



ST. COLMCILLE'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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## PARISH WEEK—ACTIVITY AND FUN FOR ALL

(see centre pages)

The bigger a parish becomes, the more difficult it is to achieve a sense of community among the people. The "older" parishioners — and by that I mean those who were around at the beginning of the Parish — are sometimes nostalgic about the early days: Mass in McInerney's hut, the first parish socials, the first sponsored walk ...

And it isn't just the "rosy hue of retrospect". For just as young love and youthful vigour respond to the early challenges of married life, and a true family spirit is born; so also in the wider parish community. And just as the growing and maturing years put pressure on that spirit in the family, they do likewise in the parish.

Parish life, like family life, must be continually "worked at" in order to preserve what St. Paul calls "unity in the bond of peace". Parish life needs its high points of celebration. We must value unity, put aside personal considerations if need be and give time and energy to come together "for the sake of the brotherhood" (St. Paul, again!) if we are to be in reality, and not just in name, a Christian Community.

So please, give time to your Parish Week. Come to the Mass, walk, play games, participate, spectate, be around! Don't just sit at home and lament the passing of the good old days. (A plague on all hurlers in the ditch, sitters on the fence and armchair critics!). Be up and doing. As always, the Word of God puts it best: "NOW is the acceptable time ...".

### JUNE 9th — FEAST OF ST. COLMCILLE

Patron of our Parish and one of the three patron saints of Ireland.

Born 521, died June 9th, 597.

Founded monasteries of Derry, Durrow, Kells and Iona.

He stayed for some time at Glasnevin and is said to have blessed the Well at the fringe of our Parish where he rested while on a journey to or from Glendalough.

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WHY NOT visit the Well and say a prayer there on the Saint's feast day, June 9th. OR (June 12th) if you are taking part in the Sponsored Walk, pause at the Well to pray and take a refreshing drink of cold water. OR if you are *not* participating in the walk, go the Well at 4 p.m. for Special Prayers and Sermon organised by the Augustinians from Orlagh.



SAINT COLMCILLE'S WELL Ballycullen Road, Firhouse, Dublin.

*Last Month's letter has elicited a number of spirited replies. As follows:*

Dear Editor,

To the "Frustrated mother of two" some guidance from the sermon beneath Mount Alton:

Blessed are the self righteous for they shall empty the church.

P.R.

I'm afraid, judging by the next two lengthier contributions, the Church has already been emptied by the noise makers!

Dear Editor,

First off all, may I say I don't normally write to newspapers, magazines etc. However, on looking through "Things Parochial" last week, I just had to sit down and write in support of "Frustrated Mother of Two".

I have been a parishioner of Knocklyon for the past six years. For the first couple of years, it was great as far as attending Mass was concerned. Admittedly, the population of the parish was nothing like it is today. In the temporary church, toddlers and small children were brought up to sit on the altar steps, under the kindly but shrewd eye of "Father" (whichever one it was!). Now, I certainly am not advocating that practice in the present Church — I shudder to think what *that* would be like!

However, I do think that parental discipline was a lot better a few years ago. I have two children — not angels by any means — just very ordinary kids. A few years ago, when they were very young, I had a discipline problem. Some Sundays they would behave reasonably, some they wouldn't. If I felt the tolerance level had been over-stepped (for myself and my husband, as well as the immediate neighbours in the Church), I went to one Mass, leaving the children in the care of my husband at home, and then he went to another Mass.

Then the population literally exploded in Knocklyon! My husband and I felt that there was no effort made to control small children at Mass. However, I continued to go to Knocklyon, emerging cranky, irritated, and feeling I would be better off not going. Finally, my husband said "That's it — I've had enough — we'll have to find another Church". My husband, I might add, is no crank. He is a very normal kind of character, and I might add, an absolute "push-over" for kids. However, we now go to another church outside the parish to Sunday Mass.

So, you might ask, "Who cares?" Quite a lot, I can assure you. I might add, we are not all "sour oldt wans" either! I have conducted a little Gallup Poll of my own, and have found quite a considerable groundswell of support for a little more effort on the part of parents, in

relation to the behaviour of small children at Sunday Mass. Incidentally, I certainly don't blame the kids involved either, Mass can be a very boring exercise for toddlers and babies. So, I would suggest, for Heaven's sake (yes, that was quite deliberate!) leave your babies and small kids in the care of your husband or wife and go to an alternative Mass.

