# The Knocklyon News

# ST. COLMCILLE'S PARISH NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER 1986

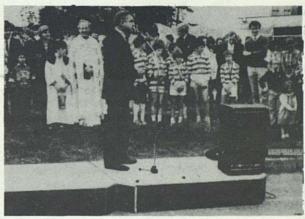
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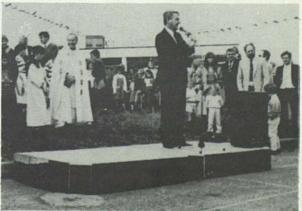
Knocklyon breaks new ground -see report page 3-



Welcome



Thanks



### FR. JOE "THE BOY FROM THE NEXT PARISH"



Meeting Fr. Joe Mothersill is like a breath of fresh air. This slim, boyish young man, with a great sense of humour, is full of enthusiasm and optimism as he surveys his future priestly life. One cannot help but be stirred by his eagerness and willingness to be 'up and doing' to help everyone and to get going! Since coming to Knocklyon he hasn't been disappointed. There are so many fields of work, so many activities, life is going to be very busy for him.

Born in Terenure, one of a family of six children (three boys and three girls, of which he is third eldest), he was educated at Terenure College. Naturally, living so near, the area of Knocklyon is very familiar to him. Maybe that is one of the reasons he has settled in so easily. Already he has visited a number of parishioners and has been getting to know the Vincent de Paul Society, the Lay Ministers, the schoolchildren and next on his list — the new Altar Boys and the Christmas Fair.

When he left school, Joe studied Engineering at U.C.D. On completion of his degree course, he became a member of the staff of the Rural Planning Section of the E.S.B. No doubt, during his period of employment there, he was responsible for bringing light into many homes and villages throughout the country. In 1979, however, Joe came to the conclusion that distributing man-made light was not enough. There was a greater light which he wished to share with everyone - the light of Faith and all this entailed - so he entered the Carmelite Order where studies began again. So it went on through Kinsale, Gort Mhuire and Milltown, then, finally, he reached the great day of his Ordination, May 30th this year.

After his Ordination he spent some time in Rome where he acquired a certain fluency in Italian, but his favourite hobbies and interests remain – music and cycling. Deacon in Beaumont. There they staged a musical show, complete with Black & White Minstrels, which was a riotous success. In Gort Mhuire he worked a lot on the Folk Weekends. These weekends attract many young people from Folk Groups. They are not

During the years he spent in Terenure Col-

lege, Joe became involved with the Folk Group

and this proved of great use when he was

young people from Folk Groups. They are not just Retreats but rather a mingling of young people, getting to know each other through workshops, discussions, singing together, accompanied by the many musical instruments that go to make up the groups. The final exercise is the preparation of their own Sunday Liturgy for the Celebration of the Eucharist. Joe loves traditional Irish music too and, although he admits to not being another Sean Kelly, says that cycling has given him endless hours of pleasure, particularly round the roads of Ireland.

It was a great pleasure talking with (as he says himself) our new curate. We are glad that he has come to Knocklyon and wish him every happiness for his stay with us. We pray too, that God will bless him in his work – now and in the coming years.

# REMEMBER THE HOLY SOULS IN NOVEMBER

A special Novena of Masses for your deceased will commence on All Soul's Day, November 2nd.

Mass is also offered on the first Saturday of every month throughout the year.

BRIGHT EYES



Carla Walsh watching the 5th Class Concert in which her sister Nicola took part.



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Digging the foundation

A large crowd gathered on Sunday, September 28th for the ceremony following a special concelebrated 12.00 Mass, the dominant theme being – our expanding youth population and our urgent need to provide facilities for them.

Among our V.I.P.'s for the occasion were the Knocklyon Rugby Community Games Gold winners. Also attending, we had many county councillors, our former P.P. Fr. Weakliam and our own Carmelite Community.

