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Easter is here again. How time flies! Tempileogue Telegraph is in its 10th. issue. At approx. two issues per month that makes five months. It dosen't seem like five months since we had our first copy on sale. It like to thank all who have supported us over the past five months and wish them all a happy laster. I would like also to take this opportunity to thank the person who sent us in the donation. We should have some news from I.I. for you in the near future. Thank you so much for your support. We will try to do our best to be worthy of it.

Templeogue Telegraph was to have gone out last Sunday, but as it was Palm Sunday and as this day is traditionally the day the "ADVOCATE" goes on sale, we decided to hold back for a week.

I would like to issue an invitation to anyone interested in writing something for the magazine. Is your pen just itching to write an article on anything? What hidden journalistic gifts have you? Put pen to paper and lets hear from you. You could write anythink, a report, an article, an essay, or a letter. Here is your chance. Some people have mentioned to me in the past that they often have difficulty in obtaining a copy of "Templeogue Telegraph". This might be due to the fact that we sell mainly at the Church. If anyone would like to have the "Templeogue Telegraph" sent to their home, let them send in their names and addresses to meand we will see what we can do. If the response is big enough we can commence diliveries. Don't send any money yet, just your name and address. We hope to start deliveries by the next issue.

Tell your friends about this. Introduce them to "The Templeogue Telegraph". You may recall that a few issues back, I invited news from local socities and organisations. Response to this was not what I had hoped. I should have news in the next issue of a meeting to get a "Press Officer" from each society or organisation who could submit their news for frequent publication. Templeogue Youth Club has appointed Paul Condron as Press Officer at administration level and he will be submitting Youth Club news. If the other parish bodies elected their press officers before the next issue of T.T. and let me know I would be much obliged to them. A definite Press Officer in each organisation would make for better and more efficient communication in the area. J. P. FORTUNE

Hip-Hips hor ay we shouted - three full-threated roars of appreciation to Father Diffney for a very enjoyable social evening and social it certainly was. We chatted with people whose faces we have come to know over the years, but to whom we had never spoken before. Now no. 2 and no. 52 and many other numbers have names and identities - we are becoming a community!

To entertain us we had:—
Miss Barron who recited Pearse's "The Mother" so movingly.
Mrs. Oonagh Fitzgerald who sang many songs and is becoming quite a celebrity.
Mr. Jimmy O'Reilly also sang in his pleasant warm baritone.
Jimmy's wife Nuala, who is our organist, broughtalong her girl's choir, "The Wainsfort Singers" Their clear young voices singing songs like "Linden Tree" and "Marianna" made very charming listening. At the end of the evening in response to vociferous demand, Father Diffney played for us, and as he played, one could feel the group drawing together under the spell of the lovely music.

The catering was under the supervision of Mrs. Josephine Kelly, and she and her helpersffrom College provided very tempting fare. I am afraid stern resolutions in regard to spreading waistlines went overboard.

Thanking Father Diffney on our behalf, Hugh Brown expressed what we all felt - that coming together and sharing an experience is the stuff religion is made of.

Betty O'Brien.

Father Diffney invites:-

The committee room is pretty fully booked up for the next few weeks. However, I hope to resume by having the Wainsfort Residents on Wedensday and Thursday, 22nd. and 23rd. April. You will be notified as usual in the Templeogue Telegraph. In the meantime, Wainsfort, make a note in your diary!!

Dear Parents of the District,

A further three functions remain to complete our programme for 1969/'70 and our next will be rather more adventurous than usual. A NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF PARENTS' ASSOCIATIONS is being arranged by the National Council for Salthill, Galway on 11th/12th April and it has been suggested ot me that on the 12th (Sunday) the Committee and · members of Templeogue should travel by bus to Galway for the day. I have a provisional quotation from C.I.E. of £45 for a 44 seater bus. The Salthill and Renmore parents would be very bappy to meet our members. The Conference is likely to attract press and radio coverage and many questions of interest to parents will be raised and discussed. For those who would be interested simply in meeting the parents in Galway and perhaps making a tour of the Connemara countryside (which C.I.E. can add at very reasonable cost) arrangements can be made for this. In fact, the outing might be a suitable opportunity to look into holiday exchange possibilities, to view prospective holiday territory or indeed just to have a good old-fashioned day out! Bookings for meals in Galway on arrival and Athlone on the return can be made for those who are not looking after themselves.

