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Editorial

This edition and the next of *Colloque* are given over to only one topic.

Over the past year, Tom Davitt has been circulating short biographical notes of the confreres whose names appear in the Necrology of the Irish Province (up to the end of 2008). I thought it would be a useful thing to put both necrology and biographies together in the same place and in a format suitable both for being carried about and for being viewed on the web.

Tom has served many years as Provincial Archivist and has drawn out from his store things both old and new. Not everyone may agree with the reminiscences he has of particular confreres but they are, as he notes, his personal views. Indeed, should anyone have a different view, I invite that person to write in to *Colloque*.

Our heritage is not only the work we have done or the places in which we have done it. It is not only about the great successes or ‘historical’ events; it is, most of all, in the lives of the confreres – the famous and the infamous, the much-loved and the ‘saint-makers’, the well-known and the nearly-forgotten, the gifted, the eccentric, the diffident, the boisterous, the sometimes-troublesome and the saintly who have been the life of the Irish Province. Most of our confreres have been a glorious mixture of some or all of these attributes.

“You give marvellous comrades to me;
the faithful who dwell in your land” (Psalm 16)

Biographical notes for the Necrology

Præmium: Apologia pro vita archivistæ

Tom Davitt CM

Introduction

When Raymond E Brown published his *The Birth of the Messiah* in 1977, one reviewer asked the rhetorical question “Who but Raymond Brown would write a 600-page book on the Infancy Narratives?” Similarly, who but Tom Davitt would undertake to write biographical notes on all deceased confreres of the Irish Province? The answer is, of course, no one. Therefore, near the start of my eightieth year, *omnibus rite perpensis, et contrariis non obstantibus*, I have begun to do so. What gave rise to this?

The immediate trigger was when Kevin O’Shea, after taking up his new posting as superior in Mill Hill, asked me to do it. As Provincial he knew that in Rickard House I used to give some information after Mass each day about the confreres whose anniversaries occurred. This practice, in turn, owed its origin to Sr Carmel McArdle when she was in charge there. Each day at Morning Prayer the Sisters remembered the Sisters whose anniversaries occurred. I was asked to provide a copy of our Necrology so that the confreres would also be remembered, given the fact that there were some confreres resident in the house. The next step was that she asked me to provide some biographical facts each day about the confreres in question, which I did.

But one needs to go further back to see the development of my interest in such matters. I was appointed archivist in 1982, after the death of James Murphy. But before my official appointment I was “into” archival matters and co-operated unofficially with James, who always took it for granted that I would succeed him. Dick McCullen as Provincial encouraged me in my interest and, when I was in Strawberry Hill, suggested that I should go over to Paris from time to time and pick up useful or important old out-of-print CM publications. I got great help and encouragement over there from Raymond Chalumeau, who was glad to see that someone was showing interest. Equally, on visits to the archives of the curia in Rome, long before I was appointed archivist there, I got great help from Joseph Gazafy.

But one needs to go even further back in tracing the development of my interest in matters archival. After a short while in the seminaire I made the important discovery that French was not merely a school

subject but a language and that books in that language were not just “prescribed texts” for exams, but could be read and enjoyed for their own sake, and so I started reading books in French in the seminaire library, on matters of CM historical interest (In passing, I made the same discovery as regards Latin). In reading Lucien Misermont’s book on the martyrs of the French Revolution I discovered the names of the martyrs Nicolas Colin and Jean-Charles Caron, who only recently have been added in to the Vincentian calendar. I asked James Cahalan why they were not in our calendar, but he could not say.

As a first year seminarist, 1946-47, I had been reader at breakfast one day, and therefore had “second breakfast”. Fr Joe Sheehy (1865-1948) was also there; we were the only two. He initiated dialogue with me, thus violating the two rules of separation and silence, a double misdemeanour willingly connived at by myself. At that time, behind the priests’ table, there was hanging an almost life-size painting of John Gabriel Perboyre’s death. Fr Joe told me that when he was a seminarist in Paris in the 1880s, John Gabriel’s young brother, Jacques (1810-96), also a confrere, was still alive and in the house. At the time of the beatification there were no images of any sort of John Gabriel available, and because Jacou was reputed be very like him facially all images of John Gabriel were based on his brother. All through my life I seem to have had a facility, in one-to-one conversations with older confreres, for eliciting such nuggets, retaining them, and later on inserting them into the wider picture.

In Glenart, while I was librarian, I pointed out to James Rodgers that there was no book in the library on Justin De Jacobis, and asked him to obtain the one by Joseph Baetman CM, published in 1939, which he did. Kevin Murnaghan was professor of dogma for my first two years in Glenart, 1950-52, and in class he often veered off the subject at a tangent. He was the first confrere I heard casting doubts on Vincent’s alleged captivity in Tunis, and he said that Pierre Coste did not believe it but felt that as Secretary General he could not say so in his biography. Kevin had done all his formation in Paris and Dax, and Coste was still alive in those years. Many years later Raymond Chalumeau, archivist in Paris, confirmed to me that this indeed was Coste’s position. Kevin also pointed out that in places Joseph Leonard fudged his translations when he apparently did not like what the French actually meant, something which I later ran across myself. In a talk to the Comhluct Chuilim Chille about his visit to Rome for the Holy Year 1950, Kevin gave several useful tips on how to prepare for research trips, which I found very helpful later. While in Glenart I wrote some archival-type articles in *Evangelizare*, including one on Justin De Jacobis and one on the CM in Madagascar. As librarian in Castleknock later I obtained Pierre Coste’s

fourteen-volume set, which, oddly enough, was not already in the college.

Archival Interest in Places

But one needs to go still further back. As a boy I read, and re-read, my father's copy of *The Neighbourhood of Dublin*, by Weston St John Joyce, and often put it in the saddle-bag of my bike and headed off to visit some of the localities mentioned in the book. I also read his copy of Dr George Little's *Malachi Horan Remembers*. This initial interest led logically to what I later reported in my articles *The Grand Tour of Vincentian France* in *CLQ* 40 and *Seventeenth Century Vincentian Sites in Ireland* in *CLQ* 54.

In my final year in Castleknock, 1945-6, I was the prefect in St Columba's Dormitory, one of the group known as the Prep Dorms. This group included a small dormitory known as The Nursery, situated on the Priests' Corridor. This was larger than the other rooms on the corridor and had originally been the Provincial's, and later the President's, room. Each week a different Prep prefect was "on dorms", and he had to go through, at intervals, all the Prep Dorms, including The Nursery. I became aware of a small room, almost opposite The Nursery, which contained back numbers of the *Chronicle* and many copies of the *Centenary Record*. It was strictly out of bounds, but I began making brief surreptitious visits during the day, dipping into old *Chronicles* and picking up information on Vins, present and past, and also some articles in back issues and in the *Centenary Record* on local history.

Some years after my ordination Dick McCullen, superior in Glenart, asked me to write something on the history of Glenart Castle. I was dean in Castleknock at the time and on my days off I used to spend the morning in the National Library doing research on the project, and then go home to my parents for lunch and spend the afternoon and early evening there. This was my first essay into organised research on an historical topic, and the bug bit me. The result was about thirty typewritten foolscap pages. Some pirated copies of this, without the title-page carrying my name, were circulated in later years. A few years ago Pat Power, a local Arklow historian, discovered that I was the author, and asked my permission to produce a new impression for his own use, and undertook not to make it available to others without my consent.

In the years before I became dean in Castleknock I was teaching Intermediate Certificate History, and the course included the 1798 insurrection. Armed with Dr Charles Dickson's *The Wexford Rising in 1798*, (Tralee, nd), and the relevant one-inch Ordnance Survey maps, I took my bike to Glenart in the summers. I would take my bike on the train to now closed stations like Edermine Ferry and visit, and take

colour slides of, all the important places connected with the Rising. Later I did the same with Dr Dickson's earlier book *The Life of Michael Dwyer* (Dublin, 1944). Incidentally, the book on Dwyer is now rare and valuable. I recently saw a copy for sale at €164, but I would accept slightly less than that.

My first trip abroad into which I managed to insert some research on a Vincentian topic was in 1971. In the summer of that year the Superior General, James Richardson, had asked me to spend three months in Saigon (now Ho Chi Minh City), Vietnam, to replace Bob Crawford, who had to return to the US for surgery; someone who had both English and French was needed, and I had a long vacation from UCC. On my way back I took a roundabout route, including a sector from New Delhi to Addis Ababa and Asmara, on the track of Justin De Jacobis. While living in Saigon with Jacques Huysmans, a Dutch confrere, he mentioned a number of times an Irish confrere with whom he had worked in Ning-Po, known to everybody as "Mac"; he could not remember his full name. It was many years before I discovered that this was Fr Michael McKiernan CM, from Co Leitrim, who was never a member of the Irish Province.

Archival Interest in Individual Confreres; Irish, English & Scottish

When a person was received into St Joseph's his particulars were entered (or at least should have been) into a Register. The entries were in Latin, and one column is headed "Natus", for the place of birth. However, what is actually entered, at least in many cases, is the address of the man at the time of his coming to St Joseph's. The town, village or diocese at that time may not be the place of his birth, nor the place which he would regard as "where I am from".

Younger readers might be puzzled by seeing that some confreres were ordained in places like Sligo, Kilkenny and Tullow; this was because at those times there were Vincentian bishops in Elphin, Ossory and Kildare & Leighlin. I am not sure why some, in the period of WW1, were ordained in Glasgow. It has been suggested to me that the reason may have been that ordinations were being held there at times which suited the provincial authorities.

My Modus Scribendi

At first I had intended to keep my notes strictly objective and factual, but I eventually decided to introduce the subjective element because over the years I have found that many older confreres, when I was alone with them, were only too pleased to talk about themselves, their times and their contemporaries. Also they often could identify photographs of even earlier confreres. Unfortunately there are still very many photographs in the archives, of individual confreres and groups, with no indication of

name, place or date.

In the 19th and 20th centuries a number of Irishmen and Englishmen have joined the Congregation in provinces other than the Irish province; some of them joined the Irish province later on. For the next edition, the 10th, of the *Necrology* I have decided to include eight such confreres, three Irish and five English. I have two reasons for doing this: firstly, I think we should know something about these men, and secondly researchers in the future, seeking information on any of them, are likely to enquire at our archives. For that reason I have compiled files on each of them. The three Irishmen are Richard Hogan, Richard Judge and Michael McKiernan. The Englishmen are William & Vincent O'Hara, Francis Flynn, John William Kelly, and John Horwood.

In the 19th century quite a number of men of Irish birth joined the community in the USA. I decided not to include any of these in the *Necrology*, given their number and the fact that they are well documented in the archives over there.

In the history of the Irish province there has been, in each "generation", one confrere interested, to a greater or lesser degree, in doing some research into the history of the province, and in doing some detective work seeking answers to what, who, when, where, why, and even how. My list of such confreres would be: Malachy O'Callaghan (1825-1913), Patrick Boyle (1849-1933), Joseph Leonard (1877-1964), Jerome Twomey (1912-1979) and James H Murphy (1917-1981), each of them with his own particular "angle". Joe Leonard, for example, concentrated almost entirely in providing translations of French material at a time when knowledge of French was rapidly dwindling among Irish confreres.

Envoi

As I put the final touches to this Procœmium I am already into my 80th year. Let me say, however, seventy-nine years elapsed notwithstanding, I have no intention of ceasing my research and detective work as long as I can do it, and writing it up when it is ready for publication.

30 May 2008, the 54th anniversary of my ordination.

Biographical Notes for the Necrology (January-June)

Editor's notes

- The confreres listed are both members of the Irish Province (including its foundations in Australia, China and Nigeria while they were part of the province) and men from these islands who have served in other provinces of the Congregation
- an asterisk after a confrere's name(*) indicates that he was a Brother
- the reference (PMcE) after a Brother's name refers to an article, 'Some Brothers I Remember', written in *Evangelizare* in August 1955 by Patrick McElligott (October 27th)
- in some cases, the confrere's status (Bishop, cleric, student etc) has been included
- the date following the name is the year of death
- the place name following the year of death indicates the house to which the confrere was attached at the time of his death
- a place name in brackets indicates the house or place in which the confrere died (not including local hospitals) if this is different to the place to which he was appointed
- Ashfield, Eastwood, Malvern, Rockhampton, Southport, Sydney and Wandal are all houses in Australia, a foundation of the Irish Province
- in most cases, the county of origin has been added to the place of birth, since not all are familiar with the topography of Ireland.
- one recurring abbreviation is ICP (The Irish College in Paris)
- the CLQ which follows certain entries refers to the edition of Colloque in which an obituary of the confrere is to be found

JANUARY

January 1

John Dowling* (Blackrock, 1903, aged 85) was born in 1817 in Ballynabarny (?), Crookestown, in the diocese of Dublin, and joined the community in 1848 aged 31. When the Vincentians were asked to take over the administration of the Irish College in Paris in 1858 Brother Dowling was appointed to take care of the priests' rooms. Ten years later the Superior General asked for him to be removed from the college. He was a relation of James Lynch, later a bishop, who was the first Vincentian rector of the ICP.

Pearse Gallagher (Phibsboro, 2005, aged 84) was born in Gweedore in the Donegal Gaelteacht in 1920. He told me that he did not begin learning English until he was twelve years old. From that age he grew up in the Drumcondra area, and was at St Patrick's primary school, and later at Castleknock. He entered St Joseph's in 1938 and was ordained in 1946. He taught in Castleknock and Armagh before joining the mission team in Phibsboro in 1959. He had three periods in Phibsboro. He was also in the parishes in Hereford and Warrington, and was superior in Sheffield. *CLQ51*

January 2

Michael Cribbin (Cork, 1888, aged 46) was from Kinnegad. He taught in Castleknock, and was dean there.

Eamonn Cowan (Iona Drive, 2009, aged 70) born in Armagh city in 1938. *CLQ57*

January 3

Patrick Boyle (ICP, 1933, aged 83) was born in 1849 in Maghera, Co Derry and after secondary education went to the major seminary in Cambrai, in France, to study for the priesthood. This was staffed by the Vincentians and at the end of his course he returned to Ireland to join the community in 1871. After ordination in 1873 he was in Lanark for a few years, then was appointed superior in Armagh, then spiritual director in Maynooth. In 1889 he was appointed rector of the ICP, a post he retained for almost forty years. When he retired as rector he stayed on in the college. He wrote a great number of articles, in *The Catholic Encyclopaedia* and other ecclesiastical journals, and a few books including a history of the ICP.

January 4

Patrick Lynch (St Vincent's, Mill Hill, 1932, aged 67) was born in 1864 in Mullagh, Co Cavan. He joined the community in 1887 and was ordained in 1892 in Sligo. He was appointed to Australia and in 1894 was one of a three-man team sent to give missions in New Zealand. In 1924 he was appointed to St Vincent's, Mill Hill and died there six years later.

January 6

Kevin Condon (All Hallows (New York), 1990, aged 68) was born in Achonry, Co Sligo, in 1921, and educated at St Nathy's, Ballaghaderreen. He joined the community in 1939, and after ordination in 1947 he was sent to Rome for three years, for a licentiate in Scripture. On returning to Dublin he was appointed to AHC where he remained for the rest of his life. He wrote some articles on scriptural topics early on. In 1971 he edited a selection of William Purcell's conferences to the AHC students, under the title *Between the Unseen and the Seen*. In 1986 he published *The Missionary College of All Hallows, 1842-1891*. He died in New York while on a fund-raising trip for AHC. CLQ21

January 7

James (Séamus) McCarthy (Phibsboro, 1961, aged 65) known as Shem, was born in 1895 in Ballybunion, Co Kerry, and qualified as a primary teacher. In 1927, aged thirty-two, he joined the community, and after ordination in 1932 was mainly engaged in missions and retreats.

John Hewson (Lanark, 2001, aged 65) was from Phibsboro, born in 1935. He was educated at St Vincent's, Glasnevin, and joined the community in 1954. Apart from a few months in Phibsboro immediately after his ordination in 1961, he spent all his life the parishes in Scotland and England. He was nineteen years in Warrington, including ministry in a psychiatric hospital. He was always noted for his care of the sick and elderly. CLQ44

January 8

Anthony Reynolds (Usher's Quay, 1835, aged 27) his precise place of origin is not in our records because the Register of entrants was not begun until after the group joined the Congregation of the Mission, and he was dead by that date. On his tombstone his age is given as 27, so his date of birth was 1808. He was a student for the diocese of Dublin and was educated at St Patrick's College, Carlow, before entering Maynooth.

He was one of the first three of the students in Maynooth who joined James Lynch in his proposal to form a team of missionaries after their ordination. He was the only member of the community in St Vincent's, Usher's Quay, who died before that Community joined with the CM. An account of his burial place is in *Colloque* 21.

James Harbison (Raheny, 2005, aged 70) was born in Dublin in 1934, but regarded Magherafelt, Co Derry, as his home place. He was educated at St Patrick's, Armagh, and joined the community in 1952. Apart from five years in Cork in roughly the middle of his life he spent all his life in the colleges, Armagh, Castleknock and St Paul's, with two periods in each of the last two. His fondest memories were, apparently, of his years in Cork. CLQ51

January 9

Cornelius McEnroe (Blackrock, 1913, aged 70) was born in 1842 in Dunshaughlin, Co Meath, and educated at Castleknock. He joined the community in 1865, was ordained in 1870 and was appointed to missions. In 1886 he was appointed to Australia for the same work and later in parishes. He returned to Ireland shortly before his death in Blackrock.

Joseph Cussen (Blackrock, 1923, aged 69) was from Rathmines and was born in 1853. He joined the community in 1874. Between his ordination in 1878 and death in 1923 he had four periods on the staff in Castleknock, including time as dean and bursar. As dean he proposed cricket matches with outside teams, but it was left to his successor, Robert Jones, to achieve this. At some stage of his life he was involved in ministry to the deaf in Dublin.

Patrick Quinn (Blackrock, 1950, aged 85) was born in 1867 in Cookstown, Co Tyrone. He joined the community in 1891 and was ordained five years later. The dates of his entry to the CM, his vows and ordination, would show that he had done much of his study elsewhere, though not, apparently, in the ICP or Maynooth. He was in Australia from ordination until about 1911, mainly engaged in missions, but he also had a period accompanying Bishop Michael Kelly on parish visitations and confirmations. On returning from Australia he was appointed first to Lanark, then to Cork in 1924 and to St Vincent's, Mill Hill, in 1931. He retired to St Joseph's in 1943. He was in St Joseph's during my time there, 1946-50, but we saw him only at meals. He never celebrated the students' Mass, and had no contact with us at all.

Arthur McRory (Armagh, 1987, aged 77) was born in Dungannon in 1909, and educated at St Patrick's, Armagh. He was not a relation of Cardinal Joseph McRory. It is interesting that early on he spelt his surname McCrory, for example in his attestation of vows. He joined the community in 1930 and was ordained in 1937. His first appointment was to Gateacre, Liverpool, and he was teaching there for the final two years of its existence. He then had some years in his old alma mater, and then on to missions, retreats and parish work. In 1952 he was appointed director in Glenart, as it was apparently felt that an active missionary should have that post. After two years there he was back to his former work, apart from a year in Strawberry Hill. His final sixteen years were back in Armagh. *CLQ16*

Michael O'Sullivan* (Castleknock (Rickard House), 1990, aged 86) was born near Mallow in 1903, and on being discharged from the Free State army in the early 1920s he applied for a job in the kitchen in Castleknock. There he met a lay brother, almost certainly Charlie Boyle, who later suggested to him that he become a Vincentian brother. (I got the above information from Jim Hudson, the chef in the college). He was accepted in St Joseph's in 1925. He told me that when it was time for him to be approved for vows the superior, John Roughan, refused approval because during 'The Troubles' Michael had been involved in the burning of the Roughan home in Co Clare. Michael told me that John Roughan, towards the end of his life, sent for him and apologised for what he had done. A Cork confrere, possibly Tim O'Herlihy, arranged for Michael to go to Paris and Dax to complete his formation. He volunteered for, or was appointed to, Madagascar. There were some from that island in Dax and Michael objected to "the smell of them Madagaskeens". The same Cork confrere was able to secure Michael's appointment to the ICP instead. After about nine years there he spent the rest of his life in Castleknock. He was gifted in many ways, as a water diviner and apiarist, and also had some talent, but not much, as a painter of landscapes.

