



Carmelite Contact

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Carmelite appointed Bishop of Mutare in Zimbabwe

The Carmelites in Ireland and Zimbabwe warmly welcomed the announcement on May 28th 2016 that Fr. Paul Horan O.Carm. will be the next Bishop of Mutare.

Fr. Paul was born in Drangan, Co. Tipperary, on October 17th 1962. He received his early education in the local Convent of Mercy Primary School. On completion of his secondary education in the Presentation Sisters Secondary School (Ballingarry), Paul decided to study accountancy. He qualified as a Certified Accountant (ACCA), working in Ireland and London. Paul joined the Carmelite Order in 1989, and made his First Profession in the Carmelite Friary, Kinsale on September 1st 1990. Having completed his studies at the Milltown Institute, he was ordained to priestly ministry on June 7th 1997.

After ordination, Fr. Paul was appointed to Terenure College as teacher and chaplain and was also the Province's Vocations Director. He later went for further studies at the Washington Theological Union where he earned a Master's in Theology (specialising in Carmelite Studies).

In September 2001, Fr. Paul was appointed to Zimbabwe where he has held various roles over the years, including Director of Pre-Novices, Director of Novices, and School Manager (Kriste Mambo High School). He also served at St. Kilian's Mission, Makoni. Recently, he has been Prior of Prophet Elijah Priory, Nyazura.

In welcoming the announcement, Fr. Richard Byrne, Prior Provincial of the Carmelites in Ireland and Zimbabwe stated:

"It is great news not only for Fr. Paul and his family, but also for Carmelites in Ireland, Zimbabwe and across the entire Carmelite Order. It is especially to be welcomed as this year we celebrate the Seventieth Year of Carmelite presence in Zimbabwe."

Together with all the members of the Province, I wish Paul every blessing in his ministry in the years to come and assure him of our prayers. I know that his sociability, enthusiasm and generous nature, coupled with his extensive pastoral experience and dedication to prayer, will enable him to help in the building of God's Kingdom."

Fr. Francisco De Sales Alencar Batista, O.Carm.

Another Carmelite with connections to Ireland has been appointed Bishop of the Diocese of Cajazeiras in Brazil. The announcement was made a week after that of Fr. Paul Horan.

Fr. Francisco de Sales Alencar Batista, O.Carm., was a member of the Gort Muire community for three years while studying theology at the Milltown Institute. He was ordained to priestly ministry on November 25th 1995. Since then has held many responsibilities in the Order, including Prior Provincial of his Province (Pernambuco) and Secretary General of the Order. To Fr. Francisco we offer our warmest congratulations.



Fr. Paul Horan, O.Carm.

Diocese of Mutare, Zimbabwe

The Diocese of Mutare is situated in the Eastern part of Zimbabwe along the border with Mozambique. It corresponds to the Province of Manicaland and is centred around the Cathedral City of Mutare which is 170 miles east of Harare, the capital of Zimbabwe.

The Prefecture Apostolic of Umtali (Mutare) was erected on February 2nd 1953 and was confided to the pastoral care of the Carmelites of the Irish Province. The Prefecture was raised to the status of a Diocese on February 15th 1957, with the Rt. Rev. Donal Lamont, O.Carm. (born in Ballycastle, Co. Antrim) as its first Bishop.



Fr. Francisco De Sales Alencar Batista, O.Carm.



Diaconate Ordination in Terenure College Chapel

James Eivers, O.Carm., was ordained deacon by Archbishop Diarmuid Martin on Sunday June 12th 2016. James joined the Carmelites in 2007 and spent his first year as a novice at Aylesford Priory, Kent, before returning to Dublin as a member of the Gort Muire community. He studied Philosophy at the National University of Maynooth and Theology at St. Patrick's College Maynooth.

James was appointed to the Terenure College community in 2011 where he has taught in both the Junior and Senior schools. He has also been a member of the College Chaplaincy Team.

James, with a background in music performance, has worked with choirs and vocal ensembles in both the chapel and the school. He is also involved in youth ministry within the Irish Province.

We wish him every blessing in his new ministry.

