

**The CAUSE** **for**

**BLESSED FRÉDÉRIC OZANAM’S CANONISATION**

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**Lord, grant eternal rest...**

Sadly, within a week of being asked to add **Jenny Philips** to our list, Jenny died. Louise Piper had asked us to pray for her. She had had breast cancer about 9 years ago, then it came back into her bones and she also had a cranial tumour, plus possibly her liver too. She also has neuropathy so very cold hands and feet. She bore her troubles with great bravery. May she rest in peace.

Mike Connolly (CC President Shrewsbury) had asked us to pray for his brother in law, **Wilf Seabourne**, who was suffering from cancer in Leeds. Sadly he also died before they could transfer him to a hospice and before we could ask for prayers for his recovery. May he rest in peace. Please also remember his family who, after spending many hours with him, were not able to share his last moments.

We were asked to pray for **Violet Joyce**, an active member of St Mary’s Conference in Bradford and the wife of its President John. Sadly Violet who was born in Italy in 1947, died on 29th August after a brave fight against lung cancer.

 “Thanks be to God for all she has given us. May she rest in peace”. Please also remember Violet’s family, especially John in your prayers

Louise Piper, Portsmouth CC President has informed us that **Bernadette Brown** recently died peacefully with his sister Suzanne and other members of her family at her side. Bernadette had had a history of melanoma and a mass in her adrenal gland.

**Rita Hyland** who lived in Co. Mayo, was commended to us by Catherine Casserly of Maximilian Kolbe Conference, Leeds. Rita died in September. She had been suffering from Motor Neurone Disease (MND) for three years. Rita was a nurse in Manchester then a community nurse in Ireland, where she helped countless people. We join our prayers with those of her 95 year old mother and other family members, that Rita will have eternal rest in the peace of heaven. Catherine asks us to remember the many other people suffering MND as we don’t understand either its cause or have a cure for this terrible affliction.

**Please pray in response to recent petitions…..**

Patrick Greenidge former National Treasurer has asked us to pray for **Alison,** who was diagnosed with breast cancer about six years ago and after treatment was clear of cancer. Recent tests have shown some lesions on her liver.  She is about to start hormone treatment and we pray it will be successful.  We also pray for all her family, including two young daughters and those who are treating Alison.

Our Lady of Lourdes in Huddersfield (Leeds CC) has asked prayers for **Margaret Fryer.** Margaret has COPD, requiring her to be attached to an oxygen supply. She has recently had spells in hospital where she was seriously ill. Margaret also asked us to remember her husband Alan, who has health issues of his own.

St John the Baptist Conference in Purley (Southwark CC) have asked us to pray for a child **Anna Penman** (aged 12),   who is suffering from Spinal Muscular Atrophy.  She is the great niece of their vice-President. The condition is so severe she cannot lift a spoon to her mouth and the condition is becoming progressively worse. Treatment is limited as she has previously suffered from leukemia and the treatment she received has weakened her body.  Please pray for Anna and her family that the Lord will support them through these very difficult times and that if it be His will find a way of curing her, through the intercession of Blessed Frederic

Ian Mawdsley has also asked us to pray for his dear friend **Sandra Davies**, who has been diagnosed with having secondary cancers in her brain. He describes Sandra, and husband Gwilym, as two of the kindest people he knows, devoted to helping those less fortunate.  Although not members, they lead by their Christian example and embrace the Vincentian spirit and are most deserving of our prayers

Peter Davenport of St Ann Line Conference in Ongar has asked us to pray for his President **Mike Anthony,** who has been diagnosed as suffering from pancreatic cancer. Sadly, due to its late discovery it is inoperable.  Nevertheless, Mike is beginning a course of chemotherapy intended to shrink the tumour.

Mike has been a vital part of the local SVP community for over 30 years and would appreciate the prayers and thoughts of all members of the SVP for both him and his family at this difficult time for them all.

**Keith Dunn** who has been diagnosed with Lymphoma is undergoing chemotherapy and making progress. Louise Piper who is a friend of his wife Suzanne asks us to offer heartfelt prayers for healing for Keith and for strength for all his family.

