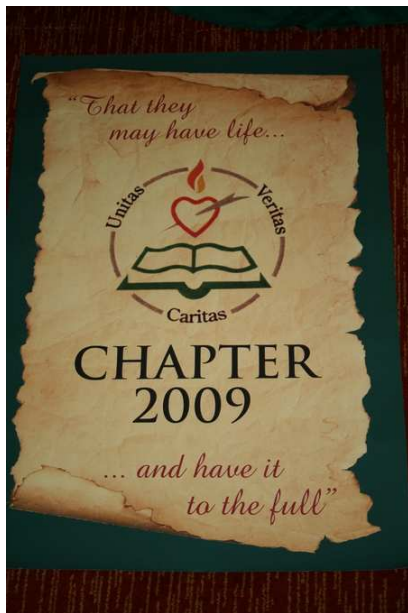


# IRISH AUGUSTINIAN NEWS

**“A STEP ON THE PATH”**

**PROVINCE GATHERING  
TALLAGHT MAY 27 2009**



Over 40 members of the Irish Augustinians, gathered in Dublin on Wednesday last 27 May to pray and to discuss the “Proposed Chapter Structure and Format”.

In the opening prayer session John Hennebry led the group in “An Invitation to Walk on Water”

This was followed by some discussion on the recent “Ryan Report” – on abuse in industrial schools and institutions run by 18 different Religious Orders and Congregations.

The Augustinian’s are not numbered among the 18.

There were also some personal reflections, a lively discussion followed, and this took us up to lunch time.



Bro Nicholas Kearney OSA John’s Lane, Bro Michael Danagher OSA Limerick and Bro Pius Kirwan OSA John’s Lane, Dublin



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Bro Michael Boyle, Frs Jude King and Matt Cooney

In the afternoon a presentation was made of a possible structure for the five days of Chapter 21 to 26 June in University of Limerick. The ultimate decision regarding the structure of the Chapter will, reside with the chapter members when they gather on June 21. This is an Open Chapter.

Fr Prospero Grech OSA, St Monica’s Rome will lead the morning Prayer each day. Three separate themes have been selected for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday with some input each morning from outside speakers, David Quinn, Sean Ruth and Des Lamont. These talks will be followed by discussion and reflections throughout the day.

Pastoral Issues will be addressed after Tea each evening.

The Daily Eucharist will be celebrated by Fr General Bob Prevost, Fr Franz Klein, Fr Hycinth Nigerian Provincial, Fr David Middleton Provincial of England and Scotland and Fr Gerry Horan Irish Provincial.



Frs Michael Collender OSA, Noel Hession OSA and John Hennebry OSA Good Counsel, New Ross.

## SOME READERS' COMMENTS:

Pat, it was fabulous to watch on "youtube" from sunny California the liturgy of Our Lady of Good Counsel on the 25th April at Washington St. Cork, to see some of the friars present and a lively, singing congregation at prayer, and to notice what a remarkable recovery Kevin McManus has made since I last saw him in January at the Royal Hospital, Dublin. The Good Lord certainly works in mysterious ways. Go raibh maith agat for the great job on the IAN. Paul Flynn OSA

Greetings to all, After evening meal I went to visit Ted (McCarthy OSA) and found him well, though not as talkative as last time, when he was probably still under the effects of anaesthetics. His nurse gave me to understand that everything was going according to plan. However, I picked up from the patient that he may be in the clinic for up to six days, so it seems that they are giving him extra special treatment.



Ted McCarthy OSA improves.

Just as I was about to leave at least six parishioners from San Cayetano in Chone came accompanied by the new Polish priest, Fr. Cristobal, from Margaret's parish. They had been looking all over the clinic for Ted but everything was in darkness, they said. Then came the next part "We've been here with Sister Margaret for the past hour. She fell in Las Chonanas and broke her arm. She's out in the car, because she is hurrying to another clinic for placas or plaquetas. (I'm not sure what they said)". As I was about to go to see her, she arrived into Ted's room without a bother on her, except that she had all her forearm in plaster. She seemed to be in very good form, but maybe she too was still under her anaesthetic.

Then two other nuns arrived with a friend of Ted's. For about a half a minute he was stuck for a name, but he got it – much to the glee of all involved. At that stage I headed off for Flavio. Last I saw of Margaret was as she went off like royalty accompanied by at least ten parishioners.

In the final picture you can see how Ted's left eye is beginning to clear up. He says that the headaches have gone. However, when I went to lift up the eye-lid to see if the eye was bloodshot, he jumped with pain. The eye itself must still be very sensitive.