Left to right: *James Eivers, O.Carm., Archbishop Diarmuid Martin, Richard Byrne, O.Carm. (Prior Provincial)*

Final Professions and Diaconate Ordinations in Zimbabwe

Zimbabwean Carmelites, Webster Chibvongodze and Lefani Francis Mwanza, made their Final Professions in the chapel at Kriste Mambo on July 2nd 2016. It was a joyful occasion for their families, Carmelites and friends. On the following Sunday, July 7th, Webster and Lefani were ordained deacons at St. Columba's Mission, Mutare.

Having completed their novitiate in Kriste Mambo, Webster and Lefani made their First Professions in July 2009. They studied Philosophy in Arupe College and Theology at Holy Trinity College, while members of the community at Mount Carmel, Harare.

Webster has now been appointed to the Carmelite community at Saint Joseph's Mission, Sakubva. While Lefani has been appointed to Saint Joseph's Priory, Hatfield, Harare. We extend congratulations and God's blessing in their new ministries.



Webster Chibvongodze, O.Carm.



Lefani Francis Mwanza, O.Carm.

Entrustment Mass

White Abbey Kildare

April 10th 2016



Left to right: *Manuel Karipot, Richard Byrne, Sebastin Kurisuparambil and Antony 'T.C.' Thundiparambil*

Looking back over the history of the Carmelite Priory, White Abbey, Kildare, it's clear that ever since the year 1290 when Lord William de Vesce (Judiciary of Ireland) gave the Carmelites a friary in Kildare, dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, there have always been moments of change and trust. Yet, it's interesting that the popular name always remained as 'White Abbey'. During the Reformation in 1539, the Carmelites had to leave the Priory but, despite this suppression, they continued to minister in secret to the people of Kildare and surrounding areas over the next two centuries. In the middle of the eighteenth century, with the relaxation of the penal laws, a new church was built at White Abbey, just inside the wall of the existing cemetery, and the school was reopened. Work began on the present church

on December 8th 1884 with its foundation stone laid one year later on the same date, the feast of the Immaculate Conception. It took a further three years to build the church at a cost of £3,500.

On April 10th 2016, another moment of change and trust occurred with the entrustment of White Abbey to three Carmelite friars from India. At the Sunday Mass, these three friars – Fr. Manuel (the Prior), Br. Sebastin and Fr. T.C. (from the *Delegation of St. Thérèse and St. Albert*) – were formally entrusted with keeping the rich heritage and tradition of White Abbey alive and fresh for the next three years.

At the same celebration, thanks were expressed for the enormous contribution of so many Irish Carmelites who have worked in White Abbey over the centuries, who





each in their turn made a significant contribution. A special farewell was said to Frs. Fred Lally and Tony McDonald who were the most recent Irish friars to minister in Kildare. Particular thanks were also expressed to the people of Kildare and the surrounding areas for their enormous support of White Abbey over many years, which is much appreciated by the Carmelite Order.

While the Irish Province entrusts White Abbey to our friars from India, ultimately we entrust this project – as we entrust all our projects – to God. Our act of entrustment is our response of faith towards God who is Love. God, the source and goal of all our lives, accompanies each one of us as we journey through life. We continue to place our trust in God's plan for all of us.

History records that there has always been great devotion to our Blessed Lady in White Abbey. In particular, on the feast day of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, enormous crowds used to be present around the friary for the week. As Carmelites celebrate this entrustment – the handing over of the baton and the beginning of a new era – we pray that the Blessed Virgin, to whom White Abbey was dedicated from the beginning, may watch over and bless us all.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel: *pray for us.*

Saint Brigid: *pray for us.*

- Richard Byrne, O.Carm.,
Prior Provincial



The Restoration of the Carmelite Friary, Kinsale

The story of the Carmelite presence in Kinsale dates from 1334. There are many chapters to this story, foundation, dissolution, hiding in secret, return, displacement, return again and final settlement on the present site in 1731. This story has been well documented by Fr. Stan Hession in his article for the Kinsale Record, the journal of the Kinsale Historical Society and well worth a read. The next chapter of this story is nearing completion, that is to say, the work of restoration and remediation on the Friary Church.

