

Cross carried from Galway to Roscommon

Five volunteers and two staff members from local Christian charity OM Ireland, which has its headquarters in Rahara, walked from Galway to Roscommon carrying a 12-foot wooden cross. Led by OM Ireland Director Mike Mullins, the team arrived in Roscommon on Tuesday afternoon.

Despite blistered feet, the team had trekked over 120 kilometres. On arrival in Roscommon, the Cross was raised and the group prayed for the people in the town, as they have done in every town they have visited along the way.

This is the third time Mike Mullins has led a team across Ireland carrying the simple wooden cross. On his first trip last summer, Mike walked from Cork to OM Ireland's headquarters in Rahara while in October a small team carried the cross south from Donegal back to the Midlands. Centuries ago, beautiful Celtic stone crosses were erected all over Ireland. The pur-



Mike Mullins pictured with volunteers and staff of OM after they arrived in Roscommon on Tuesday afternoon after carrying a 12-foot cross from Galway to Roscommon.

pose behind the 'cross walk' is to remind people of this nation's Christian heritage and to pray for Ireland.

"At the heart of the Christian message is Jesus' death

on the cross," Mike Mullins explained. "As an example of supreme sacrificial love it confounds and confronts the selfishness of the world and presents a radical alter-

native, calling us to take up our cross and follow Jesus."

The five volunteers from Opelika, Alabama, USA who walked with the cross are part of a team of 18 students

that are spending one month in Ireland. Two other groups are supporting churches in Athlone and Carrick on Shannon this week.

Twinning appeal

Chairman of Roscommon Chartrettes Town Twinning Committee, John Earley, this week outlined the arrangements currently being made to host a number of families from Chartrettes in Roscommon later this summer.

"At the moment we are busy with the student exchange. We are looking for people who are interested in hosting a student with a view to sending their own children to France next year to experience the culture and language.

"We also have a gentleman who is looking for a host business and family. Guillaume Fradin is a 20-year-old business school graduate who is currently studying in the renowned Grenoble Business School and he is looking for two and a half months work experience in a business in Roscommon. He is seeking to improve his English as he would like to work in the field of commerce or marketing." Guillaume's CV and further details are available from John Earley on (086) 2551380.

"I am hoping that some business in the town could accommodate him for four to six weeks so that he can gain experience of our culture and language," concluded Mr. Earley.

Pentecost celebration

Roscommon's four Pentecostal groups will celebrate the feast of Pentecost at an event in Gleeson's on Sunday next at 8 pm.

In Roscommon there are at least four Pentecostal groups, two of them Brazilian (with their meetings in Portuguese) and one largely African. Hope Christian Community is the most recent, bringing together people from various denominational backgrounds who have experienced the new life in the Spirit.

On Sunday, Hope Community will host a Pentecost Celebration in Gleeson's, the Square, Roscommon, at 8 pm. This will include stories of what God is doing in people's lives through the power of the Holy Spirit today. All are welcome to come for Bible teaching on the Holy Spirit and prayer for God's power. God is still powerfully active in people's lives today, bringing salvation, healing and spiritual gifts.

For details contact (090) 64 89110 or www.hopecommunity.ie

roscommon town notes

Certificate for Managers

A Certificate in Communication & Group Skills for Managers will run at Vita House from September 2010 to May 2011, accredited by NUI, Maynooth, Level 7. This course is aimed primarily at managers, or those who wish to develop these skills. However, employees and people who are unemployed are also eligible.

Lisnamult draw

The following were the winners in the Lisnamult Draw for May 2010: €200 Pauline Kenny; €75 David Hynes; €30 Len and Noreen Treacy; €30 Catherine Dwyer; €20 Dolores Connolly; €20 Margaret Keane.

Thank you

The Foróige staff and Mary Gleeson would like to thank everyone who supported them in their recent tea morning held in the Quad Youth Centre, Circular Rd., Roscommon. The sum of €317 raised has gone to Roscommon Branch of The Western Alzheimer's.

SpeakEasy

Choose to make your words heard at SpeakEasy Roscommon. Get motivated, get moving and stretch your limits, in a warm and friendly environ-

ment. All visitors welcome, you do not need to speak but you will have an enjoyable evening while making friends! Contact Mari (085) 819 1700 for further information.

