



Carmelite Contact

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British Province of Carmelites



We congratulate Father Kevin Alban, O.Carm., on his election as Prior Provincial of the British Province of Carmelites. He took up this appointment at the Province Chapter which took place at Aylesford Priory, Kent, from Monday May 8th to Thursday May 11th 2017. We wish Kevin and his Council every blessing in their ministry and service of the Province and the wider Order.

Child Safeguarding Policy and Training



Members attending a Training Day at Gort Muire.

In 2016, the Carmelite Order in Ireland, in common with other Catholic Church groups in Ireland, signed up to Safeguarding Children Policy and Standards for the Catholic Church in Ireland.

Over the past year, all members of the Province have been Garda Vetted as well as having undertaken a full day training course in Child Safeguarding. In addition, most of our employees have also undergone training and have completed Garda Vetting. We are now in the process of vetting volunteers and helpers who work with us on our pilgrimages and in other ministries.

We are also currently distributing guidance documents highlighting various aspects of Standard 1 – Creating and Maintaining Safe Environments. We wish to thank all who have co-operated with us in the ongoing implementation of these policies and standards and who help us to insure best practice in the area of Child Safeguarding.

Blessed Titus Brandsma, O.Carm. (1881 - 1942)

Carmelite and Martyr



2017 marks the 75th anniversary of the execution of Blessed Titus Brandsma, a Dutch Carmelite, in Dachau Concentration Camp on July 26th 1942. It is an opportunity to remember him, to seek his intercession and to pray for his canonisation.

Early Life

Anno Brandsma was born to Tjitsje and Titus Brandsma on February 23rd 1881 at Wonseradeel in Friesland, a province in the very north of Holland. The Brandsma family consisted of four girls and two boys, of which Titus was the second youngest. Five of the siblings would later enter religious life.

The family owned a dairy farm and herd, selling milk and cheese made on the farm itself. At the time, Catholics were a minority in Friesland and protective of their religion and culture. Anno's father worked to preserve the Friesian culture within his family and the local community. He participated in politics, and at one time served as chairman of the local election board.

When Anno had completed his secondary education at a Franciscan school, he decided to join the Carmelite Order. He began his novitiate at Boxmeer in September 1898 taking his father's name, Titus, as his religious name. He made his First Profession in October 1899 and was ordained priest on June 17th 1905.



The Brandsma Family (Anno to far left)



Titus with fellow Carmelite students, circa 1903.



From left to right: Fr. Heinrichus, O.F.M. (Titus' brother). Gatske, (Titus' sister), Fr. Titus, Bishop Brandsma (Titus' cousin), Trees de Boer (Gatske's daughter), One of Titus' sisters — either Sr. Willebroda (Precious Blood) or Sr. Barbara (Franciscan).



Titus participating in the "Maria Omdracht" procession honoring the Blessed Mother. Titus had reintroduced this traditional event, which was particular to Nijmegen



Titus as Rector Magnificus 1932.



Titus with journalists, circa 1935.



Professor Brandsma at work.



A painting of Titus Brandsma which can be found in the Carmelite Friary, Kinsale. Titus spent some time in this community while preparing to give a series of lectures in the United States.

After further studies at the Gregorian University in Rome, he was awarded a PhD in Philosophy in 1909. Titus also had a keen interest in both Spirituality and Journalism, two areas which, together with his academic pursuits, would make up much of his life's work.

Ministry and Mission

In 1923, Titus helped found the Catholic University of Nijmegen, and worked there as lecturer, professor and administrator. He served as *Rector Magnificus* during the academic year 1932-33.

As a Carmelite friar, he also liked to share the Order's spiritual tradition with people outside of the University. He travelled widely lecturing on Carmelite Spirituality. In preparation for a lecture tour in the United States in 1935, he spent some time at the Carmelite Priors in Whitefriar Street, Dublin, and Kinsale, Co. Cork.

Titus also cultivated his interest in journalism and publishing. In late 1935 he became the National Spiritual Adviser to the Union of Catholic Journalists. In this role, he encouraged opposition to the publication of Nazi propaganda in Catholic newspapers and in the Press generally. He was especially critical of its anti-Semitism.

