

# CELEBRATIONS

June – September 2015

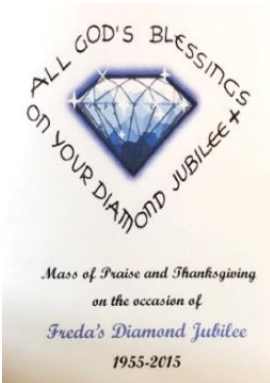
## Teresina O’Byrne’s 90<sup>th</sup> birthday 9 July

The core of the celebration was a birthday – the special day of a very sprightly 90 year old – our Teresina. The Grianán brigade put on the ‘do’ and joining us to celebrate were the Castle Oaks community and a happy group from Madonna House. Among the latter were five other 90s and 90+s. We were accompanied by wheelchairs, sticks and crutches and had a merry time with a variety of music, lots of laughter and an array of lovely things to eat.

We all thank the Lord for the health to enjoy Terry’s special celebration birthday. We think Terry is really only about 50! Thank God!

Sr Céline Murphy

## DIAMOND JUBILEES



## Sr Freda McGrath

Freda was joined by members of her family and many RSHM Sisters for a beautiful celebration of her Diamond Jubilee in Madonna House on 27 July. Mass was celebrated by Fr Jim Crotty PP and this was followed by a scrumptious meal in Madonna House.





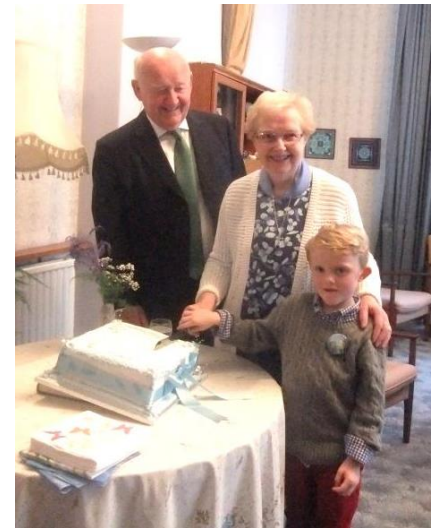
**Sr Bernadette Madden**

I celebrated my Jubilee on 23rd May, a date which suited Noddfa and my family. It was truly a community occasion. I felt blessed to be surrounded by my family, friends, parishioners and especially my Noddfa community who pulled out all the stops to make the day such a memorable one. I am so grateful to all who could celebrate with me.



Thanks very much for the Masses, cards and gifts sent by individuals and communities for August 22. It is so good to be an RSHM at times like these. With thanks, love and blessings

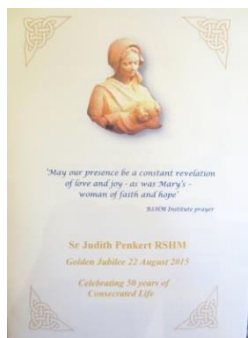
*Bernadette*



# Golden Jubilees

**Sr Judith Penkert**

Judith celebrated her Golden Jubilee of Profession amongst her family and friends on 22 August. She was joined by Sr Maisie Hayden - a fellow golden jubilarian. Mass was celebrated in Madonna House by Fr George Begley PP, Huntstown. The music was led by Judith's nephew Paul. Members of her



family and friends participated in the liturgy and Sr Philippa O’Sullivan spoke about some of the experiences she and Judith had shared, especially in Choma, Zambia, where they both served. This was followed by a very enjoyable meal in Dooley’s Hotel, Waterford.



### Sr Mary Murray

On Saturday 22 August I celebrated 50 years of religious profession – the same date as in 1965. A lot of water has flowed under the bridge since First Profession!

Two of my nieces, Judith and Clare, had persuaded me a year ago that they wanted a celebration which would bring family together. Judith looked after the communication with nieces abroad. Surprisingly those living out of Ireland were very keen to come and arranged their summer holiday accordingly.



I did not want to celebrate without involving the parish of St Anne’s in which I am a Parish Sister. The Parish Priest thought it would be good, in this year of Consecrated Life to have a parish celebration. With the help of many parishoners a joyous occasion became possible. I prepared a Mass booklet with readings and hymns. The two parish choirs had a practice together, only in the week beforehand, and sang most beautifully at the



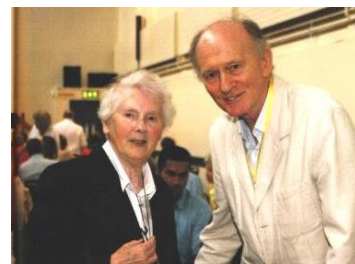
Mass. My grandnieces and grandnephews participated in the Readings, Prayers of Intercession and Offertory Procession - helped by six altar servers. I renewed my

vows after the homily, prefacing the renewal with a short explanation of what was involved in the vows of Chastity, Poverty and Obedience according to our Constitutions.



