

MAY 2005

KNOCKLYON NEWS

ST. COLMCILLE'S PARISH

*OFFICIAL OPENING OF
ST. COLMCILLE'S COMMUNITY SCHOOL, 7th MARCH 2005*



COMMUNITY GAMES 2005

Following on our successes of 2004, we are now in the midst of organising the 2005 programme. Thanks to all who contributed to our annual collection outside Superquinn.

This year we have entered teams in Soccer (boys and girls), Hurling, Girls Hockey, Gaelic Football, Basketball (boys and girls), Table Tennis and Art.

The Swimming trials took place at the end of April in Templeogue College.

The Athletic trials will be held on Monday 9th May in Cherryfield. All those wishing to participate must register at 5.30 p.m. on that evening. Entry Fee is €2 per child. The age categories are under 8 to under 16. All entrants must be under the required age on the 31st July 2005 and be resident in Knocklyon. We would welcome and need help from parents and guardians on the night as this event attracts huge numbers.

We will be having a meeting on Tuesday 3rd May at 8.30 p.m. in the Community Centre for all volunteers, so please come along and lend your support.

BROS. PEARSE A.C.

The yellow and green singlets were out in force at the recent Dublin Indoor Championships held in Santry.

Our Gold Medal winners include Adam Raitt, Donal Ryan, Vickie Brennan, Oisín Cannon, Rebecca Tyson, Grainne Moggan, Matthew Thian, Richard Whyte and Simon Byrne.

Silver Medallists include Ben McEntee, Anna Stafford and Jack Dooney.

Bronze Medallists were Liam Stafford, Sean Byrne, Elaine McGrath, Ronan Glynn, Cathy Basquel, Conor Gallagher, Aoife Dalton and Riogha Moggan.

As well as so many individual medallists we had great success in the relays, which were held outdoors. Congratulations to these and other Relay Teams who represented the club with great distinction.

In next month's issue we will have a report on the National Finals in Nenagh and how our athletes fared.

Training has returned to Cherryfield on Tuesdays and Thursdays 7-8 p.m. and Sundays 11 a.m.-12 noon.

For further information contact Aine at 493 1764.



SPORTING SIBLINGS

– MICHAEL AND ANNE GRIFFIN

Michael plays Hurling for both Ballyboden Seniors and Dublin Under 21. He spends up to five nights a week training or going to the gym and generally has a match for one or other team every weekend. When not training or playing he is attending Tallaght IT where he found time to play Hurling on their team, which won the Maher Tournament in March. This was the first time Tallaght IT had excelled in hurling but Michael is too modest to take any credit for this success.

His hurling career began in Fourth Class in St. Colmcille's SNS when Mr. P. O'Neill introduced him to the game. Michael hasn't looked back since. Despite various injuries including broken wrists and a broken thumb his enthusiasm shows no sign of waning.

Anne plays for both Ballybodens Ladies' and Dublin Senior Camogie team. She also played football for Dublin but has given it up as she is studying for her Leaving Cert. She is only 17 years old but won Dublin Player of the Year last year. Anne started playing camogie while in Second Class in St. Colmcille's JNS taught by Mr. Sweeney. Initially, she says she used to practice with Michael in the back garden at home. Now she too spends most of her time training and playing. She reckons she has yet to play a match where she doesn't receive any knocks or bruises but maintains it's worth it!

As soon as her Leaving Cert is over Anne hopes to get into training with Ballyboden Ladies to play football as well as camogie.

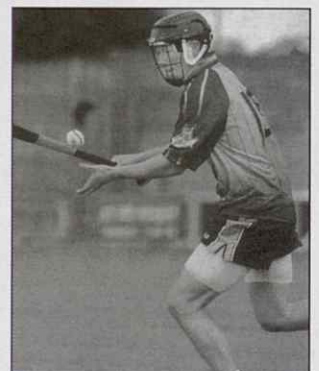
Anne and Michael says they have had great support from their parents (despite the fact that both of them are great football fans) and the only problem is when their matches clash. In that case they say their Mom generally goes to Anne's match and their Dad to Michael's.

We wish these two talented young people all the best as they look forward to future success. All-Ireland for Michael and Double Senior Championship for Anne. Our sympathy also to whichever member of the Griffin household gets to wash all the muddy gear!

– K. Cashman



Some of the new Scouts recently invested into the Knocklyon Wednesday Scout Group. Left-right: Sonia Beatty, Anna Stafford, Hannah Matthews, Ciara Darker, Orlaith Rafferty, Grace O'Brien.



Michael and Anne Griffin of Knocklyon Green: Hurling and Camogie stars.

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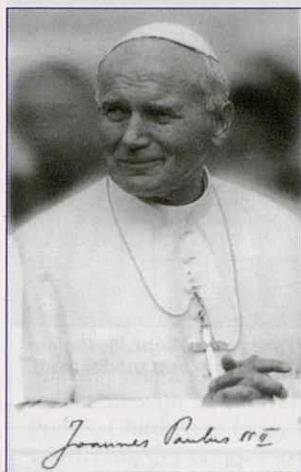
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Memories of Pope John Paul II



On 29th September 1979 I was a mesmerised five-year-old in the Phoenix Park waving excitedly at the helicopter carrying Pope John Paul. During his homily at Mass that day he said, *"It is from the Eucharist that all of us receive the grace and strength for daily living."* The following day in Galway he spoke these famous words, *"Young people of Ireland, I love you."* At the time I didn't

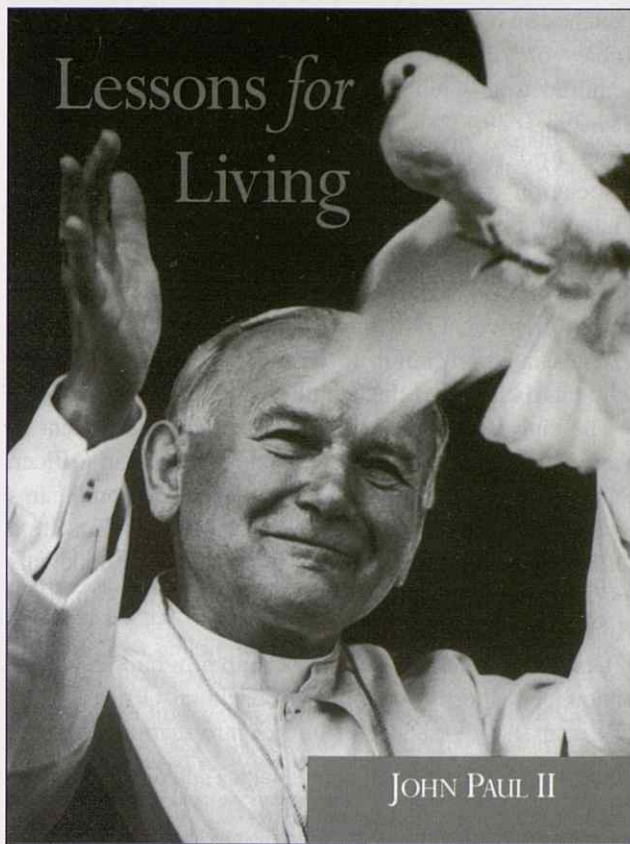
realise the significance of his words, but this Pope had already made his mark on my young life, and over the years I always remembered that he had come to see us in Ireland.

In 2000 I joined with 2.4 million young people to meet with the Holy Father in Rome. It astounded me that his words were so relevant to my life. How could this old man understand so perfectly the concerns, worries, hopes and dreams that I held secretly inside me? That week I joined with the others around me in returning our affection to him: *"John Paul 2, we love you!"* Two years later I had the privilege of being close to him during World Youth Day in Toronto. It was clear that, despite physical frailty, he was filled with an energetic love for everyone.

When I heard of our Holy Father's death on April 2nd, I grieved like I would for a much-loved grandfather. I cried with sorrow at his passing, and at



The foundation stone of our Parish Church blessed by John Paul II on his visit to Ireland in 1979.



the same time I was filled with immense gratitude for his life and all he has done for me and for the world. I will always remember him on Easter Sunday at his window, struggling to give his blessing. His courage and witness in suffering was an inspiration.

The theme chosen by the late John Paul for this Eucharistic year was *"Stay with us, Lord."* It was fitting that his last message to the world on Easter Sunday was a reflection on these very words. Just as the words of Christ burned in the hearts of the disciples on the road to Emmaus, so the words of this Pope of my youth will always echo in my heart. He showed me how to be the image of Christ to others in the world. He showed me that the Lord really does always stay with us in the Eucharist and in the Church. May the Heavenly Father reward him and grant him eternal rest.

