



THE MORE YOU HONOUR ME
THE MORE I WILL BLESS YOU

THE COMMUNICATOR

A big welcome back to everyone and a very happy New Year. Seeing that this is our Golden Jubilee Year, we would like to invite any of our retired members to call in any Tuesday morning for morning tea with us and join in our Devotions to the Little King. There will, we hope, be other functions during the year, but you will hear about those at a later date.

We certainly owe a lot to our Founding Members. They made sure we were founded in God, and we pray we remain that way for many years to come. We owe so much to all who have gone before us and now have so many in Heaven looking after us as well.

God bless

I have finished the race; I have kept the Faith

2 Tim 4:7

Paul the Apostle, Teresa of Avila, John of the Cross, Mother Teresa, Francis of Assisi, John Paul II. These wonderful people not only ran "The race," they believed that it was the only race worth running; the race laid out by the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. It is marked out by His life and culminates in the mystery of His - and our - death and resurrection. On the way we are accompanied by the Spirit and fed by the Lord's body in the Eucharist.

I was reading a magazine in the waiting room of a doctor's office. A well known musician was grieving at the death of his child, and in his pain he still believed. A Lieutenant Colonel was starting a scholarship fund for the children of soldiers slain in Iraq. They, too are "running the race". I have a very great friend and member whom some of you well remember who is dying and now on the last stretch of her race - please support Vonnie Cawley in your prayers and applaud her for the wonderful "race she has run," and is still running. Since writing this Vonnie has gone to her eternal reward, what a wonderful friend we've lost but our loss is certainly heaven's gain. Rest in Peace Vonnie. " You lit up a room with your presence, you are now lighting up Heaven."

Veronica Mary Cawley

Born: January 4, 1926

Born into eternal life: February 12, 2017



Sisters Visitors



We were delighted to meet and welcome the Superior General, Sr. Concetta, Sr. Avelina, the Provincial from the Philippines and Sr. Elsa. We have two Sisters living in the Convent for some of you who do not realise this. They are Franciscan Immaculatine Sisters, Sr. Salvacion and Sr. Analissa. Their presence to us has been a breath of fresh air to say the least.

Caretaker

All our Crisis Care accommodation is occupied at present, which is very good. We don't like these short-term facilities to extend longer than four to six weeks – but of course there are the exceptions.

However, we are keeping one small dwelling vacant with the hope of obtaining a caretaker; so if anyone knows of a trustworthy man or retired couple who would be interested in this very modest but comfortable dwelling – all we ask is a small rental and gas and electricity. This person would be required to do light duties such as opening and closing gates each morning and evening, checking that everything is locked at night, taking out and bringing in the bins each week, and light gardening and maybe small jobs needing attention. Please keep your eyes open for anyone who would be “just the man we are looking for.”

