

The Knocklyon News



ST. COLMCILLE'S PARISH NEWSLETTER – APRIL 1985



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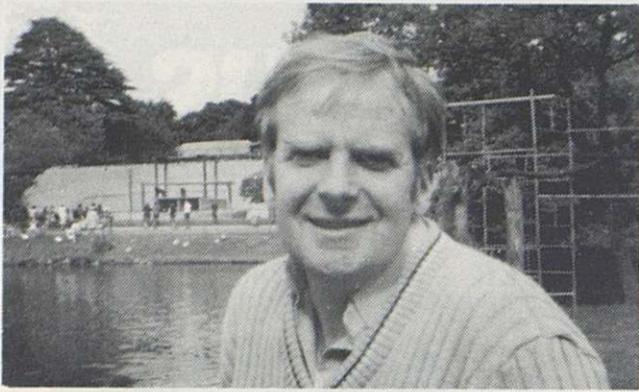
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The P.P.

On first meeting Fr. David Weakliam, one is struck by his astuteness and his sincerity. These qualities have stood him in good stead in his first Parish posting — Knocklyon. "Parish Politics" can be somewhat complicated, but Fr. Weakliam has the ability to guide committees through meetings so efficiently and tactfully that often, before they realise it, decisions have been taken with the minimum of fuss!

Knocklyon is quite near home for Fr. Weakliam. He grew up in Dublin and was educated at Terenure College. He feels that the educational policy in Terenure is very much geared to preparing boys for life rather than concentrating on academic brilliance. This, perhaps, is what prompted him to enter the Carmelites on leaving school. His first inclination was towards the Jesuits but obviously their loss is our gain!

After ordination, Fr. Weakliam headed back to Terenure College to take up post as a Science teacher. He spent the next twelve years working in the College — with three of those years as Prior.

The next posting didn't take him too far; it was to Gort Mhuire in Dundrum where he spent six years as Provincial. This job involved travelling to the Mission Fields in places like Zimbabwe. Any yen for foreign travel that he may have had was quite satisfied whilst he was Provincial. When holidaying nowadays all he really wants is a rest — with, perhaps, a few sets of tennis thrown in.

Fr. Weakliam nourished some secret hopes on becoming Parish Priest that it would be a "cushy job" but these hopes were quickly dashed. He feels that many people only see Priests on Sundays at Mass and imagine that, apart from a few visitations, the rest of the week passes in idleness. Would that this were the case! Fr. Weakliam describes his week as "fragmented" and of its nature "unprogrammed". Most evenings are taken up with at least one, committee meeting. On two days of the week, he is "on duty" in the Presbytery. Then there are constant telephone calls, visitors to the Presbytery, sermons to be written, christenings, weddings etc. House visits are rarer than any of the priests would consider desirable, but they do try to make and maintain contact with parishioners in other ways — for example, the Knocklyon News. As well as all of this activity, the Parish Priest is usually Trustee of the local National School. Here, Fr. Weakliam has been able to apply his twelve years experience from Terenure College.

The Carmelites feel that the ratio of priests to parishioners in Knocklyon permits the priests to be involved outside the Parish. Consequently, Fr. Weakliam has other commitments — among other things he has been chaplain to the Nurses' Guild for many years now. He has not found any difficulty with the transition from living in an enclosed community to living in the suburbs. Religious Orders usually maintain the same routine in their presbyteries as in the Mother Houses. With the Oratory attached to the presbytery Fr. Weakliam has not noticed too much difference in his day-to-day routine — the work alone being different.

Since coming to the Parish, Fr. Weakliam has, been seen as something of an innovator, especially in his dealings with young people. He sees youth as the hope for the future and strongly feels that the Church has great potential for young people if they receive a proper introduction to it. Due to his many years experience in dealing with youth, he seems to have a particular affinity with them. They appreciate his directness and lack of "waffle" perhaps because today's youth are particularly realistic and forthright themselves. The "Impact" group and the childrens' liturgy group are just two examples of his work in this field.

He is encouraged for the future by the recent increase in Vocations. Amongst the 25-30 years age group, there has been a decline in vocations but this imbalance is now being rectified, which augurs well for the future.

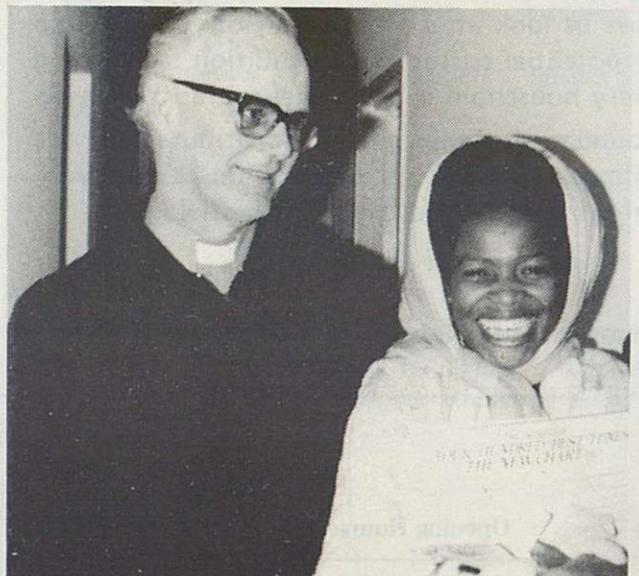
Fr. Weakliam is strongly of the opinion that a Parish Priest should give leadership to his community. This is in line with the Vatican's views. If and when he moves on from Knocklyon, he would like to remember his tenure as having strengthened the parish as a Christian community. He thinks that Christian living is very much its own reward and that there is a great fullness in life to be attained through Christian living. Christ says "I came that you may have life and live it to the full". Fr. Weakliam feels that this sums up his general philosophy and approach to his work amongst us in our parish.

