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WELCOME TO THE CLAN

With great pleasure we welcome Fr Ryan Holovlasky and Sr Mary Helen who recently celebrated their ordination and First Profession respectively. *Read their stories on pages 2 and 3.*

FIRST PROFESSION OF SR MARY HELEN OSsR

Day of joy for Irish Redemptoristines

Sr Mary Helen entered the Redemptoristine Monastery in December 2018 to begin her journey as a Redemptoristine nun. After completing her time as a postulant, she was accepted into the noviciate in October 2019.

Sr Mary Helen professed her First Vows as a Redemptoristine on October 9, 2021, during a liturgy celebrated by Monsignor John Dolan, Vicar for Religious in the Dublin archdiocese. The preacher was Irish Redemptorist Provincial Fr Dan Baragry CSsR. Sr Lucy Conway OSsR, Prioress of the Monastery of St Alphonsus, accepted Sr Mary Helen's vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. This was a joyful celebration for Sr Mary Helen, the Redemptoristine Community in Dublin, and the wider Redemptorist family.

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Sr Helen's vows are official



Srs Gabrielle, Helen and Lucy cut the cake



Sr Helen is welcomed by her community

WELCOME TO OUR NEW SISTERS

Sr Stacey explains why she joined the Redemptoristines



My name is Sr Stacey. I am from 'bonnie Scotland' and have been living here at St Alphonsus' Monastery in Dublin for the past year.

Convinced that God was calling me to give all to him and to the service of my brothers and sisters, in 2003, I joined a congregation

dedicated to the missionary church.

But as the years passed, I began to feel more and more drawn to the contemplative life. At first, I thought it was only a passing phase, an invitation to deepen the contemplative aspect of my life. I made changes, giving much more time to prayer, silence and solitude but the longing for the contemplative life only increased.

After much prayer and reflection, I began to journey with the sisters here in the monastery in Drumcondra. I felt I had truly found the place where God was calling me to be, the place where I could grow deeper into him. I had a sense that all the different moments of my life had been leading me to this place and time, and a deep 'yes', a joy-filled 'yes' rose within me.

And so I had the courage to ask to transfer here and to begin my life as a Redemptoristine nun. It was a tough decision as I loved the sisters and the congregation I was part of, but as I spend each day in work, prayer and intercession for the needs of the world, as I grow in my living and understanding of our Redemptoristine charism and, above all, as I grow in my relationship with God, I can't thank God enough for this gift.

New Redemptoristine novice, Bindhu tells her story



First, I thank God for the many gifts he has given me. I was born into a traditional Catholic Syrian family in Kerala, one of the most beautiful states in India. We are also known as St Thomas Christians, as it's believed that St Thomas, the apostle, baptised our ancestors.

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you.

Before you were born I set you apart, and appointed you a prophet to the nations." (Jer 1:5)

I strongly believe that I didn't choose God, but God has chosen me. Even as a young person, I had a deep longing for God and wanted to become a nun. I was always under the care of priests and nuns whose life and work inspired me to become like one of them.

I spent 13 years as a primary teacher in Northern India. But as the years passed, I lost interest in the teaching apostolate and experienced a deep longing for silence and solitude. This thirst for God helped me to make the radical decision to enter religious life. I have always tried to listen to the prompting of the Holy Spirit at work in me, and so I am confident that I am doing God's will.

Searching for a place to serve God in the contemplative life, I happened to meet Fr Benny, a Redemptorist, whose timely intervention helped me to discover the Redemptoristine Sisters in Ireland. I know I'm not wrong to seek to be part of this wonderful community.

I am reminded of the song: "I have wandered far away from home, Now I am coming home."

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A NEW PRIEST FOR THE IRISH REDEMPTORISTS

Fr Ryan Holovlasky was the first to be ordained in 10 years

In July 2020, after completing four years of theology in Texas, Br Ryan Holovlasky returned to Ireland to prepare for the final stage of his Redemptorist formation. During his final year, he worked with the Peace Ministry team at Clonard Monastery, spent time with Redemptorist

Communications, and ministered as a deacon in St Gerard's Parish, Belfast. Ryan made his perpetual vows as a Redemptorist on March 7 and was ordained deacon by Bishop Noel Treanor of Down and Connor on March 21. Both ceremonies took place in Clonard Monastery during lockdown. This meant

that no family and friends could be present, but they were able to participate online thanks to modern technology.