The sod was turned and the site blessed by our P.P. Fr. Conroy, who has taken a particular interest in this project since his arrival in Knocklyon. Brief speeches by Chairman, Michael Coleman and an emotional Liam Mongey completed the event. K.Y.C. wish to thank all for attending, including the "Ruth Kelly" choir, all who helped to prepare the site, also the man with the travelling road show, Gerry Whyte. Thanks also to Superquinn for the bunting etc.

BUILDING WORK STARTS – Following site meetings on Monday 29th with our Architect Paddy Collins, the Contractor started work as agreed on Tuesday 30th September. Mark that date in your history books. Already, progress is evident, with the site levelled and digging out of foundations started. Pouring of concrete will follow shortly and then steel work and roofing. Let's hope the mild weather continues!

FUND RAISING – Please support our dance as advertised and, if unable to attend, maybe you could donate a spot prize instead. Our last dance was a real winner – so don't miss out this time!

YOUTH CLUB NEED HELP – URGENTLY – Last Friday at the Junior Youth Club, almost 90 children attended with only 7 adults to supervise and control. We have to appeal to you parents and older children – you must come forward and help.

MANY THANKS – A special word of thanks to Fr. Conroy and his team for allowing a collection inside the Church raising c. £750.00. Many thanks to all.

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# AFRICAN ARTS PROJECT



Lorna Whyte, Mario, Gearoid Fitzgerald & Desmond

An interesting project took place in the Senior School over the past few weeks in which two fifth classes were involved.

Mr. Meehan, who is a member of an organisation consisting of people who have worked in developing countries, organised this venture.

The culture of Ghana was the theme of the project, and, twice weekly, workshops took place, when the children were introduced to a map of Ghana, given a talk on the dance and music, history, geography, population and languages spoken in the country. They were then shown how to make traditional costumes by using white cotton materials and dyes, taught songs and dances from Ghana, and introduced to musical instruments through which the native people express their feelings towards the world they live in.

The children were then taught a game which is played with stones while singing, dancing and clapping hands. This was performed at a Concert in the School at the end of the project. Having seen the performance, it can only be said that they all enjoyed the experience of learning something about the culture of a country so different from our own. Thanks must go to Mr. Meehan for giving the children the opportunity to take part in this project.

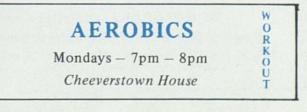


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### HALLOWE'EN IN ANCIENT TIMES Joan Nolan

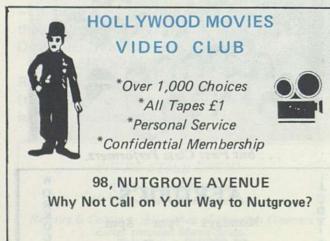
Hundreds of years ago, Hallowe'en was considered to be the night of the supernatural, when witches abounded, casting their evil spells on all who crossed their paths. Humans, too, were believed capable of performing magic on this special night, to be able to see into the future and even summon spirits to appear. In ancient times people believed that the souls of the dead revisited their relatives on Hallowe'en, and indeed many people left their tables laden with food and the front door open before they went to bed so that the departed could come in and help themselves.

It was then, and still is, a ghostly sort of occasion. Take the masks and effigies of witches we see everywhere coming up to the 31st October. Her popular image took hold during the Middle Ages, and she is still very much the principal supernatural character of Hallowe'en. She was also believed to have magical powers which disappeared at midnight on the 31st (because All Saints Day followed) so she had to be pretty quick with her curses and spells. The rowan was a great defence against the old crone, who cringed in terror if a branch of the tree was waved in front of her, so many people carried rowan wood with them for protection.

And did you ever wonder why we light bonfires around Hallowe'en? I always thought it was just for fun, but our ancestors had other ideas. They were convinced that by lighting fires in the open, souls condemned to Purgatory would find relief. Fires were also lit to scare away the ever mischievous witches and other evil spirits.

