



**The CAUSE for  
BLESSED FRÉDÉRIC OZANAM'S CANONISATION  
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**Lord, grant eternal rest...**

With great regret we have to announce the death of **Amin de Tarrazi**. He died on 8<sup>th</sup> January after spending several weeks at Ambroise-Paré Hospital in Boulogne-Billancourt. Amin was a former President General of the Society and a tireless worker for the cause to canonise Blessed Frederic.

Two young friends known to Mary Owen have died recently. **Simon Johnson** had had a very bad accident and was gravely ill, but has now died. His friend **Timothy Ball** was on our list and was also very poorly. Tim has also now died leaving a young family. We are sure they will be re-united in heaven, but meanwhile pray for their friends and families.

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

Prayers are requested for Colette, the daughter of a long standing member. Colette has just had a lump removed from her breast and now needs 15 sessions of radiotherapy. Please pray for Colette and her three teenage daughters, that the early signs of a successful operation are maintained and that they all receive the necessary support and encouragement during her radiotherapy.

Please pray for Jackie Brooksbank, a member of Our Lady of Lourdes Conference in Huddersfield. Her 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.

We have been asked to pray for Nicholas Smurthwaite by his parents Tony & Joan who are members of the Dunsborough Conference in Western Australia. Nicholas is 54 and has two aneurysms, one in the upper aorta of his heart and the other in the lower aorta. To add to his problems he also has a leaky heart valve, a diseased coronary artery and only one functioning kidney. He has three operations scheduled in the near future. We pray that the Lord will give the surgeons the skill needed to improve his health and pray for his family during these anxious days.

A member has asked us to pray for his wife Margaret who is suffering from Alzheimer's disease. Our prayers should also extend to the family, who are

inevitably affected when one of their members suffers from this debilitating condition.

Ruth Mawdsley asks for prayers for Claire Chisnall, daughter of husband Ian's cousin. She is 43 and has a 17 year old daughter. She has been infected by the JC virus from her immune system suppressant treatment given for her MS. This has led to damage to the brain, known as progressive multifocal leukoencephalopathy (PML). The condition is so rare that no one knows the outcome, but husband Anthony 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 have heard recently there has been some tiny improvement.

Marie Atherton, President of Leeds CC asks us to pray for **Violet Joyce**, who is suffering from lung cancer. Violet is a member of St Mary's Conference, Bradford and the wife of Conference president John.

Mike Connolly, President of Shrewsbury CC has asked 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 y.o. friend of his daughter, who has a 3 y.o. child. She has a cancer and is undergoing treatment. Pray for their recovery.

A member of staff at National Office has asked for prayers. He has been diagnosed with prostate cancer and is about to have surgery. We pray that God will give the medical staff involved the skills and care to bring about a complete recovery and to give him and his family the strength of mind and spirit needed during the treatment.

Please pray for friend and member, **Bernard**, who fell in his garden, fracturing his skull and damaging his spine. For a few days his life was in the balance, but is now gradually improving, even though on our last contact, not yet up to gardening. Two weeks before his accident he and his wife lost a 40 year old niece, who had been very close, dying without any warning. Please remember all the family in your prayers.

### ..Please continue praying for...

A few months ago Louise Piper, President of Portsmouth CC, asked us to pray for her best friend **Kazzy**, aged just 54, who is suffering from three autoimmune diseases, Lupus, Rheumatoid arthritis and Crohn's disease. Results following surgery did not result in the anticipated improvement. However, more recently Louise has reported that Kazzy is finally on the mend. She can now walk again, her memory is coming back and she is eating and drinking! It needed a miracle for the medical staff to get on top of things. We thank God for Kazzy's improvement and for giving the doctors the skill to bring about the transformation while continuing to pray the improvement will continue.

Louise also 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.

**Brigitte Lanne** has been nominated by Susan Jamieson, the President of SS Peter & Paul, Wakefield, The wife of the local Conference Treasurer, Brigitte has been diagnosed with terminal cancer. We pray that the good Lord will find a way of restoring Brigitte back to health, adding the members of her family to our prayers.

John, from Westminster CC, has informed us that their **longest serving Conference member** contracted a very painful bone cancer (myeloma) just over a year ago and has featured since then in the Conference's prayers for the Cause. She has been receiving treatment over the past nine months. Recently, the Conference was delighted to hear that her Consultant had written to her GP, describing the clinical benefit from the treatment as being "almost spectacular".

Paul asks for prayers for 30 y.o. **Amy**. She was diagnosed with cancer in January 2016, while pregnant with her second son. Since his birth, she and husband Andrew, have been unable to fully enjoy life with their new-born son and his 3 y.o. brother, as Amy has been confined to bed or in hospital for weeks on end. Paul is

Former trustee Ian Mawdsley has told us about his brother **Paul** from Mawdsley, West Lancashire, who has had two strokes leaving him virtually incapacitated. His wife recently died suddenly while awaiting a triple bypass, which she had hoped would enable her to care for him. His condition is slowly deteriorating, so it has been a difficult time for the Mawdsley family. We all pray that the Lord will support Paul and all the family.

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 have 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.

a member from Halifax (Leeds CC), and works with Amy's husband Andrew.

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 and has needed spells in hospital. Paul is only in his mid-seventies, but is now dependent on residential care.

A **Vincentian friend** has asked us to pray for three generations of her family who are suffering in a number of ways. She has felt the power of prayer and has asked us to "Praise God for the progress and express our gratitude for the intercession of Blessed Frederic".

A member from Romford (Brentwood CC), asks prayers for her brother, **Peter**, who has myeloma bone-marrow cancer. From the same Conference, we are asked to pray for other parishioners who are regularly visited by the SVP members including **Margaret**, who is in her mid-30s, and is recovering from breast cancer, but is still suffering from fibromyalgia and can hardly move and **Celia** who is in her 70s is receiving chemotherapy, following a hysterectomy.

Former Nat President, Bro Dr **Austin Fagan**, (SS Peter & Thomas More – Middleton, Manchester CC) was first on our petition list in Dec 1996. He lost the sight in his right eye when aged 18, but medical treatment saved the left eye, despite a peripheral detachment of the retina. His sight has continued to deteriorate, rendering him officially blind. More treatment risks further potential danger. Pray that Austin's little remaining sight might be preserved.

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