

# IRISH AUGUSTINIAN NEWS

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## ST AUGUSTINE'S GALWAY



Sonny Molloy conductor of the Choir, Rev. Patrick Towers, who launched the CD, Pat the organist, and Dick Lyng OSA, Parish Priest St Augustine's.

The Augustinian Choir launched a new CD "Those Who Sing, Pray Twice" in Kenny's Gallery, Galway, on Thursday 9 October.

The Choir was founded in 1955. Fr Bernard White OSA. head hunted Sonny Molloy from the pro-Cathedral, and he is still the conductor of the Choir.

Anne McDonagh, chair of the Choir Committee, introduced proceedings by pointing to the fact that "the Augie choir" has provided the people of Galway with many treasured memories. There are thousands of Galway people, who would find it impossible to imagine a Christmas without the Augustinian choir.

She then provided a brief sketch of the efforts involved in making the CD. Special mention was made of the unique contributions of Sonny, the conductor and Pat, the organist.

Rev. Patrick Towers, Rector of Galway and Provost of Tuam, performed the official launch. The CD contains 20 sacred pieces, and can be purchased in the Priory Office.

## SOME READERS' COMMENTS:

Dear Pat, My new email is [Hackettj@mailbox.sc.edu](mailto:Hackettj@mailbox.sc.edu)  
Hope you are all keeping well. We are over saturated with election stuff and fears of economic meltdown.  
All the best, Jerry Hackett.

Thank you, Pat. Much obliged! +Greg Campbell OSA

Pat, Thanks for copy of IAN, I got it when I came back from retreat. The whole community went to Cascia for 5 days – fantastic experience. It was really moving to walk in and see St Rita. Also because it was so late in the summer, there were not too many around so it was grand to be able to soak up the atmosphere. Visited the monastery and saw where she received the thorn as well as visiting where she lived. We also got to go to Montefalco and see St Clare which was a delight, as I took my vows on her feast day. Colm O'Mahony  
St Monica's Rome: [colmomahony@hotmail.com](mailto:colmomahony@hotmail.com)

Dear Pat, As you may be aware, the Orlagh Retreat Centre is offering another biblical trip in 2009, after the success with the Ephesus trip last June. This time the trip is to Greece, with the title "St Paul in Greece," and subtitled "From Philippi to Corinth." It includes fully guided visits to sites of importance as well as biblical talks on the writings to St Paul.

If you are considering the trip or know someone who might or is also thinking about, perhaps you might also give some thought to a down payment fairly soon as the very obliging Map Travel can hold seats only for so long. Do feel free to forward this e-mail to anyone who might be interested. A full account can be had on: [www.tarsus.ie/Greece/Welcome.html](http://www.tarsus.ie/Greece/Welcome.html).

I'd be very happy to help with any enquiries:  
086 339 02 47. Best wishes, Kieran O'Mahony OSA

Dear Pat, It's been 5 years already since we caught up with one another. How's it going? I too would like to thank you for sending the IAN this far afield. It has enabled me to contact even more remote people such as Ted McCarthy. At the risk of seeming ungrateful (not being a member of the Province and all)

might I remark that I find some of the pictures very small and even with my magnifying glass I can't discern faces I haven't seen for over 30 years. As the Asians say, All Occidentals look the same over the age of 60! Keep up the good work.

John L. Sullivan O.S.A. AKA John of Kanhwa  
(Will try and get my photographers to get closer! Editor).

Hi Pat, There has been some difficulty with my e-mail address,

My correct one is: [markminihane@aol.com](mailto:markminihane@aol.com)  
Mark Minihane OSA.

Dear Pat, Many thanks for sending on IAN.  
It was interesting to read all the glowing accounts of the very successful provincial retreat at Glencomeragh in

the recent edition of IAN. Both the surroundings and the atmosphere seem to have been most conducive to an "inner journey", without constraint or pressure. A pity that more were not able to avail of it.

I thought it a little ironic that on the same page on which we read these glowing accounts and favourable comments on the Rosminian place we read of the impending closure of Orlagh as a Retreat Centre. It surprised me that the Rosminians are able to maintain such a fine place out in the country as some sort of going concern, while we have to close the one centre of spirituality that we have, even though we are much closer to half the population of the country. At the Intermediate Chapter we were made aware of the tremendous costs involved in bringing Orlagh up to present-day standards. But it still surprises me that others seem to be able to do that.