I WOULD BE GLAD TO HEAR (TEL: 909128) AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE FROM PARENTS INTERESTED IN THIS EXCURSION, AND GERTAINLY NOT LATER THAN 31st MARCH.

The Templeogue Parents' Association was one of the Prime movers in the founding of the National Council of Parents' Associations in November 1967 and acted as hosts on that occasion. The Salthill Association hopes to make the Comference a demonstration of the strength and worth of parents' efforts to organise themselves and we owe it to them to make the occasion a success.

CLASSES BEING FORMED: I hope to write during the coming week to parents who expressed interest in the Irish (27 children) and English reading (8 children) circles.

PATRICK J. HENEGHAN
PRESIDENT, TEMPLEOGUE PARENTS ASSOC.
AND VICE PRESIDENT, NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PARENTS ASSOCS.

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By KEVIN HANSON

Courtesy of Monthly Newsletter,
Parish of St. Vincent de Paul,
Marino.

We often long to escape from our responsibilities, flee to some uninhabited island and lead a life of total seclusion in primitive luxury. Unfortunately such an idea is not feasible because there just aren't enough islands for everyone, so we tend to doze off into our little realm of fantasy by daydreaming.

Sex, cigarettes, beer and drugs are other means of reassuring ourselves that we are important to something or
somebody. We impress people by speaking of our "hectic night
with the dolly" and feel that we have created a public image
for ourselves. Beer and spirits help us drown our sorrows and
mild drug abuse merely enhances our powers of appreciation.

Marijuana when prepared in such compounds as "pot,"
"grass" and "weed" tends to make the user passive and generally
intensifies sexual pleasure. In fact these drugs are so harmless that they are on the same level as alcohol. These drugs
produce neither tolerence nor dependence and there is no evidence
that they cause lasting mental disturbances or physical bavoc.

The strongest argument against these drugs is that they lead to the use of "hard drugs". In Denmark and other European countries the governments are under pressure to legalise the use of cannabis. Such are the drugs used in Ireland by most drugtakers, and although adults think the situation scandalous we should consider curselves lucky that "scag," "acid" and "speed" are not in general use. Most drugs are imported from Great Britain and if we had more secure custom regulations the price of illicit drugs would soar and most kids couldn't afford them.

In the United States kids as young as eight years old have been uncovered in Washington's Addiction Centre. Youths and adults have various reasons for "turning on". Many are merely experimenters who feel they must satisfy their intense curiosity by testing the effect of these drugs. Others are extremists who as a last resort use drugs to enter their privileged realm of fantasy and escape from this so-called rotten society. The final group are drop-outs who on account of severe social lapse into complete oblivion of the Establishment and by the use of drugs try to re-assure themselves that they are human beings.

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Hard drugs are a great danger to any human even when prescribed by a doctor. L.S.D., beroin, barbiturates, speed, cocaine and morphine are the most lethal. Heroin produces physical warmth, peacefulness, and raises self esteem and confidence: Nearly 100 per cent of the people who try it on any regular basis become hooked. Addicts normally develop abscessed veins, and hopatitis from dirty needles, are undernounished and prone to disease (some actually have a fatal asset reaction before the needle leaves their arm) . Ituis seilismothi difficult, if not impossible, to over-emphasise the dangers and

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So unless the Government makes radical changes in the plant of the state of the sta the Constitution for the more equal distribution of wealth and rids the nation of its corruption, the drug problem will not be solved for no amount of agited public speaking will solve it. So, I believe that the drug problem is here to stay and as we progress more by scientific discovery, this problem will increase and plague the universe, boxovoono mood clults have various reasons for "turning on", hard ore merely

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ADVERTISEMENTS FOR PUBLICATION SHOULD BE POSTED TO THE EDITOR ON OR BEFORE THE WEDNESDAY OF THE WEEK OF PUBLICATION TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:-

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DUBLIN 2.

SUNDAY, MARCH 29th. EASTER. If you eat my body and drink my blood, you have eternal life in you, and I will raise you up on the last day.

