



Prior's Corner 9



Servite Priory, Main Street, Benburb, Co. Tyrone

Summer 2016

The summer for me and for many is a time to take a slower pace at life. The dark , cold, wet nights and days are past (or at least we hope) and we can drink in the bright warmer and sunnier days of summer. A more relaxing time.

As we approach those months of summer we can look back in a different way to the journey we have made and perhaps plan where we are going. Its different because its not done with the heaviness of winter but with the lightness of spring and summer. A different vision.

As I write these words I am conscious that we here in Benburb face a new reality. Our Provincial Chapter will conclude with a reflection on the changes that they herald. Our new leadership will have a difficult job ahead of them as they reflect on how to bring these changes about.

It is timely, therefore, to say a sincere thanks to Fr Colm McGlynn who leaves the office of Prior Provincial. He has shown us a new way of exercising the role of leadership in what have been difficult and changing times. We wish him well as he takes on new roles in the Province.

Others will change too. A word of thanks to them as they too find a new way of living out their vocation in the world. While we wish them a sincere thank you for what they have done we pray that those who replace them will carry on the mission of listening attentively to the Word, pondering on it and giving it flesh in our world today.

As we embark on new beginnings we ask that you will remember us in prayer as we will you.

Gabriel OSM

For your Diary

We are now on the web

We have gone live on the web. Now our masses and other services can be watched by the housebound and sick by logging on to www.mcnmedia.tv and choosing Benburb Priory

Benburb Sunday (50th anniversary) will take place on 19th June. Something for everyone. Come along and enjoy a good family day out.

Safeguarding

We would like to remind all visitors to the Priory of the following:

- **All visitors, except those attending mass or getting mass cards, need to sign in to the book provided at reception**
- All children **must** be accompanied and supervised at all times by a parent or an appropriate adult while in the Priory or on the grounds
- Please respect all "no entry", "Private" and "community only" signs

Your co-operation helps to ensure the safety of all who visit here. Thank you.

Library Project

The Library Project continues to move ahead with a good speed. Everything seems to be on target for the completion date of September 2016. At the time of writing the old roof has been removed and the new one ready to be put on

The audience Development plan is being worked on rapidly as is the cataloguing of books etc for moving into the new library once work is complete and a drying out period has been completed.

It is hoped to have an official opening of the new library about the summer of 2017. More information

Please remember in your prayers Noel O'Connell the brother of Fr Ray O'Connell. Noel died at the end of May. We extend our deepest and sincere sympathy to Ray and his family at this time of sadness.



Don't forget our celebrations of the healing masses in honour of St Peregrine. These masses take place

1st and 3rd Mondays of each month at 8:00 p.m.

VOCATIONS

A Servite Brother and Priest in today's world spends much time outside of Church In hospitals, prisons, nursing homes and schools. He goes where he is needed. It's a special kind of Love. Can you live it?

If so then visit our web site and contact us via our vocations page - www.servitefriars.org



Launching the 50th anniversary of Benburb Sunday and the Friends of Benburb a special evening was held on the Thursday of Easter week in the Priory. The compere was Adrian Logan, a local Dungannon man and former sports editor with UTV.

Among the speakers were Mickey Harte (Tyrone Football manager) Mr John Gill (FOB) Terence and Raymond Donnelly (Donnelly Motors) and Cliodna (Irish TV). All spoke of the significance of the Priory in the lives of local people and those not so local praising the work done in the ministry of the friars in healing and reconciliation. Thanks to all who supported this event . A full list of events celebrating the 50th anniversary can be obtained from the Priory.

St Peregrine May Novena was very well attended and we thank all who gave donations to help our ministry to the sick. Should you wish to have a family member or friend enrolled in our St Peregrine Mass Association for one year contact the Priory. You will receive a presentation folder containing an enrolment certificate and the recommended offering is £6.00



Fr Gabriel Bannon collapsed and suffered a cerebral haemorrhage last week whilst attending Provincial Council meetings in Kersal in Manchester. Over the last few days he has had an MRI Scan and is currently in the Salford Royal Hospital in Greater Manchester. He is still seriously ill but is improving daily and we await the results of tests. We hope to keep you informed . *(from facebook 29 April)*

Above is an extract from the Benburb Facebook page. I would like to take this opportunity to say a heartfelt and sincere thanks for all your kind wishes and prayers through, what has been for me a very difficult time.

My recovery continues slowly—painfully slowly. But with patience and your support and prayers I will gradually get there. Be assured of my prayers for you all.

Servite Priory masses and Prayer times

Monday to Friday

Morning Prayer	8:45 a.m.
Mass	9:00 a.m.
Evening Prayer	5:45 p.m.

Saturday

Mass	9:00 a.m.
Evening prayer	5:45 p.m.

Sunday

Mass	8:00 a.m.
Evening prayer	5:45 p.m.

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

All are welcome to join us

OFFICE HOURS 9:30 a.m. TO 5:30 p.m.

Pilgrim Walk

When visiting our grounds we would invite you to pick up a copy of "the Pilgrim walk". This is a prayer walk stopping off at various points in the Priory Grounds for a moment of prayer and reflection. The booklets for this are available at the front desk and an offering of £2 is suggested to cover the cost.



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

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

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

A Priest is NOT available outside of these times except by appointment