

# The Knocklyon News



ST. COLMCILLE'S PARISH NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 1985

## HOLY SOULS



*"Even in the mountains of Peru the Holy Souls are never forgotten."*

November is the month of the Holy Souls. It is the month of the year when we remember the dead. One of the most wonderful consolations of our Faith is that death is not the end of everything but rather a change to a new life. In this new life the Holy Souls can do nothing to help themselves. We have a lovely custom of having Masses said and giving Mass cards on the death of a relative or friend. Remembering the dead is not just an Irish custom. I remember how my little Indian Godchild, Geovanna, would ask me to say Mass for her mother who had gone to heaven. She would come to the Mass with her little friends and explain to them how the Mass would help her Mother who was above the clouds. Her last words to me before I left was: "Who's going to say Mass for Mama now, when you are gone?" Other Indian families would place the skull of their loved ones on the altar during Mass. Each year the whole community gathered in the cemetery on November 2nd where the Mass was celebrated while each family gathered around the graves of their relatives and friends.

So let us not forget our loved ones during the month of November. Place their names on the Altar list of the dead in the church. A special Novena of Masses for the Dead will commence on All Souls Day. "Remember Lord those who have died and have gone before us marked with the sign of faith, especially those for whom we now pray" . . . . .

*Fr. Chris Conroy.*

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## CHILDREN'S MASS

When a six year old, who has barely time to eat for fear of what he might miss outdoors, actually wants to go to Mass on Sunday morning, well that must say something about the Mass which he wants to attend.

I refer of course, to the Children's Liturgy at 10 o'clock on Sundays. This weekly event, which we have come to regard with a familiar affection, is a legacy to the efforts of Fr. Weakliam and a small group of volunteers. The Children's Liturgy Committee (to give them their official title) have, I'm sure you will agree, always presented a very meaningful liturgy for our children, and on many occasions achieved outstanding presentations.

Two particular examples of excellence come to mind, for which the Committee should be heartily congratulated. Firstly, the children's interpretation of "The Passion" last Easter, and more recently the "Farewell" Mass for Fr. Weakliam. The latter ceremony being most recent in the memory of

those who attended was a beautiful and most moving experience. The symbolism, music, prayers, costumes, drama were all superb, and a very fitting tribute to the man who initiated this wonderful weekly event.

The children who participate, whether it be in the readings, drama, or choir also deserve a special word of praise from us who attend, for their hard work in preparing for the liturgy, and their courage in overcoming shyness etc.

The Children's Liturgy Committee have plans to improve and develop the Children's Mass, using mime, dance, etc. but such plans depend on willing manpower to become realities.

If you value the Children's Mass and are interested in helping in whatever capacity, please contact the Presbytery (941204) as soon as possible.

## FEIS DAY IN KNOCKLYON



*St. Colmcille's Senior School Feis — Seamus and Donal Griffin from Knocklyon Green played the Violin.*



*St. Colmcille's Senior School Feis — from left: Jonathan Keane, John Sudron, Jim Naughton and Paul Hynes.*

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Apart from the survey which is ongoing and for which we wish to thank you for your co-operation, you will be glad to hear a project has been approved and is currently under way to landscape the land between the Church and School.

The project employs 9 people for a five month period, on a week-on/week-off basis, i.e., 4 people plus a supervisor will work on alternate weeks.

On the alternate weeks – the employees will be available for other work within the parish, on a commercial basis at very competitive rates. One of the employees involved is a painter/decorator.

These and future projects under review offer plenty of opportunity to volunteer your help towards the social development of the community – please complete the “drop and collect” survey form so that we can involve you in our effort. A small beginning . . . but it’s a start!

Looking forward to hearing from you.



*COMMUNITY LINK – Landscaping near the Parish Centre*

**POET LAUREATE OF KNOCKLYON**



Mary Clifford from Idrone, seen here with two of her sons, was the proud winner of a fridge-freezer in a poetry competition run by Superquinn on the occasion of their 5th birthday. Mary’s poem was on the subject of Superquinn, so Mary here’s a challenge – what about a poem on the Knocklyon News for the Christmass issue. Congratulations Mary and Superquinn.

