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TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE INDIAN SUMMER



Fr Iggy O'Donovan OSA presents a cheque for €3,150, the proceeds collected here in The Augustinian on September 25th, to representatives of **St. Joseph's India Project**. Those travelling to Shillong and Calcutta in India shortly are: Jack Reilly, Conor Victory, Peter Durnin, Karl Smith, Adam Fallon, Coaimhín Seery, and Séan Doherty. While there, they hope to help those who are materially less fortunate and they are eager to gain an insight into a different culture. **We wish you well.**

The Teacher's Creed

We came across this in the *Friendship Book* by Francis Gay. It was written by a young teacher in the 1920's.

We reckon a teacher who can put all those precepts into practice must be a great teacher!

I believe in the present and its opportunities, in the future and its promise.

In the divine joy of living. I believe we receive a just reward for all we are and all we do. I believe in laughter, in love, in faith. I believe in beauty in the schoolroom, the home and the great outdoors. I believe in wisdom, as revealed in human lives as well as in the pages of printed books, in lessons taught not so much as precepts as by example, in ability to work with the hands as well as thinking with the head. I believe in the curse of ignorance, in the dignity of teachers, in the joy of serving others. I believe in boys and girls, the men and women of a great tomorrow.



The end of September is not a time when an open-air Mass would be expected, but the recent spell of fine weather meant that was exactly what happened in Orlagh during a recent school retreat. Twelve sixth-year pupils from Blackrock College were here for a two-day retreat at the start of their final school year. Thirty sixth year pupils from Palmerstown Community School were here for a day retreat earlier in the month and we will have two more groups of sixth year pupils in Orlagh for two-day retreats in October.

There has been an ecumenical flavour to the groups using Orlagh this month. These have included three groups of Dublin diocesan clergy, the Church of Ireland *Discovery Committee* that explores ministry to immigrants and the leadership team of the World Harvest Mission. Meanwhile the Orlagh Team have started a consultation with parishes to discuss their needs and to explore how our outreach programme can be further developed.

John Byrne OSA, Orlagh.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please remember in your prayers the following who are unwell at the moment:

Fr Bill Prendiville OSA, Limerick.

Fr Columba O'Donnell OSA, Duckspool, Dungarvan.

Fr Brendan McDonnell OSA, Jos, Nigeria, presently at home in Cork on holidays.

SOME READERS' COMMENTS:

(The sections marked 'Note' are my own additions - dk).

John Foley OSA

Prior Callan 1785 (according to a list in Battersby's history, p.70 (1856)). (Note: The 1783 Chapter gives a Fr. Tierney as prior of Callan, but a change must have occurred midway through term of office, as Fr. Foley is listed as prior in 1785.

Prior again in Callan 1787-1791 (Note: the 1787 Provincial Chapter confirms this 'reelectus fuit prior Callanensis')

Prior of Tipperary 1791-1795 and 1795-1799 (Note: T.C. Butler in *The Friars of Fethard*, includes John Foley in the list of appointments for Tipperary, p.40).

FXM also includes the following without comment:

'John Foley: Eremita of St. Augustine: [residence] Tipperary, [when qualified] 16 July 1793: [where] quarter sessions Waterford.' (From Catholic Qualification Roll in P.R.O.I.).

Tomb Dedication:

'This tomb was erected by the parishioners as a grateful tribute to the memory of the Rev. John Foley, OSA for 13 years PP. of the united parishes of Kilbrittain and Rathcleran, who died Nov. 27, 1828 aged 80 years' (Kilbrittain parish graveyard).

From the above dedication, (given by FXM) we can deduce that Fr. Foley was born in 1748 (maybe Tipperary, maybe Callan). If we assume he joined the friars when he was about 18-20 years of age, he would have been ordained when he was 25-27 perhaps (about 1773-1775). Where he studied (probably on the continent) or where he was based from ordination up to 1793, we do not know (possibly in Tipperary/Kilkenny area). In the end he seems to have been in the service of the archdiocese of Cashel while remaining a friar to the end - he wasn't the only friar of that period who worked for the diocese.

I hope that the above information, patchy though it is, will be of interest. Regards, David Kelly OSA, Ballyboden.

Word on WebOnline Faith Formation

Dear Friends, This is to remind you that the programme "Eucharist" will be available in November/December as indicated below. This programme is the third of four in our series to support the themes of the International Eucharistic Conference.

The full schedule is attached:

Wednesday, November 30: What Do We Remember?

Wednesday, December 07: Why Do We Give Thanks?