He will be remembered by all who ever lived with him as a story-teller, with a gifted imagination, many of the stories being autobiographical. He obviously presumed a degree of credulity in his listeners which was not often there. However, I drove him from Sunday's Well to the funeral of a sister of his in Ballyhooley, and at the funeral he met another of his sisters, whom he had thought dead; she had thought the same about Michael! He told me that he was the youngest of eight, I think, and after his father's death in a farming accident he was sent to a childless uncle and aunt, and so lost contact with some of his siblings. *CLQ21*

January 10

Robert Hanna (Peking, 1797, aged 34) was born in Newry in 1762. He became a Catholic at some stage and joined the community in Paris in 1783, aged twenty-one. He was sent to study astronomy in Paris, to make it easier for him to enter China. He died in Peking at the age of thirty five. A contemporary report says “The cause of his death was that he was studying too hard”. See my article in *Colloque* 25.

James Dyar (Lanark, 1993, aged 74) was born in Castlereas, Co Roscommon in 1918 and was educated at Castleknock. He joined the community in 1937 and after ordination in 1945 he was appointed to Castleknock, and in 1954 He moved to St Joseph’s as assistant director, and then director. In 1964 he returned to Castleknock and in 1967 went to Armagh for a year, and then moved over to parish work in England and Scotland, serving in Sheffield twice, Lanark, Goodmayes, Glasgow and Lanark again. In his parish ministry he was noted for his assistance to the dying. Apparently he was never quite at ease with the liturgical changes after Vatican II. *CLQ28*

January 12

Thomas Macnemara; Student (St Lazare, 1728, aged 21) was born in Kilkeevin (?) in the diocese of Elphin, in 1706. He joined the community in Paris in 1725. His surname is clearly written as above, and he also signed in that manner. He died in Saint Lazare five months after taking his vows, aged twenty-two.

Christopher Dooley (Phibsboro, 1893, aged 53) was born in 1839 in Ballinacarrow (?), in the diocese of Meath. He joined the CM in Paris in 1862 and took his vows and was ordained in 1864. His first appointment seems to have been to Cork, and then he was in Drumcondra in its early years, and later on in Phibsboro.

January 13

Denis McEvoy* (Phibsboro, 1903, aged 69) was born in 1834 in Strabow, in the diocese of Ossory. He joined the community in 1859. He spent all his community life in Phibsboro, thirty of them as sacristan, as the provincial reported to the Superior General.

January 14

Peter Lydon (Castleknock, 1848, aged 29) was from Knock, Co Mayo. He joined the community in Paris in 1842 aged twenty-four. After ordination in 1844 he was appointed to give missions. Overwork brought a breakdown and he died in 1848 aged twenty-nine. He was the first to die after the Irish Vincentians had joined the CM. Castleknock was the Provincial House and it was decided that a community burial place should be inaugurated in the grounds of the college, and the enclosure of the old castle on the hill was chosen. Archbishop Murray gave permission, Fr James Lynch blessed the site in the presence of the whole community, and Peter Lydon was interred there. Nine years later the Celtic cross was erected.

Vincent O'Hara (Paris, 2000, aged 88) was never a member of the Irish Province but I include him in the tenth edition (2009) of the *Necrology*. He was born in Manchester in 1912 and followed his brother William, elder by nine years, into the community in 1930 in Paris, having done some of his secondary education in France (Bill told me that they saw little of each other later on, with Bill being in China). He was ordained in 1937 and taught for a year in Paris and then for a year in Dax, and on the outbreak of WWII he returned to England and became an army chaplain. In 1946 he was appointed to Algeria. In 1990 he retired to the *Maison-Mère*, and shortly afterwards to the infirmary there, where I visited him a few times. One of the nurses there brought him, on one occasion, by the Eurostar train to London, and then up to Manchester; she reported that he seemed to show some recognition of places which he had mentioned before his dementia had seriously deteriorated.

January 15

Lawrence Gillooly; Bishop of Elphin (1895, aged 75) was born in Roscommon in 1819 and was educated in St Nathy's, Ballaghaderreen, and went from there to the ICP. After two years there he went to Geneva, for reasons of health, and a few months later to the seminary in Montpellier, and later to Paris. He then went to Normandy where his brother was a priest, and became tutor to a family and qualified as a teacher. In 1844 he joined the community in Paris, and then returned to Ireland and finished his studies in Castleknock and was ordained in 1847. He was appointed to St Vincent's Seminary, Cork, and later became superior in Sunday's Well. In 1856 he was appointed coadjutor bishop of Elphin, the first Irish Vincentian to become a bishop. Two years later he succeeded to the See. The diocesan college, the cathedral

and the bishop's residence in Sligo were all built in his time. Education in the diocese was one of his principal interests.

January 16

John Gowan (Phibsboro, 1897, aged 79) was born in 1817 in Skerries, Co Dublin. He oscillated between using or not using Mc in his surname. He was a pupil at St Vincent's, Usher's Quay, and from there went to Maynooth. He was ordained in 1840 and appointed curate in Palmerstown, and later in Glendalough. In 1850 he joined the community in Paris and on returning to Ireland was appointed to Castleknock, and later to the work of missions. He became very much in demand for priests' retreats, and was appointed to give weekly lectures in pastoral theology in Maynooth. At the same time he was appointed spiritual director in Clonliffe. His experience on missions showed him the great need to counteract the effects of well-funded proselytisers, and with Margaret Aylward he founded the Sisters of the Holy Faith.

January 18

Alexander Jackson; Student (Blackrock, 1921, aged 37) was born in Sydney in 1883 and joined the community in 1909 one of the earliest Australians to join the community. He was one of a group who, after their philosophy in Australia, sent to Ireland for their seminaire and theology. He died before completing his studies, and was buried in St Joseph's. He was thirty-seven years old, which clearly is an unusual age for a student. The almost unbelievable coincidence is that in the history of the Irish Province three students died at the age of thirty-seven!

John Ryan (Cork, 1940, aged 60) was born in Balligarry, Co Tipperary, in 1879 and joined the community in 1900. He was ordained in 1906, and appointed to Castleknock. He was a pioneer in Ireland in experimenting with radio signals, having taken up serious study of the matter in 1909. He set up a transmission station in the Science Hall in Castleknock, with the necessary government licence. He learnt Morse code and practised it by means of buzzers in his own and Vincent McCarthy's room. His canary learnt the SOS signal from the constant practice which it heard, and repeated it. As Fr Ryan's knowledge and equipment improved he used to exchange messages with the operators on the mail boats. At the outbreak of war in 1914 his equipment was confiscated by the police and kept for safety in the GPO, where it went up in flames two years later. He joined the army as a chaplain and served in India and Baghdad. After the war he had short periods in Lanark and the ICP, before returning to

Castleknock. He went to Cork in 1926. It was not until 1921 that he was able to rig up another transmitting and receiving set in Castleknock. He was transferred to Cork in 1926 where, apparently, he did not continue running a “station”. He was an uncle of Fr Sam Clyne.

Vincent McCarthy (Blackrock, 1961, aged 76) was from Sunday’s Well, Cork. He was born in 1884, and was educated in Castleknock and followed two older brothers, Daniel who was twenty-four years older, and Thomas who was twelve years older, into the community. Because his brother Thomas was dean in Castleknock Vincent spent a year in Clongowes, coming to Castleknock in 1898 when his brother was no longer dean. He was appointed to Castleknock after ordination, and after some years teaching, with a break in the ICP 1913-14, became prefect of studies, vice-president, and then president from 1919 to 1926. He then had a period giving missions, including a six-month tour in South Africa with Fr Pat Kilty. He was appointed to Strawberry Hill in 1929, and became Principal a year later, remaining in that post until 1941 when he retired to St Joseph’s. He was assistant superior there and took over the role of lecturing to the student teachers in Carysfort, usually done by the superior of St Joseph’s. He was also confessor to the seminarists and students. During my time in St Joseph’s, 1946-50, Vincent O’Brien, Paddy O’Donoghue and Vincent Aherne built a new boat for use on the Liffey during July, and for getting to the island on the lake in St Joseph’s. A competition was held to select a name for the boat, and Fr Vincent won with *Stella Maris*. A similar competition for a name for the new students’ magazine was also won by him with *Evangelizare*.

John Hurley (Strawberry Hill, 1989, aged 90) was born in 1898 in Skibbereen. He joined the community in 1916 and after ordination in 1924 he had a few years in Drumcondra and then a few in Castleknock, before beginning a thirty-five year period in Strawberry Hill, where he was an excellent lecturer in English and History, and was very much involved in the student life of the college. He was in charge also of the Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society. On reaching retirement age he had a couple of years in Cork, one in Sheffield, six as chaplain with the Daughters of Charity in St Leonard’s on Sea, five in Goodmayes and then the final ten of his life back in Strawberry Hill. He was killed outside the gates of the college when he was struck by a car which was forced up on to the footpath to avoid an on-coming car with un-dipped headlights.

CLQ20

January 19

Matthew O'Hea (Lyons?, 1772, aged 30) was born in 1741 in Kilkieran (or Kilkerran), in the diocese of Ross, and joined the community in Paris in 1760, aged nineteen. Bishop John O'Brien, of Cloyne & Ross, died in Lyon in 1769. Matthew O'Hea was in the CM house in that city at the time and may have assisted the Bishop on his deathbed. He was an official witness to the Bishop's burial.

January 20

James Moore (All Hallows, 1923, aged 86) from Moate, Co Westmeath, was born in 1839 and was already a priest when he joined the community in 1874. He was appointed to Castleknock in 1875 and became president in 1885. When the Vincentians were asked to take over the staffing of All Hallows in 1892 he was appointed rector, remaining in that office until 1920.

James Feely (Blackrock, 1957, aged 69) was born in 1887 in Kinlough, in the diocese of Kilmore, but the family later lived in Dungannon and Bundoran. He did his philosophy with the Jesuits in Mungret, and was one of about six students from there who were advised by the Jesuits to contact the Vincentians in Panningen, in Holland, a house of the Paris province, if they wished to go on the foreign missions. He joined the community there in 1909 and was sent to China after ordination in 1916. When the Irish Province began its mission in Peking Fr Feely was temporarily lent to them by his own superiors. In 1921 the loan was changed into a transfer to the Irish Province. After his return from China around 1948 he was appointed to Phibsboro for missions, and to St Joseph's in 1951.

January 21

Peter Duff, Third Visitor (Blackrock, 1890, aged 71) was born in 1818 in Grangegeeth in the diocese of Meath. He entered Maynooth, and then joined the community in Paris in 1845, while a deacon; he was ordained in the following year. He ministered in Sheffield and Phibsboro, before being appointed to Castleknock. In 1867 he became the third Provincial. As provincial he was also president of Castleknock, and it was he who saw the need for more space for sport and recreation. He moved the recreation area from the front of the house to the rear. During his time in office the property in Blackrock was purchased and the provincial house moved to there from Castleknock. He also inaugurated the Vincentian involvement in Australia. During his time also St Patrick's College,

Drumcondra, was entrusted to the Congregation, as were the two posts of spiritual directors in Maynooth. After twenty-one years in office he retired on the grounds of failing health. Provincial; 1867-1888

John Brady (Phibsboro, 1921, aged 84) was from the Pro-Cathedral parish in Dublin and was a priest when he joined the community in 1880, aged forty-four. He was in Lanark and in Sheffield, where he became superior in 1892, before coming to Phibsboro in 1914.

January 22

Patrick Moloney (King-te-tcheng, China, 1882, 36) was from Co Tipperary. In the catalogue of Vincentians in China, published by Br Joseph van den Brandt CM in 1936, he was born in Cronghworka, which would seem to be a mis-interpretation of handwriting; Fr Patrick Boyle in his book on Irish confreres in China has him born in Doon. He was educated by the Jesuits in Limerick and then entered St Patrick's College, Thurles. From there he went on to Castleknock and the ICP. He joined the community in 1866 and after ordination went to China, arriving in 1871. He was always troubled by bad health and died aged only 36. He was a relation of the Dunninges.

January 23

Michael Kiernan (Phibsboro, 1941, aged 80) was born in 1861 in Dysart, in the diocese of Meath. He was educated in Castleknock and joined the community in 1882. After ordination in 1887 he was in Castleknock until 1890, and he then moved on to missions and parish work.

January 25

Francis Murtagh* (Phibsboro, 1975, aged 75) was from the Pro-Cathedral parish in Dublin and was, I was told, a barber before joining the community in 1921 aged twenty-two. For umpteen of his final years he was sacristan in Phibsboro, well known to generations of altar boys, many of whom joined the community. He may well have been part of the influence for their doing so. He still practised his former trade in the community when asked to do so.

Charles Bagnall (St Vincent's, Mill Hill, 1977, aged 95) was a quintessential English Catholic. He was born in 1881 in Cambridge, but he told me he was from Much Wenlock, in Shropshire. His father was a railway station master. He joined the community in 1901 and

was ordained in 1907 in All Hallows. He was dean in St Mary's, Hammersmith, in the early 1920s, and had some stories about Irish students there and their activities at home during that period. He spent his remaining years in Mill Hill, in the parish and the central house of the Daughters of Charity. He always hoped for the establishment of a separate English Province of the CM, and at one stage circularised the confreres for financial contributions to a fund connected with that. (I wonder what became of the collected money).

Thomas Dougan (Raheny, 1991, aged 68) was born in 1922 in Armagh city and educated at St Patrick's College. He joined the community in 1941 and was ordained in 1949. He spent the first seventeen years after ordination teaching in Armagh, and was then sent to the US for further studies. He used to speak rather disparagingly of that period. On his return home he had short periods in All Hallows, Strawberry Hill and Phibsboro, before starting his final sixteen years in St Paul's. He was a regular summer visitor to the Hebrides, and very interested in the 17th century CM mission there. CLQ24

January 27

Simon Donovan (Sheffield, 1880, aged 33) was born in 1846 in the diocese of Ross, and joined the community in 1874, with some or all of his seminary studies done. He died six years later aged thirty-three.

Philip Lynch* (Cork, 1908, aged 71) was from Ballyjamesduff, Co Cavan, and joined the community in 1867 aged thirty.

Paul Cullen (Cork, 1945, aged 81) was from a well known farming and cattle breeding family in Co Meath. He was born in Navan in 1863 and was educated in Castleknock. He joined the community in 1884 and was ordained in 1889. He had a younger brother, Edmund, in the community, as well as a nephew, Joseph. Paul and Edmund were nephews of Cardinal Cullen. From ordination to 1915 he was in Castleknock, including a period as dean and finishing as president. He was then appointed Vice-Provincial in Australia. He guided the Vice-Province gradually along the path which eventually led to its becoming a province. He actively promoted missions, and saw the importance of having a house of formation, which he established. With Australia becoming a province he had completed his work there and returned to Ireland, and was appointed superior in Gateacre in 1931. He was then appointed to Cork, where he died in 1945. He had petitioned the Holy

See for a dispensation to celebrate Mass sitting down, for reasons of health and age. It arrived a few days after his death.

January 28

Francis White (Scotland, 1679, aged 59) was from Limerick and joined the community in Paris in 1645 aged twenty-five, and was ordained six years later. After ordination he was in Genoa for a while and then went on the first of his three trips to Scotland, alternating between Paris and Scotland. All told, he seems to have spent about fifteen years in Scotland and died there in 1679.

James Sharkey* (Cork, 1933, aged 67) was from the diocese of Raphoe and joined the community in 1904 aged thirty-eight.

Edward Sheehy (Malvern, 1935, aged 62) was born in Myross, Skibbereen, in 1873 and was a nephew of Fr Joe Sheehy. He joined the community in 1898 and was ordained in 1904. He had a short spell teaching in Castleknock, and later was principal of St Mary's College, Hammersmith. During WWI he volunteered as an army chaplain and was involved with invalided Australian troops. This led him to ask to be appointed to Australia after the war. Following his experience in Hammersmith he was asked to help in training young student nuns. Later he was spiritual director to a diocesan seminary, and for a short while in the Vincentian house of formation. For some reason he did not like that job and asked off it after a very short time. In his later years he established a service of supplying Catholic pamphlets to parishes.

Charles Sinnott (Phibsboro (in Cork), 1989, aged 64) was born in Dublin in 1924, and educated at Castleknock. When he finished there in 1942 his elder brother Bartle had just left St Joseph's after about five years, so Charlie, who wanted to join the Vins, postponed his decision for some years and worked in one of the family's three pubs. He also took singing lessons, as he had a good natural tenor voice. He joined the community in 1945 and after ordination in 1952 he spent fourteen years in Sunday's Well, being in charge of the choir and producing musical shows in the hall. He was superior there when he was appointed the first director of vocations in the province in 1966, attached to St Joseph's. He was twelve years there, also much involved in the retreat house, and he transferred with the latter to AHC in 1978. After five years there he was appointed superior in Phibsboro. He died in Cork while attending a function.

CLQ20

January 29

Kevin Rafferty; 15th Visitor (All Hallows, 2008, aged 71) was born in 1936 in Glenamaddy, Co Galway. Like his brothers he was educated at Castleknock, and he followed his elder brother Jim into the community in 1954. He had a brilliant academic record in UCD, finishing with a First Class Honours degree in philosophy. He was ordained in 1962 and appointed to Castleknock. After a year he was sent to Louvain to work for his PhD, and prepared a thesis on the philosophy of Maurice Nédoncelle. In 1966 he was appointed to Strawberry Hill, and later became head of the Religious Studies department. In 1982 he was brought back to Dublin as rector of All Hallows College. In his thirteen years in that post he completely renewed the whole concept of the college's mission, enlarging the scope of courses offered and inaugurating a building programme which made the college a landmark institution. In 1995 he became Provincial, and at the end of his six years he returned to residence in All Hallows. He was looked up to by many in the international Vincentian world, especially because of his vision and insights about the future course of the Catholic Church in Europe. Provincial; 1995-2001. *CLQ60*

January 31

Philip Dowley; 1st Visitor (Castleknock, 1864, aged 74) was born in 1788 and in 1812 entered Maynooth as a student for his native diocese of Waterford. After ordination he stayed on in the college as junior dean and later senior dean. In 1834 he turned down the position of vice-president and became the superior in Castleknock of the small group of missionaries started by James Lynch, who had coined the name Vincentians for themselves. When this group joined the Congregation of the Mission they became part of the province of the Ile-de-France, a name given to an area surrounding Paris. In 1848 the Province of Ireland was constituted, with Philip Dowley as first Provincial. He spent all his Vincentian life in Castleknock which was the provincial house until the purchase of the Blackrock property. Provincial; 1848-1864.

Robert Wilson was from Queenstown (Cobh) and joined the community in 1907 aged twenty-five. His main work seems to have been missions, but some older confreres remembered him as giving some sort of course in St Joseph's.

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February 1

Vincent McQuillan (Malvern, 1934, aged 46) was from a business family in Drogheda, long associated with Castleknock. He was born in 1887 and joined the community in 1907. He was ordained in 1913 and sent to Australia. I remember Alex McCarthy saying that Fr McQuillan died during a fit of laughter at the dinner table. I since heard from another source that he died, choking on a fish bone; they could refer to the same incident.

Robert Jones (Phibsboro, 1940, aged 84) Basic information about place and date of birth and names of parents is not on record in the archives. He was ordained in 1884 and appointed as dean in Castleknock. He was the first to arrange cricket matches with outside teams. Afterwards he apparently was mainly a missionary. He was in Sunday's Well for some years before becoming superior in 1920. He had some (unspecified) disagreement with the Provincial, James Bennett. He appealed to the Holy See, and the decision was in his favour against the Provincial. He went to Phibsboro in 1926.

February 2

Thomas Lawless (Ashfield, 1911, aged 46) was from Collon, Co Louth. He joined the CM in 1887 aged 22 and was ordained five years later. After five years in Armagh he went to Australia. He was in Dublin in 1908 as a delegate to the Provincial Assembly. Two years later he was appointed Vice-Provincial in Australia, but resigned after a few months when diagnosed with cancer.

