

IRISH AUGUSTINIAN NEWS

DROGHEDA

World Day of Remembrance for Road traffic victims.



Mayor of Drogheda, Paul Bell

The United Nations some years ago designated the third Sunday of November as a special international day of remembrance for road traffic victims. We have been marking the occasion in Drogheda over the past six years. This year the memorial service took place on November 18th. It is one of those rare occasions when the church is absolutely thronged. Many of those who attend say they gather to meet other families who have been similarly bereaved. Also in attendance are members of the Garda and other emergency services who confront these tragedies at the coal face. Iggy O'Donovan OSA.



CARDINAL COLLINS OF TORONTO DROGHEDA CONNECTION

At a ceremony recently in Rome, Cardinal Thomas Collins of Toronto took possession of St Patrick's as his titular church. The Cardinal is of Irish extraction, his ancestors hailing from Shop Street in Drogheda. Some friars may

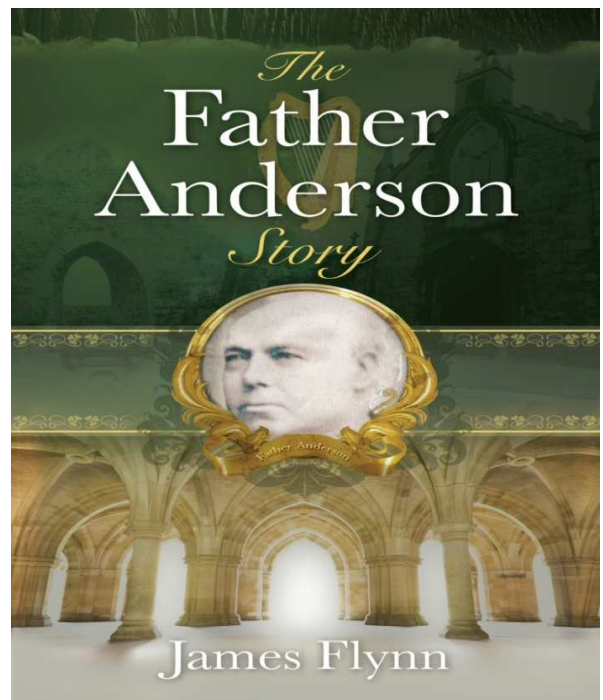
remember Collin's hardware shop there.

To mark the occasion a delegation led by Mayor Paul Bell, travelled from the Boyneside to celebrate with their fellow "Drog." He was quite touched to meet them. A very special word of thanks goes to the community of St Pat's who welcomed the Drogheda group with open arms and a beautiful meal. Indeed one has to acknowledge that they extend similar treatment to many friars and their friends. In this way alone "St Pats" make an invaluable contribution to the Province, quite apart from other substantial contributions. A sincere word of thanks to Jimmy, Tony and Brian. Iggy O'Donovan OSA



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You are invited to the launch of



On Thursday 13th of December at 8 p.m. in the Augustinian Church, Shop Street, Drogheda by Journalist and Author Eoghan Harris.

James Anderson OSA was a native of Drogheda, and an outspoken nationalist. He supported the Fenians, Charles Stewart Parnell, and co-founded the Drogheda Independent.

James Flynn's new book tells Fr. Anderson's life story and the total proceeds of the book sale will go to Fr. Iggy O'Donovan's Christmas Fund.

The Augustinians welcome the publication of James Flynn's work on Fr. Anderson. The author as the owner of Netterville Manor at Dowth, Co. Meath, the birth place of Anderson's friend, John Boyle O'Reilly, has reunited the two patriots on the banks of their beloved Boyne.

Fr. Iggy O'Donovan OSA

Bringing Faith to Life (BFTL)



Noel Hession OSA

On 20th Oct, 10th & 24th Nov between 42-56 people gathered in Finglas from Drogheda, Meath Street, Finglas South and a few neighbours from the Finglas West parish for this season's sessions of the Bringing Faith to Life programme. Noel Hession OSA and Paddy O'Reilly OSA acted as facilitators for the sessions. This is a flavour of a few responses, 'Well presented and clear,' 'Had great topics to think about,' 'Thoroughly enjoyed it,' 'To experience input from so many people from different locations added to the occasion,' 'It was a great occasion for dealing with interesting questions,' 'Most enjoyable course.' It is well named as it afforded me the opportunity to stop – evaluate my own faith with a view to enriching it.' 'Excellent, only pity is that more people didn't take advantage of it.' 'Shorter day worked better for me. Although day was shorter was just as fulfilling. Many thanks to the team who put sessions together – also team that facilitated.'

