# The Knocklyon News

ST. COLMCILLE'S PARISH NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER 1988

# A KNOCKLYON-ER IN SUDAN



Fiona with a precious bundle.

"My job was to educate this community of 100,000 people to have a better understanding and awareness of basic matters of health. GOAL had already begun the project in 1986 and had established a health clinic in the settlement providing the only free medical services in this huge area.

The community of 120 families of leprosy victims was another element of my work in Meiyo. These lepers congregated together in one area living from day to day by begging in the streetsof Khartoum city. For a people who had nothing to boast but bodies so ugly and deformed that people gave them money in fear of catching the disease from them, these lepers had such dignity you would almost forget the ugliness.

Fiona Quinn, Coolamber, is a 24 year old nurse, at present studying midwifery in the Rotunda Hospital. She grew up in the Terenure area and attended Our Lady's School, Terenure. She worked for GOAL, John O'Shea's Irish Voluntary Relief Group, in the Sudan, January 1987 to August 1988. Her base was Meiyo, a shanty town in a desert area, 5 or 6 miles north of the capital, Khartoum. Khartoum itself is backward, primitive, no shops, dust tracks for streets, no lighting. Its satellite shanty town Meiyo is destitute and deprived in the extreme. Fiona gives us some experiences and impressions...

N The intense heat, dust, flies and the colourless monotony of the mud houses and streets of this illegal shanty town hit me with a shock! All my senses were assaulted at once, the stench of the open rubbish dumps, the sight of naked children defecating alongside goats foraging in the rubbish, the sounds of people haggling over prices in the market and the touch of a fingerless leper's hand in greeting.





But thank God there are happy memories too. The genuine caring of the other GOAL volunteers and the sense of family I shared with them; the touching ceremony the community of Meiyo held to bid me farewell and most of all the figures and survey statistics that prove to me the value of our work in preventing these childhood diseases when I read the results of our surveys in the area.

Four days after my departure the people of Meiyo faced another crisis — the torrential rain and flooding of their shanty town has left thousands of them homeless and prey to many new killer diseases such as Cholera and Typhoid. Thank God there are still people in the first world who remember those in the third . . . as long as this is so, there is great hope."

# A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH . . .

There is an air of sadness about today, not alltogether a barren sadness. Have just returned from Terenure College, after saying goodbye to Lar, a fellow Carmelite Priest, who died earlier this week.

Lar was unique, in no sense loud, one of nature's gentlemen, had style, did not have to try to impress, commanded respect for what he was. He was big enough to be able to do humble things, and grace them with dignity. The proverbial no one had a bad word to say about him.

He was always there — many of you will have known him because of Terenure connections — somehow we sorta expected him to be

always there.

It is not easy to analyse one's feelings on such occasions. Immediately, a lovely permanence in our life has gone, so a lot of the sadness is our own sadness. The send-off from Terenure, from relatives, pupils, fellow Carmelites and the wider Terenure community spoke for itself, befitted the man and the occasion.

Death elicits the real person, and the person that emerged this morning was easy to cherish, one who for years, almost without thinking, we loved and respected — a favourite pair of slippers?! Death brought into relief why he was

favourite.

Nothing in life, we try to believe, occurs without purpose, and death is one of the greatest events in life. The beauty we saw in

Lar, was a glimpse of God.

Through him this morning, God might have been saying to us: What I want from you is good decent warm supportive humanity, not counting the cost. Even at the natural level, this in itself is its own reward. Faith elevates it to sharing and living in the goodness of God. In this scenario spectacular achievement, power based on position, fade into an empty shadow. Lar, I feel, would have been genuinely non-plussed, that anyone might see it otherwise.

Thanks Lar for the memory, and thank

you Lord for Lar.

Pat Alan Fitz

#### A VERY SPECIAL MASS

An idea was put to Fr. Arthur, regarding an annual commemorative Mass in November for all the deceased children of the Parish. This Mass could incorporate the children's Birthdays and Anniversaries and each child would be mentioned by name. If you are a bereaved parent and you wish to have your child's name included, please contact: Linda Fair, Ph. 941169 or Ruth Byrne, Ph. 941815.

We also hope to form a Bereavement Group in the Parish, for anyone in the Parish who has been bereaved. This would be a non-counselling support group, which would meet on a regular basis and whose members would be willing to be contacted by any newly bereaved person. Anybody who feels they might draw benefit from this group or assist others in coming to terms with their bereavement please contact either of the above.