– Fionnuala O'Connor

"We need heralds of the Gospel who are experts in humanity, who know the depths of the human heart, who can share the joys, the hopes, the agonies, the distress of people today, but who are, at the same time, contemplatives who have fallen in love with God." – John Paul II

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Baile Buadain Naomh Éanna

Such are the demands on the club that new fund-raising initiatives have to be explored all the time. One such project is the Race Day at Punchestown on Saturday evening 28th May, 2005. Tables of 10 cost €1,500 and further details can be acquired from Club General Manager Noel Sheridan at 087-293 3829.

On Friday 13th May, the Camogie Committee, in association with Noel Browne, is presenting top group Picturehouse. Tickets are €15 and can be acquired from the club or from camogie mentors.

The Club Lotto is enjoying its best year for some time with well over 1,000 members. The Lotto Committee extends its appreciation to all the people of Knocklyon who have supported this venture.

The club is delighted to announce the appointment of Paul McLoughlin as the new Games Promotion Officer. Paul will be working heavily with the schools and teams in the club and will complement the work of Coaching Officer Brian O'Regan. While over 120 boys under the age of 11 are participating in the new Go Football/Go Hurling games.

Details of the club's Summer Camp programme will be announced shortly – contact Coaching Officer Brian O'Regan 087-699 8649 for further information.

Website: www.bodengaa.ie

– Gerry O'Sullivan



The special prize of a Volkswagen Golf 1.4 in the Ballyboden St. Endas Lotto was won by John Keogh, Delaford Lawn, Knocklyon. John (second from right) is seen here receiving the keys from Iomair Treacey Jnr. (Sales Executive Park Motors) in the presence of Danny Griffin (Executive Committee member), Iomair Treacey (Lotto Committee Chairman).



Dublin star Colin Moran (Delaford) presents Minor footballer Brendan Treacy (Knocklyon Green) with his cup medal from 2004 at the Football Presentation Night.

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REFLECTION

Preparing Children for the Sacraments

The month of May is upon us once again, is it my imagination or are the years going around even quicker than before! In our own parish here in Knocklyon – as in parishes throughout the country – 2nd Class children together with their families, Priests and teachers are busily preparing for First Holy Communion.

But sometimes we forget that this is the second sacrament which will have been celebrated with the children this year. Back in early March the children experienced the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. For some reason this equally momentous occasion is not surrounded by as much fuss and excitement. We had a relaxing celebration in an atmosphere of prayer, music and reflection with helpful and encouraging words from our Priests. Children of today will no longer be able to identify with Frank O'Connor's experience of First Confession! (As a child I dreaded going into that dark box – and as for the fear of that door locking when I was inside. . . .)

Yes, much has changed both in our celebration of and our preparation for First Confession with our young children. The rote learning of questions and answers is long gone. The Alive-O Programme of religious education – which was introduced to schools from the mid-90's onwards – is thought-provoking and child-centred with a great emphasis on the 'story'. Of course what better way is there to get a child's undivided attention than to tell or read a story. In this programme many values are conveyed through this medium.

As part of our preparation for First Confession we explore a series of stories which we teachers and children knowingly refer to as the 'Little Being Stories'. In a nutshell these are age-appropriate stories highlighting the distinction between right and wrong. Of course we always endeavour to relate what the children learn to their own experiences. The stories tell of Little Beings doing wrong – 'Being Unfair', 'Being Selfish', 'Being a Bully', 'Being Untrue', 'Not Being Bothered'. Through the telling of the story and the subsequent discussion (who better for spontaneous discussion than seven and eight-year-olds!) – the 'digging deeper' to find the real message in the story – we help the children to become aware of times when we all behave like these 'Little Beings' and of the consequences for ourselves and others. When we do wrong we need to be reconciled to one another and to God. Hence our need for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Along with the wonderfully reassuring story of the Good Shepherd these 'Beings' enable the theme of forgiveness to be explained in a child-friendly manner.

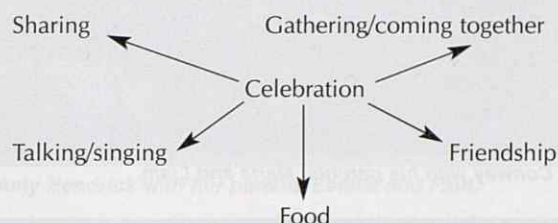
In some of the stories, the 'Little Being' talks to its 'Something Inside'. Then we move on and explore the notion of 'self-talk' with the children, the chatter that goes on in all our minds and hearts. We discuss how this 'self-talk' can influence us both in how we feel and how we behave. And so in an indirect way we are laying the foundation for a more in-depth exploration – at a later stage of course – of the role of conscience. In our approach we stress at all times the loving and forgiving God not the negative aspect of sin.

Yes, the way religion is taught today is very different to the way I, and indeed many of our parishioners, were taught. But it's the approach that has changed – the basic truths are still being conveyed. Of course it is said that, 'Religion is taught – Faith is caught.'

With little time to spare in between we then start on the Preparation for First Holy Communion. One of our important tasks here is to lead the children to an

understanding of Mass. Obviously this understanding leads to more meaningful participation both now and in the years ahead.

We firstly talk of the Mass as a Celebration. Usually I ask the children to look at and think of the word 'celebration' and we brainstorm it:



We link this to the Mass and see that all the essential elements of a celebration are there. We discuss how natural is it that Jesus should ask us to celebrate His presence in the form of a meal, at Mass. Very soon our Second Class children will be able to share more fully in this meal through Holy Communion.

We talk of how yet again we celebrate the gift of God's forgiveness at Mass – re-affirming for the children the message of a loving Father always ready to forgive us when we say sorry.

We talk of how at Mass Jesus comes to us both in the words of the readings and Gospel and in Holy Communion. We are fed by his words and his presence in Holy Communion.

Of course there is no explaining the great mystery of the Real Presence. As teachers we are accustomed to explaining things, leading children to an understanding. When I am asked 'How can this be? How can Jesus be present in that little Host?', I tell the children that this is a question I cannot answer nor one which any of us – even the great theologians – can understand. But then as adults we know that Faith does not depend on us understanding everything perfectly. If we did understand we wouldn't need Faith!

We must always remember that the preparation for the Sacrament is on-going – it doesn't just start in Second Class. It all began a number of years ago when the children were taken to the church to be baptised. Nor does it end here – we are simply laying the foundations for hopefully a later more explicit understanding of all the Sacraments.

As a teacher I feel privileged to be part of this great partnership – consisting of home, school and parish – as we journey with the children as they prepare for the Sacraments of First Penance and the Eucharist.

I finish by quoting part of the Centenary Prayer of our own St. Colmcille:

*As they journey on Life's Way
May they remain like Colmcille
Strong in Faith,
Firm in Hope,
Active in Charity.*

– Una Johnston

CONFIRMATION DAYS



David Conway with his parents, Maria and Liam.



Luke Synnott with his Mum Réne and sister Holly.



Peter O'Donnell with his parents, Dervla and John.



Orlagh Rynne with her brother Cian and parents, Eithne and Eamonn.



Jennifer Nea with her parents, Tina and Quentin and sisters Vienne and Fiona.



Aoife O'Gara with her parents, Gabriel and Julie and brothers Gavin and Conor.



Rebecca Murphy with her Mum Susan and grandparents Ann and Donal.



Lorcan Fitzgerald with his Dad Robert and cousin Luke Hickey.



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Megan Kelly with her Mum Siobhán and grandmother Sally Kealy.



Amy Hendrick with her parents Estelle and Paul.



Eoghan O'Neill with his parents Claire and Paudie.



Aoife Connell with her Sponsor Cathy Connell.



Ian McHugh with his parents Anne and David, brothers and baby sister.



Rachel Ruddy with her parents Eleanor and Vivian, sister Ciara, brother Hugh and grand aunt Bridget Keating.

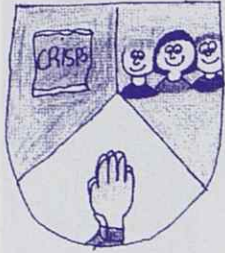


Suzanne O'Reilly with her parents and sisters.



Arelene Daly, Triona Ó Reachtabhra (6th Class teacher) and Paula McNamee.

