

IRISH AUGUSTINIAN NEWS

GOOD COUNSEL COLLEGE



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NEWS FROM GOOD COUNSEL COLLEGE



Welcome to Good Counsel College...or "The Counsel" as many of you know and call it! It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to our new web site. I hope you find it interesting whether you are a present or a past pupil, a present or a past parent or guardian, or indeed a present or a past teacher. I welcome also those of you who have simply happened across this site and equally hope you will find our school and what goes on here of interest to you.

We are twenty-five years old this year...well, in our present campus that is! Our history goes well back before that in our original site in the centre of the town of New Ross. As an educational community we strive to embody the values of unity, truth and love in our everyday interactions. We gather these ideals from Saint Augustine, the founder of the Order of Saint Augustine, the Augustinians, who founded and still run the school. We share these ideals with Augustinian schools all over the world and especially with our sister school, Saint Augustine's College in Dungarvan, Co. Waterford.

Our school of nearly eight hundred students is built to reflect our ideals. As you will see here we are like a small campus with many buildings all serving the community which is Good Counsel. As well as classroom blocks named after our Saints, Cascia (Saint Rita), Villa Nova (Saint Thomas) we have a beautiful Church at the heart of our little village. The Augustinian Community is resident here too with 2 Waterford men and a Rathnure man to boot! Our marvellous Sports Centre is named after our last Principal, Fr John Cosgrave OSA (RIP) and we have a further centre dedicated to the core activity of our school, Pastoral Care, which is named after his predecessor, Fr Jackie Power OSA. We are a living and vibrant community and the campus regularly extends to cater for new needs. Just look at our beautiful all-weather pitches next to the Sports Centre as evidence of that.

But buildings tell so little of our story. The life blood of the community is the students who attend here every day...what can they do? What do they do? Read...www.goodcounselcollege.ie

John Hennebry O.S.A. (Principal).

Rehearsals continue for the school musical, *Les Miserables*, which is being put on as a joint production with St Marys in St Michael's Theatre from April 21st to 25th inclusive.

Congratulations to Tadhg Furlong, who flew to Treviso, Italy with the Irish Youths Rugby Squad to play in the European Championships. Tadhg was named Captain before they departed.

Second term almost over - hard to believe - with just one week to the Easter Break. This week, punctuated by St Patrick's Day, was another busy one with plenty of activity around the school. Leaving Cert mock orals took place, guest speakers visited, the under 14 hurlers were in action and Fr Collender with his band of apprentice farmers from TY got the 'dung' spread in the vegetable garden.

Having got a load of farmyard manure delivered early in the week, and with the drop of rain arriving on Thursday, there was frenetic work going on behind the assembly hall as Fr. Collender and his TY team prepared the earth for planting. As the last few students made their way off the campus on Friday evening, the school chaplain was being towed around the patch of ground by a rotovator. If this piece of earth does not prove bountiful, there is little hope for the future of agriculture in this country.



John Hennebry, Pat Codd and Michael Collender Celebrations were in order for Fr Pat Codd OSA in Good Counsel College recently as he celebrated 58 years of priesthood. The well-known Rathnure native celebrated the anniversary of his ordination with a concelebrated Mass by Fr John Hennebry and Fr Michael Collender with sixth year students and a reception with the staff of the college in the dining room afterwards. Fr Codd attended Good Counsel College before studying for the priesthood. He was ordained in Rome and his first appointment was back to his alma mater teaching Greek.

Fr Codd then went to work in Australia serving in Augustinian schools, and working in the formation of Augustinian students. On returning to Ireland he worked in Limerick. He has now returned to New Ross where he is based in Good Counsel and keeps a keen eye on Rathnure's hurling team as well as helping out in his native parish.

-New Ross Standard.

PROFILES OF IRISH AUGUSTINIANS 1 & 2.



In 1958 Bro Patrick Lennon began his working life at McCairns Motor Works, and two years later joined the Augustinian Order. In his early years he studied Christology and Sacred Scripture, and was then sent to do a B.F.M.P. course in printing at Bolton St. Dublin.

A hands-on person, Paddy was soon engaged as a printer in the Augustinian Printing Press

(Ballyboden) – a task which he combined with assisting in the weekly Tagaste Pools (a limited fund-raising project for the education of students). For some years he commuted daily from Ballyboden to John's Lane, until, in 1973, he was appointed to John's Lane community.

