

IRISH AUGUSTINIAN NEWS



AN ARCHIVE of the work of the late Fr FX Martin, the leader of the campaign against the building of Dublin's civic offices at the Viking site in Wood Quay, has been given to the National Library of Ireland. A noted historian and expert in medieval history, Fr Martin was pursued by the then Dublin Corporation for £80,000 in costs in relation to a court case in the late 1970s which attempted to stop the destruction of archaeological remains caused by the construction of the new civic offices on the site.

He pleaded inability to pay and was some years later "forgiven" his debt by the council. Former president Mary Robinson, who was the legal adviser to Fr Martin, yesterday officiated at the handing over of the archive to the National Library by his order, the Augustinians. "While the court proceedings were lost we won the long-term issue", Mrs Robinson said. The site of Wood Quay was eventually declared a national monument.

The archive dates mainly from the 1960s onwards and includes a significant amount of material relating to Fr Martin's work as an historian including his work on the nine-volume publication, *A New History of Ireland*, which became a standard work of reference on Irish history.

Other noteworthy materials include those covering his work on the 12th-century cleric and writer Giraldus Cambrensis, as well as papers relating to the *Journal of the Royal Society of Antiquaries in Ireland*.

The archive also contains a small amount of primary source material relating to Wood Quay, including letters of support from international figures and prominent Irish citizens, including Mrs Robinson, who was a senator at the time. The bulk of Fr Martin's archives relating to the Wood Quay campaign are held in the National Museum.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY IAN



When the IAN was launched in July 2007, the hope was that it would enhance communication within the province and beyond. Three years later, it is gratifying to see how well that hope has been fulfilled. IAN's extensive mailing list now brings information to members and friends of the Irish Province right around the globe. The thirty-six issues published thus far, plus three Holly Bough editions provide a good potted history of the province over the past three years.

In wishing the IAN a happy birthday, I want to commend Pat Moran and his team for remaining faithful to their task and I also want to thank everyone who has contributed in any way over the past three years.

Please help to ensure the future success of IAN by taking the time to read it and by contributing material to it.

Here's to the next three years!! Gerry Horan OSA.



Former President Mary Robinson and husband Nick

SOME READERS' COMMENTS:

Hi Pat. Thank you for the interesting well published newsletter and placing me on your mailing list. Our friend Sr Mercedes is a remarkable woman. Please give her my regards.

Ted Scannell, Dublin. E-Mail: tjscannell@gmail.com

Thank you, Pat, for June IAN. As usual, an excellent production with much news for us in the Diaspora. Prosit also on your highly successful Italian pilgrimage. I am sure many of the travellers will carry cherished memories of it for the rest of their days. Tom Sexton OSA, Kenya.

Hi Pat, Many thanks for the June IAN and, as usual it is very well done. Brendan McDonnell OSA, Nigeria.

Text Message, May 31, 21:51 IAN received and read. Prosit as always. Gerry Horan OSA, Provincial.

Dear Pat, Greetings from Ishiara. Sometimes I get to read your IAN on e-mail and on very rare occasions I get a printed copy coming through the post. However, let it be said that since you use an old telephone number for Ishiara instead of the normal address, I feel that from now on, e-mail seems the better option. You may have been sending them for years to no effect. In case you want to send something by post, please try this address: Catholic Mission, P.O. Box 2, Ishiara, Mbeere North District, 60102, Kenya. I appreciate the information provided by Ian as other means of communications are virtually absent. Only recently I found that Harry Leahy and Mick Clifford had died - information I received from the publication from the Curia. Sometimes e-mail doesn't work here. We are using a radio signal rather than a fixed phone line. Thanks for the most useful service and greetings to all in Cork especially Denis. Fr. David Fitzgerald OSA, Ishiara, Kenya.

Dear Fr. Pat, Greetings from Rome. Thank you for the IAN containing our photo with our great old professor, Fr. Denis Mason. We were very glad to have seen him, concelebrated with him at Mass and shared that beautiful time together. Your pilgrimage to Rome brought joy and happiness to us. When next you come let me know so that you can come over and have lunch with us. Thanks once more and regards to the brothers especially Fr. Denis Mason. Edward Daleng, OSA Citta' Del Vaticano

Dear Pat, It may interest your readers to know that in the short while since launching of www.augustinians.ie we have had well over 1,200 visits from the following places:-

IRELAND.	UNITED KINGDOM.	UNITED STATES.
ITALY.	AUSTRALIA.	HUNGARY.
GERMANY.	SPAIN.	CZECH REPUBLIC.
NIGERIA.	FRANCE.	CANADA.
CROATIA.	PHILIPPINES.	NORWAY.
DENMARK.	COLUMBIA.	UGANDA.
MALTA.	POLAND.	ECUADOR.

Just shows you.. got to be out there !

Giles @ John's Lane.

