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Some comments on the Novena, and requests received:

It was wonderful to see the church full, it was like the old days. The whole novena was most inspiring.

"I attended this morning's ceremony and it was very well orchestrated and congruent. The presentation of the Beatitudes was appropriate and instructive."

Thank you for your broadcast. Love this powerful novena. Attend in person when possible. Thrilled to have a long distance option when not. (Internet). The sermon tonight answered one of the big questions for me.

I made the full novena again this year, but one day I had to go to a funeral in Navan, and my daughter had her laptop with her and an Internet connection and we watched the 4.00pm session in the back seat of the car.

Please include in your novena prayers Michael Zambo, a 17 year old, in the USA, he is battling cancer.

Just watched Novena from home in Hampshire, it was brilliant. All take a bow.

Please enter my petition for my son who is in desperate need of help. I watch the novena every day in Holland.



Fr Dermot OFM Cap, Bishop Buckley, MI Leahy, P Moran, MI Brennock, G Horan, J Hickey and Tommy McManus.

## CORK NOVENA TO MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL

This years Novena started on Saturday 18 April. Gerry Horan OSA and Michael Brennock OSA shared the preaching. It was a wonderful success and we had a full church for all 30 sessions. On Saturday 25, for the anointing of the sick, both at 11.00 and 4.00pm we had 14 priests. On the Feast Day Monday 27, the church was absolutely packed for all sessions at 11.00am, 4.00pm and 8.00pm, and for the final sessions Bishop John Buckley was Chief Celebrant. The Carrigaline Pipe Band also joined the choir for the final session too. The format was the same as last year. A cantor got the congregation warmed up at 10 mins. to the hour. The session began the opening hymn followed by a normal Mass, readings, homily about (10 mins.), followed by little a singing, novena prayers (copy on Bulletin Archive page on the Cork website. "Virgin Mother" was the offertory hymn and recessional hymn was, "O Virgin Mother".



Fr Gerry Horan, OSA, Provincial, Jerry Hickey OSA, Tommy McManus OSA, and Michael Brennock OSA.



Holly and Katie, parents and Fr Tommy McManus OSA  
Pictured above are twins Holly and Katie, born March 2008, thirteen weeks premature. Last year we prayed for them many times. This year their parents, and both sets of grandparents brought them to the Mass and anointing of sick. Tommy McManus OSA who spent 10 months in hospital was here to give thanks and help with the anointing.

## **SOME READERS' COMMENTS:**

Pat,

The Dublin Diocesan website has the sermon notes for the archbishop's homily at the Chrism Mass this morning.

The following is an extract:

"I would like today to say a special word of appreciation to Father John Hughes, our Vicar for Priests, whose genuine yet discreet concern for priests I witness every day. John has a special appreciation of the work and ministry which we diocesan priests are called to, having been Parish Priest in two Parishes of the Diocese." John Byrne OSA

Pat Thanks for latest IAN – as usual full of up-to-date & topical info & excellent photos.

I am forwarding this piece of email "slightly amusing" anecdotes from a niece of mine in USA (who unfortunately is on the way to the Lord with ovarian cancer). Like some previous & similar snippets, I leave it entirely in your hands – bin it or use it as you see fit. Kind regards & Good Wishes Bill Prendiville OSA

For Catholics only

This information is for Catholics only. It must not be divulged to non-Catholics.

The less they know about our rituals and code words, the better off they are.

AMEN: The only part of a prayer that everyone knows.

BULLETIN: Your receipt for attending Mass.

CHOIR: A group of people whose singing allows the rest of the Parish to lip-sync.

HOLY WATER: A liquid whose chemical formula is H2OLY.

HYMN: A song of praise usually sung in a key three octaves higher than that of the congregation's range.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: The last song at Mass often sung a little more quietly, since most of the people have already left.

INCENSE: Holy Smoke!

JESUITS: An order of priests known for their ability to find colleges with good basketball teams.

JONAH: The original 'Jaws' story.

JUSTICE: When kids have kids of their own.

KYRIE ELEISON: The only Greek words that most Catholics can recognize besides. (for you non-Catholics it means Lord have mercy)

MAGI: The most famous trio to attend a baby shower.

MANGER: Where Mary gave birth to Jesus because Joseph wasn't covered by insurance.

