

Diamond Jubilees

Srs Mary Dunne and Catherine Stapleton



On 5th June St. Joseph's school (Principal Mrs. Maria Gough) invited Sr. Mary, who does some work with the pupils there, to a celebration in the school. Hymns, songs and presentations recalled the founding on the RSHM in Bezier and the work of Mere St Jean and the first sisters. The story moved to the foundation of Lisburn and the years of work by RSHM there. The children had some problems with the French pronunciation and gave some interesting

and comical sides of Sr. Mary's work in the school! Some 'portraits' were presented as well as a 'This is your life' book and a gift of a trip across the sea to see 'the Lion King' in London.

On 6th June 2009 Catherine Stapleton and Mary Dunne celebrated their diamond jubilee. Fr. McCaughan – the Priest in Lisburn parish – was anxious to have the celebration in St. Patrick's parish church.



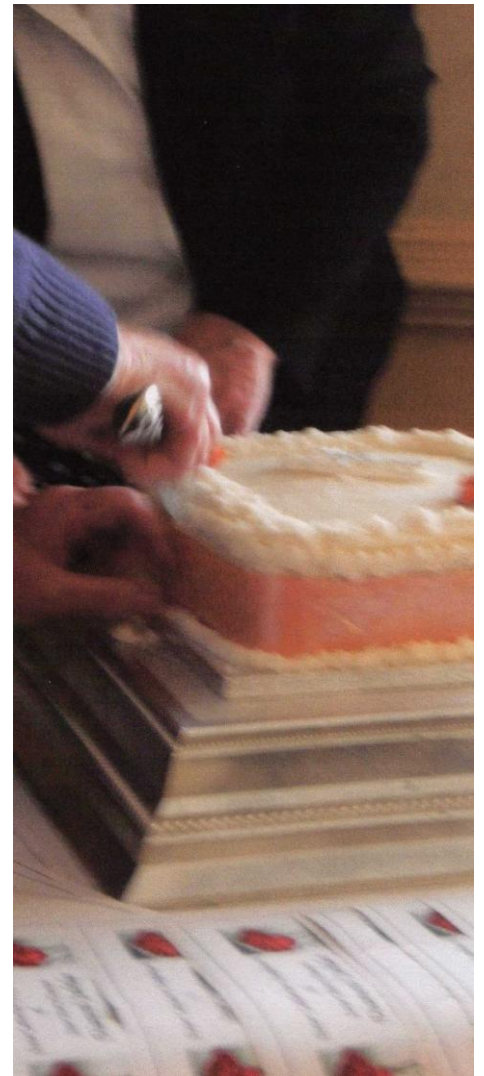
Some members of Sr. Catherine's and Sr. Mary's families travelled up for the jubilee. Frs. McCaughan and Fr. McGorrian concelebrated the Mass – again paying tribute to the long history of the RSHM sisters work in the parish and in the

field of education. At present the sisters are mainly engaged in pastoral work.

The Mass was attended by many of the parishioners with the pupils of St. Joseph's forming the choir and providing the music under the tutelage of Mrs. Nuala O'Hare and Sinead Clarke. It was a very memorable celebration and the parishioners were very impressed saying it was the first time anything like it had taken place in Lisburn.



*Members of
the local
RSHM
communities,
the parish,
and families
of the
Jubilarians*



The jubilee
cake – baked
by Catherine -
is cut and
enjoyed by all
present.