After Mass all went to the Parish Hall where the Parish Welcome Team and other volunteers had prepared a truly magnificent spread. The buzz in the hall spoke of appreciation, delight and lively conversation. Parishoners went home in good form.

After the morning's activities Fr Fearghal, Paula, Ursula and I went to our niece Judith's house and enjoyed a family reunion and a second feast. The memories of the day will remain with me for a long



time. I take this opportunity to say a heartfelt thank you for all the cards, gifts, Masses and prayers which I received from all the Province communities and from individual Sisters. I appreciate your kindness on this occasion of my Golden Jubilee. *Mary*

### Sr Maisie Hayden



Maisie celebrated her Golden Jubilee with us, her community, at No 70, on September 3rd. We were joined by Judith - another Jubilarian.

We prayed together and reflected in a meaningful way on the themes of gratitude and hope. We then went to the city centre where we enjoyed a delicious meal at Wynn's Hotel. As the meal progressed we shared many stories and experiences with much fun and laughter

It was truly a joyful and life giving evening. *Mary Mullins*



## Jubilee 'Thank you' messages



A big 'thank you' to all who had Mass offered for me on my jubilee and also for the lovely jubilee and best wishes I received - all very much appreciated. I enjoyed a lovely celebration with family, Sisters and friends in Madonna House. *Freda McGrath*

Many thanks to all who sent good wishes, masses and prayers for my Golden Jubilee. I had a really lovely celebration on August 22 in Madonna House, Ferrybank with all my family, RSHM sisters and friends. It was a day I will always remember with great joy and gladness. My thanks also to all the SHM sisters who encouraged and supported me throughout my 50 years of Religious Life. I pray that the blessings of love, joy and peace will be with each one of you.

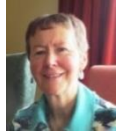


*Judith Penkert*



Dominica celebrated her jubilee in Ealing Abbey and appreciated all the greetings and prayers she received as she continues to enjoy the jubilee year. Thank you.

A big 'thank you' for the many cards, messages of good wishes and Masses to mark my Golden Jubilee. I look forward to celebrating in September. I deeply appreciate your thoughtfulness and wish each of you many blessing in your lives. *Maisie Hayden*



I have been overwhelmed by all the post I have been receiving throughout the summer months, and it would not be possible to thank you individually. First of all, for the Get Well cards following my hip replacement surgery at the end of June. I feel sure that all the prayers and Masses you had offered for me contributed to my very good recovery - so thank you everyone.

Even before the Get Well cards finished arriving, the Jubilee cards, Masses and good wishes began to arrive. I cannot believe it is 50 years since First Profession - I don't know where the years have gone! I appreciate the support of your prayers and Masses as I face the coming years - it is good to belong to the RSHM family! *Rosemary*



At short notice I got a call from the Mater Hospital to have the first cataract removed so I missed the Millenium group get-together in Noddfa. I would like to thank Noddfa now for including me in the jubilee celebrations there. I treasure the cards and messages signed by each one. The lovely butterfly candleholder takes pride of place in Grianán Close and, when lit, reminds me of being remembered.

I already have had wonderful celebrations for my 90<sup>th</sup> birthday in Tullow with my extended family and have shared celebrations with Madonna House. I would like to express my thanks to all those who knew the date and celebrated my 90<sup>th</sup> birthday with me – in prayer, with cards, good wishes and love. Also I want to say thanks to you all in the province and in Rome who celebrated my Platinum jubilee in so many ways – masses offered for me, prayers, good wishes and gifts. I appreciate all the thoughtfulness and love expressed in so many touching ways. I also thank God for the adventure of my life as a RSHM sister. *Teresina O'Byrne*



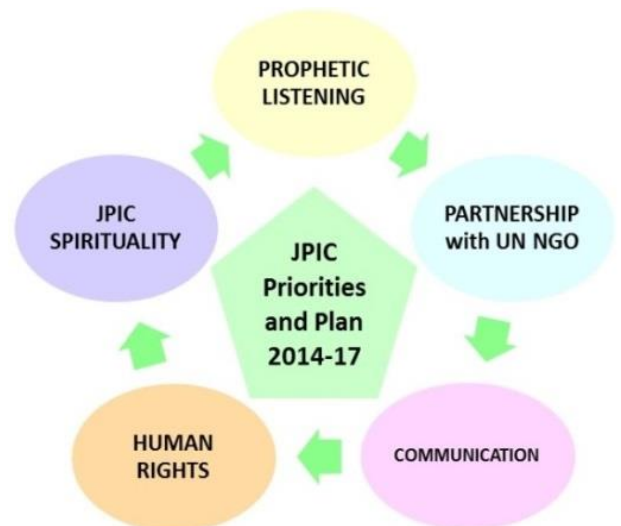
I would like to thank everyone for their prayers and good wishes which I received for my jubilee. They were greatly appreciated. I had a lovely celebration here in Arrowsmith House. My sister and my niece came too and enjoyed their time with us. Thanks to the Sisters from Penmaenmawr who were free to come and celebrate the day with me. Special thanks to Kathleen Hamilton who provided the music for the mass and to the community and the staff who helped to make it a memorable day. Thank you. *Evelyn*



JPIC NEP

JPIC News

As we continue our Reflections on our Chapter Documents and JPIC Priorities, it was heartening to discover that our Priorities, as outlined at our International JPIC Meeting, are very much in line with our Holy Father's Encyclical – Laudato Si.



