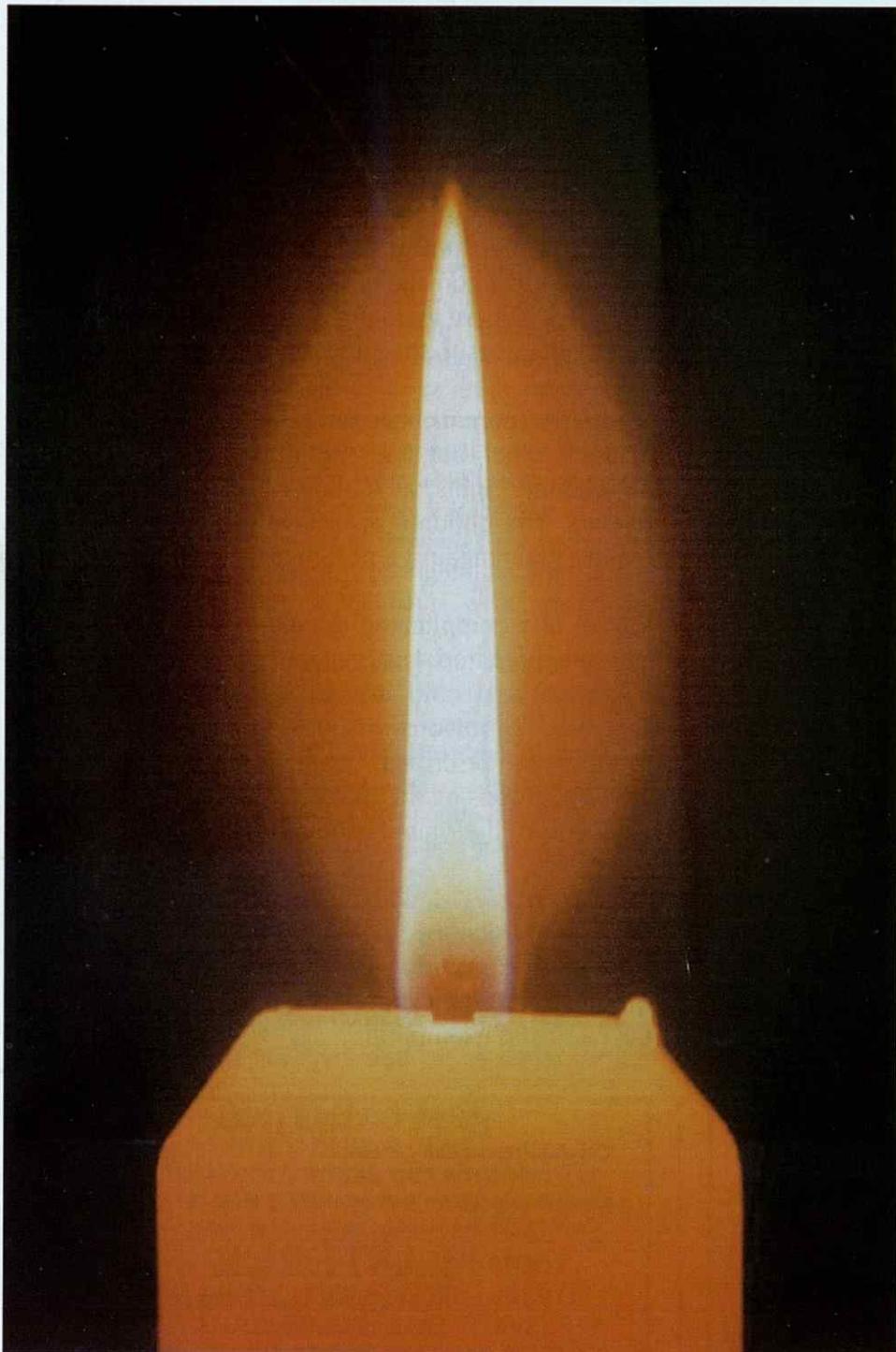




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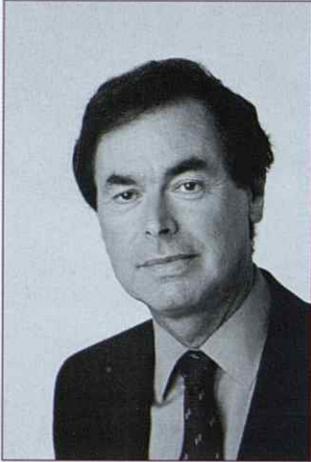
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***“Keep your lamps lit” (Luke 12:35)***  
**Memories of the Lourdes Pilgrimage 2006**

# SHATTER'S LAW



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Everyone should make a Will. It is important to do so whether you are still at work or retired. Too many people make Wills when under stress as a result of an unexpected accident or illness. These Wills are often not fully thought through and after a family bereavement may cause major family upset.

A Will is a relatively simple document but is subject to some specific legal rules. Husbands and wives are required by law to leave at least 1/3 of their assets to the other. This rule does not apply to property in their joint names, such as the family home, which automatically passes to the surviving spouse.

The law also provides certain protections for children, including adult children. While a child of parents married to each other cannot challenge his or her parent's inheritance, he or she may challenge other terms in a Will. Where no or limited provision is made for a child by Will, the law allows the courts to order that a specified portion of a deceased parent's estate be given to a child where a court is of the opinion that the parent "has failed in his or her moral duty to make proper provision for the child in accordance with his/her

means whether by Will or otherwise." There have been many court cases in which children have successfully challenged Wills made by parents. The resulting redistribution by the courts of a deceased's property often causes acrimony and division within families. Where a parent has substantially provided for a child during his or her lifetime, the courts may dismiss such a challenge by concluding that a deceased parent did properly live up to his or her moral duty.

If a husband or wife dies without making a Will, 2/3 of the deceased's property automatically goes to the surviving spouse and 1/3 is divided equally between children. Implementation of this rule can on occasion cause family difficulties and does not provide a mechanism for taking into account the individual circumstances and needs of family members. Where there are no children and no will everything goes to the surviving spouse.