The few responses quoted, paint the picture well. This programme, specially designed to link with the Year of Faith, is aimed at Augustinians and laity as a programme for renewal which we can undertake together. We look forward to the next three sessions in the Spring.

*Paddy O'Reilly OSA,
Finglas.*



Graduation day in Maynooth, Co Kildare

The graduation day of the year at the Pontifical University, St. Patrick's College in Maynooth, took place on the 10th of November 2012.

The ceremony started with Eucharistic celebration at 9:15 am. St. Patrick's College, one of the oldest and biggest seminaries in Europe, graduated not only lay seminarians to the priesthood, but also the laity. It may look strange for someone from the African church to study philosophy or theology in the same classroom with young lay girls and married women. But that is the changing phase of the church today especially in Europe. One hundred and fifty one students graduated to various stages of philosophy and theology. I was privileged to graduate (Masters in Pastoral Theology) among these noble men and women of God for the good of the church.



Lazarus Barkindo OSA – Masters in Pastoral Theology

The conferring ceremony was done by Sean Cardinal Brady, the Chancellor of the University. In his speech he congratulated all of us on our achievements.

He acknowledged that it must have been challenging and difficult to reach this stage, but more difficult was the climbing of the steps on high heel shoes by the girls to receive their certificates.

This was in reference to some of the girls who fell off on the steps while collecting their awards. The weather was rain free so also umbrella free but still chilly winter air all over.

The graduates and their families were later treated to buffet in the University dining hall with ecumenical menu. Those who came with catholic appetite never regretted it.

After the ceremony I went back to the John Lane's community to mourn the death of Bishop Francis Sheehan (he ordained me priest in Yola, Nigeria in July 1994) who sadly died three days before my graduation. May his gentle soul continue to rest in peace.

Thanks. Fr. Lazarus Barkindo OSA

KNITTING

An old lady was riding a motor-bike and **knitting** at the same time. A Police officer drove up beside her and shouted at her to "Pull over." "No," she replied, "socks."

MacCarthy Cup Visit – Good Counsel College



The 'Deise' finally get their hands on the Liam MacCarthy. Joe, Walter and Kieran with Fr. Hennebry and Mr O'Brien.

There was a tremendous 'buzz' around the school campus on Friday last as three past pupils, Kieran Joyce, Walter Walsh and Joe Lyng, called in with the Liam MacCarthy cup. The three, who represented the school with great distinction in their time here, were given heroes' welcome by the students many of whom come from the same local parishes as the hurling stars. Indeed Kieran has a brother in 3rd year while Walter and Joe both have cousins still attending the school. The men could not have been more gracious in meeting all the requests for autographs and photographs - one remarked that he may have done more writing on Friday last than in all his previous years in the school!



Members of the dining room staff with students, Daire Barden and Joe Sutton, holding the Leinster 'A' U-14 and U-16 trophies

It is always a very pleasant task to welcome back any past pupils to the school, the more so in circumstances such as last Friday where outstanding achievement is being celebrated. A striking feature of the players' visit was the uncomplicated humility of these young men, unaffected by their success, mingling with their own community without airs or graces, a striking contrast to much of the current celebrity culture where the most many of those 'celebrated' can lay claim to is, 'famous for being famous'.

We are very grateful to the three men for taking the time to call in and spend some time with us. - GC Newsletter.

ST AUGUSTINE'S CORK

One of Europe's most famous religious icons toured Ireland last week. The famous painting of Jasna Gora, Our Lady of Czestochowa, on its "Ocean to Ocean" trip took in Ireland as part of a pro-life pilgrimage from Vladivostok to Fatima. The icon, which is often referred to as the Black Madonna, was in Ireland from November 16 to 24.

Last week it visited Belfast, Derry, Knock Shrine, Galway and Dublin. On Saturday 24 the icon moved to Cork City and visited St Augustine's Church in Washington St, between 9.00am and 12.00noon. There was a Polish Mass, an English Mass, Holy Hour- a joint English-Polish effort. At 11.00am there was a Solemn Mass for Our Lady, with Bishop John Buckley as Chief Celebrant and afterwards the icon left for Rosslare on its way to France, Spain with Fatima in Portugal as its final destination before the end of the year.



