

Dear Mothers and Fathers, Sisters and Brothers,

On Thursday, 06 January 2020, as we finished Vespers of the Epiphany of the Lord, our beloved Sister Patrick went to the Lord very peacefully, at the Nursing Home not far from St Mary Abbey. She was in her 92nd year, Jubilarian, and was one of the foundresses of Mount St Mary Abbey, Wrentham, USA. In 1955, when the Irish Foundresses were recalled to Glencairn because they were needed, Sr. Patrick came back but always retained a special interest and love for the community of Wrentham. On the occasion of the Golden Jubilee of Wrentham she was delighted to go there for the celebration.

Sr. Patrick worked in the farmyard, was in charge of milking the dairy herd, but she also cooked for the community and worked in the garden and apple orchard. Strong physically, she always walked and moved very gracefully. Having a sweet voice, she led the Choir as Chantress for many years, specialising in Gregorian Chant. When no longer able to do heavy work, she became Sacristan, taking on this duty with her usual dignified manner. However, after a fall, the onset of Alzheimer's began, and eventually she was moved to Conna Nursing Home, where we could visit her regularly. She was much loved and was always glad to have visits from the Sisters. Her health declined rapidly in recent weeks, but she was peaceful, smiling and alert until the end.



We commend her to your prayers.

Thank you,

Abbess and Community of St Mary's Abbey,
Glencairn