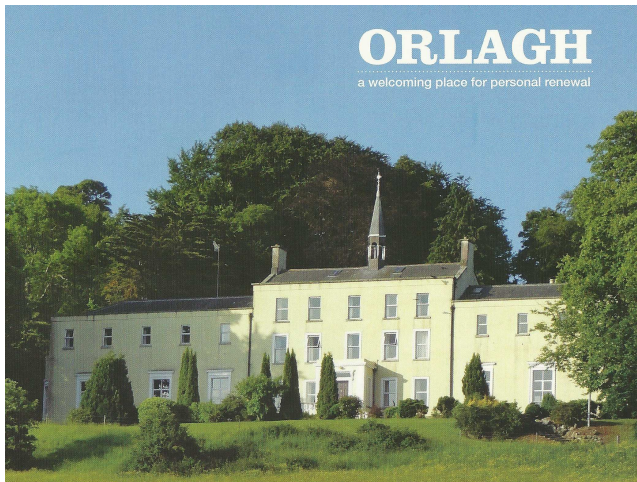


IRISH AUGUSTINIAN NEWS

ORLAGH



Over sixty people gathered for Mass and a buffet lunch in Orlagh on St. Augustine's Day. Spirits were high after two successful Open Days earlier in the week. The days were hosted by members of our Sunday congregation and about 300 people came over the two days. The volunteers on duty created a warm welcoming atmosphere and in great part the success of the days was due to them. Visitors had a chance to see the house and grounds and watch a 20-minute video on the history of Orlagh and the work being done there. Thankfully the rain stayed away until 20 minutes before we closed on the second day. We had two interviews on City FM radio, one with members of the team and another with people attending the open days. We were particularly pleased by the number of people from the local area who came to visit us. We hope that having seen the place and what we do, they will return to take part in some of the events on our programme.

ORLAGH OPEN DAYS

Tue. August 23rd & Wed. August 24th
11.00am-4.00pm

Visit the house and grounds
Learn about the past and the present
Refreshments served

www.orlagh.ie

It was the first time we had open days and it joins other 'firsts' for Orlagh this summer. The Indian Jesuit, Fr. Korko Moses, led four retreats here in August that were well supported and he is already booked to return here in April 2012. We decided on a new form for our brochure which you have probably seen already.

There are also 'firsts' in our programme for the year ahead. It includes a number of new items including "Exploring Faith through Film", a series of talks on Prayer Guides, an Introduction to Islam by Jonathan Kearney and a weekend meditation retreat to be conducted by Martin Laird from the Villanova Province.



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MEATH ST DUBLIN

St Catherine's beat Wilton Utd, Cork, in
WFAI Cup Final



Bernard Twomey OSA, with the FAI Umbro Women's Senior Cup.

St Catherine's, Dublin 3 Wilton Utd, Cork 1

Bro Paddy Lennon OSA founded St Catherine's Girls Club in 1978 and started a 5 aside ladies soccer competition. In 1981 Bro Bernard Twomey took charge of the Womens 11 aside soccer team.

St Catherine's reached two previous WFAI Senior Challenge Cup finals, but lost to Shamrock Rovers in 2001 and to St Francis in 2009.

Bernard is the current secretary of St Catherine's Club and was present in Turners Cross recently with Paddy Lennon when St Catherine's beat Wilton, Cork 3 - 1 in the WFAI Umbro Senior Challenge Cup Final.

R. I. P.

Please remember in your prayers Nell Collender, mother of Fr Michael OSA, who died on 11.09.2011.

Also remember Bro Andrew Michael Caples OSA, who died on 14.09.2011, in Ballyboden, Dublin.

Dear Pat, Thanks again for all the news you give us - stirring up so many memories that otherwise might be forgotten.

I was very touched by that letter of Fr. Ted Kenrick which Columba gave you, as I had heard about him for the first time two months ago. I had visited my niece in Clonmel and wanted to go to the place where William Tirry was hanged. Incidentally, a family member in Clonmel had not known of his (William Tirry's) story, although very interested in the local history. When I told him of Columba O'Connor's "Ballad", he said he would love to get something done about making his martyrdom known and marked in some way, at the place where he was hanged, if he could.

