

IRISH AUGUSTINIAN NEWS



Tommy McManus, Pat Gay and Denis Mason OSA

We have just finished our Annual Novena in honour of Our Mother of Good Counsel. It was for all of us a spectacular experience of deep love and devotion for Mary our mother. Fr. Pat invited me to pen a few lines in appreciation for the next publication of IAN. Although I am a native of Cork this was my first time ever having the opportunity to attend the Novena. I was very impressed and very edified by the Faith and commitment of the very large number of people who came every day to honour our Mother of Good Counsel.....For weeks beforehand notices were distributed throughout the city and county inviting the people to join us. The response was truly magnificent. Altogether up to about 30,000 people attended. My overriding consideration during the whole ten days was of a people involved in an exercise of intense prayer. We had three sessions daily. At each session we celebrated the Mass, special Homily, Rosary and Novena Prayers. Our four excellent Preachers were Fr Tommy McManus OSA, Fr Denis Mason OSA, Fr Pat Gayer OSA and Fr Gerry Horan OSA (provincial). Fr Pat Moran OSA (prior) worked diligently throughout the Novena to help make it a resounding success. Many people from all over the world joined us through the Internet. At the Mass on the Saturday before the Feast we anointed all the people present, this was much appreciated by all. At the final Mass of the Novena Bishop John Buckley was chief concelebrant together with the local Augustinian community and some visiting clergy.

Sean Dowling OSA, Cork.



Pat Moran, Tommy McManus and Michael O'Regan OSA



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A VIEW FROM THE PEW!

For me April 17 – 26th was a memorable spiritual experience. The Annual Novena of Our Lady of Good Counsel. The Novena 2010 was extra special – a “voice from the grave” for three days – Fr Tommy McManus who was on the Prayer list for recovery a year or so ago!

On the pulpit for another three days – Fr Denis Mason who got spontaneous tremendous clap for bravery – for his total acceptance of his present serious illness.

The Provincial, Fr Gerry Horan at his usual best and “filling in” the vacuum caused by the “2010 listed preacher” Fr John Hughes who was grounded in Europe –Volcano Ash had reached Dubrovnik.

Fr Pat Gayer was drafted in from his duties at St Patrick’s Hospital, Dublin for another two days and like all Corkmen did a praiseworthy job. I enjoyed the variety of preachers, each one inspiring me in an unique way.

Apart from the homilies, there were a number of impressive highlights – the congregation 2000 strong – 15 priests administering the Sacrament of the Sick – such acclamation of faith and hope. The earnest devotion at Mass and the thousands receiving Holy Communion was evidence that the Faith is alive and well in St Augustine’s Cork.

I was unable to attend the Feast Day, but I followed it on the Internet. It was a powerful finale, the church packed, the choir in full volume and our faithful friars of St Augustine’s, together with Bishop John Buckley to bless the huge congregation with the Provincial at his side.

Sr Mercedes, St Maries of the Isle.

GOOD COUNSEL COLLEGE
PAST / PRESENT
AUGUSTINIAN FATHERS / BROTHERS
PAST / PRESENT PUPILS

GOLF DAY

AT NEW ROSS GOLF CLUB
FRIDAY 20th AUGUST 2010

TWO COMPETITIONS

1). FR DECLAN BROSANAN OSA CUP

OPEN TO ALL AUGUSTINIANS
PAST / PRESENT

2). TOBY KAVANAGH CUP

OPEN TO ALL GOOD COUNSEL STUDENTS
PAST / PRESENT

NO TIME SHEET - PLAY ON ARRIVAL

Course Booked from 12.30 – 2.00pm

FEE: €15 - Excluding Meal

Tel No's: Dermot Kavanagh 051 423852
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New Ross Golf Club on Golf Day after 11.00am

- My main concern is not to fill the church; it is to fill your hearts.
- My concern is not just to make the Catholic Church stronger; it is to make you stronger.
- My main concern is not to get you to heaven when you die; it is to get you vibrantly alive before you die.
- It is to make your hearts big for things, not keeping them small by wasting energy on trivial pursuits about the trappings of religion.
- My main concern is not to contemplate the angels in heaven but to be angels to those around us - and to reveal within them the angels they already are.
- My main concern is not to provide God's forgiveness for your sins (Jesus has already taken care of that); it is to enable you to forgive each other, and especially to forgive your self for the things you have done in the past - that is the only forgiveness not to worry about - because with guilt, shame and anxiety we only destroy ourselves.
- At the end of the day there are two things; one is that we can say or do nothing to make God love us one tiny bit more or one tiny bit less: the other is that we are called only to be authentic, truthful, courageous; in other words, because we are God's work of art, because God lives in our deepest souls, we are called to be true to ourselves.

