

Anne.....vibrant beautiful woman who, at 39 years had a subarachnoid haemorrhage 3 years ago.

She was a loving wife, mother of two small boys, caring daughter to two aging sick parents and active ACC case manager.

I was privileged to worship at the same church as Anne and was very aware that to receive Holy Communion was as important to her as food and water.

When she had the trauma to her brain she was given little hope of surviving, and in fact if she was to survive it would have been in a vegetative state. I believe that her intimate connection with her Lord is why progressive healing has taken place and indeed continues to take place. She is an amazing woman of God.

Living in a brain injury residence she receives wonderful care to her body and mind but I am blessed that as Parish Nurse, the Spiritual care is for me to administer.

There has been tremendous healing over the past three years and I believe it is because body, mind and spirit are being attended to.

A Parish Nurse can "connect the dots" and ensure the circle of administrative healing is complete so that the best possible chance of gaining optimum health is managed.

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