#### I.C.A. STARS

Well done to the I.C.A. Drama Group who performed so well in the Tomlin Cup competition in John Player Theatre on 15th October with their production of "Dinner Deferred". The play was directed by Bridie Maher who was assisted by Marie Ryan (Stage Management) and Paula Donaghy (Sound and Props).

#### **CAUGHT IN THE ACT!**



The cast of "Dinner Deferred" take a break during rehearsals. L. to R. Back: Betty McLoughlin and Muireann Murtagh. Front: Terry Kenny, Helen Goodall and Pauline Sheedy.

The I.C.A. meet on the first and third Tuesday of every month in the Parish Centre at 8.30 and new members are always welcome. On 1st November their meeting will be in the form of a demonstration of various products at Superquinn. You will get a glass of wine and the chance to win a prize. So come along at 8.30 and join in the fun and the fare!

#### THE NUMBERS ARE GROWING

In the September issue of the Newsletter, it was mentioned that applications for membership of the Youth Club stood at approximately 200, however, the current figure is now 320. It is estimated that by the time we open in the new centre, the membership numbers will grow and possibly exceed the 400 mark. For the time being we are endeavouring to provide some activities in the Junior School, so we would ask parents and children to bear with us until we move to the New Centre.

We would remind parents that for every 10 children attending the Youth Club, we must provide one adult leader in order to comply with insurance regula-

tions

So, if you are interested in helping, please give your name, 'phone number to any of the committee members (published in September's issue) as we cannot hope to cope with these numbers on our own.

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#### POST PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

The Post-Primary Committee were dismayed to receive the following letter from the Minister for Education going back on every promise made over the last eight years and clearly misunderstanding our local demography with the national trend. It speaks for itself. We ask every concerned parent to make their view known now!

Vincent Kenny, Chairman, Post-Primary Committee

"I wrote to you last November about the proposed post-primary school at Scholarstown Rd. I indicated that the longer term prospects for the project would have to await the outcome of the Interdepartmental Review of policy in relation to the planning and provision of school accommodation.

That review has been completed and I have examined the proposed Scholarstown Road school in the context of its findings. I have fully considered all the factors involved, particularly the availability of ac-commodation in other post-primary schools within a reasonable distance, and the overall downward trend in the demographic indicators which will result in additional places becoming available in existing schools. I am satisfied that in all the circumstances the provision of a post-primary school in Scholarstown Road cannot be justified. Accordingly, I have decided not to proceed with the project.

I am sure you will understand my position in the

light of the above facts.

Yours sincerely, Mary O'Rourke, T.D., Minister for Education.

#### SUCCESSFUL ATHLETES

The following athletes, members of Bros. Pearce Running Club N.A.C.A.I. are to be congratulated on winning no less than 19 gold, 6 silver and 3bronze medals in the various Dublin, Leinster and all-Ireland competitions held throughout the summer.

John McWeeney, Colin Moynagh, Derek Saville, Emma Sheehan and Ann Masterson.

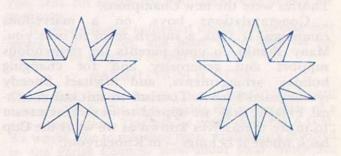
#### KNOCKLYON UNITED F.C.



Many thanks to Superquinn Knocklyon, who supplied a full set of gear to the Under 9 Team. Good luck in your matches in the Dublin South League Cup and Shield. The flashy strip is bound to help you score!

#### SEEING IS APPRECIATING

Brendan O Murchu of Delaford Ave., Tom Cooper, Delaford Lawn, Mick Doherty, Idrone Pk., and Jodie Moran of Delaford Pk., other than being neighbours have two other things in common. Firstly, they are all running in this year's Millennium Marathon and secondly they all appreciate a good cause for which to run. Ireland's first Donor Eye Bank for corneal transplantation has been approved and is being set up and funded by the Irish Fight for Sight Campaign, the voluntary body devoted entirely to the prevention of sight loss. The Donor Bank, based here in Dublin, will store donated corneas and provide them for transplantation to eye units in hospitals North and South of the border. This is a major development for eye care in this country and, as such, deserves the support of all sections of the community. Eye disease, disorder or injury has no respect for anyone, unfortunately, and every member of society, young and old, is vulnerable. Corneal transplants restore sight, so please give these runners the support they deserve. If any further information is required, or you would like to know more about the campaign, or can help in any way please contact John Donnelly at 942260.



