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DROGHEDA SUICIDE MASS



Iggy O'Donovan OSA, Mairead McGuinness MEP, Senator James Carroll and Cllr. Richie Culhane

The number of people in Ireland affected by suicide is "truly frightening", according to Fr Iggy O'Donovan OSA, who celebrated the fifth annual SOSAD (Save our Sons and Daughters) Mass on Sunday 6.02.11.

The Mass for victims of suicide and those bereaved by suicide took place in the Augustinian Church in Drogheda, Co Louth and was broadcast live on RTE 1 television.

Fr O'Donovan told the *"Irish Catholic"* that the annual commemoration has become the largest liturgical event in the area, which shows the extent of the issue of suicide. "The figures for suicides in Ireland are truly frightening. They are three times greater than for road traffic victims, yet there is still a taboo for many families dealing with a suicide," he said.

Fergus Finlay, CEO of Bernardos, gave a reflection at the Mass about the benefits of seeking professional help to come to terms with the grief of suicide.

"Painful as any loss is, dealing with the loss caused by suicide is different. Different in all sorts of ways," he said. "We know that hand in hand with a sense of loss go other, conflicting emotions – anger, shame, guilt, sometimes even the desire to follow, to end our own pain."

- Mags Gargan (Irish Catholic 10.02.11).



Fergus Finlay, Mairead McGuinness MEP, Mayor Paul Bell and Supt. Gerry Smith



Bill Prendiville, Kieran O'Mahony, Flor O'Callaghan

HORSE AND JOCKEY

The clash of election day with the Ongoing Formation Commission's session in Horse and Jockey led to a reduced number attending, but the twenty five people there had a stimulating and enlightening few days.

Kieran O'Mahony set the scene on Thursday evening with a session on the structure of Matthew's Gospel. Seamus O'Connell followed on Friday with three sessions on themes from Matthew. His style of presentation was creative and interactive, and he opened up new ways of looking at gospel texts. Some points were left unfinished as he moved on to cover the agenda he had set himself. There was some frustration in this but the enthusiasm of the man for his material was infectious and left people wanting to hear more.

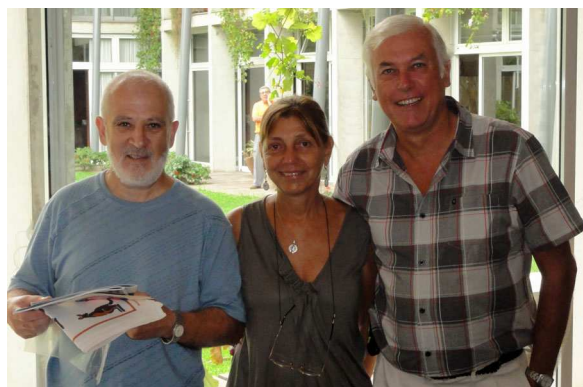
Jonathan Kearney was very different in style as he gave his three presentations: introductions to Judaism, Islam and the Middle East. He had a breath-taking grasp of the complexities of the geography, politics, culture, languages, religions, history and ethnic mix of the Middle East. Listeners were amazed that one person could have such encyclopedic knowledge. His ability to communicate this in simple concise presentations was wonderful. It was a masterly introduction to material about which most of us knew very little.

At the end Flor O'Callaghan noted that this was the final session of the present series of ongoing formation seminars. When he asked participants if they would like more, the answer was a resounding 'yes'. He said that the Ongoing Formation Commission would conduct consultations with all interested parties with a view to see how the formation programme might be continued, and possibly extended to reach a wider audience.

- John Byrne OSA, Orlagh.

BUENOS AIRES

A meeting of the International Commission of Augustinian Laity was held in Buenos Aires in January 2011 to prepare for the Augustinian Lay Congress which is to be held in Rome from 11th to 17th July 2012, and to discuss future options for the composition of the Commission. There were 26 people present, 9 friars and 17 laity, from 10 countries.



Our genial, very welcoming, and highly efficient hosts for the occasion were P. Nicanor Suarez Saldaña OSA and Patricia and Gabriel Williams.

As the meeting progressed the shape of the congress became clearer.

- The topic of the Congress will be *On the Way with St. Augustine: Being the Body of Christ for the World Today*. This theme is of particular interest to us in Ireland as we are celebrating the Eucharistic Congress the same year.

As the Augustinian world is divided into five zones Fr. Luciano proposed the following possible structure for the International Commission for the Laity: 5 friars (one from each of the five zones) and 12 lay people: 3 from Europe - 3 from Latin America - 2 from North America - 2 from Africa - 2 from Asia/Pacific. It was decided that there would be 4 from Latin America. The Congress was not seen as the best place to choose delegates. It is suggested that the lay delegates be chosen in advance of the Congress by a method to be decided within each zone by the relevant organisation of major superiors.



The top table: Jesús Baños OSA (Spain- secretary), Luciano di Michieli OSA (Curia, chair), Alejandro Moral OSA (Curia), Gary McCloskey OSA (U.S.A., facilitator), and Bernadette Toal (Ireland, Secretary).

