

The Knocklyon News



ST. COLMCILLE'S PARISH NEWSLETTER – DECEMBER 1988

AND ALL MANKIND SHALL SEE THE SALVATION OF GOD . . .



North to Alaska, North the rush is on. Was in Grafton St. recently, bewitched, bothered and bewildered by the Christmas crowds, the lights and the various shops trying to convince one they had the perfect gift – and that same one did not dwell too much on some of the prices! And then there is that new Green Shopping complex – space age, intimidating. We've sure come a long way . . . or have we?



Clare Keely, Ashton Lawn, lights the first Advent candle at the 10 o'clock Children's Mass.

All in all, a brave shining face, so for the moment at least, God was redundant. But one did not have to look far beneath the surface for the cracks, the problems, the humanity where God is at work. How about that worried assistant in one of the "bigger gun" stores, anxious about the slow business. He was having a bad day, what if the store went out of business? I told him, hang in there, God is good and does not fail. Anyhow, in the heel of the hunt, it probably would be a record spending this Christmas, isn't this the way the cookie crumbles?

We were looking for a jacket for Duke, a King Charles spaniel, one of three dogs in which I have a vested interest. Duke is named after the Duke of Marlborough, whose Blenheim Palace seat gave its name to the Blenheim King Charles breed. Colo is a Wicklow Collie and Beauty a Cocker, both of less certain pedigree. What is not generally known – I happen to know – Duke knows he is class, and does not let the others forget it. But regardless of this, all three are firm friends. Beauty, old and special, is just happy to love, Colo, all fun and games, whatever about brains, is just happy to be crazy.

We asked this harassed young little waitress, tired and busy, where there might be a pet shop. She tried to give directions – not easy. Wait a moment until she got rid of a tray. She would walk with us some distance on to the wintry street, to show us the way. I wanted to offer her a little recompense – she would not hear of it, in spite of her youth, she was simply a warm and helpful person. This was my special ration of God that day – yes, he was in the Grafton St. area O.K.!

Praise the Lord. He keeps "butting in" every day, everywhere. We big boys and girls may affect a certain scepticism, cynicism about the Christmas scene, yet we look for Him, we need Him. And He is among us – this is the joy of Christmas – mostly perhaps, in a positive silence – Silent Night, Holy Night.

Pat Alan Fitz.



G'Day Readers,

I've been asked to write a short account of my travels in Australia where I spent the last year. I must say that I had a marvellous year there and have a wealth of memories to recall on, both of the places and of the people.

My first stop was Perth in Western Australia. Perth is a modern attractive city on the banks of the Swan River and was one of my favourite cities. One of the main reasons for this was Perth's warm continental type weather and its beautiful golden beaches. Needless to say, the beaches were thronged at weekends and surfing and water-sports proved to be extremely popular.

I spent Christmas in Perth and I must say it was unusual to see people doing their Christmas shopping dressed in shorts and tee-shirts. No wonder, when the temperatures were above 30°C. On leaving Perth, I travelled east to Sydney visiting Adelaide and Melbourne en-route. In Australia, you quickly become accustomed to travelling long distances and a road journey of 15 to 24 hours is not uncommon. (However, an important thing to bear in mind is not to get stranded in the outback without water — it has been known to happen!)

I arrived in Sydney in time for the Bicentennial Celebrations. I must say it was a marvellous experience, standing down at the famous Sydney Harbour with the Opera House in view and watching the tall ships make their spectacular entry into the harbour area. The celebrations continued with a fantastic fireworks display — it was certainly a night to remember.

Leaving Sydney, I headed North towards the 'sunshine state' of Queensland. This is Australia's holiday state comprising of long golden beaches, beautiful deserted islands and of course the famous Barrier Reef. This state is renowned for its banana and pineapple plantations. Sugar-cane also features prominently in the area.



Clare Sweeney and her first class pupils

I spent considerable time on the islands, visiting such places as Great Keppel, Daydream, Magnetic and Green Island. One of my most memorable experiences took place on Magnetic Island where on a dawn expedition I saw several koalas in their natural habitat. The koala lives in the eucalyptus tree and it is quite rare to see them in the wild.

Another marvellous memory is of the Great Barrier Reef. I went snorkelling and diving on the reef and it was amazing to see the multi-coloured coral and beautiful fish. One of my favourite places was Cape Tribulation, the far north of Queensland. This area is a tropical rain forest with its only access being a dirt track. I particularly remember the big eye-catching sign at the Daintree river crossing — "Beware of Crocodiles" — Needless to say, I didn't investigate further!

I would like to conclude by saying something about the 'Aussie' people. I found them to be extremely friendly and hospitable with a great welcome for the Irish. They are a people who place great emphasis on the 'outdoor life' and the 'barbie' figures prominently. One day, I would like to return, only this time I'll make sure and climb Ayre's Rock!

Clare Sweeney

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The E.S.B. has made a contribution of £600 towards the completion of the Knocklyon Youth and Community Centre (K.Y.C.C.). Representation on behalf of the K.Y.C.C. committee was made to Mr. P.J. Moriarty, Chief Executive of the E.S.B. by local resident and E.S.B. employee, Mr. Brendan Dowling.

The community would like to thank the E.S.B. and Brendan Dowling for their generous support and co-operation.



Our picture shows Mr. Brendan Dowling handing over the cheque on behalf of the E.S.B. to Mrs. Dympha Smyth, Secretary of K.Y.C.C.

A CRACKER OF A DAY

Christmas festivities got off to an earlier start than usual in Knocklyon with our annual fair on the first Sunday in Advent.

