

Carmelite Contact

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From left to right: Dr. Simon Nolan O.Carm., Dr. Robert Manik, O.Carm., Dr. Eamon Martin, Archbishop of Armagh, and Dr. Liam Tracey, OSM.

We congratulate Father Robert Manik on receiving his Doctorate from St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, on November 5th 2016. On completion of his studies, Robert returned to his Province in Indonesia. He will begin lecturing on Liturgy in January 2017. We wish him every blessing into the future.



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS at TERENCE COLLEGE CHAPEL

Sunday, December 11th at 10.30 a.m.
Service of Reconciliation

Sunday, December 18th at 7.30 p.m.
Carol Service followed by
Mince Pie and Mulled Wine Reception

Monday, December 19th at 7.30 p.m.
"A Ceremony of Carols and Fantasia on Christmas
Carols" by the Jubilate Choir

Christmas Mass Times in College Chapel

Christmas Eve
December 24th - "Midnight Mass" at 9.00 p.m.

Christmas Day
December 25th - Mass at 9.30 a.m. and 11.00 a.m.

*All are welcome to join the Carmelite Community, Families
and Friends for these days of Preparation and Celebration.*

1916 Rising remembered in Moate



From left to right: Peter Dolan, Maria Higgins, Jimmy Redmond, Sharon Hamm, Frankie Keenan (County Council), Steve Fahy, David Kelly, John Dolan (County Council) and Father Jaison Kuthanapillil, O.Carm.

In January of this year a group of people got together to organise a Memorial Garden in Moate to commemorate the 1916 Rising. A committee was formed, made up of members from various organisations, including the Carmelite Friars. Father Jaison was the Carmelite representative and the Carmelites were one of the main sponsors for the Garden. Many meetings were held, plans were made, designs were created and work commenced. It was decided to dedicate the Memorial Garden not only to the heroes of 1916 but also to the late Private Patrick Kelly, the only Irish Soldier to be killed on active service in the State since the Civil War.

Finally, on June 12th 2016 Moate remembered 1916 and the fallen heroes. The celebration began with Mass in the Carmelite Church. Father Jimmy Murray was the main celebrant and Father Jaison Kuthanapillil concelebrated. A large crowd had gathered including committee members, army personnel and veterans. Father Jimmy gave an eloquent homily about the historic events of 1916. Members of Private Patrick Kelly's family led the Prayers of the Faithful, while a copy of the Proclamation and the Irish Flag were carried in the Offertory Procession. During the consecration, the Army Colour Party gave a touching salute to the Sacred Presence. After Holy

Communion, John Gorman, a survivor of the Siege of Jadotville, read the Soldiers Prayer, while Company Sergeant PJ Higgins read Joseph Mary Plunkett's *I see His Blood Upon the Rose*. A lone piper played *Amazing Grace*, a soloist sang *Grace*, and the Carmelite Choir sang beautiful throughout the celebration.

Following the Mass a parade took place to the Memorial Garden. Speeches were made and wreaths were laid. Father Jaison then blessed the Garden, followed by a reading of the Proclamation. Silence then fell as a lone piper played the *Last Post*. The Irish Flag that had been carried in the Offertory Procession was raised over the Garden, and *Amhrán na bhFiann* was sung by all. After the inauguration ceremony, many people returned to the Carmelite Pastoral Centre for refreshments. Winners of an art competition on 1916 which had been organised in the local national schools were presented with their prizes. Local musicians entertained with traditional music and the Carmelite volunteers helped keep everyone happy with tea, sandwiches and cakes. All in all, it was a great occasion for all who participated and a fitting local celebration of the 1916 Rising.

- Jaison Kuthanapillil, O.Carm.

The Christmas Carol Service 2016

On December 18th, the Carmelite Church in Moate will be transformed into a musical wonderland when the Carmelite Choir and its friends gather for the Christmas Carol Service. This Service is held annually to raise funds for the local St. Vincent de Paul organisation, and over the last number of years the event has gone from strength to strength. Such is the popularity of the Service that it draws many people from the surrounding areas. Much credit for its success goes to the Organising Committee and the marvellous singing on the night. Guest artists will also entertain and Santa will also make a guest appearance for the children. News has it that the Elves are busy preparing gifts for Santa to bring on the night. Refreshments will be served for everyone after the Carol Service in the Pastoral Centre. A great evening of celebration is expected. The Service will start at 6 pm.