Pat, I always read the Profiles in the IAN and enjoy hearing about the many friends in the Order. What about another addition to the IAN entitled,

Where are they now? It would be nice to hear from past pupils of long ago, what they have been doing and where are they now.

Here's something I have told many people about, from my time in Dugarvan in the 1950's. Can you recall that in the Square in Dungarvan you had the following shops:

Hill's - chemists, Greene's - grocery and Bus Stop, Mountain's - a pub if memory serves me right and, finally, Lawn's - shop, cafe and petrol.

How many past pupils recall this and were aware of it at the time. Keep up the good work.

Regards, Tony Jordan. Dublin.

A LAST VISIT TO SAN PIO ?

Seven years had elapsed since my last visit to San Pio. On that occasion, in 2003, I was with Pat (Ignatius) Farrell and we trudged up the familiar road from the Palazzo Colonna and the peaceful "giardino." Even then San Pio wore a forlorn look, one that recalled the "change and decay in all around I see" in one of the hymns for Night Prayer - but it was nothing compared with the utter devastation that shocked my eyes last week.

The earthquake that destroyed much of L'Aquila last year was also felt in Lazio. It was strong enough to collapse the roof of the church in San Pio. Since then it has been exposed to the elements and the winter rains and storms have taken their toll. Nevertheless the fine marble memorial to the first Aussie Augustinian, Laurence Moran is intact; so too the frescoes in the side chapels which still have a roof (surely that of St Anthony to the left of the entrance is valuable).

The house itself is in a deplorable state, a sad reminder of the better days when plays were staged on an upstairs corridor and memorable "occasions" were duly celebrated, often under the pergola outside, with the lights of Capranica sparkling the clear evening air. For the most part however, students and visitors alike breathed in the peace of Prior Glynn's villa.

I had met a couple from Paliano in the sanctuary of the Mother of Good Counsel. They were celebrating their wedding anniversary and after Mass they took me to San Pio. Enzo and Alba received us kindly and soon divulged the happy news that Patrizia (daughter) was - at last expecting a baby. I also met Luca, busy like his Dad in the only used room of the old house - now a honey "factory" from the hives that were always Enzo's love and pastime.

On the way back to Paliano, Vincenzo and Angela brought me to the shrine of "Madonna del Campo" in the cemetery on the road to Cave. The picture in no way resembles "our" Madonna of that title, now in St Pat's, but can this be put down to no more than coincidence? There was much to ponder over as I waited for a bus in Cave at the end of an evocative and nostalgic day. Was this to be my last visit to San Pio? 12.06.2010 Raymond Hickey OSA Abuja.

CONGRATULATIONS

Best wishes to Bro Finbar Spring OSA, who today 01.07.2010 celebrates the 50th Anniversary of Simple Profession. Auguri!

PROFILE No 4 FRANCIS AHERNE OSA



Francis' career as an Augustinian has Africa written all over it, having spent 38 years there. It began in 1971 with a teaching assignment in our Villanova Secondary School. Subsequently he opened the parish of Gembu and was administrator of the Cathedral in Yola for some years.

In 1977 a very new horizon opened up for Francis as he came to Jos where, as Vocations Director and Director of Formation, he coached hundreds of young Nigerian Augustinians who form the fast growing Nigerian Province of today. In Kaduna, 1991, he teleguided the building of a Church dedicated to St Monica which is still the pride of the archdiocese. During much of this time he was counsellor to the Vice Provincial and Treasurer of the Vice-Province.

Further ventures however lay ahead for Francis. Thus in 1995 he was mandated to do a feasibility study for the establishment of the Order in Kenya which resulted in he himself being appointed as its pioneer. With great courage and foresight he set up our house for philosophy students; he continued his work in Kenya as Vocations Director and chief formator of students. Meanwhile he also did a magnificent job as treasurer both of the local house as also of Kenyan Delegation as a whole.

Of the many things one could say about Francis perhaps his lasting and certainly most visible contribution was the building of the international house of formation – St Augustine's Friary. Here he applied his streetwise skills to the best in purchasing the land (5 acres) and in ensuring that the Augustinians had a fitting structure that can accommodate up to 60 people while at the same time being very close to Tangaza College and to the Catholic University. He was mainly responsible for setting up the Augustinian Library arguably the best such library in the continent.

Francis now resides in the city by the Lee. But no easy breezy "take it easy" existence for our man. He is up and doing on many fronts. Clearly he ain't finished yet.

Denis Mason OSA.

TWO BOOKS by Raymond Hickey OSA.

The Growth of the Catholic Church in Northern Nigeria
Second Edition, 2010 Augustinian Publications, Nigeria.

Fifty Years of Grace

The Catholic Church in Nigeria: 1960-2010
Augustinian Publications, P.O. Box 1627, Jos.

A PARISH OF POSSIBILITIES headed the *Irish Catholic* as it pictured a clearly enthusiastic range of outstretched hands in a full circle all focused on the center. It was all part of a full page report devoted to an initiative of Ballyboden Parish (June 17, 2010 p.20).

