

EUROPEAN PROVINCE UPDATES

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GET WELL WISHES AND PRAYERS FOR all our Brothers who are currently ill, some of whom are in hospital at this time. In particular, remember Br. Vianney Browne who remains seriously ill in hospital in Rome.

Prayers please for the repose of the soul of Joe Brennan, brother of Br. Damien Brennan who died yesterday

Kathleen Costello, mother of Br. Tom Costello (Emmaus) who died on 8th January, 2014.

Dolores Delaney, former Director of Nursing in St. Patrick's Nursing Home, Baldoyle, who died on 8th January 2014

Br. Malachy Fiacre Murphy who passed away in St. Patrick's Nursing Home, Baldoyle on 30th December 2013

Patrick Power, brother of Br. Barney de Paor of N. Richmond Street Community, who died in December.

Anne White, sister-in-law of Br Bernard White of N. Richmond Street Community, who died recently.

Mr. Harry Boland, former member of the governing body of MIE and former pupil of St. Joseph's CBS Fairview, who died in December.

Day for Consecrated Life

Archbishop Martin has invited religious men and women of the archdiocese to evening prayer in Terenure College, Dublin 6W at 7.30pm on 3rd February 2014.

Email: dayforconsecratedlife@abhouse.org

Edmund Rice Development

Edmund Rice Development is currently seeking to hire a new fundraising coordinator. Follow this link for further details on the position

<http://www.edmundricedevelopment.org/index.php/job-opportunity-fundraising-coordinator/>

Happy New Year

The European Province Leadership Team wish all the Brothers, Co-workers, Friends and Supporters a very happy New Year and pray good health and blessings for all.

Kevin John *Jim Martin*
Edmund *Edmund*

DOLORES DELANEY

The death of Dolores Delaney, Director of Nursing, St Patrick's – Cowper Care, Baldoyle, occurred on 8 January 2014. Dolores was Director of Nursing in St Patrick's from 2005 until her retirement in 2009. Prior to that, she was a staff nurse in St Patrick's since 1990.

Dolores was a most conscientious, professional nurse; over the many years she attended to the physical and spiritual needs of the Brothers, assisting many on their deathbeds. Her work ethic was inspired by a firm Christian faith with particular devotion to St Joseph, Padre Pio, and indeed Blessed Edmund Rice.

Dolores always facilitated the Brothers returning from the missions especially Africa in their medical needs. Brother Noel Bradshaw, Sierra Leone, on learning of her death expressed his thanks for her caring attitude to him during an illness while recuperating in Baldoyle. It is consoling that she is remembered not alone in Ireland but especially by our missionary Brothers in Africa.

Dolores by her experience and diplomacy helped with the smooth transition of St Patrick's to Cowper Care in 2006. On her retirement in 2009 we all wished her many years of good health and happiness, but God's plans took a different turn. In spite of her own illness she took care of her husband Tom in his final illness, despite the fact that she herself was suffering.

Here it is fitting to acknowledge the wonderful work of the staff of St Patrick's, both past and present, in their professional care of the sick. No words of ours can adequately portray the great work Dolores performed in the care of the Brothers. In our humble way all we can say is 'Thanks, Dolores, and we will always remember you in our prayers.'

We express sympathy to her daughter Orla and sons Enda and Barry.

Congregation Chapter Preparations

The Christian Brother delegates to the Congregation Chapter from our province met in the Province Centre on Saturday, January 11th, to prepare for the Chapter. Each province has been requested to make a presentation at the Chapter about the story of the Province over the past six years. The presentation is to highlight key moments in the life of the Province, to report on the impact of the Munrar chapter on the Province, to describe what has been life-giving and challenging, and to say what the gift of the Province is to the International Congregation.



Paul Kelly, deputy Principal of the secondary school in Middleton, has been invited to attend the Congregation Chapter from March 3 to March 12 with other ERN representatives from around the world. Paul will join the Christian Brother delegates for our next preparatory meeting in Marino on February 1st to continue the planning for our Province presentation to the Chapter.

St. Joseph's CBS Nenagh held an official opening of the new extension on 29th November. Past pupil and current Minister of State at the Department of Transport Alan Kelly cut the tape to officially open the new wing.

A Time Capsule marking the 150th anniversary of the Christian Brothers' association with Nenagh since 1862 was buried. The capsule contains letters which all students in the school wrote to their future selves in 2063 and should make very interesting reading in years to come.