A New Saint of Carmel: Saint Elizabeth of the Trinity



Elizabeth as a child

The Trinity is, in some ways, a difficult doctrine for us, something key to our faith which we know is beyond our powers to explain. Yet we have grown up with it and that helps. This means that, far from being a theological abstraction, the Trinity is familiar to us. We become aware that it is part of us from early on. All of us were baptised in the name of the Trinity: three persons in one God. As children we learned to bless ourselves in the name of the Trinity. Whenever we gather to celebrate the Sacraments or the Liturgy of the Hours, we do so in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

The life and teaching of Saint Elizabeth of the Trinity (who was canonised by Pope Francis on October 16th 2016) reminds us that the Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, far from being remote, is at the very centre of our lives, something familiar, something intimate.

Early Life: Born Elizabeth Catez on July 18th 1880 in Dijon, France, into a small family. Her father, Joseph, rose from lowly circumstances through the ranks of the military, eventually being made a Knight of the Legion of Honour. Joseph and his wife, Marie, had two daughters: Elizabeth and her younger sister Marguerite. Elizabeth was by all accounts a strong-willed and somewhat difficult child, with a fiery temper. A priest who knew the family, upon witnessing one of her tantrums, quipped that she would grow up either to be a devil or an angel! Yet, even as a child, Elizabeth had a strong attraction to

prayer. When she was only seven years of age her grandfather and her father both died and she, her mother and sister had to move to a flat in a less prosperous neighbourhood. From her bedroom window Elizabeth could see the Monastery of the Discalced Carmelite Nuns. As we might expect, this time of bereavement and upheaval was a difficult one for the young Elizabeth. By the age of eleven she had made her First Confession and First Holy Communion, and she tells us that receiving Jesus in the Eucharist had such a profound effect on her that her tears of loss and upset were replaced by tears of joy because she knew Jesus had taken up residence in her. On the afternoon of her First Communion she met the Prioress of the Dijon Carmel who told her that her name, Elizabeth, meant 'House of God.' A few days later, the Prioress sent Elizabeth a card with the following inscription: *'Your blessed name hides a mystery, accomplished on this great day. Child, your heart is the house of God on earth, of the God of Love.'* This card with its inscription made a deep impression on Elizabeth and she began to understand the idea of Eucharistic indwelling, that God literally wanted to live in her heart. She would, in many of her writings, refer to God taking possession of her heart. The future saint, who at a tender age knew the pain of loss, came to know that in the Eucharist Jesus was with her and that he would be with her always. As a teenager Elizabeth did all the usual things for a girl of her time. She was a good mixer, loved fashion, social events and parties. She was in two choirs and ran a sort of summer school with friends for the children of the local factory workers. She was an outstanding pianist who shone as a student at the Dijon Conservatory of Music. Elizabeth could perhaps have had a career as a musician but God had other plans for her.

The Heart as a 'Little Bethany': In 1901, at the age of nineteen, Elizabeth finally entered Carmel and was given the name Sister Elizabeth of the Trinity. She had been discerning her vocation for a number of years. Elizabeth's awareness of the Trinity now grew in her life and understanding. She wanted God to live in her and knew that was where God wanted to be. She described her heart as *'a little Bethany'*, after the village where Martha, Mary, and Lazarus lived, the very place where Jesus could go to and stay and be with friends, a rare thing for him, given the demands of his mission and ministry.

Being a Praise of Glory: Elizabeth shared with St Thérèse of Lisieux a love for St. Paul. Following Paul, who speaks about the love Christ has for us, of how he died to save us, Elizabeth wanted to be *'a Praise of Glory to the Father in imitation of Jesus himself'*. This means that praise of God is not something we only do from time to time when we think of it. Being a Praise of Glory means making the whole of ourselves and the whole of our lives a praise of God.

The Trinity: For Elizabeth, Jesus makes God accessible

and opens up the Trinity to us. As she says in one of her poems: *'He comes to reveal the mystery, To give all the Father's secrets to lead from glory to glory even unto the bosom of the Trinity.'* She composed her famous prayer to the Trinity on November 21st 1904. She offers herself to God and invites him to live in her and expresses her desire to enter eternity and the greatness of his presence.

