





# THE AUGUSTINIANS IN DUNGARVAN: 1295 - 1972

FOURTH INSTALMENT

—By Rev. T. C. Butler, O.S.A.

It is this happy state of affairs that was guaranteed. In an all enjoyable game of the players in the and from which only good...

### A.A. NOTES ON TALLOW

Big Success - The G.A.A. field was a great success on Sunday last. It is a pleasure to report that the players were prepared to play the field... The players were prepared to play the field...

Debut - John Ryan had his first hour in red, white and blue... Sunday - Tallow hurlers to Portlaoine next Sunday when they meet Dunhill...



Retiring - Last Thursday morning a happy occasion at Abbeyside school when the pupils presented to two of their who retired recently, Mr. J. Foley, M.A., N.T., Principal and Mrs. M. Walsh, N.T., of the teachers, received from the Waterford Glass towards all the pupils contributed presentations were made on behalf of two of the sixth pupils, Margaret Phelan and J. Coleman who are pictured making the presentations.

### 1690-1750: PENAL TIMES

In 1690, the Battle of the Boyne... The Penal Times were a period of persecution for the Catholics in Ireland...

### THE MASS-ROCK

By night, they would seek the loneliness of the woods to celebrate Mass on a flat rock to the assembled people, while watch was kept to give warning of the approach of the Red-coats...

### RECRUITMENT OF STUDENTS

One might ask, at this point, how was it possible to acquire young recruits for the priesthood, particularly novices for the regular clergy, during these years...

offer themselves in great numbers to the service of God in the secular and regular clergy. A Report from State Papers of 1722 says: "That in our opinion, the opinion of the Committee, the number of Papal priests, monks and friars and of public Mass-houses and convents has of late years greatly increased in the kingdom" (3).

The friars were an active agency in sending students to foreign colleges and bringing home priests for the missions in this diocese during these years. The Provincial of the Augustinians, Fr. Edmund O'Byrne, in a letter dated September 3rd, 1722, writes: "I had an account and orders this day to receive no more novices in this kingdom until further orders, by reason of the great number of ours that is there already..."

Dr. Charles Smith, in his "History of Waterford," published in 1745, mentions the state of the ruins in Abbeyside: "There is still much to admire in the ruins of this ancient abbey; the wall and tower with the entrance and windows are still perfect and give a clear idea of the beauty of the building in its former condition. The ruins are very extensive. The original structure comprised a number of apartments or cells for the members of the Order and a place of worship, a narrow edifice, from the centre of which arises a light Gothic tower, 60 ft. in height and still in good preservation. The timber used in turning the arches is still to be seen and though exposed to the air for nearly a century, is not yet entirely decayed."

in the Anti-Popery Report of 1731. It proves not only the presence of Augustinians in the locality but also their situation in Abbeyside. The Report runs: "In obedience to your Lordships' order of the 16th instant to me directed thereby, inquiring me to return to your Lordships an account of what reported Fryers and Nuncrys are in the County of Waterford, I find on diligent inquiry that there were but two Fryers and no Nunnery in the said county, that is to say, one Fryer at a place called Abbeyside near Dungarvan, in the Barony of Decies, the other at a place called Carrilhen near Aglish in said Barony, but on the strictest inquiry, can find what number of Fryers are reputed to be in either or both the said Fryers" (7).

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Another reliable source is that found in the writings of Dr. Martin Crane, O.S.A., Bishop of Sandhurst, Australia, whose uncle, Fr. Philip Crane, lived at the Spring around 1780. One other mention of the Spring-house is worth recording here, viz. a letter, written in 1830, by Very Rev. Dr. Daniel O'Connor, O.S.A., Provincial (afterwards Bishop of Madras).

have added:—"See how the sharp, corroding south of time hath rent these massy walls! The stones dissolve. And, like the feeble sinews of old age, Relax and shrink, and tumble to ground."

### 1750-1815: THE HOUSE AT THE SPRING

The darkest hour is indeed before the dawn. By 1750, there were glimmers of a new dawn on the distant horizon. Mass-houses began to be built openly. They were "generally mean thatched cabins, many of them upon a one end. In general, Mass was said in rude huts, sheds or barns. Some years later, it was reported that "Mass-houses were spreading all over the country" (9). So, it was that between 1750 and 1754, Fr. Nicholas Fitzpatrick, Prior, built his own modest, a solidly-built stone and mortar two-storey cottage, with thatched roof" (10) at the Spring, about a mile outside the town.

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in it he says:—"Up to this, there was sufficient reason for erecting the altar on St. Augustine's Day at Abbeyside, in consequence of our not having a public chapel, properly so-called, at the Spring house" (11). From this last statement two conclusions follow, that, though not possessing a public chapel at the Spring, they had a private oratory, and that their attachment to Abbeyside was a very strong one. Evidently, the friars celebrated Mass publicly in the ruined church every year on the Feast of St. Augustine.