·St. Pius X Musical Society open their show, WALTZ WITHOUT END. tonight in Terenure College Hall, continuing every night of the week and finishing next Sunday. (see advertisement)

MONDAY. BANK HOLIDAY. Mass at 9 a.m. and II a. m. Friday. First Friday. Mass this evening at 7.30 p.m.

Sunday April 5th. not just Sunday after Easter, but an extension of Easter itself, now called Second Sunday of Easter, let us all be united in acknowledging Jesus Christ as Lord.

Monday 6th. Feast of the Annunciation, beld over from March 25th..

Trust God in so far as to say, Whatever you wish let it be done to me as you will it.

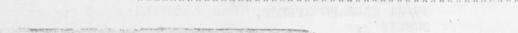
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INTERESTING INFORMATION.

The Youth Club has for sale a record player, amplifier (5 watts), almost new, perfect working order: £3. Anyone interested contact, PAUL CONDRON. 909384.

If you travel around on sundays, youll find a usefull, book in the C.T.S. box in Saint Pius X church: The Dublin Diocesion Directory, which gives all parishes and prists, morning and evening mass times, etc, PRICE 20 new pence. (4/).

A few more volunters are needed for babysitting during II.30. Mass on Sundays: Girls I5 or over, if you can help, please contact Fr. Mc. Carthy (908288)





SOME OF THE
RESIDENTS OF SPRINGFIELD, WHO WERE PRESENT
AT THEIR SOCIAL EVENING
(SEE REPORT).

MASS HYMNS (11.30pm. Sunday, St. Pius X)

Entrance: Come O Creator, Spirit blest; and in our hearts take up thy rest.

Come with thy grace and heav'nly aid, to fill the hearts which thou hast made.

Come O Creator, Spirit blest, and in our hearts take up thy rest.

Offertory: The Lord's my sheperd I'll not want;
he makes me down to lie,
In pastures green he leadeth me the quiet waters
by.

My soulhe doth restore again, and me to walk
doth make,
Within the paths of righteousness, E'en for his
own name's sake.
Yes though I walk in death's dark vale, Yet
will I fear none ill;
For thou are with me, and thy rod
And staff me comfort still.

Communion: Soul of my Saviour. Everyone knows the first two verses.

Verse 3: Guard and defend me from the foe malign:
In death's drear mements make me only thine;
Call me, and bid me come to thee on high,
Where I may praise thee with thy saints for aye.

Final Hynm: Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done; in whom his world rejoices!
Who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this counteous God through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts, and blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed;
And free us from all ills in this world and the next!

"God's People Sing", The official Hymnbook is on sale @ 1/6 in the CTS box of the Church.

Outline planning permission has been requested for development of a 14-acre site contained by Templeville Drive, Templeogue Road, and Cypress Grove. The project which is to include a HOTEL, CINEMA, OFFICE BLOCK, COMMUNITY CENTRE, SWIMMING POOL and SHOPPING CENTRE, has had a mixed reception from the local residents. While they agree that the development will obviously benefit the community, "THE TEMPLEVILLE & FORTFIELD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION" haveoobjected on the grounds that several roads, formerly cul-de-sacs, in a residential area will now become access roads with a consequent increase in traffic,. The local traders already facing severe competition from Rathfarnham Shopping Centre fear this venture also. TEMPLEOGUE TELEGRAPH willendeavour to keep you informed of developments and we appreciate and welcome your views and opinions.

RAYMOND V. CHADWICK REPORTER.

SALE OF WORK: Mr.& Mrs. Brady of I49 Greenlea Road are very grateful to all those who supported the sale of work in their house on March 2Ist in aid of handicapped children. Proceeds amounted to £I23 - enough to send three children to Lourdes!

SCOUTS: Following the meeting in St. Mary's Hall on March 19th to inaugurate the parochial scout troop, forty valid applications were received. Since, however, the troop will be starting with a nucleus of just sixteen, selection of those to start immediately will be on the basis of interview by the scout-master. Applicants are being notified of this. When the troop is established, it is hoped the number can be doubled.

MATES?

WELL.... WE DON'T KNOW WHO WON:

PADRAIG JONES (Youth Leader)
vs.
TONY NIBBLES MAC NABOLA.



