marie and Eily May's Platinum Jubilee.

Sister Eily May read out a letter to all the Sisters and staff at East Holme and here is a lovely photo of them both.

## Jubilee letter

Dear Sisters and staff at Eastholme, Lytham. Please allow me a few minutes of your time, on behalf of Marie de Carmel and myself.

For Marie and I it will be 70 years on 22nd March since we made our religious Vows. After 25 years we celebrated our Silver Jubilee and this we did with great joy because the five of us who professed together were together again Una, Lydwina, Catherine, Marie and me. Sister Carmel and Sister Catherine, God rest them, invited us to Wales to celebrate. This was an unforgettable event and we enjoyed it but of course we were younger then.

After 60 years we celebrated our Golden Jubilee. This too was a pleasant event Marie, Catherine and I met in St Chad's Church in Manchester, a Church linked to our foundress, after which we celebrated with the Liverpool community.

It is now 70 years since our initial commitment and Angela and Sarah both consulted us as to how we would like to celebrate this event. We do appreciate your consideration and sensitivity in so doing. Thank you. First of all there are very different circumstances in both our lives now. So Marie and myself put our heads together and came up with the following suggestion, we would like that this event be reflective and remembering of the many blessings showered upon us by our Blessed Lord along the way as well as the love and friendship of you, our staff, our families and friends who have also accompanied us on our life journey so far.

Our prayer is one of heartfelt gratitude for so much received and our request to our Sisters would be to accompany us in this prayer and request that such blessings continue for us during the next chapter in our lives.

And for you Angela and all our beloved staff we would have one request and that is to ask you to continue to keep us drunk, not on Baileys or amaretto but on the TLC that you pour on us day after day and which you dispense so lovingly and generously. Thank you.

*Eily May C.P. Lytham, March 2024*



Fr. Rick Frechette, C.P. is a Passionist priest from [The Passionists: St. Paul of the Cross Province](#), and founder of [The St. Luke Foundation for Haiti](#), which is a native, Haitian, benevolent organization that both helps those in immediate need, and empowers people whose lives are plagued by poverty and its deadly effects by enabling community development and helping people determine their own future.

We recently asked for an update on his work in Haiti, to which he responded:

“For all the years I have been here, Haiti has been a pretty rough purgatory for the people. Some have been years of hell: 2004 to 2007. These relieved by the forceful military tactics of UN. The last four years have been a rapid descent into hell again and we are at the boiling point. My life, since covid subsided, has been refugees, kidnapped releases, reaching and rescuing isolated groups, caring for gunshot injured, and burials.

Like Pope Gregory, who walked out the gates of Rome to convince Attila the Hun to not destroy it, like Jesus who taught correct meaning of scriptures to Satan and rebuked him often, like Jesus who dialogued with two men who, by their own testimony, deserved to be crucified, and found it to be worth his last few breaths to try to keep them from eternal damnation, we have become somewhat proficient at dialogue with the worst possible actors, to try to get them to turn a good deed for someone vulnerable and to approach some larger questions with them.”

Read the rest of Fr. Rick’s update on our website here:

<https://passionist.org/haiti-update-frechette/>

*Mary Jane Holden CP*

“If we lose everything,  
a work of 35 years,  
we will stand in the dust  
with the people and  
start again together.

The practicum of how to  
act in the meantime  
we well know it:  
prayer, penance,  
good works.”

Fr. Rick Frechette, C.P.  
St. Luke Foundation for Haiti



## Marino Jubilee celebration

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*Sister Una Vaughan  
celebrated her  
Platinum Jubilee in  
Marino on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>  
March.*

*Una is pictured here  
with Sisters Catherine  
Lee and John  
Vianney...and also  
the delicious cake  
made by Agga.*

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*The Beautiful Flowers,  
which will continue to  
bloom and grow in  
the garden.*

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*Una and Marian  
admiring the cake!*

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*Betsho, one of our Carers  
from Botswana, joined in the  
celebrations!*



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