



# ***O'Malley Clan Association Monthly Newsletter***

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**A Very Happy New Year to O'Malleys throughout the world!**

**A very Happy New Year to all O'Malleys around the world  
from all of us here at The O'Malley Clan Association.**

**We hope you all had a great Christmas, and here's to a wonderful 2017 for us all.....(don't forget to start planning for The Annual O'Malley Clan Rally in Claregalway in June) Its only just over five months away now!!!)**



**Get in touch and share your O'Malley Heritage!**

Have you got an article or old photographs that you'd like to submit for future editions of "O Maille" The O'Malley Clan Association Newsletter.

We'd love to hear from you wherever you're based around the world. Old photographs and stories to go with them, old letters, family trees or just an arti-

cle that you'd like to share with the rest of the clan. Drop us a line and We'll get right to it!



## Canon Donogh bids farewell to St Mary's



**(Canon Donogh O'Malley with Eddie Butler, Chairman of St Mary's Parish Pastoral Council, and also a member of The O'Malley Clan)**

HAVING celebrated Mass on approximately 25,000 occasions over the course of his 51 years as a priest, Canon Donogh O'Malley has opened a new chapter in his religious life.

After almost 15 years as a parish priest in St Mary's parish in the city, Canon O'Malley has bid farewell to parishioners and has relocated to the Dominican parish of St Saviour's, St Joseph's and Our Lady of Lourdes.

"The bishop has reorganised how parishes are looked after so I am a member of the team who will be looking after the Dominican parish. I have also been appointed Chancellor of the Diocese - a part-time job in the diocesan office," Canon O'Malley explained this week.

"I will be saying Mass every day, the only thing I have retired from is the administration of a parish."

To mark Canon O'Malley's departure from St Mary's parish, a special celebration was organised by parishioners to convey their thanks and gratitude to him for all the work that he has done during his time there.

“The people of St Mary’s parish are blessed to have had him as their parish priest. He has been a great pastor during his time with us – indeed he ministered alone for periods, week in week out, rarely taking a day off,” explained Eddie Butler, chairman of St Mary’s Parish Pastoral Council.

Mr Butler was speaking at Ardscoil Mhuire in Corbally where parishioners gathered for a function after a Mass of Thanksgiving was offered in St Mary’s church.

Canon O’Malley came to St Mary’s as parish priest in March 2002.

Canon O’Malley was born in Limerick in 1941 and educated at the Model School and at Crescent College. In 1959 he entered St Patrick’s Seminary in Thurles to study for the priesthood, and was ordained on June 13, 1965.

The newly ordained Fr O’Malley left for London and spent the first 16 years of his priestly life ministering, in three different parishes, in the Archdiocese of Southwark.

He returned to the Diocese of Limerick in 1981 and spent 10 years as curate at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish. The next 11 years were spent as parish priest at Our Lady of Lourdes parish until 2002, when he arrived to St Mary’s as parish priest .

“He has been a priest for 51 years and three months. It is reasonable to say that during all of this time he would have celebrated Mass on approximately 25,000 occasions. Nonetheless, he has the same respect, dignity and reverence for the Mass as he had when ordained all those years ago,” said Mr Butler.

A highlight of his ministry in the parish was the project to refurbish and restore St Mary’s Church. This was a very significant task which cost more than €200,000 and took almost 18 months to complete.

Canon O’Malley paid tribute to his parishioners for their support during his time in St Mary’s parish.

“You get to know the community well and you get to appreciate every aspect of the life of the place. I want to thank all the parishioners and the people involved in the schools - all the different organisations and the religious of the parish as well who play a big part, particularly the Mercy Sisters,” he explained.

Canon O’Malley is also well-known for his extensive postcard collection.

He has been collecting books since he was at school and in more recent years he began collecting postcards –picking out whatever caught his eye at auctions, car boot sales and postcard fairs. His collection has now taken pride of place in his new home in the city centre.

**Canon O’Malley will be giving a talk under the auspices of Thomond Archaeological and Historical Society at Mary Immaculate college – focusing on county Limerick using the medium of postcards - on Monday, January 23 at 8pm.**

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*The O'Malley Clan Association aims to reach out to O'Malleys from all around the world and foster links between the O'Malleys around the globe and the clan at home here in Ireland.*

*The Clan Association formed in 1953 has been connecting O'Malleys around the world in The US and Canada, Britain, Australia, South Africa, New Zealand, South America, and anywhere else you can think of for over 60 years now.*

*We hope with our new website, and newsletter, that We can go from strength to strength in our aim to connect all the O'Malleys around the world.*

## The O'Malley Clan Rally 23rd to 25th June 2017

The Annual O'Malley Clan Rally for 2017 takes place in beautiful Claregalway, County Galway on the weekend of the 23rd to 25th June 2017. It'll be a fabulous weekend for O'Malleys from all over the globe. Highlights will include Medieval Banquet, Castle Experience, Abbey Visits, Talks and Tours, music, dancing, ceol agus craic!

It's time to begin planning your trip, there's only 5 months to go!!!.

The full programme of events will be up on the website in the coming months, We hope to see you all there.

If you need any help with planning your trip, Or with further information on the Annual Rally, drop us a line by email (the address is at the top of this page), and We'll get back to you right away!