Ted sends his thanks to all who have sent their greetings and seemed content when I told him that the IAN (Irish Augustinian news) [staugustinescork.ie](http://staugustinescork.ie) had sent greetings and prayers.

Paul O'Connor OSA, Ecuador.

For us in the 'diaspora' IAN is often the source of breaking news. This was again true of the May edition where it was good to see that a bit of "old time religion" is still strong in Cork with the packed church for all the sessions of the Novena. The other was the 'miracle' of seeing Tommy McManus in vestments once more and concelebrating with you. That was, and is, magnificent. Long may he have the health to continue. We thank God for answering the many prayers offered for that miracle nearly one year ago. At this stage we look forward to the June edition and then the Chapter. Well done Pat and team. Tom Sexton OSA, Kenya.

Hi all, I hope all are well and are looking forward to the summer. I have started a blog which focuses on Augustinian youth ministry which I hope will be interesting for you. I have never managed a blog before – in fact until about two weeks ago I didn't really know what they were at all, so I would appreciate help or ideas. Just in case you are wondering, I chose Possidius as a username because I have been told that its better not to use your real name. With that in mind if you are posting anything please use only surnames as some people are sensitive about their names appearing on the internet.

The address for the blog is <http://augustinianyouthministry.blogspot.com/> and remember it will only be useful if people contribute to it. Regards, Noel Hession OSA, Ballyboden.

To the past pupils of Good Counsel who are still with us please note that the Past pupils golf will be staged at New Ross Golf club on Monday the 17<sup>th</sup> August this year 2009. Dermot Kavanagh who is a member of New Ross golf club is running the event. Dermot has a block tee time booking from 12.30 to 2pm. Any enquiries should be made to the secretary of the club. Hope to see you all there. David Egan.

## USEFUL WEBSITES

[www.titmus.dublindiocese.ie](http://www.titmus.dublindiocese.ie)

[www.biblical-art.com](http://www.biblical-art.com)

## STOP PRESS

Kieran O'Mahoney's book on St Paul arrived from publishers on Fri. 29. "Do We Still Need St Paul?"

A Contemporary reading of the Apostle.

The publisher is Veritas. John Byrne OSA.



"Who wouldn't be Ted"



## ST PAUL'S PILGRIMAGE



Kieran O'Mahony OSA and John Byrne OSA

A group of 45 travelled to Greece on the 10-day Pauline pilgrimage. We were ably led by Kieran O'Mahony. A highly appreciated feature of the trip was the scriptural teaching given each night by him. The party consisted mainly of Orlagh and Miltown contacts of John Byrne and Kieran. Diocesan priests were well represented too: four from Killaloe, and one each from Dublin, Galway and Kilmore. Throw into the mix a Redemptorist, a lively Dominican and six Augustinians and you will conclude that there was no shortage of experts on St. Paul, Aquinas, Alphonsus, Greek classical culture, and a whole range of other disciplines for that matter! We travelled the length of the country, from Thessaloniki in the north to Corinth in the south, a distance of 1,400 kilometers. Among the places with Pauline connections we visited were: Philippi, where Paul baptized Lydia and was imprisoned with Silas (Acts 16:16ff), Neapolis, Boerea, Pella, Corinth, Cenchreae and of course Athens, with its famous Acropolis and Aeropagus where Paul delivered his famous speech to the 'Men of Athens' (Acts 17:22ff). We spent a wonderful day in ancient Corinth, where Paul worked with Aquila and Pricilla.

We paid our respects also to the wonders of the classical Hellenic world, like the magnificent Sanctuary of Apollo on the slopes of Mount Parnassus at Delphi; the royal tombs of Macedonian Kings, including Philip II, father of Alexander the Great. It was an amazing experience to gaze upon the golden death mask of the legendary Greek leader Agamemnon in the National Archaeological Museum of Athens. This was discovered at Mycenae in 1876 by the German genius Heinrich Schliemann. It is astonishing to think that this exquisite treasure dates from 1,500 B.C! These few paltry words have done scant justice to what was a wonderful experience.

Dick Lyng OSA, Galway.



Dick Lyng OSA and Fr Ned Crosby CC Galway

## AUSTRALIA

I enjoy reading in IAN about the Augustinians, especially those I met at Ballyboden, and Rome between 1958 -1963. I believe Fr Mick Mernagh's pilgrimage was a world class act. About Paul O'Connor I am au fait but I didn't know Fr Ben O'Brien has escaped New Ross to tend the ...Yankees. Fr Denis Mason has spent some time in a good paddock. I hope Fr Codd is still keeping the faith as he was quick to tell Abel Van Der Veer and myself when we departed Australia for Eire. Abel is my major Mass sayer in Aust. Fr John Sullivan gets a mention also - it 'twas himself who said pray always and, I've not forgotten.

