



From Pain to Promise

'Journeying together in Hope' - Lent 2011

Ash Wednesday

Brendan McGee

Brendan McGee - You probably walked by him on the ha'penny bridge crouched cup in hand begging. He sat on the stony steps for three years; a combination of a broken home, a heroin addiction that he was powerless against. Brendan found a sense of spirituality in Merchant's Quay Treatment Facility in High Park, Drumcondra. He has completed a Certificate with Distinction in Drug Counselling Theory and Intervention Skills. He works as a Support Worker with Casadh, a community organisation aiding in rehabilitation and education.



Sat 12th March

Pauline McMahon



Pauline McMahon comes from Newry in Co Down. She is the Principal of Primary School adjacent to the town. She is a separated mother of three children and combining home life with a full time job was an arduous struggle - and hence a real life story is revealed. A reliance on Prayer and encountering empathetic people on her journey alleviated many problems and helped sustain the family through their turmoil. An everyday story!

Sat 19th March

Tony Butler SMA

Fr. Tony Butler SMA is a member of Society of African Missions and comes from Dublin. He has worked in many places throughout the world and gives many talks about his own story in a humorous and hopeful way as a priest. He spoke last November in Nenagh during the Matt Talbot Novena, and his talk was entitled - 'Be a good boy and take your medicine.'



Sat 26th March

Gareth O'Callaghan



Gareth O'Callaghan can currently be heard on 4fm, and previously presented shows on RTÉ 2fm. He is also an author and former television presenter. Gareth is an outspoken supporter of suicide and depression-related topics, having had previous personal experience himself. He has written many books dealing with such topics, and is probably most famous for his book, 'A Day Called Hope.' Gareth is a supporter of the Irish suicide charity Console and is a qualified clinical psychotherapist.

Sat 2nd April

John Lonergan

John Lonergan entered the prison service in 1968 and in the years that followed, as he saw human nature at its worst - and often, unexpectedly, at its best. He has developed a deep understanding both of human nature and of Irish society. Now, after 42 years in the service, 26 of them as the most senior prison officer in the country, he has retired. Revealing, surprising and inspiring 'The Governor' his new book, gives a unique insight into his life and life in modern Ireland.



Sat 9th April

John Waters



John Waters after leaving school, held a range of jobs including railway clerk, show band roadie, pirate radio manager, petrol pump attendant and mail-car driver and writer. As a journalist, magazine editor and columnist, he has specialised in raising unpopular issues of public importance, including the repression of Famine memories and the denial of rights to fathers. Recently published books include, 'Lapsed Agnostic', & 'Beyond Consolation'.

6.30pm Vigil Mass @ Ennis Cathedral