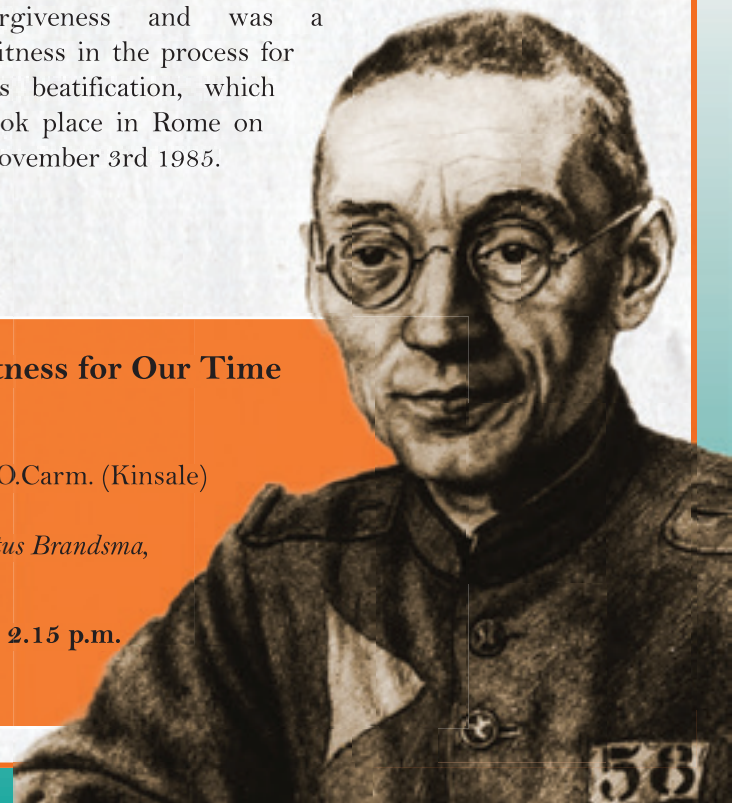
When the Nazis invaded Holland in May 1940, Titus was an adviser to the Archbishop of Utrecht. He encouraged the bishops to speak out against the persecution of the Jews and the infringement of human rights by the occupiers. In doing so, he became a marked man by the authorities.

Arrest and Martyrdom

The refusal by Catholic newspapers to print Nazi propaganda sealed the fate of Titus. Titus had agreed to deliver personally to each editor a letter from the Catholic bishops. This letter instructed the editors not to comply with a new law requiring them to print official Nazi advertisements and articles. Titus had visited fourteen editors before being arrested by the Gestapo at Nijmegen on January 19th 1942.

Titus was interned at Scheveningen and Amersfoort in Holland before being transported to Dachau in June. Under the harsh regime there, his health quickly deteriorated and he was in the camp hospital by the third week of July. He was subjected to biological experimentation before being killed by lethal injection on July 26, 1942. On the day he died, the Dutch Bishops issued a pastoral letter protesting strongly against the deportation of Jews from Holland.

Before his execution, Titus had prayed that God might help the nurse who would administer the injection to repent of her actions in the camp. He also gave her his rosary beads, although she protested that she was a lapsed Catholic. Some years later, that same woman came to a Carmelite priory seeking forgiveness and was a witness in the process for his beatification, which took place in Rome on November 3rd 1985.



Titus Brandsma: A 20th Century Martyr and Witness for Our Time

Speakers

Simon Nolan, O.Carm., (Gort Muire)

Eoin Moore, O.Carm. (Kinsale)

To commemorate the 75th anniversary of the martyrdom of Bl. Titus Brandsma, an afternoon of reflection and prayer will take place in

Gort Muire, Ballinteer, on Saturday September 16 2017 at 2.15 p.m.

Solemn Evening Prayer at 5.15 p.m.