YOUTH CORNER



Sharing opinions
Having fun
Asking questions
Praying
Eating

SHAPE

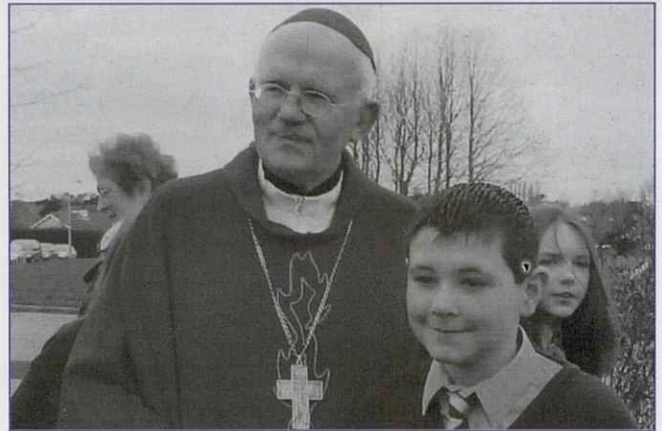
'Shape', the children's faith, fun and food group, has been running very successfully on Sunday evenings in the Iona Centre since Easter. Congratulations to Saoirse Geoghegan who created the winning name and logo displayed above. Children from 3rd, 4th and 5th classes have been taking part each week and they are enjoying the experience of learning more about their faith in a fun and interactive way. So successful has this pilot project been, that plans are underway for a follow-up in the autumn. The last session for this season is on June 12th. For more information please contact Tony Whittam on 494 9533 (evenings) or Fr. Philip on 086-311 2837.

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Knocklyon Concert Band Society

KNOCKLYON CONCERT BAND CROWNED NATIONAL CHAMPIONS!

On Saturday, 2nd April, our Senior Band were awarded First Place at the **Irish Association of Brass and Concert Band National Championships** in Athlone. Not only did they get First Place in the Concert Band Section (Woodwind and Brass) they were also awarded Best Overall Junior Band at the Championships. The adjudicator Mr. Dennis Wilby also added a further award by selecting our performance of 'Ceremony Chant and Ritual' (a very complex piece commissioned for Concert Band) as the best choice piece performed in the section.

This triple victory is a unique achievement and although we have come close to winning before, the lifting of all three categories is a testament to how far our players have matured in the last couple of years.

To put this victory in context, the Knocklyon Concert Band are the newest band, having only formed in 1999, on the register of Concert Bands eligible to play at the National Championships. The next youngest band are our friends and neighbours from the Rathfarnham Concert Band who were formed in 1981. After that, competing bands have a long tradition of music-making, with some bands being over 50 years old.

For such a young group to march off with all the main prizes is a staggering achievement!

This is shaping up to be a year of exceptional achievement for the KCBS. Following our gold medal success at the regional championships of the European Band Festival in Midsomer Norton (England) last year, our Senior Band will travel to Neerpelt (Belgium) to play at Europe's largest gathering of bands. The 3 day European Youth Music Festival only invites the cream of European talent to perform, and we are very fortunate to have been invited. Meanwhile, our Intermediate Band will perform at the South of Ireland Band Championships

in Clonakilty, Co. Cork, in early July.

Congratulations to all our successful musicians, and many thanks to our hard-working conductors, tutors and parents on the Development Committee.

Our joy at winning the National Championships was later tempered by the news of Eamonn Rynne, the father of two of our band members. The Band would like to thank the family for the opportunity to partake in the funeral Mass and would again like to extend our deepest sympathy to them.



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JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Our six Second Classes have been busily preparing for First Holy Communions which will take place on Sundays May 15th, 22nd and 29th. Each class will have its own special Mass either at 9.30 or 10.45 a.m. on their special days.

EDUCATIONAL EXCURSIONS

Each of our twenty-four classes will enjoy short adventures to various venues during the last term of the school year. Second Classes will visit Airfield House in Dundrum. First Classes go to see Aesop's Fables at Club na Múinteoir's Theatre. Senior Infants will enjoy workshops at The Irish Museum of Modern Art and will go to Morrell Farm in Straffan. Junior Infants are looking forward to their first trip – they go to Jack And The Beanstalk in the Rupert Guinness Theatre in June.

GAELIC GAMES

Ballyboden St. Enda's Games Promotion Officers, Brian O'Regan, Austin Lynch and Paul McLoughlin will assist our teachers of Second Class with the promotion of hurling, camogie and football during summer term. Each of the 180 pupils will sample eight coaching sessions and those who wish to pursue our native games will then have an opportunity to participate in after-school and weekend practices organised by the club.

PLAYGROUND GAMES

Ms Murphy O'Shea, our Physical Education co-ordinator, organised a very successful fortnight of games on our three school yards. Teachers taught the game in class and pupils then had opportunities to teach their friends at lunchtime.

MUSIC EDUCATION

Ms Meeley has taken responsibility for this important area of Arts Education. She welcomed the Band of the Garda Síochána to the school on their first ever visit to Knocklyon. They performed two great concerts for our young pupils. We learned all about the various instruments before the finale – an impromptu rendering to 'He's got the whole world in His Hands' in honour of His Holiness Pope John Paul II. Ms Meeley and her colleagues in the Music Planning Group have organised large stores of resources for the teaching and learning of the revised music curriculum in each standard.

SEACHTAIN NA GAEILGE

Each class made a special effort to prioritise Irish culture and language in the weeks before Easter. Our Gaeilge co-ordinator, Ms Mulqueen, arranged a whole school talent show on March 16th. Teachers and pupils sang,



The wind section of the Garda Band at the Junior School.



A troupe of Irish dancers during St. Patrick's celebrations in the Junior School.

danced, recited and played instruments throughout the Féile Phádraig.

ENROLMENT

Parents of next year's Junior Infants will meet the Principal, Mr. Boyle, and their childrens' new teachers at two meetings on the evenings of June 1st and 2nd. Uniforms will be on sale for an hour before each meeting.

Every four-year-old living in Knocklyon has been offered a place this year. New families moving to the parish this summer will have to place prospective schoolgoers on our waiting list for cancellations, as our six Junior Infants classes are now filled. Parents of those intending to start school in the next few years should complete an application form at the school office.

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SCHOOL HELP SCHEME

A hundred parents/guardians have worked voluntarily in the school throughout the year. Pupils in every class have reaped benefit from the Shared-Reading scheme and Mathematics Games programmes delivered so effectively by our adult helpers. Ms Copland and Mr. Cuddy have provided the training and organisation for these very worthwhile initiatives.

READING SCHEMES

Ms Doody has introduced two special schemes to promote reading. Pupils from Senior Infants and Second Class have participated in peer reading, while a group of pupils taught by Ms Doody have been involved in a paired reading scheme at home. Our Parents Association has provided seed funding towards the cost of books and classroom materials for all of these schemes.

St. Colmcille's Parents Association

We hope everyone enjoyed their Easter holidays. A lot has happened in the last few weeks, with the death of our Pope, John Paul II. Both schools celebrated the Pope's life and hopefully this will leave lasting memories with our children. This month the boys and girls in Second Class will receive their First Holy Communion and the Parents' Association hopes they have a lovely day.

The parents of children with special needs meet on the first Wednesday of every month in the Iona Centre at 9 a.m. This meeting is opened to anyone in the area who has a child with special needs. Parents of children starting school in September are welcomed.

Colour Day will take place on Friday 3rd June.

We would like to extend our deepest sympathy to Eithne Rynne and her children on the death of Eamonn a loving husband and father. Our thoughts are with them at this sad time.
- Maura McDermot

*Come Holy Spirit Come,
Father and Mother of the Poor,
Come our sweet refreshment,
our solace in the midst of troubles,
our light in darkness,
healer of all our wounds,
dew upon our dryness,
warmth for our cold hearts.
Come Holy Spirit Come.*

Pentecost Sunday - The Feast of the Holy Spirit: May 15th.

FIRST COMMUNION SUNDAYS

15th May, 22nd May and 29th May.
First Communion Masses: 9.30 a.m. and
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BUILDING RE-DEVELOPMENT

The recent announcement by Ms Mary Hanafin T.D., Minister of Education and Science that St. Colmcille's S.N.S. and J.N.S. had received sanction to advance to the Architectural Planning Stage with our re-development plans has been greeted with much satisfaction by all sections of the school community.

We are currently in the process of appointing a design team who will draw up the plans for this major re-development. This project will include the removal of the 16 existing prefabricated classrooms (Junior and Senior) and a number of other related projects.

It is envisaged that construction work will commence in early 2007. This exciting re-development of our two schools is a major boost to the local community and it will ensure that Knocklyon will possess state of the art facilities for its primary school pupils.

The important input of Mr. Tom Kitt T.D., Minister for State at the Department of the Taoiseach, is gratefully acknowledged. Minister Kitt's interest and support has been a vital factor in progressing this project. The support of our Boards of Management, Parents and Parents' Association and other public representatives was also hugely important.