2011 Remembrance Mass For Lost Loved Ones To Suicide



Pat Doyle, Pat Moran OSA and Judge Pattwell.

Sunday 6th February 2011 saw people from across Cork City and County come together in a special remembrance Mass for lost loved ones to Suicide. This concept originally started with a group called Save Our Sons and Daughters (SOSAD) in Drogheda in 2006 and this year was the first year that the Mass took place in Cork, in addition to other locations across Ireland. The Mass was organised by Fr. Pat Moran OSA at St. Augustine's Church, Washington Street, Cork City with assistance from Cobh based voluntary group Breaking The Silence.

Fr. Moran spread the word about the Mass amongst the many parishes across Cork, organised for the Cork Garda Choir to sing at the Mass and personally invited people from various Support Groups such as Aware, Living Links and The Samaritans in addition to organising Pat Doyle, Educational Psychologist, to give a very moving sermon. Breaking The Silence were delighted to be involved in assisting with the event and the voluntary group work to create a Suicide Safer Community by connecting the person at risk of Suicide with life preserving resources.

For the Mass, the group worked closely with Fr. Moran to reach out to as many people as possible to make them aware that the Mass was taking place. Group members assisted with readings, prayers of the faithful, the offertory procession and welcoming people to the Mass with special candles and remembrance books. Breaking The Silence Patron Justice Michael Pattwell was also involved and a special message from Cork Senior GAA Football Captain Graham Canty was read by Fr. Moran, as the team have been very supportive of Breaking The Silence.

They also were delighted when a local Cobh Musician, Marion Horgan (who works as a secondary school Teacher) wrote a very special piece of music for the group called "Breaking The Silence". This piece was sang beautifully at the Mass by Young Breaking The Silence member Kate Cullinane Perryman and both Marion and Alan Carney accompanied Kate with magnificent music. Over 1200 people attended the Mass and hundreds of people watched online (www.staugustinescork.ie). It is hoped that the Mass will be an annual occasion and Father Moran would be delighted to host the mass again next year.

Avril Quinn, PRO, Breaking The Silence, 8th Feb. 2011.

PROFILE No 12 Bro Colm O'Mahony OSA



Bro. Colm is the second son of Denis and Margaret O' Mahony, both natives of Dunmanway in West Cork. His older brother Cathal is married to Jill and they have two children, while his

younger brother Kieran is a teacher in Cork. The youngest member of the family, his sister Sinead, is an accountant in Limerick.

Bro Colm attended secondary school at Colaiste Sproaid Naoimh in Bishopstown and went on from there to UCC to study Social Science. Having always a keen interest in working with people on the margins and the under privileged he was an active member of both the SUCCESS programme in UCC which gave assistance to students with disabilities and CASA (a voluntary organisation providing support and a social outlet to people with specific physical and learning needs).

Bro Colm also has an interest in poetry and English literature and was a member of the English Lit Society in UCC. He graduated with honours in 1999 and from there went to Cappoquin in Co Waterford to work with the Sisters of Mercy in a children's residential home. Having spent a rewarding year in Cappoquin, he left to enter Maynooth for the Cork and Ross Diocese in 2000. Over the next three years he completed his diploma in philosophy and completed two years of theology. While discerning that the diocesan life was not for him Bro Colm returned to Cork in 2003 and for the next two years worked with the Brothers of Charity where he was appointed key worker to a young man who had autism and profound severe learning disabilities.

Bro Colm had never been a stranger to St Augustine's in Cork passing into the church often on his way into town but it was in 2005 that he began his life with the Augustinians entering the pre – noviciate programme at Galway. During his year in Galway he completed his degree in theology and was then sent to Racine in the USA for noviciate along with three other novices. After completing noviciate he returned to make his Simple Profession in Galway.

For the next year he was sent to Cork to complete three units of the CPE in the Cork University Hospital. Building on this experience he was next sent to St. Monica's in Rome where he spent two very happy years completing his Licence in Moral Theology. Having returned again to Ireland in 2010 he has been appointed to Good Counsel College in New Ross where he assists as school chaplain as well as working in the learning support centre.

Bro Colm hopes to take his Solemn vows on March 25 in St. Augustine's Church in Cork, during the 11.00am Mass.

DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Congratulations to Gabriel Daly OSA who celebrated his Diamond Jubilee of Ordination 17.02. 2011. A community "spag" night was held in his honour in Ballyboden and members of the Orlagh community attended.



With the Fr Provincial and his community and some brethren from the town house Fr. Jack Crean celebrated his Diamond Jubilee with a Concelebrated Mass and Dinner on the 17th February 2011, in Duckspool, Abbeyside. Present were Gerry Horan, Columba O'Donnell, Patrick O'Brien, John O'Connor, and Matt Cooney. Appreciation

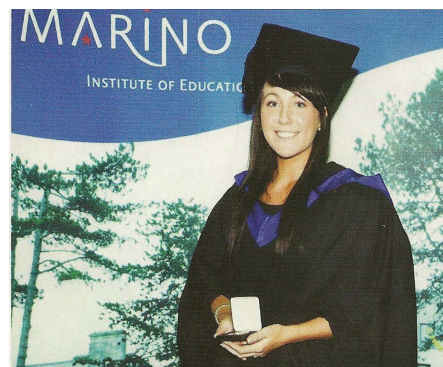
was expressed for his many years of dedicated service for the Church and for the Order by Fr. O'Donnell, Prior.

