

**The CAUSE** **for**

**BLESSED FRÉDÉRIC OZANAM’S CANONISATION**

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

**Colin Hadley**, former Crawley DC President, was prayed for in October 2013 and included in our December 2018 Newsletter when his health deteriorated. Noreen Villiers from the nearby Virgo Fidelis Conference has informed us that Colin died on 9th May surrounded by is family. He was a devout, gentle man and was greatly admired by all who knew him. Colin used to be the correspondent for the Cause in Southwark CC.

A year ago I asked for prayers for a long standing Vincentian friend who was suffering from a serious degenerative lung disease, which was life-threatening and for which there was no cure.The person concerned was **Albert Maher**, former President of Leeds Central Council and member at SS Peter & Paul, Wakefield. Albert died peacefully on 15th March. Please remember him, Liz his wife and all his family and friends in your prayers and thank God for giving us such a devoted servant.

**Brigitte Lanne** was nominated by Susan Jamieson, the President of SS Peter & Paul, Wakefield. She was the wife of the local Conference Treasurer and was diagnosed with terminal cancer. She passed away in late 2018 after a long brave fight, many believe prolonged by our prayer.

With great regret we have to announce the death of **Amin de Tarrazi.**  He died on 8th 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.

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

Louise Piper, Portsmouth CC President as asked us to pray for **Bernadette Brown** as part of Blessed Frederic’s prayer list. Bernadette is the sister in law of Keith Dunn, (see below). She has a history of melanoma, a mass in her adrenal gland and possible spinal cancer.

Louise’s friend Suzanne, who is Keith’s wife (& Bernadette’s sister) has asked for our heartfelt prayers for healing both Bernadette and Keith and for strength for all their family.

Meanwhile **Keith Dunn** has recently been diagnosed with Lymphoma and is undergoing chemotherapy.

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.

Prayers are requested for **Colette,** the daughter of a long standing member. Colette has just had a lump removed from her breast is undergoing 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 needs three operations. 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 and should also extend to the family, who are inevitably affected when one of their members suffers from her debilitating condition**.**

**..Please continue praying for…**

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 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.

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 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.

A **member of staff** at National Office has asked for prayers. He has been diagnosed with prostate cancer and has undergone surgery. 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 the strength of mind and spirit needed.

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, who died without any warning. Please remember all the family in your prayers.

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 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 his 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 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 auto immune 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.

. 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 year. 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".

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”.

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