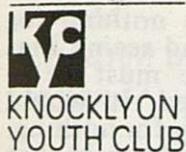
Imelda Graham

Children's Mass rehearsal for Easter Sunday.



Fr. O'Loan with Dorcas Zinyuku, a former pupil of his from Zimbabwe, where the Carmelites have their Mission. Dorcas enjoyed our Easter ceremonies in Knocklyon!





Significant progress is reported by the Committee of the Knocklyon Community Youth Club. You may have observed the activity on the site behind the Parish Centre.

Even as we write, members of the Committee and their industrious helpers are calling on all the houses in the parish. Please give them your support. Youth is the concern of all. Watch for the brochure – help make the dream come true.

Gerry McNamara and Olga Curran, at the Summer Project Meeting.

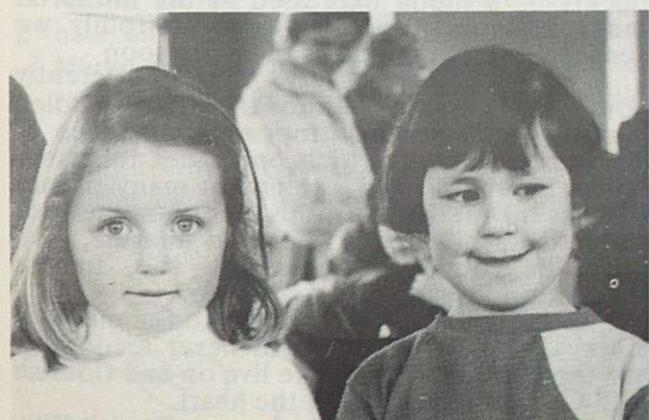


SUMMER PROJECT 1985

The first general meeting to make preparations for this year's Summer Project took place in the Parish Centre on 20th March. Ten people turned up. This was a bit disappointing, especially when you consider that the Summer Project involves organisation of activities for over 500 of our children for two weeks in July. However, it is hoped that as we get nearer to the summer, people will get interested and come to help out in whatever way they can. Without the help of many volunteers it will be impossible to have a Summer Project. This would be a shame, especially as this year is a year of special care and consideration for youth.

Despite the small attendance a Management Committee was formed and it was agreed to set in motion preparations for Summer Project 1985 which will take place from Monday 8th July to Friday 19th July. Remember that the success of the Summer Project depends on you. Further details about the Project will be included in next month's Newsletter and we hope at that stage more people will be willing to offer their help to make this year's Project as successful as those of previous years.

April Pouch and Davida O'Shea at the Easter Coffee morning



Well girls and boys it's Knocklyon Community Games time again. Now that the Easter holidays are over and all those chocolate eggs are eaten up it's time to get fit and to get involved in the very wide range of community games events on offer here in Knocklyon. Mums and Dads it's up to you to actively encourage your young people (over 8 years to under 16 years) whether you think they have the talent or not, to get out and have a bash at the various training sessions and trials.

Listed below is a schedule of events together with names of organisers and where and when training sessions/trials are taking place. Where this information is not available please watch out for Community Games information notices at Superquinn, and St. Colmcille's Church and Schools.

Parents: If you want your child to be involved in a particular game or event you should send his/her name, address and date of birth (*must be under the age on 31st July 1985*) to the organiser listed or to a Committee member stating event interested in. You should also send your child along to training sessions and watch out for information notices.

Committee: M. Coleman, 17 Delaford Ave., C. Nagle, 101 Dargle Wood. G. Hoey, 32, Idrone Drive.

Community Games Event Organisers:

- Athletics:** Each area runs off own sports and selects representatives for Finals.
- Chess:** u.16 (boys & girls) M. G. Keane, Friday 7.30. Junior School.
- Draughts:** u.10 & u.14 (boys & girls) Mr. P. Ryan. Junior School. Friday 7.30
- Gaelic Football:** u.13 (boys) Mr. P. O'Neill. C/O Senior School
- Hockey:** u.16 (girls) u. 16 (boys) Mr. P. Hanlon & Mr. G. McNamara. Hockey Ground Sunday 6.30 p.m.
- Rounders:** u.12 & u.15 (boys & girls) Miss D. Chambers & Mr. G. Whyte. Green opposite Church – Friday 6.30 p.m.
- Rugby:** u.11 (boys) Mr. J. O'Carroll & Mr. B. Sherry. Green opposite Church – Tuesday/Thursday 7.30 p.m.
- Hardcourt Tennis:** u.16 (boys & girls) Mrs. M. O'Kelly, 43 Mt. Alton & Mr. O. Bedford, 118B Coolamber Pk.
- Soccer:** u.12 (boys) Mr. J. Bates, 109 Glenvara Pk. Tel: 942043
u.15 (girls) Mr. M. Coleman, 17 Delaford Ave.
- Cycling:** u.14 & u. 16, 12 miles (boys), u.14, 4 miles (boys) Mr. M. Coleman, 17 Delaford Ave.
- Swimming:** U.10, u. 12, u.14, u. 16 (boys & girls) Mrs. A. O'Donoghue, 73 Idrone Drive.
- Table Tennis:** u.12, u.14, u.16 (boys & girls) Mr. W. Fitzgerald, Junior School – Friday 7.30
- Art:** u.8, u.10, u.12, u.14, u.16. (boys & girls). Contact St. Colmcille's Art Club, C/o Mrs. F. Lyons, Ph. 947564
- Gymnastics:** u.8, u.10, u.12, u.14, u.16 (girls). Mr. G. Hoey, 32 Idrone Drive.
- Basketball:** u.16 (boys & girls). No organiser. Volunteers required.
- Pitch & Putt:** u.16 (boys & girls). No organiser. Volunteers required.

NOTE: As teams must be selected *before 3rd May* you should not delay contacting the organiser of event you and your children are interested in.

Entry Fee: Please submit 50p per child which covers entry for any sport or event eligible for, including athletics. (*Maximum of £1.00 per family*).



FASHION SHOW '85

Food, Fashion and Fun were the order of events on Wednesday 13th March when a large attendance gathered in the Junior School Hall, anticipating the delights which the evening held in store.

The first "delights" to be sampled were the edible variety which were courtesy of Superquinn, Knocklyon, as were the beverages of wine and soft drinks. This pre-show reception which was a feast to the eye as well as the taste-buds, was very much appreciated by patrons of the show, as many could be heard to whisper to a friend/neighbour "I wish I hadn't had my tea before I came". Tea or no tea, all tucked in.

The show, as usual by Sadie Greene Promotions, presented a lovely range of Spring and Summer Wear, mostly ladies' but with very up-to-the minute ensembles for "the man in your life" and of course, the children. The children's clothes which were modelled as is customary by pupils of the Junior School, elicited many "oohs and aahs" from admiring Mums and Dads, with the best response reserved for the First Communion outfits. The childrens range was from "Stunners" boutique in Terenure who very kindly agreed, at very short notice, to present the childrens fashions after a last minute change in plan was notified to the organisers.

As a sample of what is available in local boutiques the show would certainly lend weight to the maxim "Shop Local". It allowed the opportunity to dream a bit of special occasions, warmer days, the perfect figure, a blank cheque etc. etc., and sometimes the dream is better than the reality - especially since it's free.

The organisers wish to record a sincere "Thank You" to all who contributed in any way to the show and send special thanks to Peter Hughes of Superquinn, Knocklyon, for the lovely reception and Margaret Knightly of "Stunners" boutique for "saving the day".

Jacinta O'Hanlon and Celine Stephens at the Fashion Show, not modelling just dreaming



"THE BEST THINGS IN LIFE . . ."

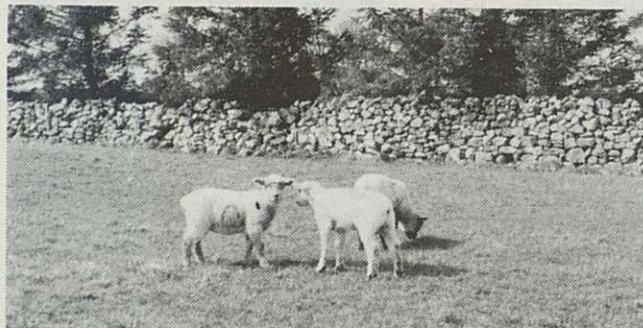
Remember that saying: "There's nothing for nothing this side of Kilcock"? And seeing that no matter where we may be we must be at some side of the aforementioned, it would seem to follow that there is nothing for nothing. Yet, I suspect, there may be more truth in that other gem of wisdom: "The best things in life are free . . ." - kindness, friendship, mother nature.

I have just been to the Meath Hospital visiting a friend who is nearing the end of the earthly pilgrimage. She is a grand old lady, full of appreciation - consequently little or no time for feeling sorry for herself. She was scarcely able to talk but succeeded in whispering a beautiful 'tis lovely seeing you".

We all incline to have differing approaches in such circumstances. Mine, for what it's worth, is something like this. Naturally, I bring God into it without forcing the issue, I hope. Formal prayers have their place but this is not always easy in a ward with other patients and visitors. I do not mention death or departure explicitly - this supreme moment is surely better left in safe keeping between the Master and his patient. Neither could I ever see it as a time for pretence - telling a patient they are going to be well again, when all the signs are to the contrary. Hope, yes, a plenty but deception - never. Pointless deception is an insult and could scarcely bring comfort.

So then, what does one speak of - about life in general, as a familiar to the patient and, if one can squeeze the odd laugh from it, chalk it up as a precious bonus. Speak about life honestly and I've a hunch that soon humour, comfort and God emerge - yes, that same God of all consolation.