Platinum Anniversary of the Arrival of the Carmelites in Zimbabwe

The 70th Anniversary celebrations marking the arrival of the first Carmelites in Zimbabwe in 1946 took place at Kriste Mambo Formation Centre and High School on November 5th 2016. The main celebrant at the Eucharist was Bishop Paul Horan, O.Carm. Bishop Muchabaiwa was also present as was Father Richard Byrne, Prior Provincial. All branches of the Carmelite Family, local clergy and religious, staff and pupils of Kriste Mambo High School, and a great number of laity were present for the Jubilee Mass and for the day's celebrations. It was estimated that about 2,000 people in all attended. The following address was given by Bishop Paul:

Pamusoroi Sekuru Alexio, pamusoroi Fr. Richard navanababa vezvemweya, pamusoroi vapiriki vose, pamusoroi vanabrothers, pamusoroi vatenderi vadiwa, pamusoroi vana vechikoro. We are all passing through this life on earth. We do not have a lasting home here. We are always looking towards the future, even the eternal future. Today, however, we are taking a short break from the movement of time, to look back, to look back seventy years to that November of 1946 when three Irish Carmelites stepped onto the hallowed ground of what we now call Zimbabwe. What was going through their minds and hearts as they travelled the long sea and land journey to our country we can only try to imagine.

All we can say is that their courage and generosity have borne great fruit, fruit that will last, for the Kingdom. They made their contribution in their own unique ways for the building of the Kingdom of God on earth. So many other Carmelites from Ireland and from other countries together with Carmelite Sisters and the faithful people of their missions have all made their contribution to the building up of the Church in Zimbabwe. To those who have reached the shores of heaven, we ask for their continued support and prayers.

To the rest of us who are still on the journey, we pray that each one of us will also make a contribution to the work of

salvation. Much work has yet to be done and we are energized by the great example left to us by these gallant sons and daughters of the last seventy years.

As the Bishop of Mutare, I congratulate the Carmelite Family for these seventy years of service in God's vineyard. We thank them for their contribution to the building up of the Church in the Diocese of Mutare and the Archdiocese of Harare.

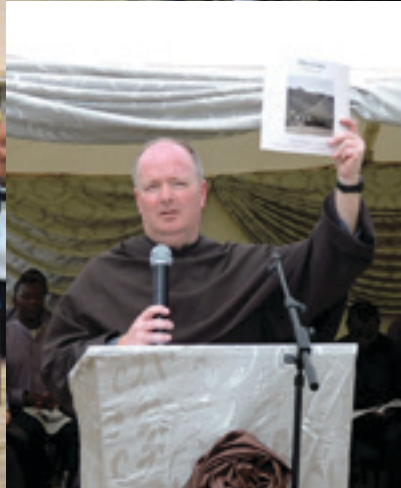
On the joyful day when we celebrate the lives and sacrifices of so many missionaries who came to our country, I am pleased to announce the beginning of a missionary initiative from the Diocese of Mutare to a diocese in Northern Alaska. Under the guidance of Sekuru Muchabaiwa, a request for priests from a Bishop of a diocese in Alaska has been responded to favorably and two priests from Mutare will travel to this North American diocese. They will remain there for three years when they shall return and be replaced by two other priests.

The missionary spirit of the early Carmelites has been transplanted into the spirit of our Diocesan family. Our two priests, however, will be moving from the warm sun of Zimbabwe to the cold and snow of Alaska. I commend this missionary outreach of our diocese to your good prayers.

We rejoice on this day to be part of God's family, to be His beloved children, who are called to return the love that He has shown us. We pray that the Carmelite presence will continue to grow in our country and that we may all become zealous missionaries, as we work to draw all people in our diocese and in our country to Christ, the only Saviour of the human family.

It is planned to mark the Platinum Anniversary of the Arrival of the Carmelites in Zimbabwe in our churches in Ireland on Mission Sunday, which takes place on Sunday October 22nd 2017.





James Eivers, O.Carm.

Ordination to Priesthood

Saturday April 29th 2017



Richard Byrne (Prior Provincial), James Eivers and Archbishop Diarmuid Martin.

