

IRISH AUGUSTINIAN NEWS

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN

"A workshop was held on February 4th. The stimulus was the forthcoming report (maybe mid March) of the Dublin Inquiry which will be as damaging as the Ferns report. Fr Gerry O'Leary from Ferns shared his experience with the gathered friars and they appreciated his candour. Dr Jeannie De Volder, of the Granada Institute spoke as from the "shoes of a victim/survivor" of child sexual abuse, a sobering and frank presentation of the realities they face, and of the damage done by abusers. For the province's Child Protection, Paddy O'Reilly OSA reminded the friars of the policies adopted by the friars at the last Chapter and the need to actively implement these policies. All communities will be asked to complete a check list next month to ensure they are indeed implementing the policy of the province". Paddy O'Reilly OSA - Council News Feb. '09



Michael Burns Ballyboden Parish, Dr Jeannie De Volder, Paddy O'Reilly OSA, Fr Gerry O'Leary and Pat Moran OSA



Michael Burns, Dr De Volder, Paddy O'Reilly, Fr Gerry O'Leary Ferns, Kate Everitt Drogheda, John Byrne OSA.



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PROVINCIAL RE-ELECTED

The count of the 1st Ballot for the election of Prior Provincial took place at the Provincial Office on Tuesday 10th February. Tom Cooney OSA, delegate of the Prior General, presided and David Kelly OSA and Bro Columba Higgins acted as independent tellers. Gerry Horan OSA received almost 89% of the valid poll, and has been re-elected Provincial for the next four years.

YOUTH AUGUSTINIAN PARTNERSHIP

New Core Team

The team members are as follows: Noel Hession OSA (Chairman), Niall Coghlan OSA (Vice Chairman), Lilly McGarry Ballyboden (Secretary), Niall Murphy (Drogheda), Conaill O'Dubhir (Ballyboden), Samantha Gibson (New Ross), Claire O'Donnell and Malgorzata Wieceh – Goscia (Cork), Eoin Cahalan (Galway).

CONGRATULATIONS TO KIERAN O'MAHONY OSA

The first of a three-part series for Intercom, by Kieran O'Mahony OSA charts the life of Paul prior to his conversion, and it appears in the March edition of Intercom. Well done Kieran.

HOPE

When my race is run
When my time shall come
Shall I cease to be
Or rise, to live eternally?
This is my hope; my faith in thee
Who died on a cross, ignominiously
That I might be, forgiven, free;
A prodigal come to his His Father's Home,
Embraced in love, by the Triune One.

Jack Crean OSA (Abbeyside) 17.02.2009

What always ends everything? The letter "g."
What animal keeps the best time? A watch dog.
What always happens at the end of a dry spell? It rains.

SOME READERS' COMMENTS:

Pat, I look forward each month to reading IAN. It is great to hear from the Augustinians in different parts of the world. I was delighted to read that Michael Barry is so well. Pat, just to let you know that a sister of Gerard Flatley died last week - her name was Anne Byrne. With continued success to IAN. Michael Danaher OSA (Limerick).

GREETINGS PAT.....DENIS HEGARTY here.....

I'm one of the many { I'm sure } former SAC GUYS WHO KEEPS AN EYE ON YOUR IAN / WEB SITE . ALWAYS INTERESTING. JUST A THOUGHT FOR YOUR NEXT ONE.....THIS MARCH 22nd IS THE 40th ANNIV OF THE ORDINATION OF 5 OF OUR " SCHOOL MATES" I ATTACH A FEW PHOTOS FROM THOSE DAYS IN ROME. BEST WISHES. DENIS 01 8259330.

Paul Flynn OSA, California; saw this story on the BBC News website and thought that some readers might look up website: ** A monk's life... but just until Monday ** A number of monasteries and nunneries are offering people the chance to try out the holy life in the hope of attracting new members.

< <http://news.bbc.co.uk/go/em/fr/-/1/hi/uk/7875773.stm> >

Thanks for staying with it Pat; this one got through OK.
Ben O'Brien OSA (Florida).

Ben's new address benignus@hotmail.co.uk

Now that he's on his 'foreign mission' the IAN will become more important to him.

Ted was in Portoviejo in a queue for the eye specialist when I got in touch about the news. However, he had spent the night in Santa Rita and had already opened his e-mail. (Here there was no contact by phone all last night, probably due to the rain, so your letter came in early this, Friday, morning.)