In the past, reports were given in Templeogue Telegraph on the Friday nights at the Youth Club. I have been appointed Press Officer of the Youth Club to give reports on the coming activities planned in the club and to report on Committee Meetings and to furnish any information required by anyone concerning the club. Templeogue Telegraph reporter MOG will still give his reports on the club's activities as they happen.

At the committee meeting held on the 18th. March it was decided that as and from 3rd. April, 1970, NO NON-MEMBERS will be admitted to Youth Club activities. This was decided for the benefit of our members who have paid their subscriptions and to promote a better club spirit among the members.

At the mement the subscription rate for membership is 10/for six months. Th facilitate families in which there is more
than one club member, the following rates are being introduced:-

10/- for the 1st. member of the family.
7/6 for the second member of the family.
5/- for the 3rd. and subsequent members.

Minimum age for membership is fourteen years.

Activities!

- 1. Guitar lessons will be starting in the club soon and these will be given by Mick Smith ("Smithy") and Vincent Connell, both of whom appeared on the Youth Club Concert.
- 2. Cosmetic classes and modelling classes will be starting soon for the girls in the club. Only Paid-up members need apply. The Drama group is reorganising and likewise any member interested should apply at the Youth Club.

Paul Condron, T.Y.C. Press Officer.

Thursday 12th. March.

Club opened at 8.30p.m. but there was a very small attendance as almost everybody had school the next morning. There were very few committee members present and David Mooney was on the door all night. Some of the girls were drafted in to help in the shop. All present enjoyed themselves as there was plenty of room and no queue for anything, except of course, for the table tennis table and even that queue was not very big. Most of the members left early so as to get some sleep for a hard day in school the next day.

Cont'd overleaf.....

Friday 20th. March.

The Youth Club opened at about 8.30p.m. with a rather poor attendance, probably due both to school examinations and also the Drama held in Our Lady's School. However, those present had plenty of things to do - the table-tennis table was readily available and chess and draught games went a long way round.

One of the Chess Tournement semi-finals was played last night, between M. Kinsella and P. Condron. The latter, although the victor, had some brain racking times tryingatoroutwitathesdynamic movements of the case things to the final and Kinsella. So.P. Condron goes through to the final and the will play tither may mondanted or Anthony "wibbles" McNabola. The club closed at about 16:40p. M. with some brilliant guitar-playing from Vincent Connell, who, incidentally, will be giving guitar lessons with "Smithy to Youth Club members shortly.

Templeville & Fortfield Residents Association.

The above Association held their 15th. Annual General Meeting on Monday 9th. March in Terenure College.

Many points were raised and as parking facilities at Fortfield Park, Public Lighting, Litter Baskets, Swimming Lessons, Annual Dance, C.I. proposed hotel

and shops at Templeogue. Cul-de-Sac sign.

Due to the position that the association now hold, our Constitution has to be re-drafted. A special meeting for this purpose has been called for Monday, 6th. April in Terenure College at 8.30p.m. All fully paid-up members of the Association are invited to this very important meeting. The following committee were elected for 1970/71:-

Mr. N.S. O'Riordan (Chairman)
P.S. Dunne Mr. L. Cooper.
G.R. Ryan. Miss M. O'Farrell.
C. Greene. Mrs. T. Tobin.

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Signed: Claire O'Regan.

Johnny & Jass.

Hi again! The ob All bas att To at

This week we have a poem which was written by Joseph O'Donoghue who is a member of the Youth Club, which we thought was very good. Joe also does very good work for us selling Templeogue Telegraph. Here's Joe's poem, it called:-

The Wake.

Cobble stones crash, as the mourners tread,
To a lonely villa in the valley bed;
Their hearts dumb to the
Singing of the golden Thrush,
The smoke has stopped in the midst of the push.

On the opening of the creaking door,
Misty feeling fell on them
Their feet with patting on the icy floor
As the wooden door opens to condem The crying mourners came to seek
A little grey house in the valley creek.

There he doth lay, in the ve so late
With love in his eyes for his Glorious Faith:
A scent of drink to intoxicate
As he sheds a tear down his bloodless check
In the lonely house in the valley creek.

As he lay on the bed as white
As a feather, he had
His last glimpse of the fresh
Green mountain heather: and closing his eyes
With a smile of joy, a crying
Mother embraces her boy.

