

**The CAUSE** **for**

**BLESSED FRÉDÉRIC OZANAM’S CANONISATION**

September 2019

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September is very special for Vincentians, as it includes the feast days of Blessed Frederic (9th September in most countries) and St Vincent de Paul (27th September).

In her message to members National President Helen O’Shea quotes St Pope John Paul, “We must thank God for this gift which He has given the Church in the person of Ozanam. We stand amazed at what he has been able to do for the Church, for society, for the poor, this student, this teacher, this father of a family. And how could it not be hoped that Ozanam also be raised to the rank of Blessed and of Saint?”

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

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.

Her requiem will be on Tuesday 17th September in St Peter’s Church, Bradford at 11 am. To quote from the funeral notice for Violet “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

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

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.

Catherine Casserly of Maximilian Kolbe Conference in Leeds has asked us to pray for her friend **Rita Hyland** in Co. Mayo, Ireland who has been suffering from Motor Neurone Disease for three years now and her condition is deteriorating making breathing difficult. Rita was a nurse in Manchester for many years and then a community nurse in Ireland, where she has helped countless people. Can we join our prayers with those of her family, including her 95 year old mother, and her daughter, asking Blessed Frederic to intercede for us and to bring Christ's peace to the whole family.

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.

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

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

Prayers are requested for **Colette,** the daughter of

a long standing member. Colette had a lump removed from her breast and has undergone 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 treatment.

**..Please continue praying for…**

Please pray for **Jackie Brooksbank**, formerly 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.

A member has asked us to pray for his wife **Margaret** and we should extend or prayers to the whole family, who are all inevitably affected when one of their members suffers from her 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 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.

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.

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.

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. 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.

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.

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.

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