"All in an April evening"



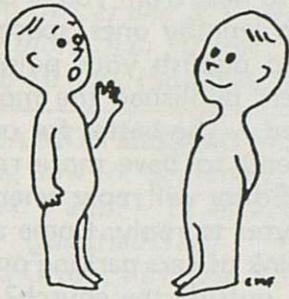
Today we talked about this, that and the other. I spoke of the view from the ward - of the Dublin Hills, comforting and friendly now, in a combination of warm cloud, sunshine and April showers. It is, above all, very much daffodil time too, gentle welcome messengers, assuring us Spring is certainly here and Summer just around the corner. There is that definite tinge of sadness also in their leaving us so quickly - a mood expressed in the immortal lines of Robert Herrick: "Fair daffodils we weep to see, You haste away so soon . . ."

A relative present saw things differently from the hospital window - the huddled windows and chimney tops reminded her of Coronation Street, which only goes to prove, yet again, that friend Terence of many moons ago was on the ball with his Quot homines, tot sententiae . . . Anyway, I should imagine, God could be found, quite readily too, in the Coronation Street type of scenario.

I dedicate these humble lines to the memory of my good friend. She will never read them but the finer feelings of life live on and flourish with God in the silence of the heart.

Patrick Fitz.

20,000
Gifted
Children in
Ireland?



Yes, and we
have our own
Club in
Knocklyon
too!

KNOCKLYON EXPLORERS CLUB

An Oige Threitheach (The Irish Association for Gifted Children) organises activities for children under the title "Explorers". The Knocklyon Explorer Club meets on the first Saturday of every month, in St. Colmcille's Senior School from 2.30-4.30 p.m. It is a family club. Gifted children with their brothers and sisters come to have fun, make friends and share interests. Parents have an opportunity to socialise and they also supervise.

The activities in the club depend on local resources. We are lucky that a Dad, who is a computer enthusiast writes software for the group. An electricity kit with buzzers, lights, bells and a morse code facility is a current attraction. Town planning is another favourite activity. The children have designed towns, including shopping areas, greenbelts, schools and car parks. Chess, art, logic problems, strategy games, brainteasers are always on offer.

There is nothing elitist about the club. Contrary to popular opinion being gifted is no guarantee of either academic or social success. Some very clever children are rejected because of their unusual interests or advanced language levels. To be accepted in class they deliberately hide their ability so as to appear 'average' or even slow. For this reason gifted children are sometimes found in remedial classes. Other gifted children are always top of the class, best at everything and may become cocky. It is good for these children to see that they are not unique and to mix with children of similar ability.

If your child is very clever and would benefit from the activities in the club please contact Alison Dunne, 932516. It is not necessary to have an I.Q. test or assessment to join the club. Many parents are familiar with the school report that says "highly intelligent, would do well if he/she worked". Such reports often apply to the gifted child who is bored in school, - the child who goes to the Explorer Club.

REFLECTIONS

Hope you had an enjoyable break over the Easter.

I like to think of the two disciples of Christ who left Jerusalem, very disappointed men after the Crucifixion, and were walking to the village of Emmaus. The events in Jerusalem had become too much for them and they left before the day of the Resurrection. But the Risen Christ joined them on the way and explained to them the significance of the horrific happenings which had taken place. St. Luke tells us that Christ shared the evening meal with them at Emmaus and the disciples recognised him in the breaking of bread.

So much like a pattern of our own lives at times, when we think prayer is getting us nowhere and we forget that Christ is reaching out to us more than we are seeking Him - reminding us of his presence in a growing family, through friends and in the miracle of spring. We so often fail to notice Christ in our world.

Easter is a season of hope and life and let us invite, as the disciples at Emmaus did: "Stay with us, Lord, for it is now towards evening and the day is now far spent".

Joe Clinch

Nessa Bainbridge



Yet Another Win for Knocklyon

Lovely 10 year old Nessa Bainbridge who currently lives in Knocklyon Park recently went to Cork for a weekend - Not to see the Banks, or celebrate Cork 800 but to win the All Ireland title in under-10 gymnastics. Nessa is a member of the Tallaght club and has participated in gymnastics since she was a little 5½ year old! This year she scored 8.9 on the vault and 6.9 on the floor. She is not going to stop there, next year Nessa will contend in the Grade Competition which means she will have to work on the Bar, Beam, Floor and Vault. What more can we say but to wish her continued success and show all aspiring gymnasts from 5½ onwards that it is all worth it".

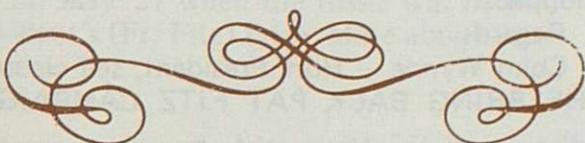
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EDITORIAL

For only the third time in 25 issues, the Knocklyon News this month extends to 12 pages. This is the result of a combination of two main factors: a surfeit of urgent news and other items and a sudden boom in advertising.

The Committee is, of course, delighted with the demand for advertising space. (Delighted, but not surprised! Sooner or later people were bound to realise the great potential of the Newsletter in the field of advertising.) Apart from the annual collection — due next month, by the way! — advertising is the only source of revenue towards defraying the cost of publishing the Knocklyon News. Even more important, we feel, advertisements are a real service to our community and make the Newsletter more interesting and attractive to the reader.