Unmarried parents have no inheritance obligations to each other but their children have the same inheritance rights as children born to married parents. The children also have the same right to make a claim against a non-married parent's estate.

A Will is a complicated document and has to be carefully prepared. Issues of inheritance tax have to be addressed and the inheritance rights of separated or divorced spouses may differ from those earlier described. I believe it is essential that anyone proposing to make a Will obtains legal advice from their family solicitor.

In later articles, I will discuss the mechanics of making a Will and provide detailed information about inheritance tax rates and exemptions.



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# FISH POWER

**Knocklyon's  
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Choir wow  
thousands of  
pilgrims in  
Lourdes**



In late September our Ichthys Gospel Choir travelled to Lourdes with some 1500 other pilgrims from all over Ireland as part of the annual Carmelite pilgrimage.

Obviously we really didn't know what to expect as very few of us had been there before. However we will never forget this pilgrimage. The weather was great, the craic was mighty, we got to know each other much better, and got a brilliant reaction to our singing as well.

A visit to Lourdes is not like a normal holiday. There's loads to do – in fact things were a bit mental at times, but we enjoyed pretty much every minute of it.

This trip will hold special memories for our group. The torchlight procession, our night-time vigil at the Grotto, and our visit to the baths were among the highlights for us.

The day trip to the beach in Spain was great. The waves were amazing – even if we didn't manage to throw James in! It was gas to see Mick having a Baywatch moment in his David Hasselhoff Speedos, trying to keep us from being washed out to sea! Tostaki's Disco bar was great fun too – but you wanna see Brenda, Elaine, and Trish on the dance floor: the state of them trying to copy our moves!!!

On Friday morning, we gathered outside the Basilica for our group photograph. We were just hangin' around, waiting for the photographer, when someone (James James!!) had the BRIGHT idea that we'd sing to pass the time. Sarah (Pip) Maher blasted out "As I went Down to the River to Pray" and before we knew it a

huge crowd gathered round us, and they'd have kept us there all day if Fr. Philly (legend!) hadn't to get us for our photograph.

But without doubt the highlight for all of us was singing for in front of an estimated 2,000 pilgrims at the Saturday night Mass in honour of St. Therese in the Cote de Carmel – our biggest gig to date! We arrived in the church with a truckload of the band's gear, including a drumkit and piano! As usual, James gave moral guidance and supervision as we sweated and injured ourselves carrying the stuff in (hope he didn't break his nicely-manicured fingernails!).

When we had all the gear set up, Fergal warmed up the crowd with "Holy Ghost Power" – regarded by many as our signature song at this stage. From the very first minute, the entire congregation joined in with the clapping, singing and bopping – young, old, and in-between – and things just got better and better as the Mass went on. In the almost 20 year history of this Carmelite pilgrimage, truly nothing like it had ever been experienced before!

**Editors note:** *Congratulations to the choir who continue to do us so proud and go from strength to strength. Word has it that they also wowed the crowds on Grafton Street one Saturday morning recently while out busking and brought great joy to the prisoners in Mountjoy the next day, where they sang at Mass. Well done to each and every one!*

## THANK YOU!

THE ICHTHYS GOSPEL CHOIR WISH TO EXPRESS THEIR DEEP APPRECIATION TO ALL THOSE WHO SO GENEROUSLY CONTRIBUTED TO THEIR VARIOUS FUNDRAISING ENDEAVOURS - ALL OF WHICH ENABLED THEM TO TRAVEL TO LOURDES. A CANDLE WAS LIT AT THE GROTTA FOR YOUR INTENTIONS.

"ICHTHYS" is the Greek word for fish, and has, since the earliest days of the Church, been a symbol for Christianity in Greek, it is an acronym for Jesus Christ, the Son of God, our Saviour.

*Don't forget...*

## ICHTHYS "RAISE DA ROOF" GOSPEL MASS

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# MISSION SUNDAY

I listened with great interest to Fr. Dermot Kelly, O.Carm, on Mission Sunday, 22 October, as he told us about his family background, his search for a position in life and his eventual decision to join the Carmelite Order.

All I have in common with Fr. Dermot is that we are both the eldest in a family of six children. In my time at school the word "vocation" was narrowly interpreted as a calling to religious life as a nun, brother or priest. In secondary school the nuns gave us a prayer to be said daily entitled, "For the choice of a state in life". Many of my friends saw this as a recruiting drive by the Loreto Sisters. However, as I have always been a bit independent minded I decided to say the prayer. I eventually left school having passed my leaving and matriculation certificate examinations. I went to UCD to study arts and commerce. I joined An Cumann Gaelach and a couple of other societies. Academically university life was a shock. Professors and lecturers, with a few exceptions, had no great interest in students. We were on our own from day one until the examinations in May. This was a difficult transition from school where homework was checked daily and essays assessed weekly. However, I enjoyed the social life, especially the debates and the debating skills of fellow members of An Cumann Gaelach. I had a reasonable command of spoken Irish but I was in awe of the highly intelligent and sometimes fierce discussion which took place. In my time at UCD, recent graduates returned to meetings of societies.

By the end of my second academic year in university I was engaged to be married to a young architect. I had to have parental permission which was given by my mother and father saying "it is your life so if this is your choice you have our blessing". A brave statement by two wonderful people! Because I had said the prayer given to me some six years previously I had absolutely no hesitation in getting married at such a young age. I became a housewife instead of an accountant or whatever path I might have taken. I am rather unique in this modern world. I have never been employed but I have always worked. My late husband, Aodhagan, worked extremely hard to support me and our large family. We were a team for over fifty-one years. Moladh go Deo le Dia.

My advice to the young people to-day is to pray for guidance during your school years. -- Do not be led into professions in which you may have little interest just because of perceived status or monetary rewards. God is always there for us. "Ask and you shall receive". Many times in my life I have asked and I can honestly say that my plea has been answered.