If you do, I — and quite a number of other parishioners — will bless you and pray for you.

Yours hopefully,  
Frustrated Mother of Two (Mark Two)

Dear Editor,

I would like to strongly support your "frustrated mother of two". My husband and I and our five children moved into this parish just two years ago. Our Mass attendance at St. Colmcille survived five Sundays! After that we could take no more. Since then we have gone to a neighbouring parish to Mass.

Nobody minds the occasional cry or shuffle, but dozens of children with little or no correction or control is another matter. It is certainly a formula for future disaster. I am, indeed, sorry to learn that things have not improved over the past two years. I had been hoping to try again soon.....

'Kate'

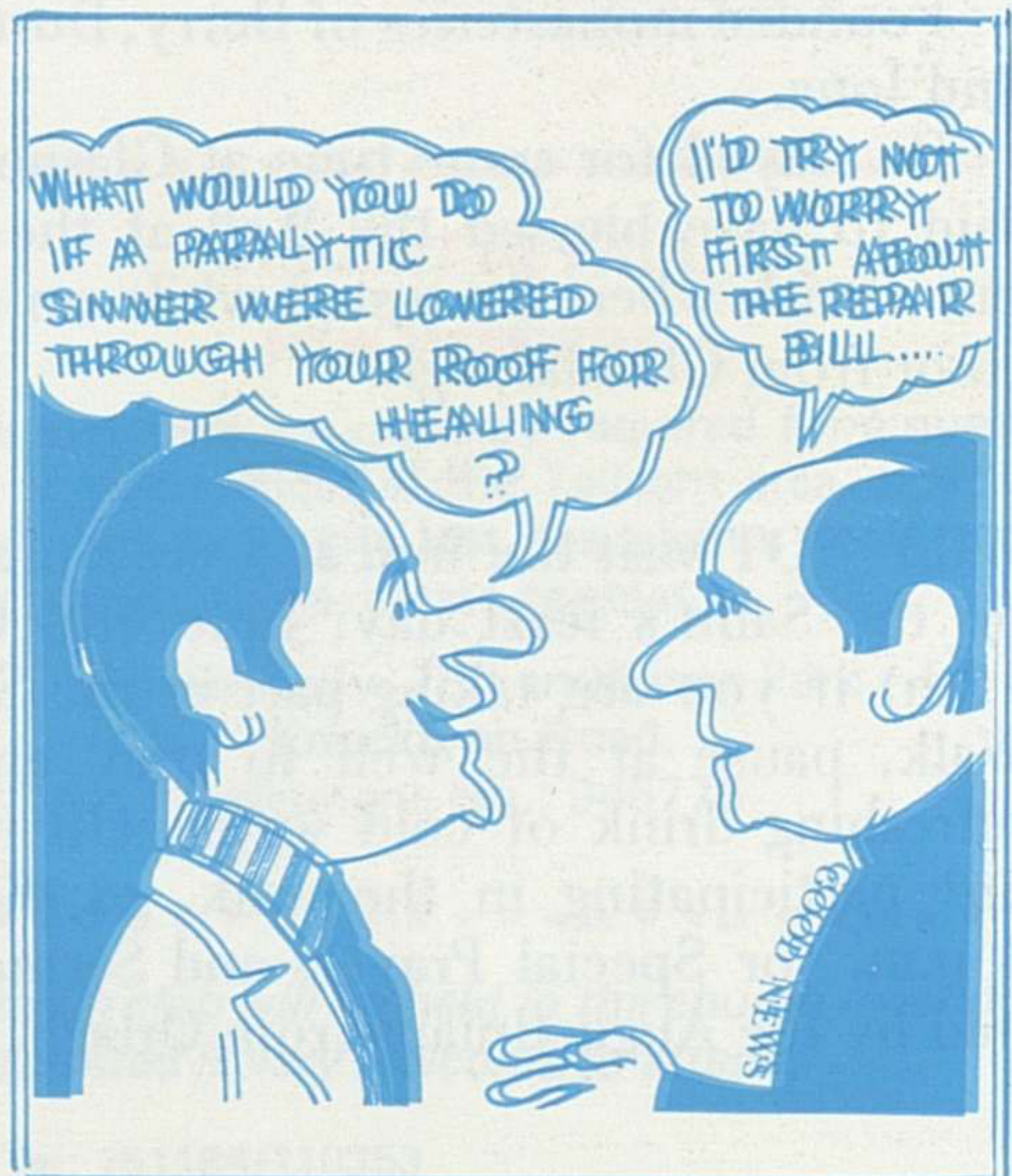
WEEKLY ENVELOPE COLLECTION

The Struggle continues.....

For the 19 weeks from the beginning of the year until May 5th:

Target required	£24,700
Amount received	£19,920
Shortfall	£ 4,780

Please, if you can afford it, give a little more, .....and regularly.....



## COMMUNITY GAMES NEWS

In spite of the dreadful weather we have been having recently, it hasn't stopped the boys and girls of Knocklyon from getting out and competing for places on the various Community Games Teams. The whole area has been a hive of activity with selection and training sessions taking place in the evenings, on Saturday mornings and afternoons and even on Sundays. We estimate that there were more than four hundred young people involved in very healthy and enjoyable sporting activities for the Community Games over the past few weeks.

The panels for the various teams have now been selected and we congratulate these young people and wish them success in their forthcoming matches. Don't forget boys and girls, that you are representing the people of Knocklyon when you are competing, and whether you win or lose, it is *your* behaviour before, during and after matches, and travelling to and from the matches which is as important to all of us in Knocklyon as the result of the match.

