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ON-GOING FORMATION

“REASON, FAITH AND REVOLUTION”

This is a book reviewed by Dr Gesa Thiessen in the January edition of *Reality Magazine*. The book “Reason, Faith and Revolution – Reflections on the God Debate” by Terry Eagleton Gesa found this a brilliant read. “This is a passionate, yet wholly reasonable response to Christopher Hitchens’ and Richard Dawkins’ militant atheist agenda.”

Eagleton makes a critical apology for Christian faith, explores the relationship of faith and reason, and the radical message of the kingdom of God. He writes: “Any preaching of the Gospel which fails to constitute a scandal and affront to the political state is in my view effectively worthless.”

Gesa regards this book as witty, sharp, irreverent and amusing, and a marvellous contribution to theology, faith and culture from an unexpected corner. Flor O’Callaghan OSA, Dungarvan.

GODSPELL

St Augustine's College, Abbeyside

From Jan. 27-30, the Transition Year pupils staged the musical *Godspell*, a 1970's exploration of the life and parables of Jesus. Based on St Matthew's Gospel, it captures one of the best elements of the 'Flower People's message - Love.

As a stage production it was an exciting experience. For many of its 80-strong cast, it was their first appearance on stage, their first time before the footlight. For us, the staff of the Friary College, it was also exciting. Have you ever seen a bud blossoming on a David Attenborough programme? Well, I liken that experience to the thrill of seeing these talented pupils blossom, grow and mature in two hours. *Godspell* was special. Evangelical in that it put a modern slant on Jesus' life and message. The best show yet? Yes! But every year it is the best show yet, because every year the cast blossoms and grows into the young adults of whom the Friary can be proud.

Columba O'Donnell, OSA

JOHN BYRNE'S GOLDEN JUBILEE OF ORDINATION

John celebrated the Golden Jubilee of his ordination in Orlagh with a thanksgiving Mass and meal with family, Augustinians and the Orlagh Team on Saturday, December 19th. The following day he celebrated with Mass and a brunch with the Sunday Mass congregation. Two very happy occasions. Speaking to those present he recalled that at his Silver Jubilee he compared the Church in 1984 with the Church at the time of his ordination in 1959. In 1959 everything was controlled and orderly and in contrast in 1984 we had what he called a "messy Church". Regrettably and for other reasons that same description could be used today. He expressed the hope that the Church of the future would have three characteristics

1. It would be a community centred on the person and message of Jesus.
 2. It would be a community in which imperfection could be admitted. Nobody need pretend to be better than they are. All are on a journey.
 3. Friendship would mark relationships within the Church.
- There is hope for the future when we work together to create that kind of a Church.



John with his niece Grace



John giving thanks for gifts received

SOME READERS' COMMENTS

Many thanks Fr Pat for keeping me on your mailing list for IAN. It is much appreciated and keeps me in touch with many of my former colleagues. John Moore, Dublin.

Dear Pat, greetings from Limerick and the Community in O'Connell St. We are all well. We had a most enjoyable social evening with all of our readers, ministers of the Eucharist, collectors and all involved in St Augustine's on Friday last in the Pery Hotel. A lot of renovations have taken place in the Priory over the past few months and some are still ongoing. In a recent readers' comments section there was a short note from Paddy Lane, Ennis. Was Paddy in Orlagh in the early 1960s? I think his name was Francis. You are doing a great job.

Best wishes. Michael Danaher OSA, Limerick.
You are right again Michael. Ed.



New Dawn: "If winter comes, can spring be far behind?"
"Anois teact an earaig" Duckspool House tree of Hope!
Kieran O'Brien OSA, Duckspool.

Pat, thanks for the continued inclusion on your list. Good to see Ted McCarthy looking so healthy and contented! Best wishes for 2010. Tom Greally, Australia.

I have been looking back on-line at past issues of IAN which I find very interesting.

So no need to send a hard copy any longer.

Glad to hear from you, and all the best for now.

Tony Gargan.

Pat,

Happy New Year and thanks for IAN each month.

Do you have an e-mail address for Declan Deasy? I wrote to wdeasy@arzhabada.cu but it was immediately rejected.

Best wishes, Bernard O'Connor OSA, Hammersmith.

Sorry Bernard, my mistake I left out part of Declan Deasy's address, the correct one reads: wdeasy@arzhabana.co.cu
All readers please note correct address above!