Every building tells a story, whether it's the style or colour of the wall paper or the 1970's bathroom. Every time we make an addition or take something away we become part of that story, sometimes for the better and sometimes not. The present Friary Church completed in the 1840's has over time been added to, modified and refashioned. Relying on the best advice at the time, successive communities have sought to preserve and continue the Carmelite story in Kinsale. The Church underwent major internal work and remediation of the roof in the late 1980's and some external work on the apse wall and preservation of the stain glassed windows in the late 90's early 00's. It is fair to say that the last few years have witnessed a steady deterioration in the fabric of the Church and the many attempts to halt the decline were all frustrated. Anyone who came to the Church and prayed or worshipped in the cold and damp knew a major job was warranted. This was even clearer when shortly before Christmas 2015 the gallery wall began to resemble a small waterfall and the suggestion was made that the members of the choir should be supplied with umbrellas!

Following consultations and taking on board the considerations and needs of a listed Heritage building, work began in earnest in late February of this year. Initially our approach was to be phased in three stages, but it soon became clear that this would neither be possible nor cost effective. Scaffolding was erected from the foundations to the Cross on the Spire and wrapped around to the transept containing the Sacred Heart altar. It was indeed a sight and could be seen clearly from Charles' Fort to Ringfinnan. The internal work consisted of removing all the plaster from the west wall up to the level of the Stations of the Cross, thus allowing the wall to breathe and the moisture to dry. A drain was sunk along the length of the wall and when ready the wall was treated, repaired and insulated. It was then dry lined and plastered. Several bore holes were drilled into the gallery wall and the video evidence shows the water running freely within the wall and filling up any and all cavities. To address this, the entire front external wall had to be treated. The cementitious grouting was removed from the foundation stone to the top of the spire. The spire and finials were re-anchored and made secure. The lead flashings were replaced and the cap stones were covered to prevent further erosion. 35 tonnes of grout were slowly added millimetre by millimetre and with only a few nasty surprises this was completed in May. The west wall on the car park side of the Church necessitated the removal of all the pebble dash to reveal the stone wall. This was then

repaired and treated and allowed to dry 'au naturel'. The removal of the pebble dash exposed beautiful limestone window surrounds and reveals, as well as a hidden niche in the wall and limestone quoins. The stone mullions were also repaired on the main and side windows, the glass was affixed and repaired and storm glazing installed. Inside, the double-doored entrance has been reopened and now boasts a crested glass entrance. The awkward side doors familiar to so many have been fixed in place. A new permanent ramped entrance has been provided in the porch nearest to the Friary. Underneath the gallery, a glass screen has been constructed with four doors providing access into main body of the Church. With the addition of a new heating system throughout, we hope that our Church will once again be the warm and welcoming place it was always known as.

The final touches are now being added. The scaffolding came down in June and almost all evidence of the builders has now disappeared. The Church will need to be painted and we hope to do this by Easter 2017. It has been a remarkable project and we can but marvel at the skill and expertise of the builders and advisors: Architect, Peter Murphy (Frank Murphy & Partners); Conservation, Christopher Southgate (Southgate Associates); Contractor, Joe Costello (Stone Mad Construction); and all those associated with them, workers and sub-contractors. As a Community we are deeply indebted to the work undertaken on our behalf by Frank Moran, our clerk of works, for his availability, insights and consummate knowledge. It was truly uplifting to hear these experts marvel at the skill and giftedness of the generations of local craftsmen who have worked on our Church. It is a testament to this skill that the near perfect roof only needed tiles replaced that were broken under the weight of the scaffolding. Little else in the church, including the ceiling, needed attention as the work done in the 1980's and 90's prevented a more rapid decline in the fabric of this Kinsale landmark.

In conclusion, we must note the ongoing work of the Fundraising Committee and the many friends of the Friary who continue to raise the necessary monies to pay for the all the work described above. We truly appreciate their commitment and their ongoing dedication, encouragement and support. Little by little, we will get to the finishing line together. If you would like to be associated with this work or to assist us in any way, any and all contributions would be gratefully received.

1334 – 2016 and beyond and so the story continues.

– Eóin Moore, O.Carm.