To all the boys and girls who came out to compete in the trials and haven't been selected on the panels, Knocklyon would like to say a big thank you for your efforts, and we hope you will continue to support the teams by going to see them play their matches.

The Residents Associations have held their local sports and have entered their teams for the Knocklyon Area Athletics Finals to be held on Sunday, 29th May, 2.30 at the Hockey Grounds, off Firhouse Road. That should be a great afternoon's entertainment if last year's finals are any indication. So make sure to keep the 29th free.

### PARENTS

Well parents, as usual the young people of Knocklyon have put the adults to shame with their enthusiasm, energy and INTEREST in what is being organised for them in the area. Isn't it a great pity that we, the adults, don't respond in the same way.

Over the next weeks you will have many opportunities to encourage not only the young people of Knocklyon, but also the small number of adults and young people who are organising healthy and enjoyable leisure time activities for *your* children. Do come along to the Area Athletics Finals on May 29th. Find out when and where team matches are being held and offer to take teams and supporters along. Come along to the Youth Club A.G.M. Offer some of your spare time and talent to the Summer Project, Youth Club, teams, etc. This month we are asking parents and young adults to go along to the Hockey Ground on Tuesdays or Thursdays to help supervise training. You don't need to know anything about athletics (if you do all the better). Go along to Mr. Maloney and he will instruct you what to do.

### BOUQUETS

May 7th & May 14th

**FIRST COMMUNIONS – 2 GREAT DAYS  
FOR MORE THAN 140 CHILDREN AND  
THEIR FAMILIES.**

*Our thanks to Robert Cree and Niall Fitzmaurice,  
two 10 year olds who ran a successful Jumble  
Sale for the Parish.*



Very many thanks, too, to Kathleen Rudden of Lansdowne who ran a Coffee Morning and raised over £100 towards the Shrine of Our Lady. By the way, the sub-committee and representatives of the Parish Council were very happy with the Artist's initial sketches of the proposed Shrine. We are now awaiting estimates.

Congratulations to the teachers and children of St. Colmcille's Schools and all who helped organise the inspiring liturgies.

