

# IRISH AUGUSTINIAN NEWS



## AUGUSTINIAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

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Il cielo non prometteva nulla di buono, le nuvole facevano presagire una giornata di pioggia e l'aria era tutt'altro che mite... Ma ci si alzava presto, si partiva per andare ad omaggiare la Vergine Immacolata al Santuario di Knock in prossimità della festa della Madonna del Monte Carmelo. Il clima quindi faceva solo da contorno.

Ma inaspettatamente l'aria si è subito riscaldata, mitigata da un'accoglienza calda e sincera, avuta dai partecipanti al pellegrinaggio. Accoglienza fatta di sorrisi gentili, capaci di farti sentire a casa, dove non vi è spazio per formalità e apparenze. Anche perché, per chi come me viene da un'altra nazione e conosceva (e conosce) a malapena l'inglese, l'apparenza non può avere nessun peso.

A metà strada, dopo due ore di viaggio allietate da inni mariani e dalla meditazione dei misteri del Santo Rosario, ci siamo fermati per una sosta e per gustare quella che si dice una "tradizionale colazione irlandese". Molto diversa da quelle che ero abituato a fare in Italia, ma che devo ammettere molto gradevole e apprezzata.

Ed è proprio durante la sosta che l'accoglienza e la delicatezza del nostro accompagnatore, Padre Sean Dowling, mi ha mostrato come quel pellegrinaggio fosse una cosa di famiglia e non solo di un gruppo di amici. Il porgere la mano ad ogni partecipante perché, scendendo dal pullman, avesse un appoggio sicuro, si è mostrato come un gesto delicato che sottolineava attenzione e premura.

Una volta arrivati, il Santuario di Knock si è rivelato un posto silenzioso, fatto di preghiera e meditazione, ove non trovavano spazio né confusione né frastuono. Un momento importate, dove ognuno ha potuto trascorrere un po' di tempo in silenzio, con se stessi, in compagnia della Beata Vergine. Presto è stata ripresa la strada di casa, ma la giornata trascorsa rimane un piacevole ricordo, dove accoglienza e preghiera hanno permesso di sentirsi di famiglia. Ringrazio i confratelli della Provincia Irlandese per avermi dato la possibilità di partecipare a questa bella giornata e a tutti i pellegrini che mi hanno fatto sentire a casa, mostrandomi un'accoglienza e una disponibilità non comuni. A tutti grazie e un fraterno saluto,

Fr. Christian Iorio OSA St Monica's, Rome.

Sean Dowling Cork, Gerry Horan Provincial, Tom Foley Galway, and Tommy McManus John's Lane, Dublin.



A word of appreciation and thanks to all the communities and local directors who contributed their time and energy in making our Augustinian Pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine at Knock Co. Mayo on Saturday 16th July last, possible and a prayerful occasion.

It was great to see our people there from New Ross, Drogheda, Fethard, Cork, Grantstown, Abbesside, Dungarvan, Galway, John's Lane, Limerick.

Some people reminded me again this year that they would never get to Knock except we Augustinians provided the opportunity for them, even if they have free travel.

Thanks to Gerry Horan our Provincial who was chief celebrant at the Eucharist and Tommy McManus for a relevant homily on the feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Thanks also to the readers from Fethard and Grantstown and the choir from John's Lane.

The date is already set for next year, Saturday July 21st. Looking forward to another good turn out.

Thanks to IAN for the opportunity of saying THANKS to one and all.

Tom Cooney OSA, Pilgrimage Director.

**FR EDWARD ALOYSIUS KENRICK OSA  
(1909 – 1938)**

Ted Kenrick, as he was known, was born on 15 April, 1909 at Fethard, Co Tipperary. He received his early schooling from the Patrician Brothers at Fethard and from there went to St Augustine's College, Dungarvan to complete his secondary education.

He was received into the Order, at Orlagh, on 1 November, 1924 and made his Simple Profession there on 13 November, 1925. From Orlagh he was sent to St Patrick's College, Rome where he completed the Theological course at the Gregorian University with distinction. He was ordained in July 1931.