– *Pádraig Ó Néill, S.N.S.; John Boyle, J.N.S.*

ST. COLMCILLE'S TAKES TO THE AIRWAVES – AS GAELIGE

On Wednesday 16th March, a number of the pupils in our school featured on the radio. They appeared on Siamsa Scoile, a Raidió na Gaeltachta programme. They sang Irish songs, recited Irish poems, played Irish music or talked about sport, Irish dancing, etc. 'as Gaelige' of course. The students really enjoyed preparing for the special event.

The show opened and finished with Conor Larkin playing his guitar. Deirdre Maher spoke about our school, St. Colmcille's. The Grúpa Traidisiúnta played some Irish music consisting of a barn dance and a jig. Niall Glynn and Sarah Rowland played two reels.

The musicians Alison Plant, Eimear Duffy, Jenny Barry, Aoibheann Giblin, Aisling Pennycook, Cillian Sheehan, Niall Glynn and Sarah, Niamh and Ciara Rowland as well as playing music also did an interview. This was followed by Fiona O'Brien and Emer Nally talking about Irish dancing.

The students in Ms O'Gara's 3rd Class sang an Irish song beautifully. Ms Wood's 3rd Class recited a lovely poem called 'Cnag Ar An Doras'. Then Sarah and Niamh Rowland spoke about traditional music. Next came Ryan Basquel and Eoghan O'Neill who talked about sport and in particular the school's football and hurling teams. Shannen Egan gave an insight into our school's girls' football team.

Afterwards the pupils in Ms Woods' 3rd Class sang a song 'Maidin Ag Gealadh'. Emily Meehan chatted to the interviewer about the Brat Glas and our school's recycling programme. Ms Kelly's 5th Class recited a wonderful poem while Ms McKeown's 3rd Class also recited a poem called 'An Clog'. The students in Ms McAllister's 3rd Class concluded the programme with a marvellous poem 'Haon, Do, Trí'.

The pupils who appeared on the radio were extremely

honoured to take part. On their behalf I would like to thank all the teachers and in particular Ms Woods who helped make the radio show such a success. Go raibh maith agaibh! Thaitin sé go mór linn.

– *Sarah Rowland, 6th Class*

'WRITE-A-BOOK' PROJECT

A number of classes took part in this year's 'Write-A-Book' project, organised by Blackrock Education Centre. The children who took part derived great benefit and enjoyment from the exercise. Seven of the children received 'Special Merit Awards' for their efforts and over twenty others were highly commended. An exhibition of all the books was held in the school hall.

Eimear Duffy (4th Class) gives her impression of the project: "Several classes got the chance to take part in the 'Write-A-Book' project. Thinking up the idea for the book was the hardest part. Once we had picked our subjects, lots of ideas came into our heads. Everyone enjoyed doing the illustrations, which made the books look very well. We got to read books from other schools and they got to read ours. Winning wasn't important as we got such great fun from doing the project. Now that we have the writing bug – look out J.K. Rowling!"

Robbie Murphy (4th Class) recalls receiving his 'Special Merit Award': "When we drove through the gate we saw a spectacular hotel. We followed the signs to the registration tables for 3rd and 4th Class. I sat where I was told. At the top of the hall on the left was a large screen displaying each of the chosen books. My row was called and I moved towards the stage where I received my award from the Minister for Education and Science and Geri Maye of R.T.E. I had a great time."

Write-A-Book 'Special Book of Merit' Award Winners: Mark Murray, Seán Byrne, Julie O'Sullivan, Robbie Murphy, Eimear Duffy, Aisling O'Reilly, Michelle Bobbett.

Highly Commended: Lauren O'Reilly, Darragh Bolger, Catriona Sinnott, Amy Ryan, Claire Caulfield, Ruth Cassidy, Carla Slane, Conor Ryan, Lauren Kelly, Lauren Falconer, Jenny Troy, Seán Jennings, Cathal Dunne, Emma Doherty, Elizabeth Whittam, Domhnal Ryan, Ciarán Brennan, Julie O'Keefe, Colm Murphy, Andrew Reynolds, Conor Larkin.



A group of Write-A-Book winners.

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Senior School News

A TRIBUTE TO POPE JOHN PAUL II

John Paul II – a man among men.

It is said that he will become 'John Paul the Great'. This title has only been given to three Popes before him. Pope John Paul had a difficult life in his early days, but he overcame all obstacles through his faith in God. His motto could be said to be 'Triumph in adversity'. He was admired by people of all religions and none. The mighty were humbled by his sincere belief in God.

He had a special love for the Virgin Mary. He visited Lourdes, Fatima and Knock. I hope I will remember his good influences in my later life. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dilis.

– by **Kenneth Mason, 5th Class**

THE PAPAL FUNERAL

On Thursday, the day before the Papal funeral, our school raised the Papal flag. The Papal flag is the flag of the Vatican and was raised in our school to show respect for the Pope. The Irish flag was at half-mast because of the Pope's death.

We signed the book of condolences, a book that will be sent to the Vatican to show that we care about the Pope.

In the Senior School foyer there was a display designed by Room 11 about the Pope's life. There were news articles, facts and a timeline. An example is: "The Pope visited 133 countries, and Ireland was third on his list to visit."

Throughout the week every class in the school was busy learning about the Pope and reflecting on his life.

St. Colmcille's S.N.S. hosted a Papal Mass in St. Colmcille's Church on Friday, the same day as the funeral in the Vatican. All the school took part in readings, the offertory procession, prayers of the faithful, etc. Near the end of the Mass Mr. Dundon showed slides of the Pope's life using a powerpoint presentation. When Mass had finished two Polish men, Adam and Tomash, said a few words about being Polish and how close they were to the Pope. Tomash spoke in English and Adam spoke in Polish.

– by **Kim O'Donoghue and Kevin Cardiff (6th Class)**

MINI GREENHOUSE

Being a green school means a great deal to St. Colmcilles. We keep our atmosphere litter-free and our environment clean and healthy. Part of being a green school is to grow trees and plants to brighten up the gardens and courtyard. Also, window boxes and hanging baskets can be seen in certain places outside our school. This year Mr. Ruddy (R.6) bought a mini greenhouse, which two children from

the class assembled. The four wire trays were packed with pots that were filled with compost and a clear plastic cover was gently put on the top of the greenhouse so not to disturb the pots inside. We have planted nasturtiums, dahlias, marigolds and sweet peas. When the plants are too big for the pot we will change them into a bigger pot, then when the plant is in the same condition again we will transplant it into the ground. All of us hope that the seeds will grow and we hope that our school will continue to stay green. The erection of our mini greenhouse shows once more that St. Colmcille's strive to keep their environment healthy and are worthy holders of that hard-earned green flag.



Sixth Class pupils Sarah Lynch and Sean Hardy with the mini greenhouse.

– by **Katie Copland (R.6)**

SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY 2005

Recently our School Cross Country teams competed in the South Dublin Primary Schools Cross Country Championships.

The girls team included Róisín Basquel, Helena Maginn, Niamh Brien and Elaine McGrath. The boys team included Ciarán Gibbons, Jack Dooney, David Scanlon and Lorcan O'Toole.

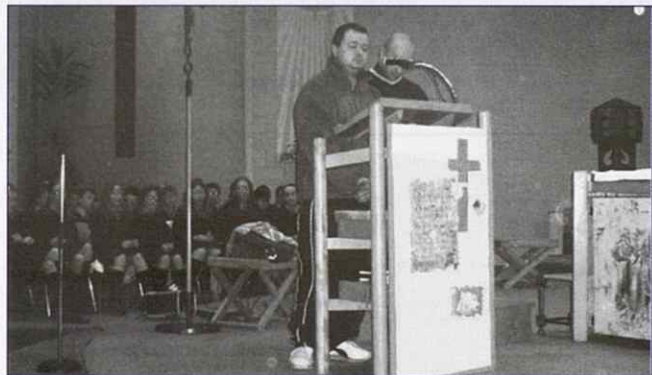
We left the school at 1.00 p.m. and arrived in the Hermitage, Rathfarnham. The races started at 1.40 p.m. The girls' race was 800m and the boys' race was 1,000m. It was a tough race as we had to run against the wind. The first six in each race got trophies. All four girls got trophies coming in 1st, 2nd, 5th and 6th.

The next race was the boys. Two won trophies coming in 2nd and 3rd, the other two came 12th and 13th. The lower the points the better. The girls won their event with a whopping 14 points! The boys won theirs with 30 points! We won the overall school trophy for the 2nd year in a row and also won the girls team trophy and the boys team trophy! We are unbeatable!

– by **Róisín Basquel and Helena Maginn**



The victorious boys' and girls' cross-country team with Mr. Byrne.