Drawing Souls to God: Elizabeth entered eternal life, after a long battle with Addison's disease, on November 9th 1906, at the age of 26. Her last words were, *'I am going to Light, to Love, to Life'*. She had only been a Carmelite for five years. Before her death she was asked if, like St. Thérèse, she would spend her heaven doing good on earth. Elizabeth initially responded that she would not, but that she would shoot *'like a rocket'* deeper and deeper into the abyss of the Trinity. Nonetheless, she also confided in a friend that she would *'draw souls to God and thus allow God to transform them into himself.'*

The Communion of Saints: Saint Elizabeth of the Trinity reminds us that we are called to be conformed to Christ and that the Trinity is our true home. Her message is constantly one of intimacy with the Divine. In a poem she wrote as a teenager Elizabeth's musical background helps her to imagine how as people of faith even now, in this life, we can join in an eternal song with her and with the whole Communion of Saints in Praise of Glory: *'In the light of faith, may we go even now to sing, with the blessed, the hymn that is sung eternally, before the throne of the Lamb.'*

- Simon Nolan, O.Carm.

Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi A Saint for Today

To mark the 450th anniversary of the Birth of St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi, an afternoon of celebration was organised by the Carmelite Spirituality Commission for all members of the Carmelite Family. The event took place at Gort Muire on Saturday, September 10th 2016. Father Kevin Alban, O.Carm., (Aylesford) and Father Simon Nolan, O.Carm., (Gort Muire) spoke on the saint's life and on her message for us as Carmelites today. The afternoon concluded with Solemn Evening Prayer in the chapel. Over eighty people attended from all branches of the Carmelite Family.



Kevin Alban speaking



Simon Nolan speaking



Solemn Evening Prayer



Elizabeth of the Trinity

Father Paul Horan, O.Carm., ordained Bishop of Mutare



Bishop Paul with members of his family



Bishop Paul receives his mitre



The episcopal ordination of Bishop Paul Horan was attended by five to six thousand people



Bishop Paul and Father Fernando Millán Romeral with the Carmelite Nuns at the 'Breaking of Ground' Ceremony



Left to right: Father Fernando Millán Romeral, Prior General, Bishop Paul, Father Vitalis Benza, Commissary Provincial, and Father Richard Byrne, Prior Provincial



Bishop Paul celebrates Mass with Carmelites and local clergy in his home parish in Drangan, Co. Tipperary

Visitors for the Episcopal Ordination of Father Paul Horan began arriving in Harare on August 24th 2016. Carmelites from Ireland included Fathers Richard Byrne, Prior Provincial, Philip Brennan and Frank McAleese. Brother Pat Mullins and Father Conrad Mutizamhepo, Councillor General for Africa, were already in the country. They were joined by members of the Horan family: Margaret, John, Patricia, Edward, Helena, Claudia and Ita, from Ireland, England and France.

The Prior General, Father Fernando Millán Romeral, Father Paul Nampota, ODC, from Malawi, Father Thomas Mtey, O. Carm., from Tanzania and Father Boniface Kimondolo, O. Carm., from Kenya, all arrived in Harare on August 26th.

The Ordination Ceremony took place in the grounds of Marymount Teachers' College on August 27th. People began to gather early that morning, and as 10 a.m. approached, the procession of bishops, clergy, religious and many others began some distance from the site of the actual ceremony. A huge number of people (between five to six thousand) participated, all in joyful mood, with marvellous singing and dancing, which is typical in the African Church. The attendance included political leaders, representatives of other religious denominations, the Irish Consulate in Harare, the Mashonaland Irish Association in Harare and the Deputy Head of Mission (Ireland) in Pretoria, South Africa, Mr. Tony McCullagh. The celebration was led by the Archbishop of Harare, Robert Christopher Ndlovu, as Principal Ordaining Prelate, assisted by the Apostolic Nuncio, Archbishop Marek Zalewski and Bishop Alexio Muchabaiwa of Mutare. Many of the current bishops in Zimbabwe were also present. Nearly two hundred priests concelebrated the Mass. Many Religious Sisters, Brothers and Seminarians were present also. The choir from the Mutare Urban Parishes sang beautifully throughout.

