



NEA NEWSLETTER



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A few short pieces by Lance Landall

Have A Nice Day



Yes, I hope you have a nice day, that the sun will appear and a bright blue sky,
That passers-by will stop and chat, and very sweetly smile, having first said, "Hi."
That the wind will take a day off, or just tickle you with a lovely warm breeze,
And that everyone that you have need of in any way will seek to please.

Yes, I hope you have a nice day, that a kiss, hug or cuddle will come your way,
That someone will pay you a nice compliment, or something encouraging say,
That someone will surprise you in a really special way, somehow make your day,
And that any opportunity or chance that you take will wondrously pay.



So Much More To Life



This world's full of people we haven't met, such both exciting and amazing,
Because there are billions of others who something else to our table could bring.
Yes, humanity full of surprises well outside of our own little sphere,
Given every one of us is unique, has something different to share.

Tell Me, Tell Me

Tell me, tell me, tell me do, is it really, really true,
That though dark clouds hide one's view, the sky above still stays blue?

Tell me, tell me, tell me do, is it really, really, true,
That behind that sombre view, there's a silver lining too?



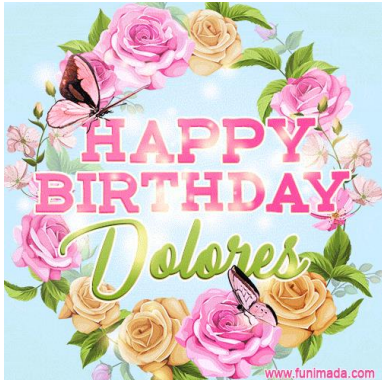
*bon voyage
farewell
safe travels!*

Goodbye to Florence

We celebrated with Florence Muuka on her last night in Ireland before returning to Zambia on 11th of August. She truly brought life to us all with her inimitable way of relating and feeling at home in all circumstances, hail, rain or shine. We'll miss her here at 72 and 70, and at Madonna house, where she left a piece of her heart. We remember her time among as a blessing and wish her every blessing as she takes up her role as Director of Formation in Lusaka. *Dominique*



**Sr Dolores Carroll celebrated her 97th Birthday
on Saturday 19th August in Madonna House, Ferrybank.**



VISITORS TO MADONNA HOUSE



Deirdre and Patricia
Kavanagh with their
nieces Michelle and
Denise.



Dear Sisters,

Paula and Mary Murray would like to express our thanks to all who sent Mass cards, messages of sympathy letters and emails for our brother Bobby who died on the 7th July. We are grateful for your support and thoughtfulness at that demanding time. He was the last of our three brothers. His sudden death took the family by surprise and left us upset. We will have a Mass offered soon for your intentions. May God bless you all. *Paula and Mary*

Gerard's three daughters and I would like to thank you all most sincerely for your prayers for him when he was seriously ill. I too appreciated the texts and emails I received. T.G. Gerard has made a remarkable recovery and is back home again but he has some cardiac issues still to be resolved. I haven't been able to travel to see him but I hope to spend some time with him in the next few months. Mass will be offered for all your intentions. *Philippa*

BEREAVEMENTS



Sister Christine Caldwell and family on the death of her sister **Bridget** on 16 August.

The Sisters of the EAA on the deaths of:

Sister Catherine Browne, RSHM, who died on August 12, 2023 at Marymount Convent. Sister Catherine was 96 years old and in the 78th year of her Religious Profession and

Sister Virginia McKenna, RSHM, died peacefully on August 16, 2023 at Marymount Convent. Sister Virginia was 87 years old and in the 67th year of her Religious Profession.

May all the deceased rest in peace and may their families and loved ones be comforted.



**Let Justice
and Peace Flow**
Season of Creation 2023



The Season of Creation (1 September to 4 October) is also on the Horizon and there is a lot of material available on the Diocesan website and we have already received the Theme from the AMRI Noticeboard that Philippa circulates. There is also resource material on the website under **seasonofcreation.org** and as referenced below the Irish Bishop's Conference has also a section on the season.

The theme for this year's **Season of Creation** is **"Let Justice and Peace Flow"** taking inspiration from the Prophet Amos: "Let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!" (Amos 5: 24). And so we are called to join the river of justice and peace, to take up climate and ecological justice, and to speak out with and for communities most impacted by climate injustice and the loss of biodiversity.

In preparation for the Season of Creation, the Irish Bishop's Conference has a new website 'Care for our Common Home.' 4 <https://www.catholicbishops.ie/laudato-si/?swcfpc=1>

We will have further material for reflection and use in September.

With every good wish, Ellen

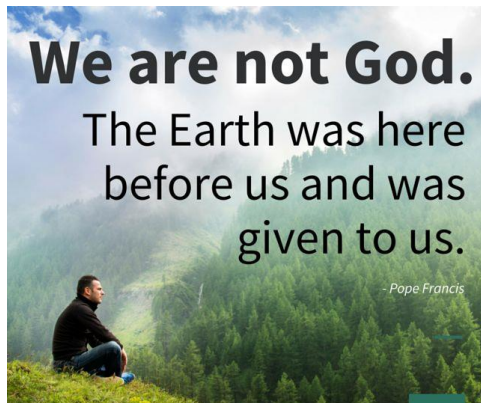


**YOU CANNOT GET THROUGH
A SINGLE DAY WITHOUT
HAVING AN IMPACT ON THE
WORLD AROUND YOU.**

– JANE GOODALL

Mother Earth's Gifts *By Kelly Roper*

Mother Earth gives her gifts for all to share,
She gives them freely, yet she's still aware
That things are changing, perhaps for the worse.
How much more can she give if our future is cursed?



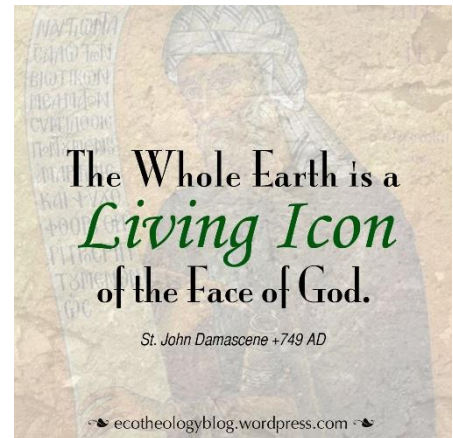
It's way past time to put Mother Earth first,
To clean up the water before we all thirst,
To clean up the air before our lungs sicken,
To renew the soil and feel it quicken.

How long until the point of no return?
How much longer until we all finally learn,
That to this task we all must rise.
And stop abusing Mother Earth before she dies.

Everyday Is Earth Day *By Kelly Roper*

Every day is earth day,
Or at least it should be.
We should take steps every day
to save our planet, don't you agree?

Try walking when it's practical,
And skip driving a car.
It will help cut down emissions
And raise air quality by far.



Reuse, renew, recycle,
Think of how much you throw away.
Our earth can only hold so much trash,
One day there'll be the devil to pay.

And when it comes to littering,
It's not enough to clean up after yourself.
Leave places better than you find them,
And pick up litter left by someone else.



Don't spray your garden with pesticides,
Protect the birds and the bees.
Choose natural ways of deterring pests,
That won't carry poisons in the breeze.

These are easy things we all can do,
To protect the earth for future generations.
If we continue to ignore all the warning signs,
We'll face sad and irreversible ramifications.