We can help Fr. Dermot Kelly in his mission by our prayers and by our own profession of faith. Guimíd ráth Dé ar a chuid oibre!

Anna Brioscú

# K.A.R.A. NEWS

On September 12 we were happy to welcome all our members back after the summer break.

Before getting back to talk of our activities we take this opportunity to somewhat belatedly offer our sympathies to the family and friends of one of our former secretaries Carmel O'Gorman who died in February. May she rest in peace. Her presence in the club has been much missed in the past years.

Since our last news report a large group of members went on holidays to the Galway Bay Hotel, Galway has always been a popular destination and this time was no different. Everybody enjoyed the hospitality of the hotel and there were trips to Clare and Connemara. The shops in Galway were also a delight to many. In the evenings there was a choice between quizzes, dancing and the singing of T.R Dallas.

Our next holiday trip goes to the Sligo Park Hotel on the 22nd October. We are looking forward to visiting Dromcliff, Lissadell and Lough Gill and the many other places of interest in the Sligo area.

There will be an outing to the Gondoliers in the National Concert Hall on 19th November.

Meanwhile the club continues in the Community Centre on Tuesday mornings at 10.30a.m. with tea, chat, aerobic exercises and curling and on Thursday afternoons at 1p.m. with bowls.

All are welcome – no one is too young, unless they are under 50 and no one at all is too old so long as they are willing to be active and alive.

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KARA – A break during bowls.

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# CHRISTMAS FAIR



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**They were:**

St. Colmcilles Junior School,  
St. Colmcilles Senior School,  
Knocklyon Community School,  
Knocklyon Gael Scoil  
Knocklyon Youth Club,  
Knocklyon United Football Club,  
Ballyboden GAA Club,  
Bros. Pearse Athletics Club,  
Knocklyon Community Games and  
Knocklyon Scouts.



In addition a contribution was made to our Carmelite Parish in Zimbabwe with the balance going into the Parish Fund to pay for the upkeep of the Church etc..

This year we would like to do the same again but we need your help with the door knocking, collecting, setting up and cleaning up, pulpit preaching (that's me!) and community manoeuvres... Yes it's Christmas Fair time.

We need all of Knocklyon to do their bit in what ever way they can... Why?... well, to raise some much needed funds for the Parish and at the same time have a great day out... spend a few Euro and win a few prizes... but... yes there is always a but... we need your help.

### ***How can I help?***

Ring 087 2780611, the Xmas Fair hot-line... leave your name, contact phone number and age if under 18 and we will get back to you.

OR Please contact: Colm on 087 2569773 or  
Gerry on 087 2780611 or  
Declan on 086 8543433

### **Manoeuvres date:**

Sunday the 26th of November – do all your shopping at the new look Christmas Fair?

Doors open at 10.30am sharp!

Thanks again  
**Christmas Fair Committee**





# KNOCKLYON UNITED

## Easter Trip

Once again the club will be organising a number of soccer trips this Easter. They have proved to be extremely successful in the past with many of our teams bringing back silverware. The competitions are of a high standard and are extremely well run. This season we are planning to bring six teams abroad to play in these competitions. They will be travelling to Barcelona in Spain and Holland. We anticipate that there will be over 170 players, managers and parents travelling with the teams and a sub-committee will oversee the running and financial aspect of the trips.

## Soccer Nursery

The new soccer nursery began in mid October and will cater for players aged 6 (must be born in 2000). The nursery is an important part of the club as it will form the basis of our teams for next season. It is open to both boys and girls. The players will receive excellent coaching from our experienced and qualified coaches. The nursery will take place on Saturday mornings between 12pm and 1pm at the all-weather pitch in the Knocklyon Community School which is a fantastic facility. All players are welcome.

## Donation

We are grateful to the Parish Council for its recent kind donation. As many in the community would be aware, we are the second biggest junior soccer club in Dublin with 38 teams and over 600 players. The majority of these players, managers and helpers are from the Knocklyon area. We are therefore grateful to the Parish Council for their continued support and kind donation.

## Web Site

Please check our web site which is continually updated by Troy Gogan [www.knocklyonfc.com](http://www.knocklyonfc.com)

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# The Experience of Winter

## Light a candle and pray...

In the darkness of these Winter months,  
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In the wilderness of these days,  
hold me open to the hope of new life.

I light this candle...

...for those who live in the  
valley of darkness,  
depression and grief.

...for those who live in the  
wilderness of broken  
relationships.

...for those who have famished hearts, those who  
have never known love or affection.

...for those who wander in the desert, away from  
God, from Church and religion.



...for young people who drift  
through life without meaning,  
purpose or direction.

...for those who resort to  
violence to fill the empty  
spaces in their hearts.

...for the Church in Ireland,  
going through its Wintertime,  
its barren landscape.

Help me to embrace the emptiness that is part of life,  
to see it as a sacred space, open to God, ready for  
Spring and for Resurrection. Amen.

Fr. Liam Ryan, O.S.A., Limerick.

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## Questioning Faith or Questioning Doubt

Have you ever how noticed how at times our faith, our belief in God, is strong and unwavering; God seems near, we can sense His presence and love in our life? Yet at other times our belief seems to wobble and we find ourselves questioning God's existence.

Most of us experience this wavering in our faith but it can still upset us, even make us wonder if we are losing the faith we were brought up in. We might start to ask ourselves why we continue to come to Mass, why we want our children to come with us. Maybe we're not sure what the basis of our belief is. We can't remember what we learned at school or whether we understood what we were taught.

Experiencing these kinds of doubts and uncertainties can be really good for us if we try to do something about them, seek answers and grow in understanding, in making our faith our own so that we will be able to pass it on to our children and others.

We can also find ourselves in a bit of a dilemma if a child comes home from school and throws a casual question at us such as "What do you think God is really like?", or, "have you seen God and why do you believe in Him?" These are very basic questions but not so easy to answer unless we have a real conviction in our faith.