## KNOCKLYON PARISH WEEK — ACTIVITY & FUN FOR ALL

### OUTLINE PROGRAMME

<b>SUNDAY, 12th</b>	11.00 Mass			
	2.30 Sponsored Walk			
	8.30 Quiz			
<b>MONDAY, 13th</b>	7.45 Bridge Club.			
	Camp Fire			
<b>TUESDAY, 14th</b> and following days	Soccer	Tennis	Tug O'War	(Heats)
	7.30 Pet Show			
<b>WEDNESDAY, 15th</b>	8.00 Race Night — Terenure College Rugby Club.			
<b>THURSDAY, 16th</b>	8.30 Teenage Quiz		Tug O'War (Final	
<b>FRIDAY, 17th</b>	8.00 Variety Concert			
<b>SATURDAY, 18th</b>	2.30 Fancy Dress Competition		Disco	
<b>SUNDAY, 19th</b>	Treasure Hunt			

AND LOTS OF OTHER EVENTS

# OPEN AIR MASS

Sunday, June 11th, 11 a.m.

We are hoping for the entire community of the Parish to be together for this celebration.

Masses in the Church will be at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. ONLY, and just for those who cannot be present for the outdoor Mass.

There will be no 8, 10, 11 or 12 Mass in the Church that morning . . . UNLESS IT RAINS!

And we have a better than 50/50 chance that it won't!

If it does rain, Masses will be at the usual times. Judge for yourself from the early morning weather signs: if in doubt, 'phone the Presbytery.

### SPONSORED WALK '83 SUNDAY, JUNE 16th, 2.30 p.m.

It's hard to believe that a year has passed since we last "WALKED TOGETHER". This year's walk will herald the Parish Week. Sponsorship cards will be issued to the school children in the coming week so you can all expect to be 'pestered' to sponsor these fine athletes — we hope you will be as generous as in previous years. As this year's walk has been incorporated into the Parish Week, we hope that as many of you as is possible will participate, whether or not you are being sponsored. So shake the dust off those walking shoes and let's all walk together for the money and the crack.

#### DETAILS:

DAY/DATE: Sunday, 16th June, 1983.

STARTING POINT: St. Colmcille's School (car park)

STARTING TIME: 14.00 hrs. (2.00 p.m.)

DISTANCE: 12 km. (7½ miles approx.)

N.B. Proceeds will go towards surfacing the walkways around the Church.

## PET SHOW

Tuesday, June 14th, 7.30 p.m. on the Green.

Judging: John Bainbridge, Veterinary Surgeon.

3 Classes

Young Dogs (up to 1 year old)

Mature Dogs

Other Pets

Entry Forms, etc. available later.

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## QUESTION TIME

Sunday Night, 12th June at 8.30 p.m.

Also for the youth of the parish there will be a special quiz night on Thursday, 16th June at 8.30 p.m. Six people per team Sunday night and five per team on Thursday night.

We hope both these nights will be very enjoyable with teams from all estates in the parish participating.

Michael Kearney,  
103 Coolamber Park (946126)

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## LADIES SOCCER

Seven-a-side Competition for Teams from the Parish Estates. Ladies from estates not already entered, please contact Colette Brennan, Tel. 946795. We are looking for a big turnout and huge support!

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## KNOCKLYON BRIDGE CLUB

Knocklyon Bridge Club welcomes bridge players to its competition during Parish Week. This will be held on Monday, 13th June commencing at 7.45 p.m. sharp in the Senior National School. There will be a Novice Competition and a competition for more experienced players.

Do come — you will be welcome.

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## FANCY DRESS COMPETITION

For you and especially your children — Saturday 18th June from 2.30 — 5.30.

Ages: Up to 6; 6 — 10; Over 10.

Admission: 20p to cover prizes.

There will be a mini disco for the competitors after the competition. So please come along for your children's sake!!

## "RACE NIGHT"

Wednesday, June 15th, 1983 at 8.00 p.m.

This will be held at Terenure College Rugby Football Club (entrance off Greenlea Road).

Six exciting races with all the fun of the real thing. Come along and enjoy a great night. Bring your neighbour. Tote Betting. Raffle. Fully licensed bar.

If you want to know more (or if you want to assist) 'phone Con O'Grady, 513643.

'Pssst . . . if you would like to own a horse or be a jockey for the evening . . . ring the same number.

. . . Shergar come home . . . all is forgiven . . .

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## 5-A-SIDE MALE FOOTBALL COMPETITION

Great success last year — 14 teams. Expect even better response this year. Contact Gerry Daly, Tel. 946187.