The Mass began in the usual manner, with the homily being delivered by Bishop Munyongani, Bishop of Gweru. The Ordination Ceremony then continued with the Presentation of the Bishop-elect, the reading of the Letter of Appointment from Pope Francis, in English and Shona, by the Vicar General, Father Welcome Chipiro. The Instruction by Archbishop Ndlovu then followed. He also put the 'Questions' to the Bishop-elect. Then followed: the Litany of the Saints; the Laying on of Hands by the Bishops; the Prayer of Consecration; the Anointing; the Presentation of the Book of the Gospels; the Investiture with the Ring, Mitre and Pastoral Staff and the Seating of the Bishop. Before the Final Blessing of the Mass, speeches were delivered by a representative of the Minister of State, the Chairperson of the Mutare Diocesan Priests, Sister Evelyn Kadzere, Mother General of the Handmaids of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, representing the Religious Congregations in the Diocese of Mutare, the Prior General of the Carmelite Order, Bishop Muchabaiwa and the Papal

Nuncio. The vote of thanks was given by Father Shepherd Munaro and this was followed by an address and blessing by Bishop Horan. Afterwards, lunch was available to all who had attended the joyous celebration.

On Sunday August 28th, the new Bishop took his Seat in the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, and celebrated the Eucharist. Again, a large number of people attended this celebration. In the afternoon, the Carmelite Nuns invited the bishops, clergy, religious and faithful to witness the 'Ground Breaking Ceremony' of their new Monastery in Weirmouth, Mutare. At the beginning of this ceremony, the Nuns gave a brief history of their coming to Mutare. Representatives of the Diocese introduced the programme for the afternoon and, after prayers and readings, Bishops Paul and Alexio, together with the Prior General, led all present to the 'ground breaking' and blessing of the site. Hymns were sung and the prayers were said. Work on the new foundation began the following morning.

On Monday August 29th, and over the following days, the visitors began to depart for Ireland, Rome and elsewhere. It was lovely to have had our Brethren and the members of the Horan family with us for this joyous celebration. Bishop Paul left for Rome on September 2nd for a ten day course arranged at the Vatican for newly ordained Bishops. After his time in Rome, he went to Ireland for one week where he celebrated Mass at Terenure College Chapel, Dublin, and at his home parish, Drangan in County Tipperary.

- John McGrath, O.Carm.





The memorial plaque on the fountain at Fr. Pio Square



The Carmelites who attended the opening of Fr. Pio Square

On Saturday September 24th 2016, St. Alois Parish gathered to celebrate the life and ministry of the late Father Brian Pius Kiernan, O.Carm., who was affectionately known as Father Pio. Among the guests were friars from Mount Carmel Student House community. The Eucharistic celebration was led by Father Simplisio Manyika, O.Carm.

In the Shona culture, when our beloved dies we have to see the place where he is buried; if there is none, we have to find a place where we can remember him. Many people choose an empty grave to honour the memory of their loved one. For St. Alois Parish, a memorial square offers a quiet sanctuary in remembrance of Father Brian Pius Kiernan. The place which was commonly known as *Pamatombo* meaning 'the Rocky Place' was dedicated to his memory, and renamed Fr. Pio Square. At the centre of the square there is a fountain of water which represents the life and blessings which Father Pio gave to the St. Alois community through his ministry. According to the current pastor of St. Alois Parish, Father Ezevia Murambiwa, O.Carm., the memorial square provides a restful and peaceful place for meditation. Pio used to sit at that place teaching Catechism to the people; and so it is an appropriate place for the faithful to meet and discuss matters of faith.

After the Mass, Brother Patrick Mullins, O.Carm., representing the Prior Provincial, officially unveiled the Memorial Fountain. He then thanked the people of St. Alois Parish for remembering Pio in this special way. A special word of thanks was expressed to Trudy Keegan (Father Pio's sister) who recent generous donation helped with the establishment of Fr. Pio Square. The fountain was blessed by Father Simplisio.