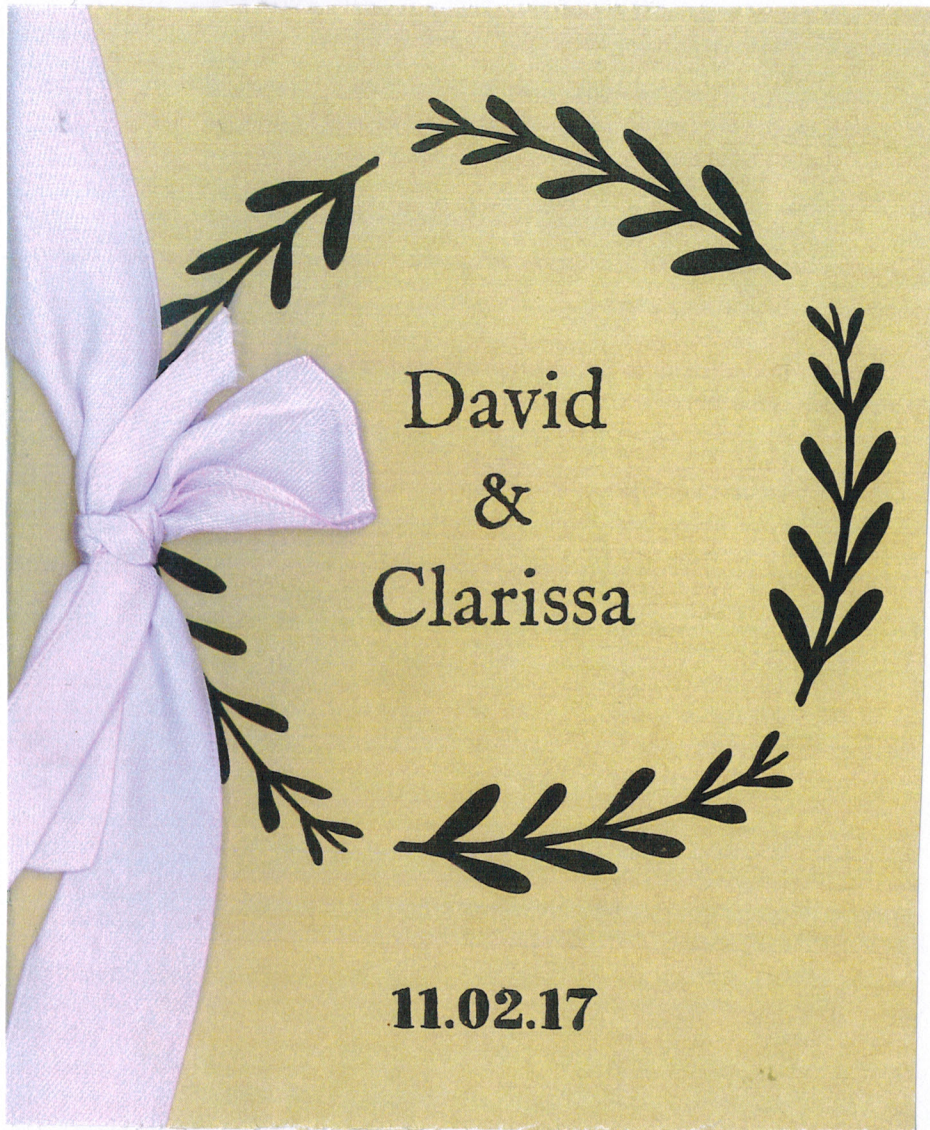
Thrift Shop

We are also looking for ladies to work in the Thrift Shop – Wednesdays and Fridays in particular – ring 3391 1432 if you can help – many thanks.

Help for Ipswich

Unfortunately St. Mary's Girls School at Ipswich have withdrawn their girls from the third Sunday of the month Fellowship Day we hold there in St. Joseph's Hall. Two other ladies, Pat and Ethna have now retired, so it is leaving us a little short of carers for that day. If there is anyone who can help or you know of anyone please contact us on 3391 1432. Our bus leaves from the Movement a little after 8.00 a.m.

Volunteer drivers for Tuesday and Thursday are also needed if you can help.



Congratulations to David and Clarissa Stone who were married in St. Mary's Church. A most delightful wedding – all the best for a wonderful, blessed future.

Finding Time For Others

Most of us find it difficult to tolerate interruptions. We are busy, and often it seems there is not a moment to spare. We particularly do not want to be bothered when we have earmarked time for ourselves, perhaps to do something special we enjoy or as Jesus once said, to be alone with our thoughts or in prayer. Yet people need us, so they track us down in the midst of whatever we are doing. A co-worker plops into a chair in our office. A friend calls. A child follows us around. Like the crowds who followed Jesus, those who seek us out are hungry for advice or attention and want nourishment from us. And like Jesus did, we need to respond and do the best we can with whatever we have to offer. Sometimes we can provide a feast, giving another exactly what advice is needed. But at other times, we can only serve a snack and hope that will be enough.

God does not ask us to save the world, only that we respond to interruptions in our lives by reaching out to others and doing the best we can with what we have to offer. God will take care of the rest.

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"A quick thank you"

"Just a small thing, but I wanted to say a quick thank you to whomever does the messages on the sign outside your organization. I haven't been having the best year, but I see your signs twice a day on my work commute, and 'stay humble, work hard, be kind' has been a great centering ethos for me to get through my work days the right way!

Anyway, that's just a small thing, but I thought I'd email anyway. Went on your website to get your email address and you guys obviously do great things for handicapped people in the community – God bless you.

Adam the Drive-By Commuter"

Prayers Requested:

In your charity, please include the following in your prayers:
Joan Lakeland, Christina Peters, Rita Hunter, Rita Ryan,
Carmel Curran, Heather Stabler.

Recently deceased:

Veronica Mary (Vonnie) Cawley (12 Feb. 2017)

Anniversaries to remember:

March :

Sr Mary Green FMM 2004
Sr Clare Walker OSF 1992
Kieran Barrett 2002
Noel McMahon 1992
Liz O'Neill 2007
Lawrie O'Reilly 2002
Bill Morgan 1998
Noel Ryder 1985
Ray Bavinton 1998

April

Kevin Minnis 1995
Rev Fr James Slyney 1992
Mary Leonard 2010
Peter McNamara 1997
Constance Murphy 1979
Olive Williams 1983
Joan Hodgetts 2004
Jean Kirk 2003
Rose Morrow 2016
Monica Pavelieff 2016
Anne Dennis 2016

May

Michael Garrahy 1979
Rose Hewitt 2004
Margaret Sheehan 1998
Peg Hanrahan 1986
Daphne Hutchinson 1986

Lyn Norris 2005
Mark Lakeland 1989
Molly Casey 2008
Alice Wendt 2009



*God is the love that thrills the human heart,
the joy of friendship,
and the cheer in a carefree laugh.*