### NOVIATIE

In 1778, when Fr. Thomas Griffin was Prior, a novitiate was opened in Dungarvan at the Spring. Dungarvan had been granted this privilege a few years earlier. We are fortunate to have in the archives in Dublin a copy of the document granting this privilege and also a record of the names of some of the novices received into the Order at the Spring house—Patrick Anglim, Denis Sheehy, John Farrell, Michael Wall and John Wall (12). This necessitated extra accommodation, so we find mention of the Convent and Chapel being composed of "four thatched cabins" (13). Four years later (in 1782), the privilege of setting up a novitiate was extended to five other houses, Dublin, Galway, Callan, Ballyhaunis and Dunmore. This concession was due to various reasons—the difficulties of travel, the increasing number of vocations, lack of proper accommodation (not to speak of the great risk) of large numbers in any one place. After their year's novitiate, the novices usually left for the Continent. An act of the 1750 Chapter laid down that no one should be received as a novice until he had completed 22 years. Thus, an aspirant to the priesthood was not only very mature and probably well educated but also independent enough to face the unknown on his journey homeward or elsewhere. Very often, such young men had spent some years in teaching at a hedge-school or had studied classics under one of the hedge schoolmasters. Private academies for teaching the classics and training catechists had been opened since 1750 by priests in various parts of the country. The novices at the Spring could well have been trained under the expert guidance of Fr. Philip Crane, O.S.A., whom we shall treat of at length in another article. In 1785 there were three priests in the community. Fr. Philip Noonan (Prior), Fr. Patrick Henegan and possibly Fr. Crane (15).

REFERENCES (1) Fr. J. Williams "Chronicles" in Aug. Arch. (2) Hansard in his "History of Waterford," p.284, says that there was an Augustinian friary in Stradbally. One of the friars was called the White Friar and was the hero of many legendary tales. However, Canon P. Power (Arch. Jour. S.E. Vol. 2, 1896) states that there is no satisfactory proof of such a foundation. It is quite possible that the friars may have been there for a short time during the persecution. Cf. Keohan's History also. (3) Burke: Irish Priests in the Penal Times, do. (4) Aug. Arch. (5) do. (6) History of Irish Catholicism, Vol. 4. (7) Archiv. Hdb. There was a Franciscan Friary at Currahan. Many of the Dublin chapels were at first merely converted stables and storehouses, but by 1725 new chapels were being built, almost all of them close together in the lanes and back-streets along the Liffey. Hence, John's Lane, as it is still affectionately called. (9) Burke: Penal Times do. (10) Hist. of Irish Cath. Vol. 4. (11) Acts of Chapter (Dr. Wm. Cahran, Provincial, Aug. Arch. (12) do. (13) do. (To be continued).

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WATERFORD IN HURLING LEAGUE QUARTER FINALS

Will Have To Show Improvement

Waterford 2-15; Antrim 0-7. Waterford won a place in the hurling league quarter-finals against Kilmoney...

Waterford improved considerably in this closing period to break through for some well taken match winning scores...

Waterford—M. O'Connell (1-0); J. Whelan (0-2); S. Greene (1-1); V. Connors (1-0); J. Whelan (0-2); J. Kirwan (0-1); Antrim—P. McFadden (0-2); W. Richmond (0-2); P. McCorry and A. McAlpine (0-1 each).

HEAD OF DUNGARVAN FIRM AT LONDON CONFERENCE

Well-known electrical engineer, Mr. Tade Moloney, Dungarvan, is this week taking part in the Electrical Engineers' International Conference...

BALLYDUFF NOTES

I.C.A. News — Sunday night, March 19th will be remembered in Ballyduff for the cars were streaming into the village...

DUNGARVAN ROWING CLUB MAKES CASE FOR RELOCATION OF TEMPORARY BOATHOUSE

Manager Will Consider The Position

An application by the Dungarvan Rowing Club, formed in the town less than twelve months ago, for permission to erect a temporary boathouse at Shandon was discussed at the monthly meeting of Dungarvan Urban Council...

Mr. Walsh who is the Club Captain told the Council that they had purchased a Nissen hut and wanted permission to put it up as a temporary boathouse...

Mr. Walsh went on to say that at present their crews were unable to use the stretch of water between the red (railway) bridge and Ballycannon bridge...

Mr. Walsh said that the Rowing Club were offering a new facility to the youth of the town. In the 9 months since it was established they had spent £500 and had some valuable boats which were at present out under the weather because they had no place to put them...

Mr. Walsh said that if this were done the Club would certainly agree to move out there. Co. Manager—I was out there this evening with the Co. Engineer and the temporary dam could be put up in April...