Dermot O'Dowd (Isleworth (in Rickard House), 2002, aged 79) was from Phibsboro, born in 1922. He was educated by the Christian Brothers at O'Connell Schools, North Richmond St. He joined the community in 1940 and was ordained in 1948. During his theology years in St Joseph's he worked on an MA in History which he received before ordination. His first appointment was to Strawberry Hill. He then had short periods in St Paul's (twice), Coventry, a year as superior in St Joseph's, Director of Missions in 4, Cabra Road, twice in Sheffield (once as superior), Hereford, then Director of the Daughters of Charity in the British Province, and finally seven years as their chaplain in Southport.

CLQ 46

February 3

James Crowley (Raheny, 1985, aged 72) was born in 1912 in Dunmanway, Co Cork. He did his philosophy in Mount Melleray before coming to St Joseph's in 1934. After ordination in Carlow in September 1939 he remained on in St Joseph's for a year before being appointed to Phibsboro. There he was in charge of the altar boys, and was responsible for a number of vocations to the community from among them. He was also involved in musical shows in St Peter's Hall. After eleven years in Phibsboro he was transferred to St Paul's, where he spent the final thirty-four years of his life where, in addition to his teaching, he had some chaplaincy work in St Anne's Hospital, Northbrook Road, and at the Holy Faith Orphanage in Eccles Street, on behalf of which he made a yearly radio appeal. CLQ 12

February 5

Patrick Walshe (Phibsboro, 1930, aged 81) also well known as Pádraig Breathnach, was from Carrick-on-Suir. He was born in 1848 and came to the CM in 1871 from Maynooth, already a deacon. As he could not be ordained priest till after his vows he was sent to teach in Castleknock before ordination. In addition to his Vincentian ministry, which was mainly missions, he was very involved in the Irish language and traditional music scene, and produced a number of booklets of tunes. These were all printed in the tonic sol-fa notation, which made it too expensive years later to re-issue in standard musical notation, though several enquiries were made about the possibility. He also published an Irish translation of *The Imitation of Christ*, and in 1921 *The Exile of Erin: Who Wrote It?*

Patrick Meenagh (Ashfield, 1971, aged 81) was born in Carrickmore, Co Tyrone, in 1889. He joined the community in 1909, was ordained in 1915. He was appointed to Australia where at first he was engaged in parish ministry. He was on the Provincial Council, but because of the long distance he had to travel from Melbourne he was unable to attend many meetings. He was replaced on the Council and he appealed to the Superior General, who replied that appointments to the council were at the discretion of the Provincial. In later life he was rector of a college of residence for university students. Fr Patrick Brady, towards the end of his life, told me that Fr Meenagh told him, when he was home from Australia on holidays around 1947, that the Irish Provincial, James O'Doherty, asked him if he would return to the Irish Province and accept the superiorship of the new theology house in Arklow. Fr Meenagh told

Fr Brady that he gave it a lot of thought but decided that after so long in Australia he could not face back into Irish winters.

February 7

Robert Rossiter (Phibsboro, 1944, aged 85) was born in 1858 in Poulmannon, Rathangan, in the diocese of Ferns. He was ordained for his diocese in 1884, and served as curate in four different parishes before joining the CM in 1897. After vows he was three years in Phibsboro before being appointed spiritual director in Maynooth, where he remained sixteen years, and was on the Provincial Council for some of that time. He went to Cork in 1918, followed by short spells in Lanark, St Joseph's twice, and his final fifteen years in Phibsboro. He does not appear to have been a relation of the Australian-born Nicholas Rossiter.

Patrick Barry (Cork, 1947, aged 63) was from Midleton, Co Cork. His first appointment was to China, from 1921 to 1928. He was then in Mill Hill, Sheffield and Cork.

February 8

Thomas Earley* (Strawberry Hill, 1934, aged 85) joined the CM in 1881. The names of his parents, and date and place of his birth, are not given in the Register. William Earley joined as a brother two years later, and these details are not recorded for him either. Thomas died in 1934 aged 85, putting his birth in 1849. William died on 18 June 1924 aged 67, putting his birth in 1857. I think it probable that they were brothers.

Kevin O'Hagan (Sheffield, 1990, aged 71) was born in 1919 in Lurgan, Co Armagh. He was educated at Castleknock and joined the community in 1937. He was ordained in 1944 and after three short appointments in Lanark, Mill Hill and Sheffield, he spent a year in the Maison-Mère in Paris to learn French in preparation for going to Japan for ministry to the Daughters of Charity. He spent nine years in Maiko, near Kobe. On return he spent eight years in Phibsboro, before going to Sheffield for the final twenty-four years of his life. For the final few years, at the request of the bishop, he was appointed parish priest in another area of the city, an appointment which he relished and where he was much appreciated. His hobbies were photography and chess, at both of which he excelled, and he had a keen interest in cricket. CLQ 22

February 9

Lawrence Johnson (Castleknock, 1874, aged 44) was from Termonfeckin, Co Louth, and joined the community in 1861, aged thirty-one and was ordained four years later. He died nine years after ordination.

Michael Keating* (Cork, 1946, aged 78) was from Ardmore, Co Waterford, where he was born in 1868. He joined the community at the age of fifty-one, in 1919. He was in Castleknock before going to Cork.

February 10

Henry Kevin O'Hanrahan (St Vincent's, Mill Hill (in St Leonard's) 1975, aged 52) known as Kevin, but also as HK, was from Ballyshannon, Co Donegal, and educated at Castleknock with his twin brother. After ordination he remained two years in St Joseph's, before being appointed one of the founding community in St Paul's, where he was bursar as well as teacher. He had a short period in Phibsboro before being appointed to Cork in 1966, where he had charge of the junior choir and was bursar. He had a long spell there, before moving over to St Vincent's, Mill Hill, for chaplaincy ministry with the Daughters of Charity in St Leonard's on Sea, where he died.

February 11

John Flynn (Drumcondra, 1917, aged 63) was from Arran Quay parish, Dublin. He was to the ICP in 1893 to teach scripture and canon law and in 1897 he moved to All Hallows, before going to Drumcondra. He died there in 1917 while principal, probably from the famous flu epidemic of that year.

February 12

Patrick Daly; Deacon (Castleknock, 1868, aged 29) was born on 16 March 1838 in Kilcummeragh, Meath, and joined the community on 30 September 1862, and died as a deacon on 12 February 1868. The date and place of his ordination to the diaconate are not on record, but he is described on his tombstone as a deacon.

Edward Conran (Lanark, 1964, aged 58) was the younger brother of John Conran. They were from Ennistymon, Co Clare, but grew up in Armagh. He was born in 1905 and joined the community in 1924. He was ordained in 1930 and was in Sheffield and Phibsboro, before

volunteering as an army chaplain in WWII. In 1945 he was appointed to Cork, and three years later to Lanark.

Kevin Cronin (Strawberry Hill, 1992, aged 84) was born in Roscommon in 1907, though his father's work as a civil servant led to several changes of address. He was educated in Castleknock, and during his time as a student in St Joseph's he was awarded an MA in History, for a thesis on Peter Talbot, Archbishop of Dublin at the end of the seventeenth century. He joined the community in 1927, having done his philosophy in Clonliffe, from where he commuted to Earlsfort Terrace for his Arts degree. He was ordained in 1932; his first appointment was to the ICP, and the register kept by the rector shows that he taught Church History to the theologians, and Irish, English and Latin to the Philosophers. The fact that he taught Irish will probably be a surprise to many, but his BA was in History and Irish, and he told me himself once that he had an uncle in New Jersey, and they were in regular correspondence well into his time in Strawberry Hill, and always in Irish. He was appointed to Strawberry Hill in 1935, and stayed there for the next thirty-four years. His field was religious education and in 1952 he wrote an important book *Teaching the Religion Lesson*, based largely, as he admits in the book, on the pioneering earlier teaching of Fr James Thompson. He later became principal and was responsible for a huge development in the buildings and study programmes. In 1962 he was awarded the CBE in the New Year's Honours list, and shortly after was made a Knight Commander of the Order of St John of Jerusalem. On retiring as principal he was asked by the Archbishop of Westminster to undertake work in connection with religious education in the diocese. At this time he was attached to the parish in Mill Hill for five years, and for his final seven years he was back in the Strawberry Hill community. CLQ 26

February 13

Thomas Devine (Provincial House, 2002, aged 79) was born in 1923 in Roscommon, and educated at St Nathy's, Ballaghaderreen. He joined the community in 1941 and was a brilliant student in UCD and in St Joseph's. He was ordained in 1949. His first appointment was to Armagh and then to St Paul's, where he developed a great interest in schools' basketball. He spent many years in Nigeria, spread over three periods, and never seems to really have settled elsewhere. CLQ 46

February 14

Daniel O'Sullivan (Blackrock, 1917, aged 88) was born in 1828 in Newry, but in his infancy the family moved to Clonmel, where all his siblings were born, one of them being Sister Alice O'Sullivan DC who was martyred in Tien-tsin, China, in 1870. He joined the community in Paris in 1846. He was ordained in 1851. His first appointment was to Cork, where he spent many years, ending up as superior. He was in Mill Hill in the early 1900s.

Daniel O'Connell (Phibsboro, 1961, aged 63) was born in 1897 in Cookstown, Co Tyrone. He joined the community in 1918, and was ordained in 1924 and went to China in 1925. He returned, because of ill health, in 1928. He was engaged in mission, retreat and parish ministry, in Mill Hill, Sheffield and Phibsboro.

February 15

Patrick Hullen (Cork, 1936, aged 79) was born in 1866 in Dunleer, Co Louth. He joined the community in 1886 and was ordained in Gardiner Street in 1891. He served in the ICP and Lanark, before Cork.

Henry Casey (Blackrock, 1956, aged 59) was born in 1896 in Dublin and was educated in O'Connell Schools and Castleknock. He joined the community in 1915 and was ordained in St Joseph's in 1921. His first appointment was to the ICP, and after a year there he was appointed to Castleknock, where he taught Maths and Science. At some stage, then or later, he got his MSc. His next appointment was to Strawberry Hill, for the same subjects. In 1939 he volunteered as an army chaplain and served all through WWII. Student folklore at his final period in St Joseph's said he was promoted to the rank of major, but information supplied to me by Major Tom Johnstone, who was preparing a book on Catholic chaplains, told me this was not true. At the end of the war he was sent to the ICP to relieve Fr Pat Travers who had spent the war years there. For health reasons he was brought back to St Joseph's. As a form of therapy Fr Tom Donovan asked him to take some classes in Canon Law. As boys they had been contemporaries in both O'Connell Schools and Castleknock.

February 17

Thomas Barry (Macerata, Italy, 1789, aged 69) was from Dublin and joined the community in Rome in 1741, aged 22. He was engaged in parish missions and his final appointment was to Macerata in 1777. I

had the opportunity of consulting the records of the house in Macerata, which are now in the archives of the Province of Rome, and I saw several references to his missions and retreats. His final mission listed was in 1784, a one-priest mission with the help of a brother and a student. He was 69 at his death in 1789. (Not 79 as in the 9th edition of the *Necrology*).

Patrick Leahy; Student (Castleknock, 1867, aged 27) does not appear in the Register of Entries. He is mentioned in the minutes of two Provincial Council meetings in May and July 1866 as having health problems, and the matter of his suitability for vows is to be referred to the doctor. He is in a group photograph of the Castleknock community in 1865 on page 91 of the *Centenary Record*. He died on 17 February the following year, aged twenty-seven, and is buried in the community cemetery in Castleknock. The wording on the tombstone is in Latin, indicating he was not a lay brother, and after his name are the letters CI CM, the only stone with such a designation. CI CM presumably means Clericus CM.

Patrick Doherty (St Vincent's, Mill Hill (in St Leonard's), 1985, aged 63) was born in 1921 in Charlestown, Co Mayo, and was educated at St Nathy's, Ballaghaderreen. He joined the community in 1939 and was ordained in 1947. He was seventeen years in his first appointment, Armagh, during the early part of which time he travelled by train once a week to UCD, and obtained an MA in Greek. He then had fourteen years in Strawberry Hill, where in non-academic roles he played the fiddle with the country dance band and the double bass in classical groups. His academic work was in Classics, and later in Education. For the latter he undertook further studies in London University. He was very critical of what he considered to be the low standard of English in the vernacular liturgical texts. He left Strawberry Hill in 1978 and was appointed to St Vincent's, Mill Hill, for ministry with the Daughters of Charity, his final work being with them in St Leonard's on Sea. CLQ 12

February 18

Bartholomew Sheridan* (Cork, 1891, aged 64) was from the diocese of Meath and joined the community in 1853 aged 26. He died in Cork and was buried in a small plot behind the sacristy of St Vincent's. By my time in Cork, 1968-73, this little plot had become very badly neglected. It was later tidied up when Hugh Murnaghan was superior. There were two other brothers buried there, and all three were exhumed during Fr

Brian Magee's superiorship, together with the confreres buried in the crypt, and re-interred in St Finbar's cemetery.

February 19

John Russell (Strawberry Hill, 1928, aged 53) was born in Mullingar in 1874. He joined the community in 1896, having been in Maynooth. He was ordained in 1898. His first appointment was to St Joseph's, followed by Drumcondra where he was principal from 1917 till he moved to Hammersmith in 1921; he moved with the college to Strawberry Hill.

William Hederman (Armagh, 1959, aged 38) was born in 1920 in Naas, and was educated at Castleknock. He joined the community in 1938 and after ordination in 1946 he was appointed to Armagh, where his main work was teaching religion. Confreres who were boys at that time speak very highly of him, particularly of his classes on the Mass. He died of leukæmia.

Mark Hall (Ashfield, 1974, aged 88) was born in the Sydney area in 1885 and he and his elder brother John were among the first Australians to join the community. They did their philosophy with a confrere in Eastwood, while acting as assistant teachers, before coming to Ireland in 1905 for their seminaire. He was ordained in 1910. His principal ministry was as spiritual director.

John Carroll (Castleknock, 1987, aged 87) was born in 1899 in Dromkeen, Co Limerick and educated at Castleknock. He joined the community in 1918 and was ordained in 1926. He had two appointments in Castleknock, with Strawberry Hill in between. He then went to Cork and in 1934 was lent, with Fr Willie McGlynn, to Australia to help with missions. In 1940 he volunteered as a chaplain with the Australian army, and served until 1945, when he returned to Ireland. He was in Phibsboro twice, with superiorship in Lanark in between. His main work was missions. He went to Castleknock in 1968, and spent his final eleven years there in retirement, but not idle. *CLQ 16*

Thomas Gilmartin* (Phibsboro (in Rickard House), 1992, aged 83) was born in 1908 in Mohill, Co Leitrim, and joined the community in 1925. He was in Gateacre, St Joseph's and Drumcondra, before going to Phibsboro in 1950 to start his final forty-two years there as sacristan. He was the last surviving brother of the Irish Province. *CLQ 26*

February 20

Thomas O'Flynn (Stillorgan (in Clonliffe College) 1984, aged 68) was born in 1915 in Millstreet, Co Cork, but on certain occasions he would refer to himself as being from the diocese of Kerry, as that part of Co Cork is in that diocese. He was educated at Castleknock and joined the community in 1935. He was ordained in 1942, and his first appointment was to Castleknock for seventeen years. During that time he obtained a first-class honours MA from UCD in English, something to do with Jacobean drama. He then had six years as president of St Paul's, followed by two years as spiritual director in Maynooth. From there he passed on to the same work in Clonliffe, remaining there for the final seventeen years of his life. From early on in his priesthood he became involved in the Legion of Mary, and became a close friend of Frank Duff and spiritual director to the Concilium. He wrote a short life of Frank Duff, and a short book on the Rosary, as well as articles and pamphlets. He was a favourite priest for consultation by boys thinking of the priesthood, and many followed him into the Vins. CLQ 10

Maurice Carbery (Castleknock (in Rickard House), 2001, aged 92) was born in 1908 in Athy and was educated at Castleknock. He joined the community in 1928 having, as was fairly usual at the time, done his Philosophy in Clonliffe while attending UCD for his BA, before going on to St Joseph's for his seminaire and theology. He was ordained in 1933 and appointed to Castleknock, where he had three separate periods, being forty-two years there for his final one. He had short periods in Armagh and St Paul's, a year teaching dogma in St Joseph's, five years as spiritual director in Clonliffe and three in the same work in Glenart. I once heard him say that he could not see any point in poetry, and he was famous for his attachment to facts. He was a keen golfer, and his fellow golfers would say he was very consistent in his play. CLQ 44

February 21

James Ryan* (Blackrock, 1923, aged 88) was from Drom, Co Tipperary. This was also the parish of Peter Butler who joined the community in Richelieu in 1654. James Ryan joined in 1873, aged 39. He was, apparently, involved in some way in the building of the new seminary wing after the purchase of "Prospect", renamed St Joseph's, in Blackrock, in 1873, and for years was the factotum of the house "buying the food and raiment, managing the livestock and admonishing the students".

February 22

James Bennett; 6th Visitor (Phibsboro, 1957, aged 79) was born in 1877 in Clonakilty, Co Cork, and educated at Castleknock. He joined the community aged twenty-two and was ordained seven years later and appointed to Drumcondra. He was dean in Castleknock 1911-15, and then moved to Sheffield. He returned to Drumcondra and became principal in 1917 on the death of John Flynn. In 1921 he became sixth Provincial, remaining in office until January 1932. He then had a year in Phibsboro before becoming superior in Sheffield in 1933. His final appointment was to Phibsboro, during which time he was on the Provincial Council for some years. Provincial; 1921-1932.

February 23

Frederick Peart* (Blackrock, 1903, aged 58) was born in Poona, India, in 1843, “sprung from British Army stock” (PMcE). The family had branches in Dublin, Loughrea, India and Argentina, and had a long connection with Castleknock. Some of them from India attended Castleknock, though not Frederick. After school he left India to go to relations in Argentina, where he joined the community in Buenos Aires in 1881, at the age of thirty-eight. He took his vows there in 1883. After some time there the Provincial thought that Frederick’s health would improve if he were sent to Ireland, and he came to Blackrock. After some years the Irish Provincial wrote to the Superior General that this man’s health was unlikely to recover fully, but that he was doing well and should be transferred officially to the Irish Province, which was done. All his time in Ireland was in Blackrock.

February 25

Alexander Grant* (Castleknock, 1905, aged 69) was born in 1835 in Fermoy and joined the community in 1876 at the age of forty-one, having sold his business there. He was “a perfect gentleman of the old school”. His only appointment was to Castleknock, where he looked after the household linen, and was infirmarian.

Myles Rearden (Castleknock (in Maynooth), 2009, aged 69) born in Shanakiel, Co Cork in 1939. CLQ 57

February 27

Thomas Rice (Lanark, 1969, aged 61) was born in 1907 Kilsythe in the diocese of Edinburgh, and joined the community at the age of twenty-

one. He went to China after ordination in 1933, and stayed until 1948-9, and was in Sheffield for a short while before going to Lanark in 1957. His main work was missions.

