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**GOLDEN JUBILEE
OF MOUNT CARMEL PRIMARY SCHOOL,
EALING**



Even Cardinal Vincent Nichols knew who had centre stage at the Golden Jubilee Celebrations at Mount Carmel Primary School, Ealing, on Tuesday 17 July, when he came to celebrate Mass and bless 'Sr. Phillip's Prayer Garden'

The Cardinal paid tribute to Aline's tremendous work in Mount Carmel over a 30-year period. He also spoke to the children about the importance of taking time to come to the garden to pray for

support, to say thank you and to ask for special blessings. It was a sacred place for them.

The school has been celebrating the Jubilee for a whole year and during that time there were several opportunities for various groups to attend, share memories and rejoice in all that Mount Carmel offered and continues to offer to the young people in Ealing.

One of the most enjoyable events was the Alumni Evening when pupils and teachers from the past 50 years were invited to attend a cheese and wine party, catch up on memories and share photos. So successful was the event that it has been re-named "An Evening with Sr Phillip"! Aline spent most of the time having her photo taken by all the various groups.



The Mass on the 17th July, was a wonderful celebration of the faith of the school community and its very strong links with the Parish of St Peter and Paul in Northfields and a testimony to the quality of Catholic education inspired by our RSHM motto:

'That all may have Life'. There were 9 of us present to celebrate with Aline and the school community.



The Cardinal was most gracious. He spoke of the beauty of the celebration, the joy of the children and the flower montage that illustrated the school's emblem of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

At the end of the liturgy, both the current Headteacher, Clare Walsh and Aline spoke of the joy of the occasion. Aline paid tribute to the many sisters, living and dead who had worked with her at Mount Carmel and who had so wonderfully contributed to the quality of

Catholic education of the children in Northfields' parish.

After Mass we were all invited to afternoon tea or a glass (or two!) of wine and lovely food; the children had been told to bring a picnic and the school grounds became a place of joyous celebration for the whole the school community. The celebration lasted well into the evening with parents, staff, friends and pupils together as one, sharing the spirit of joy of 50 years of Mount Carmel Primary School. **Mary Jo Martin**

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR JUBILARIANS

Patricia Butler 22nd August

Anne Murphy 22nd August

Máire Convery 22nd August

Monique Damagné 26th August



We hope they have great celebrations of their lives of commitment and dedication

NEW BUILDING IN FERRYBANK:



Ellen wishes to thank all who sent in name suggestions and after dialogue and consultation there was unanimous agreement to adopt the name: **ÁRAS NAOMH BRÍD.**

“A very happy choice”, we say for our new extension. Naomh Bríd has long associations with us since our early days in the field



of education. The original national school proudly bore her name. Lá le Bríd has been celebrated year after year with Crosanna Brídí (Saint Bridget crosses) made by the pupils. Gabhaim Mother Brídí and “Sweet Saint Bridget “echoed from the school assemblies. Crosanna were blessed and deliver to many homes in the parish. The many anecdotes and folk tales were retold, and wonder woman Saint Bridget was again given her place in the history of our young people. We are pleased that the title Naomh Bríd is being given to this building which is for our sisters in the latter stages of life. Naomh Bríd was devoted to the sick and dying during her life. We ask her protection to live out to the last our motto:” That all may have life”. Naomh Bríd guí orainn (Saint Bridget, pray for us)
Mary Dunne

The building is progressing very well as can be seen in the picture, thanks to the hard-working builders and good weather.

BEREAVEMENTS:

We remember in our prayers:

Sister Antónia Maria da Silva who died in Braga on 16th June, aged 89 and in the 67th year of her religious profession.

Sister Maire McQuillan who died on August 5th at Marymount Convent. aged 97 and in the 78th year of her Religious Profession.

Sr. Ellen Marie Keane died, August 5, aged 84, at Marymount Convent.

We remember in a special way the Tarrytown community during these difficult days.

We extend our sympathy to: Teresina O’Byrne on the death of her sister in law, Mary; Carmel O’Neill on the death of her brother, Sony and to Deirdre and Patricia Kavanagh on the death of their brother, Sean

Sisters Deirdre, Patricia and Anne Kavanagh offer their sincere thanks to Ursula and Provincial Council and all our Sisters throughout the Province and Institute for their prayers, masses and letters of sympathy for the happy repose of the soul of our loving eldest brother, Sean, R.I.P. He will be sadly missed by his loving wife, Joan, his daughters, Michelle and Denise and grandchildren and by all of us. We had a beautiful farewell mass, celebrated by Fr. Ben Moran O.P. parish priest of St. Aengus, Tallaght. “May Sean’s gentle, kind and caring soul rest in peace.”

