

IRISH AUGUSTINIAN NEWS

Rivermount – South Finglas

Rivermount parish has adopted the *Bringing Faith To Life* series as the centrepiece of its celebration of Lent. On Saturday morning 23rd February 48 people from Orlagh, Drogheda, the parish of the Annunciation (Finglas West) and Rivermount came together for the new series of presentations. It was a great morning of renewal, discussion, prayer and reflection on Jesus then and Jesus now. The excellent presentations were given (via video) by Kieran O'Mahony OSA, Sean Goan and Dermot Lane.

A striking feature of the presentations was the desire for renewal. So tough questions were raised and presented to the participants. Numerous topics from the existence of Jesus to Liberation Theology, Feminism, Ecumenism and issues not faced by the Church were raised and explored. The presentations gave rise to animated discussion in small groups and these fed back to the group as a whole.

By talking together about such matters, dwelling upon them and prayer we can indeed renew ourselves, and therefore our Church, beginning in our local communities. Look out for the *Bringing Faith To Life* series promoted by your local Augustinian community. It is well worth participating in it.

Paddy O'Reilly OSA, Finglas.



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Augustinian Faith Formation: Dates: Saturdays:

March 9th., 16th, 23rd. Time: 10.00am-12.30

Location: St. Augustine's, Washington Street.
All welcome

Jesus Then and Now
Discipleship Then and Now
From Generation to Generation.

**ST. AUGUSTINE'S COLLEGE
JUNIOR TEAM
"AVIVA" MUNSTER CHAMPIONS**

Gold, Silver and Bronze for St. Augustine's College athletes at the 2013 "Aviva" Munster Schools Cross Country Championships at the WIT Sports Campus, Carriganore, Waterford.

The Friary Junior Girls' continued where they left off in the East Munster Schools Cross Country when they won Gold at the "Aviva" Munster Schools Championships. St. Augustine's College Girls fittingly led home by their Captain Chloe Fennell 12th (West Waterford), and followed closely by Caoimhe Dwyer 15th (West Waterford), Dairini Ni Sheanlaoich 16th (West Waterford), Bronagh Condon 26th (West Waterford), Rachel McGuickian 44th (unattached), Atlanta Raher 56th (unattached). The team, like all well coached cross country sides packed very well again. This success can be contributed to Tony Shalloe, Bro Paddy Lennon OSA and the coaching team at West Waterford Athletic Club.

St. Augustine's College, Intermediate girls finished in the silver medal position.

The Bronze was won by the Friary Boys' Junior Team.

Best wishes to all those who qualified for the "AVIVA" IRISH SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS at the University of Ulster, Jordanstown, Newtownabbey, Saturday March 9th 2013.

Craobh Corn an Runai

Munster Colleges Senior Football C

St Augustine's Dungarvan 2.13
St Michael's Listowel 1.5

Played in Mallow on 13th February, St Augustine's senior footballers had a tremendous victory over St Michael's Listowel. They played a very clever game against a very strong wind in the opening half and led 2.5 to 0.4. With the wind to their back in the second half they ran out comfortable in the end.

Six of the team are also members of the combined Dungarvan Colleges which will endeavour to regain the famed Harty Cup on 24.02.2013.

**MUNSTER COLLEGES SH A
(Dr Harty Cup) FINAL**

**Dungarvan Colleges (Waterford) 2.21
Our Lady's Templemore (Tipperary) 1.11**

A powerful Dungarvan Colleges outfit cruised to a second successive Harty Cup final victory in front of a bumper crowd in Tipperary town. An estimated 3,000 spectators were present to watch the Waterford amalgamation of Dungarvan CBS and St Augustine's run riot in the second half.

The sides were level at 0.8 apiece at the break but whatever coach Darragh Duggan (St Augustine's) said to his players at the break had the desired effect as they upped the ante to win by 13 points.

Dungarvan Colleges face the runners-up from the Leinster final between Kilkenny CBS and St Kieran's in the All-Ireland quarter-final. Our Lady's Templemore will regroup for a crack at the Leinster champions in the All-Ireland quarter-finals.

Last year the Dungarvan Colleges were stopped in their tracks by Kilkenny CBS in the All-Ireland quarter-final. But on this season's evidence Dungarvan are as good if not better, than last year's side. They had eight players on the scoresheet and a watertight defence that has conceded just one goal in their last three games.

