



Mothers and Fathers, Sisters and Brothers,

Our beloved Sister Ignatius Mc Gowan passed to the Lord peacefully last evening at 5:15, Friday 28 of December. She was 86 years and 7 months. Born 11th May 1932 at Glasgow. Under the spiritual direction of Fr. Hugh Kelly, SJ, she was received into the Catholic Church while still in her teens. She entered Glencairn 2nd July 1952. Made her Solemn Profession 3rd May 1958.

Sr. Ignatius was very gifted in many ways, gardening, cooking, crafts, sewing, and with an artistic sense of beauty and a good singer. She worked in several places; on the poultry, farm and in the kitchen before eventually working full time in the Wardrobe, making robes, veils and cowls etc. for the community.

Warm hearted, sensitive and candid, many Sisters in the community who were frail or ill experienced her loving care, with appreciation and gratitude.

Sr. Ignatius found community life not easy, but persevered until, with the onset of dementia and unable to do the necessary exercises following a hip operation, she could no longer stand or walk. She moved to Conna Nursing Home, a few miles away from Glencairn, 7 years ago, and was visited regularly by members of the community, receiving excellent care from the supportive and kind staff.

Unwell for a week, but yesterday evening she was on the chair in day-room. When a nurse found the change of her colour and brought her to her bed, where she passed to the Lord peacefully and quietly. May she rest in peace!

Funeral Mass at 11:00 on Sunday followed by burial.

Please keep her in your prayers.
Thank you.

Mother Marie and the community of Glencairn

St Mary's Abbey, Ireland