Have you ever wished there was some way you could get answers to questions of faith? Nowadays our lives are so busy we don't have much time to study and update our understanding of our faith.

Perhaps you have questions you'd like to ask about God, faith, the Mass, the Sacraments, prayer. In the coming months we would like to try to address the questions people ask. We propose to have a \*Question Box in the church into which you can pop your questions, or, alternatively, you could email them to [website@knocklyonparish.com](mailto:website@knocklyonparish.com) and we will try to address some of them in the Sunday Missalettes and the Knocklyon News.

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# JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS



Jenny Mosley of Circle Time fame working with Ms O'Kane's class as a demonstration for staff.

## Ten Fun-Filled Weeks

Everyone settled back to school quickly and the half-term before Halloween proved really productive. Healthy Eating week, Heritage Week and Book Week have been enjoyed by pupils and staff. Our annual shared-reading scheme, now in its fifth year, has recommenced with a large number of new parents involved. Eighteen teachers have met parents of their classes individually and in class groups. These meetings are vital to cement the home-school partnership. Pupils and teachers were led by Fr. Philip in lovely prayer services for a successful school year.

## European Relations

Our second year of involvement in Comenius has begun. This project, which fosters relationships between schools in different parts of Europe, is most enjoyable for pupils and teachers. Having studied school life past, present and future last year, the pupils in Italy, Turkey, Estonia, Belgium and Germany will focus on home life this year. In the first term the teachers will develop the theme of home life today. Eight of our teachers visited our sister school in Lucca, Italy before Halloween. They learned a lot about the system of primary education in Tuscany and they assisted with planning for the next phase of the project. Pupils in the six schools exchange information packs three times a year. Another group of our teachers will visit Estonia in May. The broadening of horizons can only enhance our learning community here in the Junior school.

## Enrolment

Applications for places in the 2007 Junior Infant classes are now being processed. Families newly resident in Knocklyon parish should be aware that it is necessary to apply for places well in advance of the year of entry and no later than the previous November. Parents who wish may

check whether their application is on file at the school office this month. Due to a number of late deferrals we have a few vacancies in the current Junior Infant class. Our older classes are full.

## After-School Activities

Our teachers have organised a wide variety of after-school classes in Music, French, Gaeilge, Physical Education and Visual Arts. Many pupils in Senior Infants, First and Second classes derive great benefit socially and educationally from these extra classes. Our aquatics programme is also well underway with Second classes enjoying five lessons this term, while First classes must wait until after Christmas.

## School Workshops

Our 180 Second Class pupils attended the Irish Times Music in the Classroom concert at the Helix Theatre in Glasnevin. Having learned the songs in September the children had great fun accompanying Gearóid Grant's musicians in the concert hall. Pupils in First and Senior Infant classes participated in Samba workshops while every class took part in very interesting lessons with Heritage experts like Eanna Ní Lamhna in September. The visit of Jenny Mosley who devised the Circle-Time approach to teaching and learning was very worthwhile. Jenny worked with two classes and all of our staff had the opportunity to witness her skillful steering of a one-hour long session.

## Charitable Donations

Pupils in the 2006 First Communion classes received letters of thanks from Fr. Philip and Sr. Rose Carmel, for their very generous contributions to the Carmelite Lourdes Fund and Romanian Fund.

Sacramental Preparations for 2007 have already begun with our six classes enrolling at the ten o'clock Sunday Masses in November. First Confessions will be in early March and First Communions will be held on three May Sundays.



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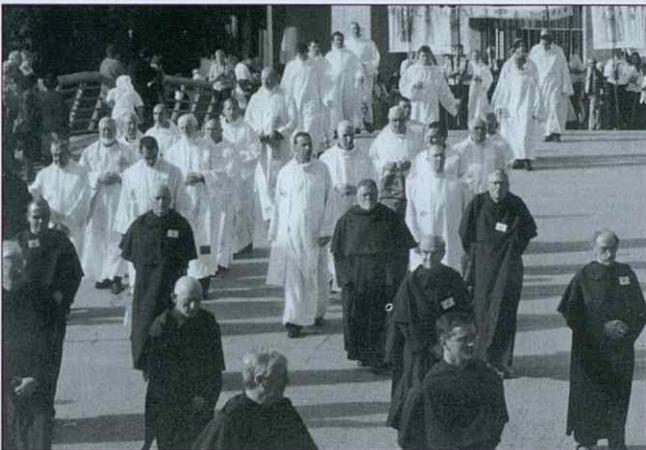
# CARMELITE PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2006



Loyal blue tie helpers carrying Carmelite banners in the procession with the Blessed Sacrament.



Helpers from St. Colmcilles Community School.



Irish Carmelite friars leading the Blessed Sacrament Procession.



Stopping for a chat.



On the way to the Grotto.



Paddy Staunton O.Carm., the first P.P. of Knocklyon from 1974-82, preaching at the Grotto.

## APPEAL FOR HELP

The Annual Carmelite Pilgrimage to Lourdes will be 20 years old next year (Sept 27th – Oct 2nd). The following year – 2008 – will mark the 150th anniversary of Our Lady's apparitions to Bernadette. As the numbers on our pilgrimages continue to grow each year, we are always in need of more able-bodied helpers to assist us, particularly with the pushing of wheelchairs, carrying of banners etc. Perhaps some of our local over 18 GAA players might come on board for example? We could do with your help! For more information, talk to Philip on 086 311 28 37 or Michael Brady at the Carmelite Pilgrimage Office, 56 Aungier Street. Tel: (01) 4781389

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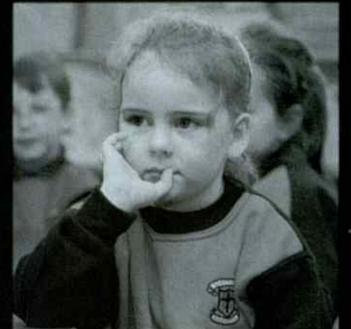
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# NUAHT ÓN SCOIL SHINSEARACH/SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

## Oide Nua: New Teacher

Fáilte mhór to Ms. J. O'Sullivan, one of the new teachers in St. Colmcilles S.N.S. Ms. O'Sullivan is photographed with one of her 4th class pupils, Heather Nolan.



