

The Knocklyon News



ST. COLMCILLE'S PARISH NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER 1987

"If I had only a short time to live, I would immediately contact all the people I had ever really loved, and I'd make sure they knew I had really loved them. Then I would play all the records that meant most to me, and I would sing all my favorite songs.



And oh I would dance. I would dance all night. I would look at my blue skies and feel my warm sunshine. I would tell the moon and the stars how lovely and beautiful they are. I would say 'goodbye' to all the little things I own, my clothes, my books and my 'stuff.' Then I would thank God for the great gift of life, and die in his arms."

ONCE A YEAR DAY . . .

There is no doubt about it. Summer has gone. After the bonus days of unexpected sunshine and blue skies, suddenly, without warning, we are up to our ankles in crunchy brightly coloured leaves. The ground is a carpet of red, brown and gold – and the trees are bare. Each night now sees the curling smoke from hundreds of chimneys, rising silently into the frosty air. It seems as if the whole community has locked their door, pulled up a chair to the fire or the telly and forgotten the outside world. But don't you believe it. Inside these quiet homes the majority of people are either working for, or thinking of, the most exciting event of the year in Knocklyon – THE CHRISTMAS FAIR.

Started in the mid 70's the Christmas Fair has gone from strength to strength and is the biggest source of financial help towards paying off the Parish debts of Church and School. Each year, the profits have increased and this year it is hoped to top last year's figure which was in the region of £8,000. It is also the biggest community effort of the Parish involving hundreds of men, women and children who are working like beavers to make this year's Fair the BEST YET.

The current Fair Committee is headed by Fr. Arthur Fitzpatrick (Chairman) and the committee is made up of people from all facets of the community. The committee in turn, rely on the magnificent help from the vast number of willing helpers, many of whom have been working towards this day for almost a year. Everything to help your enjoyment of the day has been taken care of; including security in the Car Park so you can leave your car in safety.

There are so many attractions on offer – something for everyone's taste. Stalls to tempt you are: Fancy Goods, Bookstall, White Elephant, Good as new, Grocery and Cakes (Cakes welcome). Religious Goods, (Christmas Cards and Books will be on display from the Church Shop). The Brownies have a Surprise Stall and the I.C.A. will be offering Crafts. A new innovation this year is the introduction of a Christmas Decoration Stall, so you can buy all sorts of decorations for the Festive Season for your home.

The Wheel of Fortune will boast a beautiful Doll's House (made by a parishioner), a set of tyres and a black and white portable T.V. These are just a sample of goods already received. The Raffle should also prove very popular . . . at 20p a ticket or 6 for £1. (Ladies please note: the first prize is a MICROWAVE OVEN). There is also a Christmas Hamper and a Full

Service Voucher for your car, not to mention a Ladies and Gents Quartz watch and a Turkey!

Children are very well catered for. Santa will be on the job and there are Videos and Cartoons laid on to give Mum and Dad a few quiet moments.

Children from both the Senior and Junior Schools are also involved (thanks to the ever willing, interested and co-operative Pat Kelly and Paul Dalton). Each child in the Senior School will receive a note inviting them to bring one bottle, large or small as a donation to the Bottle Stall, and those in the Junior School will be invited to bring something small, (maybe a cake or buns or a packet of biscuits.) Pat and Paul will receive the contributions in the School, and very shortly a group of Collectors will be calling to every house in the Parish to seek any type of gift you may wish to offer. We know you will be as generous as always in giving whatever help you can. Don't forget the date:

SUNDAY, 6th DECEMBER.

Admission Adults 50p – Children: FREE. The Fair will be open All Day from 10.30 to 5.30. Don't bother with Sunday Lunch. Treat yourself to the taste of the delectable dishes from Emer's Kitchen or relax over Tea/Coffee and cakes in the Tea Room. Come along and bring the whole family. We can promise you a day to remember. Mark the DATE on your calendar NOW.

See you there!

HO-HO-HO



Fr. Arthur visits Santa at the Christmas Fair.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

At the Parents' Association meeting in the Parish Centre on 8th October the following committee was formed:

Chairperson:

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MY KIND OF SAINT . . .