Two young Polish men, Adam and Tomash, speaking at the Mass for Pope John Paul II in St. Colmcille's Church.

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The running costs of a vibrant parish such as St Colmcille's are numerous and ongoing. These include the day to day running costs, funding and upkeep of buildings and payment of the required contributions to the schools. Full details of income & expenditure are shown on the page opposite.

Recent urgent expenditure :

- A new Church organ
- Loop system for those with hearing aids has been installed
- Plans for new Church porches are at an advanced stage
- The existing pre-fabs in the two Primary schools must be replaced with new classrooms

All this will be undertaken only because of confidence in your continued contribution to the weekly collection. Currently 63% contribute by envelope and 37% by Standing Order.

All funds collected stay within the Parish.

As a charity, when you donate more than Euro 250, the Parish can claim back the tax you paid on that amount if you are a PAYE worker. In the case of a "self-assessment" donor, the individual themselves claim the benefit.

What do we need ?

1. **Collectors** are always required to help collect contributions by envelope (30 min / week). Currently, the urgent need is in **Orlagh and Woodfield**.
2. **Your help is required** to lighten the burden on collectors by switching to **standing order** if you are already a contributor by envelope.
3. **Canvassers** are required to call on houses newly-built or where occupants have moved.

How can you help ?

1. If you would like to begin to contribute by standing order or if you wish to review your existing contribution, please complete the standing order form (see opposite page) and drop it in to the presbytery.
2. If you would like to contribute by envelope, please leave your name at the presbytery.
3. If you are interested in helping as a collector or canvasser, please call Mary on 4941913 or Mona on 4943153.

PARISH OF ST. COLMCILLE, KNOCKLYON

Receipts and Payments Analysis (July 2003 to June 2004)

Receipts	
Weekly Envelope/Standing Order	€266,526.00
Shrines	€20,981.00
Fund-raising	€22,115.00
Nett Income from Iona Centre (Room Hire/Coffee Shop)	€21,800.00
Miscellaneous (interest, etc.)	€2,044.00
Total €333,466.00	
Payments	
Capital/Interest Repayments re Iona Centre	€37,599.00
Building/Repairs/Maintenance (Church)	€10,916.00
Salaries/Wages	€19,116.00
Church Supplies (altar supplies, etc.)	€22,151.00
Light, Heat	€8,797.00
Schools	€15,250.00
Telephone/Postage/Stationary/Printing	€14,477.00
Receptions/Socials/Donations	€2,900.00
Insurance/Rates	€11,837.00
Parish Office Expenses	€4,895.00
Accounting and Audit	€500.00
Interest/Bank Charges	€8,036.00
Provision for repairs to church porches	€160,000.00
Total	€316,474.00
Surplus	€16,992.00

The analysis does not take into account the debt entered into by the Parish to complete the Iona Centre. The outstanding debt as at 30th June 2004 amounted to €196,181.00 which is being repaid over ten years through a bank term loan.

COLLECTIONS IN YOUR PARISH

Collections for the support of priests:

One of the collections at Mass each Sunday, combined with dues at Christmas, Easter, etc., and offerings made on the occasion of baptisms, weddings and funerals, supports the priests of the Parish, sick and retired priests of the Diocese and priests in parishes that are unable to fully support their priests.

Share Collection:

The other collection at Mass is for the Diocesan Development Fund – Share. This fund supports parishes in greatest need and pastoral services throughout the Diocese.

The Family Offering Collection:

This collection is funded by the families of the parish, either by weekly envelope or bank standing order. It pays for the day-to-day expenses of the parish, the local contribution to the parochial schools and capital costs of building and maintenance of parochial properties.

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The New Church Organ



Parishioners, particularly those attending the 11 o'clock Mass, may have noticed recently that our church has a new organ. The old instrument had fallen into disrepair and like all things electronic, had become obsolete and impossible to rehabilitate. After much discussion and research on the part of the Parish Team assisted by organists and choir directors past and present, the new Allen electronic organ was chosen and was installed by Jeffers Organs of Cork in time for the Holy Week ceremonies. While it is not a pipe organ, the organ reproduces pipe organ sounds which have been sampled electronically. A much wider variety of sounds is available than on the previous organ. These are transmitted throughout the church through two large speakers attached to the side walls of the building. The hope is that our new organ will give enhanced support to the choirs and to all who participate in our liturgies as they lift their voices in communal prayer in years to come.

LOCAL WRITER

Páirc Na hIgeartha is the title of a new book written by Micheál Ó Murchú and published recently by Coiscéim. Leading writers, Liam Prút and Alan Titley have welcomed the publication and speak very highly of its contents.

"The work is realistic, essential and quite exceptional and we have not seen its genre for more than thirty years," Liam Prút.

Micheál lives in Orlagh Lawn. He and Mary have three daughters, Gráinne, Muireann and Sorcha.

Páirc Na hIgeartha, €7.50, is available through all bookshops.

UPDATE FOR THE PARISH FORUM

Meetings of the Forum took place in February, March and April and a new member was welcomed at the April meeting, making a total of three new members in 2005.

A number of developments referred to in earlier issues of the Newsletter have now progressed. A new organ has been installed in the church (see photo and article) as has the new loop/PA system.

The primary schools project has been sanctioned and is proceeding. The new children's faith group 'Shape' has commenced, a Taizé Mass has been organised on two Sunday evenings and was very well received. This will continue on a monthly basis in the autumn as will young people becoming even more involved as eucharistic ministers, readers, etc. The newly established Youth Gospel Choir is developing well and the Foróige club and involvement locally is strengthening all the time. The parish will have a representative at World Youth Day as part of the Carmelite Group at the gathering.

A proposed extension to the Community School will include a new facility for the meditation/prayer room which is very popular with students. Temporary facilities will be provided while the extension is being built.

Parish Week will take place 24-27 May (see page 17) and adult supervisors will be required for the Talent Show. The Parish Social Bar-B-Q for all parish helpers will be held on 11th June 2005.

Following a review of its progress since its inception the Forum has decided to meet on a bi-monthly basis from next autumn.

– Eleanor O'Brien

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Joe Kiernan, a parishioner and one of our longest-standing advertisers, has changed his oil supply company name from J.J. Kiernan & Son to Kiernan Oil.

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– Editor

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BREAKING NEWS: The Return of Parish Week!

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Get one of them to ring us and agree to help on one of the nights . . . especially the Talent Show night.

Bingo – Tuesday, 24th May at 8 p.m.
– all welcome – all ages – kids bring your parents – parents bring your kids!

Talent Show – Wednesday, 25th May at 7.30 p.m. – Forms for the Talent Show will be available at the beginning of May.



Conditions of Entry to Talent Show:

1. Must be a resident of Knocklyon; or
2. Must work in Knocklyon; or
3. Must be going to a school in Knocklyon;

Remember this is YOUR week so please support as many events as you can!

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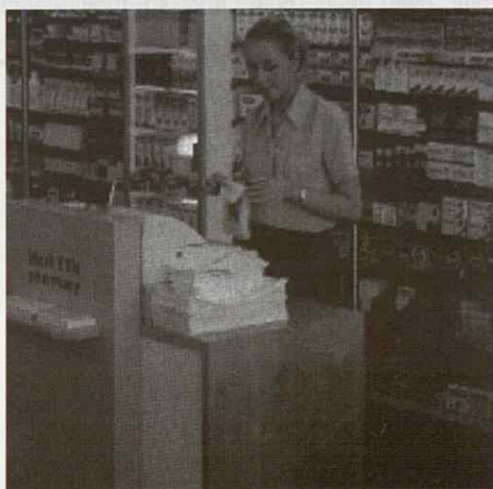
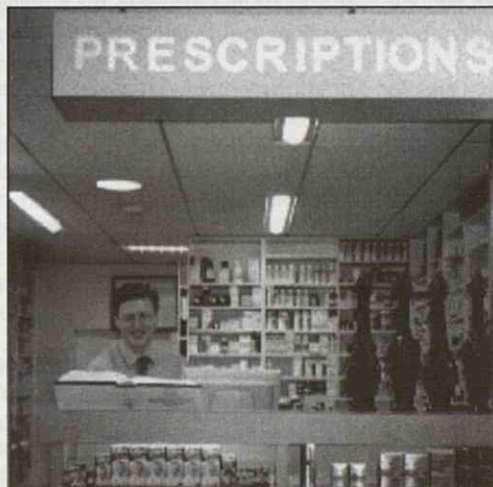
4. Be a member of any club or association located in Knocklyon;
5. Be aged between 10 and 16 years;
6. Act duration must not exceed 3 minutes;
7. No entries accepted after closing date of 17th May.