*Esther B. Batt*

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Dog Owners – Please Note

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Dear Editor,

I feel I cannot complain strongly enough about the number of dogs that are now being let roam freely around the Knocklyon Woods area. Not only is their continual barking an annoyance, but the latest thing to be observed is the fact that they are in groups and likely to launch an attack on innocent passers-by. I have witnessed several savage fights among themselves and not one owner in sight to intervene. I myself have been bitten by one this year and I have heard of at least two other cases.

Last, but by no means least, is the continuous soiling of the grass margins. This excretion is known to carry germs that are lethal to children. So, in view of the fact that there are so many small vulnerable children around maybe the owners of all these dogs would think seriously about their responsibility.

Yours Etc., A very concerned mother.

Our Researcher replies:

I share the concern expressed in this letter. This problem unfortunately does not confine itself to the Knocklyon Woods area, but exists throughout the Parish. Being a dog lover myself, I can appreciate how the owners of these "pets" can sometimes be blinded to the darker side of a dog's nature. Even the cutest little terrier is quite capable of inflicting a serious injury on a small child or (as in my own experience in Coolamber Park) of causing havoc to motor traffic. We all know that it only takes one rotten apple to spoil an orchard's reputation. So if all you dog lovers really care about your pets please keep them under control.

..... We welcome your views.

PARISH DEBT

There was a church collection recently in Dallas, Texas which amounted to 1.8 million dollars. It was a world record. If only we could have a collection like that all our worries would be over.

Our Parish debt is £399,378.50. The monthly interest on this amount is £2,885.36. Our monthly repayment on our loans is £7,558. This means that we need £1,744 per week to meet the repayment on our loans. At present our weekly envelope collection hardly reaches £1,200. Each week we go further into debt. Our current overdraft is about £16,000. If each family in the Parish contributed to the envelope collection we would be able to overcome our debt.

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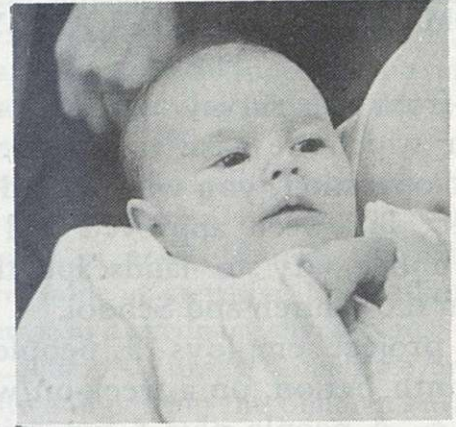
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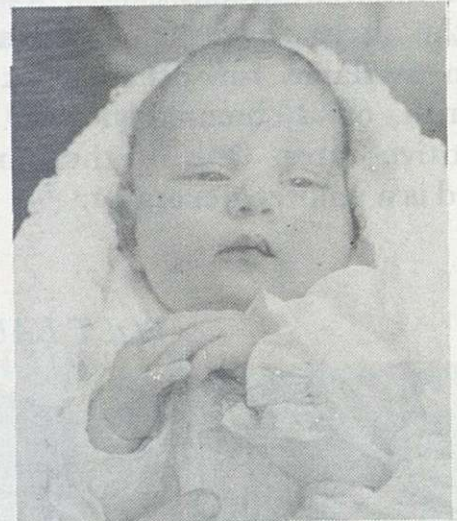
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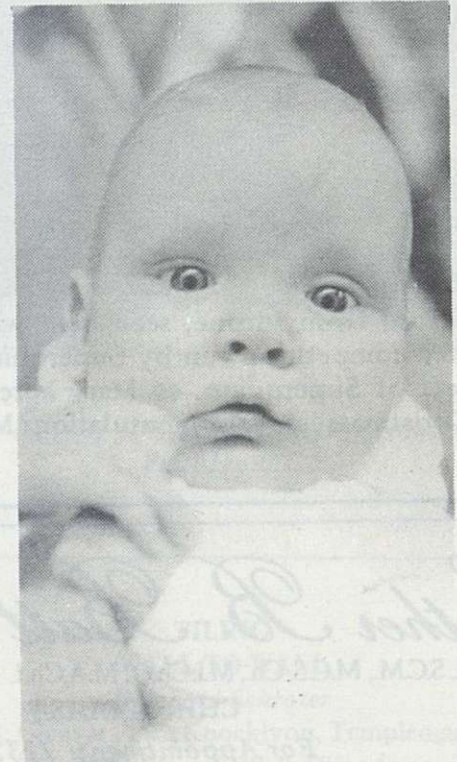
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Declan Flynn, Coolamber Park



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Robert Wilson, Dargle Wood

## BALLYBODEN/ST. ENDA'S



From Left: Fionn Curran, Gearoid Fitzgerald, Michael Farrelly, Pat Convery and Eoin Reid who play on the U-11 Hurling Team. Last season they played in the U-10 team which won the Dublin League.