St Augustine's Science goes International

Having achieved 10A's in his Junior Cert, Ger Crowley was invited to take part in the Irish junior Science Olympiad at Dublin City University in Nov 2011. Ger won a gold medal and a place in the Irish team to travel to South Africa. In Durban, South Africa he was awarded a bronze medal, the only Irish medal at the 8th International Junior Science Olympiad.

In this school year Ger was invited back to Dublin City University for the Senior Cycle Irish European Union Science Olympiad and achieved 1st place and gold medal in Chemistry. He is now preparing for European Union Science Olympiad which will take place in Luxembourg March 18 – 22.

St Augustine's College Dungarvan was also represented at the Irish Junior Science Olympiad by Liz Devine, Tommy Harty and Caoimhe McGrath. Liz got 1st place and represents Ireland in the International Science Olympiad in Tehran.

Good Counsel College - Sports Reports

Leinster U-16 Hurling Champions 2012/13



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**Counsel College 2-10
St. Kieran's College 2-09**

The Father John Cosgrave Cup returned home to Good Counsel College from Thomastown thanks to a brilliant gutsy display from our U-16 hurlers. The boys were rewarded for their hard work and stylish hurling by being crowned Leinster champions, overcoming fierce rivals St. Kieran's College by a single point.

1st Year Keevan's Cup - 2012/13



Captain Thomas O'Connor receiving the Keevan's Cup from Luke O'Hanlon

Our first year footballers enjoyed another successful day out for the college at Páirc Garman on Wednesday 17th October. A remarkable 4 teams represented 'The Counsel' on a beautiful day where 16 competing teams from various schools around the county attended. The highlight of the day was presentation of the 'Keevans Cup' to our 'A' team captain Thomas O'Connor by Mr Luke O'Hanlon after the '6 in a row' in this competition was realised by our 'A' panel against a competitive Enniscorthy C.B.S side.

As I Was Saying...

Pope Benedict's resignation prompted acres of newsprint and hours of airtime. In most cases, the media outlets simply pressed the button marked: "Papal Obituary" and the well prepared articles poured forth! Some minor adjustments were required, but not very much. (It was important to remind the reader that the Pope had merely resigned!) But, in effect, Benedict was in the unique position of being able to read his own obituary. Very few people achieve that distinction.

I wonder what he himself thought of the stuff written about him? Presumably, he would beg to differ with his harshest critics and concur with his more benign supporters. Of course, an obituary, for any of us, will necessarily be a mixed picture. And Benedict is no different. However, there's a general consensus that by acknowledging his frailty and deciding to resign, the pope has made a brave decision for the good of his Church. Perhaps his resignation has a wider application at a time when we are trying to think through what an increasingly ageing population might mean. For instance, the over-65 population will rise from 15.4% of the EU population in 1995 to 22.4% by 2025. This imbalance is created by a combination of a lower birth rate with greater longevity. For example, the Pope's own back yard, Italy, has a fertility rate of 1.2 children per woman, the lowest in the world. The Italian population is actually falling, despite the arrival of some 70,000 immigrants there each year. The old saying, "Be careful what you wish for" holds true here. Collectively we wish to prolong our days beyond the biblical three score years and ten. And that is how it will be for more and more of us. Yet it is only now that we are beginning to face the cost of that - financially and otherwise. Old age treats us differently. For many, living longer will be a blessing: working if we wish, cultivating new interests, visiting our families. But, as the pope's decision makes clear, all of these possibilities depend upon factors that are largely beyond our control. And for some, they may not be true at all. Post-retirement could mean years of isolation as mobility lessens, and attention spans decrease. How are we to live as we become more and more aware of our mortality, something the church urges all its members to contemplate throughout Lent? Benedict's favourite theologian is Cardinal Newman. When Newman was an Anglican he wrote that wonderful hymn, "*Lead kindly Light*." It could serve as a commentary on how we might approach old age. In the hymn, Newman reflects on how, at one stage in his life, he felt supremely in control: the path ahead was clear and the decisions made were his. He needed no external help, no kindly light to guide. Now he has to live differently, facing an uncertain future, an encircling gloom. "*I do not ask to see the distant scene*", he wrote, "*one step enough for me*."

As we age, part of what we have to learn is to accept our limitations - feeble knees, failing memories - and to live one day at a time. And this is the most difficult part, because giving up attempts to control our future goes against the practice of a lifetime. The act of retiring is easy. What happens in retirement remains the challenge.