James Eivers was ordained to priestly ministry by Archbishop Diarmuid Martin at Terenure College on Saturday April 29th 2017. The music on the day was led by the Palestrina Choir and the Chapel was filled to capacity by James' family, his friends, Carmelite confrères, and members of the Chapel community. James celebrated his Mass of Thanksgiving in his home parish of Granard, Co. Longford, the following day. The music this time was provided by the Terenure Community Choir and the Schola Cantorum.

James joined the Carmelites in 2007 and spent his first year as a novice in 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 Pontifical University, Maynooth.

James became a member of the Terenure College community in 2011 where he has been teaching in both the Junior and Senior schools and ministering as part of the College Chaplaincy Team.

He joined the Order with a background in music performance and continues to work with choirs and vocal ensembles. He is also involved in youth ministry within the Irish Province.

In his homily, Archbishop Martin said: *"The essence of the Christian message is love. Jesus reveals to us a God who is love. He shows us what love is especially through his own self-giving. He reveals to us what love is through that sacrificial self-giving which he showed by emptying himself*



Carmelite concelebrants and other clergy.



James lies prostrate as a sign of humility.



James together with his family and Dr. Colm O'Reilly, Bishop-Emeritus of Ardagh and Clonmacnoise, in the parish church of Granard.



The Palestrina Choir, directed by Blánaid Murphy, who led the music during the Ordination ceremony.

of all the privilege of divinity, even to the point of accepting the ignominious death of the Cross. It is that love, James, that you will re-enact in the celebration of Christ's death and resurrection in the Mass. It is that love that you are called to emulate in your own person.

It is that love which you will be called to emulate within the particular charism of being a Carmelite priest. The holy Mount Carmel is a sign of your call to union with God in prayer. It is a sign of rising above the things of the world into true friendship with the Lord. Your ministry as a Carmelite involves removing all obstacles to friendship and discipleship with Jesus. There is a sense in which today such ministry is all the more essential. Young people especially need moments in which they can rise above the hustle and bustle, the noise and activity of daily life and experience

moments of calm and serenity. They need to get to know not just the intellectual Jesus of the catechism, but Jesus as friend, Jesus as the friend who accompanies, supports, and opens new meaning and purpose in their lives."

The full text of the homily can be seen at www.dublindiocese.ie/carmelite-ordination-in-terenure

The ordination was an occasion of great joy both for the Terenure College Community and the Irish Province of Carmelites, and we all wish James every blessing in his ministry as Carmelite and priest.



The laying on of hands.



James distributes Holy Communion.

Terenure College Chapel Renovation

Terenure College Chapel 1957 - 2017

In October 2017 the Carmelite Community at Terenure will celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the opening of the College Chapel. Sixty years is a milestone in the history of any building but certainly a milestone to be celebrated when that building is at the heart of the Terenure College Campus. The Chapel is a focal point for many of us – Carmelites, pupils, parents, past pupils and friends, – providing hope, comfort and togetherness. For the past sixty years it has been a centre of prayer, community and service for many.

Early Years

Terenure College Chapel was built in the second half of the 1950's and was officially opened on October 27th 1957. Dedicated to Our Lady of Mount Carmel, the Chapel was built in modernised Romanesque style by Sisk at the cost of £60,000. From the beginning, the Chapel has served the needs of the Carmelite and school community as well as the wider local community of Terenure, Templeogue and beyond. It has always been more than an impressive building since for many people it has been a place of gathering for the celebration of their Christian faith and the marking of important events in their lives. It became a place of prayer, community and service.

Recent Years

Following the reforms of the Second Vatican Council the Chapel was renovated in the early 1970's, and the current layout was adopted. This layout embraced the mood of change and renewal taking place in the Church at that time. Many still recall the Folk Masses of the 70's and 80's. The Chapel has continued to serve the School Community for significant events during the Academic Year, including the Welcoming Mass, the 6th Year Graduation Mass, Penitential and Remembrance Services, Carol Services and other celebrations. In recent years, many pupils have celebrated their First Communion and Confirmation in the Chapel. Sunday and weekday Masses continue to be important in the life of many from the wider community. Carmelites through

their ministry in the Chapel serve the liturgical and spiritual needs of all associated with the College. In recent years there has been a welcome increase in lay involvement in the life of the Chapel. It continues to be a place of prayer, community and service.