## GOAL Jersey Day

GOAL Jersey Day is a national fundraising event organised by GOAL. It is held on the 19th of September. GOAL is an international charity that raises money for poor countries especially when disasters strike. GOAL was founded by a man named John O'Shea in 1977. The aim of GOAL Jersey Day is to raise money by encouraging staff and pupils to wear in their favourite Irish jersey and donate a minimum of €2 to GOAL. With the support of GOAL patrons such as Sonia O'Sullivan, Brian Kerr and Victor Costello, GOAL Jersey Day is always a great success and has raised up to €353,000! Every year there is a great response and St. Colmcilles senior school always take part. With the help of Mr. Ruddy's 6th class, who organised GOAL Jersey Day, we ended up raising an amazing amount of €1,500. We are really happy with this amount raised and we know the money is going to a good cause. We can't wait for next year's GOAL Jersey Day and hope that it will be as big a success.

*Composed by Emma Gorman & Eleanor Byrne, Rm. 6, 6th class.*

## Full Attendance Certs

A total of 71 pupils from St. Colmcilles S.N.S. were recently presented with certificates of full attendance for the school year 2005/06. Pictured above are the 6th class pupils who were recently presented with certificates of full attendance.

## Tithe Scoile: School Houses

In St. Colmcilles S.N.S., classes from the various year groups (3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th) come together regularly for a House Assembly.



GOAL Jersey Day.



Pictured above are the 6th class pupils who were recently presented with certificates of full attendance.

Each teach or house consists of a 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th class. The houses are all named after places that have an association with the life of St. Colmcille. A 6th class boy and girl have been selected as House Captains and the House Captains have various duties to fulfil during the year. The selected House Captains are as follows:

<b>Gartan</b>	Eimear Duffy	James Craig
<b>Moville</b>	Tara Burke	Iain McHugh
<b>Doire</b>	Sinéad Crowley	Darragh Hyland
<b>Iona</b>	Ben McEntee	Karen Bobbett
<b>Kells</b>	Aisling O'Reilly	Cian Coghlan
<b>Tir Chonaill</b>	Ruth Cassidy	Stephen Cuddy

## Bridges

Over the last few weeks the pupils of 6th class participated in building their own bridges. The pupils were given a list of four different kinds of bridges. (These were discussed in detail in class). Those bridges are a beam bridge, a suspension bridge, an arched bridge and a truss bridge. We were very excited to get started. The materials that we used were wide and varied including wood, cardboard, metal, lego, plastic and string. The colours were spectacular and the styles were unique. Some were small, others were big but all were equal in effort.

The bridges were displayed in the hall for the 6th class parents meeting. The parents enjoyed looking at the bridges but not as much as we enjoyed building them.

*By Aoife Small and Luke Byrne, 6 class Room 4*

## Visit to Bohernabreena

On 4 October 2006 our class went on a trip to Bohernabreena Water works. Our tour guide was Thomas Maher. During the day we went to see the upper reservoir and lower reservoir. The upper reservoir is drinking water. This water is sent down to Ballyboden to be cleaned and to be distributed to the houses of Rathfarnham. The lower reservoir is peaty water. We walked around both reservoirs which took us about three hours. We walked 4.5 km in total. Tomas Maher was a great help on our day out. He did not only teach us about the water works but a lot on Irish history. Bohernabreena water works is based in Glenasmole. It was also one of the last Irish speaking places in the whole of Dublin.

It is also thought that this is the place where Oisín, son of Fionn McCumhaill, fell off his white horse after coming home from Tír na nÓg to visit his friends and family. On his way he saw a few

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**Trip to  
Bohernabreena**

men trying to lift a big rock. He leaned over, his horses girth broke and the minute he touched the ground he became an old man. St. Patrick found him and cared for him until the day he died. This is how the legend was passed down the centuries.

**By Lena Ni  
Dhonnacha agus  
Lauren Freir.**

## Sport

The football season is once again in full swing with five teams competing from the school. The Senior Girls A team remain unbeaten and are on course for a semi-final under the stewardship of Ms. O'Reilly and Mr. Ruddy. The Senior Girls B team coached by Mr. Kearney and Ms. O'Sullivan have had some outstanding victories in their matches so far. The Senior Boys A team with Mr. Dundon and Mr. Byrne improved with every match and finished off with fantastic back to back victories. The Senior Boys B team under Mr. Connolly and Mr. Johnston have proved their worth in a tough division while in a very closely fought league the Junior Boys, coached by Mr. Dempsey and Mr. McGowan have been involved in a number of cracking matches. This football season has been a great success with over 120 pupils involved in teams.

In school meanwhile 3rd classes have begun Irish Dancing. They have also had 6 weeks of G.A.A. coaching in conjunction with Ballyboden St. Enda's G.A.A. Club. 4th classes are continuing with popular badminton classes. 5th classes are going swimming while 6th classes have begun tag rugby coaching.

## Run 4 Unity

On Sunday 8 October 2006 numerous pupils from St. Colmcilles S.N.S. took part in the Run 4 Unity. Run 4 Unity is a fun run organised to raise money to help the education of children in less well off countries. In 182 countries across the globe at 12 o'clock children and adults started their Run 4 Unity.

Fiji was the first country to start their run and they passed the baton to Australia. From there it went to India, to the Ukraine, to Switzerland then to Ireland and from Ireland to Argentina. There were four categories. The 10 to 13 year olds, 14 to 16 year olds, 17 years and over and walkers. David Connolly from Room 3 came fifth in his category. Michael Connolly from Room 7 came sixth in his category. Conor Ryan from Room 3 and Mark O'Reilly from Room 4 came joint tenth in their category.