NO PRAYER WITHOUT SMOKE!!

Dear Editor.

I am a big fan of the Children's Mass at 10 o'clock on Sunday mornings. I consider that the drama presentation is excellent and it has helped my children's piety grow beyond expectation. As I am an advocate of "excellence" I would like to make a suggestion which, if acted on, would, in my view, add to the liturgical excellence of the Children's Mass.

I would like to see the use of incense in Mass. For example, the altar could be incensed before the start of Mass and the Prayer Book could also be incensed. The significance of incense could be explained to the children, and think of the smell! Incense gives off a scent that evokes an atmosphere of reverence. In this context the use of incense is dramatic.

I believe we should stimulate the senses of our children in a variety of ways in our liturgy, so that we can attract their wandering minds to the great events within the Mass.

Yours sincerely,
"Incensed Parishioner"



The Ashton/Dargle Wood/Coolamber Court Delivery team

. WE WELCOME YOUR VIEWS.

To You,

We would love to hear from you — Short letters are preferred to lengthy ones, space is limited. Use this page to publish your points of view. The more letters published the more subjects can be discussed — the better for our locality. Short letters tend to have more readers than long ones. The Editor will reply where necessary or may invite you to reply. Come and start — what do you think of cars parking on both sides of Idrone Ave., outside the church? — what do you think of children at Mass? — what do you think of pollution in Knocklyon? — what do you THINK? Come on write to us.

Helen and Robert Goodall hoping to win the Easter Bunny at the Easter Coffee Morning



FITZ FAN FURIOUS

Dear Sir,

Re: Knocklyon News — March, 1985

On receiving the latest issue I had my usual glance through prior to reading. Holy Week to Murphy & Gunn — familiar stuff but strange — I've missed something. Went straight past my favourite article without noticing it. Always my first read. Hadn't noticed this before, but, sub-consciously flick through to pick up Patrick Fitz. Go through again — still missing. This cannot be. Check carefully third time through. Definitely not in. I now realise that this gentle reflection, with it's whimsical humour and love of God's creation shining through, is what I look forward to every month. Over the past couple of years I have become addicted. The Newsletter is not the same without it.

I know the pressure on space must be enormous and you must sometimes be obliged to be callous with the blue pencil, but please, Mr. Editor, don't wield the axe. Pat Fitz is the best thing you've got and should never be chopped.

Regards,

Colm Wynne — Hon. President, self-elected,
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Colm O'Brien who won First Prize
at The Heath



Al Murray, winner of the Third Prize



BEWARE Tee Off – Men Only

Colm O'Brien, who is Scholarstown's answer to Lee Trevino, walked away with the overall prize at the Parish Golf Society's outing to the Heath Golf Club last month.

Playing off an effective handicap of 11 he notched up 40 points in an event which brought a large and welcome number of the parish's golfers down to the club near Portlaoise.

Second was S. O'Connell (18) who totted up 39 points and third was Al Murray (22) with the same total.

The rest of the prizes were: Class 1: Tom Donovan 38; Class 2 – Tom Fox (37); Class 3 – Gerry Daly (38) and Class 4 – D. Morrin 30.

The first nine went to W. Fitzgerald with 20 points and the second nine to B. Sheedy, again with 20.

The Visitors' Prize went to K. Maguire of Slade Valley who had 38 points.

The Society's next outing will be to the Grange on May 27 when the tussle will be for the President's (Fr. Fitz) Prize. More about that later.

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CHEEVERSTOWN

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The great news is that these facilities, which we in Knocklyon are lucky enough to have on our doorstep, are also open to us. There is a magnificent gymnasium suitable for basketball, badminton, indoor soccer, as well as the usual gymnastic activities. This gym can be hired by groups for £20 an hour. The swimming pool is especially suitable for beginners: there is an area 2' deep with wide steps which is ideal for young children. The rest of the pool goes from 3' – 6' deep. An added bonus is that the pool temperature is maintained at 90°f. The average pool is kept at 82°f. So for anybody who doesn't like the cold this will be an obvious advantage. The pool caters mainly for beginners and improvers with classes for men, women and children. There is also a parent and baby class. The pool can be hired for £15 an hour. For details of classes at the pool and hiring of the pool or gym, contact Colm Reddy at 904681.

The Centre has had 6 athletes selected onto the Leinster Team to the Special Olympics for the Mentally Handicapped. These will be held in Dublin in July. The Field and Track events will be at Belfield and the swimming will be at Newpark. There will be between 2,000 and 3,000 taking part and C.I.E. has generously laid on a fleet of school buses free of charge.

Colm Reddy invites anybody to drop in to Cheeverstown at any time to have a look around and perhaps a cup of coffee in the pleasant, poolside, coffee bar. Cheeverstown can be reached from Knocklyon by going over Templeogue Bridge, turning left immediately and you will find it clearly marked a couple of hundred yards up the road on your left.



Christina Lynam lending a helping hand this time for the folk at home at the recent Simon Collection.