What is a saint, we queried at the Childrens Mass here on the 1st November. Up popped a stout hearted little female urchin with this reply: "A saint is a man who's in heaven and he's dead!" This moment of beautiful innocence earned a round of spontaneous applause from a delighted congregation.

November honours our saints — it also remembers our dead. The following is a touch of both. I have just returned from Mount Jerome Cemetary after laying to rest an old friend, Margaret. You might say we have a kind of one track mind concerning that same Margaret. Some years ago, after an inspiring visit to her in the Meath hospital, I wrote about it in the Knocklyon News. At the time she was not expected to last the night. In the expectation of her imminent passing, my few lines were intended as an obituary tribute.

Man proposes etc., Margaret did not leave us then. She lived to fight another day and even to read what I had written. She fully enjoyed the quirk of fate; she was grateful for the nice things said, because she was that kind of warm, well-balanced person. And because she was that kind of person, now some years later I feel she fully deserves another tribute, as I spoke it this morning at her funeral celebration Mass.

She inspired me; perhaps my picture of her might be a little uplift for you also, so here goes: "I think it very appropriate that we are celebrating the passing of Margaret in this 'old world' church." (James' St. Church — a parish and locality of no mean antiquity, character and history). "Margaret was an 'old world' person in the best sense and she would be a natural part of this area of Dublin.

And yet, for this she was none the less the complete person. I did not know her well enough to list all her interests but did know her well enough to appreciate there was nothing narrow or provincial about her philosophy, her understanding of life. It transcended place and time and that in a nutshell, made her the attractive warm personality those of us who knew her relished and loved.

She grew weak and feeble in latter years — but never old. Only her failing senses could hide her wonderful spirit — serene with the full-hearted chuckle never far away. Moaning about her lot and suffering was foreign to her make up. But rather a quiet and brave acceptance, unselfish, with deep appreciation of kindnesses shown her.

It is easy to visualise such a person walking hand in hand with the Lord in life; it is easy to

see this at her passing, as not ended but rather transformed to a higher level, so that now in the words of St. Paul "she is with the Lord for ever".

This may seem she has left us — not so. To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die. No doubt Margaret will always be deep in the hearts of her family. Why should we doubt our faith?! Because there is every reason to hope and trust firmly, that on a higher plane Margaret is and will be with us, now more than ever."

Thanks for the memory, Margaret . . . and God willing, the best is yet to come.

Pat Fitz.

SHORT TENNIS IN ST. COLMCILLE'S

This year a new sport — Short Tennis — was introduced to St. Colmcille's Junior School. Over two hundred budding McEnroes are presently learning the basics of tennis.

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Each term will consist of ten lessons and a small tournament will be arranged at the completion of each term. The children will also be entered for Open Short Tennis Competitions.

Paul Dalton

WATCH OUT, McENROE!



Children in the Junior School queuing for their lesson.

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EDITORIAL

November is the month of the Holy Souls. We remember our loved ones who have passed on. It is also time to reflect on our own preparation for death, not in a morbid way but as a fact of life. *In your imagination* see yourself on your deathbed. The doctor says that it will be only a matter of hours. How would you feel?

Describe whatever fears, regrets, satisfactions, peace, panic or hopes might come to you . . . Do you repress or look away from the thought of dying? Does the thought of or belief in an afterlife influence your emotional reactions to dying?

It hits you suddenly. This is how someone describes it – "The turning point in my life was the death of my father. It was a funny thing. Here you're watching this beautiful person with white hair lying in his bed, dying of a heart attack. You hear him ramble and wander and talk about his life. "I was never anything . . ." "I didn't mean anything . . ." You watch death. Then you say, "Wait a minute. What's going on with him is going to hit me. What am I doing between now and my death?" You begin to assess yourself and that's a shock. "I didn't come up smelling like a rose."

Fr. Chris Conroy

ATTENTION ALL BICYCLE OWNERS

In association with the Knocklyon Woods Neighbourhood Watch Scheme the local Gardai are holding a bicycle marking day on Saturday 21st November, 1987 at the Superquinn car park from 10.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. – Bring along your bicycles and have them marked free of charge!