Pairc Ui Mhurchu on a Saturday morning is a kaleidoscope of different coloured tracksuits, all 8-10 year olds training hard so that in time they can be selected for the "Under 11's".

Our local G.A.A. Club on the Firhouse Road was formed in 1969 but is actually an amalgamation of two older clubs: Ballyboden Wanderers and Rathfarnham St. Enda's. Though called Ballyboden/St. Enda's, it has a much wider catchment area taking in Ballyroan, Templeogue, Terenure, Old Bawn and our own parish of Knocklyon. It has pitches at "The Hermitage", Scholarstown Road, Elkwood and beside the clubhouse on the Firhouse Road. At present it has 39 competing teams, most of which are juveniles (i.e. those in the under 11 to under 16 age group). They have an adult membership of 500 and a juvenile membership of 700.

Their main sports are football, hurling and camogie but members can avail of pool, table tennis and badminton facilities. The club has a Ceoltas Ceoltoiri Eirinn night on Wednesdays and set-dancing on Thursdays. They run a Community Week in the summer months apart from various dinner dances, social evenings and fashion shows. They also enter Scor Competitions.

Ballyboden/St. Enda's is a family club which wishes to cater for our community. Its clubhouse has ample facilities for all members of the family.

There are many youngsters who would love to join this club, but before any more members can be accepted more help is needed. No need to be an expert, a keen interest is the main criterion. The club do run training courses for its supervisors.

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The name of the late Harry S. Truman, 33rd President of the U.S.A., is probably most associated with the controversial authorisation to use the atom bomb in 1945 against Japan, towards the end of the 2nd World War. On a happier note, he is remembered also for some quotable quotes such as: "If you can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen". Or again an epitaph, suggested for and by himself, obviously before he died: "He did his damnest!" I think he is also credited with the oft quoted: "The buck stops here" - that one prompted no doubt by being involved, of necessity, in such fateful, momentous decisions, as the one concerning the atom bomb.

We too, when dealing with situations, often have to concern ourselves with the bottom line. That is the one which must get the treatment, the attention, time and energy can be wasted on side tracks. The bottom line, with emphasis on the "the", is God. Ultimately, then, He has to be involved in all situations, all solutions.

Geniuses, artists, by definition are unpredictable, not obvious. They have that touch of magic, yet often the end product of their activity is uncomplicated. In a word they transform the obvious, the simple into artistry. God is the supremo of supremoes, but frequently, albeit subconsciously, we try to reduce Him to the ordinary.

Because of that tendency, in our relating to God, we need a conscious patience, even with our weaknesses, our sins. He is not pressed for time. "In His eyes a thousand years are but a watch in the night". The Word at a recent Mass, reminded me again of the need for patience with God. Just a second - "us being patient with God", . . . haven't we got things inverted? See what I mean now about reducing God to the ordinary! Anyway, whatever about our patience, luckily there is absolutely no end of patience in God, for us.

The Word referred to earlier was God talking to us through the prophet Malachi. The people, at his time of writing, were cheesed off trying to walk the straight and narrow, losing patience: "It is useless to serve God; what is the good of keeping his commands or of walking mournfully before the Lord of hosts? Now we have reached the point when we call the arrogant blessed; yes, they prosper, these evildoers; they try God's patience and yet go free". The Lord in effect answered, take it easy, patience, friends: "The Lord took note and heard them, the day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays".

Thanks, Lord, for the reminder about patience and trust in you. You will have to remind me again and again, as I am a fully paid up member of the "men of little faith" club. However, your love is infinitely stronger than my weakness, so you will not leave go, in spite of my stupid tendency to break away.