KNOCKLYON TO KAMPUCHEA AND BACK

Having seen the film "The Killing Fields" I talked to Christina Lynam of Knocklyon Pharmacy who spent five weeks at the end of last year in trouble torn Kampuchea as TROCAIRE's representative on an International Evaluation Team.

Christina filled me in on some of the background details which have led to the present situation.

Between 1970 and 1979 Kampuchea suffered the trauma of civil war followed by a reign of terror under the infamous Pol Pot of the Communist Khmer Rouge — which resulted in a drop in population of between 2 — 3 million (from an original 8 million). *By 1979 Kampuchea had no currency, no industry, no trains, no 'phones* (a legacy to Pol Pot's policies). *The rice harvest (the principal food source) was down to one-third of the 1970 level. "Urgency Aid" staved off total disaster, but what Kampuchea really needed was "Development Aid" — funds for technical equipment and other projects which would help rebuild the economy.*

Development Aid is refused by the U.S. and other western Governments theoretically as they recognise the pre-1970 Coalition of Prince Sihanouk (now in exile in Peking) and the "Khmer Rouge" as the official Kampuchean Government. In reality aid is refused because of hostility to the Vietnamese — who are behind the present efforts to rebuild the country. The double irony of this standpoint is that in 1970 the U.S. Intelligence Services were "aware of developments" which led to the overthrow of the Government they now "officially recognise", and the reinstatement of this Government could only be disastrous for Kampuchea, as it is now dominated by Pol Pot's Khmer Rouge. These intricacies of International politics mean little to the ordinary Kampuchean, who knows only hardship and survival.

It was to this hardship that Christina flew out in October 1984 accompanied by three other representatives of Dutch, Belgian and Australian relief agencies. Their task was to do a sort of fact-finding 'tour of inspection' of the Indochina Peninsula (i.e. Kampuchea, Laos and Vietnam). Christina is an executive member of TROCAIRE, whose interests she was representing on this CIDSE Evaluation Team. *"CIDSE is a group of European and North American Catholic development agencies who have come together specifically to help with the development of Indochina."* CIDSE's main project is to equip the Kampuchean Dept. of Agriculture with vital earth moving equipment. Such machinery is necessary because the whole rice crop depends on a complex system of irrigation dykes which are literally 'springing leaks'. *With better irrigation they could grow a second crop, solving their food problem."*

CIDSE also assist the Dept. of Health, severely restricted by shortages of basic necessities: *"Medical*

facilities are pathetic. They have no proper drugs, surgical implements or medical text books. They don't even have pens or paper." The work of the Evaluation Team took them to Phnom Penh and out into the provinces, where they met a cross-section of Kampuchean including several government ministers, many local officials and the ordinary people themselves: *"Their kindness and hospitality was unsurpassed — they are so very grateful for any help. Most of the ministers and officials are young and dedicated to rebuilding the country. Many of them were imprisoned in labour camps themselves"* (during Pol Pot's purge of Kampuchea, as depicted in the "Killing Fields").

Such warmth is perhaps surprising when one considers the refusal by our own Governments to grant Aid to Kampuchea. However, they can't afford to be selective when it comes to accepting help — it makes precious little difference whether money comes from a government's coffers or the funds of a relief agency: *"CIDSE has no difficulty as a Catholic agency working with a communist government . . . this helps to break down barriers and diminish Kampuchea's isolation from the Western world."*

As with so many other places in the world, there is a special welcome for the Irish in Kampuchea. This has nothing to do with our reputation for friendliness, it stems from the fact that we at least don't support the Khmer Rouge/Sihanouk coalition, which is appreciated in Phnom Penh: *"It is hoped that Ireland and France (who share our viewpoint) will try to persuade the other EEC countries to stop the boycott of Phnom Penh and allow the Development Aid and technical assistance which is so desperately needed."*

This in no way takes matters out of our hands however. Christina was at pains to point out that all help (no matter how insignificant it seems to us) is vitally necessary and deeply appreciated in Kampuchea. We all know how to contact TROCAIRE, CONCERN or any one of the many other agencies operating in the Third World. While financial help is marvellous, it is not sufficient in itself to solve all the problems. We have a duty to put pressure on our representatives in the Dail to forget the politics of the situation and release funds for Kampuchea.

It took the "Killing Fields" to re-awaken in us vivid memories of disturbing reports from Kampuchea flashed across our screens in 1979. In 1991 is it going to take a similar media 'hype' to stir our consciences on the present situation in Ethiopia and the Sudan? As Christians we owe these people all the associated charity and compassion, as people we owe them infinitely more.

By Derek Handley

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Sowing seeds of trust

a weekend of prayer and discussion with
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Gathering for prayer (held simultaneously) in
• The Pro Cathedral • Christ Church Cathedral
and • Sean McDermott Street Church

FRIDAY, MAY 3rd — 8 p.m.
SATURDAY, MAY 4th — 1 p.m.
SATURDAY, MAY 4th — 8 p.m.

Sowing Seeds of Trust is the title of a weekend of prayer and discussion with Brother Roger of Taizé and takes place in Dublin throughout the weekend of May 3-5. The Weekend has been arranged at the instigation of Archbishop McAadoo and the late Archbishop Ryan.