PEW: A medieval torture device still found in Catholic churches.

PROCESSION: The ceremonial formation at the beginning of Mass consisting of altar servers, the celebrant, and late parishioners looking for seats.

RECESSIONAL: The ceremonial procession at the conclusion of Mass led by parishioners trying to beat the crowd to the parking lot.

RELICS: People who have been going to Mass for so long, they actually know when to sit, kneel, and stand.

TEN COMMANDMENTS: The most important Top Ten List not given by David Letterman.

USHERS: The only people in the parish who don't know the seating capacity of a pew.

## **GALWAY**

### **GOOD COUNSEL TRIDUUM**

The Triduum was launched by Fr. Ned Crosby on Friday night last. Ned is well-known in the city. The crowds attending reflected his popularity. He specializes in down-beat, but challenging reflection pieces. The celebration took place each evening at 7.30. Each session consisted of Rosary, Reflection, Homily, Hymns and Benediction. The Mass of the Feast was concelebrated at 11.00 on Monday. The Triduum closed on Monday evening with the 7.30 session. Offering and Petition envelopes were available in the vicinity of Our Lady's Shrine. Thanks very much Ned.

### **EASTER LITURGICAL REVIEW**

Thanks to all who came along to our meeting on Tuesday last to review the Holy Week and Easter ceremonies. Twenty-two people attended, an excellent turnout. We went through each of the ceremonies individually. There was no shortage of sensible criticisms and helpful suggestions for the future. All comments were recorded and they will actively inform our preparations for Holy Week and Easter next year, if we are all still alive then. We demonstrated our unquestioning allegiance to Rome by concluding the evening with generous helpings of Italian pasta, washed down by ungenerous helpings of fine Italian wine. Thanks to everyone for coming along and contributing to the review.

(Above two items of news, was taken from the Galway Sunday Bulletin 26.04. 2009)

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

The second of a three-part series for Intercom, by Kieran O'Mahony OSA looks at the Cross and Resurrection in Paul's theology. It appears in the May edition of Intercom. Prosit Kieran.

## IN THE STEPS OF MOSES

A remarkable pilgrimage starting in Cairo and finishing at Mount Nebo, traces the trail of Moses and the Israelites all the way from Egypt across the Sinai as far as Mount Nebo, the point where Moses was allowed to glimpse the Promised Land. Instead of 40 years, we took 11 days travelling by air, sea and air conditioned coach. This truly epic journey included the Egyptian grandeur of Cairo and the Pyramids – a visit to the Cairo Museum with its treasures from King Tutankhamun's tomb, the Hall of the Royal Mummies which includes the Pharaoh of the Exodus, Ram Myrnpah. All the mummies are black in complexion except the one who was drowned and remained in the salted waters, until he was found.

A visit to the Church of Sergius – 4<sup>th</sup> century – which is the designated dwelling place of the Holy Family in Egypt.

After a three hour bus journey north, north east of Cairo we came to the now barren, and yet-to-be-completely-excavated Israelite settlements of Goshen ("Genesis" 46, 28).

After crossing the Suez Canal we journeyed into the Sinai Desert. We visited the monastery of St Catherine which protects the Well of Moses ("Exodus" 2, 15) and Moses Bush ("Exodus" 3, 1-6). This monastery is at the foot of Mount Sinai.

Next day we continued to Nuweiba on the Shore of the Red Sea. This could be the place where the Israelites crossed the Red Sea. We took a ferry to Aqaba in Jordan. On the route north to Amman we visited the new wonder of the world – Petra, the Nabatean City. On our last day we travelled north on the coast road of the Red Sea, where we came to the place of the Lord's Baptism "on the far side of the Jordan." Finally we arrived on Mount Nebo where Moses got a glimpse of the Promised Land.

There is no sign to mark his grave. Was he taken by God straight to heaven, as the Prophet Elijah was? Wasn't it a double triumph for Moses when he finally came down to the Promised Land – on Mount Tabor? This was an epic journey.

Martin Crean OSA



Martin Crean OSA, with one of the Natives.

## RESOURCES FOR THE SUNDAY'S OF MAY

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

## EASTER FIRE IN ORLAGH

Twenty people attended the residential retreat in Orlagh for Holy Week and nearly three times that number came to the ceremonies of the Triduum. This year we had something unusual for Orlagh, a baptism at the Easter Sunday morning Mass.