CHAPTER REMINDER!



THE JOURNEY OF THE NEW ECI CANDLE!

The Eco-Congregation Ireland Climate Justice Candle has been weaving its ecumenical and climate justice journey around Ireland since the launch of the project in 2015. Our new candle has headed off on its ecumenical and climate justice journey again!

St Mary's Church of Ireland Cathedral in Limerick was the first church to host our new candle on Sunday 3 June. The visit of the candle also coincided with a special service in the Cathedral which saw the launch of a Community Awards Scheme. Among those present for the service was Deputy Mayor of Limerick, Marian Hurley; Senator Maria Byrne and Councillors from Limerick City & County Council. The preacher at the service was the Bishop of Limerick, the Most Rev Dr Brendan Leahy, who highlighted and commended, during his sermon, the contribution of so many volunteers to the city of Limerick and its Citizens. Read more on the ECI website.

On 1 July the candle was present in St Mary's Church of Ireland, Killarney where parishioners used it in their Family Service. During this service they focused on their young people's sunflower growing project and on nautical plastics.



On Sunday 22nd July the candle visited Kenmare & Dromod Union, Co Kerry. The Church of the Transfiguration, Sneed and St Patrick's, Kenmare hosted the Climate Justice Candle in special services as part of their progress towards the objectives of Eco-Congregation Ireland. The regular congregation was joined by visitors from the US, Germany, England, Greece and Limerick, illustrating the fact that we are one family under God, all with an equal share in the responsibility to nurture and protect His beautiful creation. The Rt. Revd. Kenneth Kearon Bishop of Limerick and Killaloe was present. Read more on the ECI website and view their photos.

If you would like to be part of this initiative and use the new candle in a future event, simply drop us an email to info@ecocongregationireland.com. We look forward to hearing from YOU!

The Eco-Congregation Ireland Climate Justice Candle will be present at the World Meeting of Families in the Prayer Marque for the duration of the pastoral congress in the RDS from Wednesday 22nd - Friday 24th August 2018. At 6.00pm on Friday 24th August the Candle will leave the final RDS liturgy and pilgrims hope to walk with the candle from the RDS to Christ Church Cathedral. Jane Mellett, 'Our Common Home' Project Co-ordinator would like some Eco-Congregation Ireland volunteers to help organise this walk and carry the candle along the way! If you would like to get involved, please contact Jane Mellett directly on jane.mellett@worldmeeting2018.ie.

CREATION TIME 2018 ECO-CONGREGATION IRELAND is preparing resources for Creation Time 2018 and they will be available on our website soon. If you are holding an event or worship service to celebrate Creation Time we would love to receive a report and a photo or two for our next newsletter! There are some very helpful resources which can be downloaded from the following websites: [European Christian Environmental Network](#); [World Council of Churches](#); [CAFOD](#); [Eco-Congregation Scotland](#); [Churches Together in Britain and Ireland](#); [Season of Creation](#); [Tearfund](#); [Church of England](#).

UPDATE FROM FUTURE WE NEED GROUP

The Future We Need Group is a group of religious from different congregations who meet regularly around issues pertaining to sustainable living and the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals. Currently the group is establishing some creative input for the Season of Creation beginning September 1st – October 4th.



At a meeting on July 25th it was decided to write up a statement for Intercom which would assist the clergy in disseminating some useful information for this precious time and to contact the CEO's of the variety of supermarkets throughout our country encouraging them to continue the battle against single-use plastic and useless packaging which ends up in landfills around the country.

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for
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4 OCTOBER 2018
at
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Finding Faith and Hope in Ireland Today?
Our Concern, Our Call, Our Challenge

A DIALOGUE OF HOPE
COURAGING HOPE IN OUR TIMES

with the
Authors of A Dialogue of Hope:
Critical Thinking for Critical Times

David Begg, Gerry O'Hanlon SJ,
Fergus O'Ferrall & Iseult Honohan

AND

Exploration of
AMRI Strategic Plan 2018-2021
with Workshops on

- Gospel Leadership
- Mission & Dialogue
- JPIC
- Healing Wholeness Wellbeing

Further information and booking details to follow.

ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

Ursula (Pauline Flynn's sister) and Harry Knox thanks all who subscribed to their mission in the village of Tiira in Eastern Uganda. They assure us that all donations have been of invaluable support to the people of the village.



Ursula Knox posing with the children who received their school bags for the first time.