Speaker after speaker praised Pio for his commitment in serving the people of the whole area of Chitungwiza town. He was described as a risk taker who came to Zimbabwe, a place with a different culture to his own native land. More than a simple risk taker, he also had a generous soul. He never met a person in need that he did not find some way of helping. Among the many works he did in the parish, and with the help of his sisters and many friends in Ireland, Father Pio built the current church at St. Alois. His work as a pastor of St Alois became his greatest passion, and many said he put in tireless hours visiting the sick, burying the dead, celebrating Mass and assisting those in need. St. Alois was his family. I say 'his family' with all seriousness because he did not just serve them; he really took them into his heart and kept them there forever. *Mweya wavo ngauzorore murugare*. May his dearest soul rest in peace.

- Anderson Musina, O.Carm.



Father Pio teaching the Catechism



Brother Pat Mullins unveils the fountain

Lay Carmel News

Annual Retreat



The Annual Lay Carmel Retreat took place in Whitefriar Street Community Centre on Saturday October 8th 2016. Members from all of the Dublin Groups were present as well as members from the Kildare and Moate Groups. Father Robert Kelly, O. Carm., Terenure College, led the Retreat. His theme was 'The Mercy of God'. He also celebrated the 3 p.m. Mass concluding the Retreat.

It was a great opportunity for the members of the different Lay Carmel Groups to meet, to exchange news, catch up with old friends and make new ones. The Centre in Whitefriar Street has hosted the Retreat for the last number of years and the members appreciate the welcome they receive from the friars, the local Lay Carmel Group and the staff of the Centre.

Profession in Whitefriar Street



We extend congratulations to Pauline Quinn from the Whitefriar Street Third Order who made her First Profession on Saturday October 15th. The Profession was received by Father Desmond Kelly, O.Carm.

On the same day, five new members were received into the Third Order: Frank Brennan, Cathal Walsh, Maureen Manion, Barry Walsh, and Kathleen Lambe. We welcome them and wish them God's blessing.

Left to right: Mary O'Doherty, Peggy Molloy (Moderator), Pauline Quinn and Father Desmond Kelly, O.Carm.

www.laycarmel.ie

A new Lay Carmel website was launched in October of this year. 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.



Carmelite Institute of

My Dear Carmelite Family,

The eleventh academic year of the Carmelite Institute of Britain and Ireland (CIBI) is fast becoming one of our busiest and most fruitful.

Having launched the BTh (Carmelite Studies) and the MTh (Carmelite Studies), accredited by St Patrick's College, Maynooth, in 2015, we have introduced two new programmes this semester, the Certificate in Spirituality (Carmelite Studies) and the Diploma in Spirituality (Carmelite Studies). Both of these programmes are also accredited by St Patrick's College, Maynooth. The great advantage of these four programmes is that students can move from programme to programme and take their studies to as high a level as they wish.

We upgraded the CIBI website earlier in the year. We have received many compliments on it. As a result of the site being more user friendly and the introduction of the new programme, we have received many new inquiries. When we began the semester on September 5th we had over 30 new students enrolled. Even at this early stage, we also have a number of students registered and ready to commence their studies in January 2017.

CIBI now has students in about 35 countries around the world. Amongst our most recent enrolments are the first students from Germany, Hungary and Italy. The flexibility of our programmes means that students are not limited to a place, time or time zone and can log into the website and study in the place and time that suits them. CIBI programmes are in fact available and accessible to anyone in the English speaking world and indeed to anyone with a reasonably good level of English in any part of the world. Many of our students come from African countries, for example.

On October 26th, two students, Dr Mary Forrest and Dr John Quigley, were presented with their parchments for the Master of Arts in Carmelite Studies by two of the CIBI trustees, Fathers Richard Byrne and Michael McGoldrick. The third Trustee, Father Tony Lester, was also in attendance and led the final prayer of the ceremony. In 2006, when CIBI launched the Diploma in Carmelite Studies (accredited by the former Milltown Institute), Mary and John were among the first students to enrol. They were both awarded the Diploma in Carmelite Studies and were presented with their awards at the Milltown Institute on October 11th 2011. They then undertook the Master of Arts in Carmelite Studies. Mary and John must be congratulated on their commitment to Carmel and Carmelite Studies and we all look forward to the fruits of their work. It was wonderful

that their families and so many of the Carmelite Family were able to attend, including the Provincial Councils of the Order of Carmelites in both Ireland and the United Kingdom and of the Anglo-Irish Province of the Discalced Carmelites Order.