We have two puzzles for you this week. The first one was sent in to us by Beatrice Fingleton of 82, Wainsfort Rd. who wins a book tokenaand the other is one of our own. First correct answer received to both puzzles gets a prize.

- Puzzle 1: Mary is 24. She is twice as old as Anne was, when Mary was as old as Anne is now. How old is Anne?
- Puzzle 11. Two fathers and two sons went out shooting. Each shot a duck, yet when they got home, they had only three ducks. How is that?

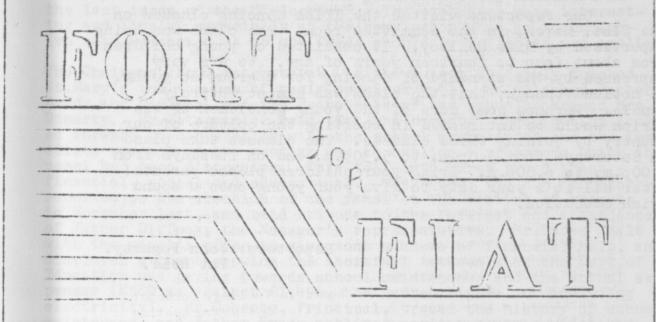
"Give me the luxeries of life and I'll do without the necessities." It's difficult enough isn't it to budget for the necessities themselves? Of course, it depends on what you take as necessities. Television? Car? Dishwasher? Record Player? Fitted Carpets? Holiday abroad? A few pints? Two Sunday Newspapers? And so on. Religion is funny - it's

a kind of necessity (at least in Ireland), and still it's a kind of luxury. You have to pay duty on luxuries. What about religion duties? Easter duty? You need to budget for them, or you'll be caught in the squeeze. Just a word about Communion and Confession:-

Being pretty narrow-minded we usually think of sin as being just between curselves and God. But sin hurts others as well as offending God - and straightening yourself out with God is to straighten yourself with other people too. How often you go to Communion is up to yourself - but don't tie it to going to Communion. Examine your conscience, not on a list of sins (though that can help), but on whether there's anything on your life that fails to bring God's love to other people. The whispering; the horrible feeling, perhaps; the darkness; - these don't matter - it's that you're meeting an official representative of God and of all His family. Confession is this: that no matter how crooked you are, you can still trust in the love God has for you.

You may have difficulty in finding time to come to confession - that's for you to judge. For those who cannot come at any time, we are available on Saturday mornings during 10 o'clock Mass; but if you can come at another time, please do so. And please remember in you prayers those who hate coming to Confession. If that's you - come and have a chat about it.

Communion doesn't require so much trouble. You don't need to tie it to confession. The hour's fast is quite simply a way of reminding us how hungry we should be to receive. There can of course be difficulty in arranging if or a large family; but if it is important of you, should it not be possible every Sunday? Mass is not just changing bread and wine — it's for sinners, for those who need help. It's our way — Christ's way — of celebrating His death for us until He comes again — His death for forgiveness of sins. It's the bread of eternal life — the bread of your Resurrection from the dead. Why should Easter come but once a year.



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Our reporters visited the Irish dancing classes on the 21st. March, in the committee room. The class was being supervised by Miss McElroy. It consisted of young children from about four to fourteen years of age. We wre very impressed by the standard of dancing for a group so young. We noticed though, that the class was almost entirely female. Perhaps some more of the young gentlemen of the parish would be interested in boosting the culture of our country by joining these classes. The classes take place on Saturdays from 3.0p.m. to 5.30p.m. and on Tuesdays from 4.00p.m. to 6.00p.m. Bring your children please parents! After all it's your duty to give your young ones a sound Irish education.

Reporters: John Fogarty. Pat Reid.



GENERAL MEETING OF PARENTS OF ST.PIUS X NATIONAL SCHOOLS

Approx.150 parents met at 8.30 p.m. on Thursday 19th March in St.Mary's Rugby Club Hall for the general meeting announced in the last issue of the "Telegraph". The exchanges were interesting and lively, especially at the conclusion when an inconclusive vote was taken as to how funds should be collected and applied.

