

VISITORS TO MERCY  
INTERNATIONAL CENTRE  
DURING

**OCTOBER**



A WARM WELCOME AND  
A GOOD CUP OF TEA  
ALWAYS AWAIT YOU.



## Mercy Healthcare USA



We welcomed a large pilgrimage group from Mercy Healthcare from the USA to Baggot Street at the start of October. They had an opportunity to visit the spaces that were so much a part of Catherine McAuley's life here in the first ever House of Mercy opened in 1827. The group had a chance to visit our chapel, the room in which Catherine died, the Callaghan Room and the International and Doyle rooms. They had a prayer service in the chapel and later on in the day a service at Catherine's tomb. There was also time for the very warm traditional Irish welcome and the 'good cup of tea' and a chat. It was wonderful to have our friends from the USA with us in Baggot Street and to share the experience of this foundational place of Mercy with them.

## Final Vows Programme

We were delighted to host the Final Vows Programme in Mercy International Centre during October. We welcomed Srs Elizabeth, Anna, Phuong and Liz who were accompanied by Sr. Mary Kay Dobrovolny rsm and facilitated by Anne Reid.

Sr Elizabeth Small & Sr Anna Regina Gakuhi live in Georgetown, Guyana. Elizabeth was born and raised in Guyana. Anna Regina was born and raised in Kenya, entered the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas in Jamaica, and now lives and ministers in Georgetown, Guyana.

Phuong Dong lives in Gastonia, North Carolina, USA. She was born in Vietnam, raised in Atlanta, Georgia, USA, and now lives and ministers in North Carolina USA.

Liz Mwangi lives in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA. She was born and raised in Kenya, entered the Missionary Sisters of Charity and ministered for some years in Brazil, transferred to the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas and now lives and ministers in Philadelphia.





## **Sr. Mary Wickham rsm**

We were thrilled to have a visit from noted poet Sr. Mary Wickham rsm. She is pictured here with our CEO Sr. Patricia O'Donovan rsm.

Sr. Mary wrote a beautiful poem for Mercy Day 2024 called *The Economics of Mercy* and one called *Pearls* which featured recently as our Friday Reflection. You can check these out on our website.



## Diocese of Maitland, NSW, Australia

We also welcomed a wonderful group from the Diocese of Maitland in NSW Australia.

Teliece Wallace-Taylor (left) and Gemma Spradbrow-Hunt (right) handed on some gifts to us in MIC. Gemma crocheted some beautiful woollen cowls which she describes as 'a sign of service and compassion'. Teliece brought with her two wonderful patchwork quilt blankets which were made by her Mother in Law and her children. She also brought some scarves and some woollen beanie hats from the staff at St Joseph's Catholic College where she works. We will be putting these to good use to serve those in need.

They are pictured here with Sr. Margaret Daly rsm (centre), Head of Heritage and Spirituality with MIA.

## Congregational Leadership Team and Staff

We were delighted to host the Mercy Congregational Leadership Team and Staff. They are pictured here after a busy day of meetings and just before sharing a 'good cup of tea' with us. Blessings on their work.





## Did you know you can come and visit Mercy International Centre?

We cater for group visits, pilgrimages, school groups, parish groups, meetings, workshops and more.

We also have a permanent exhibition on 'Catherine McAuley and the Mission of Mercy' and can arrange tours of the original House of Mercy.

Find out more about coming to visit us on our website

[www.mercyworld.org](http://www.mercyworld.org)