The Provincial Council visited the Kinsale Community and attended a site meeting in April 2016. Mr. Frank Moran, Clerk of Works, is on the far right.



Fr. Richard Byrne, Prior Provincial (seated centre), attended a meeting of the Fundraising Committee in the Pastoral Centre



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The internal west wall was stripped, to allow moisture to drain, and was then treated, dry-lined and plastered.



The grouting of the front external wall was removed from foundation level to the top of the spire. The spire and finials were re-anchored and made secure. The lead flashings were replaced and the cap stones were covered to prevent further erosion.



The Carmelite Crest on the new glass door underneath the gallery.

Fr. Brian (Pius) Kiernan, O.Carm. (1930 – 2015)



Father Brian Pius Kiernan died peacefully at Gort Muire, after a long illness, on November 29th 2015.

Brian Kiernan was born at Belturbet in County Cavan on September 24th 1930. His first contact with the Carmelite Order was as a boarder in Terenure College from 1944-50. Brian was

popular with his fellow pupils and teachers, and became School Captain during his final year at the school.

When he had completed his secondary education, Brian decided to join the Carmelite Order. He made his First Profession at the Carmelite Friary in Kinsale on November 16th 1951. He then moved to Gort Muire, and pursued studies at UCD and Milltown Park.

Brian was ordained to priestly ministry on July 12th 1951. Soon afterwards, he was appointed to the Irish Province Mission in Southern Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe). He would spend the next forty-seven years of his life there, bringing the love and consolation of God in Jesus Christ to many people. A dedicated missionary, photographs often show his joy and happiness among the people to whom he ministered in a number of Missions but especially at St. Joseph's Sakubva, St. Joseph's Hatfield, and St. Alois, Chitungwiza.

Brian and the late Conal Collier formed a very fruitful pastoral partnership at St. Joseph's Sakubva, a township of the city of Mutare (then Umtali). They built a fine church and formed an excellent parish. The church is still filled to capacity for Mass every Sunday. He and Conal ministered in St. Joseph's through the difficult years of the Liberation war, and Brian was also Catholic chaplain to the large prison in the city.

After seventeen years at Sakubva, Brian moved to St. Joseph's Priors, Harare, from where he ministered to the large Catholic community in Hunyani and was Parish Priest at St. Alois in the sprawling suburb of Chitungwiza. As Fr. Robert Kelly remarked during his homily at the Funeral Mass: *"Alongside Brian's ministry was his daily commitment to the Community Eucharist and Prayer of the Church. He would leave in the morning for St. Alois with a large bunch of keys in one hand and the battered volume of the Prayer of the Church in the other"*.

It was not easy for Brian to return permanently to Ireland after almost fifty years living and ministering in Zimbabwe but his illness dictated that he had to do so. Much of his heart remained in Zimbabwe however. He is remembered there with much affection as a kind and gentle pastor and friend. At the time of his death many expressions of love and sympathy were extended to the Carmelites by the people to whom 'Baba Pio' had

ministered so generously over the years.

Brian never lost touch with family, friends and Carmelites in Ireland. He loved being in contact with people. Holidays in Ireland involved much coming and going. Family members needed a break themselves when he returned to Zimbabwe! Brian never forgot that his natural family was the source of his Christian faith, and that this faith was nourished further in the Carmelite family. He loved to pray and recreate with his Carmelite brothers.

Brian was cared for with gentleness and kindness by the nurses and carers at Gort Muire. He had the support of his Carmelite brothers, but the love and care given him by his sisters, brothers and extended family was an inspiration in its generosity. Not a day passed without a visit from at least one member of the family. This meant so much to him, and their presence helped to lessen the isolation resulting from his illness.

May Brian rest in the peace of God. We extend sympathy to his sisters and brothers Mona, Mary, Lauri, Trudi, Andrew and Paul, nieces and nephews, extended family and all who mourn him.