#### KNOCKLYON UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB

You may have noticed that the football season is upon us once again and here in Knocklyon we have a thriving soccer club. This club is run by a handful of men willing to give of their time to encourage the children to participate, to develop team spirit and to introduce them to a game they can play for many years. Knocklyon United has approximately 100 members and six teams - U-8's, U-9's, U-10's, U-11's, U-12's and U-14's - all of whom have made a reasonable start to the season. Your support would be greatly appreciated, as every Sunday from 10.30 a.m. at least three of the teams will be playing at home at the Delaford Pitches. See you there.

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#### COMMUNITY GAMES - RUGBY

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young men of Knocklyon.

Early June brought Elm Mount and eleven tries. The Dublin Final, witnessed by Fr. Arthur, was an epic match and a glorious try in extra time by Derek Saville won us the Dick Burke Cup. Our Leinster campaign began with a fifteen tries to nil win over Wicklow town. Daragh Prendergast made the Leinster Final his own with four tries in the first half, with Niall Brophy scoring the fifth.

On then to Mosney. Ballinasloe were our semi-final opponents and what a battle it was. One try each after extra time. . . More extra time. A remarkable movement saw Cathal Kelly, beat the defence and score the winning try. Great excitement but a very tired and

battle-scarred team.

The final against Thurles was intense. With only minutes left, our line was breached. A frantic effort by the whole team to equalise was stopped. The whistle was blown and Thurles were the new Champions.

Congratulations boys, on a marvellous campaign. It took a superb team to beat you. Many thanks to your parents for tremendous support and generosity and for changing holiday arrangements, and Michael Sheedy rescheduled French Tourism to suit our matches! Finally, may we appeal to next year's team to make themselves known as we want the Cup back where it belongs — in Knocklyon!

John O'Carroll/John Brophy

#### SWIMMING

Well done to all the swimmers who represented Knocklyon in the Dublin Finals during the Summer. They all put in very creditable performances and special congratulations must go to Maeve Millane, Delaford and Niall Brophy, Knockcullen on reaching the finals in which they both sawm heroically to gain silver medals.

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Dear Editor,

We would like, through The Knocklyon News, to express our sincere gratitude to all the people of Knocklyon who have given us support — spiritual and financial — over the past year and throughout Aidan's illness.

We would particularly like to thank all the Priests of the Parish, Mr. Pat Kelly, Principal of the Senior School, all the teachers, Aidan's classmates, and indeed all the children, for their concern and help.

We were very touched when we realised that a group of friends and neighbours had set up the Aidan Coyne Fund. In this regard we would like to thank Kevin O'Brien, Karl Young, Maura O'Leary, Breda Fitzpatrick, Kathleen Blake, Annette O'Byrne, Patricia Marshall, Brigid O'Brien and Kathleen Epps. A special thank you to Dan Mc Callion and Gerry Mc Namara for all their assistance. We are having a Mass said for everyone's intentions.

Yours sincerely,

Dympna and Teddy Coyne, 67 Cremorne.

The Coyne family are moving to Louisburgh, Co. Mayo, but have promised to keep us informed of Aidan's progress.

#### ANNA'S BEAUTY CORNER

Make-up protects our skin and improves our appearance. You can use as little or as much as you like, whether you just want to look your best in the natural way or make a special impact with striking colours. Either way, most of us look best with some and here are the basics.

Foundation:

Foundation should look natural and the shade chosen should be one or two shades darker than your own tone. Apply with a fine sponge wedge, covering one area at a time, having first used a concealer to fade out any blemishes. Foundation should cover the entire face, eye-lids, lips etc. Powder is applied over the foundation and this helps to set the foundation and eliminate the glossy look. Apply powder with cotton wool and dust off (downward — to flatten facial hair), with a large soft powder brush. Then apply the blusher to the cheeks.

Libs:

With a lip pencil, outline the lip and then fill in with colour, using a lip brush, keeping within the outline. The intensity of the lip colour must balance or be in harmony with the rest of the make up.

Next month I will discuss eye-make-up.

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#### **OUR MAN IN SEOUL**

Roy aby of Idrone Park is a sports reporter/ presenter with RTE. Recently he spent 3 weeks in Seoul and he shares his impressions of the Olympic City with us.

It would be a lie to say that I approached the Seoul Olympics without a good deal of apprehension, caused mainly by images of student/ police riots on television. But I needn't have worried. The people of Seoul and Korea were very keen that the Olympics would be a success and even taking in to account the drugs and boxing scandals, the Koreans got their wish . . . For me the games succeeded on four levels; com-

petition, security, organisation and friendliness and to

some extent all four were interlinked.

Competition was the toughest and best attended in

the history of the Olympics.