Dressing up in disguise goes back to the time of the Druids and is thought to be of pagan origin. People dressed up as ghosts and witches and blacked their faces in the ashes of burnt-out bonfires. This was also considered a means of protection against evil. Hollowed out turnips carried by these people which had faces cut in the sides and a lighted candle on the inside were meant to represent the dead visiting the earth for their own special festival.

The lanterns, of course, are still carried today, and though they have a spooky appearance, they are part and parcel of the excitement and tradition of Hallowe'en as we know it. I'm looking forward to the 31st anyway; still, I think I might just carry my piece of rowan branch...



### KNOCKLYON POST PRIMARY COMMITTEE PRESS RELEASE

After nine years of continuous lobbying, the committee is delighted to announce that the Department of Education has publicly stated that tenders will be invited shortly for the construction of the proposed new Community School at Scholarstown Road. When completed, it will serve the communities of Knocklyon and Ballyboden.

Building will commence early in 1987 and the school is scheduled to open in September, 1988.

Accordingly, there will be a public viewing of the plans and other relevant information in regard to the school, in the Parish Centre, Idrone Ave., Knocklyon, on Sunday, 2nd November, 1986, between 10.30 a.m. and 1.30 p.m.

### **KNOCKLYON I.C.A. NEWS**

Handy ...



Nimble Fingers

The Knocklyon I.C.A. were hosts on Saturday 11th October for a Craft Day which is held every year. This enables anyone who wishes to fulfill their ambition in learning a particular craft of their choice. Ladies came from far and near — from Howth to Ballybrack. Afternoon tea with samples of home baking was enjoyed by one and all.

The I.C.A. meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 8.30. New members are always welcome. Jacquie – 942260.

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### **EDITORIAL**

The turning of the first sod for our new Youth Club and Community Centre marked a new stage in the life of our Parish. It is a wonderful sign of the life and vitality in our community. It seems just a few short years since our Parish came into existence. From our temporary wooden Church, we soon saw our lovely Church take shape. As we gathered around the table of the Lord to share the Eucharist, we began to share and co-operate with each other. The various organisations and committees within the Parish were born. We wanted the best possible education for our children. We built our schools. All too quickly our children are growing up. We are in the process of providing a new Community School. Our children are becoming teenagers, with all the difficulties and problems that go with these tender years. We have given them all the best facilities they could have. Now we are providing for them a Youth Centre. But they need much more. They need our time and our help now, more than ever before. It is not enough to give them money and expect them to care for themselves. There is a great need in our Parish for more Youth leaders and helpers. I run a Youth Club each Wednesday night for young people between the ages of fifteen and nineteen. I hope that some of these young people will be the future youth leaders of the Parish.

I would also appeal to any young married people in the Parish who feel they could give some time to youth to make themselves available. The future of our Parish is in their hands.

### PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council is a consultative body with three main points of reference:—

- 1. It should promote and assist in the spiritual needs of the Parish.
- 2. It should assist in the Administrative Activities.
- 3. It should assist in Social and Civic problems.

We are fortunate to have had a Parish Council from the foundation of our Parish. Over the years it has been invaluable in the smooth running of the Parish. The Council meets once a month to discuss with the priests the affairs of the Parish under the above headings. The priests of the Parish would like to thank all those who have served on the Parish Council over the years. The Parish Council for the coming year is: -

Michael Kearney, 103 Coolamber Pk, Tel. 946126. (Chairman) Concepta Conaty, 67 Idrone Drive, Tel. 941024.

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### ST. COLMCILLE'S PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

The Parents' Association A.G.M. was held on Thursday 9th October, with a large attendance. Last year's committee presented a cheque for £851.00 to St. Colmcille's School.

Many points were raised by parents at the A.G.M., the outstanding one being the hazards caused by dangerous driving and parking by parents dropping children to and collecting them from school. It was agreed unanimously that action should be taken.

A representative of the National Parents' Council, Mrs. Helen Lane, spoke and recruited 4 members to represent St. Colmcille's on the Council.