Desmond O'Connell (Raheny, 2005, aged 80) was born in Dundalk in 1924. His mother was Spanish, from Catalonia. He was educated at Castleknock and joined the community in 1942. After ordination in 1950 he was appointed to St Joseph's. It was rumoured that he was being held there prior to being sent on a foreign mission; Japan was mentioned. There does not appear to be anything on record about this. He spent all his life in ministry to the deaf, in Ireland, Scotland and England. He also gave some missions. His final eighteen years were as chaplain to St Joseph's home for adult deaf on Brewery Road, Stillorgan. *CLQ* 51

February 28

Jean-Etienne Ginouvié (Cork (in Dungarvan), 1877, aged 42) was a Frenchman, born in 1835 in Montpellier. In his teens he prayed for a Protestant friend who was seriously ill, and promised God that if his friend became a Catholic before his death he would devote his life evangelizing some Protestant country. The friend became a Catholic before death and Jean-Etienne, after joining the Congregation in 1855 in Paris, told the Superior General of his promise, and the Superior General agreed, and encouraged him in his study of English. After ordination in 1859 he was sent to Lanark, which had just been given to the Vincentians. Matthew Kavanagh, the superior, had little patience with the Frenchman's not yet perfect mastery of English. He was transferred to Cork in 1861 where the superior, Neal McCabe, later Bishop of Ardagh & Clonmacnois, had a better approach and in the year of Jean-Etienne's arrival in Cork sent him on a mission, an experiment which proved completely successful. He gave missions in Ireland and England. In 1865 he was sent to examine the possibilities of a house offered to the Congregation in Bullingham, Hereford. He stayed about five months and reported negatively on the project. In 1873 he was sent on a similar evaluation trip to Everingham, Middlesborough, but again his report was negative. These two assignments, along with the fact that he was elected a delegate to a Provincial Assembly, show the standing he had in the community. Back again in Ireland he continued his study of Irish. He had already acquired enough to hear confessions in that language when required, and hoped to be able soon to preach in it. In 1877 he was one of a band of four missionaries on a mission in Dungarvan when he suffered a stroke in the pulpit. He was taken either to hospital in the town or to the presbytery, and died eight days later.

A contemporary account reported that about 8,000 people attended the funeral in Dungarvan, that businesses were closed and flags flew at half-mast. The bishop presided at the funeral Mass, and the body was then brought by road to Cork, where another huge crowd paid their tribute. (See *Annales*, vol 42, 1877 and *CLQ* 4)

Peter Lynch* (St Vincent's, Mill Hill, 1916, aged 66) was from Clonmellon, Meath, and joined the community in 1874 aged twenty-five.

Thomas Gavin (Phibsboro, 1927, aged 61) was born in 1867 in Kells, and was a younger brother of Eugene. William Gavin was also from Kells, and probably a relation. Thomas joined the community in 1889 and after ordination in Gardiner Street in 1893 his first appointment was to Armagh, and later he had two periods in the ICP, two in Phibsboro and one in Lanark.

John Kelly (Phibsboro, 1950, aged 80) was born in 1869 Borris, Co Carlow, and joined the community in 1889. He was in Sheffield in 1900 and in Cork in 1910, and later in Phibsboro. During my time as a student he used to turn up during our Julys in Castleknock, and if he trapped one of us in the chapel corridor he immediately gave a brief tutorial on how to speak properly; I remember one confrere who saw him coming and turned into the Junior Library and out the window, leaving "Johnnie" some what puzzled.

Frederick Morrin (Lanark, 1979, aged 80) was born in 1898 in Baltinglass, Co Wicklow. He had a younger brother, Henry, also in the community; both were educated at Castleknock. He joined the community in 1916 and after ordination in Kilkenny in 1923 he was sent to Rome for a doctorate in theology at the Angelicum, which he obtained, and on returning spent some years teaching in St Joseph's. He got his H Dip in Ed from UCD in 1929 and an MA in Education the following year. He had two years in Castleknock, followed by nine teaching again in St Joseph's. He then had seven years as an army chaplain. He told me once that he volunteered to prevent his brother Harry doing the same, knowing only one brother would be accepted; he said Harry was not the type for army life. He was then in Lanark for nine years, the final six as superior. He then had nine years in Strawberry Hill and three years in the secretariat in Rome, during which time he felt that he had very little to do and signed on for a course in archaeology. In the years 1967-70 he was in Cork; for two of those years I was with him. Next he was back in Strawberry Hill as community bursar for six years where once again we were together. He then had one year in Coventry and

then went to Lanark where he died within the year. There seems to have been a fair degree of agreement among his former students that he was simply not a good teacher. I was with him in both Cork and Strawberry Hill, and while he was provocative and adversarial at table and in the community room, I thought that the few conferences which he gave were well prepared and worth listening to. I discovered that when I was able to be with him alone, usually in the evening time, he was a most relaxed and interesting conversationalist.

CLQ 2

MARCH

March 1

John Leahy (Cork, 1878, aged 30) was from Barna, Cashel. He joined the community in 1869 aged twenty-two. His date of ordination is not on record. He appears in an 1869 photograph of the community in the *Castleknock College Centenary Record*. Cork was his only appointment, where he died nine years after joining.

March 2

Thomas Finnegan (Lanark (in Dublin), 1893, aged 83) was from near Carrickmacross. He born in 1899 and in 1924 was ordained as a priest for the diocese of Clogher and served in Counties Tyrone, Fermanagh and Monaghan for nine years before joining the community in 1933. He was engaged in missions all his life, based in Sheffield and Lanark twice each, and once each in Cork and Phibsboro, to which he was attached for the final twenty-two years of his life.

March 3

James Dixon (Phibsboro, 1879, aged 62) was born in Coalisland in 1816; his brother later became Archbishop of Armagh. He was ordained in January 1842 and joined the community in the following month. He was on the Provincial Council and superior in Phibsboro.

James Johnston (Phibsboro (in Rickard House), 1898, aged 77) was born in Tubbercurry, Co Sligo, in 1920, and educated at St Nathy's, Ballaghaderreen. He joined the community in 1939 and after ordination in 1947 he was appointed to Drumcondra, spending twelve years there, mostly as dean. He then taught in St Paul's for six years, followed by six in St Joseph's setting up and running the retreat house. He then had eleven years in Phibsboro, first as chaplain to the community school in Coolmine, and then to the one in Portmarnock. For the years 1983-89 he was "supplying" in the West of Ireland, and his final appointment was to Phibsboro. For most of his life, since student days, his health was not too good. *CLQ 37*

March 4

Charles Dineen (Blackrock, 1915, aged 41) was from Kilbrittain, Cork, and joined the community in 1896 aged twenty-two, and ordained three

years later. He remained in St Joseph's for a few years before going to Sheffield for a couple of years. He was in the ICP up to WWI.

March 5

John [O']Fogerty (Warsaw, 1723, aged 83) was from Dovea in the diocese of Cashel, and joined the community in Paris in September 1665, aged "about twenty-six". While still a student he was sent to Warsaw and was ordained there in 1669, and was mainly engaged on missions all his life, dying there in his early eighties.

March 6

John Hannon (Phibsboro, 1910, aged 59) was from Killomragh(?) in the diocese of Ardagh. His date of birth is given as "about 1840". He was already a priest when he joined the community in 1869.

Gerald Robinson (Blackrock, 1948, aged 81) was born in 1866 in Ballyna (very clearly written) in the diocese of Kildare & Leighlin. He joined the community aged 25, and was ordained two years later. He was a missionary, but had health problems for much of his life. He was in St Joseph's during my seminaire.

Patrick O'Sullivan* (Castleknock, 1950, aged 91) was born in 1858 in Kenmare, Co Kerry and was a native Irish speaker. He came to Castleknock as a postulant brother in 1878, and after short spells in Sheffield and Lanark he had two long periods in Armagh and Castleknock, in charge of the farm in each of them. He told Brother Michael O'Sullivan that as a young brother in Castleknock he knew people in the locality who in earlier years used to come to the college to make their confessions in Irish to Philip Dowley, the first president and provincial.

Dermot Sweeney (Phibsboro, 1971, aged 55) was born in 1915 in Dungloe, Co Donegal, and educated at Castleknock. In spite of his small size he was prominent on the rugby field. He joined the community in 1936 and was ordained in 1943. For most of his priestly life he was engaged in ministry to the deaf in Ireland and Scotland. He had become interested in the deaf when he was a very small boy in the Dominican school in Cabra, and continued to this interest in some way with the deaf staff in Castleknock. He was parish priest in Lanark 1962-1968.

James Tuohy (Stillorgan, 1996, aged 62) was from Phibsboro, born in 1934. He was educated by the Christian Brothers at O'Connell Schools, and joined the community in 1951. After ordination in 1959 he was sent to Rome for a doctorate in theology, returning to teach dogma in Glenart. He spent most of his life working with seminarians, being spiritual director in St Joseph's for four years and for ten in Maynooth, and also with a period teaching spiritual theology in All Hallows. He was parish priest in Warrington before getting his final appointment in 1992 as Director of the Daughters of Charity in the Irish Province. *CLQ* 34

March 9

Thomas McNamara 2nd Visitor (Blackrock, 1892, aged 83) was from Waterstown, Meath, born in 1809. He was one of his fellow-students contacted by James Lynch in Maynooth in the 1820s, about founding a group for giving parish missions after Catholic Emancipation would be granted. McNamara, though, was not one of the first group of three. After ordination in 1833 he was in both Castleknock and Phibsboro, his interest being mainly in the latter. He succeeded Philip Dowley as Provincial, but for only three years. He was rector of the ICP for many years. He was deputed by the Superior General to make a visitation of the CM and DC central houses in the United States. He was very much involved in ministry to the deaf and published important and influential pamphlets on this matter. As rector of the ICP he published several books on formation for the priesthood. Provincial; 1864-1867.

John Cleary (Park View (in St Killian's), 2000, aged 68) was born in Carrick-on-Suir in 1931 and educated in Castleknock. He joined the community in 1950, and after ordination in 1957 he had a year in Armagh followed by twelve as bursar in Drumcondra. He then had another dozen or so working with the deaf in Phibsboro. He was then superior in Celbridge for five, followed by superior and parish priest in Sunday's Well. He was then back in Dublin with the deaf, based in St Paul's. His final year was in the new house, St Killian's, beside St Paul's, for youth ministry, cut short by his sudden illness and death. At the request of his family he was buried in Castleknock. *CLQ* 42

March 10

James Conway* (Blackrock, 1924, aged 77) was born in 1846, the elder of two brothers in the community from the diocese of Tuam. He joined the community in 1877. His brother John died on 21 March 1930. There was another James Conway* from the diocese of Ferns and in

our records it is not always easy to know which is involved, or even whether a John Conway* is being referred to, as so many references are just to Brother Conway. Because of this, the other James Conway*, who died in AHC on 13 April 1919 has been omitted from all editions of the Necrology until the ninth. The Brother Conway being remembered today had several appointments in the UK and Ireland, but had serious health problems for the later part of his life, and died while attached to St Joseph's.

Gerald Power (Malvern, 1955, aged 59) was one of the early Australian confreres. He was born in Ballarat in 1895, and was one of the group who, around the time of WWI had their formation spread over Australia, Blackrock, (where he joined the community in 1919), Dax and Rome where he was ordained in 1923. He returned to Australia with a Roman degree and seems to have been involved in seminary work all his life.

March 11

John Duffy* (Raheny, 1966, aged 79) was from Charlestown, Co Mayo and joined the community in 1922 aged 36. Most brothers in the province were referred to by their first name, Brother Peter, Brother Michael, but this man was one of the few referred to by his surname, Brother Duffy. This was possibly because of several Brothers John. His first appointment was to Armagh for about twenty years, followed by a few years in Cork, and then in 1950 he started the final sixteen years of his life in St Paul's.

William McGlynn (Phibsboro, 1966, aged 85) was from Glasgow and educated in Holland, followed by one year in Castleknock. He joined the community in 1903, aged 23. His first ten years after his ordination in 1910 were in Castleknock, after which he became bursar in the ICP for a few years before returning to Ireland for missions. During the 1930s he was lent to the newly established Australian Province, together with John Carroll, to strengthen the mission team. In spite of this he was appointed parish priest in Malvern in 1937. He returned to Ireland in 1939. After WWII in 1947 he returned to the ICP to relieve Henry Casey as the sole Irish presence there. He returned to Ireland about 1950. In the late 1950s, I think, he used to give classes on preaching to the students in Glenart.

March 12

John Joseph Lynch; Archbishop of Toronto (Toronto, 1888, aged 72) was born in Monaghan; his date of birth is not in our Register but elsewhere it is recorded as 1816. He was at school in Lucan and Clondalkin before going to Castleknock; the *Castleknock College Centenary Record* lists him as being from Lucan. According to himself he was the first boy to arrive in Castleknock when it opened, because he arrived a few days early. He was the first candidate for the Vincentians to join straight from school. He had a year in Castleknock after ordination in 1843, and then was appointed to the missions. Later in life he described how, while giving a mission in St John the Baptist, Blackrock, he was accosted by a foreign priest who said "For God's sake come to Texas with me". This was Jean-Marie Odin CM, Vicar Apostolic of Texas, who was looking for volunteers. He got permission to accompany him back to the US. According to the minutes of the provincial council there was a mission in Blackrock in Lent 1846, but the names of the confreres are not given. The present church dates from 1842, but a side aisle was added nearly a century later. Later in life he mentioned that he had always felt he was called to establish a Catholic college at Niagara Falls, and that although Texas was not on the direct route from Dublin to there, it was at least on the right continent. In 1848 he was appointed superior of St Mary's of The Barrens, Perryville, Missouri, but did eventually, in 1856, begin what later became Niagara University. In 1859 he was appointed coadjutor bishop of Toronto, the following year bishop and in 1869, during Vatican I, Toronto became a metropolitan see, and so he became first Archbishop of Toronto, as every Castleknock boy used to be told. He was also the first Catholic bishop to be received at the Court of St James since the time of the last Catholic king of England. This arose from a meeting in Toronto with some member of the British royal family.

March 14

John McCann; Founder-benefactor, non-confrere (Castleknock, 1860, aged 55) was born in 1805 in Drogheda. He was a law student at the same time as James Lynch was studying medicine, and they lived together in a house of an uncle of McCann. Later when Lynch was a student in Maynooth he contacted McCann, who by then was a seminarian in Carlow, and recruited him for the proposed community for missions. After ordination, the date of which is not on record, John McCann put a lot of his personal money into the preparation of the building in Castleknock as a school. For reasons of health he never took the Vincentian vows, but lived all his life as a member of the Castleknock community. He is recorded as being *aggregatus* to the

CM on 25 August 1840. There is a painting in Castleknock with his name under it. Unfortunately this has been taken to be a portrait from life. The actual facts are these. While Michael Walsh was president of Castleknock, 1957-63 he felt that, in view of all John McCann had done for the college, his portrait should hang there with those of other early figures. Michael was a collateral descendent, though his mother, of John McCann, and claimed he resembled him facially. He commissioned Thomas Ryan, a portrait painter, to do a three-quarter length portrait, basing the face on Michael's. As I was on the staff when all this was done, I am aware of the facts.

Patrick O'Grady (Brisbane, 1867, aged 29) was born in 1837 in Cong, Co Mayo, and educated at Castleknock. He joined the community in Paris in 1858, and was ordained in Dublin in 1863. He was appointed to Sheffield for missions, and then quickly to Phibsboro and Cork. He was already showing signs of TB. The provincial took a really extraordinary decision then, in 1865, to send him to Australia where the climate would be better. The Congregation was not yet on that continent, but an Irish bishop in Queensland, James Quinn, well known to the Vincentians in Dublin, agreed to take him. He arrived in the middle of 1866. As there had been serious fever on the ship all surviving passengers and crew were held in quarantine for some time. When Fr O'Grady was released from quarantine the bishop immediately sent him to a nursing home. He was later taken to the bishop's own house, where he died in 1867, aged 29.

Matthew Kavanagh (Cork, 1872, aged 51) was from Rathdrum, Co Wicklow. He joined the community in 1841 aged twenty-one, and was ordained in 1845. He was appointed to Castleknock, and in December 1858 he was one of the first group of Vincentians sent to the ICP; he was assistant superior to James Lynch. Less than a year later he was chosen to be the first superior of St Mary's, Lanark and with Jean-Etienne Ginouvié he took possession on 8th September of that year. Unfortunately he seems to have had little patience with the Frenchman's imperfect knowledge of English. From Lanark Fr Kavanagh moved to Cork where he died at the age of fifty-one.

March 16

William Derham (Phibsboro, 1895, aged 28) was born in Sligo in 1867. He joined the community in 1888, and was ordained in his native town four years later, and died three years after that.

Michael Purcell; student (Blackrock, 1899, aged 37) was born in Ballycahill, Cashel, in 1862 and joined the community in 1897 aged thirty-five, and died, still a student, two years later.

Richard Hogan (Antoura, Lebanon, 1924, aged 83) was never a member of the Irish Province but I will be including him in the tenth edition of the Necrology. He was from Cuffe's Grange, Co Kilkenny, and joined the community in Paris in 1863, aged 23. He had studied in the Vincentian college in Montpellier, in the south of France. He was sent to Antoura, Lebanon, in 1868, while still a sub-deacon, and was ordained in Beirut the following year. Antoura was a secondary boarding school, and he was appointed dean. It seems to have been a job very like that in Castleknock, supervising the dormitories, refectory and recreation. He is on record as not having liked the job! He also taught English, French and music. He had a period in Alexandria, and then returned to Antoura where he died.

March 17

Roger Kickham (Castleknock, 1857, aged 49) was born in 1807 in Mullinahone, Co Tipperary. He was ordained in 1834 and joined the community five years later. In 1847 he was appointed the first superior in Cork and headmaster of St Vincent's Seminary, with Laurence Gillooly and Philip Burton as his staff, neither of whom was yet ordained. The local mother superior of the Irish Sisters of Charity approved of the Vincentians coming but thought Fr Kickham "was rather advanced in life"; he was forty. The plan was that when Michael O'Sullivan, the vicar general and founder of the school, would have taken his Vincentian vows, Kickham would return to Phibsboro as director of missions. Roger was an uncle of Charles Kickham, the novelist, and almost certainly also an uncle of Thomas, also CM.

March 18

James Hayes* (Castleknock, 1863, aged 48) was from Graigue, diocese of Kildare & Leighlin. He joined the community aged about thirty-five; his date of birth is not on record

John Bradley* (Castleknock, 1892, aged 70) was born in 1822 in Dunlavin, and joined the community aged twenty-six. He was one of the foundation members of St Vincent's, Sheffield and went to Castleknock only a few months before his death.

Thomas Kickham (Phibsboro, 1938, aged 67) was born in 1870 in Mullinahone, Co Tipperary. I think I established that he was (probably) a nephew of Roger (see under 17 March). He joined the community in 1892 and was ordained in All Hallows in 1896. An early appointment was to Sheffield. He was superior in Lanark in 1918, and became superior in Phibsboro in 1922 and a member of the Provincial Council in 1923, remaining in both posts till his death in 1938.

John Ward (Phibsboro, 1941, aged 84) was born in Dunboyne in 1856, a member of a well known farming family in Co Meath, and like many of them was educated in Castleknock. He joined the community in 1877 and after ordination in 1881 he was appointed to teach Rhetoric in the ICP, and a few years later changed to Castleknock. After a few more years there he was appointed to the missions and became one of the best known Vincentian missionaries for the rest of his long life.

March 19

Patrick Burke (Southport (in Nice, France), 1934, aged 33) was born in 1900 in Timoleague, Co Cork. He joined the community in 1917 and was ordained in 1923. He was appointed to Australia but after some years his state of health gave cause for worry and he was brought back to Ireland. On the way home he was ill for a while in the south of France, but continued back to Ireland. It was thought advisable to send him back again to a sanatorium of some sort on the continent and he was some time in Geneva and later in Nice, where he died. Fr Joseph Sheedy, rector of the ICP, was with him in his final days. He is buried in the vault of the Daughters of Charity in Menton.

Francis Maher (Castleknock, 1998, aged 68) was from Drumcondra, born in 1929 and was educated at Castleknock. He joined the community in 1947 and was ordained in 1955. His first appointment was to Armagh, his second and last was for forty years to Castleknock. As a boy in Castleknock he had played on a cup-winning senior rugby team, and as a priest on the staff he was involved in the game for the rest of his life. His degree was in History and Latin and he was a gifted history teacher, and also of religion. Another great interest was music, and as a student in Blackrock and Glenart he was the main organist for the liturgy, and this continued in Castleknock. He started a college orchestra. He was involved in the charismatic renewal from its start in Ireland. For very many summers he did “supply” ministry in a parish in Florida, where he was very highly regarded. In addition to all this, he was somewhat addicted to golf, in both Ireland and Florida.