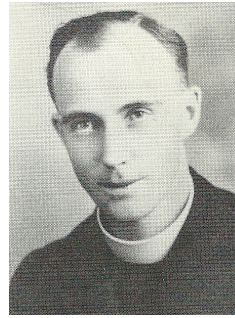
Shortly after his ordination the young priest was sent to North Queensland, arriving at Cairns in December 1931. He spent three years in Cairns as assistant priest before being appointed to Gordanvale, near Cairns, as parish priest, in 1934.



Father Kenrick had never enjoyed good health but he deteriorated sharply in the months before his death. He was sent to Sydney for urgent medical treatment and was operated on there to no avail. When he realised that it would be only a short time before death claimed him, he asked to be returned to Cairns to be near the people he loved, in the parish which made him so happy.

He requested that he be buried near the porch of the church so that the people who passed by his grave might say a prayer for the repose of his soul.

The return journey to Cairns was made by plane, quite unusual for those days. He was placed in hospital at St Anthony's Private Hospital, Cairns but after a few weeks there, he died on 22 December 1938.



Lewisham Private Hospital,  
Sydney  
3<sup>rd</sup> Dec. 1938

My Dearest Father and Mother,  
I  
am writing to both of you this time  
because you are both going to be  
sharers in what Our Divine Lord is  
asking. I don't know if any other

letters will have reached you before this to break the news  
of what is going to bring us all so much closer to God. It  
looks like as if He wants me sooner than I expected. I  
know you will both kneel before Him and repeat my  
answer -

Thy Holy Will be done.

He surely sees something more than ordinary in us when  
He asks a sacrifice like this. It is hard, indeed, but that is  
just what makes it more meritorious. Show yourselves  
grateful to God now in having given you a priest by  
offering the gift back to Him.

The doctors have been here this morning and had a long  
talk with me. They have done their best, but there is an  
apparent "growth" in the lower bowel that is too large to  
remove. The spiral "ray" treatment I was having was  
expected to destroy it, but that seemingly failed. There is  
one faint hope - sometimes the effect of the "ray" is  
delayed. However, I am not looking at the one per cent  
view; it is more important to consider the way that seems  
most open. It may be some considerable time before any  
further results are seen, and there is also the possibility that  
it may only be a short time before it makes itself felt.

I am ready for Almighty God whenever He wants me. It is  
not such a terrible thing after all - it is something we must  
face one day or another, and it is a great mercy from God  
to have so much time to prepare. I must now put into  
practice what I have so often preached. In a few more years  
that will pass quickly God will call both of you, and what a  
welcome you will get. It is something to look forward to -  
meeting Fr O'Leary and all our old wonderful friends.

Well, dear father and mother, I may have plenty of time to  
write you several more letters, so don't think this is the  
last. Who knows but I might get strong enough to go back  
to Ireland? Whatever God wants must be done now, when  
you go to Mass and Communion in the morning, hand  
everything over to Him and make me prouder than ever of  
my two wonderful parents.

Our Blessed Mother of Good Counsel will help you and  
obtain for you strength in this time of trial.

**+ The blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost,  
descend upon you and remain always with you.**

Your loving Son

Ted. (Kenrick OSA)

The above piece on the left was taken from "*Out Where  
Dead Men Lie*" by Stan Arneil. The photos I took when I  
visited Gordanvale, with Peter Hayes OSA in September  
2005.

I did pray for fellow Tipperary man as I passed into the  
Church. The above "Letter" I received from Columba  
O'Donnell OSA, Abbeyside in recent times! - Editor.

## VISIT TO POLAND



Peter Galus, Emil Jan Biernat and Pat Moran OSA.

On Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July I flew from Cork to Katowice, with Fr Peter Galus, Polish Chaplain of the Diocese of Cork and Ross who is in residence here in St Augustine's, Washington St, Cork for the last five and a half years.