A new committee was elected:

Dympna Hogan - 942898
J. Keenan - 947557
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### ON THE LEVEL . . .

Recently, we were wending our way – me and a Toyota – in the general direction of the Holy Ground, Cork, and, more precisely, Kinsale. The scenario was mostly predictable, the weather was good, and just about right for driving.

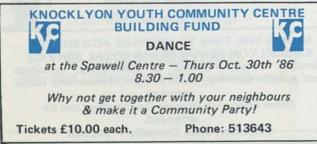
Sometimes, I like driving alone. It enables one to get among people and places, without getting too much involved. There were patches of good open driving, and, inevitably, periods of frustration, a slow driver, with two or three timid drivers behind, making it difficult for us normal drivers, to make progress. Well, of all the cheek, us normal drivers!

There was a particularly bad session. I foolishly allowed my frustration to build up into impatience and anger, even going so far as giving a "dirty look" at, what I deemed, one of the offending drivers. Almost immediately, I felt rightly silly and genuinely sorry. "When will they ever learn?"

There was the usual quota of hitchhikers. Eventually, when the spirit or something moved me, I picked one up. He was a chap in his late thirties, I reckon, weather-beaten, complete with haversack, so I assessed him as being one of our typical, outdoor hiker persons. His accent was English but there seemed to be a smattering of Irish there too. We were right about the accent but off target re typical hiker.

Our friend was not very forthcoming in the beginning, but I let him be and gradually we got on the wavelength. A mutual respect developed, even though, in many respects, we were poles apart, although, then again, at a real basic level, no human beings should be apart.

Without any undue probing, it transpired our friend was mostly English, but Irish born, and now fleeing from the English police. There was no big deal about his story; it simply unfolded in matter-of-fact honest fashion. He had "done" some offices, and was caught. His friends advised him to face the



rap — from previous experience this would be eighteen months inside — now he was regretting not taking that advice. Having found the climate here not particularly hospitable — it had taken him two days to get lifts from Dublin to Cork — he was about to hand himself up to the police in Cork, to be returned to England.

But there was no question of putting on the act of conscience-stricken criminal, for the benefit of "mise", the priest. Instead, he was wishing he could hit the "big time" in the criminal world. I told him, by way of reply, he was a born loser, and that he was even a bum criminal. But that, even if he did make it in the "big time", what would it matter in fifty years? I even got away with giving him a smattering of the gospel parable, about the rich young man who thought he had it made, building new barns to give him security for years and years and then . . . "You fool! This very night your life shall be required of you".

No siree, I pointed out, the only future is in the honest buck, go back to prison and use any help there to think, sensible and constructive.

He was listening. I offered him money for grub. No, he was O.K. thanks – like us all, deep down, he was looking for genuine kindness and friendship.

At this stage I had really warmed to the guy. I think he was happy with me too. As we parted on the quays in Cork, I said, "here's hoping we meet in Heaven." It sounded a bit thin and far-fetched in the circumstances, so I quickly amended that to expressing a preference to meeting *him* there, rather than a lot of other people we could think of. Although, what the heck, we wish the latter all the best too!

Pat Fitz.

MR. KELLY & FRIEND



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### HOTLYON

We were reminded by the Parents' Association that the HALLOWE'EN FANCY DRESS would be taking place soon. Watch your child's "school-bag post" for more details.

We wish the best of energy, stamina - and luck to all those from Knocklyon participating in the Marathon, including Breandan O'Murchu, Delaford; Michael McCarton, Idrone Pk.; Eamon Crosbie, Monalea; Donal O'Neill, Knocklyon Ave.; Tom Kelly, Scholarstown.

Donal Garvey of Coolamber Park, a founder member of the Knocklyon Bridge Club recently represented Ireland in the World Bridge Championships in Miami. After playing for 11 hours a day for two weeks, Donal and his partner, Michael O'Briain were defeated by a professional team from China! Congratulations Michael and Donal for doing so well in this event.