March 20

William Hanigan; student (Castleknock (in Oldparish, Co Waterford, 1843, aged 21). Originally from Old Parish (there does not seem to be consistency as to whether the name of the place is one or two words), he was born in 1822, and joined the community in Paris in June 1841. A little over a year later, in July 1842, he fell ill and he was sent back to Ireland. He returned to his parents' house and, as his health did not improve and his illness was obviously terminal, William took his vows there on St Patrick's Day 1843 and died three days later. He is buried in the family plot in the now disused graveyard at Hacketstown in Oldparish, but his name is not on the tombstone. Some years ago I did a very interesting piece of research leading up to my locating the grave and visiting it, with much help from local people.

March 21

John Guthrie (Castleknock, 1863, aged 45) was born in 1817 in Ennistymon, Co Clare. He was ordained in 1843. He joined the community five years later. The final seven years of his life were in Castleknock.

John Conway* (Castleknock, 1930, aged 85) was from Claremorris, in the diocese of Tuam. In 1878, at the age of 34, he followed his younger brother, James, who had joined the community less than a year previously. (See above under the 10th). There was also another Brother James Conway, from Ferns, and in our records it is not always easy to figure out to whom "Brother Conway" refers. The two from Tuam had been engaged in the building trade in England, and continued their trade in the community. His obituary in the *Castleknock Chronicle* says he assisted in building the swimming bath

Charles McGowan (Strawberry Hill, 1969, aged 63) was born in 1905 in Dromahair, Co Leitrim, but apparently he preferred it to be thought that he was from Co Sligo. He was a student in Maynooth for the diocese of Kilmore. He joined the community in 1928, and was ordained in 1932. His first appointment was to Castleknock where he has regarded as an excellent, but demanding, teacher of Latin. In 1942 he was appointed spiritual director in Maynooth, and in 1947 came to St Joseph's. I was a second year seminarist at the time and I remember his acting as director in June 1948 when James Cahalan was on holidays. He then had a short period on missions, based in Lanark, before going to his final appointment in Strawberry Hill. A fall over the banisters of

the stairs leading up to the Walpole Library (the Community Room) led to his death.

March 22

Michael Gleeson (Blackrock, 1889, aged 62) was from Ballinahinch, Co Limerick. He joined the community in Paris in 1848 aged twenty-two, and was ordained in 1853. His first appointment was to Sheffield, but soon there came an appeal from a French confrere in Smyrna, now Izmir, in Turkey, for someone to teach English, and Fr Gleeson was the man. The Crimean war was raging on the other side of the Black Sea and shortly after getting to Smyrna he heard of the shortage of Catholic chaplains at the General Hospital in Balaclava, and went (or was sent?) there to help the Irish Sisters of Charity. These were Mother Aikenhead's sisters, not the Daughters of Charity. These were replaced by English sisters, and they in turn by Florence Nightingale and her helpers. A Jesuit chaplain, Michael Duffy, refused to have anything to do with Miss Nightingale, but Michael Gleeson had no problem with staying on. This was followed by short stays in Sheffield and Lanark, and a much longer one in Phibsboro, always on the mission team. In 1876 the archbishop of Melbourne asked the Irish Vincentians to come to his diocese, and Michael Gleeson was one of two designated for this, but nothing came of it. The following year he got permission to make a visit to Paris, and while there the Superior General withdrew him from the Irish Province and sent him to the island of Mauritius in the Indian Ocean, where the English bishop had asked for an English-speaking confrere. The language on the island was French. Fr Gleeson wrote back to the Provincial stressing that he had not sought this, but that the Superior General had said that the Irish confreres were unwilling to go on foreign missions. For some un-recorded reason he spent only about a week in Mauritius, and was then back at home giving missions from Phibsboro, Lanark and Cork, being superior in the latter two. In 1886 when a new appeal from Australia came, he was designated for there but for health reasons he was replaced by Malachy O'Callaghan. In spite of his varied career he was not a footloose unsettled character, but was a very highly regarded confrere.

CLQ 3

March 23

John McBride (Castleknock, 1882, aged 56) was from the diocese of Derry and joined the community in Paris in 1849 aged twenty-four. He was in Phibsboro in the 1870s, but earlier catalogues are not in the archives.

John O'Connell (Blackrock, 1977, aged 101) was from Ballyclough, Cloyne, and was a student in Maynooth for his diocese when he joined the community in 1897 aged twenty-two. He was ordained in 1901 and taught in the ICP for the next year. He was then in Armagh, Lanark and superior in Phibsboro. He was appointed to the provincial council in 1917. In 1923 he became director of the Daughters of Charity, when the DC province included both Ireland and Britain. He finished in 1938 and was appointed superior in Cork. After that he returned to Phibsboro. In 1948 he became superior in St Joseph's, one year before the students moved to Glenart. We who were students at the time thought that a man of seventy-three years of age was "beyond it" for the job, but we soon learned that Fr Johnny was way ahead of his time in many things. He stayed on in St Joseph's after his superiorship and became the first centenarian in the history of the Congregation. He then became the first to reach 101.

March 25

Thomas Rafferty (Castleknock, 1953, aged 62) was born in 1890 in Poyntzpass, Co Armagh. After a short while in Maynooth he joined the community in 1911. For some reason, not apparently on record, he was ordained in Glasgow in 1917. He was appointed to Armagh. He was a noted teacher of geography. He became president of the college in 1929 and remained in that position for fifteen years. He was very interested in Geography and once during WWII he was up in the Knockmealdown Mountains with ordnance survey maps and binoculars, when somebody reported him to the Gardaí as a suspicious character, and he was taken into custody. A phonecall to St Patrick's College secured his release. His nephew, Joe Canning, confirmed the truth of this story to me in April 2008. In 1945 he was appointed bursar in St Joseph's, and placed strong emphasis on running the farm well. In that context he felt that the land of the football pitch could be put to much better use! In 1949 he was moved to Castleknock to run the farm, when its management was separated from the work of the bursar. He took ill unexpectedly and died in 1953.

March 26

Michael Burke (Phibsboro (in Castleknock), 1865, aged 54) was one of the first three fellow-students in Maynooth contacted by James Lynch to be a member of the proposed missionary band after ordination. He was born in 1810 in the parish of St Nicholas Without in Dublin, and after ordination in 1833 he taught first in Usher's Quay and then in Castleknock,

while also being involved in missions. When the community was asked in 1853 to take charge of a parish in Sheffield he was appointed first superior and parish priest. In February 1864 his health was giving cause for concern, and when Thomas McNamara was appointed Provincial after the death of Philip Dowley, Michael Burke was brought back to Ireland to succeed him as superior in Phibsboro. While on a short break in Castleknock, he died. He is buried in Castleknock.

Thomas Murphy (St Vincent's, Mill Hill, 1898, aged 72) was born in 1825 in St Audoen's parish, Dublin. He joined the community in Paris in 1846 and was ordained in 1850. His first appointment was Castleknock and in 1857 he went to St Vincent's Seminary, Cork, and about 1860 to the ICP, where he spent about twenty-five years, before moving to Mill Hill where he died. He is buried in the DC cemetery there. Among James Lynch's effects is a notebook about an unnamed confrere, with many sermon and retreat notes and reflections; internal evidence of dates shows that it is about Thomas Murphy. In the Dublin diocesan archives are many letters written to Archbishop Paul Cullen, about education in Paris and other matters. They also show that he used to buy French books for the archbishop, and attend to subscriptions to various French periodicals. In the archives also is a handwritten *Life of Father Dowley and Life of Father Lydon*. In a letter to the provincial, Peter Duff, dated 16 March 1863, Thomas Murphy says he wrote it.

Liam O'Rafferty (Raheny, 2008, aged 86) born in Arklow, Co Wicklow in 1921.

March 27

John Shanahan (All Hallows, 1952, aged 77) was born in 1874, a member of a well-known family in Waterford, associated with Castleknock from almost its beginnings. On leaving Castleknock he went to Maynooth and in 1900 was ordained for his home diocese, but the following year he joined the Vincentians. He was in St Joseph's twice in his early years, and he taught in Castleknock for a year 1904-05, and was president for a year 1915-16. He then taught for eight years in St Mary's, Hammersmith, before going to All Hallows in 1924, remaining there until his death twenty-eight years later. His main life's work was teaching dogma, though he was never on the staff of the ICP. In his obituary in *Evangelizare* the anonymous writer said that "intellectually he was among the giants". His elder brother, Tom, was the first past student of Castleknock to be capped for Ireland in rugby.

William Meagher (Phibsboro, 1889, aged 90) was born in Tuam in 1899, and was educated in Castleknock. He joined the community in 1917. After ordination in 1924, in the Loreto Convent, Kilkenny, he went to Rome for a degree in theology, getting his STL after the first year and not returning to complete his doctorate. He was then appointed to Castleknock and was teacher, dean and prefect of studies, finally becoming president in 1938. He did a lot of planning with regard to meeting the need for more space, including more than one option for either a new wing or a separate building. Architects' plans for some of these are still extant, but the outbreak of war in 1939 put an end to any further move on the project. On completing his time as president in 1944 he was appointed superior in Phibsboro; it was not yet a parish at that stage. In 1950 he moved to Sheffield for four years, followed by eleven as spiritual director in Maynooth, followed by five in All Hallows. He then had three in Mill Hill parish, and then back to All Hallows. He spent the final ten years of his life in Phibsboro. CLQ 20

March 29

Richard Creagh Bodkin (Castleknock, 1925, aged 79) was born in 1846 in Limerick. He was educated in Castleknock, spending eleven years there from the age of ten till the end of his philosophy! He joined the community in Paris in 1865. He was ordained in 1870 and was appointed to St Vincent's Seminary, Cork. After five years he was appointed to Castleknock, and remained there until his death fifty-five years later. He was vice-president for sixteen years and prefect of studies for two, but most of his half century there was as a teacher. Science was his main subject and he gradually built up an excellently equipped science hall, mainly with his personal money. He also used his money for the purchase of library books. Later on he taught senior religion classes, and published *The Great Fundamental Truths of Religion*, of which a new edition came out in 1911. He also published *How to Reason, or the ABC of Logic* (1906) and *Logic for All* (1911). He stocked the priests' library with very well-chosen books. When Monsieur L Beyaert of Bruges (first name not known to me) was staying in the college painting the Stations of the Cross he was intrigued by Fr Bodkin, and he used to observe him closely at meals. He decided to paint his portrait secretly, and when he had finished the Stations and was leaving, he presented his portrait of Fr Bodkin to the college. It hung for years in the wide corridor officially known as St Vincent's Corridor; at present it is in storage until the current (2008) building programme is completed.

March 31

Joseph Slattery (Ashfield, 1931, aged 64) was born in 1866 in Waterford and educated at Castleknock, where he excelled in science. He joined the community in 1886. For the opening of St Stanislaus' College, Bathurst, in 1888, the provincial decided to send out to Australia three priests, one student, and three brothers. Joseph Slattery was the student, and he was ordained in Bathurst in 1891. His speciality was science, and one of his talents was the ability to construct specialist scientific apparatus. This led him on to experiment with X-rays, and in 1896 he used his experimental equipment on the hand of a boy which had been injured by shotgun pellets, which enabled proper treatment to be given. This led to Fr Slattery suddenly becoming famous, and his pioneering work was recognised. Around 1995 the Australian Post Office honoured his memory with a special stamp. In the early 1900s he also experimented successfully with wireless transmission. In his later years he was no longer involved in education, and his scientific work gave way to more conventional Vincentian ministries.

Henry O'Connor; 7th Visitor (Phibsboro, 1960, aged 76) was born in 1883 in Portarlinton, Co Laois, and educated at Castleknock. He joined the community in 1906 and was ordained in 1913. He was appointed to Castleknock and was dean 1915-17, prefect of studies 1919-24, and president 1926-32. He was on the Provincial Council 1931-32, and became Provincial in 1932. In 1938, when he finished as Provincial, he was on the mission staff in Phibsboro. I have heard it said that while he was prefect of studies and president in Castleknock he came to realise that earlier provincial policy of not sending students for university degrees in secular subjects was wrong, and persuaded James Bennett to reverse the policy. Those selected to get a degree spent the three years necessary in Clonliffe. (See *CLQ* 16 pp. 308-318). He was on the Provincial Council 1931-32. Apparently a lot of his family's wealth eventually came to him and he used much of it for community purposes. In Castleknock he built a new toilet block and a new shower block, as well as a new entrance gate and gate lodge. He subsidised publication of Fr Joe Leonard's translations of the works of Pierre Coste. There were probably also many other less well known projects. Apparently there was a perception that he was not very interested in the Irish province's mission in China; he never made a visitation of the house there. In 1934 he wrote to the Australian Provincial about another matter and mentioned that he was planning to visit Peking, although in fact he never did. Provincial; 1932-1942.

APRIL

April 1

James Leavy, sometimes Levy (Castleknock, 1868, aged 26) from Killendollin, diocese of Meath, was born in 1842. He joined the community in 1863. In the *Castleknock College Centenary Record* he appears in a group photograph dated 1865. He was ordained in September 1867; he died seven months later.

Peter Kelly* (Ashfield, 1934, aged 87) was from the diocese of Armagh and joined the community in 1880, aged thirty-three.

April 2

Patrick Boyle (Armagh, 1916, aged 44) was from Model Farm Road, Cork, born in 1849; this man is not the famous rector of the ICP. He was a lay teacher in Castleknock 1895-1900. He joined the community in 1902 and was ordained in 1904, aged thirty-three. These dates would suggest he had already done seminary studies earlier. His first appointment was to Castleknock, and then to Armagh in 1906.

Michael O'Farrell; Bishop of Bathurst (1928, aged 63) was from Milltown in the diocese of Meath, born in 1864. He was a student in Maynooth for his diocese until he joined the community in 1887, and was ordained three years later. He had two years teaching in the ICP, and three in All Hallows, before becoming a missionary, based in Cork, Phibsboro and Sheffield. In 1916 he was appointed to Ashfield, Sydney, with part-time work as spiritual director in the diocesan seminary. In 1920 he was appointed Bishop of Bathurst. He engaged in several building projects, churches, schools and presbyteries, and also St Vincent's Hospital in Bathurst. He died after only eight years as bishop.

James Patrick Murphy (Cork, 1952, aged 44) always known as Pat, was born in Monaghan in 1907, and joined the community in 1927. He was ordained in 1932, and appointed to Gateacre, where he made a reputation as a producer of Shakespearean plays in school. When that school closed in 1939 he was appointed to Castleknock, and in 1942 to Armagh. In neither of these colleges did he make the impact which he made in Gateacre. In 1947 he was on the mission team in Phibsboro. He came into his own again after going to Cork in 1949, where he built up the Miraculous Medal Novena on Monday nights, attracting an overflowing (literally) attendance to the church. He contracted some

illness necessitating the removal of an eye. His death certificate shows that he died of a coronary thrombosis in St Vincent's Presbytery.

Henry Gray (Lujan, Argentina, 1928, aged 78) was born in 1850 in Lisnadill, Armagh, and was educated in St Patrick's College. He joined the community in 1869 and was ordained in 1873 in Dundalk. He was on the staff in Armagh till 1879, when he was sent to Argentina when the provincial there asked for an Irish confrere to look after the Irish immigrants around the Marian shrine of Lujan. He was later in the provincial house in Buenos Aires, and in Montevideo in Uruguay. His next appointment was as professor and bursar in a Vincentian seminary for seven years. In 1905 he was appointed back to Lujan and spent the rest of his life there. He became famous among the Irish there, but also among the many pilgrims who came. *CLQ* 47

April 5

James Rodgers (All Hallows, 1967, aged 67) was from Goulbourn, Lancashire, and was born in Warrington in 1899. He was educated at Blackrock College and St Jarlath's, Tuam. He was a student for his diocese in Maynooth and joined the community in 1922 having almost completed his studies. He was ordained in 1924 and sent to Rome for a degree in canon law, a qualification needed in the province after the publication of the new code in 1917. He did brilliantly in his studies, and won medals. His first appointment was to Castleknock till 1932, when he was appointed to All Hallows. In 1948 he was appointed to St Joseph's to get to know the theologians in preparation for becoming the first superior of Glenart the following year. When he completed his term in Glenart in 1955 he returned to All Hallows and spent the rest of his life there. He was provincial bursar 1941-1957.

James Downey: Co-adjutor Bishop of Ossory, (1927, aged 53) was born in 1874 in Armagh and was educated in St Patrick's College. After several years in Maynooth he joined the community in 1896 and was ordained in 1899. He had periods teaching in Armagh, the ICP and Castleknock until 1916, when he was appointed spiritual director in Maynooth. In 1922 he was appointed coadjutor bishop of Ossory. The elderly Bishop Brownrigg had not wanted a coadjutor and gave him very little to do. In 1927 he became suddenly very ill and died in a nursing home in Dublin. Bishop Brownrigg refused to allow him be buried in the crypt of the cathedral in Kilkenny but his successor had the remains exhumed and re-interred in the crypt. I had correspondence with Bishop Laurence Forrestal to sort out the facts of his burials.

April 7

Edward Meehan (Castleknock, 1919, aged 38) was born in 1880 in Maryborough, now Portlaoise, and according to the *Centenary Record* he was a pupil in Castleknock for ten years. In his final year, as head prefect, he refused to go down to the gate with the group to cheer Queen Victoria as she passed on her way to Lutrellstown Castle (I think I heard this from Alex McCarthy, who was a boy in the college at the time). After ordination in 1907 he continued in St Joseph's, then had some years in Castleknock, followed by Drumcondra, Lanark and St Joseph's again. He returned to Castleknock in 1917 as president. He died in 1919, the only president to die in office since Philip Dowley. He died of a gastric ulcer and peritonitis.

John Henry (Cork, 1947, aged 84) was from Tubbercurry, Co Sligo, and entered the community in 1889 aged twenty-seven, and was ordained four years later. He was sent to Australia as a missionary. He was one of two sent to Tasmania to give a series of missions. Back in Australia he was one of those who gave missions in areas far away from the Vincentian houses. In the early twentieth century he was one of two sent to give missions in South Africa, at the request of a bishop who was a past pupil of Castleknock. He was back in Ireland before WWII, still as a missionary.

Joseph Sheedy; 9th Visitor (Blackrock, 1967, aged 70) was from Couraclare, Co Clare. He joined the community in 1919 aged twenty-three and was ordained in Rome in 1922. He was appointed to Drumcondra and in 1928 became superior in Lanark. In 1932 he was appointed rector of the ICP, not having previously been on the staff. James Cahalan told me that Fr Sheedy broke new ground by encouraging the students to get out and see more of Paris and France. In 1938 he was appointed Director of the Daughters of Charity for Ireland and Britain, one province at that time. In 1952 he became Provincial and continued as Director. Three years later he retired for reasons of health. His final years were in St Joseph's. Provincial 1952-1955.

April 8

Maurice Quish (Blackrock, 1919, aged 76) was born in Ballylanders, Co Kerry, in 1843, and was a student for Cashel diocese in the ICP. He was already a priest when he joined the community in 1866. He was superior in Sheffield in the 1890s, and spent the last dozen or so years of his life in Mill Hill.

April 9

John McDonnell (Givency, France, 1918, aged 40) was from St Patrick's parish, Cork city, and joined the community in 1898 aged twenty-two, and was ordained in 1904. He was in Phibsboro and Sheffield before he volunteered as an army chaplain in 1914. "On 9 April 1918 at Givency the 55th Machine-gun Battalion was the rock on which the German attack against the Lancastrians foundered. Its chaplain, Fr McDonnell C.M., was killed on the opening day of the attack attending the wounded under fire". (**The Cross on the Sword: Catholic Chaplains to the Forces**), Johnstone & Hagerty, 1996.

Francis Flynn (Elsinore, Denmark, 1953, aged 72) was never a member of the Irish Province. He was born in 1881 in Selby, Yorkshire; his family had a business in Sheffield. He finished his secondary education in the Vincentian college in Wernhoutsburg in Holland, a house of the Paris province. He joined the community in Paris in 1899, aged eighteen. In 1903 he was for a while in Mill Hill and the following year in Blackrock, returning to stay with his family for a while later that year. All these moves were because of the state of his health. He went to Dax in 1905 and was ordained there the following year. He was appointed to Elsinore in Denmark, a house of the Paris province, where he remained for the rest of his life. In 1908 he mentioned in a letter that he was speaking Danish "with great ease". For the later years there he had John William Kelly with him (See under 06 August). In 1927 he was appointed superior and parish priest. In 1996 I had an enquiry from his niece, looking for information about him.

