

EUROPEAN PROVINCE UPDATE



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Holiday Options 2015

Any Brothers who may be interested in joining in either of the following holiday venues this year, should contact Brenda Farrell as soon as possible:

Westport runs for 5 nights beginning Sunday the 14th June to Friday the 19th June inclusive of Bed, Breakfast and Dinner (Please note: lunch is not included).



Depending on numbers we have rooms booked in

The Castlecourt Hotel & the Westport Plaza – with all evening meals to be taken together at the Castlecourt Hotel

Rooms allocated on a first come first served basis.

Castlecourt Hotel rates: Single room €375 or
Twin sharing €315

Westport Plaza rates: - single room €399

Rates includes free tea & coffee all week,

Tea & a scone on arrival; Free glass of wine on one evening.

All hotel based activities & nightly entertainment

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Ballyvaloo – runs a full week from Saturday the 29th August to Saturday 5th September.

Ballyvaloo rate: €490

Nurse Doreen O'Rourke will be present for both types of holidays.

Retreat/Workshop

The community in Cherry Orchard hosted a number of Brothers and others for a six-day retreat/workshop in July 2013 and in May and July 2014. The theme of the retreats was: "Searching for Mystery in Marginal Communities".

Two more such retreats are being offered in 2015 on the following dates:

Monday, May 25th to Saturday, May 30th

Monday, July 27th to Saturday, August 1st.

The retreats, which are non-residential, begin at 9.30 each morning and finish around 4.45 p.m. with a later finish on the Wednesday and Saturday. The maximum number of participants on each retreat is ten due to the limited space available and the nature of the reflections and sharings.

The cost is €150 which includes lunches, coffee breaks and materials. We hope to have a mix of religious and non-religious on each retreat.

If you are interested in participating in one of the retreats, or if you would like more information, please contact

Br. Paul Hendrick by email at: ***hendrickp2107@yahoo.ie***

Seán

Paul

Martin

Prayers please for the repose of the soul of



Joseph McCormack, brother of Br. Ciaran McCormack (Nenagh), who died 22 January 2015 in Moate, Co. Westmeath.

Br. Patrick Dalton (St. Patrick's Nursing Home, Baldoyle) who died on 29th January 2015 in Beaumont Hospital.

Br. Paul Coleman (St. Declan's, Cabra) who died on 4th February 2015 in the Mater Private Hospital.

Br. Ned Mullins (St. Patrick's Nursing Home, Baldoyle) who died on 17th February in Beaumont Hospital.

Br. Jim Logue (St. Patrick's Nursing Home, Baldoyle) who died on 19th February at St. Patrick's Nursing Home.

Smaoineamh -

'A Thought'

While climate change is a technical, scientific and economic issue, it is also a moral one. The choices we make can undermine the wellbeing of millions of people and condemn future generations to live in an inhospitable world. The Earth is God's gift to the whole human race. Each person therefore is entitled to have access to what he or she needs to live with dignity. All other rights are subordinate and ought to be at the service of this fundamental right.

[Bishop William Crean, chairman of Trócaire]

School Visit

Paschal Donohoe, Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport visited the Edmund Rice House Community and O'Connell's Secondary School on Friday afternoon, 30 January. All were impressed by his enthusiasm, openness and honest answering of questions put to him by the students.



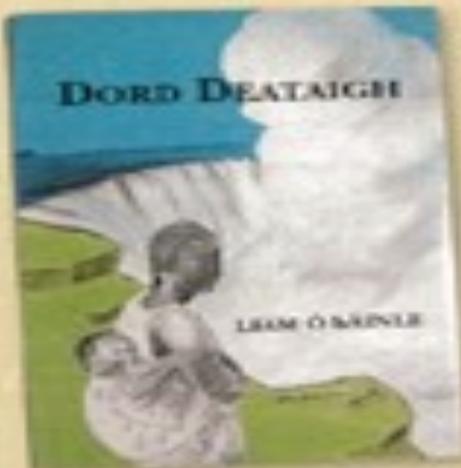
Teaching in Africa

An excellent article in the *Africa St. Patrick's Mission* magazine was written by Marie Whelton. Marie teaches in Marino Institute of Education.

Below is an extract from the article.

Teaching in Africa

Liam Ó hAinle was a Christian Brother from Co Limerick who spent his working life as a teacher in Ireland. When he retired, he moved to Zambia where he continued to work as a teacher until his death in 2000. He was buried in Livingstone according to his wishes. He was also a significant Irish-Language poet who used poetry as a medium for reflection on his own professional practice as an educator. This short article looks at just two poems that were inspired by his African experience. The first explores the challenges the teacher must overcome when attempting to acquire a second language and the second examines the important role the teacher plays in nurturing pride in African identity. In the latter poem, the tension between global culture and native culture is evident when, to his teacher's surprise,



Tabo Kaingu sketches a big slated house in his copybook. Ó hAinle tries to direct his student towards the richness of his own architectural heritage by advising him to draw a small native Zambian house: 'Open for me your little copybook, that is in your plastic bag.../Who drew for you/ that big foreign slated house/your eyes never saw its like before?/Come here, Tabo Kaingu,/and draw your Likambi here...'