Wednesday, December 14: Who is the Body of Christ?

We will be contacting you within the next few weeks with registration details. If you would like to contact us in the meantime, either reply to this email message or contact

-Fr. John Byrne OSA at (01) 495-8193.

Sincerely, Bernie Baker WOW

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Dear Fr Pat, Thank you very sincerely for printing (via Fr Columba O'Donnell) uncle Ted's (Kenrick) last letter home in the August edition of IAN. Even though he has long gone to his Eternal reward, it was so nice to see he is remembered with fondness, and, needless to say, especially in my own family.

I am living in Limerick for the past 46 years and am actively involved in St Augustine's here – it's in my blood!

But I still say, anytime I go to Fethard (very often), I am going "down home."

You may recall a meeting we had in Limerick a few years ago (Fr Mike Brennock was involved), when you told me that you had been to Gordanvale a number of months previously and had taken photo's outside the Church there.

One little note of interest – Uncle Ted was the first Parish Priest of Gordanvale – a great achievement for a man in his 20's, and Fr Leo O'Sullivan who is with us here in St Augustine's was the last Parish Priest before the parish went back to the secular clergy.

There is even a Kenrick Street in Gordanvale. Two of my nieces visited there last year.

Thank you again, Fr Pat, for remembering Uncle Ted, both on your Australian visit and in the IAN.

May God bless you in all your work.

Mary O'Brien (nee Kenrick).

P.S. A poignant note –all my Grandparents received following Uncle's death was a lock of his hair !

My Grandmother continued as organist in the Abbey (Fethard) for 54 years and received the Bene Merenti, and was succeeded there by my Uncle Billy, Ted's youngest brother, my cousin Don Byard and my sister Anne.

Sannu and every good wish from here. I read of the death of Bro Andrew on the Council News and I would like to express my sympathy with the Ballyboden community.

I had not heard that Andrew was ill, so it was something of a shock for me. His journey in life completed, may he R.I.P.

I always found Andrew very very welcoming over the years. Ballyboden will not be the same without him. Whenever I 'blew in' - usually on a Sunday for lunch! - he was there and there was 'a welcome on the mat'. He was part and parcel of the 'living house'.

I did not realise that he was 73 years old. He did not look it. I am sure he had a typical Augustinian send-off. He has left a good memory, and many will miss him.

I will copy this to the Cork community, as I met his sister there during the summer, and would like to pass on my respect for Andrew to her.

Every good wish, Ray Hickey, OSA, Abuja, Nigeria.

Pat, I read with interest the articles in the above outlining the footballing achievements of St. Catherine's and the academic achievements of Good Counsel.

It reminded me of my college days in the Friary of the 1950's when, in the eyes of many students, and dare I say it, some Friars, footballing skills may have been rated somewhat more highly than academic ability!

I recall a very good Frewen Cup team in 1954, (which because of a pillow fight in the "big" dormitory when my brother Hilary was given responsibility for student discipline and failed to keep it,) was withdrawn from the competition as punishment. The year 1955 saw a very good senior team eventually beaten, if memory serves me correctly, by Clonmel CBS.

The year 1956, the college won the Frewen Cup and in 1957 were beaten in the final. I played on the 1956 team, was captain in 1957 but missed the final because I contracted TB.

I cannot recall what occurred in 1958 as I was not in college due to illness but I have a recollection of a good senior team. However, 1959 saw the return of the Frewen Cup to the Friary.

I wonder where all those students are now. Is it "pie in the sky" to think that those who are still around would meet in the Friary at our own expense and catch up on the "good old days" and the very happy memories many of us have of those days.

It would be nice to meet Bishop Louis O'Donnell, Fr. Gerry Hickey and Fr. Mick Leahy as well as our team mates. How about it? Regards, Tony Jordan.

Dear Pat, Greetings from the Orient. On October 8th our Korean friars finally had the ground-breaking ceremony for our building of a new retreat house, priory and chapel in hill country north of Seoul. We have been held up with council regulations and the like but I'd thought I'd take the opportunity on their behalf to thank the Irish Province for your generous donation which we received last year. Hopefully the project will be completed by next May if Winter is not too severe. I'm the last standing ex-pat here at the moment. Currently we have 11 Korean solemnly professed, 2 simply professed and 5 postulants. Thanks for keeping us in touch. Raymond Canning r.canning@signadou.acu.edu.au and John Clarkson jay_cee40@hotmail.com would also be happy to receive internet copies of IAN. You can also save some postage on myself too as I'm happy with the internet copy. John L. Sullivan OSA, South Korea.