From Clonmel, my sister Anne brought me to the Abbey in Fethard where, as usual, we got a great welcome from Oliver Crean and the veteran and indefatigable Johnny Meagher. Though Edward Kenrick is buried in Australia, - if my memory is right, - his death is recorded on a tombstone in Fethard. Either Oliver or John told me some of his story, his tragic very early death. That letter he wrote to his parents deserves still wider publication. I find it remarkable. I think it is a very telling witness for anybody who will read it. Without IAN, I would not have known of Ted's short life.

All the best, Pat! I look forward so much to each issue of IAN. Whatever time and energy you expend in preparing it, for me it is priceless. Since the separation of the two provinces, I miss the contact with friars at home and elsewhere, so it has a very special relevance to guys like me. Keep up the good work!

Laurence Brassill OSA, Birmingham.

p.s. Keep Birmingham in your prayers as we prepare to welcome the three young men who are arriving this week to begin their postulancy, if that is the correct term, on St. Augustine's Day. It is quite a responsibility to model fraternal communion for three younger men. There is consolation in Augustine's timeless : "Da quod iubes et jube quod vis". I am sure a free translation of that cry of his would be: "Leave the worrying to the Lord". For me it is a quite dramatic development after so many lean years. Thank God for the community of discernment which Stefan Park was inspired to create in the province and which, I understand, is looking good for a new intake shortly at Dorville Crescent.

Stef tells me that the Lord seems to keep him waiting each year, almost until the last minute, for the applicants to show up. My asking the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest has now and again dipped into a somewhat forlorn prayer, as the lean years dragged on, instead of Augustine's buoyant praise of what the Lord has been up to. I am sorry now! He certainly has been stretching us to desire more ardently what we have been asking for, as the same Augustine urges.

Bernard O'Connor, the Director of Students, has just arrived back in Harborne. I find it very encouraging that the persevering prayers of so many everywhere are being answered here among us. Please God there will be a new sunburst in Ireland too, soon.

ORLAGH

6 Tuesdays,
7.30-9.30pm
Starting Sept 13

€10 per session

SEPT 13, 20, 27, OCT 4, 11, 18

Explore the

insights of

Scott Peck

with Mary

Kearney

"Life is difficult.

This is a great truth, one of the greatest truths. It is a great truth because once we truly see this truth, we transcend it.

Once we truly know that life is difficult

– once we truly understand and accept it

– then life is no longer difficult.

Because once it is accepted, the fact life is difficult no longer matters." (M. Scott Peck – The Road Less Traveled.)

Note: Participants need to have a copy of the book.

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DROGHEDA

SNIPPETS FROM THE ARCHIVES

(From the diary of Fr Frank Doyle 1861 - 62)

February 1861. "We are to pay Hammond (contractor) £2,010 . He is to have all ready for the roof by October 1st 1861. June - Advertised for tenders for the roof. Three tendered - Hammond £910; James Connolly £750; Thomas Connolly £590. The latter was accepted. The masons all three - "on the batter".

13 January 1862. - The Corporation met today and came to the conclusion that the Augustinians ought to get £150 for the addition which we propose to make to the Low Lane - or as it is properly titled - Bachelors Lane. It will take more than a month to complete the purchase, as the Corporation must apply to the Lords of the Treasury for permission to buy.

28 January. Paid Mr Boylan's bill for timber. Spoke about the price of battens and found that the price of timber flooring would cost £31-3-4. Carpenter's work £18. Received tenders for the plastering of Church interior. Accepted Mr Crilly's tender of £28.

9 April - Got the cheque for £150 from the corporation for the addition to the Lane. Mr Dillon, Hibernian Bank refused to cash it as the Corporation is £800 in debt.

LIMERICK

Website: www.augustinianslimerick.com

We alert you to the fact that some new words will be introduced to the text of the Mass on the 24th Sunday of the year, September 11th 2011.

The order and structure of the mass remains the same. The Scripture Readings are not being changed. There are some slight alterations in the prayers and responses said by the congregation.

You will find these in our regular Sunday Bulletin from 2nd Sunday of September onwards. It is important that you pick up the Bulletin on your way in so that you can follow the changes with the priest and other members of the congregation.

