

Irish Spiritans Remembered



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2018

JULY

11 July 2018

KEALY, Fr John P
1937-2018



Fr John (Seán) Kealy was born in Thurles, Co Tipperary on 29 March 1937. He completed his secondary education in Thurles CBS and moved at the age of 17 to the Spiritan Novitiate in Kilshane where he made his first profession on 8 September 1955. He professed in Rockwell College 1958 to 1960 and having been awarded an M.A. in Classics from UCD, he went on to study in Rome. Seán was ordained in Kimmage on 4 July 1965 by Monseigneur Marcel Lefebvre and made his Consecration to the Apostolate on 26 June 1966.

After his ordination Seán returned to Rome where he did further study in both the Gregorian University and the Biblical Institute and was awarded an S.T.L. and LS.S. He loved to recall that he was in Rome for both the 1962 opening of the Second Vatican Council and its closing in December 1965. In 1966 he returned to Ireland and taught in Kimmage Manor followed by the University of Niagara in the USA in 1969. In 1970 he began a decade of teaching scripture in Kenya, initially in the national seminary, and for some eight years in Nairobi's Kenyatta University. Seán return to Ireland for most of the 1980s and early 1990s where his many roles included director of theologians, provincial councillor for education, and president of Blackrock College and superior of its community.

Seán went on to lecture extensively in Africa, America and Europe on biblical studies. A prolific writer, Seán had some 18 books published, at least one of which was translated into Chinese. He did a number of studies in the spirituality and commentaries on the Gospels. He had articles / reviews published in *AFER*, *Doctrine & Life*, *The Irish Theological Quarterly*, *The Tablet*, *The Furrow* and *The Catholic Biblical Quarterly*.

Having been a visiting professor in the department of theology in Duquesne University for a brief period in the early 1980s, he returned there in 1995 as a staff-member of the university until he was appointed to Kimmage in 2014. In Kimmage he was known for his fine tenor voice and Gaelic singing skills and a man who loved poetry and theatre, as well as a good novel or film. Fr Seán later moved to Marian House Nursing Home where he died on 11 July 2018 and was buried in Shanganagh Cemetery, Co Dublin.

OCTOBER

5 October 2018

McMAHON, Fr Eamonn J

1933-2018



Fr Eamonn McMahon was born on 21 March 1933 in Sligo and grew up in Dromahair, Co Leitrim. He attended Shiddillagh National School in Drumkeeran where his mother was a teacher and he completed his secondary school education as a boarder in St Patrick's College, Cavan. Eamonn entered Kilshane in 1952 and was professed the following year. He was awarded a B.A. in English and Philosophy by UCD. He prefected in Blackrock College from 1956 to 1957. Eamonn was ordained in July 1960 in Clonliffe College, Dublin by Archbishop John Charles McQuaid.

Eamonn's first appointment was to Nigeria in December 1961 where he served in Owerri Diocese. He initially worked in the Ikedru region doing pastoral and evangelical work. Following on from this he taught English, Latin and Scripture in St. Saviour's Secondary School in Umuaka and then became a principal teacher first in Uli, and later in the secondary technical school in Ogbaku. From 1967 to 1970, he did pastoral and relief work in Orodo and also spent some time fundraising in California during the Nigerian Civil War. He subsequently returned to Nigeria in October 1969 where his final days there were spent in a humanitarian relief role before being expelled with many others in early 1970.

Eamonn's next appointment was to Brazil which began a relationship of well over forty years with this Latin American country. As well as having a substantial involvement in founding and promoting Child-Development and Learning Centres, and working with the Legion of Mary, he served in pastoral roles at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel parish in Vila Alpina, São Paulo for some sixteen years; Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Vila Diva (from 1989 to 2008) and Mogi das Cruzes Parish (from 2010).

Fr Eamonn McMahon died 5 October 2018 in the Santa Virginia Hospital in Belenzinho, São Paulo and he was buried in the cemetery adjoining the Church of Getsemani, in São Paulo.

7 October 2018

FITZGERALD, Fr Norman E

1925-2018



Fr Norman Fitzgerald was born on 8 February 1925 in Ballinrobe, Co Mayo. He went to primary school in the local CBS and completed his secondary school education in Rockwell College. From there he moved to Kilshane where he was professed in 1944. He then moved to Kimmage Manor to study philosophy and theology. He prefected in St Mary's College, Rathmines from 1946 to 1948, and was awarded a BA in philosophy by UCD. He was ordained in Clonliffe College in 1953.

Norman's first appointment was to Sierra Leone in 1954. He served in this west African country for over twenty five years. He taught in Christ the King College, Bo for six years. In 1960 he was the founder/principal of St Paul's Secondary School in Pujehun where he spent the next eight years. Following a sabbatical he moved to Freetown to become education secretary, a post he remained in until his return to Ireland in 1981. During his tenure in Africa he was also heavily involved in youth chaplaincy and development work sectors which he retained a life-long interest in.

After his return to Ireland Norman was appointed bursar of the Blackrock College Community for the next eight years. One of his first successes was dealing with the aftermath of a school fire that had caused extensive damage to the chapel. From 1989 he served in a pastoral role in Shankill parish. He became the first executive director of the humanitarian aid agency Refugee Trust (now Vita) and was the familiar voice of its long-running early morning advertisement on RTÉ radio. He later served as its chairperson for a ten year period and was subsequently made honorary president. He was also a board member of Aidlink for a number of years.

