

ST PAUL'S POST

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Our
birthday
girls this
week are:

Pat Carney
Gabrielle Cooney

14 November
17 November



November 11
is a day we
remember.



SILENZIO'...BEAUTIFUL AND HAUNTING

<https://www.flixxy.com/trumpet-solo-melissa-venema.htm>

About six miles from Maastricht, in the Netherlands, lie buried 8,301 American soldiers who died in "Operation Market Garden" in the battles to liberate Holland in the fall/winter of 1944. Every one of the men buried in the cemetery, as well as those in the Canadian and British military cemeteries, has been adopted by a Dutch family who mind the grave, decorate it, and keep alive the memory of the soldier they have adopted. It is even the custom to keep a portrait of *"their"* soldier in a place of honour in their home.

Annually, on *"Liberation Day,"* memorial services are held for *"the men who died to liberate Holland."* The day concludes with a concert. The final piece is always *"Il Silenzio,"* a memorial piece commissioned by the Dutch and first played in 1965 on the 20th anniversary of Holland's liberation. It has been the concluding piece of the memorial concert ever since.

This year the soloist was a 13-year-old Dutch girl, *Melissa Venema,* backed by André Rieu and his orchestra (the Royal Orchestra of the Netherlands). This beautiful concert piece is based upon the original version of taps and was composed by Italian composer Nino Rossi.

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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**;

Rita McStay's niece-in-law, **Michelle Reid**;

East Holme Nurse, **June**;

Carmel Comerford's sister, **Clare**;

Marcella Roe's sister, **Eileen**;

Noeleen Bermingham;

Pat Carney's brother, **Michael**;

Eithne's nephew, **Bernard Donoghue**;

Sr Anne's sister, **Barbara**;

Francine's sister, **Rita**;

Vy's brother, **Joseph Tran The Day**.

Prayer Updates – helping us to pray more effectively

Please continue to pray for **Sr Rosie (Rosaleen)** who is recovering from Dengue Fever.

Thank you to all the members of the Vietnam community, who have shown a remarkable level of care and concern for Rosie. **Brigid**

BEREAVEMENTS

Pat Carney's brother, **Michael**.
May he rest in peace.

Una Burton a Middleton Associate never came to a meeting empty handed. Not only did she bring a jam sponge cake to share but she baked it herself. Delicious! we all loved our afternoon tea. Thank you, Una and may the good Lord reward you. Una died on Saturday 12th November.

Dear Sisters,

Many of you will already know that my brother, Michael, died on the feast of All Saints, the day before his 84th birthday! So he celebrated that in heaven! I just want to say a very sincere and heartfelt thank you to each one of you; firstly for the prayers you said for Michael during his long illness and then for all the prayers, texts, emails, cards, phone calls and loving support you gave me when he died. I don't have the slightest doubt that these are responsible for the great peace I have experienced over the past 10 days or so.

A special word of thanks for my community, Anne and Susan, for their loving support expressed in so many ways throughout Michael's illness. We often speak of the importance of our prayer ministry, but it's only when you're on the receiving end of that ministry that you realise just how much it means! Thank you so very much - or as we say in Argentina: **Un millon de gracias!** **Love, Pat CP**

BEREAVEMENTS

Dear Sisters,

We received the sad news via CP Holy Cross Passion (*see full message below*) of the death of

Father Donald Senior, CP

1 January 1940—8 November 2022



Dear Passionist Family,

It is with a heavy heart I inform you that Fr Don Senior, CP, passed away this afternoon in Chicago to return to our God. Fr David Colhour, CP, shared he died peacefully.

Let us remember Don, his family and all of us, his Passionist family, in our prayers.

Further information regarding his funeral will follow in the next few days.

May Don rest in peace.

God bless,

Joe Moons, C.P.

Provincial Superior

Below are photos of Father Don Senior in The Briery when he gave a retreat in 2019.



Villa Pacis

sacred space
for Holy Souls.

(Left)

Service of
Remembrance
in

Ilkley Cemetery.

(Below)



We will remember them.

THE SPIRITUALITY OF VENERABLE MOTHER MARY JOSEPH OF JESUS, ELIZABETH PROUT CP

Following the teaching of her Passionist friends: Blessed Dominic Barberi, Venerable Father Ignatius Spencer, Father Gaudentius Rossi and other Passionists, Venerable Mother Mary Joseph's spirituality was, of course, the **MEMORY OF THE PASSION**, as taught by St Paul of the Cross. Paul used the word 'memory' in the Scriptural sense of reliving, actually participating in, re-experiencing, in one's heart. The heart of Paul's spirituality was the Holy Eucharist. He saw Our Lord's institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper as the commencement of His Sacrifice on Calvary. He saw the Mass as the living Memorial of Christ's Redemptive Sacrifice.

Suffering, of course, was not an end in itself. It was Our Lord's Love that had redeemed the world. Human suffering had meaning only as a loving participation in Our Lord's Passion. Paul, and following him, Venerable Mother Mary Joseph, saw the reception of Holy Communion at Mass as an encounter with Our Lord in love and abandonment, because, by participating in the Eucharistic Feast, the believer shared in both the Death and the Resurrection of Christ. The Holy Eucharist brought Our Lord not only into the centre of their lives but also into their hearts.

Paul saw the Passionist vocation as an identification with Christ in His Passion, in union with Christ in the Holy Eucharist. That meant that the Passionist lifestyle must be radically evangelical. Paul committed himself and his followers to a community life of poverty, modelled on Our Lord's emptying Himself of His Divinity in His Incarnation, Passion and Death; to a life of chastity and obedience as a total oblation in union with the Holy Eucharist; to a life of prayer, living in union with God; and in their active apostolate to a life of awakening and keeping alive the 'Memory' of the Passion. The Passionist lifestyle was both contemplative and active. To sustain such a life, Paul found strength in the Holy Eucharist and in the help of Mary, given to us on Calvary.

So did Venerable Mother Mary Joseph: in her prayer-life; in her apostolate in education in Manchester, Levenshulme, Ashton-Under-Lyne, Blackbrook and Sutton; in her Homes for working girls; in her sewing classes and night schools during the Lancashire Cotton Famine; and most of all, of course, in her founding a Religious Congregation to continue her spirituality and her apostolates, not only in the Manchester and Sutton areas, nor merely in Ireland, Scotland and Wales, but in Bulgaria, North America, Chile, Argentina, Peru, in Sweden, in Romania, in Vietnam and in Australia.

Two years before she died she wrote: ***A cross, no cross where Jesus; with Jesus crosses are my bliss. Why should the cross so frighten me, when on the Cross my God I see.***





Sister Gabrielle loves to work on the soil, so hearing the Cry of the Earth is really up her street.

Last week I followed her in the garden carrying quite a bucket of acorns and still collecting assiduously with her grabber stick. What was all that about? In our lovely convent garden we have an enormous Turkish oak tree.

This year it is shedding a rich harvest of acorns, which of course is banquet time for the squirrels. But come winter this activity will cease so the squirrels face a famine. But not while Sister Gabrielle is around. She will proudly produce *Her* hidden treasures, acorns stored away in brown paper bags since the plentiful days of summer to avoid such a fate. Happy little squirrels all year round! And so God is praised for another marvel of his Creation. Well done, Sister Gabrielle for listening to the Cry of the Earth and tuning into positive action.

Eily May



**REMINDER: ECOLOGY MEETING,
Wednesday 16 November**



Savio welcomed **Sr Anne Taylor** to the Middleton Community. We have closed the flat in Halifax.