RIVERMOUNT PARISH FINGLAS



Fr. Paddy O'Reilly with Kathleen Sherlock at a Celebration to mark her 100th Birthday.



Kathleen Sherlock with family members at a Celebration to mark her 100th Birthday.



Centrepiece for Harvest Thanksgiving Celebration in Rivermount Parish

Rivermount Parish, Finglas South

The Parish celebrated the Saturday Vigil Mass on Sept. 17 in recognition of one of its parishioners who was 100 years old the previous

day. Kathleen Sherlock, the grandmother of the Dublin footballer Jason Sherlock, is a regular attendee at the Vigil Mass and even last Christmas braved the ice and snow to attend the Christmas Vigil.

On Tuesday 20th Sept. Rivermount Parish celebrated its annual Harvest Thanksgiving Ceremony. This occasion not only marked our thanks for the fruits of the earth but also the 'Autumn Years of Life', for which we also expressed gratitude.

Paddy O'Reilly OSA, Finglas.

"OLIVER" THE MUSICAL

This year's musical production is going to be the all time favourite "OLIVER". Auditions have already commenced and rehearsals are underway under the direction of Sinead Kiely and the choreography of Pat Grant. This is going to be an amazing production and will open in late November. Tickets will be on sale in usual outlets. Book early!

Leaving Cert Results 2011

Leaving Cert results were exceptional this year. Congratulations to all students who performed so well. Over 70% of the Class of 2011 scored over 300 points. 40% scored over 400 points with 12% scoring over 500 points. What a great performance! April Duff was the icing on the cake with eight AIs, the highest grades in the country, an honour shared with only nine other students nationwide.

The New St. Augustine's School Limerick

Limerick October 3rd 2011 - A hall in Augustinian Lane behind the church and Priory has been home to an alternative educational project for the past thirty years. It had been a venue for concerts, missionary sales of work and social gatherings.

In 1981 the Augustinian community offered hospitality to a Youth Encounter Project for students whose gifts could not be accommodated in mainstream schools. Through the pioneering and visionary work of Fr. Paddy Mullery O.S.A. initial contacts were made with a number of young people who had been out of school for some time. He formed them into a club which grew into the Youth Encounter Project in St. Augustine's Hall. The building was adapted to accommodate an innovative venture. Members of the Augustinian community served on the Board of Management. Fr. Paddy Mullery and Fr. Jerry Sheehan are remembered with deep affection by pupils and staff. Both of them are deceased.

For many years the building had been deteriorating and after a long search for a new site, part of the former Presentation Convent, Sexton St. was identified as a suitable location. The work of refurbishment and conversion was completed during the summer. The transfer to the restored location is under way. There is great rejoicing that the young people and the staff now have a learning environment in keeping with their dignity.

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 LA 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 BM O'Sullivan
28 1974 Fr GB Redmond
30 1987 Fr S Renehan
30 1992 Fr M Duggan

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Having given up on the forecast 'Indian Summer', 6th Year Geography students braved the elements on Friday to complete their Geographical Investigation in Tramore. Accompanied by their teachers Ms O'Neill and Mr Moran, the group had to endure a day of heavy rainfall as they carried out the various aspects of their field study. Hopefully it will ultimately prove well worthwhile.

Transition Year students were, meanwhile, taking part in a car safety training day, a valuable exercise for all young drivers and all those who will soon be doing so. They have also had a guest speaker from the Rape Crisis Centre address them during the week in addition to getting started on YSI projects.

On Wednesday 5th Oct. a group of Australian students, collectively known as the 'Wanderers', played a game of Compromise Rules against a team selected from our own Transition Year students. With the round ball the home side enjoyed huge superiority but when the oval ball was introduced at half time, the lads from the Southern Hemisphere looked much more comfortable. The Australian boys had been hosted by the families of the TY students on Tuesday night and so got to experience life in such places as Raheen, Tineranny and Kilderry. Before departing for the boat from Rosslare, the party of students, staff and some family members had dinner in the school dining room where they spoke very fondly of their trip to Ireland and in particular to Good Counsel.

Finally, on Friday last we said goodbye to Bro Colm O'Mahoney OSA who has worked in the school as a chaplain over the past year; we wish him all the best in his new role in Dublin and please God, we will see him back in Good Counsel on many future occasions.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK.

Welcome to Vol. 5 No. 4. 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, Paddy O'Reilly and John L Sullivan for photos.

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