HAVING A SQUEAKING GOOD TIME



Heather Thornton and John Healy at the Parents' Association Fancy Dress in the Junior School.

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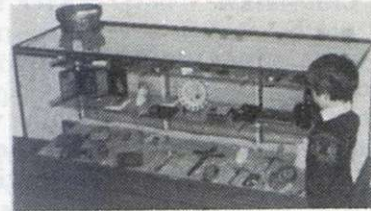
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Some years ago, during the pre-Christmas season, somebody thought up a popular slogan – "Put Christ back into Christmas" it said. Those of us who were Christians were suitably shocked that people had to be reminded of the true meaning of this wonderful feast. Yet today, many people still cannot see beyond the bright lights and expensive gifts of the material world.

To give gifts to our dear ones gives us all the greatest happiness, but in the giving of these, have you ever thought of adding a little present that expresses the love and joy that came to us from that first Christmas long ago.

In the Church Shop you will find many such reminders – pictures, crucifixes, statues, Rosary beads – gifts we can keep and treasure which will help us to keep our priorities right. You will also find a large selection of books including poetry by Helen Steiner Rice and copies of the new book by Sr. Breege McKenna, a best seller. "Miracles Do Happen".

Christmas cards are also available – or why not look at our beautiful cribs? There is nothing children like better or relate to more than the Baby Jesus lying in the manger. Perhaps we don't have to be told to put Christ back into Christmas – but let's keep Him there.

The shop is open after all weekday and Sunday Masses.

SOCCER

This season Knocklyon United have teams in the U/10s, U/11s, U/12s and U/13s of the South Dublin Leagues. All the teams are performing well and the U/13s are currently in second place in their league.

The club are holding a 400 Club Draw in December and would appreciate your support. Proceeds of the draw will go towards the provision of dressing room facilities. Results of the October Draw:

£100 (78) June Frisby
£ 50 (165) Mr. Farren
£ 25 (10) Mr. C. Kelly
£5 prizes (303) C. McCormack, (25) Webster,
(251) B. Frisby, (343) C. Bebbington, (142) Miss M. Walsh.

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TALLAGHT CHORAL SOCIETY MESSIAH

Friday 4th December at Priory.

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Conductor: James Cavanagh.

Tickets £4 available at Priory or from Choir members

GREENFINGERS

by Don Ryan

Another month, and we are now well and truly up to our oxters in fallen leaves, which continue to cascade down in a spectacular autumnal display.

The more reticent of us, including myself, are pleading a 'Damascus like' conversion to organic gardening, and pointing out the many positive attributes of massed leaves including natural mulch and frost protection for sensitive plants. However, on the negative side is the very dangerous conditions created by wet leaves on concrete, and more generally the overall reduction in light and air to shrubs and grass alike.

What a pity that 'Bob-a-Job' week does not coincide with such widespread community need, but perhaps the Scouts or some similar youth organisation might consider the future investment in some black sacks, and thereby provide a welcome local service.

But to return to matters horticultural, you should now complete your bulb planting adhering to packers instructions, when provided, i.e. tulip bulbs 4 inches apart, 4 inches deep. Height varies depending on variety, but avoid the taller ones unless your garden is very well sheltered.

My garden centre visit this month was to Mick Maloney in Clondalkin Garden Centre, Boot Road. The current emphasis here was on bulbs, with good value in half stone bags of daffodils, and also 100 mini bulb bags, incorporating 6 different varieties. For the meagre outlay involved your investment will continue to increase and give pleasure over a very long period of time (Eat your heart out, stock-brokers!)

Available also for instant impact are some large evergreen shrubs, with seven to eight years growth behind them. Unfortunately this advantage of maturity does carry a penalty, which is reflected in the prices applicable. They also carry a full range of gardening gifts and indoor plants, which with Christmas imminent, may be appreciated by one of the gardening fraternity. (Gift wrapping on garden forks is not available!) Incidentally, if your needs are more pressing, i.e. leaf rake, they have a good selection available in wire, plastic and bamboo.

Mick feels that his prices are already very competitive, but will extend a 5% discount to all Knocklyon customers armed with a current issue of the Newsletter.