**By David Connolly and Conor Ryan 6th Class Room 3.**

## Environment News

St. Colmcilles is applying for our third Green Flag Award this term. Our theme is 'Water is Precious - Save Water'. We must also continue to minimise waste, save energy and manage LITTER! Our Green flag Award is a Knocklyon Event. The achievement is only possible with the co-operation of pupils, parents, teachers and the



**Trip to Sandycove - 6th class pupils exploring the rock on their recent trip to Sandycove.**



**Some of the pupils from St. Colmcilles S.N.S. who took part in the Run 4 Unity**

wider Knocklyon community. We therefore welcome any member of the community who would like to be involved. Please contact us.

The new Coiste Uaithe has been formed and has many plans for our pupils. These activities include:

- Revision of the Green Code.
- Bulb planting for every pupil in the school.
- A Green Song Contest for 3rd and 4th classes.
- Green Playlet - Write and produce for 5th and 6th classes.

ENFO is sending us a mobile display of garden birds. The Cóipleabhair Athchursála are back in action. Please continue to recycle Ringos - 5 points, Batteries - 1 point, Stamps - 1 point, Ink Cartridges - 10 points and mobile phones - 50 points. We donate the ink cartridges to the Jack & Kill Foundation. We were in the top five schools in Ireland for recycling mobile phones last year!

If you are buying new appliances, e.g. washing machine, try to buy the energy efficient A. Send in the label for the Cóipleabhair Athchursála and your child's class can win 200 points!

Collect plastic bottles - remove lid, wash and squash - bring them to plastic recycle centre - 200 points, glass bottles - 100 points. The class that has the most points wins a prize. Competition is fierce. There is a lot at stake this term. 'Water is Precious - Save Water'



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# ST COLMCILLE'S COMMUNITY SCHOOL



Our 16 students who represented St. Colmcille's C.S. on a pilgrimage to Lourdes in October.

## Lourdes Pilgrimage

### A student's account of his experience on a pilgrimage trip to Lourdes

Lourdes is unlike any place I've been before. Everyone goes there for their own reasons and as we got to know the elderly we pushed in wheelchairs through the extremely hilly streets of Lourdes, we learned many of those reasons. In retrospect, we learned almost as much from the pilgrims we pushed than the many Masses and ceremonies that we attended daily.

On behalf of the 16 transition year students who travelled to Lourdes last September I would like to thank Ms. Loughman, Mr Roche and Rachel Keane from St. Michaels House for taking us on the pilgrimage. It was a very memorable experience.

*David Hennessy (Transition Year)*



Our students caring for the elderly on the pilgrimage to Lourdes.

## Adult Education

The adult education programme is up and running again this term. Life-long learners are currently at the halfway mark of their 10 week term. Courses include European languages such as French, Spanish and Italian. Other areas of interest offered include acrylic painting, Irish, yoga, body sculpting and salsa and meringue dancing. It gives you the chance to take time from your busy schedule to enjoy these hobbies / relaxation courses. Popular choices also are computers at beginners and more advanced levels, digital photography and typing courses.

Enrolment will take place in early January for the next block of courses. Brochures will be distributed during December. If you are interested in any aspect of adult education at St. Colmcille's Community School in a teaching or student role or have suggestions of courses you would like to see included in next year's programme please contact Aidan Roche at 4952888.

## Fundraising

On the 27th of October the school had a non-uniform day in aid of the Order of Malta and Burma Action Ireland. Students brought in €3 for the privilege of not wearing their uniform. Also on the 27th our first year students were given the opportunity to play board games for the last two classes of the day. They paid €1 to do this and the proceeds went to the Dyslexic Association.

## The French Exchange

Our 2nd Year students have just returned from St. Colmcille's fourth French exchange to Wattreloes in the north of France. They left Dublin on the 4th of October and enjoyed a fun-filled week of activities with their classmates and their new French family. The week got off to a great start at Dublin airport where they managed to meet the Irish Soccer team en route to Cyprus.

While in France they participated in many activities including bowling, theatre, a cycle in Belgium, fancy dress party and a trip to the city of Lille. They also played many typical French sports like Boules and Petanque.

The trip was a great success and the pupils all benefited greatly from the experience of meeting new friends, experiencing a new culture, practising the language and creating memories that will stay with them for life!

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# ST COLMCILLE'S COMMUNITY SCHOOL



2nd Year students on their French Exchange trip visiting the city of Lille.

Everyone is looking forward to the French students arrival in Ireland in March.

## Extra Curricular Sports

### UNDER 18 HURLERS REACH DUBLIN FINAL

History was made on Thursday 19th of October when the school reached its first final in the under 18 grade.

On the team were: 1. Cian O'Neill; 2. Brian Dutty; 3. Killian Cannon; 4. Shane Lucey; 5. Elvin Moynagh; 6. Eoin O'Reilly; 7. Noel McKiernan; 8. Adam Murphy; 9. Neil Farrell; 10. Aidan Horgan; 11. Seamus Keane; 12. Niall McMorrow; 13. Ciaran Brennan; 14. David O'Connor (captain); and 15. Ciaran Brennan. Subs: O. Cannon, C. Maguire, M. Howard, T. Deane, S. Culbert, R. Lee, P. Whelan

It was a wet, dull day as Knocklyon progressed for the first time in its history into the under 18 Schools hurling final. Conditions were horrendous for hurling. St. Fintans got the early lead with a good point, and then Knocklyon took advantage with a great goal from Niall McMorrow, who gathered the 60-yard pass from Seamus Keane and McMorrow buried it in the bottom corner. This was soon followed by a free taken by Eoin O'Reilly in his own half, which flew directly over the bar. Knocklyon took full control of the game, snatching another goal and a point a few minutes before half time. The Knocklyon defence were rock solid throughout the half with Brian Duffy, Eoin O'Reilly and Noel McKiernan excelling on the stroke of half time with a controversial goal which broke Knocklyon's lead to just four points at the break. The second half started off well

for Fintan's as they took the lead but Knocklyon kept their heads up and fought back.