Best regards and thanks. My regards also to Fitz.
Paul O'Connor OSA (Ecuador).

Hello Pat, The January 'Doctrine and Life' has a review of a book on Knock. In a comment on Church opposition to the Land League (p. 62) the reviewer refers to "The window in the Friary in Ballyhaunis with a similar image of Mary and a similar use of the mitre". Has anyone any details about this window? Ray Hickey OSA (Abuja, Nigeria).
Researchers at work! (Ed.)

Hi Pat, I have just got your February issue of IAN. As usual "Excellent". I had of course downloaded it some time back. As I write to you I am moving towards the final stages of a "Blessed Teresa High School Handbook". When I have it in somewhat respectable form I will send a copy. But for now I would like you to email me the logo you use on the front page of each IAN issue. Fraternally Denis Mason OSA, (Kenya).

Pat, Sorry for the late reply. Things don't work here all the time! Great to hear Gerry is being appreciated for his leadership. He was an alter boy at the same time as I was in Limerick. I read the Michael Walsh note after I e-mailed you. No problem to release Email to Michael or whoever you wish. Look forward to Feb. edition.

Michael Barry, (Bahamas) www.mbjw@batelnet.bs



Philip Sinnott OSA RIP, Liam Ryan OSA, David Fitzgerald OSA, Archbishop John Jarlath Dooley S.S.C.M.E (1906-1999), Teddy Hegarty OSA RIP, and Tom Sexton OSA, Kenya. (photo taken 22.03.1969)

Gathering at Horse and Jockey (February 19-21, 2009)

About 35 people, friars and lay associates gathered at the Horse and Jockey hotel for the second phase of *Hearing the Gospel Again for the First Time*. This time the focus was a presentation of the gospel of Mark (the gospel of the current liturgical year) and the key focus-question was – *What do you want me to do for you?* The session opened on Thursday evening, with a presentation by Dick Lyng which linked us with the previous phase in November when we had John Waters and Eugene Duffy as presenters. This session concluded with a celebration of evening prayer.

Friday and Saturday brought us on a journey through the gospel of Mark. The sessions were co-presented by Sean Goan and Kieran O'Mahony. We were challenged to think of the implications of writing a gospel for a time of crisis as was the case with Mark's gospel. Then we were guided through the kingdom stories (parables) of the gospel, and through the way of discipleship as presented by the evangelist. The thirteenth chapter introduced us to 'the little apocalypse', inviting us to look at the signs of our times and at what's going on in our world (economic crisis, global warming, leadership vacuum, church as institution, future of the province etc.). The final chapter (Mark 16:1-8) was presented in a more *lectio divina* mode, inviting contemplative and prayer reflection. The unusual ending of the gospel perhaps invites us to write our own 'ending' for our time.

In between the various presentations, our facilitator, Sarah Barry guided the group through the process part of the gathering, with various exercises, and group discussions, especially around the focus question from the gospel, *what do you want me to do for you?*

It was an intensive but a productive time nonetheless and particular appreciation is due to Kieran and Sean for their very effective presentations. We were well looked after once again by the hotel staff. The next phase of the programme will be in the autumn (most likely in November) on the theme of *Christ & Culture, understanding salvation and redemption today*. The details of this phase will be communicated by the Ongoing Formation Commission nearer the time.

David Kelly OSA (Ballyboden).

**WORDONWEB - LENT 2009
THE GOSPEL OF MARK
TO SEE OR NOT TO SEE
(Interactive parish based scripture programme)**

Modules

- 1). What is a Gospel? Why did Mark write?
- 2). Jesus and the Kingdom - Metaphor and Meaning
- 3). Jesus and the Disciples - The Way of the Cross

Presenters:

Sean Goan and Kieran O'Mahony OSA

8.00pm on Tuesdays

In the convenience of your own parish

Mar 10 Mar 24 Apr 7

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- View the WOW Presentation as a group in the local parish setting (30 mins)
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- Join the presenters and other groups in a live teleconference Q & A session (30 mins)

Wow presentations are downloaded from the web as podcasts for local viewing on a PC and screen.

The technical requirements for taking part are:

- Computer with broadband Internet access to download the podcast Presentation
- Parish meeting room with a computer, speakers, projector and screen
- A telephone and speaker phone to take part in the Q & A session.