Norman became chaplain of St Andrew's Parish, Westland Row, from 1995 to 2000, and then he served for a further eight year period as chaplain to the Sisters of Our Lady of Charity in Drumcondra. He moved to Marian House in late 2017 from the Blackrock College Community where he had returned to live some years previous to this. Fr Norman died on 7 October 2018 in Marian House, Kimmage Manor, and was buried in Dardistown Cemetery, Co Dublin.

25 October 2018

DUGGAN, Fr Columbanus I

1925-2018



Fr Columbanus Duggan (Colum) was born on 7 July 1925 in Bridgetown, Co Clare. He completed his secondary school education in St Flannan's, Ennis in 1944, and then entered Kilshane. He made his first profession the following year and moved to Kimmage Manor where he studied philosophy and theology. He prefectured in Blackrock College from 1947 to 1950. He was ordained on 5 July 1953 at Clonliffe College.

Colum's first appointment was to Kenya in 1954 and he served in this east African country for more than fifty years, ministering in what became the diocese of Machakos. He served for a time in its diocesan seminary. Initially, he worked in Mbitini and Kilungu and then moved to Kanzalu followed by Kaumani where he spent several years in pastoral roles and also served as novice master to the Brothers of St Peter Claver. He was awarded a diploma in religious studies by St Patrick's College, Maynooth in the 1970s and became heavily involved in education.

He returned to Kenya in 1975 where he was appointed to Tawa in the diocese of Machakos. He loved young people and wanted them to have a brighter future. He undertook the building of secondary schools in three different missions. He foresaw the great value in educating girls who as future Christian mothers would influence family life or, in the case of those who would go to Teacher Training College, the wider community. At Tawa he began a girls' secondary school with dormitories and a science lab. He taught local young men how to build, guiding them in the construction of several churches and a number of secondary schools. An expert in the Kikamba language, he was keenly attentive to religious instruction and to the proper training of catechists, and was responsible for a number of publications, including *Celebration of the Eucharist for Secondary Schools*.

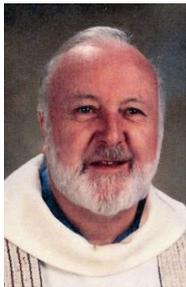
Colum was appointed to the Kimmage Community in 2008 and later to Marian House. Fr Colum was one of the first fifteen confrères to transfer to Nazareth House, Marino, in September 2018. Fr Colum died on 25 October 2018 and was buried in Dardistown Cemetery, Co Dublin.

NOVEMBER

28 November 2018

TANNAM, Fr Gerard

1929 – 2018



Fr Gerard Tannam (Gerry) was born 22 May, 1929 in Dublin. He completed his secondary school education in St Mary's, Rathmines. He entered Kilshane in 1947 and made his first profession on 8 September, 1948. He was awarded a B.A. by UCD in 1951 and prefected in Blackrock College from 1951 to 1952. He was awarded the H.Dip. Ed. in 1953 and then went on to study in Fribourg where he was awarded an M.A. in Education the following year. Gerry was ordained to the priesthood on 14 July, 1957.

Gerry's first assignment was to Tanzania where he taught at St Francis College, Pugu, from 1959 until 1962. In 1962 he was assigned to teach at the Bigard Memorial Seminary in Nigeria which he subsequently left during the Biafran War. Gerry was assigned to the Generalate Community in Rome in 1970 where he served as the secretary for information.

In 1971 Gerry took up a teaching post at the Missionary Institute in London, England. In 1974 he moved to Canada to become the founding chaplain of York University in Toronto. Gerry served there until 1983 when he transferred to the chaplaincy department at Queens University in Kingston, Ontario. The following year Gerry took up pastoral ministry, first at St Joseph's in Scarborough and later at St Thomas the Apostle in Toronto. Gerry also served in Agincourt and was involved in chaplaincy work at the Toronto Hospital from 1994 to 1996. Following a short sabbatical he semi-retired to the Laval Community in Toronto where he served as bursar from 2004 to 2007. Notwithstanding this he also kept up with various part time ministries.

Fr Gerry was known for his fondness of reading, his love of discussion and debate, his story telling and good humour. He died peacefully on 28 November, 2018 in the Laval Community and was buried at Holy Cross Cemetery, Thornhill, Ontario.

DECEMBER

20 December 2018

HEEREY, Fr James Anthony

1935-2018



Fr James Anthony Heerey (Tony) was born in Clonkeefy, Castlerahan, Co Cavan on 13 October 1935. Having completed his secondary school education in Blackrock College in 1953, he entered the novitiate in Kilshane. He professed the following year and moved to Kimmage Manor to study philosophy and theology. He prefectured in St Mary's College, Rathmines for two years. Tony was ordained, by Archbishop Charles Heerey C.S.Sp. (his uncle), in 1961 in his home parish of Castlerahan.

Tony's first appointment was to Nigeria in 1962 where he undertook evangelical and pastoral ministry in the diocese of Enugu for five years and was involved in humanitarian work for a period during the Nigerian Civil War before being deported. Having spent a short time in the USA and Canada, he was appointed to Zambia in 1971 where he served as superior.