Taizé is a small village near Lyons in France which has become a centre of prayer and pilgrimage for hundreds of thousands of people, mostly young adults, who flock there every year to spend time with the Ecumenical Monastic Community who live, work and pray there. Taizé is the source and home of a whole new tradition of meditative hymn-singing: "Jubilato Deo", "Adoramus te Domine", "Jesus remember me . . ." are all Taizé compositions now familiar to many Christians throughout the world.

Weekends, such as this one planned for Dublin, have already taken place with great success in several of the great cities of Europe.

The Spirit of the Weekend is best gleaned from the words of Brother Roger:

"Many Christians, together with non-believers, are working to try to reduce the suffering of others and to be a leaven of trust and peace. This is vitally important. However, if Christians carry only a moral or social message, non-believers could say to themselves: 'They are not suggesting anything so very different from what I am already doing.' In secularised societies, Christians are called to give signs of God's eternity and to be present at the points where the eternal meets our human community.

Nothing else awakens and refreshes our personal inner life like a full all-embracing prayer which is meditative and accessible for all age-groups. And the high-point of the prayer will be the singing that never ends and which continues within, even when you are alone."

The Thrust of the Weekend is described in the current Letter from Taizé:

This meeting can become a station in the "pilgrimage of trust on earth" which is taking place in many

countries of the world. The pilgrimage is first of all a reality of everyday life: trying each day in concrete situations to be a leaven of peace and trust; going towards those whose commitments and options are very different, to understand them, and to create links of communion.

The preparation for the meeting in Dublin started several months ago. It is a time to undertake little pilgrimages towards one another, making visits, to pray together, reflecting together in parishes, groups and communities. Some questions are at the heart of this preparation: what are the signs of hope in our parish that we could share with others during the weekend in May? What is the place of contemplative prayer in our parish? In what way is our local Church a place of reconciliation, not just for Christians but also for the divisions in society?

The outline programme is as follows:

Friday, May 3

From 4.00 p.m. onwards and after the evening prayer, people from outside Dublin arrive at the welcome place, Trinity College (open for the entire weekend).

8.00 p.m. All gather for EVENING PRAYER (held simultaneously in the Pro-Cathedral, Christ Church Cathedral and Sean McDermott Street Church).

After the Evening Prayer, those who have arrived from outside Dublin will be received in families and dormitories.

Saturday, May 4

In the morning (meeting point: at a designated local parish church at 9.30 a.m.): visits in the local parish area to places of hope.

1.00 p.m. MIDDAY PRAYER in the same three churches.

Afterwards: Picnic lunch, please bring your own.
3.00 p.m. Workshops and discussion in small groups; choice of different themes.

Evening Meal

8.00 p.m. EVENING PRAYER in the same three churches.

Sunday, May 5

Everyone participates in their local parish liturgy.

A small committee has been formed in the Parish to organise and promote our involvement as a Community in this important venture. On the morning of Saturday May 5th at 9.30 a.m. there will be a special Celebration of Morning Prayer in the Church. Afterwards, the Parish Centre — meeting place of so many hope-filled enterprises — will host a display and sharing of information of many of the local organisations and activities that help to mould us into a true Community:

• Why not go along ?

For the past number of months we have featured information on self-help groups which may be of interest to our readers. If there is any such group/organisation you would like to read about, please let us know. Telephone Presbytery: 941204.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

It is widely accepted that a number of illnesses are usually caused by allergy. Hay fever, asthma, rhinitis, urticaria (nettle-rash), childhood eczema, colitis and migraine are all very common. At some period in their lives one person in ten will suffer from one of these illnesses. Recently, it has been accepted that rheumatoid arthritis and some forms of mental illness may be caused by allergy or some kind of intolerance to food.

However, the study of allergy involves new ways of thinking about many diseases and their causes. Though research continues, it is often hampered by lack of finance and a scepticism by those of the medical profession not directly involved. For example, childhood eczema can be caused by food allergy, but it is a great pity that many skin specialists are unable to consider food as a possible cause.

Modern drugs are often quite effective and safe in the treatment of asthma. However, a patient on drugs – often with side effects – is a continual visitor to the doctor's surgery and has to learn to live with the illness and the medicines. Alternatively, a person who knows that he or she can be perfectly fit if milk or some other allergic food is avoided, no longer has the state of mind of a 'patient'.

Foods are only one cause of allergy. Things in the air we breathe or which touch the skin, other things we swallow, such as toothpaste, may also cause trouble.

Often there are several different causes. For instance, someone with asthma might be upset by foods – perhaps cheese, fish – and may also be allergic to house dust and cats. A child with eczema might be 'triggered' by eggs, milk and contact with grass.

If food allergies are dealt with, it becomes easier to identify other causes of trouble and underlying allergies.

For further information, please contact:—

The ALLERGY SOCIETY,
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Carolyn Gordon, Patricia Marshall, Catherine Sheehan, at the weekly Ladies Keep Fit Class held each Thursday at 8 p.m. in the Junior School.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

The Legion of Mary

Nowadays, we don't seem to hear much about The Legion of Mary. Somehow, over the years, young people have been caught up in new secular movements that seem to offer them the work, idealism and enthusiasm for which they crave – and Mary's Legion seems to have been banished to the sidelines. Yet despite all this, The Legion of Mary continues quietly, sometimes unobtrusively and is still very active in all parts of the world.