We were met at the airport by Peter's brother who took us to his home town of Tarnow.

We spent the first few days with Peter's mother and visited many places of interest around Tarnow, including Kierlakowa, where they make Church linens and vestments.

We spent an entire morning in Stary Sacz where Blessed John Paul II canonised Saint Kinga in an open field, in 1999, where they built a massive Papal altar. This took two months to build and beneath the altar is a beautiful Museum with many souvenirs of John Paul, including a model of the Papal altar which took two years to build.

Nearby is the Holy Trinity Church and adjacent is Saint Kinga's chapel, and beneath the altar is a small casket containing the relics of Saint Kinga.

We also visited Zakopane, the Wieliczka Salt Mines, the Shrine of Divine Mercy in Krakow, and the Convent of St Faustina.

When we got to Krakow we got a great welcome from Fr Emil Jan Bieranat OSA, Polish Provincial. He brought us to the Augustinian Monastery, attached to the magnificent Church of St Catherine, which was founded by King Kazimierz the Great.

On our final day we visited Auschwitz and Czestochowa, where we saw many pilgrims arriving after a nine day journey on foot. Here in the Chapel of the Mother of God, (Black Madonna), we concelebrated with 40 visiting priests.

During our stay with the Augustinians, we discussed the possibility of a member of the Polish Province coming to Cork, to maybe preach a Retreat, or Tridium to the Mother of Good Council. Here in Cork the Polish Community are a very active and vibrant Church-going-community. We also met Br Peter OSA, who did his Novitiate in Racine, just ahead of Colm O'Mahony. He has good English and when ordained would be very regularly anxious to have an English Mass in Krakow.

Finally, I believe a strong link has been made with the Polish Augustinian Province, and I feel a visit to Cork might strengthen that link and who knows, Irish Province vocations could come from continuing discussions and exchange visits with the Polish OSA's.

## Tom Crowley's response to Dick Brennan

My 'memories' were written as a spontaneous response to our conversation and your invitation to come together with fellow 'Nigerians' in Dublin. I feel quite overwhelmed that you would ask that my thoughts would be 'aired' at the event. I certainly had no thought, as I wrote my reflections, that they might be 'shared' with others. I would be privileged, but I would certainly not expect my particular thoughts to be given a public 'audience'. I am not too sure that they merit that. But, if it adds to the occasion for others I would have no problem at all. I am glad that you will 'run it by' others - such as Mary Jo.

The Mercy sisters were a great addition to our lives in Yola Diocese. I remember writing to my mother (God rest her) and asking her to bring a letter to the Dungarvan Observer and Dungarvan Leader requesting publication of an appeal for funding for a kit-car for them. My Mam did great work at home and the papers gave huge support to the cause. Within a relatively short space of time, the funds were raised. It was such a privilege and such a joy to be able to help. I often think that today's world is too full of those who yearn for public recognition for everything they do. I call it the 'Mise a dhein é sin' syndrome or, in another way, people yearning to be 'i lár an aonaigh' - looking to be the centre of attention.

I was trying to think about those who have passed away, mentioned Fr Garman and Fr Bowlby and wondered about others who have died, besides Dan Kelliher, Jim Kiely, Teddy Hegarty and ran into the area of Alzheimer's! I was even trying to recall who was where in the diocese and could not. Fr John Gough (RIP), Fr Jed Roche, Fr Gerry Sheehan, Fr ..... Can you help me to get them to mind? I tried to 'google' names of OSA's in Nigeria but could find nothing of any consequence. Tom Crowley.

## Pilgrimage to Knock

July 16 was unusual day. From different parts of Ireland people went to the shrine at Knock. Knock – a small town in the west Ireland. There is the National Shrine of the Ireland. One of the most important Marian shrines in the world. In the nineteenth century there appeared Our Lady in the company of St. Joseph and St. John the Evangelist. From Cork we left at 7.00 by comfortable bus.

Pilgrimage started from prayer. The journey to Knock took us about 5 hours. Halfway up we ate a delicious breakfast. It was a famous Irish breakfast.