BEST WISHES

Greetings and best wishes to John O'Sullivan OSA, Ballyboden who celebrates the Diamond Jubilee of his Ordination on 10.03. 2011.

Pat, A belated thanks for all your work. Once again we had a most instructive, reflective & convivial gathering at Horse & Jockey. And many things have astonished me: The quality of the speakers our organisers have assembled. You think that was great & on comes another equally so. And so we came to the end of this phase (more to come ?) & with it another, not one but two Gooches!, plus our own. Inter much alia we were given to ponder e.g. "was St Matthew even a Jew?" Those who missed the series will never know what they have missed & for a Council who magnanimously put such material investment into it - che peccato. Kind regards, Bill Prendiville OSA, Limerick.

VERE FOSTER MEDAL WINNER



Above Triona Robinson, Breeda's daughter, Cook in St Augustine's Cork for many years. In teaching practice at Marino Institute of Education, Triona received the Vere Foster Gold Medal, taking 1st place in her class. He founded and became the first President of the INTO.

VOCATION DRIVE 2011



At the Vocation Meeting in John's Lane 21.02.11.
Front Row: Giles O'Halloran and Mike Brennock.
At Back: Gerry Horan, Francis Aherne and Pat Moran.

If the labourers remain asleep, in vain does the Lord try to build the house.... But the labourers have awoken and even in the last 8 weeks the Lord has been at work. Already, a number of enquiries have been received since the Vocations Drive was launched in January.

Praise and thanks be to God for the generosity and enthusiasm which has gone into the project so far. Remember that you, too, have a vital role to play in the Drive:

- By praying earnestly and often to the Lord of the Harvest.
- By creating Vocations awareness at local level.
- By issuing a personal invitation to a prospective client.

The time is short and the life of the Province is at stake. Please play your part in securing our future.

Gerry Horan OSA, Chairman of Vocation Drive Team.

DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH

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

02 1962 Fr L. Griffin
02 2001 Fr J. Murphy
03 1992 Fr P. Mullery
05 1970 Fr T. White
08 2009 Fr M. Clifford
09 2003 Fr J. D. Gough
10 2007 Fr P. Crilly
11 1992 Fr O. O'Keefe
11 2001 Fr B. Hannon
13 1994 Fr B. Carolan
15 1988 Bp. T. Cotter
17 1967 Fr K. Galway
17 1968 Fr N.P. McCoy
25 1996 Fr T. Hunt
25 2003 Fr R.C. Fitzpatrick
26 1990 Fr G. Roche
28 2005 Fr M.B. Hackett
29 1967 Fr M. Curley
30 1965 Fr L. Maddock

Also remember in your prayers Diarmuid O'Shea, brother of the late John F. O'Shea OSA, who died in London and was buried in Castleisland 12.02.11
Fr Jim Pierce died in California, 22.02.11
He was former P.P. of Buena Park. R.I.P.

VOCATION CORNER

Duckspool: The Duckspool House Abbeyside Community have produced Vocations Drive Flyer, an A4 Sheet folded in two. This can be viewed on www.thefriarydungarvan.ie
Or: www.staugustinescork.ie

Cork: The 1,000 Vocation Flyers have been distributed to our Church Patrons and they have been asked to pray for Vocations to the Augustinian Order.

Francis Aherne has produced some large posters and a "Kind of Business card" with a prayer for Vocations and contact details of Vocation Director and Promoters.

New Ross: Pat Codd OSA and Bro Colm are continuing to work on Book Marker type of Flyer for vocations.

John's Lane: Francis Aherne and Pat Moran attended the weekend Masses in John's Lane on 19/20 February. Francis preached at all Masses, Pat and Francis distributed Business Card (1,000) with Prayer for Vocations and names of Vocation Director and Vocation Promoters and contact details (Mobile No's and e-mail addresses).

Ballyboden: Francis Aherne spent weekend 27.02.11 in Ballyboden Parish. He preached at all Masses and distributed "Business Cards", with prayer for vocations and contact details.

The Dominicans in "*Irish Catholic*" 17.02.11, state that all members of the Order are fully informed of vocation work and remind us that they have a role to play in promoting and cultivating vocations.

They also tell us to have a good, up-to-date and visible presence on the internet, social network sites and other media. These are the places where enquirers will look first to find out about vocations. "Over 95 percent of our (Dominicans) enquiries come through the internet."

The Irish Dominicans had 13 novices last year, have four this year and hope to have about seven next year.

Hope all our houses are coming on board!



Francis Aherne and Sean Dowling with the Sam Maguire Cup

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK.

Welcome to Vol. 4 No 9. Thanks to all who have contributed to this March edition of IAN. Special thanks to David Moran, Francis Aherne, John O'Connor for their invaluable help, and to Iggy O'Donovan, John Byrne and Matt Cooney for photos. All past editions of IAN available on: Cork Web page: www.staugustinescork.ie

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