

MISSION IN AN ERA OF CHANGE

THE COLUMBANS
1963-2014



Columban Father Pádraig Ó Murchú, born in the West Kerry Gaeltacht, has spent the past forty-five years as a missionary in Korea. After many years as a pastor of parishes in larger cities, his recent years have been devoted to mission promotion. In Pádraig's opinion, the Church in Korea, which has grown at an extraordinary rate over the past fifty years, must now reach out in mission to other countries.

His first book, *Idir Dhá Shaol* (*Between Two Lives*), published in 1989, was a resounding success and has already sold out three editions. This was followed in 2003 by *Misean Mhaigh Nuad chun na Síne 1916-1963* (*Maynooth Mission to China 1916-1963*). In 2005 he wrote *Na Columbánaig 1963-2005* (*The Columbans 1963-2005*).

This English translation, *Mission in an Era of Change- The Columbans 1963-2014*, is an updated and abbreviated version of *Na Columbánaig 1963-2005*. It gives an overview of the Columbans since the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965). It describes how the Columban view of mission has evolved, traces some of the new challenges that have been faced, and some of the solutions that have been tried.

It tells the stories of a few particular Columbans who have brought a special creativity to the work of spreading the Good News of God's Kingdom. The result is an intriguing panorama of the variety of situations in which Columbans work throughout the world.



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