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Welcome to the Autumn issue of *Capuchin Connection*. Autumn is a time of transition and change – children return to school, nature begins to put on a spectacular show and, every three years, the Capuchins are on the move!



Last July the Friars gathered for our three-yearly meeting called a Chapter. At this Chapter, we elected a new Provincial Minister and Council (You'll get to meet these on the next page). One of the first tasks of the newly formed Provincial Council is to appoint Friars to their ministries for the next three years. Often a change in ministry means a change in the Friary that we live in. Therefore since the last week in August Friars have been on the move around the country as they take up their new positions.

Most people recognise that change is inevitable – things can't stay as they are forever, and we wouldn't want that either. We enjoy the benefits of progress in our daily lives however when change arrives at our own doorstep, we can often find it difficult. St Francis of Assisi knew the importance of embracing change. He looked to nature as his great teacher in this regard. He marvelled at how the seasons knew how to embrace change and how the colours seamlessly melted from vibrant greens to fiery browns and reds. Nature puts on this mesmerising dance for us every year and in doing so teaches us that all things have a time and purpose. Change is an important part of that purpose.

As Capuchin Franciscan Friars we live by a number of deep principals that are both spiritual and practical in nature; they guide how we live our lives as followers of St Francis of Assisi. Our three core principals, or charisms as we call them, are fraternity, minority and itinerancy. Each of these comes from the life and teachings of St Francis, who in turn drew them from the life of Jesus Christ and the Gospels. On a very human and practical level, they help us embrace change and embrace the uncertainties that change inevitably brings. They help us to navigate our path in life as we walk in the footsteps of St Francis. Change isn't always easy however with trust in God and those around us we realise that we don't walk the path of change alone but rather with others, as a community in fraternity, minority and itinerancy.

In this issue of *Capuchin Connection* we will have an opportunity to meet our new Provincial and Council. As we approach the feast of St Pio of Pietrelcina, we have a special feature on the Padre Pio Apostolate operating out of the National Centre for Padre Pio in St Mary of the Angel's Church Street, Dublin. We have included an updated list of Friary details and contacts.

We hope you enjoy this issue of *Capuchin Connection*. If you'd like to get in contact with us, please email ofmcapcoms@gmail.com

The Capuchin Connection Team

Meet our Newly Elected Provincial Minister and Provincial Council



Pictured L-R: Brothers Philip Baxter, Richard Hendrick (Vicar Provincial), Roberto Genuin (Minister General), Seán Kelly (Provincial Minister), Seán Donohoe and Bryan Shortall at the Provincial Chapter, Emmaus Retreat & Conference Centre, July 2019

On Thursday 11th of July 2019, Brother Seán Kelly was elected Provincial Minister of the Irish Capuchin Franciscan Province. Brother Seán is a native of Ballinamore, Co Leitrim and before joining the Capuchins in 2002 he worked in Atlantic Mills for a number of years. Seán brings extensive pastoral and administrative experience to the role previously ministering as Curate in St Francis of Assisi Parish Priorswood, Novice Master, Director of Postulants as well as serving as Guardian in Kilkenny, Bursar and Vicar Provincial. Seán is joined on the Council by Brother Richard Hendrick, Br Seán Donohoe, Br Philip Baxter and Br Bryan Shortall.

Br Richard Hendrick was elected Vicar Provincial on the same day. Richard leaves Ard Mhúire in Co Donegal after three years as Guardian and is now appointed as the Guardian to our Friary in Raheny as well as Vocations Director and Director of Postulants.

Br Seán Donohoe ministers alongside Brother Kevin as Co-Director of the Capuchin Day Centre for Homeless People as well as serving as Chairperson to the Board of St Francis College Rochestown, Cork.

Br Philip Baxter was a missionary in Zambia for over 30 years and since returning to Ireland he has served as Guardian in Raheny. Brother Philip will now take on the responsibility as Guardian of Ard Mhuire Friary in Donegal.

Brother Bryan Shortall has, for the last nine years, been the Parish Priest of St Michan's Parish, Halston Street, Dublin 7. Bryan has now taken over responsibility for St Francis of Assisi Parish in Priorswood as Guardian and Parish Priest. In addition to this he is also the National Director for Padre Pio Apostolate.

The role of our Provincial and Council is to oversee the running of the Province and its ministries both at home and overseas. We wish our brothers well as they begin this important ministry.

Padre Pio Apostolate

The Irish Office for Padre Pio, affiliated with the Capuchin Friary of Our Lady of Graces San Giovanni Rotondo, was founded by Eileen Maguire in the 1970's. Over the years the office helped to promote the cause for the canonization of Padre Pio of Pietrelcina. Pope St. John Paul II canonized Padre Pio in 2002, and today devotion to the saint is as strong as ever.