The catalyst of this bold endeavour was the fallout from the Ryan and Murphy Reports. The purpose of the initiative was threefold: to listen to each other; to determine an appropriate response with a view to spiritual healing; and finally to design practical measures that would help victims of clerical abuse.

In line with one of its guiding principles the initiative has gone beyond Ryan and Murphy both in scope and numbers. From the first meeting, held in March this year, there was a focus on increasing a sense of belongingness and solidarity within the parish with a view to a two way involvement in the wider Ballyboden.

While the objective was an increasing participation at all levels the strategy was an in depth listening of all stakeholders where basic consensus was far more important than agreements in detail. Many more meetings are now ongoing and planned for the future.

Apparently Padraig Daly, parish priest, and his priestly team wished to give a free hand to the process by leaving it to the lay people alone. But they would not hear of it. So priests and laypeople are now actively engaged. Saint Augustine would have loved it!



CONGRATULATIONS

Well done to Padraig J. Daly OSA, who has just produced another collection of Poems, *Afterlife*. (his 11th book). In this new collection he writes of the Afterlife of the title, of visions and versions of both Heaven and Hell, but also of the various afterlives, or Ages, we pass through here on earth. Struggling with the horrors of clerical abuse ("To our place of infamy, come, / Jesus, come"), he writes with particular tenderness about the younger members of his own wider circle, finding hope in the boundless imaginations, blessing and example in their love.

- back cover of Afterlife.

Useful link: www.staugustinescork.ie

Scroll down Main Menu. Click on Useful web-sites.
Click on 7 Padraig Daly's Poetry.

DROGHEDA

SOSAD RIVER LIGHTS FESTIVAL

The annual SOSAD 'River Lights' remembrances service will be held this year in the courtyard behind Scotch Hall Shopping Centre on Sunday 4th July at 7.00pm. This special event is a beautiful way to honour and remember those we lost through suicide. This ceremony will include a mixture of music, prayers and thoughts. Everyone will get to light a candle in memory of their loved one. This ceremony is open to anyone who knows someone who had died of suicide. This year we will be sheltered in a marquee if it rains. We hope to see you there. If you need any further information on this service or on any matter relating to suicide then please contact : 041 9748754



Bro Paddy Lennon OSA, Kate Veale, All Ireland Schools Race Walking Champion and Pat Moran OSA

DURING THE MONTH OF JULY

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

07 2000 Fr B Delaney
14 1966 Br J Caples
14 1990 Fr A Kennedy
15 1980 Fr F Madden
16 2002 Fr D Brosnan
19 1962 Fr P Donegan
20 1989 Fr T Butler
21 1968 Fr P J Bolger
21 1987 Fr B Power
22 1992 Fr C Kehoe
22 2002 Fr C N McCarthy
27 1996 Br G Flatley

THANK YOU

The O'Donnell/O'Mahony families thank the Fr Provincial and all the Friars who attended the funeral of my brother Tom O'Donnell in Drinagh on Thurs. 29th April, 2010. Beyond the call of duty and much appreciated.
+ Louis O'Donnell OSA.

DAVID PUNCH R.I.P. (06.06.2010)

Jack Crean OSA again wishes to thank the Provincial and the Friars from Abbeyside, Fethard and Limerick who attended his brother-in-law's funeral, and also to those who phoned and sent messages of sympathy.

GALWAY

LITURGY: Quite a lot of planning and work has gone into the Liturgy for our Summer Festival this year. As I have already flagged, the First Communion classes from St. Pat's School in the parish will be the main 'movers and shakers' (literally!) at the Festival Mass.

The theme of the celebration is

"Let us Give Thanks to God for all his Creation."

We will integrate our own young children into the celebration. If those who received their First Holy Communion this year could wear their outfits, it would be lovely. With this in mind, we will put them through their paces in a very brief rehearsal after the 11.00 Sunday Mass. The St. Pat's boys will hold rehearsals with their teachers during the week. The Church of Ireland community will be invited to join us for all phases of the celebrations.

□ **CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENT:** Children's entertainment has become a very important component of our Mid Summer Festival. It is easy enough to get an entertainer for a night. However, these children do have very long memories. So it is not feasible to repeat the same stunt, year in year out. In doing so we would be exposing an unfortunate entertainer to ridicule or even death by stoning! (These young kids know what they want!) It has been some years now since we imported a magician. So we decided to secure the services of a member of the Irish Magic Circle for this year's 'gig'. Things will begin to disappear around 7.45!

- Galway Sunday Bulletin.



Michael Danaher OSA, visits Hospital in Flavio, Ecuador

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK.

Welcome to Vol. 4 No 1. IAN is four today. Can't believe it, how time flies! Thanks to all who have contributed to IAN during the last three years. Special thanks to David Moran, Francis Aherne, John O'Connor and Peter Galus for their invaluable help, and to John Byrne and Paul O'Connor for photographs.

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