It is great to see the enthusiasm with which so many children – boys and girls – have taken to playing hurling. They can be seen during and after school hours learning the skills of the game and playing teams from the neighbouring schools. They are fortunate in having among their coaches, two members of the Dublin Senior team, Mr. P. O'Neill and Mr. Murphy. (teachers in the Senior school).

Attention Parents! Your children recently brought home a notice from the Senior school asking you to save the proofs of purchase from the brand names listed. Please make an effort to do this and help provide the school with a computer.

As a result of Mr. Kelly's request for assistance in tidying up the school grounds a few parents turned up on Saturday 4th October to offer their services, and their help is much appreciated. The results are obvious, and it is hoped, in the near future, to plant trees around the school near the road.

LADIES - A date for your diary! On Tuesday, 11th November, Christina Lynam of Knocklyon Pharmacy has organised a skincare/make-up demonstration in the Parish Centre at 8 pm. The evening will include cheese and wine. Tickets £2. All profits will go to charity. More details later.

PAT'S CHAT - A group of children from the Junior School were given V.I.P. treatment recently when they went to R.T.E. for the "Pat's Chat" programme: A mini-bus was laid on for the journey and lunch of sausages and chips provided in the canteen. Look out for some familiar faces on the box any of these Friday evenings!

GOOD HEAVENS! When Lynda returned home from her first day at St. Colmcille's Junior School, she informed us - "Holy God came in to see us today". Has Fr. Fitzpatrick been promoted?

Rumour has it that Fr. Arthur is going on pilgrimage to Medjugorje. All petitions gratefully received! **GOLF SOCIETY** 

Our next outing is in Ballinascorney Golf Club on Friday, 14th November for our Turkey Competition with the usual Dinner/Dance afterwards.

### BARM BRACK

The most important thing in the making of any yeast product is that you get your flour and mixing bowl nice and warm. You can do this by putting bowl of flour in oven. Be careful not to allow the bowl or the flour to get too hot!

METHOD:

Add ginger and cinnamon to warmed flour and mix well. Dissolve yeast and sugar in a little warmed water. Make hole in the centre of the flour and pour the yeast mixture in. Return to warm place. When yeast starts to bubble, bring back to the work table and add in the beaten egg and a little more warm water to bring the liquid up to a little less than half a pint. Mix slowly from centre and beat well into a softish dough. Add more liquid if necessary. Mix in a machine if possible until it loses its stickiness. Return to a warm bowl. Pour melted butter over it and leave in a warm place until double its size. When ready mix in butter, sultanas and chopped peel. Mix and knead very well. Put in a greased cake tin and leave in a warm place until nicely risen. Brush with a beaten egg and place in the oven at 200° for one hour and reduce temperature if brack gets too dark.

Paddy the Chef

### CHRISTMAS FAIR

Our annual Christmas Fair will be held this year in the Junior School on Sunday 30th November. This is our main Fund-raising event to help to pay off the parish debt, so, naturally, its success is vital. During the coming months collectors will be calling to your home seeking gifts for the Fair. We ask you to be as generous as possible and to come and support the Fair. It will be open from 10.30 am to 5.30 pm and there will be fun and value for all the family. Santa, of course, will be in attendance.

### HALLOWE'EN DISCO

In the Junior School, on Saturday 1st November. Junior Disco (10-13) 7.30 to 9.15. Admission 50p. Senior Disco (14 up) 9.30 to 11.30. Admission £1.00.

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### NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

Items and advertisements for inclusion in the November issue should be handed into the Presbytery by Monday 10th November. The newsletter will be circulated from November 20th. Enquiries re advertising in the Newsletter to Pat at 947493 or telephone the Presbytery at 941204. Any news for our Hotlyon? Just drop a note into the Presbytery for our attention.

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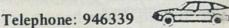
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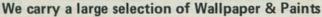
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