Pet Show – Thursday, 26th May at 7.00 p.m. – Just turn up on the night with your pet – all animals welcome, except elephants!



Adult Quiz Night – Friday, 27th May at 8.00 p.m. – Tickets on sale soon – 1 team per table – tables of 4 people only – each team must have a member who resides in Knocklyon – €20 per team.

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ST. COLMCILLE'S COMMUNITY SCHOOL

OFFICIAL SCHOOL OPENING

More than 20 years of campaigning finally came to fruition with the official opening of St Colmcille's Community School in Knocklyon.

Monday 7th of March 2005 students, staff, past and present, members of the Board of Management and the Parents Association as well as community leaders and public representatives gathered to mark the occasion; the school has been in operation since 2000.

The Minister of Social and Family Affairs, Séamus Brennan, did the honours, assisted by Bishop Eamonn Walsh who also blessed the school.

Students sang and played instruments during the liturgy and different art work, trophies and achievements were also on display throughout the building.

The crowd was welcomed by deputy principal Ger Hackett, followed by Bishop Walsh who said he saw the school as an expression of "people power and determination". Head girl Kylie Moynagh was MC on the day, introducing each speaker.

Dr. Vincent Kenny, the chairman of the school's board of management and who, along with others campaigned and fought tirelessly for the school since the late-1970's, then spoke and appealed to the community of Knocklyon to stay involved with the school. He said: "The campaign didn't mean just getting a building and a community school, something lit and took hold because we became a community, what we know today as Knocklyon. Don't let go of the dream, participate."

The chairman of the parents association, John Bentham, outlined some of the achievements of the school and association and then announced that the school's library is to be named the Dr. Vincent Kenny Library and presented Dr. Kenny with the silver name plate which will hang over the door; a standing ovation greeted this announcement.

Minister Brennan then spoke of lessons he learned during the campaign for the school, which was "be wary of the accepted, of the given research".

He said: "We were told there was no need for a local school, that the other schools in the area could handle the students, but it turned out the research and statistics were inaccurate."

John McKennedy (Principal) then spoke of the dedication of all the staff and students both in getting the school up and running and in preparing "selflessly" for the official opening.

Addressing the first sixth year and Leaving Certificate class to come through the school, he said, "You led the way and showed strong leadership to the newer students. You are our best asset and we would like to wish you every success in the exams and your lives ahead."

FRENCH EXCHANGE

All 40 students who participated in the French exchange

were really excited, and awaiting the arrival of their French correspondent who they had spent a week with in October 2004. There were many activities lined up for us which both French and Irish took part in.

On the 15th of March, they arrived, greeted by a warm reception with food and drinks which students and parents had prepared. Everyone was excited and looking forward to the fun filled week ahead. Activities organised included a Dublin sight seeing tour, a Céilí lead by Mr Mc Kennedy and an adventurous hike up Larch Hill. On St. Patrick's Day everyone headed off in different directions, some went to the parade, as it was a lovely day. The Irish families occupied their French visitor making sure they were always kept busy. Over the weekend, each family and their French visitors enjoyed different activities such as swimming, trips to the zoo, shopping and video nights in each other's houses. Each French visitor got a chance to spend some quality time with his or her families while having fun at the same time.

On Monday all students went to Blanchardstown shopping centre to take part in team bowling and some shopping. On Tuesday morning, there were tears and laughter as students waved goodbye to their French friends. One student said, "It was a very enjoyable experience and we would like to thank Ms Callaghan, Ms Hanlon and Mr. Flynn for making it all possible."

FORM AND FUSION

Creative Knocklyon students have put their heads together and designed an innovative costume which has put them into the finals of the Form + Fusion Awards.

Local Transition Year students Shane Kenrick, Mark Smith, Barry Sheridan, Ross Maguire Karl Doran and Ciara Lynch will bring their colourful design to the Grande Finale of the competition in May.

The costume, Navajo, represents the struggle for survival of native minority cultures against the onslaught of Western capitalism.

According to teacher Lorna Burke, who supervised the project, the idea behind the costume arose from a brainstorming session. The concept for the costume is based on the totem pole, a pole or pillar carved and painted with symbols representing family lineage and mythical or historical incidents and traditionally erected before the homes of native Indians in America.

But the Navajo Indians represent just one of the almost extinct minority cultures that the students wanted to draw attention to in their project.

Lorna explained: "It's about the destruction of native minority cultures against the on-slaughter of Western capitalism."

"From (the students') point of view, it's basically looking at identity and individuality within a group or community so, they made their own totem pole, and so they weren't

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following one specific design. They looked at different totem poles and Indian masks and created their own."

The Form and Fusion Awards, which are open to all 14-18 year old secondary school students, were established to empower teens to unleash their creativity in a supportive environment. An incredible 2,441 costumes were received for this year's awards, and this is also the first year that the Knocklyon school has entered the contest.

Ms Burke explained "that is why we are so delighted to reach the final, we have been working on this since October and they were in every day after school and on Saturdays".

The Competition is based around the idea that the "fusion of ideas, materials, techniques and talent variably produces inspiring and memorable costumes from recycled materials".

Tickets for the Coca Cola Form and Fusion Design Awards final, which is held in the point on May 13th are available at a cost of €16.50 at www.ticketmaster.ie

COUNTY ENTERPRISE BOARD AWARDS

This year in our school, a group of 1st, 2nd and TY students were involved in the County Enterprise Board Awards. This scheme is a national programme designed to encourage entrepreneurial activity and develop enterprise skills amongst second-level students in Ireland.

The Scheme involves giving young people the opportunity to set up and run a real business. This encouraged initiative, creativity and the ability to see a business opportunity as it arises.

In early January we held our school competition, which awarded each student for participating in the CEB Awards in the school. We also gave trophies to those businesses that achieved the highest sales, the best business plan, display etc. . . . Finally, we selected our representatives from 1st, 2nd and Transition Year to go on to the County Final, which was held in February.

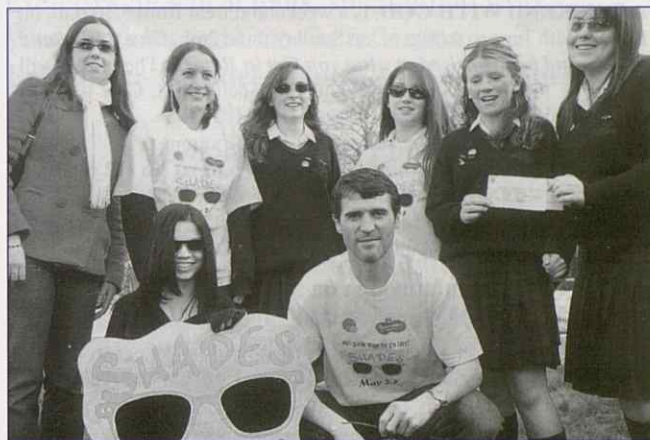
It was a fabulous achievement for all students involved to represent our school in the County Final. The students learned a lot about the competition they were up against and the interview skills they needed to win. We were delighted and very proud of Conor Power and Karl Dunne, both TY students, who won "Most Innovative Product" in the senior category. All students gained great confidence in themselves and in their ability and practical knowledge of the business subjects.

SCHOOL YEARBOOK

This year St. Colmcille's are publishing, for the first time, a school yearbook "A day in the life of St. Colmcille's" from September 2000 to June 2005. Highlights and achievements of the school as it grows from year to year. Copies of the book will be on sale in the school in May.



A group of French students enjoying their stay in Ireland.



As part of their 3rd Year C.S.P.E. Action Project for their Junior Cert, Aine Connell and Ciara Reynolds met Roy Keane at the Radisson Hotel, Stillorgan. This was the launch of 'Shades' day for the Irish Guide Dog Association. The girls presented Roy with a cheque for the Association.



Faith Friends, part of 60 pupils from Transition Year in St. Colmcille's Community School, Knocklyon, who helped with the preparation for the Confirmations.

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SUMMER IN ORLAGH Summer Activities with a Difference

Summer is approaching fast. Are you looking for something different to do this year? How about doing something to refresh your spirit as well as your body? If that appeals to you then some of the events in Orlagh might meet your needs.

A DAY FOR YOURSELF on Saturday, June 11th, from 10 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. offers the chance of time out for busy people, people who recognise that they need to look after the inner person if they are to survive and live with energy and enthusiasm. This day of reflection and prayer will be led by Fr. Kieran O'Mahony O.S.A. and Mary Kearney. (Cost €30, including a full lunch.)