The Nenagh Guardian reported the event under the heading "Nenagh school celebrates a birth and a burial"!

A Way Into The Future

Br. Declan Power, a member of the TST (Transition Support Team), spent some time recently sharing his experience of the TST ten week process in Nairobi with the Province Leadership Team. Declan returns to Nairobi on Monday, January 20th, to set up a house that the TST have rented there in the short term. The TST will meet with the CLT in Rome in February and all will be present at the Congregation Chapter in Nairobi in March, as delegates or invited guests.

Declan is excited about being chosen as a member of the TST, but is keenly aware of the challenge involved. We congratulate Declan on his appointment to the TST and we pray for him and the other members of the TST as they begin their planning for A Way Into The Future. We remember at this time all the members of the TST which include two other Irishmen, Juan Casey and Donal Kirk.

JUBILARIANS 2014

Seventy-Five Years

Br.	Paddy	Gravin
Br.	Mel	Tallon

Seventy Years

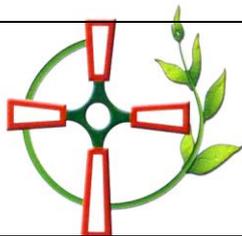
Br.	Pat	Hennessy
Br.	Larry	Nevin
Br.	Paddy	Dalton
Br.	Thady	O'Mahony
Br.	Kevin Leonard	Treacy
Br.	Daithí	Coleman
Br.	Thomas E	O'Connor
Br.	Jan	Egan
Br.	Fionnán	Ó Catháin
Br.	Adrian	McGrath
Br.	Muiris	Cunningham
Br.	Sean	McNamara

Sixty Years

Br.	Michael	Murray
Br.	Greg	Wall
Br.	Dan	Doheny
Br.	Peadar	Gleeson
Br.	Liam V.	Nolan

Fifty Years

Br.	Jim	Dormer
Br.	Roger	O'Donoghue
Br.	David	Gibson
Br.	Bob	McAteer



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Fit for Life classes have resumed each Wednesday morning at 11.30 am in Edmund Rice House, North Richmond Street. Lunch is served following the Class.

Smaoineamh – ‘A Thought’

Just one in five UK children 'connected to nature' 16 October 2013

A three-year research project, undertaken by the RSPB, found that only 21 per cent of children in the UK have a level of connection to nature that can be considered 'realistic and achievable' for all children. **[In Ireland less research had been carried out, but studies have shown that fewer than 10% of children today play in natural places, such as woodlands and the countryside, compared to 40% of children just 30 years ago].** Nature is in trouble, and children's connection to nature is closely linked to this. The recent State of Nature report shows that nature in the UK is being lost at a dramatic rate. Over the last decade, a large amount of research has been carried out into the diverse benefits for children of contact with nature and outdoor experiences. These benefits include positive impacts on education, physical health, emotional wellbeing and personal and social skills. The RSPB believes we can all take action to put nature back into childhood, to ensure young people have better lives and a better future.

IMU Courses/Retreats Booklet 2014

IMU Courses/Retreats Booklet are available by email on request – if hard copies are required, please let Hilary in the Province Centre (01 8073300) know before 30th January.

Thurles CBS raised funds for Fighting Blindness. In November a cheque was presented to past pupil Peter Ryan and Fighting Blindness. Peter is currently training for the tandem cycling event at the 2016 Paralympic games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

St. Joseph's CBS Fairview 1888-2013

In St. Joseph's CBS Fairview, a presentation evening was held in early December to mark the opening of new classrooms and to launch the St. Joseph's Anniversary Book, celebrating 125 years in the education system.

Among those attending the evening were Br. Kevin Mullan, directors of the Edmund Rice Schools Trust, current and past pupils, teachers, past teachers and parents.

Mr. Harry Boland, a former member of the Governing Body of MIE and a former pupil of St. Joseph's CBS Fairview cut the tape to open the new classroom. Sadly, Harry Boland passed away later in December.



INVITATION TO OUR OPEN DAY - SUNDAY 26th January 2014

Emmaus would be delighted if you and a friend or friends could join them for their Open day on Sunday 26th January from 2.00pm - 5.00pm.

During the day they will be showcasing everything Emmaus has to offer in 2014.

There will be taster sessions available for you to enjoy from some of the most popular facilitators and light refreshments will be served.

RSVP to emmauscentre@emmauscentre.ie by 24th January 2014.

Please feel free to pass this invitation on to friends and family

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