My best regards to Frs Michael Leahy, Denis Mason, Nicholas Sexton, Michael [Chris] Fitzgerald, Philip Kelly and Ailbe Brennan - the Priest from the Blaskets or was that a myth. God go with all Augustinians. Peter Auer

## ECUADOR



In Santa Rita I found Ted patiently receiving a visitor, Fanny Minchong, who has been bringing succulent dishes of prawns to the friars for years. Presumably she had some delicacy for Ted today, but he's on a diet. (Despite the diet, he polished off some of the mashed potatoes that were hurried up for me -- and I think he dug into a few sausages too -- so he's improving). When asked about going to Ireland he said that "All the hassle would be too much for me". And then he flew a kite about going in to Convento on Sunday next as he'd like to be with them for Pentecost. "And" , he said, "I'll be doing something that I've never wanted to do. I'll take a driver". That was reassuring. Anyway you will find the photos reassuring as well, even though he has lost some weight.

Paul O'Connor OSA.



Bishop John Niyiring celebrating his appointment as Bishop of Kano, in his home village 23 May '09



40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cake



David Fitzgerald OSA celebrating 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Ordination

#### **“THE RYAN REPORT”**

It is beyond talking. It is too much. Some can't even listen to the Radio or watch TV. It is almost impossible to imagine what happened and how it could. If this was 'reformatory' or 'orphanage' or 'care' or 'school' or 'education' or 'holiness' or 'church' – none of us want any of it. How could such educated people know so little? How could holy people be so inhuman? I think the 'officials' in the church have to become very serious and very humble and readdress many issues at the heart of what is considered to be 'faithful.' Some of the arrogance of the past needs to be thrown out. Everyone of us has been damaged now. It is hard to keep going. The battle was always tough but now it is well nigh impossible. Seamus Ahearne OSA, Finglas.

#### **DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE**

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

03 1995 Fr. D Kelleher  
 04 2000 Fr. D Coleman  
 06 1979 Fr. J Hogan  
 07 1997 Fr. K Moylan  
 09 1969 Fr. H Garman  
 10 1962 Fr. N Magee  
 13 1973 Fr. G Moran  
 15 1999 Fr. D Hegarty  
 15 2006 Fr. C Mansfield  
 16 1995 Fr. J Kiely  
 20 1992 Fr. J Martin  
 21 2008 Fr. D Dempsey  
 23 1999 Fr. M Donnelly  
 28 1998 Fr P Browne  
 28 2002 Fr. J Kavanagh

Please remember in your prayers Pat Corcoran, brother of the late Fr Philip Corcoran OSA, who died during the month of May in Cork.

#### **GOLF CLASSIC FETHARD**

The Friend's of the Abbey, Fethard, have organised a **Golf Classic** in aid of our Augustinian Missions.

Saturday 27 June 2009

At Slievenamon Golf Club

(On the road from Clonmel to Fethard R 689)

3 Ball Scramble €60 per team.

Come and relax after the work of the Chapter!

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#### **CHANGE OF TELEPHONE NUMBER**

Please note that the telephone number of the Augustinian Community in Fethard is changed from June 2009 to:

**052 6131273**

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#### **ORLAGH RETREAT CENTRE**

Orlagh Bible Week 15-19 June 2009

Is Scripture really the Word of God?

Understanding the Bible Today.

Presenters: Sean Goan, Carmel McCarthy,  
 Kieran O'Mahony OSA.

Contact: Orlagh Retreat Centre,  
 Old Court Road, Dublin 16.

Email: [info@orlagh.ie](mailto:info@orlagh.ie)

Web: [www.orlagh.ie](http://www.orlagh.ie)

#### **CONGRATULATIONS**

##### **TO KIERAN O'MAHONY OSA**

The third of a three-part series for Intercom, by Kieran O'Mahony OSA looks at the Cross and Resurrection in St Paul's theology. It appears in the June edition of Intercom. Well done again Kieran.

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#### **RESOURCES FOR THE SUNDAYS OF JUNE**

Congratulations to John Byrne OSA, on the publication of resources for the four Sundays of June. They appear in the June edition of Intercom. Veritas website: [www.veritas.ie](http://www.veritas.ie)

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#### **FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK.**

Welcome to Vol. 2 No 12. Thanks to all who have contributed to this edition. Special thanks as always to Peter Galus, David Moran, John O'Connor, to John Byrne, Noel Hession, Brendan McDonnell, David Fitzgerald and Giles O'Halloran for photographs.

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Best wishes and prayers for a speedy recover to full health to Fr Tony Finn OSA, following recent surgery in Rome.