The **ORLAGH BIBLE WEEK** this year will be of particular interest to people who are active in their parishes, either on the new parish pastoral councils or otherwise, as it looks at discipleship and community in New Testament times under the title *Proclaiming Jesus then and Now*. The presenters will be Sean Goan, Sr. Carmel McCarthy RSM and Fr. Kieran O'Mahony O.S.A. This starts at 9.30 a.m. Monday, 20th June and ends at lunchtime on Friday 24th June. The cost is €275 (residential) or €150 (non-residential).

A WEEKEND WITH GOD, is a weekend retreat from 5.30 p.m. on Friday, 24th June to 4.00 p.m. on Sunday, June 26th. *Give a Weekend to God and be Surprised at what you Get in Return*. The retreat will be led by Fr. John Byrne, OSA and Bernadette Toal. Cost is €135 (residential) or €85 (non-residential).

There are also three longer retreats during the summer:

1. A 6-day Directed Retreat: July 10th (6 p.m.)-17th (12 noon).
2. Two Lectio Divina Retreats on the theme of discipleship.
 - (a) July 3rd (6 p.m.)-July 9th (2 p.m.), 2005.
 - (b) July 31 (6 p.m.)-August (2 p.m.) 6th, 2005.

To get further information on any of the above events, or to make a booking, contact either Fr. John Byrne, or Fr. Kieran O'Mahony at:

ORLAGH RETREAT CENTRE, Old Court Road, Dublin 16. Tel: (01) 495 8190.

SAPLINGS - A New School for Autistic Children in Rathfarnham FUND-RAISING TABLE QUIZ

Venue: Buglers Pub, Ballyboden, Rathfarnham.

Date: Thursday, 9th June, 2005.

Time: 9.00 p.m.

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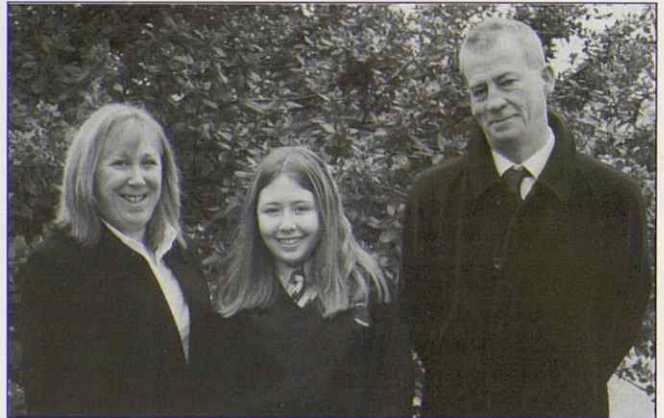
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Confirmation Day



Jane Devine with her Mum Olive.



Alice Creedon with her parents Margaret and Bobby.



Róisín Basquel on her Confirmation Day with Dom Ambrose Farrington O.C.S.O. Also included are her parents John and Anne, her brother John, Uncle and Aunt, Patrick and Julie Phillips.

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New Bridge Club in Knocklyon

Having run a series of Bridge classes for beginners earlier in the year some of the group have continued to play together on Monday mornings.

They would welcome anyone who is at a similar or slightly more advanced level to come along and play with them on Mondays.

The group is supervised by Lily Garvey who gave the classes and continues to give guidance on play.

Time: 10.30—1.00 p.m.
Cost: €3.00 each morning
Venue: Iona Centre
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Presenter: Carmel Wynne, Life & Business Coach, Author of *The Key To Unlocking Your Potential*.

Date: Saturday, May 21st.

Time: 10.00 a.m.-4 p.m.

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Thursday, 12th May, 2005

“Making The Most Of Retirement”

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KNOCKLYON HISTORY SOCIETY

Talk, Wednesday, 9th March,
The History of San Clemente
– the Dominican Church in Rome
Speaker: Dr. Eileen Kane

The Church of San Clemente, administered by the Irish Dominicans since the late 1600's, is one of the oldest churches in Rome. While the present basilica dates from the 12th century, there is evidence of a church on that site going back to the first century. The basilica is located near the Colosseum.

Pope St. Clement was the third successor to St. Peter. During the reign of Trajan (98-117), Clement was exiled to Crimea, worked in the marble mines there, and in 100AD, was thrown into the Black Sea with an anchor tied round his neck – hence his icon, the anchor. His remains were located by SS Cyril and Methodius, and in 867 were returned to Rome and interred in San Clemente.

In 1867, Fr. Joseph Mullooly, a Longford man then Prior of San Clemente, began excavations under the present church, uncovering the earlier 4th century basilica, and at a still lower level the remains of an earlier first century building. Later excavations revealed a fourth stratum containing buildings destroyed in the fire of Nero in 64AD. The water table prevents further excavation at that level.

In her illustrated talk, art historian Dr. Eileen Kane, described in great detail the ornate decoration, from the Cosmatesque mosaic floor (after the family Cosmas – using pieces of marble from ancient buildings) to the ceiling – late Baroque and early Rococo. However, the crowning glory is the Apse mosaic, depicting the Crucifixion with the Cross as the Tree of Life giving sustenance to all creation.



Of the side chapels, the most interesting is that of St. Catherine of Alexandria, martyred for protesting against the persecution of Christians.

Dr. Kane has studied the basilica's art for over 25 years and has written a number of books on the subject, the most recent being on St. Catherine's Chapel.

San Clemente is well worth a visit.

The Dominican Church of San Clemente, near the Colosseum in Rome.

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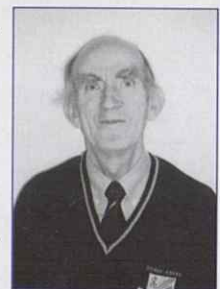
Wednesday, 11th May, 8 p.m.

An opportunity for us to celebrate the expected arrival of a new member to our community. We gather to pray for the health of the mother and baby during the months of pregnancy and for a safe delivery.



AIDAN IS ELECTED!

Congratulations to Aidan Gorby, Coolamber Court, who has been elected Captain of Glenville Pitch & Putt Club. Glenville is the largest Pitch & Putt Club in Ireland (over 600 members) and other activities include table tennis, music, art, cards and darts. Now that Aidan has retired from "the day job" and has some time to spare we know he will be a great asset to the Glenville club. We wish him every success in his new position.



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KNOCKLYON UNITED



The season is now in full flow and at the time of writing, many of our teams are performing very well with many in contention for trophies. However, sadly one of our managers, Pat White, passed away recently.

PAT WHITE, R.I.P.

Following the untimely death of Pat White, the club would like to pass on our deepest sympathy to Pat's wife Fran and to their sons Ronan, Ruairi and Gavin. The club would also like to recognise the huge amount of work Pat put into the club and in particular his great coaching skills.

It was during the pre-season of season 2001/02 that one of the most promising teams that Knocklyon United has produced in recent years found themselves without a management team. It was at this stage that Pat and Kevin Maguire stepped in and decided to take the team to the next level. In their first season Pat and Kevin brought the team to 3 Cup Finals, 2 domestic finals and an international Cup Final at the prestigious Valuas Tournament held in Holland. Pat pitched his coaching skills against some of Europe's finest schoolboy teams and Knocklyon's team were unluckily beaten by a 5-4 scoreline in a penalty shootout by a crack French outfit.

The following season Pat took the team up a level to Division 1 in the DDSL. It was in the playoff for the league that Pat enjoyed one of the most memorable moments in his coaching career. Following 90 minutes the teams were level at 2-2. In extra time Pat's son Gavin scored what was to be the decisive goal – a great night for everyone involved.

Through his coaching skills Pat reached many soccer players from the area and they have become better players for that experience.

He will be sadly missed by all members of the club, both past and present. May he rest in peace.

UPDATE ON FOOTBALL

Our teams have done extremely well recently with 3 of our 7-a-side teams successfully progressing to their cup finals. Aidan Leonard's and Peter White's U10 team progressed to the cup final having beaten another U10 Knocklyon team in the quarter final. This particular game was played in great friendship and spirit. The other successful teams to reach the finals were the U10 managed by Shay Traynor, Paul McDermott, James Higgins and the U8A managed by Frank Byrne and Lindsay Pennycooke. The finals



Pat Maguire (right) and Kevin Maguire (left).

will be played on the Sunday 15th May and further details will be published on the website www.knocklyonfc.com. Best of luck to all the teams and all support will be welcome. In the league, many of our teams are currently leading or challenging for the league title. Details in the next edition of the Knocklyon News.

GIRLS FOOTBALL

The girls' season begins in the middle of May and all our teams are now back training. We currently have three teams in the Dublin's Women's League U10, U12 and U14. All players are welcome. For further information please contact Ruaidhri McSharry at 494 2094 or mobile 086-832 0688, E-mail rms@cti.ie.

