

Met Éireann's Voluntary Observers

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Met Éireann is very grateful to our dedicated group of voluntary climatological observers throughout the country. Indeed some of our observers have given service which deserves special mention. One such is Brother James O'Hare of the Salesian Order and former principal of Warrenstown Horticultural College. The Weather Station at Warrenstown, Co. Meath had been in operation since July 1951 and Brother O'Hare, now 87, took weather measurements almost continuously since then. His interest in weather reporting came from its importance for gardeners and farmers whom he taught for more than 50 years in the college. Warrenstown Horticultural College closed in 2009 and sadly in 2015 the Salesian Order's long association with Warrenstown came to an end. But Brother O'Hare continues to take rainfall readings in Celbridge, Co.Kildare.

Today the 18th November 2016 the Director of Met Éireann made a presentation to Brother James and thanked him for his immense personal contribution to the national climate archive of Ireland. The archive is an invaluable national resource used by academia, industry and national authorities to support planning and development of our economy and the wellbeing of society in general. Brother James in reply pointed out that it was a basic tenet of the Salesian Order to contribute to the community and to the country but that his long association with Met Éireann had been very satisfying and enjoyable.



Met Éireann Director Eoin Moran, Br James O'Hare



Brother James O'Hare



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