

# ST PAUL'S POST



Happy  
Birthday

*Our  
birthday  
girls this  
week are:*

Breda Ahearn	13 November
Rita McStay	13 November
Margaret McStay	13 November
Pat Carney	14 November
Claire Looby	15 November
Gabrielle Cooney	17 November



They shall not grow old,  
as we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them,  
nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun,  
and in the morning we will  
remember them.

Greater love  
has no one  
than this, that  
he lay down  
his life for his  
friends.

John 15:13



Lest we forget





# PRAY TOGETHER

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF OTHERS

### Our Sisters:

*Nora Horan*

*Regina Boland*

*Maura Fanning*

*Maire Murphy*

*Kathleen Kinane*

*Rose Mulligan*

*Rita McStay*

*Mary Sloan*

*Vivian Whelan*

### Relatives/friends of Sisters:

Marguerita's brother, *Pat*;

Damian's brother, *Brendan*, now seriously ill;

Anna Hainey's brother, *Danny*;

Eily May's brothers, *Tade & Jack*,  
and her sister, *Mary Philomena White*;

Lorraine's Mum, *Mary*;

Francis' niece-in-law, *Val McCartan*;

Kay Doran's niece-in-law, *Kerry*;

Mary Curtin's niece, *Breed*;

Francine's brother-in-law, *Bill Knowles*, & her  
sister, *Rita*;

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

*Michael Clyne*, Brigid Murphy's brother-in-law;

*Elaine Plunkett*, Keighley Associate;

Carmel Comerford's sister, *Clare*;

Barbara Sexton's brother, *Denis*, and his  
wife, *Breda*, both of whom are ill, and  
also their sister-in-law, *Angela Sexton*,  
who is very seriously ill;

*Mary McLean*, Margaret Travers' sister;

*Anna Kearns*, grandniece of Sr Annie  
McCambridge;

*Maria Somers*, wife of Paschal;

*Fr David Tuohy, SJ*, who is seriously ill;

*Dominic*, brother to Ann Cotter (Chile).

### Prayer Updates: *helping us to pray more effectively.*

Dear Sisters, thank you once again for your prayers; my operation went well and I'm now waiting for the results of the analysis of the lymph nodes and a decision on whether any further treatment is necessary. With love and renewed gratitude,

***Pat (Carney) xx***

***Francis Clare***, of Elmleigh, went into hospital last Thursday morning. She is still there but doing well.

### Pray especially for:

***Kathleen Kinane***, of Marino and ***Bill Knowles***, Sr Francine's brother-in-law—both of whom are very poorly and nearing the end of their lives. Remember also their families and friends as they go through this difficult time.

# Richard Rohr Meditation: The Emerging Church

I do believe that what some refer to as the **"EMERGING CHURCH"** is a movement of the Holy Spirit. Movements are the energy-building stages of things, before they become monuments, museums, or machines. In the last sixty years, several significant events have taken place, both within and alongside the various Christian churches, to foster this movement. Spiritual globalization is allowing churches worldwide to profit from these breakthroughs at approximately the same time, which of itself is **a new kind of reformation!** No one is directing, controlling, or limiting this movement. We are just trying to listen together. It is happening almost in spite of all of us—which tells me the Spirit must be guiding.

Just so you know I am not merely arguing for my own agenda within the Catholic Church, I want to briefly identify some of the historical developments that I see propelling this movement throughout Christianity:

1. Our awareness is broadening, recognizing that Jesus was clearly teaching nonviolence, simplicity of lifestyle, peace-making, love of creation, and letting go of ego, both for individuals and groups. More and more Christians are now acknowledging Jesus' radical social critique to the systems of domination, money, and power. In the past, most of Jesus' practical teaching was ignored by Catholic, Orthodox, and Protestant Christians. The establishment chose instead to concentrate on private sinfulness and personal salvation and, as Brian McLaren says, on an **"evacuation plan"** into the next world.
2. There is a common-sense and growing recognition that Jesus was clearly concerned about the specific healing and transformation of real persons and human society **"on earth as it is in heaven."** The Church, more than Jesus, historically focused on doctrinal belief and moral stances, which ask almost nothing of us in terms of real change. They just define groups—often in an oppositional way.
3. We are **recovering** the older and essential contemplative tradition within Christianity, starting with Thomas Merton in the 1950s, and now spreading to numerous denominations, like a **"treasure hidden in the field"** (**Matthew 13:44**). Some emerging church leaders have yet to grasp the centrality of contemplative and inner wisdom.
2. Critical biblical scholarship is occurring on a broad ecumenical level, especially honest historical and anthropological scholarship about Jesus as a Jew in the culture of his time. This leads us far beyond the liberal reductionism and the conservative fundamentalism that divide so many churches. We now see the liberal/conservative divide as a bogus and finally unhelpful framing of the issues.

While these may not seem like significant changes in and of themselves, together they are causing sea changes in modern theology as well as practice. These shifts may be the very reason we are currently so divided as Christians, with some clinging to an older way of doing and thinking while others are pulling in these new and **"emerging"** directions.

## Blessings at An Tairseach

Greetings from **An Tairseach Dominican Ecology centre in Wicklow.**

Together with 14 others from Australia, Nigeria, Kenya, China, USA, England and Ireland who have worked in the Philippines, Brazil, Argentina and Ireland, we are exploring spirituality in the context of an **evolving Universe, an endangered Earth and the Christian tradition.**

In my time here the phrase: "**Wherever you turn there is the face of God**" has taken on a deeper meaning for me. I now realise this includes animals, insects, plants, trees and rocks.

We are **ALL** One. We are **ALL** interconnected. I am very grateful to the Provincial team for giving me this awe-inspiring opportunity.

I know that I have not yet fully realised that Peru is now a closed chapter for me. But I do realise that I could not be in a better place than **An Tairseach (Threshold)** at this moment.

Abrazos y Bendiciones,

**Clare Dawson**



With some of my companions at An Tairseach.



Morning prayer in the Cosmic Garden



We were very blessed to walk through some of Wicklow's beautiful forests with Fr Michael Rodgers and Breda



Me representing Flaring Forth/ the Big Bang of the Cosmic Walk