A-Z

Berberis (Barberry): This comprises a range of decorative shrubs, the more common of which is *B. Darwinii* (8 foot high with evergreen shiny leaves). It produces masses of yellow flowers in spring, and purple fruits in Autumn. *B. Stenophylla* similar to above but with a more arching habit. *B. Thunbergii* *Atropurpea* has bronze foliage which turns red in Autumn and its dwarf variety 'Nana' is useful for the rockery or front of border.

Betula (Birch): *B. Pendula* is the common silver birch, but unless your garden can accommodate a 40 foot high tree, resign yourself to admiring it on open land. The variety *Youngii* is more suited to suburbia and has a graceful weeping habit. If you want an upright birch for your garden then *Fastigiata* may prove a better choice.

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BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Have you ever wondered about the origins and background to THE BESTSELLER OF ALL TIME? Ever wished you knew what was the sequence of events described in the Old Testament? Where the well known Bible characters of your childhood and school-days fit into the overall picture of the History of a People? Well, now you have a chance to make some fascinating discoveries about the Bible which are difficult to make in an individual study attempt.

For the last 4 weeks on Thursday nights, a group of Parishioners interested in embarking on a "voyage of discovery" about the Bible have been meeting in the Presbytery for 1 hour approx. from 8 O'clock. The format of the evening consists of a short discussion about the piece previously read, followed by a teaching video on a particular aspect of the Bible, followed again by a final discussion.

If you feel you would like to know a little more about the Bible, be assured that you would be most welcome to join this group. The current session has another six weeks to run, and further sessions of ten weeks duration are planned for the New Year. All classes to date have been very well attended by people of a variety of ages who, like myself, were, I'm sure sure, surprised at how much they learned in the space of an hour, and genuinely pleased with those discoveries. Note the day and time in your diary, if not for this session, then for 1988. You'll be glad you did. Enquiries to Fr. Conroy (941204).

Beth Cummins

TABLE QUIZ

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SIOBHAN DOYLE – SOPRANO



Siobhan Doyle, Soprano, from Knockaire, will be performing in the John Field Room in the National Concert Hall on Wednesday, 23rd December, 1987 at 8 p.m. in a concert entitled "A Tribute to Deanna Durbin".

Siobhan, who sings with the 11 o'clock Church Choir, earlier in the year performed in a Gala Concert presented by Pat Kenny in the National Concert Hall, in aid of "The Special Care Baby Unit" in Holles Street. She has won numerous gold medals and cups in both Feis Ceoil and Feis Matthew. She also won the title "Singer of the Year" in Swinford.

Siobhan has played leading roles in over 30 Musicals and Operettas and has also appeared with Maureen Potter in the Gaiety Pantomine. She has appeared on B.B.C. Television and on I.T.V.'s "New Faces".

REPORT ON PUBLIC MEETING

A public meeting organised by the Knocklyon/Ballyboden Post Primary committee was held on Monday November 2nd at the Senior School Knocklyon. Approximately 100 people attended. The meeting was attended by all our TD's and Councillors except Deputy John Kelly. A representative from the Dept. of Education addressed the meeting and explained that a total review would not be completed before the end of November. All of the TD's addressed the meeting and declared their continued support for the project. Mr. Pat Kelly, principal of the Senior School, reminded those present that St. Colmcille's was now the second largest primary school in the country with approximately 1400 pupils. He appealed to the community to support the committee's work. Our parish was losing the very life of our community, our children, and we badly need a community school. Fr. Chris Conroy reminded the attendance that Baptism figures were rising. This important factor was highlighted by the chairman of the committee, Mr. Vincent Kenny, in responding to Dept. of Education statistics which show falling birth rates nationally.

Despite the fact that we are a newly developed community, we have no decent roads, no public amenities, or public transport. Mr. Pat Murray, Knocklyon Community Council, supported this view and added that planning appli-

cations for new houses in the area were increasing. Was the Dept. of Education aware of these extra numbers, he asked? Councillor Mary Muldoon proposed a motion that the Minister for Education respond to the committee and give specific assurances to the Knocklyon pupils seeking post primary places in 1988. This was seconded by Councillor John Hannon. In summary Mr. Vincent Kenny stressed that the community would not accept the manipulation of statistics by enlarging school catchment areas in order to offer a paper solution to the real difficulties being faced. We have a site paid for and we most certainly have the children. What we need now is our promised school.