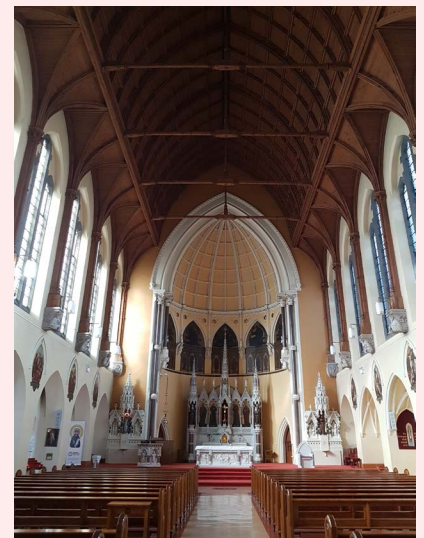


New National Director Appointed

In 2018 Eileen Maguire and the Capuchin Provincial Minister in Ireland agreed to move the Irish Office for Padre Pio from Dufferin Avenue to the Capuchin Friary in Church Street, Dublin 7. The Friary on Church St is also the home of the National Shrine of Saint Pio. Since our Chapter in July 2019, the Padre Pio Apostolate has a new National Director in Fr Bryan Shortall and he can be contacted through the Padre Pio Office (details below).

Prayer Groups & Mass Times

Two Padre Pio Prayer Group Masses are held in Church Street. One on the first Thursday of the Month at 3.00 p.m. and the other on the Thursday after the third Sunday of each month at 7.30 p.m.



Office Opening Hours and Contact Details:

The Padre Pio Office is staffed Monday to Friday from 9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. and 2.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. Tel +353 1 902 5282 or see www.padrepio.ie and www.capuchinfranciscans.ie or on the Facebook Page of the Irish Centre for Padre Pio

UPCOMING PADRE PIO EVENTS



Padre Pio Mass. Church of St John the Evangelist, Ballinteer, Dublin – Thursday 20th September.

Mass at 7.30pm followed by individual blessings with the relic of St Pio.
Celebrant and Preacher: Fr Martin Bennett OFM Cap.
For more information contact St John the Evangelist Parish.

Padre Pio Weekend in Knock Shrine, 21st / 22nd of September 2019. Contact the Padre Pio Office for more details.

Padre Pio Triduum, Church Street, Dublin – 20th to 23rd of September

Mass at 7.30pm each day except Sunday 22nd – Mass at 7pm.
Confessions available before Mass and individual blessings with the relic of St Pio after Mass.

Celebrant & Preacher: Friday 20th – **Fr Terence Harrington OFM Cap.** (Guardian, Church Street Friary). 21st/ 22nd / 23rd September – **Fr Martin Bennett OFM Cap** (Parish Priest, Halston Street Parish).

Padre Pio Healing Mass. St Aidan's Church, Ferns – Monday 23rd September 2019.

Mass at 7.30pm with individual blessings with the relic of St Pio after Mass.

Preacher: Fr Bryan Shortall OFM Cap. For more information contact St Aidan's Parish.

The Transitus of St Francis of Assisi – 3rd October 2019, 7.30pm.

On the evening of the 3rd of October each year Franciscans celebrate the Transitus of St Francis. This celebration recounts the story of when Francis left this earthly life for eternal life with God in Heaven. This year the Irish Capuchins host a Transitus celebration in St Mary of the Angel's, Church Street, Dublin 7. The service begins at 8pm after the 7.30pm Mass. This is always an enriching evening of prayer, music and Franciscan hospitality. All are most welcome.

Updated Contact Details as of August 2019

Dublin:

Capuchin Provincial Curia (Irish Province), 12 Halston Street, Dublin 7. Phone: 01 873 3205.

Eircode: D07 Y2T5.

Guardian: Brother John Wright OFM Cap.

St Mary of the Angel's, Church Street, Dublin 7. Phone: 01 873 0599.

Eircode: D07 NNH4

Guardian: Brother Terence Harrington OFM Cap.

St Michan's Parish, Halston Street, Dublin 7. Phone: 01 873 0675

Eircode: D07 Y2T5.

Parish Priest: Brother Martin Bennett OFM Cap.

Capuchin Friary, Station Road, Raheny, Dublin 5. Ph: 01 831 3886.

Eircode: D05 T9E4.

Guardian: Brother Richard Hendrick OFM Cap.

St Francis of Assisi Parish, Clonshaugh Drive, Priorswood, Dublin 17. Ph: 01 847 4469.

Eircode: D17 V656.

Guardian / Parish Priest: Brother Bryan Shortall OFM Cap.

The Oratory, Yellow Entrance, Blanchardstown Shopping Centre, Dublin 15. Ph: 01 820 0915.

Eircode: D15 PE83.

Priest: Br Dan Joe O'Mahony OFM Cap.

Cork:

Holy Trinity Capuchin Friary, Father Mathew Quay, Cork. Ph: 021 427 0827.

Eircode: T12 EF63.

Guardian: Brother Dermot Lynch OFM Cap.

Capuchin Friary, Rochestown, Cork. Ph: 021 489 6244.

Eircode: T12 NH02

Guardian: Brother Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap.

Carlow:

Capuchin Friary, 43 Dublin Street, Carlow. Ph: 059 914 2543.

Eircode: R93 PH27.

Guardian: Brother Des MacNaboe OFM Cap.

Kilkenny:

Capuchin Friary, Friary Street, Kilkenny City, Kilkenny. Ph: 056 772 1439.

Eircode: R93 PH27

Guardian: Brother Eddie Dowley OFM Cap.

Donegal:

Ard Mhuire Friary, Creeslough, Co Donegal. Ph: 074 913 8005.

Eircode: F92 Y23R

Guardian: Brother Philip Baxter OFM Cap.



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