Fr Ryan moved to St Joseph's, Dundalk, in May 2021, where he was ordained to the priesthood on September 5, 2021 by Archbishop Eamon Martin. Fr Ryan was the Irish

province's first ordination in 10 years. Please keep him in your prayers as he begins his priestly ministry as a curate in St Joseph's Parish, Dundalk.

For more information on the Redemptorist way of life, contact our vocations director Fr Brian Nolan at vocations@cssr.ie



Fr Ryan is anointed by Archbishop Eamon Martin



Fr Ryan with Archbishop Eamon Martin

FAST FORWARD TO TORUN

Brendan Dineen provides an update on next year's European Redemptorist Youth Ministry Congress taking place in Poland

Redemptorist Youth Ministry coordinators, leaders and volunteers from across Europe gathered in Torun, Poland, from September 24-26, to plan the next Redemptorist Youth Congress due to take place in July 2022. Following the opening Mass, there was a wonderful gathering of old and new friends from across the different provinces of Europe. We reflected on our ministries with young people and our hopes for the future. The theme for the 12th European Youth Congress in Torun is 'Go and Share'. Throughout our meetings, excursions



Dermot Kelly, director of youth ministry, Fr Brian Nolan CSSR, Brendan Dineen, co-ordinator of youth ministry at Clonard Monastery

and discussions, there was a great missionary spirit of speaking with courage and inclusion of all voices. A central part of the meeting was an exploration of the two potential sites for the congress. First, we looked at the Wood Harbour facility, which is also home to the newly built Shrine of Our Lady of the Star. Then we travelled towards the old city and university area of Torun to visit St Joseph's Church,

which was home to a youth congress 20 years ago.

At the meeting's conclusion, gratitude was expressed to our Polish hosts who are putting so much effort into organising the congress. We left the country with joy in our hearts to 'Go and Share' all we have seen with our Redemptorist communities in Ireland. Watch this space for further information. 

CHARACTERS FROM THE PHILIPPINE MISSION

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the Cebu Province of the Redemptorists. We extend our congratulations to the Irish Redemptorists who have worked there over the years and to all our Redemptorist confrères and lay co-workers in the Cebu Province. Fr Colm Meaney CSsR, highlights some of the ‘characters’ who contributed to the Philippine mission.

The Province of Cebu is the fruit of many generations of missionaries, Filipino and Irish, as well as local lay helpers. Their adventures vary from the heroic to the comical. Here are just a few.

We begin with Fr Willy Daly, who was of small stature. During the Second World War, the Japanese army was looking for him in the rural Philippines. The locals advised him to act as if he were a pregnant woman about to give birth, so he lay in bed, covered with a blanket. The locals gathered around playing various roles: busy midwife, excited husband, tremulous in-laws, etc. The plot worked perfectly. Willy didn’t give birth, but he was given a new lease of life.



Fr Peter Mulrooney

The Redemptorists are known as preachers, but the ordinary words we speak and hear can also be memorable.

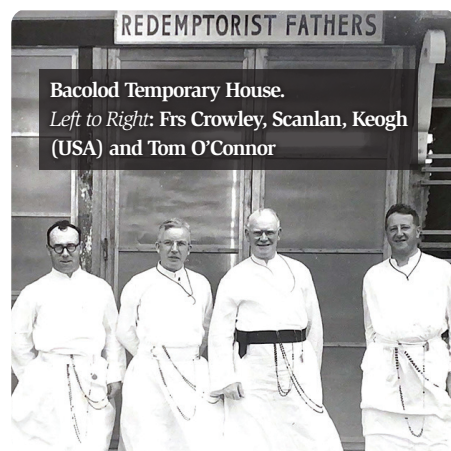
Fr Peter Mulrooney, who served as a chaplain in the British Army in Burma during World War II, had a gift for sporting analogies. When asked how a confrère was getting on in a new role, he would say, “He’s like a minor playing on the senior team!”