**Registration: E-mail: registrar@wordonweb.org
Write: WordOnWeb, Orlagh Retreat
Centre, Old Court Road, Dublin 16, Ireland.**

Costs: €15 per person per programme, with discounts available for large groups. Cheques payable to Orlagh Retreat Centre – WOW.

On registration you will be provided with instructions on how to download the podcasts and also on how to login to the telephone conference on the night.

www.wordonweb.org

Pat, I hope I am not late. Perhaps you will have had an official correspondent at the recent Horse & Jockey session but I thought I might add my tuppence worth. Of all the conferences/seminars I have attended in my 53 years of priesthood, it was, perhaps, the most productive and conducive of all. The sad note was that there were not many more OSAs there to hear the enthralling illumination on this year's Gospel (Mark) by Kieran O'Mahony & Sean Goan. We owe them (and our own 'financial regulator' a debt of gratitude)

Bill Prendiville OSA (Limerick).

Please remember in your prayers Anne Byrne, sister of the late Gerard Flatley OSA who died in early February.



Philomena Kelly, Kieran O'Mahony and Sean Goan
Horse and Jockey, February 2009.



Bro Bernard Twomey OSA and Tom Cooney OSA
Horse and Jockey, February 2009.

Useful websites:

www.americancatholic.org/features/len

www.ewtn.com/faith/len

www.sacredspace.ie/len

www.2u.ie

www.lent.ie

www.cilent.ie (New and good one!)

Congratulations on IAN. My helpers Karen, Paula and Aibhlis were chuffed reading about themselves in the February edition. We have returned from the second visit to John's Lane and everything went well. I was able to walk up and down the stairs with a stick, but not as fast as Charlie Chaplin! My use of the computer is somewhat limited, but its great to have e-mail again.

Tommy McManus OSA: tjmcm Manus@eircom.net
It's fantastic to hear from you, the people of Cork continue to pray for you every day. (Editor).

A drop of ink may make a million think.
Farmer learns more from a bad harvest than a good one.
If you can't dance, don't blame the floor.



Matt Cooney OSA and Teddy Hegarty OSA (RIP)
Photograph taken after Ordination in Rome, 22.03.1969



Noel Hession OSA, Matt Cooney OSA and Dick Lyng
Horse and Jockey, February 2009.

DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH

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

- 02 1962 Fr L Griffin
- 02 2001 Fr J Murphy
- 03 1992 Fr. P Mullery
- 05 1970 Fr. T. White
- 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 Catherine Horan, mother of Gerry Horan OSA, Provincial, who died 10 February.

Pat, permit me to express very sincere gratitude to all who sympathised on the occasion of my mother's death recently. The presence and prayers of the friars were of enormous support and consolation to all the family. Its always good to be an Augustinian, but never more so than when trouble and woe comes along. Thanks again to everyone.

Gerry Horan OSA, Provincial.

SEVENTY SIX YEARS OF SERVICE

The Augustinian Community recently held a celebratory party and made presentations to Breda Robinson and her sister Pat Caplice. Between them they have worked for seventy-six years as cooks in St Augustine's, Cork.



Jerry Hickey OSA, Pat Caples,
Breda Robinson, and Pat Moran OSA

**Fr Michael Fitzgerald ODC
will conduct a Day of Recollection
for AUGUSTINIANS
in Avila Retreat Centre
on**

**Friday March 20th 2009
10.30am to 4.00pm**

**If you would like to take part
in this day, please let
John Byrne know ASAP
Tel. 01 495 81 90
E-mail: john@orlagh.ie**

RESOURCES FOR THE SUNDAYS OF FEBRUARY AND MARCH

Congratulations to John Byrne OSA, on the publication of resources for the four Sundays of February, and the five Sundays of March. (Seeing your life through the lens of the Gospels)

They appear in the February / March editions of Intercom. And can be downloaded from the Intercom pages on the Veritas website: www.veritas.ie

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK.

Welcome to Vol. 2 No 9. Thanks to all who have contributed to this edition. Special thanks as always to Peter Galus, David Moran, John O'Connor, and to Flor O'Callaghan, John Byrne and Denis Hegarty for photographs. Photographs are always most welcome. All past editions of IAN available on:

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