Leaving Zambia in 1984, Tony worked in pastoral ministry in the diocese of Arundel and Brighton in England until 1998 when he was appointed superior of the community attached to Blackrock College.

In 2002 he took up an appointment in Craigavon, Co Armagh, moving to the parish of Parke-Crimlin, Tuam Diocese, in 2005 and to St Ciarán's Parish, Hartstown, Co Dublin two years later. His final appointment, to Kimmage, was in 2009 where he took a keen interest in putting together a living archive box which he added to over time and finally deposited in the Provincial Archives in 2017. Fr Tony moved to Mountpleasant Lodge, Kilcock, Kildare in 2018 where he died on 20 December 2018. He was buried in Dardistown Cemetery, Co Dublin.

2019

JANUARY

9 January 2019

FLEMING, Fr James Patrick (Séamus)

1932-2019



Fr James Patrick (Séamus) Fleming was born on 28 June 1932 in Ballyfallon, Athboy, Co Meath. He completed his secondary education in Blackrock College. In 1952, he entered Kilshane novitiate and was professed the following year and then moved to Kimmage Manor to study philosophy and theology. Séamus profected in Blackrock College from 1955 to 1957. He was one of twenty-four confrères ordained on 10 July, 1960 and made his Consecration to the Apostolate on 4 August 1961.

Séamus was appointed to the Gambia in 1961 and served in pastoral roles in both Bwiam and Basse. Though he left the Gambia in the mid-1970s, he maintained a life-long connection with the west African country. He continued to fundraise for Gambian projects and had visited some of them a couple of months before he died. He also pursued his interest in Christian – Muslim dialogue, studying Islam and making many friends among Muslim communities.

In the 1970s Séamus acquired teaching qualifications in London's Strawberry Hill and also in Trinity College Dublin. He was then appointed to Willow Park and Blackrock College, Dublin, where he taught until the early 1980s. He also completed a Bachelor of Divinity course in Maynooth, Co Kildare. He moved back to his native county of Meath in the mid-1980s and became a school chaplain in CBS Kells where he became actively involved in student sports. In addition to this as a member of the Ardraccan community he undertook pastoral ministry in his home diocese of Meath.

Appointed to the Kimmage community in 2013 Séamus served as chaplain in Rathcoole Community School and Blanchardstown, Cherry Orchard and St. Michael's hospitals. Fr Séamus died on 9 January 2019 in the Blackrock Clinic and was buried in Dardistown Cemetery, Co Dublin.

MARCH

24 March

LAVERTY, Fr James Francis

1933-2019



Fr James Lavery (Frank) was born in Dunlavin, Co Wicklow on 13 September 1933. After completing national school in Dunlavin, he attended secondary school at CBS Naas. He entered Kilshane in 1952 and was professed the following year. He then moved to Kimmage Manor where he studied philosophy and theology. He graduated from UCD with a BA in 1957 and then prefected for a year in Blackrock College. Frank was ordained on 16 July 1961 and made his Consecration to the Apostolate on 7 July 1962.

Frank's first appointment was to Nigeria in August 1962. He served there for the rest of the decade. In Nigeria he undertook evangelisation, pastoral and educational ministries in Umuahia diocese. These duties were carried out in Mbutu Ngwa, Obowo, and at Corpus Christi Parish in Bende where he also became principal of St Joseph's Secondary School which opened in 1967. Frank moved to Canada in 1970, becoming a member of the TransCanada Province and served in St Mathew's Parish, Edmonton; Holy Rosary Parish, Guelph; St. Basil's Parish, Lethbridge; Holy Spirit Parish, Edmonton and finally at St Peter's Parish, Villeneuve. In 1987 he moved to Papua New Guinea where he worked as a pastor for the next two years in Aitape.

Following on from this he went on a sabbatical which included some time spent in an Indian ashram. In 1990 Frank returned to Canada as pastor in St Agnes' Parish, Mayerthorpe before moving to St Maria Goretti Parish, Devon. He was a member of TransCanada's Provincial Council from 2002-05. One of the more impressive features of Frank's ministry was his trust in the ability of the laity to manage the affairs of the Church. He had learned a lot about self-reliance in church communities from the years he spent in Nigeria and Papua New Guinea, and received further lessons in self reliance from rural Canadians. He therefore had no hesitation in asking the faithful to assemble and workship in his absence. Having retired to Edmonton, for a short period, Fr Frank was appointed to Kimmage in May 2011. He moved to Marian House Nursing Home five years later and then to Nazareth House in 2018 where he died on 24 March, 2019. He was buried in Dardistown Cemetery, Co Dublin.

APRIL

7 April

GOGAN, Fr Gerry Michael

1927-2019



Fr Gerry Gogan was born in Rathmines, Dublin on 30 June 1927. He attended school at St Louis Convent and completed his secondary education at St Mary's College. He entered Kilshane Novitiate at the age of eighteen and was professed in 1946. He then moved to Kimmage Manor where he studied philosophy for the next two years. He professed for one year in St Mary's College and another in Willow Park, and studied theology from 1950-54. Gerry was ordained on 5 July 1953 in Clonliffe College and made his Consecration to the Apostolate on 30 July 1954.

Gerry's first appointment was to Nigeria. There he undertook evangelisation and pastoral ministries in the diocese of Owerri from 1954 to 1970. He served in Amaigbo, St Brendan's Parish; Ikeduru, Umuna, and in Isu where he also became involved in the work of feeding stations. He subsequently accepted an invitation in 1985 to attend the centenary celebrations of the Catholic Church in Nigeria.