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## "ON THE GREEN"

June 14th, 1983, 7.30 p.m. 'til . . . it's over

## TUG O'WAR COMPETITION

The Heats will be run on Tuesday and the Semi-Finals and Final on Thursday evening, 16th.

We hope each area will enter a team and that the children and the "Mammies" will come along and encourage their team. Full details and the rules from John Walsh, 'phone 510256.

ENTER EARLY (rope supplied)

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## YOUTH CLUB DISCO on Saturday, 18th June

Age 10 — 13 years 7 p.m. — 9 p.m.

Age 13+ 9 p.m. — 11 p.m.

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## AMERICAN TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Those who wish to participate in this event should put their names on the list in the Church porch as soon as possible. Contact Fr. Arthur, Tel. 941204.

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## SUMMER BELLS

A variety concert and play — St. Colmcille's Junior School — Friday, 17th June at 8 p.m. sharp.

Admission: Adults £1

Children 50p (payable at door).

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Please pray for Marie Whelan, Scholarstown; Albert O'Rourke, Knockcullen; and Thomas Staunton (father of Fr. Paddy), who died recently. R.I.P.



## “..... FOR WHOM THE BELL TOLLS .....”

We're not bats in the belfry here, because for one thing we do not have a belfry, we do not even have a bell. For the record that comes from a work of Eden Phillpott entitled, 'My First Murder' and the full quote reads: "His father's sister had bats in the belfry and was put away".

The only bells that influence my life now are the door bell and the electronic, I presume, Superquinn bell just over the wall from us here which precludes the special week-end offers, or alternatively summoning one or other to the telephone. This persistent repetition of bell and announcer, even if pleasant and husky voiced, can at times get to and drive one slightly, again, bats in the you know where. But then we remember these good people have a job to do too and we all have our problems.

Anyway it is all a far cry from our dimming youthful past. In my home town there was a Carmelite Priory, the Parish Church and a Church of Ireland, each with its own bell. They were almost an essential part of our Sunday morning background. They vied with one another but without rancour. One perhaps overlapped the other with a clearer higher tone but never so as to disturb the sacredness of the moment, which lifted us out of the drabness of everyday living. They were always a welcome if unobtrusive sound, in fact and by association. Because it meant dressing up in our Sunday best, whatever we had of that, the penny or so for the collection and maybe something extra to visit a local shop for sweets or ice-cream, and, of course . . . no school. The two Catholic bells also during the week gently jostled one another, pealing out the Angelus and we left the ringing in of the New Year to the Protestant Bell, a kind of local Christ Church effort. Then of course too we had the funeral bell, was it three bells for a man and two for a woman – long before the rights of women became a serious issue. Even the funeral bell did not disturb us, we were young enough then to assume the question of death had no urgency for us.

Is it all lost? Sadly to a large extent yes, the inevitable change with the passage of years, sometimes it is called progress. But it is by no means fully gone. Some days ago over the varied 1983 din, the faint but definite strains of an Angelus bell drifted into my room from some convent or church in the area, I know not which. In recent years, visiting Bude on the Cornish coast, I also heard the Angelus bell, when I investigated the source it was found to be emanating from a local High Anglican church.

Honest, this is in no way an effort to initiate a "Bring back the Bell" campaign in Knocklyon. I am just relaying fast-fading echoes of the past, which should be treasured, because they speak to us of wholesome God-given eternal values.

Patrick Fitz

### THE WINDS

The North wind is a cold wind  
As cold as the snow  
The South wind is a soft wind  
And makes flowers grow  
The East wind is a hard wind  
As hard as can be  
The West wind is a mild wind  
And gentle on me.

So the wind from the West  
Is the one I like best.

Declan Lynch (age 10),  
21 Knocklyon Green.

### WRITING COMPETITION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE OF KNOCKLYON

The Summer Project Committee would like to hear from the young people their ideas about our Annual Summer Project. We would like as many as possible to put their thoughts on paper and send them to us. The title of your entry should be "MY IDEAS FOR THE SUMMER PROJECT".

It is open to all age groups. There will be prizes for the best entries. They might even be published in future editions of the Knocklyon News!

Please send entries to:  
Summer Project Committee,  
c/o Presbytery, on or before June 1st, 1983.