Today - Renovation

Sixty years of service to the College and the wider community has taken its toll on the building and so a renovation is planned. This major renovation will happen during this summer: External damp proofing of walls and brickwork; complete electrical overhaul; repainting of the entire chapel and the installation of a new organ. These essential works will ensure the continuation of the College Chapel as a beautiful and inspiring place of prayer, community and service for future generations of pupils, staff, parents, Carmelites, past pupils and many friends from the wider community.

Appeal

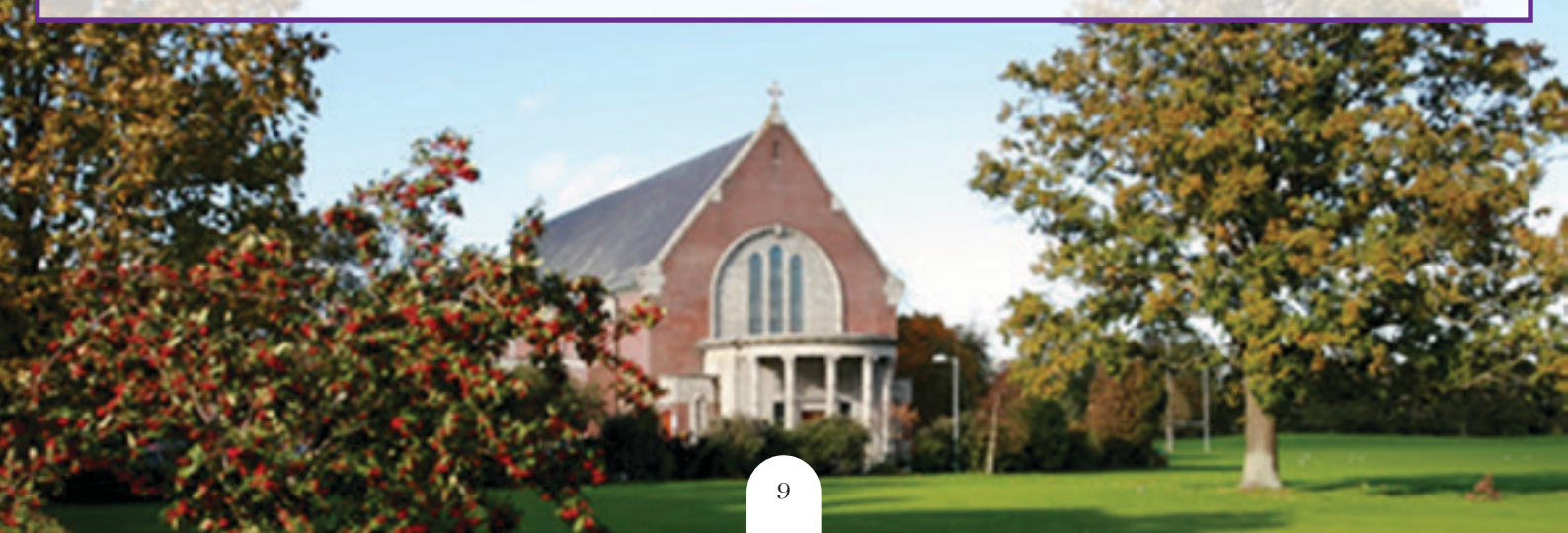
To fund these essential renovations, Terenure College launched the Chapel Renovation Appeal. We contacted all our friends and supporters asking them to help us reach the fundraising target of €450,000.

So far the response to this Appeal has been very encouraging. We thank all friends and supporters, including parents and past pupils, who have responded very generously to the Appeal in making their donation of €120. Their support and goodwill is much appreciated and is contributing significantly to our fundraising.

If anyone would like to make a donation, full details are on the website – www.terenurecollegechapel.ie

Work began in early June and will be completed towards the end of August. During this time the Chapel will be closed but we will continue to have Daily and Sunday Mass in the College Canteen.