Gerry returned to Ireland in 1970 for a short period and became a chaplain in Dublin's Peamount Hospital. In 1971 he moved back to west Africa, this time to Sierra Leone where, over a six-year period, he worked as a pastor in Serabu and was involved in the translation of the Mass into the Mende language. In 1977 he moved to Australia where he worked for the next thirty seven years in Our Lady's Parish, Ringwood, Melbourne; Holy Spirit, Pine Rivers, Brisbane and as chaplain to the Villa La Salle retirement village on Queensland's Gold Coast. Gerry was renowned for his generosity, friendliness and wisdom but also his special talents in music and literature. In 2014 he returned to Ireland and was appointed to Kimmage Manor and following this to Marian House. In 2018 Fr Gerry moved to Nazareth House, Marino. He died there on 7 April 2019 and was buried in Dardistown Cemetery, Co Dublin.

21 April

MORROW, Fr James Vincent

1928-2019



Fr James Morrow was born on 15 November in Cavan. He attended Ballyhaise N.S. He completed his secondary school education at St Patrick's College, Cavan. He entered Kimmage in 1947 where he studied philosophy. He graduated from UCD in 1950 with a BA degree. He then moved to Kilshane and was professed in 1951. He professed for two years in Blackrock College and was awarded a H. Dip. in 1953. He spent the next four years studying theology in Fribourg, Switzerland, subsequently graduating with a BD and an S.T.L. He was ordained there on 22 July 1956 by the Bishop of Fribourg and made his Consecration to the Apostolate on 14 July 1957.

Jimmy's first appointment was to Nigeria where he worked in Obollo Eke Teacher Training College, Bigard Memorial Seminary, and as principal in Ikenanzize Secondary School. During the Biafran War he served in a humanitarian capacity for a period of time when he was based in Libreville, Gabon. Unable to return to Nigeria, he went on to serve briefly in the USA.

Following on from this he was appointed to Ghana, in October 1971 where Jimmy became one of the eight pioneering Spiritans to set up the province there. He was initially appointed parish priest for a period of two years duration in Jamasi in the Ashanti Region. Whilst there he recognised the need for education among the youth and consequently built the Nsutaman Secondary School in the heart of the rural area of Nsuta-Ash. He served as its headmaster for a decade and his education programme placed great emphasis on the education of young girls which wasn't the norm at the time. In 1983 he was appointed as parish priest of St Joseph's Parish in Nkenkenu and in 1995 he became parish priest of St Peter's Church, Asuoeyboa-Ksi in Abuakwa.

Fr Jimmy was appointed to Kimmage Manor in 2006 having spent some thirty five years in Ghana. The following year he moved to Marian House where he died on the evening of Easter Sunday, 21 April 2019. He was buried at Dardistown Cemetery, Co Dublin.

APRIL

23 April

WHELAN, Fr Patrick Augustine

1937-2019



Fr Patrick Whelan (Paddy) was born on 26 July in Westport, Co Mayo. He relocated with his family to Larkhill, Dublin as a child where he attended O'Connell CBS and Rockwell College. He entered Kilshane Novitiate in 1956 and was professed in 1957. He then moved to Kimmage Manor where he studied philosophy and theology. He subsequently professed in Blackrock College for two years. Paddy was ordained on 5 July 1964 and made his Consecration to Apostolate on 10 July 1965.

Paddy's first appointment was to Kenya. He served in east Africa in mostly pastoral roles for over thirty years during which time he was involved in the building of schools and medical facilities as well as in youth-work and community development. He ministered in Giriama, Bura and Taveta before moving to Hola in the Tana River region in 1969; a remote area where he was alone and it was a tribute to his vocation as a missionary that he persevered there for eight years. He was guest-master at St Brendan's House in Mombasa before becoming bursar to St Mary's School, Nairobi where he also ministered for some time in the Makuru slums.

He was appointed to Promotions during the 1980s where he was known for his methodical preparation for parish visits and he subsequently recalled the experience as a happy one which he was happy to recommend to others. His love of travel brought him to many places including the Holy Land, in 1990, where he did a sabbatical course and often spoke fondly of the joy of walking in the footsteps of Jesus. He returned to Kenya in 1991, this time to the diocese of Nakuru where he undertook pastoral duties in Wanyororo Parish.

Paddy returned to Ireland in 2000 and was appointed to Kimmage Manor. He subsequently moved to Marian House in 2016 and then moved to Nazareth House Nursing Home in 2018. He died there on 23 April 2019 and was buried in Dardistown Cemetery, Co Dublin.

MAY

23 May

CUNNINGHAM, Fr John

1924 – 2019



Fr John Cunningham was born on 8 July 1924 in Quilty, Co Clare. He completed his secondary school education in Rockwell College in 1942. He made his first profession on 15 September 1943 in Kilshane. John professed at St Mary's from 1946 to 1948 and was ordained to the priesthood on 15 July 15, 1951. He made his Consecration to the Apostolate on 31 July 1952.