Recent deaths

Sincere sympathy is extended to the families of the following people who died recently: Helen McGuire, Dublin, sister of Martin Kelly, Ardsallagh; Ronan McCormack, Ardsallaghmore; Mrs. Margaret (Peg) Llewellyn, Staffordshire, England, sister of Mary Lynch, Abbey Place; John Francis McCourt, who died in Canada, brother of the late George McCourt, The Square. We offer sincere sympathy and the assurance of our prayers to their bereaved families and friends.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the pupils from Abbey NS and Scoil Mhuire who made their First Holy Communion on Saturday. A special word of thanks to their parents and teachers and the choir from Abbey NS.

Marriage jubilees

A celebration of silver, ruby, golden or any anniversary of marriage, will be hosted by the Family Life Centre, St.

Joseph's Church, Boyle, on 20th June at 3 pm. Mass will be celebrated by the Most Reverend Bishop Christopher Jones. Refreshments afterwards in St. Joseph's Hall, Boyle. Booking essential by 2nd June. Ph: (071) 96 63000, email info@familylifecentre.ie or contact your local priest.

Parents thanks

Thanks to all who contributed to the Parents' Association Scoil Mhuire Church Gate collection recently. A total of €1,255.80 was raised. A special thanks to all collectors who helped.

Volunteer update

Vita House wishes to thank all who have responded to the call to be a volunteer. They are heartened by the level of generosity and interest expressed. They welcome any further enquiries and training will begin shortly. Further information, contact Vita House on (090) 66 25898.

Certificate in Psychology Course

A certificate in psychology course will run at Vita House, Roscommon, from September 2010 to May 2011, accredited by NUI, Maynooth, level 7. This course aims to enhance

self-understanding and to gain an insight into the many perspectives on social behaviour in the family and in the professional workplace. Contact Vita House for further information.

Book Club

The Book Club at Vita House is on-going. The next date is Tuesday 25th May at 11 am.

Mediation service

Family Mediation Service helps separated couples deal with difficult issues and reach a workable agreement and is available by appointment. For information or, please call Vita House on (090) 66 25898 or email vitahouse@eircom.net. A variety of counselling services are available each day in Vita House by appointment.

May Procession

A May Procession in honour of Our Lady will take place on Monday 24th May at 7.30 pm in the grounds of the Sacred Heart Church, followed by Benediction. All are welcome. MAJOWA PROCESJA I LITANIA: Ku czci Najświętszej Maryi Panny Maj 24, 7:30 pm obok Sacred Heart Church, Roscommon. Wszyscy są mile widziani. PROCISSAO DE MAIO: A Procissão do mes

de Maio sera realizada na 2a Feira—dia 24—as 19.30 horas em frente a Igreja Matriz. O terço sera seguida pela Benção do santissimo. Todos são convidados.

Holy Communion

Next Saturday 22nd May pupils from the Gaelscoil will make their First Holy Communion at 11 am in the Church. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Mass time

On Saturday 22nd May, morning Mass will be celebrated at the earlier time of 10 am to facilitate First Holy Communion from the Gaelscoil.

AIDS West

A survival workshop for parents of teenagers in Gleeson's Townhouse, Roscommon on Monday 17th May from 7 to 9 pm. The workshop aims to provide information and support to the parents of teenagers on sexual health, drugs, legal highs, alcohol and effective communication. More information contact 091 566 266.

Garden Club

Roscommon Garden Club's annual outing to Farmleigh House and The Botanical Gardens takes place on 22nd May.

Coaches leaving Church car park at 8.15 am.

Sports coaches

SPORTS COACHES: Leitrim Sports Partnership in association with Leitrim Co. Devt. Board, Connacht Ruby (IRFU), FAI and Leitrim GAA are inviting applications from people who have time to commit to two days a week training to become fully qualified rugby, soccer or hurling coaches. Potential participants will be entitled to retain their social welfare payments subject to certain conditions. Further information, contact (071) 96 50498 or (071) 96 50496 or email sports@leitrimcoco.ie or nwhyte@leitrimcoco.ie. Closing date for applications is May 21st.

Youth 2000

Are you aged 16—35? Youth 2000 Connacht would like to invite you to a retreat in St. Jarlath's College, Tuam, on Friday 21st to Sunday 23rd May. Why not consider joining other young people in exploring the important things in life. Time to chill out and meet other young people. You are asked to give what you can afford. Food and accommodation are provided. Just bring your sleeping bag! Check out www.youth2000.ie for more information.