- Michael Troy, O.Carm.



Lay Carmel News



The most recently formed Lay Carmel group in Ireland celebrating their First Professions.

First Professions in Kildare

About three years ago, a group of people from Kildare approached the then Prior, Fr. Tony McDonald, O. Carm., about setting up a Lay Carmel Group at the Priory. Fr. Tony encouraged the people involved and put them in touch with Fr. Desmond Kelly, O. Carm., Spiritual Director to the Whitefriar Street Lay Carmel Group. Fr. Des and Ms. Peggy Molloy then met with them and explained how a Lay Carmel Group is established. Later Fr. Joe Mothersill, O. Carm., as Provincial Delegate to Lay Carmel, and Peggy Molloy, from the National Committee for Lay Carmel in Ireland, met several times with the members of the group.

In June 2016 the Kildare Lay Carmel Group was formally established. On Saturday December 10th 2016, the members made their First Professions. The ceremony took place during Mass concelebrated by Fr. Joe Mothersill, O. Carm., Fr. Manuel Karipot, O. Carm., Prior of Kildare and Spiritual Director to the Group, and Fr. Ged Walsh, O. Carm., visiting from the British Province. It was a very beautiful occasion. After the Mass there was a reception for the newly professed in the Priory. We congratulate everyone who made their profession.

www.laycarmel.ie

A new Lay Carmel website was launched in October 2016. It contains information about the various groups, news and updates, articles about Carmelite Spirituality and links to other resources. If you are interested in Lay Carmel and would like to know more about us, please visit the website.



Fr. James Jarlath O'Hea, O.Carm. (1927-2017)

Fr. James Jarlath O'Hea died peacefully at Gort Muire on January 28th 2017. In his ninetieth year, Jarlath was the oldest member of the Province and, indeed, very proud of this fact. James O'Hea was born in Ballinspittle, Co. Cork, on June 10th 1927 to the late Con and Molly O'Hea. The family moved to Enniskeane, where Mr. O'Hea became Principal of the local National School. On completion of his secondary education James decided to join the Carmelite Order. He made his novitiate at the Friary in Kinsale and, as was then the custom, he was given the religious name Jarlath. This was the name that he would use throughout his life as a Carmelite but he was always James or Jim in the family. After First Profession

on October 10th 1946 he began his studies at UCD, graduating with a B.A. Degree and later a Higher Diploma in Education. He studied Theology at the Jesuit Milltown Park and was ordained to priestly ministry on July 13th 1952.

Jarlath's first appointments after ordination were to Terenure College and Kildare. In 1955 he was appointed as teacher at Carmelite College, Moate, where he ministered until 1960. During those years he taught Irish and Latin but he also trained the first Carmelite College football team to reach a Leinster Final. Throughout his life Jarlath was a keen supporter of hurling and football. As Fr. Jimmy Murray remarked in his homily: *'going to a hurling or football match generated a boyish excitement in him....Cork was the county and hurling was the game'*. His final visit to Croke Park was in the June before his death and, even though he had to use a wheelchair, he showed that boyish enthusiasm as he took part in the official tour of the Stadium. In the Museum, however, he was really only interested in the section on Cork and the names of Jack Lynch, Christy Ring and Jimmy Barry Murphy. The latter was a particular hero.

In 1960 Jarlath was appointed Novice Master in Kinsale, and served as Student Master at Gort Muire from 1961 to 1964. In those roles he was firm but fair. Again, to quote Fr. Jimmy Murray: *'he kept the Rule and thought that we should have the same facility for keeping it as he had!'*. He was delighted to return to Moate after the Provincial Chapter of 1964. He had been appointed Prior and Principal of the School. He brought his efficiency to both roles and oversaw the renovation of the Priory church to mark its one hundredth anniversary in 1968. At end of his two terms as Prior Jarlath moved to Terenure College, where he taught until his retirement from teaching at the age of 65 years. He would spend the next twenty-five years in ministry at Whitefriar Street where he was a gentle and welcoming pastor. It was appropriate that his Funeral Mass should have been celebrated there. We give thanks for James Jarlath's fraternity and dedication as Carmelite and priest for over sixty years. May he rest in peace. We extend sympathy to his sisters, Mairead, Mary, Anne and Joan, his nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Fr. Thomas Kenneth Fives, O.Carm. (1944-2017)

