



Prior's Corner



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As I grow older I marvel at how quickly time now passes. I once believed that I longed for the bright sun filled days of summer when all seemed full of joy and happiness. Now I realize that Autumn is just as beautiful with its array of colour and a frailty that shows strength and promise as it offers the new life of a spring that is yet to come.

It reminds us that all is change and reflects very closely our own life's journey .

At the Priory we have time to pause, observe these changes and to reflect. The summer seems, already, a distant memory and our way of life sees closure to some things while giving birth to others.

Fr Bernard Thorne resigned as Provincial of our Province due to health issues. We keep him in our prayers. Fr Colm McGlynn was elected to replace Fr Bernard, and now finds himself busier than ever with his new role—as well as a busy wedding circuit. I myself have been appointed as Prior of our community, to replace Fr Colm. I hope I can do as well as my predecessors.

As we begin a new social calendar and look forward to a fast approaching Advent, let us pray for each other. We pray that we may always be attentive, as Mary was, to the gentle whisper of the Spirit in our lives and that we may continue to be strengthened in our endeavours to build the Kingdom of God amongst us.

Gabriel OSM

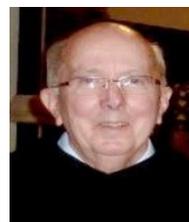


Fr Colm McGlynn OSM
Prior Provincial

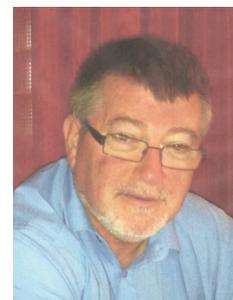


Fr Gabriel Bannon OSM
Prior

Bro. Joe Whelan OSM



Fr Bernard Thorne OSM



Our programme of events and courses is available from the Priory. If you would like information sent to you contact us at the above address or

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A New addition to the Priory is our St Bernard , Cooper (pictured here with Fr Ray) . He seems to be a great attraction for our callers to the Priory

Floral Extravaganza

It will be a privilege to welcome Fr. Sean McEvoy and Anne Traynor to the Priory on Wednesday 15 October. Fr Sean and Anne have for the past number of years very generously given of their time and talents for our night of Floral Extravaganza.

Its always interesting to see them working together for hours before the show as they plan what flowers and other materials they will use in each of their arrangements and creating works of art with each display. One would think as we watch them create their various displays on the night that it was child's play. Believe me one couldn't be further from the truth.

Hopefully, as in previous years, all those of you who are interested in flower arranging will come along and perhaps bring a friend to enjoy Fr Sean and Anne give us another master class in the art of floral display. The show begins at 8:00 p.m. on the night.

Our Pilgrim Walk

Earlier this year Fr Dermot MacNeice was tasked at one of our Pastoral Team Meetings with devising a Pilgrim Walk for the people visiting the Priory grounds. The walk includes seven designated areas where people are encouraged to pause and reflect. Fr Dermot and Mark Winter have designed an attractive booklet containing short scripture passages, prayers and poetic readings to help people making the walk



Come and join us:

Quiz in the "Bottle" (Benburb) on Friday 10 October

Floral Extravaganza @ 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday

15 October

Harvest Thanksgiving @ 3:00 p.m. Sunday 26 October

Remembering our Dead (Service) @ 7:30 p.m Sunday

2 November

Servite Priory masses and Prayer times

Monday to Friday

Morning Prayer 8:45 a.m. Mass
9:00 a.m.

Evening Prayer 5:45 p.m.

Saturday Mass 9:00 a.m.

Evening prayer 5:45 p.m.

Sunday Mass 8.00 a.m.

Evening prayer 5:45 p.m.

Mass in honour of St Peregrine on the 1st and 3rd
Monday evenings at 8:00p.m. with sacrament of
reconciliation beforehand.

All are welcome to join us



Our Library Project

After many meetings and much hard work plans for the rehousing of our archives, library and museum in the stable block at the rear of the Priory have now been completed. Our project management board, which includes 3 Servites, and manager Jason Donaghy have now submitted these plans and costings to the Heritage Lottery Fund, We will know by November if our application has been accepted and approved and if they will grant us the funds necessary to start the refurbishments and have all this completed in a couple of years.



At the Priory a priest is on duty and available at the following times:

Morning 10:00 a.m to 12:30 p.m

Afternoon 2:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m

If you need to see a priest outside of these times please make an appointment