April 10

John Myers (Blackrock (in Maynooth), 1896, aged 66) was born in Clonmel in 1830, and educated at Castleknock. He was ordained in June 1854 in Maynooth, and joined the community in September of the same year in Paris. He was in Sheffield in 1877 (see CLQ 33). In 1886 Patrick Boyle and himself were the first Vincentians to be appointed spiritual directors in Maynooth. He died in office ten years later and at his own request was buried in the college graveyard.

April 12

Edward Gallagher (Ashfield, 1956, aged 73) was an Australian. He was a qualified teacher when he joined the community in 1913 aged thirty. He was one of those who came to Blackrock for seminaire and studies, but moved on to Germantown, Philadelphia, where he was

ordained in 1917. He was on the staff of St Stanislaus' College, Bathurst, until he was appointed director of seminarists and students. In 1925 he was involved in discussions about Australia becoming a province; this was a topic at the Provincial Assembly in Dublin in 1925 at which he was a delegate. In November 1926 Australia became a province. Shortly after this he returned to Bathurst as president. In 1933 the community was invited to take over a seminary in Mosgiel, New Zealand, and Fr Gallagher was appointed as spiritual director. In 1941 he was once again appointed president of Bathurst. In 1947 he was appointed superior of the house of formation in Eastwood.

Patrick Quinn (Phibsboro (in Rickard House), 1998, aged 78) was from Ballyfeard, Co Cork. He joined the community in 1945 aged twenty-five. Before he joined he had won an All Ireland junior hurling medal, and had played on the same team as Christy Ring. His first appointment was sixteen years in Sunday's Well, where he was bursar. This was followed by short periods in Phibsboro, Hereford and Warrington. He then had fourteen years in Dunstable, followed by three in Rickard House while attached to Phibsboro. He made a deep impression on the people in all his appointments, but understandably most in the two places where he spent the longest time, Cork and Dunstable. He was always regarded as something of a mystic. CLQ 37

April 13

James Conway* (All Hallows, 1919, aged 75) was from the diocese of Ferns. There is nothing in the records of All Hallows about his work there or the length of time he was there before he died. Refer back to the March notes about the confusion between the two James Conways.

Francis Campbell* (Phibsboro, 1927, aged 79) was from Co Donegal; his date of birth is not on record. He joined the community in 1877. For many years was sacristan in Phibsboro. He was reputed to know all about the genealogies of Phibsboro people.

April 14

Matthew Barry (Ikot Ekpene, 2001, aged 64) was born in Dublin in 1936, but was from Co Meath. He was educated in Castleknock and joined the community in 1955. He was ordained in 1963 and appointed to Castleknock. He had one year's teaching, which he admitted was not work for which he was really fitted. After that year he became successively dean, prefect of studies and president. He was a member of

the executive of the Catholic Headmasters' Association and was on the Provincial Council for nine years. After seventeen years in Castleknock he was appointed director of the British Province of the Daughters of Charity. This necessitated several visits to Ethiopia, and this experience caused him to volunteer for Nigeria when his six years as director ended. He spent some months there, followed by a course in Rome and a year in Dublin doing the Loreto House course, before returning to Nigeria for the final dozen years of his life. He was involved in the formation of our own seminarists and students, and also of the young Daughters of Charity, and was director of the Daughters there for six years. *CLQ44*

April 15

Joseph Geoghegan (All Hallows, 1922, aged 73) was born in 1848 in Mullingar and entered the community in 1870. He was ordained in 1874 and had one year in Castleknock, and was then in Armagh. He returned to Castleknock as President 1895-1902. In his first year "a great new boiler" was installed in the farmyard to supply steam for cooking to the kitchen, for heating the rest of the house and the swimming bath, and for generating electricity. At that time also the western end of the main building was completed, where the community dining room is at present. This was financed by a gift from Fr George Carroll CM. The present crease was laid out. At this time also Fr Joseph Brady CM presented the statue of St Vincent which is now on the main staircase of the college. Shortly after leaving Castleknock he was superior in Phibsboro. In 1884 he was appointed to the Provincial Council and was still on it in 1922.

Nicholas Comerford (Sheffield, 1937, aged 63) was born in 1873. He was a student for Ossory diocese in the ICP before he joined the community in 1896. He was a younger brother of Edmund. He was ordained in 1902. He taught in Castleknock and Drumcondra. He went to Sheffield in 1913, and died there in 1937.

April 17

Bernard Buckley (Strawberry Hill (in Almuñecar, Spain), 1989, aged 78) was from Bristol and joined the community in Madrid in 1927 aged sixteen. His contact with the community had been with the confreres of the Madrid province in Potters Bar. He was ordained in 1935 and was appointed to Potters Bar. He then had a year in Burgos, followed by a year in the Spanish confreres' parish in Saffron Walden, Essex. In 1939 he was sent to the Madrid Province's missions in India and in 1943 he volunteered as a chaplain in the RAF and served in India and Burma.

After the war he had two years in Potters Bar and then changed to the Irish Province. He was in Phibsboro for some years as a missionary, and then back to Britain. He had three periods, including his final years, in Strawberry Hill, some time in Coventry, and also in Sheffield, Lanark, Goodmayes and twice in Hereford. He had five years as secretary to the Bishop of Gibraltar. He died of leukaemia. He wrote, but apparently never published, much poetry in both English and Spanish. *CLQ* 20

April 19

Joseph Lowe (Malvern, 1947, aged 85) was born in Albany, New York state, in 1861. The family returned to Ireland and Joseph was educated in Castleknock and joined the community in 1884 and was ordained in 1888, and was appointed to Bathurst, where “he held every post of responsibility until his retirement in 1921”.

Michael Crowley (St Vincent’s, Mill Hill (in St Leonard’s), 1968, aged 67) was born in 1900 in Hamiltonsbawn, Armagh, but when he joined the community in 1920 he was registered as being from Kilcogy, Co Cavan. He wanted to go to China and was sent to Dax to finish his studies and was ordained there in 1926. He stayed in China until about 1948. When he left, only Maurice Kavanagh remained there. Andy Kavanagh has a great obituary on him in *Evangelizare*, Easter 1969. In his twenty years in China he was all the time by himself in a small rural parish, and he went to Peking, by bike and train, at regular intervals to be with the community for a while. Back in Ireland he was in Glenart and then for years in Hereford, which he always regarded as his favourite appointment since his return from China. He had a serious cycling accident there, which caused him permanent pain subsequently, and he was sent to St Leonard’s on Sea for combined convalescence and chaplaincy, and he died there; he was attached to St Vincent’s, Mill Hill.

April 21

Philip Burton (Cork, 1900, aged 76) was born in 1823 in Kilbrin, diocese of Cloyne. He joined the community in 1844. In 1847 the community took over St Vincent’s Seminary, Cork. Roger Kickham was superior, with Laurence Gillooly and Philip Burton as his staff; the latter two were not ordained until December that year. In 1858 Fr Burton was headmaster for a short time, but was transferred to the mission staff in Phibsboro. The following year he was teaching Philosophy in the ICP. From 1864 to 1870 he was in Castleknock. For reasons of health, he spent 1872-74 in Algiers, where he got very interested in St Augustine.

He published a biography of the saint in 1886 which was well received. In 1896 he published a revised and enlarged second edition, and a third edition the following year. He also contributed articles on Augustine to the *Dublin Review*. He was in Cork in 1882.

April 22

Martin Whitty (Sheffield, 1911, aged 52) was born in 1858 in Carrick-on-Suir, was educated at Castleknock and joined the community in 1878. He was ordained in 1882 and was a few years in Castleknock before being appointed to the ICP to teach Moral Theology. For health reasons he left after some years. He was in St Joseph's in 1909 and in Sheffield in 1911. He was later ten years on the staff in Castleknock again. He then returned to Sheffield, where he died.

John Boyle (Cork, 1937, aged 85) was from Derry diocese, born in 1851. He joined the community in 1877. He had an elder brother Anthony, and a cousin Patrick, in the community. He was ordained in 1881. In the early years of the twentieth century he was in Lanark. A year or two before WWI a Canadian priest spoke to the students in Maynooth about the need for volunteers for the Chinese Missions. John's brother Anthony was one of the Spiritual Directors at the time and was so impressed by the talk that he decided to seek subscriptions towards a fund for educating indigenous Chinese priests. This appeal was very successful and was the start of the Boyle Fund. When Anthony Boyle died in 1926 his brother John continued to administer the Fund; in his later years he did this from Cork, and after his death in 1937 the Fund was administered by the superior in Cork.

April 24

Cornelius Hickey (Phibsboro, 1910, aged 91) was from Fethard, Co Tipperary. He joined the community in 1844 aged twenty-six; his ordination date is not on record. He was in Sheffield in 1863 and became superior there in 1882.

April 25

Patrick Mulderrig* (Castleknock, 1920, aged 77) was from the diocese of Killala. He had been working in the building trade in England. He returned to Ireland and joined the community in 1878 aged 35. Brothers John and James Conway, who had also been in the building trade in the UK, joined around the same time and all three continued to exercise

their trade in the community. Brother Mulderrig, and perhaps one of the Conways, was involved in building the swimming bath in Castleknock in 1886-7. It was he who started working the quarry in the college grounds. He was in charge of the college farm, and was, for some reason, known to the boys as Ajax. In later life he became an expert in poultry raising, and was one of the originators of arranging artificial sunlight to fool the hens. A photograph on page 131 of the *Castleknock College Centenary Record* shows the entire community in 1885, including the brothers; there were eleven brothers and ten priests.

April 26

Vincent O'Brien (Castleknock (in Rickard House), 2001, aged 75) was born in 1925 in Nurney, Co Kildare, and asked to be buried there after his death, which was done. He was educated in Castleknock, joined the community in 1943 and was ordained in 1950. He was ten years teaching science in Castleknock, having completed the first year of a BSc while in St Joseph's. In 1960 he was sent to Cork to complete his degree in UCC, and in 1962 returned to Castleknock for another eight years. He then had two years in St John's University, New York, doing an MA in Religious Studies, and then went to Nigeria for the rest of his life, except for the last few months in Castleknock and Rickard House. In Nigeria he was involved in education and various development projects, and was named a chief, the Oyame of Ogbogu. CLQ 44

Eugene Sweeney (All Hallows (in Rickard House), 2009, aged 98) born in Burtonport, Co Donegal in 1910. CLQ 57

April 28

Richard Kennedy; Seminarist (Blackrock, 1883, aged 22) does not appear in the Register of Entries. He is buried in the community graveyard in Castleknock, and on his tombstone his age is given as 22, meaning his birth was in 1861. Information about him is found in the *Castleknock Chronicle* and in the minutes of the Provincial Council. His sister became Mother General of the Loreto Order and often spoke to Fr Jerome Twomey CM, who had a sister in that community, about her brother.

James Murphy (4, Cabra Road, 1981, aged 64) was born in 1917 in Blackrock, Co Louth. He was educated in Castleknock and joined the community in 1936. He was ordained in 1943, and after a year in Maynooth he went to Rome to finish his degree in Theology, and

was appointed to All Hallows. In 1961-62 he re-wrote the Zualdi-O'Callaghan-Sheehy book *The Sacred Ceremonies of Low Mass*. In 1967 he became superior in Glenart, and then in St Joseph's. In 1970 he was appointed to Rome as secretary to the Superior General, returning to Dublin in 1975 as Provincial Secretary in 4, Cabra Road, where he met his death by a knife wound from an intruder. *CLQ* 3

April 29

Patrick Bannigan (Phibsboro, 1974, aged 75) was born in 1898 in Drumaney, Cookstown, and joined the community in 1920 and was ordained in 1927. He was a missionary all his life, apart from a period in the 1930s as curate in Mill Hill and later as parish priest there in the 1950s. He was famous for telling confreres in education to come out and be real priests.

MAY

May 1

Patrick Kilty (Cork, 1952, aged 80) was born in 1871 in Fermoy. He joined the community in 1893 and was ordained three years later. He taught in Castleknock 1897-1913, being dean for two of his early years. He was then appointed to the ICP as dean, and to teach History. Because of the outbreak of WWI he did not return to the college in 1914 and was appointed to Cork. In 1920 he was appointed superior in Sheffield. Afterwards he was a missionary. In the late 1920s, along with Fr Vincent McCarthy, he went on a six-month mission tour in South Africa. The only reference to this which I have been able to locate is in Kevin Cronin's obituary on Vincent McCarthy in the *Castleknock Chronicle*. He was superior also in Lanark, St Joseph's and Cork.

May 2

Diarmuid O Hegarty (Phibsboro, 2004, aged 79) was from Donnybrook, Dublin, born in 1924. He was educated in Castleknock. He always insisted that there should not be an apostrophe in his surname. He was ordained in 1950 and appointed to Drumcondra, and to St Paul's two years later. He was then dean in Armagh, and then back to Drumcondra. The fact that he was fluent in Irish was behind his appointments to Drumcondra. He had a short period as curate in Dunstable, followed by four years as spiritual director in Maynooth. He was then appointed superior in St Joseph's, during which time he was noted for his care of the elderly and infirm confreres there. The sale of the property was during his tenure. He then went to Phibsboro as curate, but with the sudden death of James Murphy he became Provincial Secretary, and was also given the chaplaincy of St Vincent's, Navan Road. At some stage he had a sabbatical of two years in St John's University, New York.

May 3

Francis McNamara* (Drumcondra, 1906, aged 68) was born in the diocese of Ardagh in 1838. His date of entry to the community is not recorded, but as he took his vows in 1861 it was probably 1859. For years he was the infirmarian in Castleknock, and had his pharmacy in The Old Building, which was later demolished to make way for the Study Hall wing. It also doubled as the tuck shop, and was the collection point for parcels from home. A writer in the *Centenary Record* says he was "the best-hearted and kindest man that ever lived".

Charles Boyle* (Blackrock, 1958, aged 81) was from Faughanvale, Derry and joined the community in 1916 aged thirty-nine. He was in the kitchen in Castleknock for years, and from 1932 in the same capacity in St Joseph's, where he also doubled as infirmarian.

May 4

Thomas Dunning (All Hallows, 1973, aged 60) was the elder of two brothers from Killenaule, Co Tipperary. He was born in 1913. He was educated at Castleknock where he was an outstanding student. He joined the community in 1932. During his time in St Joseph's he did brilliantly in his BA in Irish and English, and was invited by Jeremiah Hogan, Professor of English to continue for an MA. His thesis was *Piers Plowman: an Interpretation of the A-Text*, which earned him First Class Honours and was published. A second edition was published posthumously in 1980. After ordination he was appointed to Strawberry Hill. Professor Hogan was always keen to get him back to UCD, and succeeded in 1949, and he was appointed to St Joseph's. I had him during my final year in UCD and he was probably the best university lecturer I ever had. His final status was Professor of Old and Middle English. For residence he varied between St Joseph's and All Hallows, eventually being permanently in the latter. He wrote a small number of articles in his special field, but never another book.

John Oakey (Raheny, 1977, aged 75) was born in 1902 in Limavady. After ordination in Kilkenny in 1925 he was sent to Rome to study for a doctorate in philosophy in the Angelicum. He was awarded his degree for his thesis *De Stipendio Justo Opificum* (On a Just Wage for Workers) in 1927. The thesis is in Latin, and a copy is in the archives. He was sent to Gateacre when it was a house for philosophy students, and the following year he went to Paris for further studies, while acting as bursar in the ICP for one year. In 1930 he returned to the ICP as professor of Philosophy. In 1933 he was appointed again to Gateacre, for one year. He was then in Mill Hill. In 1969 He was appointed to St Paul's.

May 5

Richard Holmes* (Blackrock, 1934, aged 70) was from Delvin, Co Westmeath and joined the community in 1890 aged twenty-six. In his later years he was a permanent invalid.

May 6

James O'Doherty; 8th Visitor (Blackrock, 1977, aged 78) was from around Letterkenny, Co Donegal. He was born in 1899. Close to the end of his studies in Maynooth as a student for the diocese of Raphoe he joined the community in 1921 and was ordained two years later in Kilkenny. His first appointment was to Rome for a theology degree; he did not return after obtaining his STL. He then had a year teaching in St Joseph's, and two in Gateacre. He was director in St Joseph's from 1927 to 1937. He was appointed principal in Drumcondra in 1937, and joined the provincial council. In the same year he was appointed to the Provincial Council. He was appointed Provincial in 1942. He was later eighteen years as spiritual director in Maynooth, the second longest tenure of any director (Peter O'Leary was twenty). When the province of the Daughters of Charity was divided he became, in 1970, director of the Irish Province. His final years were in St Joseph's. Provincial; 1942-1952.

May 7

James Mahony; Seminarist (St Lazare, 1715, aged 22) was born in Cork city in 1693. After becoming a Catholic he entered the community in Paris in 1714 and died there the following May.

John Doyle (Castleknock, 2006, aged 78) was from Phibsboro, born in 1926, and was educated by the Christian Brothers at St Vincent's, Glasnevin. He joined the community in 1944 and was appointed to Castleknock. While there he did an MA in history. He was transferred to Strawberry Hill in 1966. In 1973 he became president of St Patrick's College, Armagh and three years later principal of St Patrick's, Drumcondra. Because of ill health he was moved to Castleknock in 1985. CLQ 56

May 8

Joseph Cullen (Phibsboro, 1970, aged 69) was from Castleknock where his father was dispensary doctor, and was educated in the college. He had two uncles, Paul and Edmund, in the community, and was a grand-nephew of Cardinal Paul Cullen. He was born in 1900 and joined the community in 1917. After ordination in 1925 he was appointed to All Hallows, and three years later to Drumcondra. He became parish priest in Mill Hill in 1935, and was there in the early years of the war. He was injured in some way in an air raid; I think I heard that it was by falling masonry. He was spiritual director in Clonliffe, 1945-49, and in

Glenart for its first three years, 1949-52. After that he was on the staff of Phibsboro.

Francis Sweeney (Cork, 1984, aged 81) was from Achill Sound, Mayo, and was educated at Clongowes. He was involved in running the family business until he joined the community in 1932 aged 29. For most of his life he was engaged in parish missions. He had seventeen years in Phibsboro, eight in Lanark and thirty-two in Cork. He was appointed bursar in Cork in 1968, and his work changed radically when UCC students were accepted into the house. He proved able to have some sort of spiritual ministry to them as well as financial. *CLQ 10*

Patrick Brady (Phibsboro, 1991, aged 83) was from Lisnaskea, Co Fermanagh, born in 1908. He joined the community in 1927. He had some short appointments in Mill Hill, Blackrock and Lanark before seven years in Castleknock, teaching mainly Latin. Then followed short spells in Lanark and Cork (to complete his degree), and then seven in Strawberry Hill. Then seven (again!) in St Leonard's-on-Sea, and finally twenty-five in Phibsboro. His brother Bernard did philosophy in Gateacre but did not proceed to St Joseph's. *CLQ 24*

May 10

Edmund Corcoran (Phibsboro, 1899, aged 34) was born in Kingstown, now Dun Laoghaire, in 1860. He joined the community aged twenty-three and was ordained in 1887 and sent to Australia. For reasons of health he soon returned to Ireland in the early 1890s and died in Phibsboro.

Joseph Walshe; 5th Visitor (St Vincent's, Mill Hill, 1925, aged 76) was from Killenaule. He joined the community in 1871, aged twenty-one and was ordained four years later. He was Provincial 1909-21, and spent the final four years of his life in Mill Hill. It was during his time as Provincial that the Irish mission in China began. Provincial; 1909-1921.

Edmund Barry (Lanark, 1961, aged 76) from the South Parish in Cork, was the younger brother, by ten years, of Brother Philip Barry. He joined the CM in Paris in 1906, aged twenty-two. His formation was in Paris, Panningen (Holland) and Dax, and he was ordained in Paris in 1912. He worked in Greece and Brazil, before joining the Irish Province in 1919. He served in Mill Hill, Cork and Lanark.