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HOTLYON

School News — Two members of the Senior School choir will sing with the National Children's choir on television on the Sunday before Christmas. They are Emily Conway (6th class) and Aidan MacDevitt (5th class). Aidan will also be singing a solo.

The School Choir will be giving a Carol Service in Belfield before Christmas. We wish all the children every success in these two events.

Congratulations to one of the new teachers in the Senior School, Miss McGorry, who was awarded the Gold Medal for teaching practice at the recent graduation ceremony in Carysfort College.

Sports New — Football — Well done to Mr. McGabhann and his squad for reaching the Final of the Primary Schools Football League in Croke Park.

Hurling — The 5th and 6th class Hurling league is now nearing completion. The Galway team led by Kieran Madigan is topping the table, closely followed by Wexford led by Fionn Curran. Player of the series so far is Daragh Connors. The 4th class League was won by Limerick led by Cormac Smyth. They gained a narrow victory over Cork, captained by John Martin. Well done to all who participated.

Camogie — Training for the juniors is finished until February because of weather conditions. The seniors battle on and the team will be picked for the League after Christmas.

Congratulations to Breen O'Reilly, Delaford, who recently won £198 on Rapid Roulette, RTE 1.

There will be no Christmas Concert in the Junior School this year.

112TH SCOUT UNIT KNOCKLYON OCTOBER DRAW WINNERS

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£ 50 Cooper, 70 Idrone Park
£ 25 Ahearne, 18 Knocklyon Avenue

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE SUPPORT GROUP

The above-mentioned Group commenced a series of 10 Tuesday night meetings on 17th November at 7.45 p.m. at Marianella, Orwell Road, Rathgar. We encourage you to attend future meetings.

For further information contact Bernadette Moloney at 945572 between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m.

CHILDRENS CORNER HOLIDAY COMPETITION

We announce below the results of the above competition:

Under 8's: Emma Fee, 15 Delaford Grove, Templeogue
Over 8's: Dulra O'Riordain, 146 Dargle Wood, Knocklyon

Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all who took part. Prizes of £10 postal orders are on their way to Emma and Dulra.

This month we have another competition. We want you to design a Christmas card measuring not more than 15cm by 12cm. The card should include a greeting — in verse if you wish. More prizes will be given for the best cards in the two age groups (1) Under 8's and (2) over 8's. Entries to Presbytery.

THINGS CULINARY

There is nothing to beat a nice hot home-made scone, dripping with plenty of butter and home-made jam, maybe with a touch of sweet whipped cream and to feel it ooze down the side of your mouth as you bite into the warm pleasure of it and 'OH' to savour every morsel. For those of us who cannot afford to partake of such calorific luxuries, we need not feel too deprived because a fresh whole-meal scone, with a few sultanas added to give interest and a thin layer of low fat margarine to help it slide down is a pleasure in its own right. It takes a little practice to get the mixture just right so don't be discouraged if at first you don't succeed.

½ lb. fine wholemeal flour	¼ lb. self-raising flour
¼ lb. strong flour or plain flour	1 egg
(if you have none)	1 oz. Baking powder
1 oz. castor sugar	4 ozs. sultanas
2 ozs. very cold margarine,	Pinch of Salt
(cut up small)	

A little less than ½ pint of milk to make a soft, yet rollable dough.

Rub the 2 ozs. of margarine into the brown flour. Do not allow the mixture to become warm with the heat of your hands. Sieve the baking powder, white flour, sugar and salt into the brown flour and mix very well. Add most of the beaten egg and enough milk to make a soft yet rollable dough. Roll out to about one inch deep and cut in squares or rounds. Place on a greased baking sheet, brush with the left over beaten egg and bake in the middle shelf of the oven at 220degrees (Regulo 5) for 15 to 20 minutes. Take great care of the baking at this high temperature, reduce the temperature if they appear to be colouring too fast.

Paddy the Chef

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1983	Starlet 5-door	40,000 mls	£ 4,500

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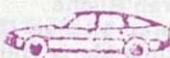
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