GOOD COUNSEL COLLEGE NEW ROSS

After months of preparation the joint school musical, Les Miserables' played to full houses over the past 4 nights in St. Michaels Theatre. Audiences were fulsome in their praise of an outstanding production and acknowledged their appreciation of the wonderful performances with standing ovations. The cast, backstage crew, production team, parents and the teachers involved have done both Good Counsel College and St. Mary's proud.

For those of us seeing our boys on stage, it is a valuable reminder of the depth of talent among the student body, of which we would often remain blissfully unaware were it not for the opportunities afforded to these young people by productions such as this. The huge amount of time and effort put in by teachers, school staff, and indeed parents, to bring a show such as this to the stage is also often overlooked. We owe all involved a depth of gratitude.

More details and pictures will appear in 'Featured News Stories' section.

Back at base there was plenty of important work ongoing as the French, Spanish and German Leaving Cert. orals were taking place, interviews took place for next years L.C.A. programme and parents of next years 1st year group met with school management.

On Tuesday night last the Co. Wexford Meitheal Alliance conducted interviews in the Brandon House Hotel for next year's student Meitheal leaders. Information on the Meitheal programme can be found in the "Students' Corner " section of this website.

On Monday, a group of American students from Mercyhurst College in Pennsylvania, will visit the school at our invitation. Good Counsel College has a long association with Mercyhurst and there are currently 7 past pupils studying there. The American students who will visit are on a study programme in Dungarvan for this academic year and we have arranged for them to visit the Dunbrody famine ship and Kennedy homestead while in New Ross.

- Taken from Good Counsel College Website:

www.goodcounselcollege.ie



The cast of Les Miserables

ORLAGH BIBLE WEEK

June 21-25, 2010

Interest in the Bible has increased among people in recent decades and the annual **Orlagh Bible Week** provides people with an opportunity to deepen their understanding and love of the Bible. This year the theme of the Bible Week is

The Text of Meeting: Encounters with the Living Word.

The week will be led by Sean Goan, Carmel McCarthy and Kieran O'Mahony, each of them an experienced and skilled biblical scholar with a gift for opening up the Scriptures for the non-expert. They will explore the question: How does Scripture function as the word of God? In answering the question they will illustrate their answers with examples from different parts of the Bible. The week runs from 10 am on Monday, June 21st to 2pm on Friday, June 25th. Cost is €375 (residential) and €220 (non-residential).

LECTIO DIVINA RETREATS

**July 4-11, 2010, and
August 8-14, 2010**

The Journey out and the Journey in: Luke as guide for rediscovering the Good News for Today.

Kieran O'Mahony, Bernadette Toal and John Byrne.

€425. Sunday 6pm to Saturday 2 pm

6-DAY DIRECTED RETREAT 11 July 24-August 1, 2010

John Byrne, Carmel McCarthy and Flor O'Callaghan

€425. Sunday 6 pm to Sunday 12 noon

Pat, Greetings from Cuba. A "tough station" as someone used to say and I'm happy I've survived this long. Church influence – work is very controlled so it's much of a holding situation. What a joy it was to assist at Ordination of two local men in Havana on April 24. I'm keeping really well T.G. Greet all for me. Declan Deasy OSA, Havana.



St Thomas of Villanova, Miramar, La Habana.
Statue beheaded (no harm as it is a poor work anyway) -what remains is a stump with iron bars.
Confiscated in 1961. Augustinians expelled. University at rear. Returned in 2009, Sept 22nd to Archbishop of La Habana.

Fr Pat Moran, again thank you for the trojan work you are doing with IAN. I do happen to know a few names this month. Fr John Hennebry O.S.A. but in particular Brother Paddy Lennon. To add just a little to the distinguished career of Brother Paddy, he is also an accomplished golfer, having won the Fr Lyons Cup and the Brosnan Cup on more than one occasion. May you all enjoy a happy Holy and peaceful Easter.

David Egan, (former pupil Good Counsel).

Prosit, the Profiles are a great idea.

For a former Augustinian like me it is a boon to be able to get a detailed life profile on priests and brothers I had known and admired when I was in the Order.

The ones on Brother Paddy Lennon and Fr. Mason are superb-do keep the idea going.

Well done and thanks for including me in your circulation. Paddy Lane, Ennis Co Clare.

Hi Pat

Two small but significant misprints in your latest issue.