In the course of a further brief discussion the Chairman said that he would agree with Mr. Whelan that the location of a boathouse at Shandon would be an amenity for Dungarvan...

BANTRACHT NA TUATHIE (I.C.A.) FEDERATION NEWS

Eleanora Gibbon Trophy

The Eleanora Gibbon Trophy, National Competition, always a testing piece by any standards, this year had heavy demands on the participants...

He emphasised the obviously very strong sense of unity that existed among all past pupils in Dublin who very generously contributed upwards of £250 towards the re-construction of the club...

The following formed the committee selected by past pupils at the first general meeting of 'old boys' of the school...

The election of Mr. Thomas C. Hyland as Secretary was a very logical and successful choice. Tom brings to this office all the sincerity and dedication of purpose which he displayed in such office on previous committees.

A decision was taken at the Co. Meeting in September, 1971 to form the I.C.A. Federation of the I.C.A. in the I.C.A. Fish Cookery Competition, 1972, will be held next Wednesday, March 29th, in the Technical School, Dungarvan...

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LISMORE C.B.S. PAST PUPILS MEET IN DUBLIN

Move To Form 'Old Boys' Union

Over 150 members and guests attended the first annual dinner-dance of the Lismore C.B.S. Past Pupils, Dublin, at the Royal Marine Hotel, Dun Laoghaire...

The Chairman, Mr. A. J. Coleman, J. welcoming guests paid tribute to Rev. Bro. Caulwell, presently Superior in Lisamore and to Mr. and Mrs. Binks, who travelled from Lisamore to attend the function...

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There will be a full scale orchestra, with members from Dungarvan and Waterford, all under the most able baton of Mrs. Gerie Morrissey...

GARDA COMMISSIONER INTRODUCES TRAFFIC BY-LAWS IN DUNGARVAN

No One Way Streets Yet

In the course of a letter from the office of the Garda Commissioner, Dublin, considered by members of Dungarvan Urban Council at their monthly meeting last Monday night...

The letter went on to state: "The bye-laws will provide for persons stopping their vehicles for the purpose of loading or unloading goods and picking up or setting down passengers..."

The bye-laws will prohibit parking during business hours on both sides of O'Connell Street (from Keating Street corner to Mary Street); Main Street (from Mary Street to Friary Street Corner) and on the east side of Mary Street...

The groom works for Cambridge and is a member of the Ely County Council. The bride was extremely popular in Dungarvan before she came to London to work as a clerk for British Rail...

Mr. B. White, Acting Town Clerk, submitted a report from the Town Engineer to the monthly meeting of Dungarvan Urban Council last Monday night on a breach in the sea wall at Stokes Field, Abbeyside, caused by recent storms...

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

G.A.A. SELECTORS SHOULD LOOK TO THE WEST

Dear Sir—Over the past few years our Waterford senior hurling team has come tumbling down from the top of the hurling ladder. Various excuses have been put forward for the decline...

Results of the January 1972 enumeration of livestock show increases in the numbers of cattle, sheep and poultry and a small decline in pig numbers.

The number of pigs showed a slight drop of 12,000 to 1,143,500. This was not entirely unexpected in view of the high level of slaughtering last year.

The popular judge wanted to please everybody. "My wife is a perpetual headache," said the plaintiff. "She doesn't cook dinner for me, she's out playing cards all night, and she neglects our children. I want a separation."

The judge looked at him happily and said: "You're right, too!" Patient: Doc, after the operation on my knee, will I be able to play the piano?

There will be a full scale orchestra, with members from Dungarvan and Waterford, all under the most able baton of Mrs. Gerie Morrissey...

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Dungarvan Leader News Of Town And Round About

PRESENTATION CONVENT PAST PUPILS UNION—Name are now being taken for our Annual Excursion which will take place on Sunday, June 18th, 1972.

FIANNA FAIL OUMANN A.G.M.—Dungarvan Fianna Fail Cumann will hold their annual general meeting at the Fianna Fail O'Connell Street, on Monday night next, March 27th at 8.30 p.m.

WEST WATERFORD TENANTS ASSOCIATION—A meeting of the West Waterford Tenants Association will be held in Clashmore on Friday, March 24th at 8.30 p.m.

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GOLF CLUB (LADIES BRANCH)—Mrs. J. D. Phelan's prize-1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975.

DUNGARVAN UNITED A.F.D. DRAW—The monthly draw will be held on March 30th and not on March 29th.

CUNNINGHAM CLUB—At the inaugural meeting of the Cunningham Club in the Devonshire Arms Hotel on Monday last, the following officers and committees were elected:

T.C.D. SOCIETY AUDITOR. Pictured above is Mr. Patrick O'Murphy as he delivered his Auditorial address to members of the Society at Trinity College, Dublin.

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