*Pat Fitz.*

The Association of Interchurch Families was founded in 1973 and is run by people who are themselves partners in an interchurch marriage.

In an interchurch marriage, both partners are committed members of their respective churches. Their marriage is a living, day to day meeting point between the churches.

The Association believes that interchurch couples are in a position of responsibility. They can and do make a unique and positive contribution to the life of churches and local communities. In this way, the Association, through its members, is a force for Christian unity and an example to the churches.

Some of the aims of the Association are:

1. To support and help interchurch families and engaged couples.
2. To examine all aspects of the Irish situation regarding interchurch families — religious, legal, social, educational etc.
3. To promote prayer and worship and to improve understanding between Christians.
4. To promote publications that are relevant to the interchurch family.

How couples are helped:

- a. Association members and their chaplains are available to counsel couples both before and after marriage.
- b. Regular meetings are held for advice, information and mutual support.
- c. Premarriage courses have been held for interchurch couples.
- d. Social activities are organised for members and their friends.

If you would like more information, please contact Keith Henderson at telephone 884214.

### DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

The Annual X-mas Fair will be held on Sunday, 1st December.

There will be a meeting of stall holders and their helpers on Thursday 24th October at 8 pm in the Parish Centre. New helpers are badly needed and would be warmly welcomed. So why not come along to the meeting and offer your services in one effort to raise money for the parish.

### ATTENTION! ATTENTION!

We're dying to hear from YOU! — Yes, YOU, our readers, the people of Knocklyon! If you have information or ideas on happenings . people . . groups . controversy . . talent . . of local interest, please contact any one of the Committee members listed below:

Fr. Chris Conroy — Editor — 941204 or 944986  
Lynne Raffert — Photographs — 941851  
Monica Nolan — Secretary — 946145  
Fiona Lynch — Treasurer/Youth Affairs — 521392  
Pat Armstrong — Advertising — 947493  
Beth Cummins — Features — 942203  
Eileen Casey — Features — 941251  
Derek Handley — Youth Affairs — 941089

### Rich Chocolate Mousse (serves 2 people)

This is probably my favourite dessert, it can be made for any number of people if you remember to use 1 egg and 2 oz (50g) of chocolate per person. It's very rich and fairly expensive, so just keep it for special occasions.

#### Ingredients:

- 2 eggs separated
- 4 oz plain dessert chocolate
- 1 tablespoon rum (or brandy) optional
- 2 heaped teaspoons whipped cream
- Grated chocolate and/or chopped nuts

#### Method:

Melt the chocolate until it is smooth and liquid. Beat the egg yolks and add them to the chocolate while it is still hot. Now leave the mixture to cool for about 20 minutes. Beat up the egg whites, not too stiffly, just to the soft peak stage, then fold them into the chocolate mixture. Next spoon the mixture into the glasses, cover each one with foil or cling film and chill until firm (about 2 hours). When you are ready to serve, make a few holes in the mousse, (using a skewer) and spoon some rum or brandy over the top to soak in. Then top with a blob of whipped cream and some grated chocolate or chopped nuts.

Next month: Creamy toffee.

### NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

Items for inclusion in the November issue of the Newsletter should be handed into the Presbytery by Sunday 17th November. The November issue will be circulated from November 22nd.

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## GUIDES & BROWNIES

### “Job Vacancy”

The Guides have started again and are competing with homework on Monday evenings. The Guide Movement aims to teach the 11-16 year olds to “help themselves” – to use an old cliché. This includes camping under canvas, cooking on wood fires, hiking and learning interesting services.

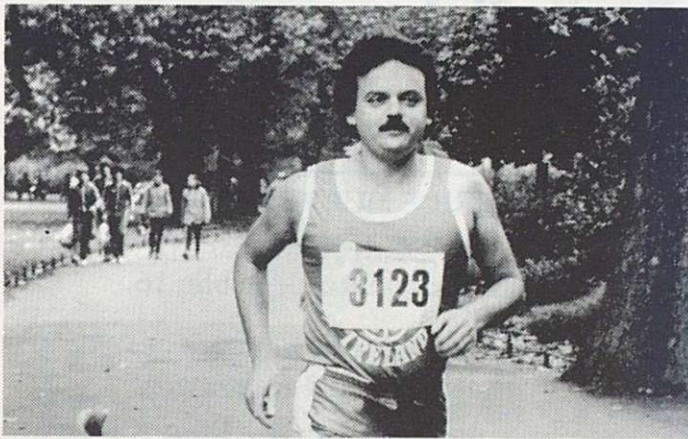
We have over 20 Guides with 2 leaders each meeting. I could take more Guides but as there is a job vacancy among us leaders at present, I cannot manage any more Guides. Any 16-19 year old who can make 2 hours on a Monday – money is nil but the evening is a pleasure. Previous experience not essential.