Here, in addition to his regular work in Tagaste Pools and the Church Sacristy, he found time to help out in St Catherine's Parish (Meath St). He set up a Youth Club, Girl Guides and Brigidine Guides. It was in the role of Youth Leader that Paddy really blossomed.

'Leader' is actually a rather inadequate word to describe his work in the Youth Club. He was friend, confidante, counsellor to the young. He listened to their concerns, and he won their trust. He was welcome in their families, and, even thirty years later, the former Club members value his friendship. With them he organised Summer Camps in Ireland, Britain and Italy. He gave his time.

Then, when all seemed to be going swimmingly, he was uprooted from Dublin's inner city, and sent to a Secondary School in Waterford. For Paddy it was a new life experience, and a further blossoming of his talents.

In St Augustine's College, Bro Patrick was given the task of looking after First Year pupils. As First Year Head, he has held that position from 1981 to the present. His role has involved the task of making smooth the transition from Primary School to Secondary, identifying the unhappy, just being there for each new pupil.

Bro Patrick is the friendly face of Augustinian Education. Approachable and friendly, seeing Christ in everyone he meets. Head of First Years is a full-time job, but 'Bro' has many full-time jobs in his locker: Teacher, Coach of Hockey and Football, and fully-trained Athletics Coach. What Paddy has not got is time.

As a fully-qualified Athletics Coach, he has put St Augustine's on the Athletics map of Ireland. The School has won 19 consecutive Overall Munster Colleges cups, and several outstanding national athletes have emerged during his years in charge there. The list of successful athletes is too long to mention, but, for Bro Patrick, his aim is not success for success' sake.

His main interest in the young people. He delights in enabling them to reach their full potential. In fact he wants to lead them to God. He doesn't say this, nor do they realise it. He is not a preacher but a doer. He wants to help each of his pupils to become the people God has created them to be. He does it by listening, by being available, by spending all his day for them. Nothing is too demanding. Like the young boy who Fr Flanagan met outside Omaha, Paddy can say: 'He ain't heavy. He's my brother'.

Columba O'Donnel, OSA.



Who among us was Rector of an International Augustinian formation house? And Chairman of the Governing Council of the biggest Catholic theological centre in Africa (with more than 160 Religious Congregations having staff and students there). And Head of Department of Philosophy in another Institution, teaching full time

there. And getting money to build a secondary school for the poor and underprivileged in another part of the city. And Chaplain to Augustinian Contemplative nuns. And Chairman of the National Religious Justice and Peace Commission. And all of these at the same time. And at the age of 78! Only one man. Denis (Tom) Mason.

Born in 1932, he lost his father at an early age. His mother ran a pub in Cappoquin where she reared Denis and his two brothers, Dick and Mike. It was there he learnt how, with just two hands, to carry 10 bottles of Guinness to a table. This gift would prove to be invaluable to confreres over the years.

In St. Augustine's College he captained the hurling team as well as well as gracing the boxing ring. He has a keen interest in all sports.

He never regarded himself as an academic. But, spurred on by a fear of failing exams, he studied extra hard in Rome. Ended up with Doctorates in Philosophy and Social Sciences.

He lectured in Ballyboden, our student house, from 1963 to 1969 when it ceased to function. During that time Denis showed also a very pastoral side to his involvement. He then joined Tom Flynn and Ben O'Brien in Jos, setting up the Major seminary for Northern Nigeria.

Being pastoral at heart, he immediately went to the local parish priest and asked for an outstation to look after by himself. The village he was given was called Dung. One doesn't need too much imagination to think of comments made by well meaning brethren! It is now a thriving parish. He also started lecturing in the University of Jos and became a Professor there in 1982, something he, in his modesty, would never boast about.

Some years later he was to be the backbone of Makurdi seminary, while also a very successful and dedicated chaplain to the local Nigerian Air force base there.

In 2000 Kenya, East Africa, beckoned him. Again his academic expertise was called into play. But his work among the poor of Baba Dogo would be his endearing achievement. Being a person who always trusted the local laity, and in getting them very much involved, they set up a project SACNET (Support African Children Network) which began with a primary school and is now finishing as a secondary school.