John was assigned to the Owerri district in Nigeria in 1951. He served for five years there engaged in evangelization and pastoral ministry. Following on from this John returned to Ireland and worked as a teacher in Blackrock College, Dublin from 1956-59. In 1960, he was assigned to Canada and he began a short stay at Holy Rosary Parish in Guelph, Ontario, following which he spent before five years at St Rita's Parish in Woodstock, Ontario. In 1966 John made the move to his beloved Alberta where he became the founding pastor of Holy Spirit Parish in Edmonton. He later served as pastor of St Peter's Parish in Villeneuve, St Andrew's Parish in Edmonton and finally at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Edmonton.

Fr John served a number of terms on the Spiritan Provincial Council and was a very popular coordinator of the Spiritan group living in Alberta. Due to health issues, he retired to Toronto in the fall of 2001 residing first at Shanahan House, then at La Salle Manor and finally the Houses of Providence in Scarborough where he died peacefully on 23 May 2019. John was known for his simplicity of life, his welcoming smile, his fondness of reading, his gentle kindness and love of people. He is buried at Holy Cross Cemetery, Ontario, Canada.

MAY

26 May

O'CONNELL, Fr Vincent Aloysius

1932-2019



Fr Vincent O'Connell was born on 27 December 1932 in Kerry. Having attended Rockwell College, he entered Kilshane Novitiate in 1951 and was professed the following year. He studied philosophy and theology at Kimmage Manor and professed for two years in St Mary's College, Rathmines. He was ordained on 12 July 1959.

Vincent was appointed to the Owerri district of Nigeria in 1960. He first served in the newly created Port Harcourt diocese at St Finnbar's Parish, Ahoada, he then worked in St Mary's Cathedral before returning to Ahoada as pastor in 1965. He built St Jude's Secondary School at Amarata and following on from this he became pastor at St Anthony's Parish, Igrita in 1967. He built a rectory there and had also started on the construction of a church when the Biafra war broke which postponed its completion. During the war he became engaged in refugee relief work which included a period spent at Uli airport. He left Nigeria in early 1970 and served briefly in California before returning to Ireland where he taught in Willow Park for a year.

Vincent was appointed to Zambia in 1972 and served for over a decade in Livingstone where he taught Religious Education. He was also employed in other educational and pastoral ministries notably in the formation of 'Small Christian Communities'. He returned to Ireland and completed a course in Kimmage DSC in 1983-04. Following on from this he ministered for a three-year period in a parish in New York. He was assigned to the Promotions Team from 1987-90. He then returned to New York where he served in a pastoral role in St Vincent Ferrer Church, Brooklyn, then to East Glendale's Parish of the Sacred Heart and finally St Thomas More Parish, Brooklyn. He was appointed superior of the Long Island Community in 1994. He served as Provincial Delegate for USA East for a six-year period from 2000. Whilst living in the Spiritan community in Long Island City, he became a great host who possessed a most welcoming and helpful presence going out of his way to make everyone's stay as enjoyable as possible.

Vincent was appointed to Kimmage Manor in 2007. He served as chaplain to the Hermitage Medical Centre in Lucan until 2014 and he also worked as chaplain to St Philomena's Parish in Palmerstown. He was always ready to pray with people, to celebrate the sacraments with them and support them in difficult times. He moved to Marian House in 2016 and then to Nazareth House, Marino in 2018. He died there on 26 May 2019 and was buried in Dardistown Cemetery, Co Dublin.

JUNE

11 June 2019

**KILCRANN, Fr John
1948 - 2019**



Fr John Kilcrann was born on 4 May 1948 in Mohill, Co Leitrim. He attended Cartron National School and then Blackrock College from 1961 to 1966. He made his first profession in Kilshane in 1967. While at Kimmage Manor he was awarded a BA in 1970 and H. Dip from UCD in 1971 and then prefected for two years in Rockwell College. In 1976 John was conferred with a BD from Maynooth and in the same year was ordained, on 6 June, by Bishop Cahal Daly of Ardagh & Clonmacnois, in Mohill.

Upon completing development studies in Kimmage he was appointed to Brazil in 1978. John served in pastoral roles in the state of São Paulo: in the parishes of Irapuru, Pacaembu and Flora Rica; Marília diocese, Sete Barras and Eldorado Paulista; Registro, Vila Alpina; São Paulo and Carapicuíba; Osasco. He was involved with diocesan and regional commissions working on behalf of the landless. He was appointed the Spiritans' JPIC coordinator for Brazil / Paraguay and was founding director of Serviço Brasileiro de Justiça e Paz. He served on the JPIC team of the Conference of Religious. Leaving Brazil in 1998, he completed his D. Min. at The Catholic Theological Union, Chicago.

From 2000-2009, John was the congregation's JPIC Director, based in Rome. He served on the board of the AEFJN and VIVAT International. In 2009-2010, he was a Fellow at Duquesne University where he was working on the development of a distance-learning JPIC program. Serving on the 2012-2018 Provincial Leadership Team, he was central in : *Spiritans Mission Ireland*, the orientation course for incoming pastoral ministry workers, the move of Kimmage DSC to NUI Maynooth and with Kimmage Connection. He had just taken up the role of national director of World Missions Ireland before he died.

He remained in touch with his native Leitrim all through his life, and his history of the area where he was from was close to publication on the occasion of his untimely death. At his funeral mass the congregation heard that he 'never took the limelight' but was a 'wise and valued' colleague who would always be 'contented to see the job done'. Fr John Kilcrann died on 11 June 2019 in St James' Hospital, Dublin; where he had been admitted the previous day. He was buried in Dardistown Cemetery, Co Dublin.