The Chairman, Mr.D. Fitzpatrick, at the outset sincerely thanked St. Mary's for the use of their spacious hall. He welcomed Fathers Brady and Diffney, and the Principals of the schools, Mr.and Mrs. Doherty. Mr. Fitzpatrick said that the parents' organisation looked forward to cooperation with the school authorities and the immediate purpose of the meeting was to outline a programme which the panel had been discussing. This fell into three broad areas financial, social and educational. Mrs. Rynne, the Hon. Secretary, reported on the election of the panel at the meeting of parents in November last, and paid tribute to the interest and attendance of Father Diffney, the Manager's representative. Mr. Lucas dealt with the panel's offer to give some measure of financial help, and displayed a chart showing the shortfall between what the Dept.of Education was paying towards school maintenance and the actual expenses (£580 as against £1,496, the latter figure not including electricity). Mr. Doherty, Principal, traced the history of school maintenance and Father Brady outlined various schemes which had one time or another operated to secure funds for parochial national schools. Mr. Cody concluded the formal proceedings by listing suggestions which the panel had been discussing in regard to matters other than finance: the parents would like to help also, and be active where appropriate, in such matters as sports, games, music, cookery, in fact they would like to develop social and other activities as a necessary complement to what was purely financial.

A general discussion was invited by the Chairman. One parent spoke about the importance of music appreciation to such effect that he was invited to come to the school to demonstrate his ideas (loud applause). An idea for saving laundry costs which seemed to find general acceptance was that children (at least the girls?) should carry toilet bags with soap and towel. Mr. Doherty, Principal, commented on the expense and difficulty of keeping toilets clean and towels lanundered. Other matters in similar vein were debated until several speakers, obviously worried about the time, pressed for a decision on further action. At this point it was clarified that the organisation was an association of parents and not a parent-teacher association. The Chairman explained that the parents had no wish to put any teacher in the position of feeling that he had to join these activities. Father Diffney said that the Parents' Association had the full approval and acceptance

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of the manager, who welcomed the gesture of the panel in offering to help with the school maintenance.

A proposal was then put forward that the panel should take up a collection for school cleaning and maintenance, and that a separate social committee should be set up to develop the other side of the programme. Others argued that the panel should have the decision as to how funds should be applied, otherwise it would become a mere collecting agency. A show of hands indicated that opinion was very evenly divided between the two ideas. A ballot was taken up, but again there was no clear endorsement of either course. The Chairman was reluctant to declare a result, and adopted a suggestion that a questionnaire should be sent to all the parents for their views.

At the conclusion of the meeting, panel members were planning to meet on Thursday 26th March to prepare the questionnaire.

Found after meeting: A pair of brown suede gloves, small size, left on a seat mid-way along the back of the hall. Owner should get in touch with Mrs.Rynne, 30 College Drive (Tel.906491).

EDITOR'S NOTES

- (i) In our last issue on the JOHNNY & JASS PAGE we promised to print the PRENDERGAST children's jokes. These will appear in our next issue.
- (ii) We have no CULTURE CORNER in this issue due to lack of space but will have one in our next issue whon we will feature some poetry from some of the girls in the area.

N.B. WE ALSO ACCEPT SMALL ADVERTISEMENTS FROM THE AREA SO IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO SELL OR TO SAY PLEASE LET US KNOW.

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WE ARE IN THE ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE!



VINCENT Mª MULLEN STEPS IT OUT IN FRONT OF
THE STPIUS X MUSICAL SOC. FOAT ON
ST PATRICK'S DAY. THE CAPTION READS:

RING WALTZ WITHOUT END 904464 MUSIC BY CHOPIN

THE SHOW OPENS IN TERENURE COLLEGE TONITE

EASTER SUNDAY AND RUNS FOR 8 DAYS

TICKETS AVAILABLE TONITE SEE YOU THERE!

Who? Me? What do you mean?! Well...The Youth Retreat went pretty well, as far as it went - but we had only about 25% of the teenagers of the area. Had all the rest done a retreat already? About 15% of those present were too young - but Fr. John Wall and Fr. Heber McMahon felt satisfied with the response.

The Mass each evening went well, too, with teenagers serving, reading, and bringing up bread and wine. A group from Our Lady's School led the singing each night. Strangely, the singing was better the second night than the first or third nights.