Fr Louis Eustace was interested in the larger picture, ie international politics. When John F Kennedy was assassinated, Louis was in a remote village. In the local dialect, he informed the man of the house, “Kennedy has been killed.” In words that still echo down the decades when Redemptorists are gathered, the ill-informed farmer

uttered the immemorably prosaic: “And who is Kennedy?” thus instantly deepening Louis’ sense of gloom and loss.

Because of the many dialects in the country, Filipinos are by nature multilingual. But going one step further was Fr Emy Maningo, who, as a seminarian, studied philosophy in Galway. Returning to Ireland years later as a priest, he actually preached a mission in Donegal, *as Gaeilge!*

Redemptorists are by nature gregarious, used to living in community, even though peace and harmony may not be the dominant atmospheres at all times. At any rate, we’re not used to being alone for long periods. Finding himself in just such lengthy isolation, one confrère sent the following terse telegram to his provincial: “Send a companion or a coffin.”



Bacolod Temporary House.
Left to Right: Frs Crowley, Scanlan, Keogh (USA) and Tom O'Connor

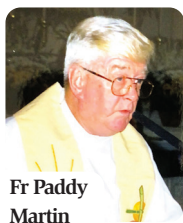
Apart from the standard ministries, there have been notable individual achievements. Fr Michael Minihan, who taught for many years, gave his students a love of English literature. His own appreciation of the language was contagious.

Fr Frank Cannon had a fiery commitment to the cause of justice, especially during his many years on the island of Negros, which experienced some terrible killings during the conflict between the government forces and those rebelling against them. He was also a man of some minor inconsistencies, as he could vocally hold forth at length on the importance of silence.



Provincial Assembly 1995, Cebu

Back Row: A. O'Brien, P. Reynolds, F. Daffy, P. Mulrooney, J. Ferris, M. Ryan, J. Pierce, P. Sugrue, J. Lucey
Middle Row: L. Hechanova, Fr Culputura SJ, B. Callanan, I. Hurley, J. Purcell, F. Tobin, P. Horgan, C. Meaney, D. McKenna, M. Tobin, F. Cannon
Front Row: P. Martin, J. O'Connor, B. Casey, G. Griffith, A. Josol, W. Skehan, H. O'Donohue, B. Kelly, A. McMahon




Fr Paddy Martin

Fr Paddy Martin did trojan work introducing and consolidating the AA movement in the southern Philippines, thus helping to save

many lives and families from the dread of addiction. Decades later, the groups continue to meet regularly in our various monasteries.

Many others deserve mention, but let me include them in an overall appreciation of honest labour having been done in the Lord's vineyard. However, I do wish to mention

another aspect of life in the Cebu province, and that is our many lay co-operators, many of whom have ministered with us for years. I will single out Portia Awayan simply because, when I was a seminarian there from 1986-88, she was my mentor and guide for 18 months on a mission team in a rural parish, along with other Redemptorists and lay workers. She had, and still has, a wonderful way with the people and her basic humanity and genuine faith shine forth clearly. 



IN A LEAGUE OF HIS OWN

Colm Meaney CSsR meets Br Nicholas Healy CSsR, Kilkenny's answer to Jack Charlton

In the Philippines, I knew a Columban priest from Kilkenny, Fr Martin Ryan. If the Gospel was his number one passion, there was no doubt about his second: Kilkenny hurling! He was so devoted to the sport, especially in his home village, that the locals eventually formed a team and named it after him. In the process, they inadvertently canonised the man because they called the club St Martins!

Yes, passions run deep in Kilkenny when it comes to hurling. One is reminded of the famous quip of Liverpool manager Bill Shankly: "Some people think football is a matter of life and death. I can assure them, it is more important than that." So, when it comes to a Kilkenny Redemptorist who achieved fame in the world of sport, you'd be forgiven for thinking it was in the field of hurling, but you'd be wrong. It was for soccer, and a mighty achievement it was.

Our hero is Br Nicholas Healy, better known as Nick. But even though he is 91 years of age, we don't refer to him as Old Nick.

Nick had been the cook in the monastery in Limerick, but a new superior 'promoted' him to the role of bursar. It was a great change for Nick because it meant not only that he could manage his time better, but also there was a car going with the job! Meanwhile, a group of the altar boys started playing soccer and asked Nick if they could use the school playing field. They got the go-ahead, and Nick began to join them in training.