We have been asked to pray for **Dan**, a 37 year old father of two, who has cancer and needs a stem cell transplant.  One of his family, who is a member in Manchester CC has requested our prayers not just for Dan but for all his family.

**..Please continue praying for…**

**..Colette,** the daughter of a long standing member. Colette had a lump removed from her breast and has undergone radiotherapy. Please also include Colette’s three teenage daughters in your prayers. The early signs are that the operation was successful so we pray the improvement is maintained and that all receive the necessary support and encouragement during Colette’s treatment.

**..Jim Hynes**, former President of Wrexham CC and a tireless campaigner for social justice since 2009. His consultant in Manchester has advised him against chemotherapy for his lung cancer and told him he has had his limit of radiotherapy. No further treatment is advised in order to preserve Jim's current quality of life (he remains active and cycles most days), Doctors have suggested a new test for immunotherapy, but only 1% of people can benefit. Jim can be assured that our thoughts and prayers are with him and his family."

**..Jackie Brooksbank**, a former member of Our Lady of Lourdes Conference in Huddersfield, whose transplanted kidney is now failing, so she has had to resume dialysis. Jackie would really like our prayers as she has been feeling really low recently and has been suffering from various infections while her immune system is low.

**..Claire Chisnall**, daughter of Ian Mawdsley’s cousin. Only 43 and with a 17 year old daughter, she has been infected by the JC virus from her immune system suppressant treatment, which was given for her MS. This has damaged her brain, causing “progressive multifocal leukoencephalopathy” (PML). The condition is so rare that no one knows the outcome, but father Tony states her disability is so severe that any recovery could only be as the result of intervention by Blessed Frederic Ozanam. We pray for that miracle and her father believes that the recent improvement is beyond anyone’s expectation and attributes this to all our prayers. He thanks us and pleads for us to continue praying for Claire.

Mike Connolly, President of Shrewsbury CC asks us to pray for **Julian Matthews**, son-in law of Rose Mullarkey of Wallasey DC. Julian has a history of heart problems and has recently undergone a major operation. He also asks for prayers for **Johannah**, a 38 year old friend of his daughter, who has a 3 y.o. child. She has a cancer and is undergoing treatment. Pray for their recovery.

We were asked to pray for **Nicholas Smurthwaite** by his parents Tony & Joan members of the Dunsborough Conference in *Western Australia*.  Nicholas has had two aneurysms in the upper & lower aorta. To add to his problems he also has a leaky heart valve, a diseased coronary artery and only one functioning kidney.  The operation on his upper aorta was so successful that the surgeons are hoping it won’t be necessary to operate on the lower aorta. We thank God for giving the surgeons such skills. We pray Nicholas will maintain his progress & continue to pray for his family.

The **member of staff** at National Office who asked for our prayers after being diagnosed with prostate cancer, has successfully undergone surgery and is now back at work. We thank God for giving the medical staff the skills and care to bring about a complete recovery and to give him and his family strength of mind and spirit.

Please pray for friend and member, **Bernard**, who fell in his garden, fracturing his skull and damaging his spine. He is now gradually improving.

Former trustee Ian Mawdsley has told us about his brother **Paul** from Mawdsley, West Lancashire, whose two strokes left him virtually incapacitated. His wife died suddenly while awaiting a triple bypass, which she had hoped would enable her to care for him. His condition is deteriorating and he has recently suffered a number of seizures. The Mawdsley family have had to discuss his end of life care plan. We pray for all the family during these difficult days.

Kathleen, an anxious mother in West Yorkshire, asks for your prayers on behalf of her daughter **Maggie,** who has a tumour on the inside of her mouth. She asks that the tumour will not prove to be cancerous.

Brentwood CC has asked us to pray for **Marina**, who has just been diagnosed with cancer and **James,** a cousin of a member, who has also been diagnosed with cancer.

Louise Piper requests prayers for **Mark**, a young member of her Conference, who is suffering from mental health issues, including an eating disorder. The illness is affecting all members of the family, including Mark’s father, who is also a Conference member. We continue to pray for fast and long term healing for them all.

Mary Abel, former membership officer for the North of England, has asked us to continue praying for her brother **Paul**, whose dementia continues to get worse requiring spells in hospital. Paul is only in his mid-seventies, but is now totally dependent on residential care.

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