It is good to learn that a 'root and branch' review is going ahead and we trust that they will be inspired to see a way forward for the holy mountain where many of us began our 'inward journey' over the years. I suppose nostalgia for a past that will not return has to be set aside in order to see clearly through the fog that is the future. Tom Sexton OSA



Paul O'Connor OSA – First Communion in Pozones

Again a thing of joy. And especially for recent pieces on Nigeria/Kenya. The photo of that large group of African OSAs in Jos brought back an experience of mine as in various parts of Ireland I gave slide shows on our missions while at home on leave. At the end of the show I had a slide of a conclave of cardinals in St Peter's, all white faces except for 2/3. Total silence! Then I would say 'Someday, all those faces except for 2/3 will be black'. It led to some great discussion and comment. I see that 1/2 of the Eastern cardinals have asked the Pope to promote more Easterners to senior positions in the Church structure and in Colleges of Theology. New insights? Good-bye Plato?

Thanks for the memories and the joy. Keep up the good work. The Brennan Ipse.

## ST AUGUSTINE'S COLLEGE DUNGARVAN



Angela Walsh, PE Teacher St Augustine's College, Dungarvan. Captain of Cork All Ireland Ladies Football Champions 2008.

Ms. Angela Walsh, PE Teacher at St. Augustine's College was honoured at the school on her return from her victorious game against Monaghan as she captained the Cork Ladies Football team to All Ireland success on Sunday 28 September 2008. Ms. Walsh was surprised to find 600 students waiting for her in the Gym as she went to take her routine class on Wednesday morning. Following a huge cheering welcome from all the students and staff Ms. Walsh was presented with a piece of commemorative crystal from the school recognising her achievement. The presentation was made by Deputy Principal Ms. Ailbhe Ní Neachtain and Guidance Counsellor Mr. Paddy McGrath. Leah Elsted represented the Student Council.

## ST AUGUSTINE'S LIMERICK

On Wednesday 7 October a camera crew from Setanta Sport arrived in the Augustinian Church to interview Fr Liam Ryan OSA on the connection between this place and Munster Rugby. They were accompanied by John Breen who wrote the phenomenally successful comic drama, "Alone It Stands" which was inspired by Munster's historic defeat of the All Blacks in Thomond Park (1978)

John is filming a documentary for the official opening of the new Thomond Park on 17 November when Munster and the All Blacks play a "return game" in the magnificent replacement stadium.

The interview was conducted in front of the shrine of St Padre Pio, the crew's choice of location. The blaze of red lights attracted them, the only tenuous link between Munster and the revered saint.

(From Augustinian Church – Limerick, Bulletin 05.10.2008).

website: [www.augustinianslimerick.com](http://www.augustinianslimerick.com)

useful websites: [www.churchyear.net](http://www.churchyear.net)

[www.deaconsil.com](http://www.deaconsil.com)

## SINGING FOR HEALTH

The Limerick Choral Union in association with the local Mental Health Group held a concert in the Augustinian Church on Friday, 10 October, World Mental Health Day. It is part of a National Day of choral singing, promoting the message that "Singing is Good For Your Mental Health." Carmel Conway from Castletroy, the highly successful Limerick voice leads a number of choirs in an evening of song, beginning at 7.30pm. (Also from Augustinian Church – Limerick, Bulletin 05.10.08)

## YOUTH AUGUSTINIAN PARTNERSHIP

**Oct. 27 - Nov. 1 2008**

### **Walking In The Footsteps Of Augustine And The Augustinians**

This pilgrimage is primarily aimed at young adults who are involved in some of our ministries, and those who have an interest in finding out more about St Augustine and the Augustinians.

Day 1: 27 Oct. Dublin, Pavia and Milan.

Day 2: 28 Oct. San Gimignano, Lecceto, Siena.

Day 3: 29 Oct. Tolentine And Assisi.

Day 4: 30 Oct. Montefalco, Norcia and Cascia.

Day 5: Oct. 31 Rome St Patrick's, Santa Monica.

