

Dear Mother and Father, Sisters and Brothers,

Our oldest sister in the community,

Sr. Lelia Kehoe,

passed away peacefully in Glencairn on 4:20 am on Sunday, 3rd July 2016.

She would be 93 years old on 20th August. She was born in Clonroche, Co Wexford in 1923, entered Glencairn on 8th February 1949, and made her Solemn Profession on 1st May 1954.

Her health was weakening for some time but last May she suffered a fall and fractured her hip, and her condition deteriorated since then. She was a saintly nun who bore her suffering with courage and patience. Her life was one of thankfulness and ceaseless prayer, always maintaining an attitude of appreciation for everything that was done for her, up to the time she died. She had fervent devotion to our Blessed Mother and her rosary beads were always in her hands.

She was never afraid of hard work and over the years she fulfilled many tasks in the monastery, her spiritual life manifesting itself in all her actions. God blessed her with many gifts - her humility, simplicity and a loving heart, but above all her amazing memory - like a computer! She also had a talent for drawing and for hand- crafts like crochet and knitting.

May she be raised to new life with the saints and angels in heaven.

We commend her to your prayers.

Sr. Mairéad on behalf of Mother Marie and community of St. Mary's Abbey, Glencairn. 03/07/2016