DEEPENING OUR FAITH

The new series of **FAITH2LIFE** from Orlagh came with much promise as a help for Catholics in this Year of Faith. Here in Cork we promoted it in various ways through the Sunday Bulletin, through announcements at various gatherings, such as the Deanery Meeting and Catechism Study Groups that we are part of. We also got out a colourful poster this time with the help of Aidan O'Mahony and had it distributed in various areas, as well as posting it in our own church. The new format promised much since there was a more local effort in the handling of the input. The DVD from Orlagh is well put together and gives good insights to many of today's questions and problems. In our local discussions in Cork we had decided on an evening schedule, since formerly we found that many interested people could not attend on Saturdays due to involvement in carrying children to sports, or shopping, or else grannies doing baby sitting duties for the day. We felt that an after-supper time would be more suitable in mid-week for those interested. Francis Aherne agreed to coordinate the programme for us and be the one to monitor the discussions and questions. We worked out the logistics of getting a group from our front door to the hall which is on the sixth floor. We set out about fifty chairs and waited confidently for the people to arrive for the sessions. All worked beautifully, except that the numbers that have turned up so far have been very disappointing. Some of those who did come displayed quite a knowledge of people like Richard Dawkins while all wondered how the spark of faith in the younger generation could again be inflamed. When our series finishes we will have to have a serious reflection on

how to catch the passing crowd to avail of this good series. Hope springs eternal.

Tom Sexton, o.s.a.

Most Rev Dr Patrick Francis Sheehan OSA. RIP

28.05.1932 - 08.11.2012



Bishop Sheehan was ordained priest in Rome in 1956 and his first appointment was to our Mission in the Diocese of Yola, Nigeria. As it turned out, it was also his only appointment. He spent all his Priestly and Episcopal life in Nigeria – more than fifty years.

He was Parish Priest, Religious Superior and finally Bishop in Yola Diocese. He was ordained Bishop on 6th January 1971 at the age of thirty-eight, a young man to be a Bishop. But he was enthusiastic, zealous and hardworking. These traits he kept all through his long Episcopal life. No wonder he was a success, as indeed he was. His style was, one could call it, the pontifical mode. He looked from the heights at various ways to go; selected one of them, with everybody to go that way.

His last few years were spent in Ireland, mainly in Tramore and just latterly in John's Lane. He was not in the best of health, but still quietly enjoyed life in his own style.

On a personal note, we started our 1st philosophy in Rome together in 1950. We left Rome in 1956 and for many years we were together in Nigeria. He ordained me Bishop in 1993. I will miss him. His family and his Augustinian family can be justly proud of him. May he rest in peace. + Bishop Senan Louis O'Donnell OSA

DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

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

01 1991 Fr EN McGrath
02 1997 Fr JA Ryan
05 1972 Fr A Bell
08 1983 Fr P O'Shea
08 2004 Fr T Tevington
10 2004 Fr B Dunne
11 1974 Fr T Flynn
11 1998 Fr F Twomey
12 1969 Fr P Bowlby
14 1993 Fr T Hartnett
15 1996 Fr B O'Donnell
20 1985 Fr S Flanagan
20 1997 Fr J O'Connor
22 1970 Fr JB O'Flynn
22 1972 Fr PA Doyle
24 1989 Fr E Clifford
25 1973 Fr S Roche
27 2011 Fr C O'Donnell
31 1963 Fr PA Stokes
31 2004 Fr T Twomey

A COMPANION TO MEISTER ECKHART



I have worked on this project for about five years. The aim of the book is to present the English reading public and especially students with a very accurate, thorough and up-to-date account of the major new research on Meister Eckhart that has been done since 1975. The image of Eckhart that emerges is one of a very dedicated Friar, one who was 'Homo Doctus et Sanctus.' Unfortunately, Brill charge an arm and a leg for the hardback copy of some 850pp. and affordable copies will have to await the issue of the paperback version.

It is very significant that among the Augustinians, Jordan of Quedlinburg (Saxony) and John Hiltalingen of Basel stand out as Friars who made much use of Eckhart while using the condemned propositions from the Papal Bull 'In agro dominico' as a guide. John Hiltalingen does some very fine interpretation on Eckhart in order to show that some grammatical and logical distinctions could save some of Eckhart's propositions from condemnation. I have written the Preface, the Introduction to part three, and Ch. 5: Creation and Analogy: From Aquinas to Eckhart, and of course I did all the Bibliography and Indices, and I re-translated three other chapters from German and Italian. But the book has now gone into production and will be out before Christmas. I have visited Erfurt a number of times and I have been to the Predigerkirche, whose Chapter room is on the cover of the Book. I have also visited the Augustiner Kirche where Eckhart's Augustinian contemporary Henry of Freimar is buried, and of course where Martin Luther would later preach. And one must not forget Augustine Gibbon de Burgo, the great Irish Augustinian Theologian of the 17th century who taught and preached in the University of Erfurt. He was a major Ecumenical figure in the post-Reformation time in Erfurt. Jeremiah Hackett – nephew of late Michael B. Hackett OSA

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK.

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