-Dick Lyng OSA, Galway.

Pat, it is with deep regret and sadness that I read of the death of Johnny Murphy described by Vincent Hogan of the Irish Independent as "a roguishly young 71-year-old who could impart colour and riotous laughter to the greyest of rural settings.....[and who] achieved the most remarkable distinction of being universally loved." He showed all the same qualities even as a sixteen year old college student in St. Augustine's. Even then he had a wonderful command of the English language; was no mean mimic; was a source of appropriate humour, often at his own expense, and was liked by all his classmates. I met Johnny on a numerous occasions in GAA settings, but my abiding memory of him is, and is likely to remain, hearing him sing Percy French's "Sweet Marie". I still can see and hear him as we all belted out the chorus.....

Holt your halt Sweet Marie (pronounced Hould your houl, Sweet Marie)
 Don't you bolt (boul) Sweet Marie,
 For you'll never win a Galway Plate for me.
 All the daisies in the dell,
 Ought to know you pretty well,
 For on everyone you fell, Sweet Marie.
 I echo Vincent Hogan's sentiments who concludes his tribute by saying, "We'll miss him desperately down here, no question, but - rest assured - there'll be a lot more laughter in the sky."
 Go raibh a anam dilis ar leamh dheas Dé. Tony Jordan.

(John Murphy was born in Cashel, Co Tipperary, went to school in St Augustine's Dungarvan and was Sports Journalist with Irish (Cork) Examiner for over 40 years).

ORLAGH

OUR FULL PROGRAMME IS AVAILABLE ON
 OUR **WEBSITE: WWW.ORLAGH.IE**

MEDITATION: WEDNESDAYS 8.00-8.30 PM
 Lent and Holy Week in Orlagh

EXPLORING FAITH THROUGH FILM: Le Quattro
 Volte (Michelangelo Frammartino) Watch the film, have a
 snack and enjoy a discussion with Kieran O'Mahony.
 (7.00-9.30pm) €10.

ADVANCE BOOKING ESSENTIAL

Friday, Mar 8!

Saturday, Mar 9!

DAY FOR YOURSELF When the penny drops: insights that
 change life. 10.00am-4.30pm with the option of staying on for
 Mass at 4.30.!

Bernadette Toal & John Byrne.

Sunday, Mar 10!

SCRIPTURE DAY!

"Father, forgive them":
 reflections on the Passion according to Luke

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 Gough
 10 2007 Fr P Crilly
 11 1992 Fr O O'Keeffe
 11 2001 Fr B Hannon
 13 1994 Fr B Carolan
 15 1988 Bp T Cotter
 17 1967 Fr K Galway
 17 1968 Fr N McCoy
 25 1996 Fr T Hunt
 25 2003 Fr R Fitzpatrick
 26 1990 Fr G Roche
 28 2005 Fr B Hackett
 29 1967 Fr M Curley
 30 1965 Fr L Maddock

Please remember in your prayers Ann O'Sullivan,
 Clonakilty, sister of the late Paddy Ryan OSA, and Jimmy
 Walsh, Fethard, brother of Joe Walsh OSA, Australia, who
 died during the month of February.

Fr Michael Leahy OSA, Cork would like to thank Fr Gerry
 Horan, Provincial and all the Friars who attended his sisters
 removal and funeral Mass, 11th and 12th February. He would
 also like to thank all those who sent messages of sympathy
 and Mass cards.

AUGUSTINIAN NEWS: FR. THEODORE TACK R.I.P.

During the week we got the sad news of the death of Fr.
 Theodore Tack O.S.A., former Prior General of the
 Augustinians(1971-1983). During my time in Rome Fr. Tack
 was one of our lecturers and guides in the field of
 Augustinian spirituality and moral theology. We admired his
 commitment and dedication to all things Augustinian. **He
 had a special affection for the Irish group of students in
 St. Monica's international college** where he was also a
 Master of Students from many nations. He came from Tulsa
 Oklahoma. **The Dublin document**, his understanding of
 community life for our times was one of the legacies which
 he has left to the Augustinians and the wider world. It was
 presented at a general meeting in Dublin in 1974.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK.

Welcome to Vol. 6 No. 9. Thanks to all who have
 contributed to this edition of IAN. Special thanks to David
 Moran, Francis Aherne, John O'Connor, for their invaluable
 help, and to Paddy O'Reilly for photos.

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