They formed a club called St Clements, and the first squad was at under-12 level. Nick recalls driving to games with the entire team squashed into the car. The youngsters asked Nick to be their manager, and they did reasonably well in local leagues, but soon the club merged with another team. A small club from the Vereker Gardens area of Limerick hadn't enough players to form a squad. So their manager asked Nick if the two clubs could merge. Thus was born Vereker-Clements (V-C).


They were to have great success over the years. The highlight was winning the Evans' Cup, the only team outside of Dublin to win this national trophy (1978/79 season). It was an under-15s competition. From press reports,



1979: Br Nick with his soccer squad

the final was a close contest, the sides level 1-1 at full-time. But V-C were stronger in extra time, finally defeating Belvedere 4-1. The Evans' Cup was on its way to Shannonside.

Not only did V-C compete at national level, they even toured internationally, competing in tournaments in Switzerland, Sweden and France. There were also holidays together as a team, sometimes accompanied by other confrères, including Frs J P O'Riordan and Jim O'Connor. The atmosphere was one of innocent enjoyment, suffused with a spirit of camaraderie. Organising and running those foreign expeditions might have fazed many another mortal, but not Br Nick. He carried off the exploits and adventures with the aplomb of a Jack Charlton, the nonchalance of a Diego Maradona, and the gallic panache of an Eric Cantona.


Decades later, the original V-C players are now fathers, and their sons play soccer, even if the original club has folded. Each year the fathers and sons organise an inter-generational game among themselves, oldies versus youngsters, to recall and celebrate the great sporting years of yore. They invite Nick to attend so that they can salute one of the greatest managers in schoolboy soccer history. 

A LOOK OF LOVE

As we all know, the pandemic halted all our best-laid plans for almost 18 months, and publishing books was no different. So after three delays, we finally got to print and launch our newest title, *A Look of Love: Witnesses to Jesus*, by Jim Deeds.

The book imagines what it was like to be an eyewitness to Jesus. Through a series of imagined conversations, stories and poems, Jim Deeds brings the good news of Jesus to life for a 21st-century audience.

He examines familiar Gospel stories through the lens of those who witnessed Jesus' ministry first-hand – a servant at the Cana wedding, a man who helped Zacchaeus climb the tree, the woman at the well, and many others. Jim's gift for storytelling imbues each encounter with emotion and humour.

Fr Brian D'Arcy CP launched the book in Clonard Monastery, Belfast. There was great excitement as 140 people got to experience an evening out for the first time in months. To purchase the book, visit: www.redcoms.org 

Fr Brian D'Arcy launched Redemptorist Communications' latest book in Clonard Monastery



Jim Deeds



Fr Brian D'Arcy CP



Fr Brian D'Arcy, Fr Ryan Holovlasy CSsR, Jim Deeds, Brendan Dineen and Caren Collins

FOOD ON EVERY TABLE

The Redemptorist Christmas Hamper Appeal (formally, the Poor Campaign) is part of the Perpetual Help Fund based in Mt St Alphonsus, Limerick. The appeal is a long-standing Limerick institution. As a child, I remember my mother sending me to school with tins of beans so I could 'do my bit' for the campaign. Little did I know then I would be part of this great Limerick institution.

The Redemptorist Christmas Hamper Appeal, like myself, will be 50 years old next year. Though much has changed in that time, much has stayed the same. A recent CSO report stated that 8 per cent of people in the Midwest struggle with food poverty. The main objective of the Perpetual Help Fund is the alleviation of food poverty. Our motto is 'Food on Every Table'.


The Fund's largest annual undertaking is the Redemptorist Christmas Hamper Appeal. Each year, 6,000 hampers are provided to needy families in the Limerick area. But the Fund is busy all year round, supporting local

Eileen Hoffer explains the work done by the Redemptorist Christmas Hamper Appeal, which will be 50 years old in 2022

organisations like the Midwest Simon Food Bank and the Free Dinners Trust.

The Hamper Appeal's work begins each July when the hamper committee starts planning for the coming Christmas. Part of this involves engaging with the organisations and individuals who help distribute the hampers. This year, we sought feedback on every aspect of the appeal, including foodstuffs and delivery options.