Glorious weather throughout meant that people were able to take full advantage of the environment, always a bonus here. Reflections on the readings, the liturgies themselves, the quiet Gethsemane Prayer on Thursday, and Prayer around the Cross on Friday, all contributed to the experience.



Bro Columba Higgins OSA, Orlagh

The Easter Vigil was the highlight starting with the Paschal Fire expertly tended to by Columba and ending with an Easter liturgical dance which amazingly enticed a large number of the congregation on to the floor. This was followed by a particularly rousing four-part congregational singing of *Jubilate*.

We are now continuing with service to parishes, both here and in parishes. As I write Kieran is in Rome with a group of Dublin clergy for a course on Paul's Letter to the Romans. We have a Lectio Divina Retreat in the first week of June and the annual Bible Week later that month.

Do come and join us! John Byrne OSA



## TED MCCARTHY OSA

We ask God's graces and blessings on Ted McCarthy OSA, Ecuador, who has been in hospital for surgery, and we pray that he will quickly be restored to full health.



## “DEATH” WAY TO EXPLAIN IT .

A sick man turned to his doctor as he was preparing to leave the examination room and said, 'Doctor, I am afraid to die. Tell me what lies on the other side.' Very quietly, the doctor said, 'I don't know.' 'You don't know? You're a Christian man, and don't know what's on the other side? The doctor was holding the handle of the door; On the other side came a sound of scratching and whining, and as he opened the door, a dog sprang into the room and leaped on him with an eager show of gladness. Turning to the patient, the doctor said, 'Did you notice my dog? He's never been in this room before. He didn't know what was inside. He knew nothing except that his master was here, and when the door opened, he sprang in without fear. I know little of what is on the other side of death, But I do know one thing...

I know my Master is there and that is enough.'



“Where we Pray” - Duckspool House

## DURING THE MONTH OF MAY

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

- 01 1978 Fr. C O'Driscoll
- 10 2002 Fr. M O'Connor
- 11 1980 Fr. D Daly
- 20 1974 Fr. O Hartnett
- 20 1974 Fr. N McFadden
- 22 1968 Fr. J Chawke
- 23 1990 Fr. M O'Donovan
- 24 1983 Br. C O'Connell
- 25 1976 Fr. C Delaney
- 26 2007 Fr. M.O.Flynn
- 27 2003 Fr. P Kehoe
- 30 2002 Fr. A Hourihane

Please remember in your prayers John Joe Madden who died suddenly on Holy Thursday 9 April. He was an ex Augustinian student and was very active in Portmarnock Parish, Co Dublin. John was buried on Easter Tuesday, 11 Augustinians Con-Celebrated Requiem Mass, Seamus Ahearne was the Principal celebrant and a good number of ex-Augustinian students turned up too, including David O'Neill and Chris Turnbull from England.

Also remember Mrs Roche, sister of the late Ben Sinnott OSA, who died just after Easter, in New Ross, Co Wexford.

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## ST AUGUSTINE'S DUNGARVAN



Joe Moynihan Principal, Thomas Houlihan Pole Vault, Kate Veale Race Walking, and Bro Paddy Lennon OSA. The athletes are pictured with National Trophies for Pole Vaulting and Race Walking.

Both Athletes feature in a lovely article in the “Irish Times” Sports Supplement, Wednesday April 29. 2009.

## PARK HOTEL SPORTS AWARDS



Bro Paddy Lennon OSA, Pierce Flynn, Niamh Briggs former student of St Augustine's, and Fr Pat Moran OSA

## MASS FOR THE SICK ST AUGUSTINE'S CORK 25.04.2009

The above Mass is now available on youtube. Just click on [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) Then search “Novena Cork” and you will get the entire Mass, in eight parts including homilies, anointing and Novena prayers.

During the Novena we had over 5,000 hits on the Internet, and for the month of April over 15,000, from 31 countries.

## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK.

Welcome to Vol. 2 No 11. Thanks to all who have contributed to this edition. Special thanks as always to Peter Galus, David Moran, John O'Connor, and to John Byrne, Paddy Lennon, and Kieran O'Brien for photographs. All past editions of IAN available on:

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