We had a great camp in Emo Court, Portlaoise in July – enjoyed by all – including a mature first-timer (Snowy Owl). In October there is a walking week-end at Glendalough – just for Leaders.

Please give Julie Stein a ring at 905803. We would love to see you.

P.S. The Brownies meet on Tuesday evenings but, unfortunately, there are no vacancies at present.

## 112th DUBLIN SCOUT UNIT



Maybe you've seen this man pounding the local roads recently. He's Frank Khan of Lansdowne Park who is running in the Dublin City Marathon on October Bank Holiday Monday for the 112th Knocklyon Scout Troop's new Den fund. Scouts and Cubs are now seeking sponsorship for him. Why not contribute something to this worthy cause?

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## GOLF SOCIETY NEWS

Forty-six people played in the second last outing for the year of the Parish's Golf Society, at Edmondstown Golf Club on Monday, October 7.

Despite the attendance of Fr. Fitzpatrick it rained that day, and ruined the simple belief (held by members of the society) that wherever Fr. Fitz plays, the weathermen provide only the very best facilities.

The day was sponsored by Ford Finance and Fairlane Motors, who provided the excellent prizes, which have now ended up in nine different homes in the parish.

The overall winner was Mick Carroll, who had 37 points off a handicap of 10. Second was Tom Donovan, won with 33 (on the back nine) off 11, and third was Barney Sheedy (9) 33.

Class 1. Declan Browne (11) 25; Cl. 2. Brian Lehane (17) 32; Cl. 3. Liam Mongey (18) 31; Cl. 4. John Murray (22) 30.

The nines were won by Denis O'Callaghan (20) 17 and Brian Fleet (18) 17. Visitors prizes went to Kevin Kennings (22) 36 and Tony Donovan (14) 37.

Our next outing will be at Ballinascorney on Friday, November 15, which will be followed by a social evening for members and wives, at which the hampers etc., won during the day, will be presented.

## NEW PARISHIONERS

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| Ciara Anne Lucey              | 32 Knocklyon Green    |
| Darragh Noel Bambrick         | 13 Glenvara Pk        |
| Gerard John Fitzpatrick       | 68 Cremorne           |
| John Adam Reynolds            | 108 Carrigwood        |
| John Michael Curtis           | 60 Cremorne           |
| Brian John O'Sullivan         | 8 Delaford Drive      |
| Gareth Patrick Kelleher       | 163 Coolamber Pk      |
| Dhuirmuid Caomhán Mario Doody | 44 Ashton Ave         |
| John Patrick McElhone         | 7 Beverly Heights     |
| Laila Naomi Ryan              | 90 Moyville           |
| Pamela Helen Crosbie          | 177 Monalea Grove     |
| David Philip Cassidy,         | 26 The Glen, Boden Pk |
| Ronan Patrick Finnerty        | 75 Glenvara Pk        |
| Moya Ann Clarcken             | 3 Lansdowne Pk        |
| Daragh O'Kelly,               | 120 Monalea Grove     |
| Brian John Higgins            | 52 Dargle Wood        |
| Rebecca Hinds                 | 20 Monalea Pk         |
| Barry John Murphy             | 5 The Glen, Boden Pk  |
| Thomas Matthew Reville,       | 71 Coolamber Pk       |
| Aoife Maria Majella Heavey    | 119 Dargle Wood       |
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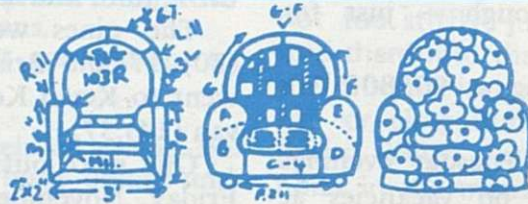
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