As the match approached the last few minutes, Knocklyon were a goal ahead, their defence remained rock solid throughout the game, but cracked at the last minute allowing Fintan's to put the game into extra time.

Knocklyon were two points up at half time in extra time and despite Fintan's efforts they could not find a way through the Knocklyon defence. There was a sigh of relief as the referee blew for full time. Knocklyon won by a narrow two points and progressed into the final on Thursday the 26th of October.

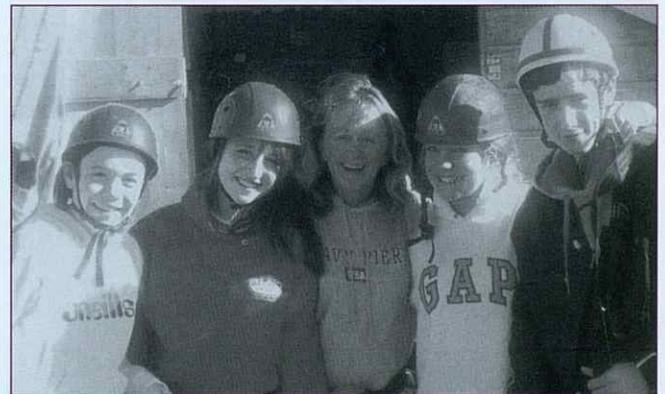
## Girls Basketball

The basketball season has got off to a fabulous start. Both the minor and junior teams are training on a weekly basis with their leagues starting after Christmas.

The cadet girls are unbeaten with a victory over Lucan Community School 16-10 and another convincing win over Caritas College 31-8. The senior girls are training hard but unfortunately the other schools in the league have not been able to field a team.

## Girls GAA

The girls are training hard every Wednesday on the Astro turf. The seniors lost their first match to Santa Maria but put up a good performance, as many of the players were under 16 or under 14. The under 16 team are due to play their first match next week. Matches for the Under 14 team will start after Christmas and the girls are hoping to get to the Leinster final for the second year in a row.



Some 2nd Year students with Ms O'Doherty enjoying their outdoor education trip in Donegal Language & Adventure Centre in October.

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Camogie continued to hit the highlights with a dramatic winning goal by Ciara Lucey against St Vincents helping the Senior A team (P J Donohue, Brian O'Regan, Ciara Hayes, Sinead Caulfield) to the club's fourth championship title. Anne Griffin won player of the match. The side performed superbly in the Leinster Final going down by just a goal to St Lachtains of Freshford.

A thrilling victory in the Under 16 camogie championship final was among the highlights of the year as the side managed by Clarinda Noonan with Mick Glynn and Sheila O'Shea overcame St Vincents in an epic encounter. Natalia Hyland was captain and player of the match. Ciara Ruddy was player of the match in a thrilling U13B final as Boden went down by a point and Maria McGrath was player of the match for the Under 11B team (Robert Lambert, Emma Seery, Muriel Falconer) which claimed the championship.

The Under 12B ladies football team (Muriel Falconer, Rita and Bernard Curtis and Phil Brady) also took championship honours. The Senior A team reached the Leinster Final which is due to be played at time of press.

The Irish Ambassador to Belgium Brian Nason was on hand to throw in the ball as the Senior B camogie team played the first camogie game with a team from mainland Europe when they faced the Brussels team.

Apart from offering the opportunity to play football, hurling, camogie and ladies football to in the region of



*Ballyboden St Endas Under-16 Camogie Champions.*

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Sports commentators Eugene McGee and Christy O'Connor were guests of honour at this year's mentors nights.

*Gerry O'Sullivan*

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In its most ambitious project to date the Knocklyon Concert Band are joining forces with the Culwick Choral Society to present a Christmas Festival Concert in the parish church on December 1st at 8pm.

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## Cruinniú Chinn Bliana

The gremlins that control our weather have long decreed that it shall be windy and wet for the Cruinniú Chinn Bliana and this year was no exception. Despite this, a large number of parents braved the elements to attend. D'fhreastal líon mór tuismitheoirí ar na cruinnithe eolais 'sna seomraí ranga sular bhailigh said isteach sa seomra ilghnéitheach don chruinniú mhór. Aithnímid sa scoil go bhfuil páirt an-thábhachtach ag tuismitheoirí in oideachas a bpáistí agus is breá an suim a léiríonn said sa scoil agus an tacaíocht a thugann said dúinn i gcónaí.

## Glór

An t-am seo an bhliain seo caite, bhí gach duine an-ghnóthach ag cleachtadh don dlúthdhiosca, a d'éisigh an scoil roimh an Nollaig anuraidh. The making of the CD was



**Draíocht an cheoil sa Chaelscoil.**

an exciting experience for all involved – and everyone, from Naíonáin Shóiseareacha to Grúpa Tuismitheoirí contributed their talents. It was decided that proceeds from the sale of the CD would go towards the Research Centre attached to Our Lady's Hospital in Crumlin. The final tots were completed recently agus bronnadh seic €1,000 ar theachta an Oispidéil sa

scoil le déanaí. Is iontach an rud é gur ardaíodh an méid seo tré cheol a chasadh... agus, arís, tá ár mbuíochas ag dul don Maestro é féin, Múinteoir Daithí.