October also brought us a new Assistant Administrator when Aisling McGrath joined me in the CIBI office. Aisling has many years' experience supporting students through their studies, having worked at the UCD Business School before joining CIBI. Welcome Aisling! CIBI is now accepting applications from students wishing to undertake studies commencing January 9th 2017. Full information of each of the programme is available on our website www.cibi.ie

New additions to the programmes include the recently canonised Saints:

S06: Saint Elizabeth of the Trinity,

S08: Saints Louis and Zélie Martin.

We have also include new modules in the BTh (Carmelite Studies) programme:

T05: An Introduction to Moral Theology,

T08: Sexual Ethics and Bio Ethics,

T09: Christology.

These are in addition to the various modules that we have made available over the past few years:

T01: An Introduction to the New Testament,

T02: The Sacramental Basis of Christian Living,

T03: Faith and Revelation,

T04: The People of God,

H01: Carmel: Development of the Tradition,

H02: The Origins of the Carmelite Family,

H03: Figures of Inspiration: Mary and Elijah,

H04: The Carmelite Charism: Exploring Biblical Roots,

H05: Carmelite Reform and Renewal in the 16th Century,

S01: Saint Teresa of Avila,

S02: Saint John of the Cross, Carmelite, Mystic and Poet,

S04; Saint Thérèse of Lisieux,

S05: Titus Brandsma,

S07: Edith Stein.

If you would like to know more about our programmes why don't you get in touch with myself or Aisling by email admin@cibi.ie or phone 01 298 7706.

Wishing you all a Blessed Advent and a Peaceful and Happy Christmas.

Frank O'Neill.

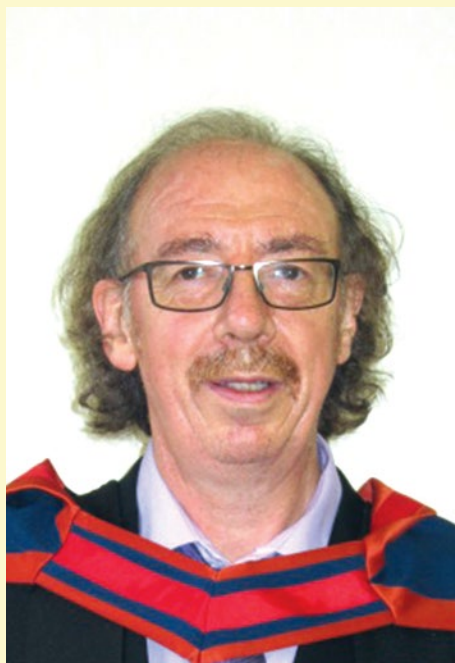
Britain and Ireland



Left to right: Father Antony Lester (Prior Provincial of the British Province of Carmelites), Father Michael McGoldrick (Prior Provincial of the Anglo-Irish Province of Discalced Carmelites), Dr. John Quigley, Brother Pat Mullins (Academic Director, CIBI), Dr. Mary Forrest and Father Richard Byrne (Prior Provincial of the Irish Province of Carmelites)



Dr. Mary Forrest



Dr. John Quigley



Aisling McGrath

The Irish Province of Carmelites wish you a happy and peaceful Christmas and every blessing in the New Year.

May the Lord of Peace fill your heart with joy.

Nollaig Shona agus Athbhliain faoi Mhaise Daoibh.

A Moment of Hope

Time is divided into moments;
of joy or grief, hope or despair.
There was once a time, a moment,
when the world changed forever.

Between the coolness of evening
and the darkness of night,
Love became human, its glorious light
penetrating incarnation.

It was a moment of stillness
followed by a child's first breath,
blowing like a wind of change.
It echoes still through the corridors of time.

We hear it in hallowed halls,
or when a bell chimes.
We hear it in word and song:
the moment when Christ was born.

Tonight, in our church,
we pray beneath the gaze of saints;
those who now stand
in the light of His face.

Beneath their statues and shrines,
each candle seeks a share in their light.
Each votive flame speaks of a moment,
one of doubt or fear, joy or pain.

For time is still divided into moments,
the pattern remains the same,
but Immanuel; God is with us,
since that Christmas, hope has a name.

- Dave Twohig, O.Carm.

