



Reverend John Patrick Finn

October 3, 1938 - August 25, 2018

Reverend John Patrick Finn, a retired priest of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, died on August 25, 2018. He was 79 years of age. Father John Finn was born in Gurteen, County Sligo, Ireland on October 3, 1938. He attended primary and secondary school in Ireland, and completed theological studies at St. John's Seminary in Waterford, Ireland, and Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans. He was also a member of the Congregation of the Brothers of the Christian Schools (De La Salle Brothers). Father Finn was ordained to the priesthood on May 16, 1981. He served as Associate at St. Lawrence the Martyr Church, Metairie, St. Agnes Church, Jefferson, and St. Frances Cabrini Church, New Orleans. Father Finn's pastorates were at Holy Family Church, Luling, and St. James Major, New Orleans. He retired in 2006. In addition to his pastoral assignments in the Archdiocese of New Orleans, he also served on the Continuing Formation Committee. Fr. Finn was a resident at Chateau de Notre Dame in New Orleans at the time of his death. Preceded in death by his parents, John and Annie Kate Ginty Finn, and 3 of his siblings, Thomas Finn, Maureen Finn and Beatie Finn. Fr. Finn is survived by brothers Kiaran Finn and Gerry Finn, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the Funeral Mass at Holy Family Church, 155 Holy Family Lane in Luling on Friday, August 31, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. with visitation beginning at 10:00 a.m. Interment will follow at St. Charles Cemetery in Luling. Arrangements by L. A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home.

Cemetery

St. Charles Cemetery
1279 Paul Maillard Road
Luling, LA, 70070

Events

AUG 31 Visitation 10:00AM - 01:00PM

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Holy Family Catholic Church
155 Holy Family Lane, Luling, LA, US, 70070

AUG 31 Funeral Mass 01:00PM

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Comments



“ Daphne Freese lit a candle in memory of Reverend John Patrick Finn



daphne freese - January 24, 2020 at 10:28 AM



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Brad Cazenave - October 04, 2019 at 01:28 AM



“ Several years ago I ordered Father Finn's book on the history of Gurteen. My grandfather, James Finn, was born near Gurteen (Doon) and I was interested in some local history. I wrote Father Finn back, and told him how much I liked the book. He then sent me several more that he had written. I never got to meet him. I don't think we were related. I am still referring to his books and have learned much from them.

I only just heard of his death. My condolences to his family. May he rest in peace and may God continue to bless his many good works.

J. Michael Finn
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J. Michael Finn - February 24, 2019 at 05:45 PM



“ When John was in Cardiff Wales as a Christian Brother at De La Salle School he used to come to my parents. They had a small shop and the Brothers use to give a small order to them. Over the years we got to know John or as he was k known at the time Brother Gerard my parents sort of adopted John. He used to pop into the house at any time and was always welcomed. When he left the Order the worked at various hotel jobs such as manager of the Irish Club in London, the Sandringham Hotei in Cardiff, the Wheel of Fortune in Theale near Reading. At the time the M4 motor way was being built, not getting much custom for the workers ,he went to the site and spoke to the contractors to come to the Wheel. The interior was carpeted through out done by a well known London designer. Undetered John laid down plastic sheets from the door to the bar etc this allowed the workers to have a drink with muddy boots on. He went to the Wheel of Fortune in a small compact car and came back in a large luxury one. While at the Wheel two Irish brothers who had a Country hotel in Risca just outside of Newport Wales and asked John to manage it for them.

When John was ordained in New Orleans he invited my parents, sister, brother-in-law and myself over to join in the celebrations which we did. John came over to Cardiff to co-officiate at my Mothers Funeral which was appreciate by all the family. I used to email John regularly birthdays etc I was coming over to the USA on a tour of the Canyons from Phoenix AZ to Las Vegas NV.. I made a detour first to arrive in New Orleans for a quick visit with John. But unfortunately he was already dead and buried by 28th of September. I spoke to Sister Sue at the home where John and she told me what had happened him. As John used t o say" There are people dying now that have never died before"

God Bless and rest in peace

Brendan O'SHEA Cardiff WALES

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Brendan O'Shea - October 18, 2018 at 06:54 AM



“ Deepest condolences to all his friends and colleagues in the USA from his family (brothers, nieces, nephews, grand nieces, grand nephews and cousins) in Ireland, England and Holland, and his many friends on this side of the Atlantic. Regrettably, we are unable to attend the funeral service but we will be remembering him here in his home parish of Gurteen, Co Sligo, Ireland. RIP.
Kieran Finn.

Kieran Finn - August 31, 2018 at 03:42 AM



“ Rest In Peace Fr John. You were always kind and friendly and willing to help people in need. Enjoy your reward in Eternal Life.

Kieran McPartlan - January 12, 2019 at 03:41 AM



“ So sorry to hear about the death of Father Finn. He was a sweet and gentle soul. He will be sadly missed.

Nellie Z Robert - August 29, 2018 at 10:12 AM



“ Was sorry to hear of Fr John's death. May he rest in peace.

A neighbour from home and a friend to my family through the years, we always enjoyed John's visits. Had spoken with him a number of times through the years since he stopped travelling home but, sadly, not often enough.

I have a photo of the two of us together the morning I went to the Seminary in September 1981. John had been ordained a few months earlier and was very encouraging of my own vocation. He travelled home very often when able to do so and was always good company. He sent me a wonderful message the day of my own mother's funeral and I was happy to include it at the end of the Funeral Mass - ironically I notice the date of her Funeral Mass, 25th August 2009 - nine years to the day before John's own entry into Eternity. This is what he wrote:

"Hi Vincent: It is 8.30pm Monday & I know you have a tough day ahead of you tomorrow. I want you to know that I will be with you in spirit at 12noon & also on the road to Templeronan afterwards. It surely is the celebration of a life well lived and one that touched many many people over the years, Everyone was welcomed in Moygara by both Mary & Bill and it was always a pleasure to stop in. And when one wanted to leave & go home it was always. "ARRAY, WHAT HURRY ARE YOU IN?" "CAN'T YOU STAY ANOTHER WHILE?""

Could say the same of you John. May you rest in peace. Glad to have known you and you will be remembered.

Will include you in my own prayers at Mass on Friday 31st and will travel the road with you "in Spirit".

God Bless and my sympathies to your family, your diocese and friends.

Vincent Sherlock
Kilmovee
Co. Mayo.
Ireland

Vincent Sherlock - August 29, 2018 at 06:29 AM