For weekdays, you will be provided with special cards with the new translation on them. It will take some time and patience for us to get used to the changes.

If we open our minds to these minor changes the Mass will be a richer experience for us all. New words help us to think again about the love behind phrases which are repeated so often without thinking.

IT HAS COME TO THIS

We carry here the words of a poem by priest and poet Padraig J Daly OSA. The writer reflects on the state to which our Church appears to have been reduced.

MODERN INSTANCES

The balding popstar has installed a tabernacle,

Encrusted with opals,

As a drinks cabinet.

Sanctuary lamps and benediction candelabra

Light public house revelry;

People sit on pews to guzzle booze.

Old altar-tables serve as counters in lingerie boutiques,

Chalices can be had in junk shops

With messages underneath, begging prayers

for donors long dead.

In the Cleopatra gallery,

A monstrance frames a prophylactic in beams of blazing gold,

Ciboria filled with dildos open and close like music boxes.

Was it our presumption on the ineffable that offended you?

We lived, with all our failures, with love and prayer

And gentleness; and pain was pity's welcome burden.

What justice has lured us to this desert,

Our sweet Jerusalem ruined ?

GOOD COUNSEL COLLEGE NEW ROSS

The new school year is up and running, having commenced with a staff planning day on Wednesday, August 24th followed by the arrival of the new first year cohort on Thursday. Hopefully it will prove to be a very positive and productive year for the whole school community and we wish everyone the very best in this regard.

The Leaving Cert. class of 2010 received their results on August 17th and many congratulations to them on their achievements. Two students achieving the maximum 600 points will have justifiably gained particular attention but there were many equally noteworthy and excellent results across the spectrum.

Our thoughts were of course with the Galvin family on the day as John Joe had been a member of this class group until his tragic death in March.

On Wednesday of last week the group assembled again for the annual college 'debs' celebrated in the Ferrycarrig Hotel. It was a pleasure to meet so many of them at this function and one could only be proud of the way in which they conducted themselves and their very pleasant manner.

GOLF RESULTS 2011



Francis Aherne OSA winner of Vincent Lyons Cup

Padraig Cullinane won the Declan Brosnan Cup

DURING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

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

02 1990 Br E Wade
03 1967 Fr. J O'Donoghue
09 1968 Fr.S Breen
09 1996 Fr J Curtis
10 2003 Fr. B Beary
12 1996 Br. J O'Sullivan
15 1991 Br. P Quinn
16 1990 Fr. G O'Leary
16 2000 Fr JF O'Shea
17 2000 Fr. V Lyons
20 1996 Fr. B Sinnott
21 1995 Fr. G Cunnane
30 1962 Fr. F Larkin

NAIROBI

Great to get IAN on the Net to see how things are going on. Another excellent production, Pat. August was quite an international edition with contributions from Andrew of Poland and Christian of Italy, as well as the account of your own trip to the land of John Paul II. I will have to get the little Collins dictionary for some of Christian's article. A further note of thanks is for the great hospitality when I make Cork my base camp during holidays. Tom Sexton, OSA, Nairobi.

ISHIARA

On 6/7 August, David Fitzgerald OSA, Ishiara, Kenya preached at all the weekend masses in St Augustine's Cork, and the Annual Augustinian Mission collection was taken up and it came to €4,200. During the following week envelopes were made available at the four daily masses, and the congregations were invited at each mass to make a contribution to the great weekend collection. A remarkable €5,000 was collected to bring the total Mission collection this year to €9200.



David Fitzgerald writes:

Greetings from Ishiara. Many thanks for the €9,200 that has been transferred electronically through the bank headquarters in Moi Avenue. Already we are giving out more food to those most in need. Dealing with hunger is one of our major activities at this time.

Thanks again for the excellent reception I received from the community in Cork, special greetings and blessings to all those

who attend St Augustine's Cork and who were so generous with their contributions to my appeal.

- from Ishiara, Kenya.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK.

Welcome to Vol. 5 No. 3. Thanks to all who have contributed to this edition of IAN. Special thanks to Peter Galus, David Moran, Francis Aherne, John O'Connor, for their invaluable help, and to John Byrne and Bernard Twomey for photos.

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