

## Our Lady, Star of the Sea, Tobermory

### Novena of Prayer for the Sick,

which will be said every Tuesday at the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, beginning on August 6th. All who wish to take part are invited to do so, wherever they are, and for anyone whose health gives cause for concern, whether physical, mental or emotional.

We ask the intercession of Our Lady with the familiar 'Hail Holy Queen' and also for the prayers of Margaret Sinclair, who was declared Venerable by Pope Paul VI in 1978.



### Margaret Sinclair ( 1900-1925 )

Margaret Sinclair was an Edinburgh factory girl who lived an intense life of prayer and became a Poor Clare nun. She was born on March 29th 1900, the third child of a dustman. Their poverty was extreme and she would go barefoot and thinly clad to daily Mass and Communion, even in winter. Margaret was an active trade union member, working as a French polisher when she left school at the age of fourteen. She was made redundant when the factory closed in 1918, but found work in the McVitie's biscuit factory. Margaret felt the call of convent life and was accepted by the Poor Clare Colletines in London .in 1923. Her short life ended when she contracted tuberculosis of the throat and died on November 24th 1925. His Eminence, Cardinal Gordon Gray, Archbishop of St Andrews and Edinburgh said " We can still admire the heroism of the early martyrs, but the unlikelihood of our being thrown to the lions makes these first Christian saints somewhat remote and shadowy figures. Margaret Sinclair may well be one of the first to achieve the title of Saint from the factory floor"

Hail, Holy Queen,

mother of mercy! Hail ,our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us, and, after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

O clement, O loving, O sweet virgin Mary,

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Prayer for private use.

God, Our Father, we honour your servant Margaret Sinclair as a model of holiness. We ask you to grant the requests we make through her intercession as a sign of the favour she enjoys in your sight.

We make this prayer through Christ, Our Lord.

Amen.

We pray for all those in our community who are awaiting surgery and treatment of any kind. We pray for all who are in distress of mind or body. We also pray for our doctors, nurses, carers and everyone involved in our care.

Please keep in mind:-

Andy McDowell,  
Caroline MacInnes  
Mary Wilson  
Gavin Douglass  
Marla Douglass  
Rosemary O'Brien  
Elizabeth and Mervyn Jones  
Tony Kirrane  
Marion and Angus Mathieson  
Rev Ian Grainger and Rena  
Jane and Jim Muldoon

Baby Eva from Dundee-aged 6 months– for her recent diagnosis of spinal muscular atrophy. Her parents and little brother and sister ask for prayers for her.(via Iona )  
Fiona Forbes (Canada) a special intention for Bonnie, Dan, Sarah, Erica, Annie and Ethan.(via Iona).

\*\* Baby Eva died on Friday 31st July. Please keep her family in your novena prayers.

### **Nine week novena 2009**

August 4th-feast of St John Vianney

August 11th– feast of St Clare of Assisi

August 18th

August 25th– feast of St Louis of France

September 1st

September 8th-Birthday of Our Lady

September 15th-Our Lady of Sorrows

September 22nd

September 29th– Feast of Michael, Gabriel and  
Raphael, the Archangels

The prayers will be said each Tuesday after Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Holy Communion ( 7.30 to 8.30pm ).