17 June 2019

**MURPHY, Fr James Patrick
1923-2019**



Fr James Murphy (Jimmy) was born on 21 September 1923 in Cabra, Dublin. He attended St Vincent's CBS in Glasnevin from 1930-1942. Having entered the Spiritan Novitiate in Kilshane in 1942, he was professed the following year. He did philosophy studies in Kimmage from 1943-1944 and prefectured with 'The Burse' for the next two years. Having completed his BA at UCD in 1948 he did his theology studies in Kimmage over the subsequent four year period. Jimmy was ordained on 15 July 1951 in Clonliffe College and made his Consecration to the Apostolate on 1 August 1952.

Jimmy's first appointment was to Onitsha, Nigeria in 1952. He spent the first two months studying the Igbo language in Enugu. He served in educational roles in Ihiala, including as director of Holy Ghost Juniorate, and Orsumuoghu. He was principal of St Peter's E.T.C. in Achina and later of Our Lady's Secondary School, Nnobi. He did pastoral ministry in Awka, Ozubulu, St Mary's Parish at Nnokwa and in Abatete. Returning to Ireland in March 1970 following the Biafran war, Jimmy served briefly in a pastoral capacity in Ballymun before moving to the USA where he ministered in St Malachy's in Manhattan, St Aloysius, Long Island and St Anthony's in the Bronx.

He took up an appointment in Malawi in 1971. He taught in Pius XII Junior Seminary in Nguludi for two years and served in a number of missions and in chaplaincy roles in Namulenga, Ndirande, Thunga, Masanjala and Njuli during more than thirty years of ministry in Malawi. Jimmy went about his work quietly and unselfishly, never looking for attention or gratitude. A faithful and committed missionary, he lived out his vocation always willing to help anybody in need; borne out in the way that he cared for and helped his confrère, Tony O'Boyle, in the lonely weeks he spent in a Blantyre hospital in Malawi. He was appointed to Kimmage in 2005, moving subsequently to Marian House and, in 2018, to Nazareth House where he died on 17 June 2019. At the time of his death he was the oldest member of the Irish Spiritan Province; aged 95. Fr Jimmy was buried in Dardistown Cemetery, Co Dublin.

JULY

7 July 2019

**DALY, Fr James Francis
1936-2019**



Fr James Daly (Jim) was born in Kilrush, Co Clare on 14 December 1936. Having attended the local CBS, he entered the novitiate in Kilshane in 1955 and was professed the following year. Moving to Kimmage Manor, Dublin, he completed philosophy in 1958 and theology in 1964. He was awarded a BA from UCD and professed for one year in Blackrock College. Jim was ordained in 1963, by Archbishop McQuaid, in Clonliffe College and made his Consecration to the Apostolate on 4 July 1964.

His first appointment was to Sierra Leone in 1965. He served primarily in C.T.C. Bo, in a combination of teaching and bursar roles, before being appointed to Yengema where he engaged in pastoral and education ministry. While there he was asked to prepare for the episcopal ordination of Joseph Ganda as the first bishop of the newly created diocese. Having demonstrated strong organisational skills he was asked shortly afterwards in 1972, by Bishop Ganda, to move to the US where he undertook fundraising for the diocese for a number of years.

Attached to the Long Island Irish Spiritan group, where he was awarded an M.A. in Education by St John's University, Brooklyn in 1979, Jim became provincial delegate that same year, and organised and participated in mission appeals for the Irish Province. He subsequently served in pastoral roles in a number of parishes including St John the Baptist, Fort Lauderdale in the 1980s and St Mary's, Woodside, New York from 2004.

Jim was appointed to the Kimmage Community in November 2009 and moved to Marian House in 2016 where he died on 7 July 2019. He was buried in Dardistown Cemetery, Co Dublin.

AUGUST

17 August 2019

MURPHY, Fr Joseph Thomas

1933-2019



Fr Joseph Murphy (Joe) was born in Dublin on 20 September 1933. His family later moved to Greystones, Co Wicklow. Joe attended Synge Street CBS and Rockwell College. He entered the novitiate in Kilshane in 1952 and was professed the following September. He was awarded a BSc in 1956 and later completed a H. Dip while prefecting in St Mary's College, Rathmines. He was ordained to the priesthood in Clonliffe College by Archbishop McQuaid on 14 July 1963 and made his Consecration to the Apostolate on 4 July 1964.

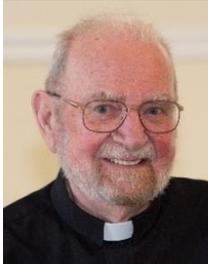
Joe's first appointment was to Nigeria where he taught in the Holy Spirit College, Owerri from 1964 to 1966. He returned to Ireland in 1967 and taught science for the next twenty or so years, in Rockwell and, then Templeogue Colleges. In 1985, he was appointed chaplain to St David's School, Greystones. He was later made chaplain to the Carmelite Monastery in Delgany, Co Wicklow. There are two generations of Greystones people who remember Joe –those whom he grew up with and the students he mentored. From 1990 he became actively involved in pastoral work in the archdiocese of Dublin where he ministered in the parishes of Booterstown and Dalkey and then, in 2004, in the Wicklow parish of Ballywaltrim, Bray. Joe was steadfast, humble and kind to all; his faith and empathy supported his openness to others in the pastoral care and retreats that he gave.