We rely heavily on the generous support of the local business community and the general public. Local media outlets also help promote the appeal. The hamper team and the Northern Trust volunteers are crucial to its success. Recently, we added additional fundraising efforts, such as the sit out on O'Connell Street and Dunnes Stores bag pack.

It's a privilege to be the bridge between those keen to see social justice done and those so often denied it. It's what Christmas is all about. 



Fr Seamus Enright and Teresa Delaney accept a cheque for the fund from Ger Browne of GECAS



Limerick hurler Diarmaid Byrnes leaves donations at the drop-off point

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FR PETER FLANNERY CSsR

Died November 13, 2020

Fr Peter Flannery was born on February 8, 1942 and his local parish of Kiltullagh, Co. Galway is also the parish of the Esker Redemptorist Community. He joined the Redemptorists at age 18 and took his first vows on September 24, 1961. After his studies in Cluain Mhuire, Galway, he was ordained to the priesthood on September 17, 1967.

As a Redemptorist he worked as a parish missionary in Ireland for over 30 years. From the mid-1990s he ministered for about ten years in a parish in Savannah, Georgia, USA. Due to declining health and with the onset of dementia in recent years, he led a retired life. Within his final year he required professional care and was resident in Thorpe's Nursing Home where he died on Friday, November 13, 2020.

By nature, he was a quiet man, an avid reader and had a great interest in sport, especially in hurling and Gaelic football. May he rest in peace.



FR JOE MacLOUGHLIN CSsR

Died November 29, 2020

Fr Joe (John Joseph) MacLoughlin was born in Limerick city on November 3, 1936, professed in Esker on September 24, 1954 and ordained in Cluain Mhuire, Galway on January 19, 1964. He left Ireland in July (1964) to take up his appointment to our mission in Brazil. There he had a great passion for the people in the *favelas* (gatherings of shanty dwellings) on the peripheries of cities, especially in Teresina in the State of Piaui.

In 1975 he spent nine months in Medellin, Columbia studying at CELAM (the Institute of Latin American Bishops). Here he took the course in Catholic Social Studies where he was exposed to the spirituality of Liberation Theology. Following his time in Medellin he made great efforts in putting this teaching into practice in the pastoral situations in which he worked.

Joe had great enthusiasm for Sacred Scripture and on a break from Brazil in 1988-1989 he spent a year at Trinity College, Dublin. Here he continued his study of Greek and Hebrew as well as aspects of the Old and New Testaments.

Joe was a very sociable person and enjoyed life. However, due to ill health, he required hospitalisation, especially over the past three or four years.



FR MICHAEL HEAGNEY CSsR

Died January 8, 2021

Fr Michael was born August 19, 1936 in Portumna, in County Galway. From 1950 to 1955, he attended secondary school at the Redemptorist College in Limerick. He entered



the Redemptorist Novitiate and on September 24 of 1956, he took his first vows. He was ordained to the Priesthood on January 20, 1963.

For 25 years, from 1964 to 1989, he worked in the Ilongo-speaking region of the Philippines, mostly in Iloilo but also in Bacolod.

From 1990 to 1993, he worked in the Novitiate in Dundalk with Fr Pat Reynolds. From 1993 to 1997, he worked in Galway, living in the Newcastle area with some other Redemptorists in an experimental youth apostolate. This was followed by five years in our community of Mount St Alphonsus in Limerick, where he was community bursar, before moving to Esker in 2002.

Michael was one gentle soul, a gracious man, a compassionate priest, and much loved in our community.

FR PAT O'CONNELL CSsR

Died January 13, 2021

Fr Pat was born on the August 28, 1929 in Doneraile, Co. Cork and ordained on August 19, 1956. In 1959 he was assigned to the Philippines where he ministered for the next 20 years serving as local superior and parish priest as well as a stint as a formator and as Vice-Provincial Bursar. It is recognised that his work as bursar set the foundations for the move for Cebu to become an independent province on a solid financial basis. He was also responsible for organising the building of new churches in Dumaguete and Davao.