If you have managed the french onion soup and the marathon ragout you will be looking for something easy and light to follow.

For people interested in the finer points of dining there is often confusion about the place in the menu for the cheese and the dessert. According to the English tradition the dessert comes after the main course, and then the cheese; however, according to the more palatable French tradition the cheese comes after the main course and is then followed by the dessert. In my opinion it is much more enjoyable to be finishing off your rich red burgundy with a piece of cheddar or camembert rather than trying to consume your wine with a souffle or meringue.

Just a quick cheese recipe for this month. Cut a triangle of Puff Pastry about the size of a matchbox. Roll it a little thicker than your normal apple tart. Let it rest for at least an hour, egg wash it and bake in a hot oven. When ready, cool slightly, cut off the top. Remove any pieces of risen pastry and then spread with some warmed blue cheese. Put the top back on and keep warm until ready for eating.

**Paddy the Chef**

**ILL LIKE YOU . . . .**

I received a letter from Cape Town a few days ago; it was from Michael. Michael, a young Coloured, was the Head Altar Boy in the parish where I worked for some years. It was a poor parish, grossly overcrowded, but the people were wonderful.

Michael often served the early morning Mass before going to school. My usual greeting was, "What's new, Michael?", and his response was always "Everything is new". One morning when he was not rushing away I asked him what he meant by "Everything is new". "But everything is new" he replied, "to-day is a new day, we never had this day before; everything that happens to-day will be new". And how true that statement is. How often have you, as I have so many times, felt so good on waking that you say to-day is going to be different, to-day I'm going to attempt again what I failed to accomplish yesterday. But to-day is different, and it always is, even though we again fail to achieve all we intended to do. And always the unexpected happens. A letter arrives, a visit or a phone call from a friend, or your favourite programme on the radio or T.V.. One beautiful Spring day last week a friend brought me for a drive. We drove past Old Bawn up the hills to a site overlooking Dublin and returned via Firhouse. I enjoyed that drive, the countryside looked so lovely, new buds on the hedgerows, new lambs, and geese grazing. I have now, thank God, come to accept my limitations and, stranger still, it's

since I was invited to write this feature that I have learned to accept. Thank you for your prayers and I sincerely hope that what I write is doing as much for you. I sympathise with you in your illness and I always remember you in my Mass, and from the parish in Cape Town I have continued a custom of offering the Tuesday Mass for mothers.

I'd like to conclude with a nice passage I read in a book recently: "I must be grateful for this new day with its opportunities for me to grow through my new experiences, to help others to grow, and to help improve their lot in some way ..."

**Joe Clinch**



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**SUMMER PROJECT 1983 . . .**

. . . still in doubt! Response to the two Public  
Meetings was numerically very disappointing.  
However, tentative committees have been  
formed and whether or not the project can take  
place will now depend on the number coming  
forward to offer **practical time and help.**

**KNOCKLYON YOUTH CLUB**

Knocklyon Youth Club would appreciate your  
support and attendance at their Annual General  
Meeting to be held in the Church Meeting Room  
on Wednesday, 25th May at 8 p.m.

The Youth Club meets every Friday and  
Saturday night in the school and is grouped  
into three sections according to age.

Varied activities are provided and membership  
is open to young people age 10 years and over.

Because of the very large number of young  
people in Knocklyon we need more helpers — if  
you are interested in the Youth Club please  
come to the meeting.

**112th DUBLIN SCOUT UNIT — KNOCKLYON  
'300 CLUB — APRIL PRIZE DRAW WINNERS**

- £125 Mr. D. McElroy . . . . . Fitzwilliam Street
- £100 Mr. N. Geoghegan . . . . . 57 Knocklyon Road
- £ 50 Mr. J. Rossney . . . . . 43 Idrone Drive
- £ 25 Mrs. A. Boyle . . . . . 159 Glenvara Park

As mentioned in last month's Newsletter, in view of  
the lack of numbers involved in this fund raising  
activity, the Committee, after much deliberation, have  
decided to reduce the prize money in future to £175,  
i.e. three prizes of £100, £50 and £25.

We are certain contributors fully understand why  
this action is necessary.

**J. Donnelly**  
Fund Raising Committee (942260)

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