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Dear family in Christ,

An intense few weeks have kept us busy in our pastoral care of grieving families, long-term members of the parish. The deaths and remembrances of Joe Hagerman, Jane Henry's partner of 40 years, Rani Jeeva, mother of Anita and Harold and widow of Sam, Dorothy Reid, a life time member of St. Paul's Roslin, and now Joan Ford, at the age of 95, baptized at Christ Church, and a significant member of the parish for much of her life. There are times when any parish faces a run of end of life moments, and with the loving support of many, the emotional exhaustion of sitting with those we have come to love is made bearable as we share in the great privilege of the end days of any person and their life's journey together.

This Wednesday and Thursday, we farewell our beloved Joan, who served and loved us well, in friendship, service, faithfulness and wisdom. She fed us with something of Christ's love for all his children and was present in so many ways in her practical and prayerful support of us all.

There will be a visitation Wednesday afternoon at Steeles funeral home and then vigil prayers and visitation at All Saints church in Tyendinaga at 7.00pm until 8.30pm.

On Thursday morning at 11.00am, we will celebrate her life with a Requiem Mass at Christ Church, followed by a reception. There is to be a private interment with her family later in the day.

This is an opportunity for all of us to give thanks for a life of faith for a loved member of our community, who ministered to us in so many ways for the whole of her life. A chance to pause and be with her in our farewell to her and to support her family as we say goodbye and thanks to God for the Christ light that so clearly shone in all she gave in her journey.

May God bless each one of us at this time as we reflect on the remarkable work which remains in our keeping in the time ahead.

With love and blessings
Fr. Jeff and team