CLEAN-UP DAY

A clean-up day on our pitches has been organised by Mary Young in conjunction with South Dublin County Council. We will be removing rubbish from our pitches at Delaford Park, Cherryfield, and Knocklyon Park which will then be collected by the Council. It is unfortunate that a lot of this rubbish consists of beer cans/bottles which can cause damage to all our players. The clean-up day will take place at 3 p.m. on Saturday on the 14th May. We require all managers to help with the clean-up. All support is welcome.

PITCHES

The new posts for our pitch at Cherryfield will be installed in the next couple of weeks. As many of you are aware the pitch has been out of action due to the drainage work by the Council. This has now been completed and will be ready for the start of the girl's league.

Once again, the Club would remind all managers and players to support your teams and encourage all players to enjoy the game.

Any queries please contact me at 086-266 9311 or E-mail: mickkennedy1000@eircom.net. Web page: www.knocklyonfc.com.

– Mick Kennedy, P.R.O.



Peter White (Manager) Under 10, Aidan Leonard (Manager) not in picture. Twins David and Sean Gillen who play for the Under 10 team. Picture taken after Quarter-Final against another Knocklyon United team.

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K.A.R.A. NEWS

On Tuesday 5th April we were happy to welcome everyone back after our Easter break and hope that they are all looking forward to this sessions activities.

On our final Tuesday before Easter we had a visit from Councillor Alex White. Councillor White gave us an interesting and enlightening talk on the workings of South Dublin County Council and was happy to answer all our questions.

We had our first outing of the new session on Tuesday 5th April when a sizeable group of members paid a visit to Jameson's Distillery. The tour was entertaining and informative and we all enjoyed our taste of Jameson's Whiskey at the end of the visit.

As I write a large group is preparing for a three-day holiday in the Tower Hotel in Waterford. No doubt we will have plenty to report from that in the next issue.

The photo accompanying this report shows our secretary Noel Mordaunt celebrating his 80th birthday with his fellow bowls players. This birthday was also celebrated by all members at one of our Tuesday meetings and we know these were only some of the many celebrations to mark Noel's birthday.

There are other activities in the pipeline just now



Noel Mordaunt cuts the cake to celebrate one of the many get-togethers for his 80th Birthday.

and you will hear more of these in the next edition of the Knocklyon News. Meanwhile our meetings continue at 10.30 a.m. on Tuesdays with bowls on Thursdays from 1 p.m. to 3.15 p.m.

We can be contacted through any of our officers:
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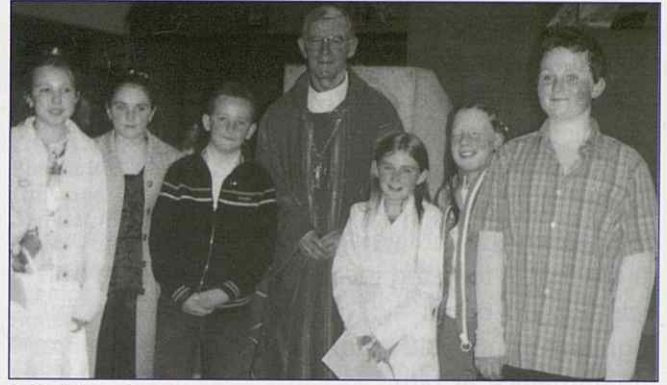
Bhi seachtain an-mhór againn le déanaí sa Ghaelscoil . . . ar an 13ú lá dAibreáin chuaigh páistí rang a sé faoi lámh an Easpaig. As a Gaelscoil, we 'share' duties with two other Gaelscoil in South County Dublin – Scoil Naithí in Ballinteer and Scoil Bhríde in Ranelagh. This year, Scoil Naithí were the 'hosts' and the ceremony took place in St. John's Church in Ballinteer. B'é an tEaspag Martin Drennan a bhí i mbun na searmanais agus d'aontaigh gach a bhí i láthair gur éirigh go hiontach leis an ócáid. The ceremony of Confirmation is a very important one in the life of a young teenager – indeed it is the beginning of life as an individual adult rather than as a child – and is treated as such in the liturgy. It is an occasion for celebration agus tá ár mbuíochas ag dul go Máire Ní Gallachóir as an obair a chuir sí isteach le déanamh cinnte gur lá an-speisialta a bheadh ann do 'chuile dhuine'.

EOLAÍOCHT

Dar fia, tá Máire an-ghnóthach na laethanta seo mar chuir sí tús le tionscnamh an-mhór sa scoil i Mí Aibreáin. Tá suim aici i gcúrsaí eolaíochta agus chinn sí ar an gcúrsa nua eolaíochta a chur i bhfeidhm sa scoil. Máire has prepared a series of science lessons for each class in the school which emphasise the practical aspects of the revised curriculum. Each class will explore different aspects of the new course under Máire's direction. Our scientific journey will culminate in trips to the zoo which is running Science-orientated courses in May and June. There has been a major change of emphasis in the revised programme and we are delighted that Máire's interest in the subject has inspired the rest of the staff to implement these changes.

COMAOINEACH

No sooner is one occasion enjoyed than another



Páistí ón nGaelscoil a chuaigh faoi lámh an Easpaig le déanaí leis an Easpag Martin Drennan.

presents! Cór na scoile is already practising for an Chéad Chomaoineach and Múinteoir Clár is busy preparing her Rang a Dó for the ceremony which will take place in May. This is a very special day in the school year in which almost everyone is involved. The school is buzzing with practices for tinwhistlers and others while parents of Rang a hAon are making arrangements for the Cóisir which takes place in the school afterwards.

SAOL NA SCOILE

Meanwhile, life continues apace. Tá Brian Ó Riagáin ar ais ag tógaint ranganna éagsúla don pheil Gaelach. Is iontach an rud é an tacaíocht a thugann Cumann Bhaile Bhaodáin Naomh Éanna do chluichí Gaelacha sa scoil agus táimid fíor bhuíoch díobh dá réir.

Tá Daithí agus Clár ar ais i mbun na ranganna cheoil. Tá ag éirí go h-iontach leo, idir veidhleadhóirí agus iad siúd a sheineann an fheadóg stáin agus is breá an rud iad a chloisteáil i mbun cheoil sa tráthnóna.

Tá Dante ar ais linn agus táimid gar do bhuachphointe na bliana . . . an lá a bhíonn lá Iodáileach sa dá rang aige . . . bíimid ar fad ag súil leis an mbia blasta a réitíonn sé!

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Tá ag éirí go hiontach lenár seomra ríomhaireachta nua. Is deacair a rá cé acu



Máire Ní Ghallchóir le roinnt dá daltaí a chuaigh faoi laimh an Easpaig le déanaí.

bhaineann an méid is mó taitnimh as . . . daltaí nó múinteoirí. Tá rogha breá cláracha ar fáil agus bíonn leisce ar gach duine an seomra a fhágáil. Caithfidimid buíochas a ghlacadh le Múinteoir Áine a chinntíonn go bhfuil gach rud ag obair mar ba chóir.

Agus muid ag súil le Samhradh na bliana seo, tugaimid aghaidh ar an mbliain seo chugainn. Tiocfaidh Naíonáin nua isteach ar cuairt go luath. Tá múinteoir Deirdre ag réiteach chucu cheana féin! The Naíonra are accepting names for the next few years and if you would like to see the school or meet the Príomh Oide, cuir glaoch ar 493 9262.

Reflection for Pentecost

Confirmation is closely associated with Baptism but differs from it, Confirmation is an extension of Baptism and is associated with the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. When the Spirit came on the Apostles they were filled with power and conviction. They became men transformed, filled with God's spirit.

The work of the Holy Spirit in them made them aware of the love of Jesus and so a new relationship with Jesus was born. The Spirit launched them into the world to be witnesses to the Resurrection and to preach the gospel of salvation to all people.

The power that was given to the Apostles is given to us also. The gifts of the Holy Spirit were given to at Baptism and later at Confirmation. What we need is Faith to accept the gifts and the energy to put our faith to work in situations where we find ourselves.

The gifts of the Holy Spirit will give us courage to open doors and to go out to people who may not have heard of the Holy Spirit. We need to be transformed at Pentecost, our fear must be turned to joy. We know that the Apostles were fearful and were staying together in their fear before the coming of the Holy Spirit but then they received the gifts and were no longer afraid but went out to preach the good news with joy. They were liberated from their fears and were prepared to suffer any hardship for the sake of the Gospel.

When we are liberated from our fears we will not be afraid or ashamed to proclaim the gospel by word and example.

– Dom Ambrose Farrington, OCSO
(Pentecost Sunday, May 15th).

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– *Mary Coleman, Máire O'Donnell*

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