Now he is back in Cork. To retire? No way. Shortly he takes up a Chaplaincy with the local Neo-Catechumen group, and is also having a two day input into the Novena to the Mother of Good Counsel, here in St Augustine's.

Francis Aherne, OSA. Cork.

Pat, Greetings and best wishes. The March edition of the IAN just arrived in the post. My sincere thanks. You and your team are doing a great job. How is the "OSA id" project coming along! My new address is : 14485 Jane St., King City, L7B 1A3, Ontario, Canada. Maybe you could put it in the next edition. Paul O'Brien OSA.

AUGUSTINIAN PROFILE / VISIBILITY GROUP



David Lennon NAIA. (Chief Architect, Project Architects), Giles O'Halloran OSA, Kitty Bennett (M.A.) St Patrick's Hospital, Staff. Pat Moran OSA, Denis Hegarty (Ex-Outside Broadcast Head, RTE.)

- Hoping to produce a Calendar 2011 for each house in the province. Looking for 3 /4 artistic photos per house
- Working on updating the Province web-site: www.augustinians.ie
- Hoping to re-activate dormant web-sites, and help others to set up new ones.
- Starting to work on "OSA Profiles." Each month we hope to print two profiles in IAN. These will be printed professionally and copies sent to all our houses for distribution to the public.
- Hoping to encourage each Church to install at least one camera to "stream church services"

(Look up www.churchservices.tv)

The following are broadcasting live services daily:

Augustinians, Cork. Armagh Cathedral. Ballygall, Dublin. Clonmel, Co Tipperary. Clonard, Belfast. Coolock, Dublin. Cork Cathedral. Mount Argus, Dublin. Mount St Alphonsus. Portlaoise Parish. St Camillus, Killucan. Redemptoristine Nuns.

Here in Cork we had 12,602 viewers for the month of March, and 2,684 hits on the website, from 30 countries.

Please remember in your prayers Maura Mason, sister-in-law of Denis Mason OSA, who died in Sacramento recently and Sr Joan Madden, a sister of the late Fr Finbarr and Cornelius Madden OSA, who died in Bessbrook Cork, 24.03.2010.

Pat, I attach a note for the next issue of IAN and also a photo. The photo was taken at the final session of the WordonWeb series on the Gospel of Luke. One of the participants had discovered a 'Baby Luke' doll and presented it to Sean and Kieran. The doll had a mini-bible in hand! Hoping you have a fruitful and satisfying Holy Week and Easter in these turbulent times for Church.

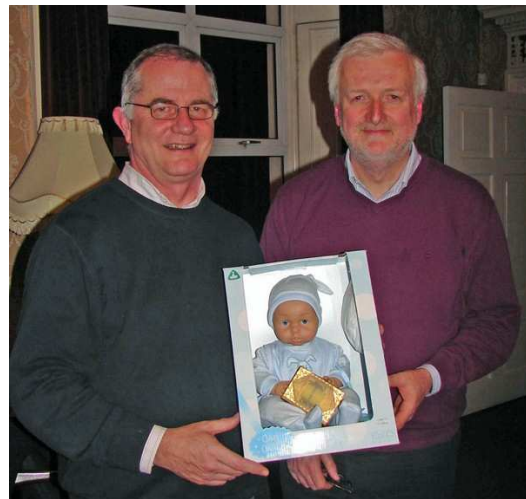
John Byrne OSA, Orlagh.

PROMOTING THE YEAR OF EVANGELIZATION IN DUBLIN

The period from Christmas to Easter is traditionally the busiest time of the year for members of the Orlagh Team. This year much of the activity has been centred around the Year of Evangelization. The highlight for us has been the participation of parish groups in the Word on Web programme. 21 groups, representing about 26 parishes and some 400 people took part in the programme on the Gospel of Luke presented by Kieran and Sean early in Lent. The Question and Answer teleconference sessions were lively with searching questions from participants that were answered skillfully, and at times controversially, by Kieran and Sean. We also had smaller groups participating in repeat presentations of 'What is a Gospel?' (Kieran and Sean) and 'Exploring Prayer' (Bernadette and John). The Diocesan Office for Evangelization is producing a very attractive monthly online newsletter (e-Good News) of resources for the Year of Evangelization and a significant part of this letter is material prepared by Kieran and John in Orlagh. This is available on the diocesan website.

