

Remembering Nano

In 1718, Nano Nagle was born.

On 26 April, 1784, Nano died.

On this special day of remembering:

We give thanks, with Nano,
for parents and carers
who, like Nano's parents,
Garrett and Ann,
love their children into life
and do their very best to protect, encourage and educate them.

God of families, may all children know the freedom that comes from being loved.

We appreciate, with Nano,
the enriching things that life offers us;
the beauty of fields, flowers and flowing waters
like those at Ballygriffin;
and opportunities to play and dance and laugh.

*Joyful God, may we make space in our world for refreshment, enjoyment and play, for all people,
and ensure that we tend rather than take from each other, our earth, and all its creatures.*

We pray, with Nano,
for the courage to be ourselves
and to change direction,
the humility to seek support
and the strength to try and try again
as Nano did.

God ever with us, may we recognise that we can do more together than we can do alone.

We stand, with Nano,
in schoolrooms, on street corners
learners and leaders
builders and beggars
as she was,
determined to provide opportunities
for those cast aside by society
to lift themselves up into life

*God of learning, may we make the most of our opportunities to learn and lead, not just for ourselves,
but as builders of inclusive community.*

We live, with Nano,
wherever we are
doing all we can
with what we have
to create a loving and just world
today, tomorrow
everyday.

God loving us into life, may we, Presentation people, be energised anew in our living, learning and leading.

Amen