It was founded in 1921 by Frank Duff, who devoted his whole life to the work of this lay apostolate which is open to all those who have the wish and the will to serve the Church and their fellowmen. It was based on the doctrine that we are all members of the Mystical Body of Christ and therefore must serve each other in union with Mary, our mother.

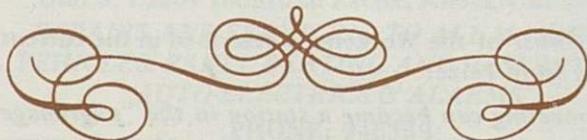
The first active work undertaken was a visitation to the Dublin Union Hospital (now St. James's). From then on and up to the present day, Legionaries have continued to visit and care for the elderly, the sick, the lonely and the poor. They have opened youth clubs for the underprivileged, encouraging the young people to appreciate cultural pursuits such as drama, singing and music. They sought and befriended the 'Travelling People' teaching the children and preparing them for First Communion and Confirmation, long before the 'Travellers' problem became a public issue.

Perhaps the best known monuments to their work are the Morning Star Hostel for men and the Regina Coeli Hostel for women. These hostels are manned by the Legionaires for the benefit of destitute men and women. There they are offered cleanliness, food, friendliness and comfort in a christian atmosphere from which many have found their way back to the practice of their religion.

Hundreds of Irish Legionaries have given their services (and still do) to work in England and abroad, full time, part-time or even for the whole of their annual holidays. Some like Edel Quinn or Alfie Lambe, gave their lives to the work. It was Edel Quinn who wrote:

"Mary loves us because we are Christ's legacy to her. Let us give ourselves completely to her to be made all HIS".

The local unit or Praesidium in Knocklyon meets every Wednesday at 8.15 p.m. in the Parish Centre. It is open to all – men and women – young and old. Legionaires are urged to take the initiative in suggesting new active works. If you feel you can offer a little of your time to this worthwhile work – ring 941444 for further information.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

112th Dublin Scout Unit Knocklyon

March Draw Winners

£100 – Erdpohl, 135 Dargle Wood
£50 – Dolan, 1 Coolamber Court
£25 – Dunne, 28 Idrone Close

112th Knocklyon Scout News



Mr. Paul Buckley, very popular former Scout Leader in Knocklyon and presently Quartermaster of the Troup, has been appointed Assistant Commissioner for Scouts in the Colmcille Region. Congratulations Paul and very well done.

Knocklyon Woods Residents Association

The A.G.M. of the Knocklyon Woods Residents' Association will be held on Tuesday 23rd Apr. at 8 p.m. in the Church Meeting room.

I.C.A.

The local Knocklyon Guild held its first birthday recently and celebrated a most successful year with a party held in the Parish Centre with all the usual stalwarts attending. A beautiful cake was made and donated by Colette Brennan.

Six budding actresses from the highly successful drama section attended a weekend seminar in An Grianan at the end of March.

An Irish night was held on April 2nd – a night of singing, dancing and speaking “as Gaeilge” or at least “cupla focal”.

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CUT OUT AND KEEP

THINGS CULINARY

There was, I believe a very good response to the curry recipe in February's issue. So in answer to the tumultuous demand for more, I give here the same basic recipe with a variation in the flavour. I will change from the Indian kitchen to a good Hungarian Goulash. As you will see the recipes are not unlike each other but their countries of origin used indigenous ingredients to dominate their respective flavours.

GOULASH: Ingredients per person –

2 oz meat – traditionally this should be beef but in fact any meat can be used.

2 oz onion.

1½ oz Red Pepper, Green Pepper,

1 tbl. spoon tomato puree,

1 teaspoon paprika, – a little garlic if you like the continental flavour and a small amount of tabasco or a pinch of cayenne is a must for a good hot Goulash.

Some fat for frying,

½ oz. flour.

½ pt. water or stock

1 bay leaf,

1 sprig of thyme and seasoning.

The procedure is much the same as for curry, except that the meat and vegetables are cut into one inch dice. Fry off the meat and vegetables in small amounts to a good brown colour. When ready, put the meat, vegetables, puree, paprika, tabasco or cayenne into the pot. Sprinkle in the flour and stir gently with a wooden spoon. Gradually add the stock or water and bring to the boil, stirring well all the time. Simmer on top or bake in the oven until tender. A tough stewing beef could take 2 hours or diced chicken would cook in half an hour. If baking in the oven make sure your container is designed for oven use with no plastic or wooden handles. A goulash can be served with rice or traditionally boiled potatoes or quarter potatoes cooked in the stew are served.

Paddy the Chef.

CONDOLENCES

We would like to express our sympathy to parishioners Noel & Paul Hughes, Barry Collins and Helen McCluskey on the recent deaths of their fathers. We would also like to sympathize with any other parishioners who have had bereavements recently, which have not come to our attention.

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Shane Niall Patrick Grant, 27 Knocklyon Heights.
Mark Patrick Anthony Browne, 31 Scholarstown Rd.
Claire Jane Bergin, 11a Knockcullen Park.
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