

IRISH AUGUSTINIAN NEWS

A KENYA EXPERIENCE

From July 14th to July 24th we had Hilary Tagliaferro here from the Maltese Province. As he approached Jomo Kenyatta International Airport he wondered how his well prepared talks on St Augustine would land with the theology students here at St Augustine's Friary, given their different background. But the anxiety was unnecessary. With 20 years of sports broadcasting behind him Hilary applied his well honed communication skills as he laced his talks on Augustine's teaching on social justice with some well chosen movies like "Life is Beautiful" and "Chocolat". But it was not all script, chalk and screen.

During his 10 days here he visited every community and witnessed with growing admiration both the hospitality of the people and the Augustinian contribution in various places. At Baba Dogo where Tom Sexton is parish priest he was able to visit the Jubilee VCT Centre for HIV patients. There too he distributed various sports equipments to the parish primary school as he did in all places. At Blessed Teresa High School, where Denis is chaplain, he celebrated Mass and witnessed at first hand the efforts of the local community to educate their children. This school has been enormously supported both by our Mission Office in Dublin and the Cork Community and People in particular.

In Ishiara he witnessed the TROCAIRE sponsored developmental work done on behalf of farmers where David Fitzgerald and Peter Odiema, a Kenyan OSA, are actively engaged. As he did the 50 minute trip to Kisumu he had his first experience of a Kenyan domestic flight which gave him an aerial view of part of this beautiful country. There he met victims of the 2007 post election violence, interacted with the youth who have formed themselves into teams of reconciliation and peace. Jacob Arieck, parish priest, introduced him to the St Monica's Society, a group of widows who protect themselves and others against the practice of wife inheritance by brothers of the deceased.

So, on July 24th Hilary returned to Malta with camera in hand recalling the experiences. As he himself put it on his departure 'For me this was not only a visit to remember. It was also a unique education at grass root level, an indispensable asset as I interact with other members of our Augustinian NGO in New York'. Denis Mason OSA, Kenya.



Fr Hilary with students from Bl. Teresa High School



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Fr John Meagher OSA
Born on 20.09.1916
Celebrated his 93rd birthday in Fethard.



John Meagher celebrated the 70th anniversary of Ordination in St Pat's Rome on 24.09.2009.
Present were Tony Finn, Dick Lyng, Brian O'Sullivan and James Downey Prior of St Patrick's Rome.



Fr Aidan O'Leary OSA, celebrated the 50th anniversary of Ordination in St Augustine's New Ross.
Present were Michael Collender, Prior of New Ross and Fr Gerry Horan OSA, Provincial.

SOME READERS' COMMENTS

Dear Fr Moran,

Thanks for the IAN. I presume that Paul got you to send it. I have a new computer and I am having trouble getting into your website so I was pleased to get it. There are many facilities on my computer that I have not mastered yet and probably never will.

I have not properly studied the IAN yet but it was great to see Tommy McManus smiling and looking well again. He was in Good Counsel a couple of years ahead of me. Martin Crean was his good pal there. Tommy was a keen footballer. (A few years ago he accused me of doing some damage to him on the pitch..... 40+ years ago! How could a fellow harbour that for so long.... what about charity! All I remember was that for a little fellow, he was rock hard).

Martin was a "Bank Clerk" and kept himself neat, slim and smart. He was very nice, friendly, polite and never got into trouble. There was never any doubt that he would become a member of the Augustinian family. I will enjoy reading his contribution. I hope Fr Meagher will not give him any trouble in Fethard! I think Fr Meagher will be 91 on 20th Sept.

Thanks for your kindness to Paul. He was over the moon with the funds from Cork for his and Fr McCarthy's mission. He has been in Ecuador too long and has become addicted to his work there. As you probably know, he can speak of nothing else and is not aware of it! He is very happy there. He appreciates your contact and support very much.

Thanks again. God bless.

Brendan O'Connor, Duncannon.

Thank you Pat, I'm honoured to be on the circulation list and great to be kept in touch. Barry O'Connor.

Thank you Pat for Sept edition of IAN. Very interesting and informative. I am glad to be on your mailing list.
All the best, Kitty Bennett, Dublin.

Thanks for your swift delivery. It seems to be 'a time when people go on pilgrimages'. Sister Colette will love you for calling her Sister Margaret in the photo. However, how could you know? Ted is getting better day by day. I'm glad he wrote the little note which was nicely couched and will be appreciated by the locals. Greetings to all the crew.

Paul O'Connor OSA, Ecuador.



Dear Pat, Ted McCarthy dropped in for a few minutes to Flavio which is celebrating its fiesta, dancing in the streets etc, but Ted had work to do. He borrowed our cement mixer to put a floor in the Chapel in Las Piedras. So don't ask me "how is Ted" ... just see for yourself. Paul O'Connor OSA, Ecuador.

The Queen of Flavio Festival



The Queen, of Flavio who was not elected from contestants this year, but selected by a qualified group. It costs less that way and avoids rows. Paul O'Connor OSA, Ecuador.