Security was everywhere, in the lobby and on every floor of the Seoulin Hotel, on the shuttle buses that ran like clockwork, at the Broadcasting Centre and the

competition venues.

However, all of this was done with such friendly efficiency that it was both accepted and welcome. At the most, our entry into the various locations was delayed by a couple of minutes - a small price to pay for peace of mind - and in the process we learnt, albeit by rote, the Korean for hello and thank you . . .

Annyong hassio and Kamshamnida!!

The Koreans must be given 100 per cent for organisation. It wasn't just the organisation, but the manner in which it was done. Everyone was friendly and I don't think it was an act just put on for the games. The security people smiled as they clocked you in and rummaged through your bags .. people walked a hundred yards out of their way to direct you to your destination . . . an old lady offered her subway seat to Jimmy Magee, and would have been offended if he refused!

All of this was carried on in a city of 10 million people . . . throbbing with constant traffic and the honking of horns, and all in a strange aroma which seemed to be a combination of fried garlic and over-

loaded sewers!!

Seoul was a great place to visit but as the saying goes I wouldn't like to live there . . . Even if it did take 35 hours, it was still great to get back to Idrone, Anne,

Maeve and Michael.

HALLOWEEN SCENE



Now that the evenings are getting darker and the leaves are beginning to fall from the trees, we all know that Halloween is coming. Long ago in Ireland, long before St. Patrick came here, Halloween was the last day of the year, just like the 31st of December is the last day of the year for us today. The people had a party because the summer was over and all the food had been gathered for the winter. The name Halloween means the eve or evening before the Feast of All Saints. The day after Halloween is All Saints

At home, every Halloween we used to dress the post at the bottom of the stairs to look like a witch we would use a mask for the face and put an old scarf over it as a shawl and an old coat as a dress. We called her "Maggie the Witch". We used to dress up so that people did not know who we were and we had a party with apples and nuts and sweets. I hope you have a happy Halloween and lots of fun and do not eat too much.

COMPETITION: We hope to have a special part in the Newsletter each month just for young people - but we can't think what to call it. Maybe you can suggest a name - if you can, put it on a piece of paper, together with your name, address and age and why you think it would be a good name - there will be prizes for the three names the judges think are best and a special prize if your name is used in the newsletter. Send your entries to the Presbytery, Idrone Ave., before Monday 7th November.

#### DIG THIS?

We are sorry to report that our gardening expert -Don Ryan - can no longer continue with his greenfingers column, due to work commitments. Thank you, Don, for all the tips you shared with us over the past year.

If any gardening enthusiast would like to take over where Don left off, and plant some ideas for us,

we would be delighted to hear from you.

#### PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The A.G.M. of the Parish Council is postponed until January 1989. This is to enable the preparation of a new constitution. This will be voted in at the A.G.M. We would like to see many more parishioners involved in the Parish Council. How about you? Watch for further notice.

#### NEW ARRIVALS

Knocklyon Bridge Club wishes to welcome all its new arrivals. Any more secret Bridge players? We provide a Joker every Monday night at 7.30. Ring Catherine at 941459 or Anne at 942368.

#### A BIG THANK YOU

Fr. Chris Conroy wishes to express his sincere thanks for the tremendous response to the collection at the Masses on 25th September, when a total of £5,500 was realised.

Fr. Conroy was due to leave for Peru on 20th October, and the generosity of the people of Knocklyon will greatly assist him in getting a good start to his missionary work with the poor people of the Andes.

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# WHAT'S COOKING?

Cooking at the table is something quite common in Japanese restaurants. There are some of the very expensive ones where the Chef will come and cook your steak, lobster, prawns and vegetables in front of you and then there is the more popular version where a pot and stove is placed in the centre of the table and you can boil, fry and stew all your own meat, fish and vegetables. Whether you order your food cooked or raw, the way it will be presented to you will be a work of art in itself. Endless trouble will be taken to ensure that the food is laid out in perfect order, blending and/or contrasting the colours, shapes, sizes and textures. It seemed to be the way of things in almost every aspect of life that I saw.

There is a certain amount of table cooking practiced in European restaurants. The Swiss have one lovely dish they call Cheese Fondue, where a pot of boiling, bubbling cheese is placed on a stove in the centre of your table and you break bread, dip it in the hot cheese and eat it. Or there is the comparatively new, up-market French version of Beef Fondue. A hot frying pan is placed on a stove in the middle of the table and you are presented with a plate of raw sliced fillet of beef. You do all your own cooking but they supply a range of 7 or 8 different sauces for you to dip your cooked fillet in and eat.