Br. Kennedy Mwangi, O.Carm. (1986-2015)

It is with great sadness that we record the tragic death of Br. Kennedy Mwangi, O.Carm., member of the Kenyan Delegation, who was shot dead on December 27th 2015 while he was on holiday with his family for Christmas. The shooting took place very close to the Carmelite house of 'Bustani ya Karmeli' in Nkoro (Nairobi). Robbers entered the house, and when they saw that Br. Kennedy was trying to use the phone to contact the police, they shot him causing serious damage to his lungs. He was already dead when he arrived at the hospital.

The Prior General was in immediate contact with Fr. Boniface Kimondolo, O.Carm., the Delegate General of Kenya, to convey the sympathy and support of the Order in these difficult circumstances. We join with Br. Kennedy's family and the Delegation of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in mourning the loss of our brother and we commend him in prayer to the God of Life.

Fr. Jacques Louis Bouthillette, O.Carm.

(1932-2016)



The youngest of twelve, Jacques was born to Ernestine and Albert Bouthillette, French speaking Canadians, on April 10th 1932. He grew up in a home imbued with the Catholic faith. In a reflection on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee of his ordination to priestly ministry, Louis spoke about his love for the

Eucharist from an early age. He remarked that it had not been easy to nourish this devotion as the parish church was a long distance from his home and it was only possible to go there on a Sunday. However, this love for the Eucharist remained with him as a Marist brother and as a Carmelite friar and priest.

Louis decided at the age of fifty-two years to transfer from the Marist Brothers in Zimbabwe to the Carmelite Order. The decision was not taken lightly and not from any difficulty with his Marist brothers, but in response to a lifelong inner niggling that he was being called to priestly ministry. Louis wanted to be a priest within Religious Life but this was not possible juridically within the Marist Brothers. He valued community life and had a devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary – the motto of the Marists is 'To Jesus through Mary'. In choosing to transfer to the Carmelites, Louis was moving to another Order in which the Blessed Virgin Mary has a special place, and which values community life.

Louis first got to know the Carmelites at Mount Melleray Mission in Zimbabwe where the Marist Brothers had been invited, by the late Bishop Donal Lamont, to establish a secondary school in 1959.

Louis made his Final Profession as a Carmelite at Gort Muire on September 11th 1988. By then, he had completed his theological studies at the Milltown Institute. His pastoral placement as deacon was at Whitefriar Street Church. He soon returned to Zimbabwe and was ordained priest by Bishop Patrick Mutume at Kriste Mambo on April 15th 1989.

Louis was then appointed to the Kriste Mambo Community. As Manager of the School and in priestly ministry, Louis did not spare himself. He brought his expertise in education, honed during his years as a Marist brother, to bear on the development of the School over the next twenty years. He introduced Forms 4 and 5 whereby the pupils could take 'A' Level examinations. Kriste Mambo High School is now one of top schools in that part of Zimbabwe.

After twenty years at Kriste Mambo, Louis moved to Mount Carmel in Harare, the student community in

Zimbabwe, where he was often a wise counsellor and guide to many of the young Carmelites in formation. In 2015 he was appointed to the newly formed community at Prophet Elijah Priory, Nyazura. His health, however, was beginning to wane. It was good that he was able to spend the greater part of the past year in Canada renewing bonds with his natural family and with the Marist family. Louis was a hard worker. As Martin Kilmurray remarked at the Funeral Mass: *"Louis was a generous brother in community. He was gifted with his hands in working and repairing machinery, in building and carpentry, and in gardening. One of his hobbies was bee-keeping. Of course, his bees produced the best honey in Zimbabwe!"*

We extend sympathy to his sisters Lucille, Pauline and Jacqueline, his nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. *Repose en paix.*

Mrs Mairead Murphy

Mairead Murphy died in the Beacon Hospital on January 4th 2016, after a long illness borne with great courage and stamina.

Mairead had been associated with the Carmelite Order since the nineteen-nineties when she was nurse or 'matron' for the Junior and Senior Schools in Terenure College.

In 2001 Mairead was appointed Nurse Manager for the

Carmelite Order in Ireland. This was a new post created by the then Provincial and Council in response to a natural increase in the number of elderly and sick friars. She broke new ground in establishing an excellent care system which allows most Carmelites to continue living in community during illness and old age.