Fr. Thomas (Tommy) Fives was laid to rest in the Abbey Cemetery, Kinsale, on a cloudy June day. Family, Carmelites, friends and neighbours accompanied his body on the short journey from the Carmelite Church to the cemetery. It was a fitting conclusion to the earthly life of Tommy who had died, after a very long illness, at St. Vincent's University Hospital, Dublin, on June 20th 2017.

Fr. Tommy had been born in the nearby Cottage Hospital to Ellen and William Fives on December 11th 1944. As a schoolboy he had served Mass in the Friary Church. After his secondary education at Coláiste Chríost Rí in Cork Tommy decided to try his vocation with the Carmelites. He didn't have far to travel to begin his novitiate since, at that time, it was based in the local friary. However, he had to maintain the discipline of that special year when contact with family and

friends was limited and it must have been particularly sad for him when his mother died during that year. He made his First Profession on November 15th 1964. In 1965 he began his studies at UCD and graduated in 1968. His Theology studies were at the Milltown Institute.

Tommy was ordained to priestly ministry alongside Ambrose Costello and John Keating at Whitefriar Church on July 16th 1971. He celebrated his First Mass of Thanksgiving in the Friary Church, Kinsale, on the following day. In 1972 Frs. Tommy and Ambrose were assigned to the Carmelite Mission in Rhodesia, now Zimbabwe. It was both an exciting and challenging assignment in Harare before being appointed to St. Patrick's Mission, Nyanyadzi. In 1974 he moved to St. Charles Lwanga Seminary, Chimanimani. He would remain there as teacher and later Rector for sixteen years. During the Independence War the students had to relocate to the Marymount site in Umtali, now Mutare. When they were able to return to Chimanimani they found



Fr. P.J. (Richard) Cunningham, O.Carm. (1936-2017)

Fr. Patrick John Cunningham died, after a short illness, at Gort Muire on May 10th 2017. He passed his final days with patience and serenity. As Fr. Fintan Burke remarked in his homily at the Funeral Mass in the Carmelite Church, White Abbey, Kildare, *'P.J. died as he lived, causing little or no fuss to anyone....serene and tranquil to the end'*.

Patrick John was one of eight children born to Elizabeth and Patrick Cunningham at Timahoe, Co. Laois, on February 28th 1936. He received his primary education locally before becoming a boarder at Terenure College in Dublin for his secondary schooling. Having successfully

sat his Leaving Certificate in 1955, P.J. decided to join the Carmelite Order. He made his First Profession at Kinsale in September 1957. He had been given Richard as his name in religious life but he later returned to the use of his baptismal names, Patrick Joseph, shortened to P.J.

After his First Profession P.J. moved to the House of Studies at Gort Muire and began his studies at UCD. He graduated with a B.A. Degree and a Higher Diploma in Education. Unusually, he took the Welsh language as a subject in the first year of his Degree course. On completion of his Theology studies P.J. was ordained to priestly ministry on July 12th 1964. He was assigned to the Terenure College community. School life was not his first love and he was pleased to be appointed to the Knocktopher Community in 1970. The next three decades of his life would be spent in the communities at Knocktopher, Kildare and Moate. He moved to Gort Muire in 2001 and remained an active member of this community until his death.

Again, in the words of Fr. Fintan Burke, P.J. *'loved meeting people and his interests in music, sports, yoga, swimming and nature made him relaxing and engaging company'*. At Gort Muire he would often play a piece on the tin whistle during morning Mass. He went swimming at the Forty Foot in Sandycove throughout the year, and made many friends there. P.J. had a closeness to nature and could pray while contemplating a lake or river scene, a beautiful flower, shrub or tree as easily as before the Blessed Sacrament.