Team members have also been on the road to parishes around the diocese and beyond for scripture courses, parish retreats, and work with parish pastoral councils and ministry groups.

In the aftermath of the Ryan and Murphy Reports we have hosted listening days in Orlagh for people to come to speak, reflect and pray about how the recent scandals have affected them as people of faith and members of a Church in crisis. Under the title *A Way Forward Together* these sessions are facilitated by members of the Orlagh Team working with some of our regular Sunday congregation. We have had two sessions so far and a third is planned for April 11th. Over 40 people attended the second session and a bigger number is expected in April.



Sean Goan, baby Luke and Kieran O'Mahony OSA



Fr Peter Rogers OFM Cap, Brian O'Sullivan, with Tommy McManus - celebrating 40 years of Priesthood in St Pat's Rome, Jimmy Downey and Tony Finn OSA.

ON-GOING FORMATION BOOK REVIEW

This month's book is that of Elizabeth A. Johnson, *Consider Jesus: Waves of Renewal in Christology* (New York: Crossroad, 1990). A reviewer writes: "Elizabeth Johnson presents a very well written and easy to read introduction to Christology for the new student of theology. She clearly explains the Christological definitions at the early Church councils, showing the errors that plagued the early Church ... Johnson writes in the end, "out of our own experience of salvation, our telling of the story, our own praxis and prayer, we must name Jesus Christ again and claim him again for our own people, so that a living Christology will be handed on to the next generation into the twenty-first century." David Kelly OSA



Palm Sunday in Flavio

DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL

Please remember in your prayers the following members of the Irish Province who have gone home to God.

03 1984 Fr PJ Hickey
 04 1991 Fr J Slattery
 07 1978 Fr F Conway
 10 1995 Fr N Duffner
 12 1971 Fr J King
 14 1997 Fr J Hooper
 15 1974 Fr J Breen
 17 2001 Fr J Farrell
 20 1967 Fr P A Browne
 21 2006 Fr C Madden
 23 2003 Fr WC Power
 28 2000 Fr V Hickey
 29 2002 Fr D Ormonde

FOUR DAY PRAYER MISSION FOR PRIESTS

The religious communities attached to four Cork City churches conducted a four-day mission, starting on 16 March at 7.30pm in St Augustine's, Washington St. It continued on Tuesday 17 at Holy Trinity, (OFM Cap), Fr Mathew Quay.

On Thursday 18 March, the mission took place in St Francis Church, Liberty Street, and on Friday it concluded at St Mary's Church, (OP), Pope's Quay. Great numbers of Laity, Religious and local clergy attended all four sessions. Each evening Mass was celebrated and a sermon given by Fr Thomas Lane, a Vincentian priest.

Fr Lane CM, was Rector of All Hallows College, Dublin from 1970 to 1982 and Director of Damascus House, London, from 1982 to 1991. His book on pastoral ministry, *A Priesthood in Time*, was published in 1993 and was followed by *The Cry of Christians in 2000 and Priesthood, Changeless and Changing*, in 2005, and *Reflecting at Knock* in 2007. From 1998 to 2000 he was spiritual director at the Bede College Rome. Since then he has been a chaplain at Knock Shrine.



Fr Dermot Lynch OFM Cap, Fr Eddie Conway OP, Eugene Barrett OFM and Fr Pat Moran OSA.

AYE LONDON AUGUST 2010

Just a brief reminder to all our readers that the Augustinian Youth Encounter (AYE) will take place in London 9th to 15th August 2010. The Irish Province has been allocated 50 places and all local communities are encouraged to send representatives to London.

More information is available from:

Noel Hession: hession@eircom.net

or the AYE website: augustinianyouthireland.com

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK.

Welcome to Vol. 3 No 10. Thanks to all who have contributed to this edition. Special thanks to Peter Galus, David Moran, Francis Aherne, John O'Connor for their invaluable help, and to Colm O'Mahony, John Byrne and Paul O'Connor for photographs.

The idea of doing "OSA Profiles" was conceived one night late in the common room in Cork and the "Visibility Group" endorsed same. Hope you like the idea, and we would welcome suggestions as to who should feature in the coming months. Better still write a script on any fellow Augustinian (450 / 500 words would be ideal).

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