Mairead brought her high intelligence, sociability and efficiency to the role but she also brought great compassion. This spirit of care and compassion had been nurtured during her training as nurse at St. John and St. Elizabeth Hospital in London.

Her Funeral Mass was celebrated in Terenure College Chapel. Family and friends joined in giving thanks to God for her life: the love and companionship that she shared with Eamon during forty years of marriage; the love and support that she gave to Orla, Sheena and Aoife throughout their lives; the joy of seeing her grandchildren Molly-Mae, Cian and Harry; her sisterly affection for her brother Sean and her late sister Roisin; her capacity for friendship and compassion. May Mairead rest in peace, and we extend sympathy to her husband and family.





Lay Carmel News

Meeting of the National Committee



The National Committee of Lay Carmel met in Whitefriar Street on April 30th 2016. The issues discussed included the annual retreat, the development of a national website. The Provincial joined the Committee for the meeting.

Left to right: Marian Moran, Joe Mothersill, O.Carm., Mary O'Doherty, Richard Byrne, O.Carm, Aideen Ryan, John Magee and Peggy Molloy.

Professions at Kinsale and Moate



We extend congratulations to Carey Anne Moylan and Mary O'Farrell who made their Final Professions, and to Fr. Edmund Cullinan who made his First Profession, as members of the Carmelite Third Order in Kinsale. The Professions were received by Fr. Eóin Moore on July 15th, the first day of the Triduum in honour of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

Pictured with members of the Third Order, Fr. Stan Hession (Spiritual Director) and Fr. Eóin Moore.



Congratulations to the seven members of the Moate Third Order group who made Professions on July 9th, the third day of the novena to Our Lady of Mount Carmel. The Professions were received by Fr. Jaison Kuthanapillil, and Fr. Joe Mothersill, the Provincial Delegate to Lay Carmel, was the main celebrant of the Mass.

Front Row (left to right) Fr. Joe Mothersill, O.Carm., Deirdre O'Sullivan (First Profession) Marian Moran, Martina Toner (Final Profession) Mary Reardon (Final Profession)

Back row: Peter Finch, Bronia Robbins, Sean Robbins (all First Professions) and Oliver Henson (Final Profession).

Carmelite Family at Knock Shrine

The fourth Sunday in July is traditionally Carmelite Day at Knock Shrine. This year was no different but for the fact that the Carmelite pilgrims were gathering for their first time in the rededicated and beautifully renovated Basilica of Our Lady of Knock. The recently unveiled mosaic of the Apparition creates a warm atmosphere while drawing us into the mystery of the event of August 21st 1879. It was illustrated by Irish artist P.J. Lynch and crafted by a team of Italian mosaic experts at Trvisanutto in Spilimbergo, near Venice.

Fr. Richard Byrne, Provincial of the O.Carm. branch of the Order, was the main celebrant while Fr. Vincent O'Hara, representing the Provincial of the ODC branch, gave the homily. The Gospel of the Mass was Luke 11:1-13, and Father Vincent described the Our Father as "the prayer of a trusting child to a loving father". He spoke of the centrality of prayer in the Carmelite spiritual tradition. For St. Teresa of Avila prayer was "an intimate sharing between friends". Prayer, however, requires perseverance while knowing that God does not deny us whatever is good. Prayer is at the heart of Mary's appearances at Lourdes, Fatima and Knock. She prays for us and with us.

As the weather was showery there was no outdoor procession. The praying of the Rosary in the Basilica was followed by Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament and the blessing of the Sick with the Sacred Host. The pilgrimage was well attended by people associated with the various Carmelite houses across the country.



The new mosaic of the Apparition at Knock Shrine



The celebrants prepare for the Anointing of the Sick



Left to right: Vincent O'Hara, ODC, Richard Byrne, O.Carm., and James Eivers O.Carm.



Celebrating the 450th anniversary of the birth of
St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi
(1566-1607)



Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi
A Saint for Carmel Today

Speakers

Kevin Alban, O.Carm. (Aylesford) Simon Nolan, O.Carm. (Gort Muire)

Gort Muire
on
Saturday September 10th 2016,
2.15 - 5.30p.m.

Solemn Evening Prayer at 5.15 p.m.