He was a dedicated Carmelite and priest, easy to live with, even-tempered and always obliging. He had a great gift for remembering faces and making connections. He was non-judgmental and all manner of people could feel at ease with him. P.J. witnessed in deed and word to a gentle and forgiving God in Jesus Christ.

We extend sympathy to his sister and brother, Lily and Larry, to his nieces and nephews, extended family, relatives, friends and all who mourn his passing. May Patrick Joseph rest in peace.

that many of the buildings had been vandalised or destroyed. Tommy and fellow Carmelite Jim Doyle began a renovation programme. As Fr. Bob Kelly remarked during his homily at the Funeral Mass, *'the war years were a dangerous time for the Carmelite missionaries, and Tommy was one of those who had continued to minister in the country during those years'*. Tommy was an excellent biology teacher and competent Rector and his transfer, in 1989, to St. Agnes' Parish, Zengeza, was much regretted. In fact, a strike was organised in protest!

For the next twenty years Tommy ministered at St. Agnes' where he was much loved by the parishioners. He worked with them in developing the parish to the point where it became financially self-reliant. Over the years he had coped with diabetes but in 2009 he suffered a stroke and had to come to Ireland for medical treatment. He would not see Zimbabwe again as his health declined steadily until his death. Neither could he enjoy fishing off his beloved Kinsale. He was cared for compassionately and professionally by the nurses and carers at Gort Muire who tried to make him as comfortable as possible over almost eight years. May he rest in peace. We extend sympathy to his sister Eleanor, brother-in-law Teddy, his nieces and nephews, extended family, relatives and friends.



Knocktopher/Ballyhale



We congratulate the boys and girls of Scoil Phádraig, Ballyhale, who received the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Carmelite Friary Church, Knocktopher, on May 28th 2017. Fr. Benedict O'Callaghan, O.Carm., was the main celebrant, assisted by Fr. Philip Brennan, O.Carm. The children were prepared by their teachers Mr. Eoin Cody and Mr. Alan Walsh. A great day was had by all! (Photo courtesy of ED D'Arcy)

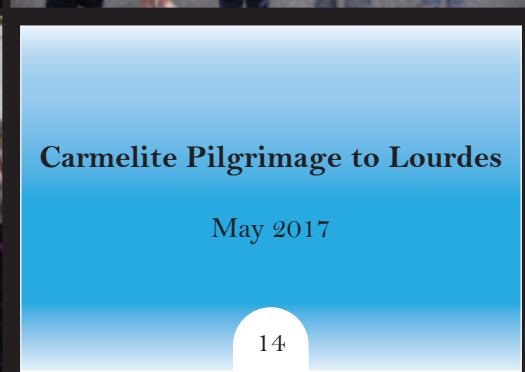
Kinsale



Participants in the Strictly Come Dancing contest during their rehearsal.

The Carmelite Friars together with our energetic and dedicated Fundraising Committee and loyal associates express sincere gratitude to the organisers, sponsors and supporters of the Concerts, Bingo, Strictly Come Dancing, the Golf Classic, and other events. Together, they realised the handsome sum of over €160,000 towards the outlay of around €550,000 on the restoration of the Friary Church. That leaves us with about €390,000 still to raise and then we will have to think about the redecorating of the church. A notable feature of our fundraising was the support received from the community and friends of St. Multose (COI).

As Carmelites, we appreciate the goodness and goodwill shown to us by so many people. We are grateful to God and Our Lady for all the benefits and munificence we receive on a regular basis. We assure everyone -- sponsors, friends, supporters and patrons of Friary and Church -- of our continued prayers.



Do you feel called to Prayer, Community and Service?



"Carmelite Spirituality has assisted me to delve deeper into the person God created me to be."

- Nate Michalak, O.Carm.

"I don't know how I ended up here or why, but I know it is where I belong."

- Neil Conlisk, O.Carm.



"Leading retreats, sharing faith, building relationships: Carmel teaches me to listen in the silence, to become most fully myself, fully alive."

- Mike Joyce, O.Carm.

Perhaps you are being called to be a Carmelite.

If you are between 18-35 years old and would like to explore your vocation with the Carmelites, contact Father Dave Twohig

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