At breakfast I was able to speak English. People asked about different things and helped to answer. Very nice atmosphere. To Knock arrived about 12 o'clock.

Although it rained, all were in excellent mood. At the beginning we went to church where Our Lady had appeared. After the prayer we had free time. We could go the Way of the Cross, a walk or to the book store. At 15.00 started solemn Mass in the basilica. There were many people. During the Mass was the sacrament of the sick. After Mass, I could talk to the priests from different parts of the world. We left Knock about 17.00 o'clock. On the way back we had a wonderful dinner. It was also the occasion of common conversation at the table. Day passed quickly and brought a lot of experience. I thank God and the Augustinians that I could participate in it. It was a good time for prayer.

Fr Andrew Józefów (Polish Priest)



## **SOME READERS' COMMENTS:**

Dear Pat, Greetings, and prosit on your great work with IAN. Now that I have become used to reading the PDF version that reaches me by e-mail, I would like to save you postage by suggesting that you cancel the copy that arrives by mail a week later. Thanks again, Michael Endicott O.S.A. Australia.

Dear Fr. Moran, Greetings from Jos. I have received the newsletter. Many thanks for including me on the mailing list. Thanks also for the warm welcome and the wonderful hospitality in your house. A letter of thanks is in the post. We were very happy visiting missionaries who served us in Nigeria with great distinction and are back to Ireland. Many thanks for your generous donation offered through Fr. Aherne. God bless and reward the donors. Best wishes. Regards to members of your community.

Ignatius A. Kaigama, Archbishop of Jos. Nigeria

Dear Pat, Thank you for the latest issue of IAN! Best wishes, David Kelly OSA, Ballyboden.

Pat hello. IAN received, downloaded, read and enjoyed as always. Prosit and thanks. Gerry Horan OSA, Fethard.

## **DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST**

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

04 1988 Br A Murphy  
06 1971 Fr J V Byrne  
13 2005 Fr J Callaghan  
14 1986 Fr C Hussey  
16 1965 Fr P Doyle  
18 1987 Fr T A Daly  
19 1973 Fr J Phelan  
19 1980 Fr T Hand  
19 2003 Fr J Sheehan  
22 2002 Fr M Cullen  
24 1997 Fr C Ahern  
26 1992 Fr J Grace  
29 1997 Fr S Coffey  
31 1965 Fr L Cotter  
31 2003 Fr M Twomey

## **FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK.**

Welcome to Vol. 5 No. 2. Thanks to all who have contributed to this edition of IAN. Special thanks to Peter Galus, David Moran, Francis Aherne, John O'Connor, Columba O'Donnell and Andrew Jozefow for their invaluable help, and to Sean Dowling and Christian Iorio for photos.

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## **AUGUSTINIAN FATHERS/BROTHERS**

**Past/Present**

## **GOOD COUNSEL COLLEGE**

**Past/Present Pupils**

## **GOLF DAY**

**At New Ross Golf Club**

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2011**

## **TWO COMPETITIONS**

### **1. FR BROSANAN OSA CUP**

**Open to all Augustinian Fathers & Brothers**

**(Past and Present)**

### **2. TOBY KAVANAGH CUP**

**Open to all Good Counsel students**

**(Past and Present)**

**NO TIME SHEET - PLAY ON  
ARRIVAL**

**Course Booked from 12.00 - 2.00pm**

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085 10433761**

**New Ross Golf Club on Golf Day after 11.a.m  
051 421433**

## **GOLDEN AGE FOR IRISH GOLF.**

**Just a reminder that the Vinny Lyons perpetual trophy is up for grabs at Rathdowney golf club on Tuesday 23rd August. Parkland course, easily accessible from M7 and M8 motorways. Time, midday and fee for golf and dinner is €25. Bring golf friends if you wish – prize for them too. Golf psychologists available at the 19<sup>th</sup>! I had better go and search for the cup and get it polished up....**

**Francis Aherne OSA.**