Joe retired to Greystones in 2005 where in the Holy Rosary Parish he celebrated the 10.30 a.m. mass in St Killian's Church Blacklion for many years. In 2016 he retired to Marian House, Kimmage Manor. Fr Joe died on 17 August 2019 in St James' Hospital and was buried in Dardistown Cemetery, Co Dublin.

30 August 2019

AGNOLI, Fr Enzo Maria

1925-2019



Fr Enzo Agnoli was born on 5 January 1925 in San Rocco di Busseto, Parma, Italy. The family moved to Dublin in 1933 when Enzo was aged eight years old. He attended St Andrew's N.S. in Dublin's Pearse Street, and completed his secondary school education at Rockwell College. He entered the novitiate in Kilshane in 1949, and was professed the following year, following in the footsteps of his younger brother Savino. He studied philosophy and theology in Kimmage Manor from 1950 to 1957 and was awarded a B.A. by UCD. Enzo was ordained in Clonliffe College on 15 July 1956 and made his Consecration to the Apostolate on 2 August 1957.

Enzo's first appointment was to Nigeria, in 1957, where he ministered in a combination of educational and pastoral roles. He worked firstly in Port Harcourt in a teacher-training college and then as a secondary teacher in Boro Ogoni. He also ministered in Ugoagba, where he built a girls' high school, as well as in Akatta, Ndizuogu, Uli and, during the war, in Izombe. He was obliged to leave Nigeria like so many others following the conclusion of the civil war in 1970.

Following on from this Enzo spent a short time in Brazil and was then assigned to Canada in 1973 where he remained for over three decades. Enzo became pastor in a number of parishes in Alberta: St Andrew's (Vulcan), Holy Cross (Fort Macleod) and St Agnes (Mayerthorpe), and was chaplain in St Joseph's Hospital, Hamilton. In 1979 he became a Canadian citizen losing his Italian citizenship in the process; because at that time Italy did not recognize dual citizenship. He completed an M.A. in Duquesne University in 1980, and then resumed pastoral ministry in Canada, serving in St Margaret Mary Parish (Devon), Holy Cross (Grande Cache), Assumption (Sylvan Lake) and St Rose of Lima (Onoway). While in Grande Cache, inspired by Catherine Doherty's book *Poustinia*, he built a hermitage on Metis land which he dedicated to Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Enzo met his prayer group there every Friday and continued to be in touch with them for the rest of his life.

In 1991 Enzo retired. He remained on in Canada for a number of years and then transferred to Kimmage in 2008. He became an Irish citizen in 2014. Fr Enzo died on 30 August 2019 in Kimmage Manor and was buried in Dardistown Cemetery, Co Dublin.

SEPTEMBER

6 September 2019

McCAFFREY, Fr James Joseph

1925-2019



Fr James McCaffrey (Jim) was born in Dublin on 21 November 1925. He spent a part of his childhood in Glaslough and Emyvale, Co Monaghan, before the family moved to Stradone, Co Cavan where his father was stationed as a Garda. After attending a local primary school, Jim completed his secondary education at Blackrock College, Dublin. He then entered the novitiate in Kilshane and was professed in 1945. In 1948 he moved to Kimmage Manor to study philosophy and theology. He also prefectured in Blackrock College from 1948 to 1949. Jim was ordained by Archbishop McQuaid on 29 June 1952 and made his Consecration to the Apostolate on 31 July 1953 in Kimmage.

Jim's first appointment was to Nigeria in 1953. He initially served at Okpala Seminary, Owerri and continued on in mostly pastoral roles including a stint at St Michael's (Urualla), a very large parish served by five priests and one brother, taking care of over 44,000 Catholics and catechumens. It also had 48 primary schools staffed by 30 teachers who served 13,000 pupils. From 1960 to 1968 he served in Isukenesi as parish priest. He long remained a point of contact with the large Irish Spiritan group who had also been based in Nigeria.

Jim returned to Ireland during the Nigerian Civil War and was appointed chaplain of James Connolly Memorial Hospital, in Blanchardstown. He remained there for more than a decade and a half. He subsequently undertook pastoral ministry in Terenure from 1989 to 2001, and then in Clondalkin for the following decade. He retired to Kimmage in 2011, moving to Marian House in 2016 and to then Nazareth House in 2018. Fr Jim died on 6 September 2019 and was buried in Dardistown Cemetery, Co Dublin.

18 September 2019

FITZPATRICK, John Lawrence

1934-2019



Fr John Fitzpatrick was born in Lackelly near Knocklong, Co Limerick on 14 November 1934. He attended Knockarron NS, and then Good Counsel College in New Ross. He completed his secondary education at the junior scholasticate, Rockwell College. He entering the novitiate in Kilshane in 1954 and was professed the following year. He moved to Kimmage Manor in 1955 to study theology and philosophy and was awarded a BA by UCD in 1958. He then prefected in St Mary's College, Rathmines until 1960. John was ordained on 14 July 1963 and made his Consecration to the Apostolate on 4 July 1964.