Day 6: 1 Nov. Return to Dublin.

There are over 40 people travelling from Galway, New Ross, Ballyboden, Drogheda and Cork. The core team is made up of Noel Hession OSA, the pilgrimage leader, Niall Coghlan OSA, Nicola O'Connor Finglas, John Hoolahan Ballyboden. Martin Nolan OSA who will give talks and reflections on St Augustine as we visit the different locations.

## ST AUGUSTINE'S DUNGARVAN NEWS

The Irish Blood transfusion Service recently held a ceremony in Rochestown Park Hotel, Cork, honouring blood donors who had given 50 donations. Flor O' Callaghan OSA was honoured for making 50 donations to the blood bank.





## ST AUGUSTINE'S DUNGARVAN

Friday Oct 10th was a red letter day in the life of the Friary Choir in Dungarvan. They celebrated their 30th Birthday with a Mass and a gathering later in the Park Hotel. It was in 1978 that Fintan P Bolger asked a local teacher, Noel Brennan to form a Folk Choir. From small beginnings at that time the choir grew in number and in quality and has ministered in the Church down all the years. It was wonderful to see past choir members present for the Mass and to recall memories later over a cocktail sausage and a glass of Orange!! The local Friars were joined by Columba O'Donnell, Johnny Hughes (homilist) and Mike Brennock.

The choir were at their best and accepted many tributes including one from the Lady Mayor, Theresa Wright who was once a member of the choir. The Friary Church really rocked with their final recessional hymn. May they stay with it for many years to come.

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### DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

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

03 1985 Br. J Hodson  
03 1971 Fr EC Madden  
04 1979 Fr. P Cummins  
05 1991 Fr. A Berrill  
06 1990 FR. J Buckley  
08 1978 Fr. P Foley  
13 1991 Fr. TA McCarthy  
15 1977 Fr. T Conlon  
19 2003 Fr. PA O'Mahony  
20 2002 Fr. J Cosgrave  
26 1976 Fr. D Geary  
27 1992 Fr. F Leddin  
27 1978 Fr. W Wallace  
29 1969 Bp. P Dalton  
29 1995 Fr. D Whelton  
30 1984 Fr. D Loughran

Please also remember in your prayers Greg Fives, aged 59, RIP, brother of Fr Colin OSA, who died after a long illness on 15 Oct. Greg, former pupil of St Augustine's College, was a great friend and benefactor of the College (as was his father Michael before him).

### THANK YOU

On behalf of Marie, Michael, Deckie, Mark and the rest of the Fives' family, a sincere thank you to all the Friars who through their prayers and physical presence were with Greg during his long illness and his final journey to the Lord. A special thanks goes to Matt Cooney OSA for his presence at the hospital and to Pat Moran OSA for his words at the Mass. Colin Fives OSA.

## LIFE IN THE 1500's

The next time you are washing your hands and complain because the water temperature isn't just how you like it, think about how things used to be. Here are some facts about the 1500's:

Most people got married in June because they took their yearly bath in May, and still smelled pretty good by June. However, they were starting to smell, so brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide the body odour. Hence the custom today of carrying a bouquet when getting married.

Baths consisted of a big tub filled with hot water. The man of the house had the privilege of the nice clean water, then all the sons and men, then the women and finally the children. Last of all the babies. By then the water was so dirty you could actually lose someone in it. Hence the saying, "Don't throw the baby out with the bath water."

Houses had thatched roofs- thick straw piled high - with no wood underneath. It was the only place for animals to get warm, so all the cats and other small animals (mice and bugs) lived in the roof. When it rained it became slippery and sometimes the animals would slip and fall off the roof. Hence the saying: "It's raining cats and dogs."

Useful websites:

[www.ceifin.com](http://www.ceifin.com)  
[www.msireland.com](http://www.msireland.com)  
[www.imu.ie](http://www.imu.ie)  
[www.mossionalive.net](http://www.mossionalive.net)

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### FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK.

Welcome to Vol. 2 No 5. Thanks to all who have contributed to this edition. Special thanks as always to Peter Galus, David Moran, John O'Connor, and to Dick Lyng and Paul O'Connor for photographs.

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