You will be reflecting on this document yourselves. Meantime the following quotes from the encyclical will hopefully inspire us to action. (Guides to Reflection on the Document are available from Mary Jo McElroy & members of the JPIC Team).

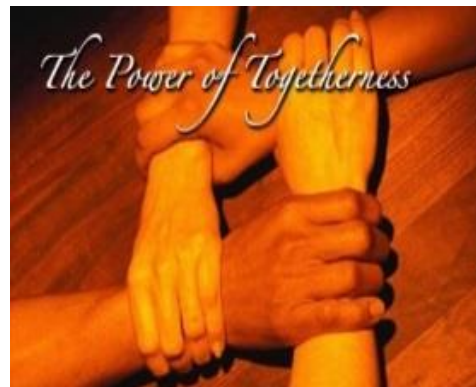
We are challenged ***“to dare to turn what is happening in the world into our own personal suffering and thus discover what each one of us can do.”*** No 19



The Creation accounts in the book of Genesis ***“suggest that human life is grounded in***

***three fundamental and closely intertwined relationships: with God, with our neighbour and with the earth itself.....”***

No 66



***“An awareness of the gravity of today’s cultural and ecological crisis must be translated into new habits.....”*** No 209



## Knitting in Ferrybank

Sr Dolores Carroll and her knitting circle have been very busy knitting and stitching in recent months



and have filled over a dozen boxes full of knitted blankets and baby clothes for distribution by the International Aid Trust (ITA). The following is an extract from the



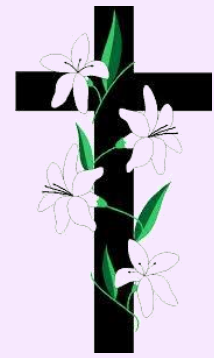
letter received by Dolores: “I think you, and everyone involved, for your donation of knitted baby clothes. There is a great shortage of suitable clothing for the very poor children of this world and your donation will bring comfort and warmth to those who receive it.” and “if you would be able to knit long sleeved jumpers as there is more call for these with recipients abroad. We are also desperate for blankets and bedding for all



ages – from children to adults. Our particular areas of working at the moment are Eastern Europe (Ukraine, Belarus and Romania), India and Sierra Leone.”



## Bereavements



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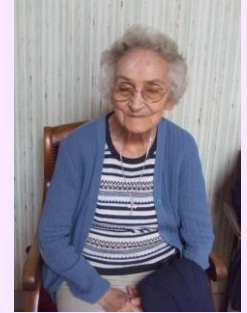
The Sisters of the EAP on the death of **Sr. Antonio Cobos** who died on 2 July in Tarrytown, New York. Antonio was 86 years and in the 62<sup>nd</sup> year of her Religious Profession

The Bon Pasteur community on the deaths of **Sr Philomène Huillet** and **Sr Françoise-Thérèse Ringeval** on 11 August.



Sr Philomène was 91 years and in the 72<sup>nd</sup> year of her Religious Profession.

Sr Françoise-Thérèse was 95 years and also in the 72<sup>nd</sup> year of her Religious Profession



Srs Mary and Catherine Dunne on the death of their brother-in-law **Tim Murphy** on 22 June

Sr Joanna Whooley on the death of her brother **Michael Whooley** on 30 June

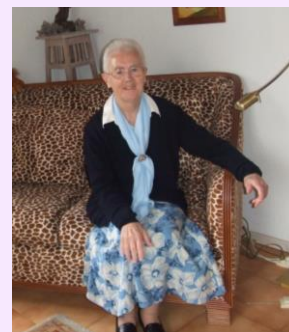
Sr Katherine Quilligan on the death of her brother **Connie (Cornelius)** on 14 July

Sr Mary O'Neill on the death of her brother **Tom** on the 22 August

Sr Marie-France Correau and her sister Mme Andrée Lemire on the death of their sister-in-law Jacqueline Correau, wife of their brother Pierre Marie, on 11 September

The community in Grange Road on the death of **Sr André Dullaghan** on 15 September.

André was 77 years and in the 57<sup>th</sup> year of Religious Profession



**May they all rest in peace.**