Fr. thanks for the News letter. Glad for giving our nascent school that publicity. I printed copies for my brothers in the community. They are all happy with it. Wish you a happy new year.
Joel Anawayi OSA, Abuja, Nigeria.

Father Pat. Thanks a million for faithfully keeping me on your postage list. I find your world wide material most interesting. I read with special interest your news from Maiduguri over the past year, as it was there in the early days that Justin Hanly, God be good to him, and myself set the ball rolling from a tiny cottage designed and built by Justin, fondly known as the "Gunner." When Bishop Dalton, God be good to him too, visited us from Yola there was no room in the Inn so he set up in the veranda like any old pioneer would do and he loved it. I have been in touch with John Columba O'Connor and he suggested that I send you the enclosed attachment. It may be a piece for your IAN Supplement. I wish you continued success in this new decade. God bless you. Tim O'Donovan.



Tim O'Donovan reading Christmas 2009 Holly Bough.
St Michael's Care Home, 93 Marine Parade East,
Clacton On Sea, Essex, CO156JW, England.

Tim's article "Childhood days in Courtmacsherry" is published on our website, under **IAN Supplement**.

Dear Pat, I think that while all contributors may speak about themselves, editors do not have that same freedom. Hence I send you this small extract from the Programme of the recent Dungarvan Park Hotel Sports Star Banquet 2009.

I hope you publish it.

"Finally a word of commendation for the adjudicating panel which comprises an inspirational chairman in Fr Pat Moran OSA who has been in that key post since the launching of the scheme over nineteen years ago. Although now based in Cork city, he continues to carry out his chairmanship duties flawlessly and with a level of commitment that anyone would do well to try and emulate." Jack Crean OSA

Hello Pat,

Just returned from Tanzania last night. Thanks for the Irish Augustinian news letter of January. You are making me popular when I am not. Thanks a million. Tanzanian friars will not just know about Augustinian bishops but also about the happenings of the mother province, Irish province. God bless the good works you are doing and the Irish Augustinian province, this year and years ahead.

Happy New Year.

Felix Usman OSA, Nairobi.

AYE LONDON 2010

Happy New Year!

The year of AYE London begins with lots of snow here which we hope will be replaced with blistering sunshine by the second week of August to welcome you to the biggest youth event on the Augustinian calendar! We are very excited to be nearing the event and we hope to have your continued support and prayers over the coming months as promotions, preparations and fundraising increase.

Don't miss out!!

If you want to be part of AYE London please register soon as we can only host 350 people and there are more than this number of young people and religious interested from across the globe. Group leaders please see the website for the registration form you need as we will accommodate on a first-come, first-served basis and we don't want you to miss out! Br. Barney runs around Rome... for a good cause! Br. Barney from the UK Province who is currently studying in Rome will run the Rome Marathon on 21 March 2010 to raise money to assist AYE participants attending the event who may not otherwise be able to do so. If you wish to sponsor him please contact Claire at ayelondon2010@hotmail.com

Please note that during the week of AYE, 9 - 15 August 2010, we will be having one day trips when we will visit Cambridge and Clare. This means that we will not be spending time as a group in city centre London visiting all the well-known attractions. If you wish to make time to do so as part of your visit to London we suggest you plan to do this before or after AYE itself.

If you would like assistance in planning your trip, please contact Jon San Jose on jon.sanjose@flightcentre.co.uk who is a travel agent based in London willing to give you a discounted price on attractions if you quote this reference 'AYE2010'

Love an enemy so that a friend can be made. St. Augustine.

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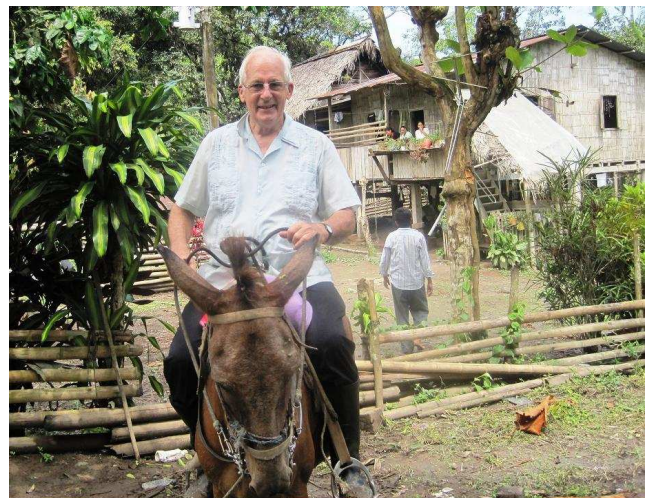


New Prayer Room, St Augustine's Priory, Cork.