John's first appointment was to Brazil in late 1964 where he spent almost three decades. He was pastor of St Anna's Parish in São Paulo, moving to Paróquia São Sebastião (diocese of Mogi das Cruzes) in 1970 where he served as pastor and then episcopal vicar of the diocese. John completed a masters in clinical psychology, in Sonoma State University (California) in 1976. He returned to Brazil the following year and was appointed associate pastor of the Cathedral of San Antonio, Nova Iguaçu (Rio de Janeiro) a position he held until 1985. He then became pastor of Paróquia de Santa Luzia and director of the Movimento Familiar Cristão (Christian Family Movement). Following further studies in New Yoirk from 1989 to 1991, he was awarded a certificate by the Ackerman Institute for the Family, and also received a diploma in psychosynthesis. He became an associate pastor of Paróquia Nossa Senhora do Carmo (Vila Alpina) and his duties there included counselling and family therapy. He also served as Brazil South-West Group's bursar and was superior from 1993 to 1996.

After a sabbatical in The Holy Land, in 1997, he was appointed a member of the An Tobar team in Ardbraccan, Co Meath. He held this position for two years before moving to the USA in 2000. He then became was associate pastor at St Athanasius Parish, (Mountain View) in San José Diocese; a position he held for ten years. Following on from this he served by in Saint Dunstan Church (Millbrae), San Francisco Archdiocese. He was an active member of the group Peninsula Interfaith Action which lobbied on such issues as voter-education, immigration and housing. In his lifetime two books of his were published: *O Poder Da Fé* (The Power of Faith) (1979) and *Create your own health patterns* (1994). John was appointed to Kimmage in 2013 and moved to Marian House in 2019. Fr John died on 18 September 2019 in Tallaght Hospital, Dublin and was buried in the Spiritan Community Cemetery at Rockwell, Co Tipperary.

OCTOBER

11 October 2019

EGAN. Fr Gerard Patrick
1935-2019



Fr Gerard Egan (Gerry) was born in Dublin on 7 March 1935. He completed his secondary school education at Rockwell College and then entered Kilshane in 1953. He was professed the following year. He studied philosophy in Kimmage Manor and was awarded a BA by UCD in 1957. He prefectured in Blackrock College for two years and following on from this he spent four years studying theology in Kimmage. Gerry was ordained in Clonliffe College, Dublin, on 8 July 1962 and made his Consecration to the Apostolate on 13 July 1963.

Gerry was appointed to Kenya in 1963 where he taught in St Mary's School for four years. In 1967 he moved to England and was appointed to Corpus Christi Parish, Wednesfield. At the time this was a large housing estate on the outskirts of Wolverhampton where the majority of parishioners were Irish, Italian and Polish emigrants. He returned to Africa in 1968 and spent the next decade and a half employed in pastoral roles in St Anthony's and later in St Edward's in Freetown, Sierra Leone. In 1983 he returned to the archdiocese of Birmingham where he was based for over thirty years. Initially, he served in the parish of SS John and Martin (Balsall Heath) which is a large parish near the city centre with a large Irish population. He served this parish with love, commitment and enthusiasm. He then became parish priest of Edmund Campion, Watlington. He regularly visited the sick and those who were house-bound, and he placed great importance on encouraging young people in their faith. He attended the monthly meetings and social gatherings of the priests of local deaneries, particularly Oxford South Deanery. His fellow priests could, and did, call upon him to help out in deanery schools and hospitals and for chaplaincy work in a young offenders' prison.

Fr Gerry returned to Ireland in 2017 and was appointed to the Kimmage Community. He died on 11 October 2019 in Tallaght Hospital and was buried in Dardistown Cemetery, Co Dublin.

12 October 2019

**CAREY, Fr Bernard Kevin
1931-2019**



Fr Bernard Carey (Brian) was born in Dublin on 23 June 1931. He completed his secondary school education in Synge Street CBS. He then entered the novitiate in Kilshane in 1949 where he was professed the following year. He moved to Kimmage Manor to study theology and philosophy and was awarded a BA by UCD in 1953. He then prefect in the Bursar's Office in Kimmage and in Rockwell College. Following on from this he studied theology for the next four years in Kimmage. Brian was ordained in Clonliffe College by Archbishop McQuaid on 13 July 1958 and he made his Consecration to the Apostolate on 31 July 1959.

Brian was appointed to Kenya in 1960 where he served for a decade and a half. Having ministered in a number of parishes in the diocese of Mombasa from 1960 to 1966, he then spent eight years in Bura, training catechists. He spent his final year in Kenya as director of religious education in the diocese of Mombasa. He returned to Ireland in 1975 and served in Greenhills Parish until 1979. He then spent a short time in St Michael's College and in Ardagh Parish (diocese of Ardagh & Clonmacnois).

In 1980 he moved to the USA and spent the following two decades engaged in pastoral roles. He served initially in St James' Basilica, Jamestown, North Dakota and then moved on to the parish of Christ the King, Jacksonville, Florida in 1989. Brian was appointed to Kimmage in 2001 and returned to the US during the summers to minister in the Cathedral Basilica of St Augustine in Jacksonville. He always had a deep concern for passing on the faith to the next generation and he tried to achieve this by integrating the Gospel message into the daily fabric of his parishioner lives.

Fr Brian moved to Marian House in 2015 and then transferred to Nazareth House in 2018. He died there on 12 October 2019 and was buried in Dardistown Cemetery, Co Dublin.

