

# ST PAUL'S POST



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*Our  
birthday  
girl this  
week is:*

Mary Sloan

28 November



**HAPPY  
THANKSGIVING  
TO ALL OUR  
SISTERS IN THE  
USA!**



Below is an extract from a thank you letter written by **Tracy Dick**, who has just left St Gemma's after 21 years. Tracy was **Director of Income Generation** and did a wonderful job. We have been grateful for her cheerful presence and wish her all the very best for her future.

It has been an incredible privilege to work at St Gemma's for over 21 years. It has been such a large part of my life. I have wonderful memories of working closely with the Sisters - Sr Seraphine, handwriting all the Light up a Life cards, Sr John in the kitchen, Sr Cecily-Mary writing Trust applications, Sr Angelus fundraising and of course Sr Brigid taking on the Chief Executive role as well as her other duties. And of course all of the Sisters who have been on the Board of Trustees. You are an amazing group of women who accomplish such great things including founding and guiding St Gemma's and spreading palliative care to Bosnia.





# PRAY TOGETHER

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF OTHERS

### Our Sisters:

*Nora Horan*

*Regina Boland*

*Maura Fanning*

*Maire Murphy*

*Francis Cullen*

*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, last Tuesday I saw my surgeon and she confirmed that my lymph nodes are clear and I don't need radiotherapy! Needless to say I am delighted and want to thank each one of you for all your prayers and loving support. It really did make a huge difference and I truly appreciate it. We are blessed indeed! Thank you for being there for me! With deep gratitude, *Pat Carneyxx*

# PRAYER



# Susan Irwin's Pre-Novitiate Reception ~ 21 November 2019



Photos of the occasion



Clare Dawson's tribute to Kathleen Kinane, given at the celebration for Kathleen's life.

When asked to do this I immediately said **NO**. Not because I did not have a lot to say but because I felt that I could not say enough about Kathleen, Auntie Kitty, Kathy.

Kathleen was born in Rossmore, Co Tipperary. She was the youngest of 11 and now her brother, Fr Willy, is the only one left. She trained to be a teacher in Craiglockhart in Scotland and taught in Scotland and in Belfast before going to Chile in 1964. Kathleen held several posts of responsibility in the congregation. She was very involved with the people during the time of Pinochet and the first of our Sisters to leave a comfortable convent and go to live in a poorer district of Santiago.

In 1982 she moved to Lima, Perú. I first met Hermana Kathy when I went on sabbatical to Chile and Peru in 1989. For 3 months I lived with her in Villa El Salvador, Lima and was so impressed by her solidarity with the people, her love for them and her commitment to them that I wanted to return to Peru. This I did in 1997. For 16 years I had the joy and privilege of living and working with Kathy. She returned to Ireland in July 2013 and the day she left Peru was a very sad day for many. During the last few days I have been in touch with people in Peru and was very pleased to hear that the bishop of the diocese in which Kathy had worked asked every parish to celebrate Mass for her.

For me and for many Kathy was **LOVE**/Cariño personified. She left Tipperary many, many years ago but wherever she lived, Rossmore and the fields around Rossmore were in her heart.

Auntie Kitty loved her family and had photos of every wedding, christening and family event. She never tired of sharing these photos with us. Although we **ALL** missed Kathy when she left Peru we were happy that she was going to be near her family. So many of you, her family, are here today and I know that Auntie Kitty received from each one of you the love she deserved.

I never heard Kathy preach but I was present on many occasions when she **WAS** the **GOOD NEWS** to others. She visited the sick, was gentle with the elderly, loved children and always had time for the neighbours, be they on drugs, have a drink problem or just need a friendly ear.

The poet **Mary Oliver**, writing about Prayer, said : "**I don't know exactly what Prayer is but I do know that I pay attention.**" Kathy certainly paid attention. She was always willing to listen.

She was one of the founder members of *Catequesis Familiar*, a catechetics programme which helps parents build community while preparing their children for the sacraments. This programme has since spread to other countries in South America, to Germany and to parts of the USA.

Kathy loved **LIFE**. She loved to celebrate. She had two dates of birth in August and was happy to celebrate both. Whenever we had meetings in her community she made scones, and her Christmas pudding was not to be compared. She loved a sing-song and telling jokes. Sometimes she laughed so much while telling the joke that she forgot the punch line!

Friendship was important to her. She had friends **EVERYWHERE** and kept in contact by letter. I often sat with her at Lima airport as she wrote letters to send to Ireland with someone who was flying to Ireland.

Each of us who knew Auntie Kitty, Kathy, have stories to tell about her and I hope that in the days and weeks ahead we'll recall those stories and that they will bring a smile to our faces and a sense of gratitude in our hearts for knowing Kathy, Auntie Kitty, Kathleen.

I'd like to finish with the words used recently at the funeral of another well-loved person, Gay Byrne, because these words apply just as fittingly to Kathy:



**For a life well lived  
For ALL that you were  
ALL that you gave  
And ALL that you will be as you shine  
forth like sparks through the stubble..  
We say DEO GRACIAS."**

## Further tributes to Sister Kathleen Kinane

I knew Kathy since her time in Pudahuel, Santiago de Chile in the early seventies and through her many years of dedicated mission service in Villa el Salvador, Lima. She was a wonderful person who enriched our lives and that of all those who she met over her long life.

Kathy always wore a smile that came from her heart, she was a shining light that showed the way forward and a source of encouragement for many weary or overburdened with care. We are grateful for what she gave us, she helped us discover in ourselves new reserves of humanity which have enriched us, gave us hope, strength and the freedom to grow and move forward.

Kathy brought the best of Ireland and her native Tipperary to the poor of Latin America. Her example has been an inspiration for many to discover a new way of life that has meant so much for themselves and their families. She lived through the terrible dictatorship of Pinochet in Chile when many were victims of bloody repression and human rights were obliterated. She subsequently witnessed and accompanied the Andean migrants in Villa el Salvador during the armed conflict in Peru between the extremist maoist Shining Path and the state that caused the deaths of over 70,000 people over two decades.

Kathy and her Cross and Passion Sisters showed the true face of the God of life that never allows violence, destruction, death to triumph over evil and the forces of darkness. The light will always shine, her memory, and theirs, will live for ever.



**Peter Hughes SSC**  
*Lima, November 2019*