ECUADOR



Five Ordinations



Pongase a un lado, John Wayne. Step aside, John Wayne

Paul O'Connor

DECLAN FOGARTY OSA GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS



There were joint Golden Jubilee Celebrations in St Mel's, Norco, California before Christmas. Fr Declan Fogarty OSA was celebrating the Golden Jubilee of his ordination which took place 19.12.1959.

St Mel's Roman Catholic Church which was established in 1959, also had Golden Jubilee Celebrations., Bishop of San Bernardino officiated, and over 750 people attended. Some members of Declan's family from Ireland were also in attendance

**GABRIEL FRANK McDONAGH
GOLDEN JUBILEE OF ORDINATION
19th DECEMBER 2009**

NAIROBI

A low key yet very dignified celebration was held to mark the Golden Jubilee of ordination to the priesthood of Gabriel Frank McDonagh on 19th December last. The first part of the occasion was celebrated in the oratory of the Holy Faith Convent, the Coombe with the Eucharist.

Fr Frank was the chief celebrant assisted by John Byrne, Peter Francis Haughey, Mattie Curran, Malachy Loughran, Patrick B. O'Rourke, David Middleton and Tom Cooney. Also present were his sisters Myra (Sr Benignus), Mona, Peggy (Sr Margaret), niece Mary, her husband Johnny, nephew John, his wife and family plus the local Holy Faith Community.

After the Gospel Malachy Loughran reflected on Gabriel's life as a priest and his enthusiasm for the ministry in the different places he has served over the past 50 years. David Middleton, Provincial of the Anglo Scottish Province spoke at the end of Mass, extending his congratulations on the occasion when a member of the province celebrated his Golden Jubilee.

The celebratory meal was held in the Grand Hotel Malahide, a beautiful setting overlooking the estuary. A very enjoyable occasion for all who had the honour of being present.

Ad Multos Annos, Gabriel. Tom Cooney OSA, John's Lane.



DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY
Please remember in your prayers the following members of
the Irish Province who have gone home to God.

01 1971 Fr K O'Flynn
02 2004 Fr P Killian
04 1961 Fr N Fitzhenry
04 1990 Fr H Sheehy
09 1969 Fr T Hoyne
11 1969 Fr TL McCabe
12 2006 Fr L Lyons
13 2007 Fr F O'Shaughnessy
13 2000 Fr FX Martin
16 1982 Fr L Meagher
18 1982 Fr C Roche
20 2006 Fr B Baldwin
25 1989 Fr J Anderson
26 2004 Fr P Tinney
27 1995 Fr D Treacy
29 1960 Fr PG Byrne
29 1992 Fr T Cooney

Denis Mason (who has served the African people so well over the past 40 years) has been unwell in Nairobi since before Christmas. Some think it had something to do with a bash he got while attending a football game. He, from the sideline, had his eye on the ball. So also had some eager defender who crashed into Denis knocking him to the ground. While there were no physical injuries the shock must have been great. He wasn't really himself afterwards.

A week or so later, he paid a few trips to Nairobi hospital, where he shared the same doctor as President Kibaki, although not the State House. Scrapings were taken, thinking that cancer might be involved, but thankfully the results, when they came back from South Africa, were negative. However he has been having some diabetes over the years, and never believing in discretion when it comes to food or refreshments, he may have upset his metabolism.

Also jaundice set in, so that as Tom Sexton wrote, he was as yellow as a banana. Eventually after careful observation and courses of antibiotics he was given the all clear and hopefully will be able to fly back to arrive in Dublin on February 2nd. He will be accompanied back from Africa by Francis Aherne and Claire O'Donoghue, sister in law of Francis, who was matron of the geriatric ward in C.U.H.

We wish Denis a speedy recovery, so that he can watch the progress of the Waterford hurlers in the National League.

Francis Aherne OSA, Cork.



Denis Mason OSA at School Mass

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK.

Welcome to Vol. 3 No 8. 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 Tom Sexton, Paul O'Connor, Declan Fogarty and John Byrne for photographs. Please note that we have started up the promised IAN Supplement. Articles, poetry and photographs are most welcome.

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