My email is actually hessionn@eircom.net also, the aye website is specific to the festival, it can be found at www.aye10.org the Irish province has a website which is dedicated to the youth ministry of the province. we invite every house to link to us and to send material for inclusion - we will include everything that is relevant and sent on time, the address of this site is

www.augustinianyouthireland.com. I would be much obliged to you if you could draw your readers' attention to this distinction as it could cause some confusion when trying to book for the festival. All booking forms are available on the aye site, the relevant information for participating in the Irish group is to be found on www.augustinianyouthireland.com (put travel agent into the search box and you will get all the details)

Anyone who has not booked already should make contact as soon as possible Thanks for your contributions Pat, well done, I will write up something re the youth soon Noel Hession OSA, Ballyboden.

Hi Pat, I suppose you are up to your eyeballs with the Novena, etc.. I was looking through the IAN supplement and came across the piece on St. Joseph. I came across the following prayer as it appears a few months back:

" Prayer to Saint Joseph. (This most ancient prayer was found in the year 50 A.D.)

'Great St. Joseph, whose protection is so strong and prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires. Assist me by your most powerful intercession to obtain all spiritual blessings in Jesus Christ, our Lord. And, by gaining here below your heavenly favour, I offer my thanksgiving and homage to God, the most loving of Fathers. O Great St. Joseph, I never weary of thinking of you, with the Child Jesus asleep in your arms. Ask for me the favour of His love, when I draw my dying breath! St. Joseph, the Patron of departing souls - Pray for me.'

Matt Cooney OSA, Dungarvan.

STATIONS IN THE SUN



Good Friday this year for us started out dull with the threat of rain. It meant that the going was rather muddy in some of the slum areas and we were picking our way along the edges of the road while avoiding the increasing traffic. Still, we were out the gate at 9.10 am, with members of our Parish Council carrying the Cross to the First Station. On we walked, encouraged by the singing of the various choirs. At each Station, after the regular reading from the Scriptures, we had a reflection from one of our volunteer catechists. These grounded the particular Station in the local area, sometimes giving a reason for picking that particular spot. Our pace seemed slower, and our crowd larger, this year with the result that we did not return to the compound for the 14th Station till 3.15 pm. Many developments have taken place along the route but we were fortunate to find our 'Calvary' still fairly intact and not yet built upon. An added hazard this year were the many motorcycle taxis that have 'invaded' the area in recent months. These had scant regard for prayer or reflection as they blew their horns and raced to pick their fares and make an extra shilling. The sun came out about noon, with the result that our two Irish visitors were rather roasted, though they had put on their sun block. They blamed it on the interaction with their anti-malarial drugs. Despite the long trek all the people still remained with us for the two and a half hours of the Good Friday liturgy that followed, amplified by the Passion Drama of our youth group. Through it all we felt we had shared in the Passion of the Lord as we journeyed with Him through the Sacred Triduum, which culminated in the baptism of 48 new members at the Vigil celebrations. It was a time of celebration and rejoicing. *Tom Sexton, OSA.*



ONGOING FORMATION - book for this month is

Global Catholicism: Diversity and change since Vatican 2 by Ian Linden, Columbia University Press 2009

"In the author's usual lucid and racy style he takes us through the struggles that led up to and dominated the Second Vatican Council as well as the conflicts and struggles of today's church. He pulls no punches about controversial issues such as celibacy, liberation theology, Inculturation, Islam and Roman domination. One of the greatest achievements of the book though is that it is not Eurocentric. Today's church with its strengths and weaknesses is a global church, and Linden is well positioned to write about what is happening not only in Europe and North America but also Latin America, Africa and Asia. *Global Catholicism* is singularly informative and enlightening not least because it is boldly honest."

Fr Albert Nolan.

Flor O'Callaghan OSA, Dungarvan.

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

01 1978 Fr C O'Driscoll
 10 2002 Fr M O'Connor
 11 1980 Fr D Daly
 19 2008 Fr MI Sexton
 20 1974 Fr O Hartnett
 20 1974 Fr N McFadden
 22 1968 Fr J Chawke
 23 1990 Fr M O'Donovan
 24 1983 Br C O'Connell
 25 1976 Fr C Delaney
 26 2007 Fr M O Flynn
 27 2003 Fr P Kehoe
 30 2002 Fr A Hourihane.

Please remember Tom O'Donnell, brother of Bishop Louis and Columba O'Donnell OSA, who died in England 20.04.2010. He was buried in Drinagh, West Cork.

Also Bishop Norman McFarland, late of Orange County, who died mid April.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK.

Welcome to Vol. 3 No 11. Thanks to all who have contributed to this edition. Special thanks to David Moran, Francis Aherne, John O'Connor for their invaluable help, and to John Byrne and Tom Sexton for photographs. Sorry, no Profiles this month, as we had a communications mishap. They will return next month.

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