On returning to Ireland, he became a member of the Dublin parish mission team. In 1990 he was appointed provincial treasurer for nine years then, in 1999, he was named Rector and parish priest of St Gerard's in Belfast. In 2002 he once again joined the Dublin mission team but soon his main ministry became pastoral care to Filipino migrants in Ireland, becoming an advocate for them to ensure that their rights were protected. He continued this ministry until his 90th year, travelling the length and breadth of the country to minister to local Filipino communities who loved him dearly as a wise, supportive fatherly figure. His health declined in his final months, though he remained at Mount St Alphonsus in Limerick, moving to The Millford Hospice the day before his death.

His stress-free personality and dedicated pastoral care of people will be remembered gratefully by all.



FR JOHN CASEY CSsR

Died January 14, 2021

Fr John Casey was born in Mitchlestown Co. Cork on February 10, 1937. He was ordained on January 19, 1964 and within a year of his ordination he was appointed to the Vice-Province of Bangalore where he ministered in



India and Sri Lanka for 14 years.

On returning to Ireland in 1979 he became a parish missionary and for some time he was leader of the missionary teams. In the early 1980s for three or four years he was editor of *Search*, a province community bulletin. He was rector of St. Joseph's Monastery in Dundalk for six years from 1993 to 1999.

In 2007 he was assigned to parish ministry in the Archdiocese of Dublin and remained there until his sudden death on January 14, 2021.

He was a man of great compassion especially in his dealings with those in distress.

FR JAMES MURPHY CSsR

Died March 31, 2021

Fr Jim Murphy, a twin, was born in New Jersey, USA. His mother died in childbirth and his father remarried. He returned to Ireland with his family to settle in Adare, Co. Limerick.

Following his secondary education at our Juvenile in Limerick he went to the Novitiate in Dundalk. He was professed and ordained in Cluain Mhuire, Galway. Fr Jim went to the Philippines where he ministered for 17 years and on his return to Ireland in 1974 he worked on parish missions and with the emerging Solemn Novena team.

In 1981 he travelled to Canada to help the Redemptorists of the Edmonton Province. After 23 years there, he returned to Ireland in 2004 and was assigned to the Mount St Alphonsus community in Limerick where he remained for the remainder of his life. Fr Jim was well known for the zeal he brought to his ministry and had a distinctive style of preaching.

He remained quite active until a fall a couple of years ago caused his health to deteriorate. Just two weeks before his death he entered a nursing home in Limerick. He showed great fortitude in his time of suffering and shortly before leaving Mount St Alphonsus said he had his bags packed for the last time and it was time to go to Heaven.



BR SEAMUS CAMPION CSsR

Died June 15, 2021

Br Seamus Campion was born on November 30, 1929 near Rathdowney, Co. Laois. He came from a family of 12. Two of his brothers became Columban missionary priests and two of his sisters became religious sisters. When he completed his primary schooling, he became a sales assistant in a shoe shop in Tralee. In 1951 he transferred to Limerick where he met the Redemptorists.

On joining the Redemptorists, he received the name Edmund but after Vatican II he reverted to his baptismal name, Seamus. Following his profession in 1964 he was assigned to Cluain Mhuire, Galway and in 1966, to our Generalate in Rome. In





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1969 he returned to Ireland and was appointed to Redemptorist Communications as promotor of *Reality* magazine. In 1981 he moved to our Retreat House in Limerick where he was assigned to promote retreats. On closure of the Retreat House In 1989, he moved to Mount St Alphonsus where he was receptionist for 20 years.

He was active, despite numerous heart surgeries, often walking 5/6 km daily, which he continued to do until his health deteriorated a couple of years ago.

At his funeral, his rector said Br Seamus spent a lot of his time praying so he, as rector, received lots of requests from people for prayers and he would pass these requests to Seamus, knowing he would pray for them.

SR MARY MICHAEL OF THE ASSUMPTION OSsR

Died June 19, 2021

Nora Sheehan was born on May 2, 1929 in Bruree, Co. Limerick, the fourth of seven children. Her

parents, Dan and Joan, were farmers who instilled in their children an appreciation of the beauty of creation and our reliance on it. Their family life was religious and one of kindness between parents and children. Her sister Mary says that Nora was a pretty girl, tall and slight, with brown eyes, black hair, and a beautiful, radiant smile. Her main characteristics were gentleness and consideration of others which remained with her throughout her life.