Dear Pat, a belated well done on your report about the Provincial Chapter. The photographs show many of the people who helped to make this chapter a memorable one for me. The preparation that took place for some time beforehand made it a very meaningful exchange of views and gave me a good feeling about our future. I was not dictated to at any stage, rather I felt free to say my piece and felt that it was a worthwhile time spent together. This brings me to the strange reports that appeared in the PNL. I began to wonder if I was in the same province as some of the people who wrote the reports. Moreover, I felt having read them that I was not at the Chapter that they attended. A suggestion by one of the correspondents was how we should elect superiors etc. I felt that this method had been tried. I am not sure it worked. I also feel that there was a certain hijacking of the Chapter by one topic. Let us carry on the great work that the members of the Province are doing and let us encourage each other at all times. Matt Cooney OSA, Dungarvan.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Philip Kelly OSA, Provincial Bursar writes "my official name" on all legal documents and for banking matters is: MICHAEL KELLY. When sending cheques or any official or legal documents, make sure you always use the name MICHAEL.



Ben O'Brien OSA, being presented with the Vincent Lyons Cup by Pat Furness, St Anne's Golf Club.

JEROME MURPHY-O'CONNOR, OP



Even bright clouds have silver linings! I was refused accommodation at the Dominican priory in Cork on the grounds that every room was filled by the new intake of 13 novices plus a novice master and his assistant. Where was I to stay?

I immediately thought of the Augustinian Priory on Washington Street, because just this time last year I was awarded an honorary doctorate

by Villanova University, Philadelphia, USA, and had the most pleasant memories of my stay in the Augustinian community there. I can now testify that the same wonderful hospitality is available at the Cork Priory.

Pat Moran and his brethren have surrounded me with the warmest fraternal charity.

My reason for staying on in Cork was to give a public lecture at Christ the King Church, Turner's Cross. The subject given me was to look back over a long career and to highlight the aspects that helped me to learn and appreciate the Sacred Scriptures. In a way I was marked from the beginning, because at first profession I received the name Jerome, the patron saint of Biblical studies. That blessing was confirmed by an assignation to do a doctorate in Biblical studies at the University of Fribourg, Switzerland, before being sent to the Ecole Biblique in Jerusalem. It was meant to be a two-year stay to put the final polish on my education, but the assignation was never changed, and it has been my home now for 46 years.

I have seen the Ecole Biblique grow into a truly international institution, which takes students of all creeds. All the Christian churches are represented but we have also had Jews and Muslims. Their motive for coming is less the brilliance of the professors than the opportunity to live for a year or two in the Holy Land. Their goal is to read the Bible in the land in which it was written. Every event in the Bible has a geographical context. Those places can still be visited. On the way one can make the observations on which Jesus based his parables. Thus a spell in Jerusalem inevitably engenders a strong bias in favour of the historicity of the Bible, particularly as regards the Gospels and the rest of the New Testament.

My own research has focused on Paul and the historical Jesus, and I have been led to fill out the theologies of these two most important figures by reference to the historical circumstances under which they preached. By walking the land I now know how long it took Jesus to tramp from A to B. Paul made much longer journeys, and my experience has given me a much greater appreciation of the stamina that he put at the service of his evangelical determination to spread the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

Even though I have spent my life as a research scholar, I also do a lot of popular teaching and lecturing, notably in the USA. I believe very strongly that theologians should not generate the theological agenda. This is the way to irrelevance. All the real theological questions surface regularly in the average parish, and people like me have been given the time and training to look for answers. Lecturing to non-specialists keeps me in touch with the real needs of the church. Their questions enable me to focus on the issues that are really important in the lives of believers.

The Irish Augustinian Ongoing Formation Commission presents: Phase Three of **HEARING THE GOSPEL AGAIN FOR THE FIRST TIME** Horse and Jockey, Co Tipperary October 29-30 2009

The On-going Formation team have come up with the following suggestion: That each month, by means of your IAN we suggest the "books the month" which the friars might like to read and maybe discuss in community? This month we suggest the books below, as good background to our meeting in Horse and Jockey, October 29-30 2009, with Dr Michael Drumm. Flor O'Callaghan OSA.

Nolan, Albert, **JESUS TODAY**. A Spirituality of Radical Freedom. Maryknoll NY: Orbis, 2007

Albert Nolan is a Dominican priest from South Africa and the author of the best-selling "Jesus Before Christianity." In this new book, he explores the spirituality of Jesus. The author brings his fresh and exciting presentation of Jesus' teaching to bear on today's hungers, both spiritual and social.

This book, with seventeen short chapters, is divided into four sections: 1. The Signs of our Times. 2. Jesus' Spirituality. 3. Personal Transformation Today. 4. Jesus and the experience of oneness. This would make an ideal book for personal reading or for a community reading programme or book club.