The Japanese are, of course, highly organised when it comes to table cooking in their restaurants. Every table in every type of restaurant seemed to have the gas pipe running up the table leg with the hole in the centre of the table for the plug-in stove, because they seem fascinated by the sizzle, the bubble and the excitement of cooking.

So, if you knock a hole in the centre of your good diningroom table, run a gas pipe up the leg, buy a small stove and a few new copper pots, I'll give you recipes for Japanese "Cook at the Table" Shabu-Shabu and Sukiyaki dishes next month!

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#### The Great!

Acting talent is not just confined to I.C.A. members! Our own Ivan Morrin of the Newsletter team is about to launch his theatrical career. Ivan is a 6th year pupil of Templeogue College and at the moment he is rehearsing for the part of Nanki-Poo in The Mikado, jointly produced by Templeogue and Presentation, Terenure. The show will run for 5 nights at the end of November, and Ivan can sing too!

#### **Another Date!**

A lady whose singing career is firmly established is Siobhan Doyle from Knockaire. Siobhan is playing the part of "The Merry Widow" in the forthcoming production by The Coolmine Musical Society. This show will take place nightly in Coolmine Community School from 1st to 6th November. We wish you well Siobhan.

#### **Get Well Wishes**

We send our best wishes to Aidan Coyne who returned to hospital in London on 20th October where he will spend several weeks. We are sure Aidan would appreciate any notes of encouragement. You can write to him c/o St. Thomas' Hospital, 12th Floor, London, S.E.1.

We are sorry to hear that Mr. John Murphy from the Senior School received serious leg injuries while playing Hurling for his club. Get well soon John, you are being missed.

#### A Further Show

We hear that Firhouse Community College are staging "Finian's Rainbow" at Christmas. Look out for further details.

#### Junior School

Welcome home to Mrs. Yvonne Mullen from Abu Dhabi. Congratulations also as she came home with a baby boy, Ray, born on the 12th June. Mrs. Mullen has promised to write an article for the Newsletter in due course.

Welcome home also to Miss Claire Sweeney, from Australia. Miss Sweeney has also promised to write for us about her adventures.

Congratulations also to Mrs. Eleanor Ruddy on the birth of a baby girl, Rachel.

## NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

Items and advertisements for inclusion in the Nov. issue of the newsletter should be handed into the Presbytery by Monday November 7th. The newsletter will be circulated from November 18th. Over 2,000 copies are hand delivered and further copies are available at Superquinn. To book advert, space contact Pat at 947493 before November 7th.

If you have any news for the "Hotlyon" just drop a note into the Presbytery marked "Newsletter".

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#### **EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place in St. Colmcille's Church on the Thursday preceding the First Friday of each month, from 7.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. All are welcome.

#### **CHRISTMAS FAIR**

We are looking forward to the Annual Christmas Fair on 27th November. During the coming months, collectors will be calling to your homes seeking gifts for the Fair. We are counting on your generosity once again and hope to see you all there. Lots of fun and great value for all. The children will be able to visit Santa too! Watch November issue for further details.

#### MOTHER & TODDLER GROUP - BALLYROAN

Playtime, chat-time, coffee-time for Mothers and Toddlers in the pre-fab. Boys' Primary School, Ballyroan Road. Do come and join in on Friday mornings — 10.45 a.m. to 12.45 p.m.

#### **NEW PARISHIONERS**

Alan Liam Carter, 15 Knocklyon Park; Andrew Mark Hogan, 21 Beverly Downs; Hugh Gerard Dwan, 46 Knockaire; Samuel James McCutcheon, 33 Delaford Avenue; Richard Paul Fagan, 44 Beverly Heights; Stephen Aidan Bailey, 30 Delaford Grove; Caroline Mary Cullen, 6 Green Acre Ct.; Rachel Mary Gogan, 36 Coolamber Ct.; Mark Michael Smith, 8 Knocklyon Ct.; Lauren Mabel Dorothy Boggan, 19 Delaford Grove; Richard Henry Murray, 21 Beverly Lawns; Fiona Mary Murphy, 25 Knocklyon Green; Emma Wilson, 1 Knocklyon Close; Daniel Edward Kilpatrick, 15 Templeroan Crescent; Aisling Margaret White, 25 Ashton Ave.; Lisa Marie Thornton, 21 Templeroan Ave.; Bryan Austin Gallagher, 13 Beverly Ave.; Mark James Dunne, 180 Glenvara Park; Susan Stephanie Mary Kelly, 15 Beverly Hts.; Saoirse Maria Coghlan, 23 Delaford Grove



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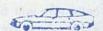
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