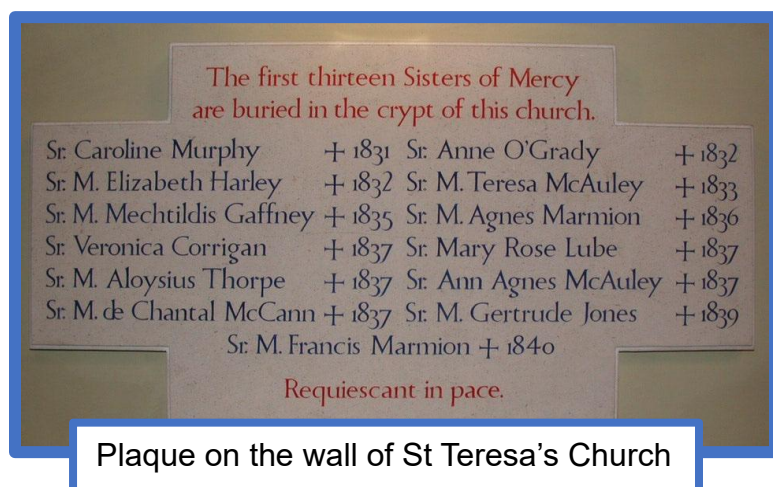


Celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

July 16, 2026

July 16, the feast of our Lady of Mount Carmel is celebrated in many parts of the world, especially in the 26 nations where Carmelites have lived and ministered. Catherine McAuley found support and friendship from the Carmelites in Dublin in her early life and in the establishment of the Order of Mercy.

Many of us have visited St. Teresa's, the Carmelite church in Clarendon Street, Dublin, a haven of tranquility amid a busy shopping area. It is a place of pilgrimage for Sisters of Mercy from around the world, as thirteen of the early Sisters of Mercy were buried in the church crypt between 1831 and 1840. Among them were two nieces of Catherine McAuley, Mary Teresa and Ann Agnes McAuley.



For many years in our congregation, sisters' Reception and Profession ceremonies were held on July 16th.

Today we rejoice with all who celebrate this date of July 16th and other significant dates of profession days.

This year we celebrate especially with our platinum jubilarians of 2026: Sisters Ruth Beresford, Eileen Flynn and Madonna Gatherall and our diamond jubilarian Sharon Basha.

July 15th is the eve of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, the 171st anniversary of the death of Francis Creedon, foundress of the Sisters of Mercy of Newfoundland.

- ❖ Let us re-member her!
- ❖ Let us hold a quiet moment of gratitude for her and all the women who followed her in Mercy.
- ❖ Let us bring them into our thoughts and hearts in appreciation and gratitude.

Opening Prayer

Blessed is she who believed, for God has done great things for her.
Mary, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, be with us as we pray.

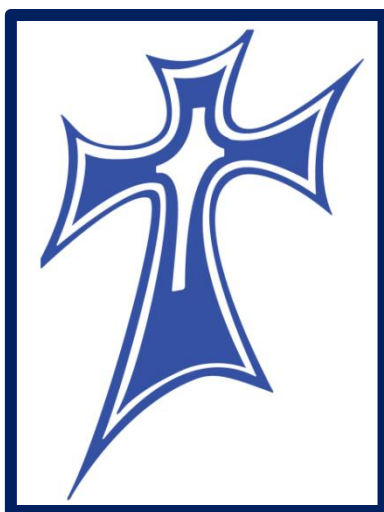
Do You Remember the Call

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Readings:

By our vocation to the Order of Mercy, and by our most sacred vow at our Holy Profession, we are engaged to comfort and instruct the sick poor of Christ. This is the principal reason we are called “Sisters of Mercy,” and why, to the faithful discharge of this duty, so many graces are annexed. And this happy vacation is ours, all unworthy as we are of such a grace.

Familiar Instructions



Meeting

May you meet mercy each day,
in the light of your own heart,
at the hands of your loved ones,
in the eyes of the stranger and the needy.
And if by chance you do not at first meet it,
then search your heart for it,
listen patiently for word of it,
and it will tap you on the shoulder,
a quiet surprise,
a small gesture
the tender look,
given and received
in the encounters of your day.

Mary Wickham

Time for quiet reflection and sharing ...

Prayers of Petitions:

Creator God, as Mary proclaimed, '*your mercy extends from generation to generation*'. As a people called to prayer and action, we ask for your blessing this day. May we act like Mary to extend your mercy and your loving kindness to all whom we encounter.

As we face the darkness of our world, give us passion to create a more just and compassionate society.

We pray ***Mary, inspire and intercede for us.***

As we strive to use the resources of our earth with concern for the needs of others.

We pray ...***Mary, inspire and intercede for us.***

As we cry out against the suffering inflicted by violence and greed.

We pray ...***Mary, inspire and intercede for us.***

As we endeavor to match our deeds to our aspirations and best intentions.

We pray ...***Mary, inspire and intercede for us.***

As we lift our voices in prayers of petition and thanksgiving.

We pray ...***Mary, inspire and intercede for us.***

O God, may Mary continue to favor us with her maternal care and loving kindness.

Blessed is she who believed, for God has done great things for her.

May all who honor her know Your blessing in their lives.

Mary, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, be with us as our companion, our guide, our model and our inspiration. Amen

Bless us, O God, with insight into Mary's faith. **Amen**

Bless us, O God, with reverence for Mary's continued care for us. **Amen**

Bless us, O God, with love for you and your mother, Mary. **Amen**