When at primary school, it is said that she would cry when the teacher spoke of Jesus crucified. Throughout her life, she would identify in particular with Christ's sufferings. Their reality marked her indelibly as she anguished with the person of the suffering Christ.



FR PAT McLAUGHLIN CSsR

Died July 14, 2021

Pat was born in Belfast on October 21, 1954 and lived on the Falls Road, adjacent to Clonard Monastery.

On completion of his secondary education, he worked for a few years in the maintenance/supply department of the Royal Victoria Hospital.



He entered the Redemptorists formation programme in Cluain Mhuire, Galway in 1973 and was professed in St. Joseph's, Dundalk in 1978. Following two years of theology in Marianella, Dublin, he was appointed to the Vice Province of Cebu for a two-year pastoral experience.

Ordained in Dublin on June 4, 1983 he was appointed to Dundalk as a member of the parish mission team. He served as chaplain in St. Clement's College Limerick from 1990 to 2001, as chaplain to Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda from 2002 to 2007 and as chaplain in Mount Carmel Hospital in Dublin from 2007 to 2011.

In 2011 he was appointed curate of the Redemptorist parish of St. Gerard, near Belfast. This was his final posting before his sudden death. On the morning of July 14, he celebrated the 9.30 Mass, and on entering the sacristy collapsed and died from a major heart attack.

A good and faithful servant, Pat was an amiable confrère and very well accepted by the parishioners and people in general.

FR DERMIE O'CONNOR CSsR

Died August 15, 2021

Fr Dermot (Dermie) O'Connor was born in Limerick on May 19, 1933. Following his secondary education at the Crescent College, Limerick, he entered our novitiate in Esker in September 1951, taking his vows as a Redemptorist on October 16, 1952. Thereafter he joined the student body in Cluain Mhuire, Galway where he was ordained on September 21, 1958.

Following the conclusion of the Pastoral Year in 1960 he was assigned to the parish mission team. In 1961, he was appointed to the new mission in Brazil and spent some years in Pedro Afonso in central Brazil. He subsequently moved to the new foundation in Fortaleza. On the opening of a secondary school in Fortaleza, he was appointed as a teacher there. He taught English, religion and music as well as training the school under-15s football team. Towards the end of the 1970s he was appointed director of the school, a post he held until his return to Ireland in 1987 where he was appointed to Mount St Alphonsus in Limerick.

In 1993 he became director of the archconfraternity



of the Holy Family, a post he held until 1999 before moving to Esker where he was appointed to the Retreat House. He had a special love for sport and music, and he used these to spread the Good News. Dermie had a whimsical sense of humour which endeared him to people and of course he loved singing and playing the piano.

FR GEORGE WADDING CSsR

Died August 24, 2021

Fr George Wadding was born in Waterford City on July 30, 1936. He was the 12th of 13 children and is predeceased by his parents and his 11 older siblings. He attended our Juvenate in Limerick for his secondary schooling. In 1953 he entered the novitiate in Esker and after his profession, he moved to the studentate, Cluain Mhuire. From 1954-1957 he studied at University College Galway for his degree of Bachelor of Arts (BA). He was ordained a priest on January 21, 1962.

He spent a pastoral year in Mt St Alphonsus before going to Rome where he studied at the *Accademia Alfonsiana* receiving his degree in moral theology. He was then appointed secretary of *Accademia Alfonsiana*, a post he held for four years. In 1968 he returned to Ireland to the new house of studies at Marianella, Dublin, where he lectured in moral theology and also was Prefect of Students from 1972-1978. He was subsequently appointed Rector of Clonard Monastery in Belfast during 'The Troubles' from 1978-1984. He then returned to Marianella where he was assistant director of the Pastoral Centre and prefect of guests. His health took a turn when he had major heart surgery in 1976 and a repeat one 15 years later, something he willingly lived with.

George was a gifted writer and had many religious booklets and magazine articles published, including features for our own *Reality* Magazine. In 2016 after the sale of Marianella, George moved to our new community at Griffith Avenue in Dublin which was to be his residence until his death. He was a wonderful servant of the Lord; his many friends of the Marianella community will always cherish the memories of the homilies he delivered, especially the 'letter' he received from our patron saint every St Patrick's Day.



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