May 11

Laurence Laffan (Blackrock, 1932, aged 70) was born in 1882 in Borrisoleigh, in the diocese of Cashel. He joined the community in 1903 and was ordained in Thurles six years later. His first appointment was to Armagh, and then he had two four-year periods in Castleknock, separated by his time as an army chaplain, with Australian troops, in WWI. He was appointed to Australia in 1922 for seminary work, but seems not to have been able to relate well with students. He died in Blackrock in 1932, having returned to Ireland a very short time previously.

May 12

John O'Hare (Lanark, 1996, aged 80) was born in 1915 in Newry, and educated in St Colman's College there. He joined the community in 1934 and his first appointment was to Armagh. After eight years there he left the education world for that of parishes, serving as curate in Sheffield, Hereford and Dunstable. He then became parish priest of Hereford, followed by periods in Lanark and Phibsboro, before becoming parish priest of Dunstable. He then had some years in Lanark, then Glasgow, and his final couple of years in Lanark. He died quietly in an armchair in the community room after lunch. CLQ 34

May 13

Michael Maher (Malvern, 1909, aged 58) was born in 1851 in Athlone, was educated at Castleknock and joined the community in 1875. In 1881 he went as professor of philosophy to the ICP and in 1889 returned to Ireland as spiritual director in Maynooth. Three years later he was appointed superior in Malvern. In 1895 he became the first Vice-Provincial in Australia, while retaining his post in Malvern. He was much in demand as a preacher on important occasions, and an invitee at various ceremonial functions, and all this told on his health. In 1908 he was relieved of his position as Vice-Provincial, at his own request, and died the following year.

May 14

George Campbell (Drumcondra, 1906, aged 63) was from Templemore, Derry. He joined the community in 1863 aged twenty-one, and was ordained in 1867. He taught scripture and canon law in the ICP up to 1893, when he returned to Ireland and was in Drumcondra for the rest of his life. He used his personal money to finance the completion of the main building in Castleknock, with the erection of the end block for the

infirmary, with the present community dining room on the ground floor. He also financed the new, street-level, sacristy in Sunday's Well, and there is a plaque commemorating this.

May 15

Michael Cody (Castleknock, 1886, aged 63) was from Callan, Co Kilkenny. He joined the community in Paris in April 1855, aged thirty-three, and was ordained in Maynooth the following month! He was in Cork at the time of the opening of the church in 1856. He was then in Phibsboro for the rest of his life, and was appointed as the first Catholic chaplain to the new Mountjoy Jail.

May 16

Christopher Vaughan (Les Invalides, Paris, 1763, aged 84) was born in Navan in 1678 and joined the community in Paris in 1711. There is no further information about him on record until his death fifty-two years later.

Nicholas Rossiter (Guildford, Australia, 1968, aged 68) was one of the early group of Australians to join the community. They did their initial studies in Australia and then came to Blackrock for their seminaries. They went to Dax for theology but did not like it there and finished their courses in Rome. Nicholas Rossiter was born in 1899, and joined the community in 1919 and was ordained in Rome in 1923, and, with a doctorate, returned home for seminary work. In 1945 he was appointed Provincial of Australia. One of his main aims was to re-invigorate the ministry of parish missions. In 1958 he finished his term as Provincial and died ten years later. In 1950 he wrote a life of Jean-Baptiste Etienne, circulated as a type-written duplicated booklet.

May 17

Dermot Duggan (The Hebrides, 1657, aged 37) was born in the diocese of Emly in 1620 and joined the community in 1645. Some years later he was in Le Mans. He was one of the team giving missions in Limerick in the late 1640s. After his return to France he was sent by Vincent to the Scottish Highlands. Later he went to the island of Barra in the Outer Hebrides, where he died, and where his memory is still a living tradition.

May 19

Martin Nolan (Cork, 1900, aged 38) was from Nenagh, Co Tipperary, and joined the community in 1887 aged twenty-seven. He was ordained in 1890 and sent to Cork, where he died ten years later.

John Hall (Ashfield, 1953, aged 74) was born in 1878 in Sydney and was the first Australian to join the community, in 1899. His younger brother Mark followed six years later. He was sent to Blackrock for his seminaire and theology, and returned to Sydney to be ordained in 1904. He was appointed to the college in Bathurst, ending his time there as president. He attended the Provincial Assembly in Dublin in 1925, with a brief to advocate the establishment of Australia as a separate province. On his return he was relieved of the superiorship in Bathurst, and appointed to missions and parish work.

May 20

John Gill (Cork, 1953, aged 73) was born in 1880 in Westport, Co Mayo. He was educated in Castleknock, and joined the community in 1900. He was appointed to Castleknock after his ordination in 1906. Six years later he was sent to the ICP as bursar and in 1914 volunteered as an army chaplain. From 1926 to 1928 he was once again bursar in the ICP, and after that spent the rest of his life in missions and retreats. I experienced three of his retreats, one as a boy in Castleknock and two while I was a seminarist and student. I regard them as among the best retreats I ever attended. He used a lot of poetry quotations, very effectively. In the early numbers of the *Castleknock Chronicle* there is plenty of evidence of his prominence as an actor while he was a boy.

Thomas Hickey (Raheny, 1963, aged 75) was from Glenageary, Co Dublin. He was born in 1887 and was educated at Castleknock. He joined the community in 1908. He was ordained in 1916 in Glasgow and appointed to Castleknock, being dean for five years. He had one year in St Joseph's as assistant (and possibly as director), followed by a short while in Phibsboro. He was sent to Gateacre to prepare the house for CM occupation. He returned to Castleknock in 1926 and made a huge impact as bursar over many years. He was on the Provincial Council 1932-48. Leaving Castleknock he had a year in Cork, and then retired to St Paul's in 1951. During my last year(s) in Glenart, 1950-54, he came down once a week as confessor.

May 21

Alexander McCarthy (Castleknock, 1957, aged 75) was born in 1882 in Feenagh, Co Limerick. He was educated in Castleknock, and after ordination he remained for one year in St Joseph's, possibly to teach philosophy, as he had an MA in that subject. He then had (most of) one year, 1915-16, in Drumcondra. He used to recall, frequently, that towards the end of his period there Peter Byrne, the former principal, looked across the table at him and asked John Flynn, the principal, who that young man was! There were only four in the community at the time. He spent the rest of his life in Castleknock. He was vice-president for thirteen years, and prefect of studies for two. His main subject was Irish, and for many years he went to the Gaelteacht in Blacksod, Co. Mayo, every summer. I had him for Irish in second year, for history & geography and English in fourth year, and religion in sixth year. He was a very popular confessor for the boys. He took immense interest in the rugby teams, attending almost all the friendly matches at home and never missing a cup match for many years. I was with him in the community for his last three years and he had a fund of stories, in which exaggeration often played a part. He had very simple beliefs, such as that Castleknock was perfect and that Clongowes was not!

May 22

Patrick Kearney (Castleknock, 1864, aged 32) was born in Donagh, Derry, in 1831. He was ordained in December 1855 and joined the community in Paris in June 1856. He had a short while in Castleknock and in 1862 became the first superior in St Patrick's College, Armagh. He probably spent the rest of his short life in Phibsboro.

Henry Morrin (Ikot Ekpene, 1965, aged 56) was the younger of the two brothers from Baltinglass. He was born in 1909 and was educated at Castleknock. In 1927 he was one of the group which went to Gateacre for philosophy. He was ordained in 1934 and was back in Gateacre as a mathematics teacher. In 1937 he was appointed to the ministry of parish missions and retreats. When the new mission in Nigeria opened in 1960 he was one of the three appointed to go there, and threw himself enthusiastically into his new field of work. He was on the initial stage of returning to Ireland for reasons of health when he died.

May 24

William Purcell (All Hallows, 1961, aged 69) was from Ballycahill, Thurles, born in 1891. He had almost completed his course in Maynooth

as a student for Cashel diocese, when he joined the community in 1916; he was ordained two years later. Apart from eight years, 1922-30, as director in St Joseph's he spent all his life in All Hallows, as spiritual director, professor of pastoral theology and lastly as rector from 1948. He was on the Provincial Council 1952-1961. In 1971 Kevin Condon published a selection of his conferences to the students, under the title *Between the Unseen and the Seen*. This was the All Hallows Annual for that year.

May 25

Richard Macken (Ashfield, 1953, aged 71) was from Co Meath and joined the community in 1899, aged eighteen. His first appointment was to Castleknock as bursar; this was during the years of WWI. He next went to St Mary's, Hammersmith, and then had a short period on missions before going to Australia in 1921. His first ministry was parish missions, then parish priest of Ashfield. Daughters of Charity went to Australia in 1926. When their numbers grew Fr Macken was appointed their Assistant Director. In 1934 he was appointed Provincial of Australia. He continued the policy of his predecessor, Maurice O'Reilly, in regarding the primary work of the province as missions, then seminaries and then other works, especially education. He also continued the policy of sending men to Rome for degrees and also others to universities for degrees in secular subjects. In 1945 his resignation as Provincial after twelve years in office was accepted.

Jeremiah Twomey (All Hallows, 1979, aged 67) was born in 1912 in Castleisland, Co Kerry. In the Register of Entries, which is in Latin, he is down as Jeremias Josephus. He was always known as Jerome, with the stress sometimes on the first syllable and sometimes on the second. In Irish he signed himself as Diarmuid and in Latin as Hieronymus. He was educated in Castleknock where he was a brilliant pupil, as he was later in UCD. He joined the community in 1930, and was ordained in 1937. He was never sent for further studies, although later he taught theology, philosophy and Scripture. He was ordained in 1937 and for the next five years taught in St Joseph's. He was a fluent Irish speaker and as a result was appointed principal of Drumcondra in 1942. In 1948 he was sent to Strawberry Hill, becoming Vice-Principal. In 1960 he was appointed superior in St Joseph's, where he also taught philosophy. His final appointment was to All Hallows in 1966. He was always a voracious reader and had the reputation of retaining all he read, even after a quick skim through a book off the shelf in a bookshop. For a number of years he issued *Book Notes* giving his views on recently published books, but also all sorts of snippets of CM history. He did a lot of research on the

latter topic. During his years in Strawberry Hill he researched the French émigré confreres who came to England after the French Revolution. He wrote a long article on this which was translated into French by Charles Siffrid CM, who was in Isleworth, and it was published in the *Annales de la Mission*, with additional material by Fernand Combaluzier CM (Vol. 123, pp. 222-229); it has never appeared in English, though short extracts were sent by Jerome for printing in *Evangelizare*. I was with him in All Hallows for some years and I remember two extraordinary facts about him. He could, simultaneously, conduct a conversation with one person, follow a TV programme, and listen in to another conversation talking place in another part of the community room; he was fully tuned-in to all three. He had a frightful smokers' cough but, in order not to lose his dominance in a conversation he could continue speaking through his coughing! He was a fascinating man to listen to.

Timothy O'Donnell* (Sheffield, 1909, aged 71) was from Mitchelstown, Co Cork, and joined the community in 1862 aged twenty-four. He spent all his life as sacristan in Sheffield. He had a reputation for a high degree of sanctity.

May 28

John Skehill* (Ashfield, 1935, aged 68) was the first Australian to apply for admission as a brother. This was in 1890 when he was twenty-three. He spent the forty-one years of his community life in Ashfield. His particulars were not entered in our Register, but a note was inserted about his death in 1935, initialled JO'D.

Michael Howard (Phibsboro, 1966, aged 77) was from Malahide, Co Dublin, where the family business was a butcher's shop. He was educated by the Christian Brothers at O'Connell Schools, and joined the Civil Service; he told me he worked in the Land Commission. In 1913 he married Alice Talbot (I doubt if she was one of the Talbots of Malahide Castle!) After her death he joined the community in 1917 aged twenty-eight. After ordination in 1923 he was sent to China, perhaps at his own request. He returned to Dublin for a visit at the time of the Eucharistic Congress in 1932. He wrote an account of his journey, spread over several issues of the Sheffield *Vincentian*. By the end of the last printed episode he was still far from Dublin, and although *To be continued* appeared at the end, no more episodes did in fact appear. Those that were printed were fascinating reading. He returned to Ireland and was appointed to Sheffield in 1946. From 1949 he spent the rest of his life in Phibsboro. He was a regular visitor to Glenart during the

summer, always with Bill Meehan, a rather unexpected partnership. His photograph album is in the archives.

May 30

Joseph Brady (Lanark, 1900, aged 29) was from Blackrock, Co Dublin, and joined the community in 1890 aged twenty, and was ordained in 1894. He was appointed to Lanark where he died six years later. He had an influence, though not generally realised, on several generations of Vincentian seminarists, because it was he who translated Bougaud's life of St Vincent into English. In 1896 he presented the statue of St Vincent, the one with the glass eyes, which stands on the main staircase in Castleknock. He was the subject of perhaps the most unreasonable request I ever received as archivist. A nun wrote to me because she thought Fr Brady was a cousin of her grandfather, or some such matter. Her request was for a list of all those who attended Fr Brady's ordination!

William O'Sullivan (Cork, 1933, aged 65) was from Shandon Street, Cork. He was born in 1867 and was a student in Maynooth for Cork diocese before he joined the community in 1888. He was ordained in Sligo four years later. His first appointment was to Drumcondra, part of the new Vincentian administration. He was then some years in St Joseph's, then Phibsboro, followed by a long spell in Cork, becoming with superior in 1929.

May 31

Patrick McGirr* (Castleknock, 1866, aged 51) was from Fallagherin, Erilkerrin, Co Armagh, and joined the community in 1847 aged thirty-seven.

Edmund Cullen (Drumcondra, 1938, aged 68) was the younger brother of Paul, by six years. They were from a prominent farming family in Co Meath, and were nephews of the Cardinal. They also had a nephew, Joseph, in the community. He was born in 1869 and educated in Castleknock. He joined the community in 1889, and after ordination in 1893 he spent nine years in Castleknock. He was in St Joseph's after that. He became president of St Patrick's College, Armagh 1917. Some years ago in the Trian in Armagh there was an exhibition of old photographs of the city, and one of them showed Fr Cullen refereeing a Gaelic football match in the college grounds, while mounted on a horse. He became Principal of Drumcondra in 1924 and was in office up till the year before his death. During that period he edited *A Century of Irish Vincentian Foundations 1833-1933*.

JUNE

June 1

Michael [O'] Dwyer (Phibsboro, 1959, aged 61) was from Castlecomer, Co Kilkenny. After some years in St Kieran's College he joined the community in 1918 aged twenty. In our records, and in oral memory, the O comes and goes in his surname. He began his theology in Dax and was then sent to Rome for a degree in theology and ordained there in 1922. He apparently got his degree, but never seems to have taught theology; he taught philosophy in Gateacre in 1927-8. He seems to have spent the rest of his life in parishes, missions and retreats. He corresponded regularly with the now canonised Padre Pio. In 1955 he was lodging in the gate lodge of The Grange, now St Joseph's, Clonsilla, as chaplain. I spent a couple of weeks there with him, as my room in Castleknock was required for a visiting confrere! I had much dialogue with him. He had great faith in Boylan, the herbalist in Dunboyne, and had a mini-carboy of a brew which he called Nettle Water. He strongly recommended me to try it, but I always refused. *En passant*, Donal Cregan and Peter Darcy also had great faith in Boylan's remedies.

June 3

Paul Donnelly (Ashfield, 1919, aged 46) was from Belfast and joined the community in 1896 aged twenty-three. He was sent to Australia. In 1911 he was chosen to go on a mission tour of South Africa with John Hagarty.

Philip Dowley (junior) (Castleknock, 1864, aged 28) was from Mothel parish, Waterford, the same one as his namesake the first Provincial; they were therefore probably related, perhaps uncle and nephew. He joined the community in 1858 aged twenty-two. He was ordained in 1863 and died the following year. His namesake had died five months previously.

Gerald Doyle (Dunstable (in Dublin), 2002, aged 66) was the younger brother of John. They were from Phibsboro and educated at St Vincent's, Glasnevin. He was generally known as Ger, but this was not liked by his mother. Gerry was also common, but she preferred the full name. After ordination he was sent to Rome and got his STL, with the idea of later completing a thesis; this, however, did not materialise. He was appointed curate in Dunstable. After about seven years there he had a year in Goodmayes and was then appointed to Phibsboro for ministry to

the deaf. After seven years he was appointed to Lanark as parish priest, and in 1994 as parish priest in Dunstable. He came to Dublin in 2002 for the celebration of John's golden jubilee of ordination, took unexpectedly ill, and died. CLQ 46

Brian Doyle (Raheny, 2007, aged 64) was from Phibsboro but no relation to John and Gerald. He was ordained in 1967 and appointed to Dunstable. After five years he was chosen as the first director of the new retreat and conference house, Damascus House, in Mill Hill. He then had three years as chaplain in Strawberry Hill, then three more in the evolving All Hallows. After a sabbatical year in Australia he was Parish Priest in Phibsboro for seven years. He then had a year in Drumcondra and another in Toronto, before going to Isleworth for five years, the latter part of that time being as an invalid after a serious stroke. His final four years were in St Paul's. CLQ 55

June 4

James Chadwick (Castleknock, 1863, aged 34) was from Borrisoleigh, Cashel diocese. He joined the community in 1854 aged twenty-five and was ordained the following year and died nine years later.

June 6

John Ryan (Southport, 1947, aged 75). This is not the confrere of the same name who was involved in early radio experiments. This man was from St Audoen's parish, High Street, Dublin, and joined the community in 1893 aged twenty-one and was ordained the following year. He was sent to Australia and in 1923 he was appointed superior in Malvern. Some years later he went to give missions in the diocese of Geraldton, where Richard Ryan CM was bishop.

John Thompson (Rockhampton, 1958, aged 65) was the elder brother of Jim, whose anniversary is tomorrow. They were educated first by the Christian Brothers in O'Connell Schools, and then at Castleknock. He joined the community in 1913 and was ordained in 1919. They were both on the staff in Castleknock, but not at the same time. They were both in Strawberry Hill later, together. In 1920 he was appointed to teach philosophy in the ICP and the following year transferred to St Mary's College, Hammersmith, moving with the college to Twickenham. Towards the end of the 1920s the bishops of New South Wales asked the Irish Provincial to provide a suitably qualified confrere to be Director of Catholic Primary education in NSW. John Thompson was chosen,

and lent to Australia for a five year period; like many such loans it became permanent. He was asked by the bishops to spend a year touring Europe to find out what was going on in the area of Catholic Primary Education before coming to Australia. He arrived in Sydney in 1929. He was appointed vice-rector, and later elected rector, of St John's College, Sydney. He remained in that post for twenty-five years, and died in office.

James Wigmore (Eastwood, 1960, aged 82) was from Lisscarroll and was a student for the diocese of Cloyne in the ICP when he joined the community in 1897, aged twenty-two. He was ordained in Rome in 1902 and got a doctorate in theology; in later life he appears always to have been known as Doctor Wigmore. In the years 1905-11 he was in the ICP, and was then appointed to Sheffield. A short time later he went to Australia and was involved in teaching philosophy to candidates for the community before they were sent to Blackrock.

William Meehan (All Hallows, 1965, aged 67) was from Bootle, Liverpool, and joined the community in 1918 aged twenty-one. He was ordained in Rome in 1922, and got a doctorate in theology. He was teaching in Castleknock 1924-26, and was then appointed to All Hallows where he remained for the rest of his life.

June 7

Joseph Byrne; Seminarist (Blackrock, 1899, aged 27) was from Arran Quay parish in Dublin, and joined the community in 1895 aged twenty-four. In August the Provincial Council decided that his taking of vows should be postponed, for reasons of health. He was therefore a seminarist, not a student, when he died in St Joseph's in 1899.

James Thompson (Sheffield (in Dublin), 1947, aged 49) was the younger brother of John. After ordination he taught in Castleknock, and then in Strawberry Hill where he pioneered new ways of teaching the religion lesson in primary schools, and his work is acknowledged by Kevin Cronin in his book on the same subject. In 1944 he was appointed parish priest in Sheffield, but took ill shortly afterwards. He was brought over to St Anne's Hospital in Dublin, where he died.