We are very grateful, too, to Our Lady's School, for lending us their hall for a drama the third night. "Praise Him, Ye Hypocrites" was presented by the Corpus Christi Youth Dramatic Society, and was devised and produced by Michael O'Connell. It is an allegory on the Nativity in modern dance form. Pressure is brought to bear by the authorities, and a young man and his wife are forced to leave their home; they are welcomed and "housed" by an itinerant community, who then celebrate the birth of a child to the evicted couple. Magi in the form of social workers pay their respects; but the itinerants, as if by Herod, are forced to flee.

The idea was then to try to get the audience involved in the drama itself. This unfortunately did not work so well - perhaps partly due to a proportion of the audience being too young. At least it left them with a question: "What was that all about?"





THE ORGANISERS

PATRICANS: Meeting on Sunday 5th. April at 8p.m. in the Committee Room. Topic: Science vs. Religion. Everybody welcome.

A lot has happened since last issue. Welcome to the parish:

Cathal John Hanrathy, of I40 Wainsfort Road. Paul John Broe, of Mill Cottage, Templeogue. Ciara Anne O Neill, Of 92 Templeville Road. Dara John Gerard Little, of 26 Cypress Grove South. Barbara Anne O Brien, of I Cypress Grove North.
Robert James Lynch, of 3 Cypress Grove South.
Saundra Maria Catherine Brady, of 3I Fortfield Drive.
Martin Brendan Davis, of 44 Wainsfort Road.
Emer Mary Halpin, of IO Wainsfort Cresent. Tracey Bernadette Power, of 6 Wainsfort Gardens.
Michelle Mary Dunne, of 17 Riverside Cottages. Mark Thomas and Geraldine Mary, of Ballyshannon, Templeogue.

Our sincerest sympathy to the family, relatives & friends of Mrs. Eileen Hester, Wainsfort Road, who diederecently. May she , and all of us come to the glory of the Resurrection.

RETURNS **

We would like to welcome back to our Parish, Aussie Kinsella. Have a ball Aussie.

Marriages: Congragulations to Mr. Gerard Rinsella and Miss Maureen O Shea, on their forthcoming wedding on Wens. Ist. April. **** **** ****

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Congrats. to our Editor from myself and the staff of Templeogue Telegraph, on his forthcoming 21st. Wens. Ist. of April.

CYPRESS SOCIAL EVENING.

March 17th has long been a day of celebration with the Irish - but surely to the Residents of Cypress March 18th, 1970 has taken on a new dimension. Following the invitation of Fr. Diffney to yet another of his social evenings in Pius X Committee Room, some eighty to ninety Cypress Parishioners gathered to what turned out to be a most memorable evening.

After being lured into a Ceili enviorment by the strains of Jimmie O'Reilly's musical "arrangements", one was to find that his was only the first of a well planned feast of entertainment. To the strains of Arthur McIvor's violin the setting might well have been that of an R.D.S. recital and Mrs. Mary Duffy's varied selection of songs delighted the very appreciative audience. A third dimension in song and entertainment was added by a very wonderful performance from Dick Blake and his final performance of the "rabble rouser" Jerusalem would just have to be seen and head to be beleived.

In addition to the wonderful local talent provided, the Cypress residents were treated to a preview of excerpts from the forthcoming Pius X Musical Society's production "Waltz without End" magnificiently sung by Bill Golding and Joan Merrigan. Comment from me on these wonderful artists would be superfluous.

To round off a wounderful night's entertainment tea and a profusion of delicious cakes were provided by the Springfield Ladies, under Mrs. Elizabeth O'Brien's management.

One could not but ask the question "Where do we go from here". Judging by previous reports from the Parish these Fr. Diffney Musical Evenings have really provided food for thought regarding the need for a Parish Assembly Hall. Surely his initiative in bringing us together from our various areas could and should be rewarded by our joining forces to attain the ultimate aim of a well knitted community. I have no doubt his ambition was to encourage us all to become acquainted in a truly Christian Spirit, embracing all demominations, and it is up to us now to pursue this ambition to fruition.

We truly endorse Mr. J. Darmody's vote of thanks of behalf of us all to Fr. Diffney, for everything.

Josie Farrell.

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