## Sico

Bhí cuairteoir an-speisialta againn sa scoil le déanaí – Sico ab ainm dó. Seo a leanas cuntas a scríobh Seán Ó Creimín ó Rang a Ceathair faoin gcuart:

*Bhain daltaí Ghaelscoil Chnoc Liamhna taitneamh as cuairt Sico go dtí an scoil. Bhí sé greannmhar. Níor cheap mé go mbeadh róbó caridiúil ach bhí Sico an-chairdiúil ar fad. Thosaigh sé ag damhsa le David ó Rang a Trí. D'fhreagair sé a lán ceisteanna agus thug sé a lán eolais dúinn. Is as Meiriceá dó agus chaith sé tamall i Cape Canaveral ag obair le h-eolaithe ansin. Freisin, chaith sé tamall ag caint linn faoin todhcaí. Tá Sico trí bliana d'aoi agus is maith leis ceol. An píosa ceoil is fearr leis ná an ceol ó Star Wars. Labhrann sé Béarla, beagáinín Iodáilise agus tá Gaeilge aige chomh maith. Tá Sico níos fearr ná aon PS2. Gameboy nó róbó eile ar domhain.*

Ar ndóigh, bhí Dante ana-shásta a chloisteáil go raibh Iodáilis ag Sico!

## Oíche Shamhna

Mar is eol do cách, bíonn ceiliúradh an-mhór againn ag an Samhain agus tá sé beartaithe againn cóisir bhreá a bheith sa scoil i mbliana sula ndúnfaimid don bhrieadh. Tá amhráin, dánta agus damhsaí réitithe ag gach rang agus maidir leis an ngléasadh ...! Tá caint ar sciatháin leathair, cailleacha – agus is cosúil go mbeidh neart Power Rangers timpeall chun muid a choimeád slán. Is cinnte go mbeidh an-spraoi ag gach éinne.

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# KNOCKLYON HISTORY SOCIETY

## **Gleann an Smoil**

**Speaker: Aoife O'Tiamey Wednesday 11th October**

This illustrated talk focussed on 'Social and Economic Issues' in the Glenasmole Valley in the 19th Century. Having described the topography of the valley and some of its notable monuments the issue of Nurse Children, Ice Houses, Monasticism and Education and finally the development of the Bohemabreena Waterworks there were discussed.

In the latter half of the 19th century a policy of placing orphan children with families in the periphery of County Dublin was started. It was thought that this type of rearing would be more beneficial than that of the large orphanages or the workhouses. It was promoted and quite successful in Glenasmole and added income as well as considerable responsibility for its people.

The Ice Industry of the many icehouses built in the mountains above the valley may have shielded its people from its worst effects in famine times as the people now earned money and had contacts in the city, where ice was supplied to fish shops, hotels, hospitals etc. The advent of the fridge saw the demise of this industry.

An important educational establishment called Ann Mount flourished in the valley for 40 years run by dedicated Carmelite Brothers. They provided for both boys and girls and specialised in horiculture and farming skills for the boys. It was a beautiful establishment, a cluster of thatched houses.

Lastly the development of the waterworks from 1882 to 1887 meant work for many people in the valley and they were never so well paid at 15/- a week. It also brought the people of this rather isolated valley at the time, in contact with people from all over the country who came to work there, about 600 in all.

It is a most beautiful valley with a great diversity of wildlife, trees and flowers. Go and enjoy a walk there and see the larches in their autumn glory.

Knocklyon Art Group wish to thank all those who supported their 6th annual exhibition held in the Knocklyon Community Centre on 28th & 29th October. The exhibition was well attended and there was great diversity in the contemporary art on display. Knocklyon Art Group was delighted to make a contribution of €500 to the local Society of St. Vincent de Paul from the proceeds of sales. Well done to all those who participated and supported on the day! (See photos in December issue)

Donna McGee

## **The Road Before Me – Easter Week 1916.**

In a presentation to the Knocklyon History Society on September 20th 2006, Chris Shouldice gave an audio-visual account of the fighting in the North King Street/Church Street area where his father, Lieutenant Jack Shouldice was in charge of a fortified outpost known as 'O'Reilly's Fort'. His account, and those of his colleagues in the First Battalion, Irish Volunteers, were attested by the Bureau of Military History in 1947, and were the subject of five dramatised documentaries by RTE Radio One during Easter Week 1996, the 80th anniversary of the Rising.

Chris's presentations embodied a condensed version of the programmes, together with family records and library archives. He suggested that the very intensity of the fighting in the narrow tortuous streets was of an "almost Stalingrad intensity" and contributed so much to the frustration of the British forces that culminated in the infamous 'North King Street Massacres' in which fifteen residents were killed in their houses by the British. Lt. Shouldice was sentenced to death for his part in the Rising, but the sentence was commuted to five years penal servitude, and he was one of the prisoners released in the General Amnesty of 1917, receiving a tumultuous reception in Dublin.

New member registration welcome



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## ST COLMCILLE'S PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Our AGM took place on the 10th October last which was followed by a very informative lecture on Childhood Asthma by Mary McDonald. A number of long serving officers have stepped down from the committee and on behalf of all the parents we would like to thank them all for their hard work, commitment and dedication to the association. The new committee is now up and running and looking forward to the school year ahead. Anyone wishing to contact the PAC can do so at 086 8656829.

## A BIG THANK YOU TO BRENDAN

Have you noticed that the Green opposite the Church has been regularly cleared of Litter? All through the Summer lots of litter was left behind by young people eating and drinking on the Green who then dropped their "hot and tasty" bags and plastic bottles on the grass. That was bad enough but the evening comers also left beer cans and spirits bottles.

You may wish to know the name of the civic minded person who cleared all this rubbish. Everyone should be very grateful to BRENDAN FURLONG and we in particular wish to record our appreciation of his efforts.

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## NEWS FROM THE PARISH FORUM

**DEANERY MASS FOR NEW SCHOOL-YEAR IN KNOCKLYON**  
The Parish Forum and Parish Team would like to thank everyone who helped to make the Deanery Mass for the new school-year such a huge success for Knocklyon. Bishop Eamonn Walsh and many others have written to the parish with congratulations and many thanks to all involved-whether in the church or catering or whatever was required.

"Míle buíochas díbh go léir."

**Service of Remembrance**  
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