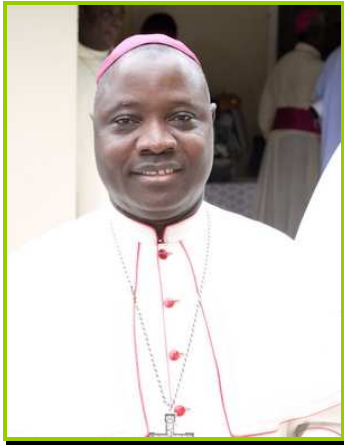
Harrington, Daniel J., **JESUS**. A Historical Portrait. Cincinnati OH: St Anthony Messenger Press, 2006

Daniel Harrington is the well-known American Jesuit scripture scholar. When the great write simply they can still be simply great! A list of the chapter headings gives a good idea of the contents of this very attractive and constructive book. 1. How do we know who Jesus is? 2. The world of Jesus. 3. Jesus and the kingdom. 4. Jesus the teacher. 5. Jesus the miracle worker. 6. Jesus and prayer. 7. Jesus and women. 8. Jesus and politics. 9. The death of Jesus. 10. The resurrection of Jesus. 11. Jesus and the first Christians. 12. The second coming of Jesus. This would be an ideal book for a bible study or adult faith formation group because it asks and answers so many ordinary and important questions.

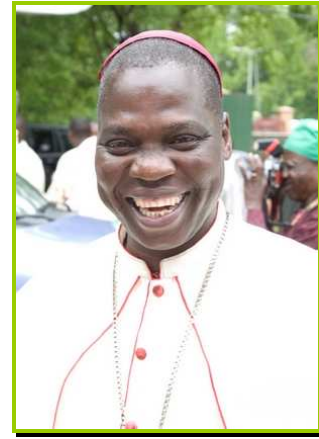
Dunn, James D. G., **A New Perspective on Jesus**: What the Quest for the Historical Jesus Missed. London: SPCK, 2006

Jimmy Dunn, the top-notch biblical scholar from Scotland, writes here for the general reader. The plus of this book is that it takes seriously both the impact of the historical Jesus on his followers and the impact of the oral traditions that led to our Gospels. The book is short but contains three substantial chapters: 1. The first faith. When did faith become a factor in the Jesus tradition? 2. Behind the Gospels: What it meant to remember Jesus in the earliest days. 3. The characteristic Jesus: from atomistic exegesis to consistent emphases. This would be an ideal, even an essential, book for anyone who preaches today.

Kieran O'Mahony OSA, Orlagh.



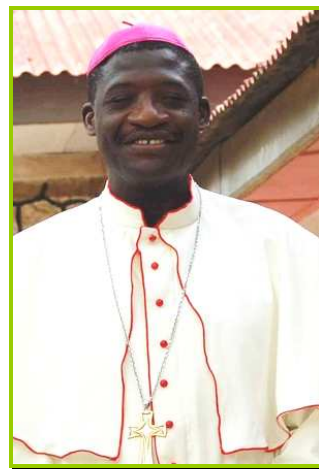
Archbishop Ignatius Ayau Kaigama
Born Kona 31.01.1958. Ordained priest 06.06.1981
Ordained Bishop of Jalingo 23.04.1995
Installed as Archbishop of Jos 22.06.2000.



Archbishop Matthew Man-Oso Ndagoso
Born Yola 03.01.1960. Ordained priest 04.10.1986
Ordained Bishop of Maiduguri 01.05.2003
Installed as Archbishop of Kaduna 31.01 2008.



Bishop James Naanman Daman OSA, born 10.04.1956
Ordained priest by Pope John Paul II 14.02.1982
First Nigerian Vice Provincial 1997
Ordained Bishop of Jalingo 24.02.2001



Bishop John Niyiring, OSA, born 04.06.1960
Ordained priest by Bishop Sheehan 12.07.1992
Provincial of Province of Nigeria 2005
Ordained Bishop of Kano 13.05.2008

DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

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

05 1975 Fr J. Dullea
11 1961 Fr L.A. Doyle
16 1988 Fr J. Keane
17 1989 Br P. O'Connell
17 1999 Br C. Counihan
22 2002 Fr T. Mescall
24 1997 Fr P. Ryan
27 1961 Fr B.M. O'Sullivan
28 1974 Fr G.B. Redmond
30 1987 Fr S. Renehan
30 1992 Fr M. Duggan

Please remember in your prayers Fr Gervase Corcoran OSA who died on Thursday 17th September in Tallaght Hospital, Dublin. Gervase had been in failing health for sometime – he suffered a bad stroke about 12 years ago, and has been in Nursing care for all of that time in Ballyboden. His funeral Mass was on Monday 21st September and he was buried in Wexford.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK.

Welcome to Vol. 3 No 4. Thanks to all who have contributed to this edition. Special thanks to Peter Galus, who does all the photographic work, to David Moran, John O'Connor for their invaluable work, and to Michael Walsh, Paul O'Connor, Pat Furness, Philip Kelly, Flor O'Callaghan, Denis Mason, John Hughes, Colm O'Mahoney, Jerome Murphy-O'Connor OP for articles and photographs.

I have been reading the latest edition of the PNL, the more I read the more depressed I get. Why so much negativity! Was I at the same Chapter? I enjoyed the Chapter very much and we came away with five "Statements of Intent". I have been invited by Giles to be part of his working group, and I am looking forward to getting stuck into, "giving the Augustinian Order a more public profile." Lets leave the Chapter behind us, and use our talents and energies in doing something constructive between now and 2013.

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