Denis O'Donovan (Cork (in Taipei, Taiwan), 1995, aged 54) was from Castletroy, Limerick and educated at Castleknock. After ordination in 1967 he was appointed to Castleknock, where he remained for twenty-six years, including a period as dean. He got very interested, in a practical

way, in the project of rehabilitating the Royal Canal in the local area. He was transferred to Cork, in 1993, as curate. In 1995, in response to a suggestion sent to the province by Fr Hugh O'Donnell in Taiwan, he was asked to go and stay there for part of the summer, just to see and experience what the Congregation was doing there. After a meal on the day of his arrival he went for a lie-down, and was later found dead. It was the first time many of us ever heard of deep-vein thrombosis after a long flight. CLQ 32

June 8

Eugene Gavin (Phibsboro, 1916, aged 56) was from Kells, Co Meath, and was an elder brother of Thomas. William, also from Kells, was probably a relative. He joined the community in 1881 aged twenty-one, and was ordained in 1886. He was in Sheffield for many years at the end of the 19th and start of the 20th centuries, before going to Phibsboro.

Andrew Moynihan (Phibsboro, 1959, aged 89) was born in the Broadstone area of Dublin and was educated in Castleknock. He was ordained in 1893. His health was not too good and the story is that he was ordained early so that he might die a priest, which he eventually did at the age of 89. After ordination he taught moral theology in St Joseph's, then was director there for a while, and then back teaching moral theology. He was principal in St Mary's College, Hammersmith, 1909-12, and then had nineteen years in Australia, including the teaching of moral theology again. In 1931 he was a delegate at the General Assembly in Paris, after which he elected to remain in Ireland and was appointed to Sunday's Well, and then went to Phibsboro in 1935 for the rest of his life. He was an uncle of John K Murphy.

Thomas Slaven (Cork, 1961, aged 75) was from Gourrock, Glasgow. In our records his name has the variants Slaven, Slavin, Slevin. He joined the community in 1914 aged twenty-eight, having been a teacher. He was ordained four years later. He had two periods in Castleknock, 1920-23 and 1927-35, with Mill Hill in between. In 1937 he was appointed to Cork, then had another period in Mill Hill, returning to Cork in 1946.

June 9

James Doyle (Lanark, 1947, aged 70) was born in Killorglin, Co Kerry, in 1877 and was educated in Castleknock and joined the community in 1898; he was ordained in Paris in 1903. He obtained in Rome a doctorate embracing three fields, philosophy, theology and canon law (The wording

of that sentence may not be strictly precise). He taught in Castleknock 1906-09, and was then appointed to the Irish College Paris (ICP) to teach philosophy. He did not return to the college after the outbreak of WWI in 1914, and was appointed to St Mary's, Hammersmith, later becoming principal. It was he who oversaw the transfer of the college to Strawberry Hill, selling the property in Brook Green, Hammersmith to the Lyons Tea Shops firm. He apparently made a big impression on the management of that firm by his business acumen. His final ten years were in Lanark.

June 10

Richard Ryan; Bishop of Sale (1957, aged 77) was from Liverpool. He joined the community in 1901 aged 21. He was ordained in 1907 and sent to Australia. In 1917 it was considered bringing him back to be director in St Joseph's, but this was not done. He was superior in Malvern in 1920 when the Provincial in Dublin nominated him as superior of the new mission in Peking, as he had previously indicated a desire to go on the foreign missions. But when it came to the possibility of his actually going he felt that he was, by then, too old. Also, he did not like the distinct possibility that he would be appointed bishop. Later on he thought that the whole idea of starting a mission in China had been a mistake. In 1921 the Superior General considered appointing him Provincial in Ireland, in succession to Joseph Walshe, but appointed James Bennett instead. He put a lot of work into developing the parish of Malvern. In 1923 it had been decided that he would succeed Paul Cullen as Vice-Provincial in Australia, and that James Bennett would announce this during his visitation of Australia that year. However, shortly before that happened, the Holy See appointed him Bishop of Geraldton, about two hundred miles north of Perth in Western Australia. In 1926 he was moved to the diocese of Sale, in Victoria.

June 11

William Coleman; Seminarist (Blackrock, 1902, aged 20) was born in Waterford in 1881. He was educated in Castleknock and joined the community in 1901. He was drowned in the Forty-Foot the following year, as the *Chronicle* records: "The poor young fellow attempted deep-water bathing at Sandycove... and the attempt was his first and last. After having been a short time in the water he sank with a sudden cry, never again to come to the surface alive". Fr Con Murphy, in a foolscap diary-cum-notebook, mentions this event under "Death" in notes for sermons or conferences: "William B Coleman, one of my fellow seminarists, was

drowned in ‘the Forty Foot’, Sandycove... Up to the moment he entered the water he was joking and laughing as usual... I arrived just as he had disappeared under the water. I shall never forget that scene – the death struggle going on under water, the terrible excitement on the landing and our inability to do anything for the unfortunate poor fellow. In five minutes the whole thing had taken place and the body of our confrere was lying almost at the foot of the rock upon which we were standing. An inquest was held that night and for the first and I hope the last I was sworn in as a juror.”

June 12

Peter Mullan (Phibsboro, 1961, aged 67) was from Armagh city and educated at Castleknock. He did 1st and 2nd Arts in UCD, while living in Castleknock, and apparently did his final year while in digs in the city. He joined the community in 1915 aged twenty-one. He did his theology in Dax and was ordained there in 1920 and was appointed to Castleknock. He was bursar 1922-26. After two or three years in the ICP as bursar, he returned to Castleknock in 1932 and was there until 1942. After some years in Phibsboro he returned to Castleknock as temporary replacement bursar when Fr Tommy Hickey was ill, and then returned to Phibsboro. He was a very popular confessor, and also Irish Director of the Priests’ Eucharistic League, the Archconfraternity of the Blessed Sacrament. This involved a lot of correspondence to and from all parts of the world. In many places, including his In Memoriam card, his surname is spelt Mullen, but when I was a boy in Castleknock the spelling was definitely Mullan, and his two nephews there at the time also used that spelling.

John Kenny (Goodmayes, 1982, aged 69) was from Markethill, Co Armagh, and joined the community in 1933 aged twenty-one. He was appointed to Armagh and remained there for twenty-eight years, and then had fourteen years in Goodmayes. These two were his only appointments. In both he was recognised as a deeply spiritual man, and excellent in these two different fields of ministry. The turnout of diocesan priests and laity at his funeral was an indication of how he was regarded.

CLQ6

James O’Brien (St Louis, MO USA, 1988, aged 73) was from the cathedral parish in Cork and did his philosophy in Mount Melleray before joining the community in 1935 aged twenty. He was ordained in 1940. He was an accomplished musician and very interested in Gregorian Chant, and was in contact with Dom Winoc Mertens OSB in Glenstal

on this subject. He had periods in St Joseph's, Cork, Phibsboro, and in some parish(es) in the UK. He was on loan for a while to a diocese in New Zealand, and had a period in the secretariate in Paris. In 1971 he was in St Louis, Missouri and remained in the US for the rest of his life. He formally joined the Mid-west province in 1983.

June 14

John Gilmartin (Phibsboro, 1945, aged 72) was born in Borrisoleigh in the diocese of Cashel in 1873 and joined the community in 1892 and was ordained in 1896 in All Hallows. After some years in Castleknock he moved through Hammersmith, Lanark, the ICP, St Joseph's and went to Australia in 1906. In Fr Frank Bourke's book on the CM in Australia his name occurs only in the necrology list. He was in Cork and Phibsboro in 1922 and that same year became superior in Lanark. After six years he returned to Phibsboro and was there for the remaining thirty-seven years of his life. His death certificate gives intestinal obstruction as the cause of death.

June 15

Denis O'Sullivan (Blackrock, 1937, aged 64) was from SS Peter & Paul parish in Cork city and joined the community in 1893 aged twenty-one. He left in September 1895 and was received back in October the following year, and ordained in St Joseph's in 1900. He was immediately appointed to the ICP and taught scripture there, apart from a brief spell in Castleknock, until the outbreak of war in 1914. During the war he was back in Castleknock, and then had three years as provincial bursar, returning to the ICP in 1921. He left the college in 1923 for short periods in Mill Hill and Phibsboro, but returned in 1930. In 1936 he retired from teaching, because of deafness, but remained in residence in the college. In May 1937 he retired to Blackrock and died in hospital the following month.

June 16

Patrick Normoyle* (Blackrock, 1960, aged 88) was from Kilmihil, Co Clare and joined the community in 1923 aged fifty-one. In my student days it was said he had been a steam-roller driver with some county council, possibly in England. He had only two appointments, Gateacre till some months before it closed in 1939 and St Joseph's.

John Gerard Shannon (Lanark, 1973, aged 69) was from Shieldmuir, Glasgow. He was educated in Castleknock, spending seven years there from the age of ten. He joined the community in 1920 and was ordained in Kilkenny in 1926. He obtained a doctorate in theology in Rome and was appointed to St Joseph's in 1928. In the earlier Catalogues he appears as John Shannon. The following year he was appointed to Strawberry Hill, and became principal in 1942. He taught theology in All Hallows 1948 to 1952, when he was appointed Catholic chaplain to Sheffield University. In 1961 he went to the mission staff in Lanark. There are two interesting references to him in Strawberry Hill on page 219 of *CLQ27*.

June 18

Michael Galwey (Castleknock, 1888, aged 40) was born in 1847 in Dingle, Co Kerry, and joined the community in 1874. The date of his ordination is not on record, but as he was twenty-seven when he joined he probably was already a priest. He was in Phibsboro in the late 1870s and then in Castleknock.

William Earley* (Lanark, 1924, aged 67) joined the community in 1883. In 1888 he was sent to Australia as one of the group to open St Stanislaus' College, Bathurst. He returned to Ireland in 1896. The rest of his life was in Lanark. [*See the note on Brother Thomas Earley under 8 February*].

Daniel McCarthy (Phibsboro, 1935, aged 64) was from Sunday's Well and with his two younger brothers, Thomas and Vincent, was educated in Castleknock. All three joined the community. He was on the staff in Castleknock 1886-90. A year or so later he was chaplain to the Royal Navy in Salonika, and in 1892 was appointed to Australia. From October 1896 to June 1897 he went, with Anthony Boyle and James Hanley, for a series of missions all through the diocese of Dunedin, New Zealand. From September 1897 to March 1898 he was on a mission tour of Tasmania with James Hanley. He left Australia for Argentine, and then Panama. In WWI he was an army chaplain with the British forces in the Mediterranean area, and returned to Ireland in 1918.

James Mullins (Cork, 1939, aged 60) was from Galway city and joined the community in 1900 aged twenty-one and was appointed to Australia. He was ten years in St Stanislaus' College, Bathurst, before changing to the mission team. He was chosen, along with Patrick O'Gorman, to start the Irish province mission in China, arriving in Peking in 1919. He

wrote a series of articles on his experiences in China for *The Far East*, (at least some of) which were later published as a book, *Cheerful China*. For reasons of health he returned to Ireland in 1925, and was appointed to Phibsboro. In 1932 he was changed to Cork, where he died in 1939 when he fell from the small community tribune to the floor to the church in Sunday's Well. The story I heard was that he made a sudden grab for a picture that slipped from his breviary and over-balanced across the front of the tribune.

Francis Lyne (Raheny (in Horstels, Germany), 1989, aged 51) was from Castletownbere, Co Cork, and educated in Castleknock. He joined the community in 1956 and was ordained in 1964. He had a BSc, and was appointed to St Paul's, where he was teacher, bursar and eventually president. At his funeral Mass he was referred to as "the personification of St Paul's". He was twenty-five years there, the only appointment he ever had. For many years he had brought a small group of the pupils on a summer trip to Norway, by mini-bus. He died at the wheel of the vehicle, parked in a lay-by in Germany, while the boys were off buying supplies.

CLQ 20

June 19

Nicholas Barlow (Castleknock, 1878, aged 50) was born in St Andrew's parish, Dublin, in 1828 and was educated in St Vincent's Seminary, Usher's Quay, before going to Castleknock in 1840. He joined the community in 1851, and took his vows in 1853. The date of his ordination is not on record. The *Castleknock Centenary Record* says he studied for the priesthood in Rome. He was on the staff of the college as teacher and dean 1856-8, after which he went to St Vincent's Seminary in Cork. In the chapel in Castleknock the altars on each side of the high altar, as well as the side chapel of St Patrick, were the gift of Fr Barlow; he later presented the three Roman paintings over these altars. He requested a dispensation from his vows in 1876, when he was in Phibsboro. The minutes of the Provincial Council for 03 November 1876 report that the dispensation has been sent to the Provincial by the Superior General, and the councillors advised the provincial to forward it to Fr Barlow; the Provincial reported to the Superior General that he is doing so. His name does not appear in the catalogues for 1877-78. When Fr Barlow died a year and a half later he was buried in the college graveyard and has CM after his name. At that time necrology lists were not given in either the *Annales* or the yearly Catalogues.

June 20

Michael Doyle (Sheffield, 1964, aged 60) was from Athy, Co Kildare, and educated at Castleknock. He joined the community in 1921 and did his theology in Dax. He was ordained there in 1928, and appointed to Castleknock, where French was one of his subjects. He was in charge of the Sacred Heart Confraternity, and was a popular confessor. He was reputed to be a very good golfer, and often was seen practising shots on the Crease. He once sliced a drive and the ball shattered a pane of glass in the door at the end of the Sacristy Corridor, witnessed by most of the school. At Afternoon Tea the dean, Michael Walsh, called for the guilty boy to own up, and was greeted with uproarious laughter! His name frequently appeared as Michael C Doyle, and he used the initials MCD. As boys we often wondered what the C stood for. When a half-brother of his came into my year we learnt, much to our amusement, that C stood for Claude. About 1944 he was appointed to Sheffield, and in 1949 became parish priest in Mill Hill. He then had a few years in the Religious Studies department in Strawberry Hill, followed by his final appointment to Sheffield.

June 21

John Kilduff; Bishop of Ardagh and Clonmacnois (1867, aged 46) was from Athlone where his education began, and for the final two years he went to Castleknock. In 1840 he went to the Irish College, Rome, where he was ordained in 1847. He remained in the college to teach philosophy, and in 1848 joined the community in Paris. He taught in Castleknock for some years, then worked on the missions, but he never took his vows as a Vincentian. In 1853 he was appointed Bishop of Ardagh & Clonmacnois. He completed the unfinished cathedral in Longford and established St Mel's College. He often invited the Vincentians to give missions in his diocese. As he never took his vows he probably should not be in the Necrology!

June 23

Francis Slevin; Student (Blackrock, 1937, aged 22) was from Keady, Co Armagh. He joined the community in 1934. In the Register where the date of his death is given there is also the single word "sarcoma".

June 24

Seán O'Dell* (Phibsboro, 1980, aged 61) was born in Listowel, Co Kerry, in 1919. After finishing school he learned the printing trade

with *The Kerryman* newspaper, and qualified as a compositor, and free-lanced as a gardener. For economic reasons he and two of his brothers emigrated to Britain to find work in Luton, Bedfordshire. He met the Vincentians of the Madrid province, who had a chapel in Dunstable. He became involved in their work and in 1954 joined the community in the Spanish house in Potters Bar, before going for some time to Spain. He returned to Ireland, to St Joseph's, and took his vows there in 1960, and remained there for another eighteen years, with the final two years of his life in Phibsboro. Early on the province provided him with a printing press, on which he produced his *Bulletin*, with all sorts of snippets of CM news, world-wide. He also printed calendars and various other small printing jobs. He kept up his contact with the Spanish confreres all his life.

CLQ 3

June 25

James Carpenter (Blackrock, 1911, aged 87) was from the diocese of Cashel. He was born in 1824. He studied in Carlow, Maynooth and the Dunboyne Establishment. After ordination (date not recorded) he worked for two years in the diocese of Kildare & Leighlin, followed by about fifteen years as curate in St Paul's, Arran Quay, Dublin. He joined the community in 1871 aged forty-seven. Not long after vows he was appointed superior in Lanark, but also worked on the mission team from there. About 1880 he asked to be relieved of his superiorship, and was appointed to the mission team in Cork. In 1892 he was appointed spiritual director in Maynooth, and in 1902 he resigned, at the age of seventy-eight, and retired to St Joseph's. According to Patrick Boyle he was "tall & straight as an officer and was cultured & gentlemanly in manner". Different sources give contradictory names and dates concerning him.

Donal Gallagher (Phibsboro, 1994, aged 57) was from Clontarf and was one of the initial group of boys on the opening day of St Paul's. He joined the community in 1955. He was ordained in 1962, and appointed to Cork. He was in charge of the altar boys, and also involved with the choir and the basketball team. In 1966-68 he was based in St Joseph's while doing further studies. He then returned to Cork, leaving again in 1974 for St Joseph's for further studies for a year before going to Phibsboro. In 1979-80 he was based in St Joseph's while attending a liturgy course in Carlow. In 1980 he was appointed to St Paul's, and in 1983 began his final eleven years in Phibsboro. In Cork and Phibsboro he was also involved in ministry to the deaf. While in Phibsboro he

organised several musical events, with the RTE Concert Orchestra and Our Lady's Choral Society, to raise funds. CLQ 30

June 26

Anthony Pemberton; Seminarist (St Lazare, 1683, aged 23) was from Limerick and joined the community in Paris in June 1682, aged “about twenty-two”, and died there the following June.

James Furlong (All Hallows, 1923, aged 54) was from Kilbeggan, Co Westmeath and joined the community in 1889 aged twenty, and ordained four years later. He appears to have spent his entire life in All Hallows.

June 28

James Bradley (Phibsboro (in Los Angeles, USA), 1905, aged 35) was from Kilmainhamwood, Co Meath, and joined the community in 1892 aged twenty-two, and was ordained in 1898, and appointed to Phibsboro. Around the end of 1904 he went to Los Angeles for reasons of health and died there.

June 29

Diarmuid Moran (Celbridge (in Rickard House), 1985, aged 73) was from Drumcondra, and did the final two years of his schooling at Castleknock. He joined the community, and was ordained in 1936, remaining in St Joseph's till the following summer when he was appointed to Gateacre. He stayed there till it closed. See CLQ 22 for his memories of Gateacre. From 1939 until 1950 he was in Armagh, and then was appointed first superior of St Paul's. He spent nine years there, and was transferred to the Ullathorne School, Coventry where he spent eighteen years. His next and final appointment was to DePaul House, Celbridge, as bursar, when it opened in 1977. He had admitted once, earlier in life, that he would like to be involved in some way in the formation of our students. He suffered a stroke in Celbridge, and after hospital became the first confrere to go to Rickard House, spending about a year and a half there before he died. CLQ12

James C Sheil (Drumcondra, 1989, aged 81) was from Berkeley Road parish, Dublin, and educated in Castleknock. He did his philosophy in Gateacre and went on to St Joseph's in 1938 and was ordained in 1933. His first appointment was to Mill Hill, while attending London University. He then had a year teaching in Gateacre, and in 1935 was

appointed to the ICP, remaining there until the outbreak of WWII in 1939. When Joseph Sheedy became rector in 1932 he encouraged the students to take more advantage of being in Paris and France. When James Sheil arrived in 1935 he was to teach Latin and English, but also to organise in some way cultural visits for the students. From 1939 to 1942 he was in St Joseph's, and then was appointed to Castleknock, teaching mainly French. He also had charge of the Junior English Debating Society. It was extraordinary that as soon as he would appear in the grounds at recreation, junior boys swarmed around him. In 1953 he was transferred to Glenart, remaining there for eighteen years. In 1968 he returned to St Joseph's for three years, then going to Drumcondra for the final eighteen years of his life. All his life he was very interested in classical music, and built up a collection of 78 rpm records, adding LPs later. In his later years in Castleknock he started the Pro Musical Society to introduce the boys to classical music, and did the same later for the Glenart students. He was of frail build and his health was never too robust, but he trained the under-13s and under-14s in Castleknock and liked long walks and cycling, and there is an authentic story of his stopping a runaway horse.

CLQ 20