After the lighting of the Advent Wreath many families made their way to the Junior School just in time for the opening. "Brunch" in the Country Kitchen was one way to get the day off to a good start; or you could get a "pick-me-up" in the tea-rooms.

It was a case of first come, first served with the bargains and those who didn't arrive until mid-afternoon found nothing left of the Grocery stall. If trade at the Bottle stall was anything to go by there are going to be a fair number of parties in the area over the holiday season.

Roy O'Connell picked up a hi-fi midi system from the Wheel of Fortune. We believe some controversy surrounds who actually purchased the ticket!! Some disappointment remains over the fact that Fr. Arthur didn't donate his golf clubs. There were a few interested parties; rumour has it that they were Knocklyon Golf Club Newcomers.

The Christmas Fair Committee wish to express their sincere gratitude to all those who organised and worked on stalls. Those who spent Friday, Saturday and Sunday preparing the Junior School; those who spent many cold nights knocking on doors to collect goods; and the response from you – the Parishioners – who gave so generously, both to the individual stalls and in their support on the day. They are glad to announce that the Fair made a profit of £7,100.



TEMPLEOGUE COLLEGE

Templeogue College is run by the Holy Ghost Fathers and is quite well known to the children in Knocklyon Primary School through the school's use of the college pool. Entrance is open to boys from St. Colmcille's through application forms sent to the school. An entrance exam is held in January or February each year to determine which applicants are successful. Exam results are consistently very good and the school enjoys an excellent reputation through its past pupils. A 5 year cycle is operated. Uniform must be worn, consisting of, for junior students (up to Inter), grey jumper, slacks, college tie and black shoes; for senior students this changes to navy jersey, slacks, senior college tie and black shoes. Rugby is the main winter sport, and it is rivalled by excellent basketball, soccer and football and hurling. Many other sports, clubs and groups are fully facilitated in the college. Dramatic and musical talent has been nurtured in the past couple of years with musical production link-ups with Presentation Secondary School Terenure. "The Pirates of Penzance" and this year's "Mikado" were very well received. Payment is by voluntary contribution.

PRESENTATION SECONDARY SCHOOL, TERENCE

Presentation Sisters run the school. Priority is given each year to applicants from the Primary School, but outside applications are accepted through personal communication to the school. A voluntary contribution is payable yearly. Girls must wear the school uniform, details of which are available on request. The school is directly accessible to girls from Knocklyon as it is on both the 49, and 15 bus routes. A 5 year cycle is the system in operation. Sports include basketball, tennis and badminton. The school is excellently equipped and has a very good library. Music is well catered for and the musicals with Templeogue College have been very successful.



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KNOCKLYON BRIDGE CLUB NEWS

Our man in Hong Kong reports that "the world is round". He is in the process of recruiting Colin Morsley (Grand Master) for K.B.C.!

Donal Garvey and Michael O'Briain brought great honour to the club recently by winning The Moylan Cup. The following weekend they qualified to represent Ireland in Italy in March. Congratulations to Pauline Synnott and Fr. J. Walsh, winners of the Stephenson Cup. They are shown below receiving their trophy which was presented by Niall Stephenson.



CHRISTMAS FAIR



Michael Brennan presents Breda Hamilton, Scholarstown with her prize from the "Wheel of Fortune".



505 CLUB

NOVEMBER

Angela Cruise	Glasnevin	£500
William Maher	Lansdowne Park	Colour T.V.
Joseph McDermott	Coolamber Park	Microwave
Kevin Colleran	Knocklyon Court	Ton of Coal

DECEMBER

Mary McGuinness	Delaford Park	£1,000
John Beatty	Coolamber Park	Stereo
Maeve Carty	Knockaire	£250 S/quinn Voucher
Tom Foster	Delaford Drive	Dinner for 6

112th KNOCKLYON SCOUT UNIT A.G.M.

The A.G.M. of the local Scout Unit took place on December 1st. At present there are 180 boys involved from 150 families so the attendance of around 30 was not only disappointing, but an insult to the leaders and the Committee members who give of their voluntary time so generously.

The individual troop reports were given outlining the happenings of the previous year and the envisaged projects for the coming year. There was no doubting the success of the annual camp in Wales which was considered most excellent value, not only in terms of finance, but most importantly in the development of the individuality of the boys who did travel. However, 26 campers out of an eligibility of 90 was a poor response.

An excellent innovation was the showing of a video "Strategies Toward Better Scouting" which very concisely explained what the movement is all about – from Beavers through to Venturers and beyond to leadership. The Regional Commissioner, Liam Doyle, was in attendance and explained current scouting plans and strategies looking towards the improvement of the quality of scouting and talking of the communications and developments taking place at all levels. The message was simple – the development of scouting nowadays is only limited by information, or lack of it.

Local issues were then discussed ranging from the attendance problems at troop meetings, the profile and image of the local unit generally, fundraising and registration (outstanding monies please). On the question of the den the meeting was informed that P.P. has been obtained awaiting bye-law approval. Financial requirements are currently being restructured and things will happen next year... watch this space!

112th Knocklyon Scout Unit Draw Results – November

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A very big hello to you all,

I really love Christmas time don't you? Especially I like the last few days before Christmas Day. I know they are very busy getting everything ready so that you are nearly run off your feet – but there is a lovely feeling about them and everyone seems happy and excited. I really love the crib with the different figures for Mary and Joseph and the baby Jesus, somehow it makes me feel very peaceful inside. Mary and Joseph did not have lots of presents or a big lot of food. They did not have all their family and friends around them. But they had love in their hearts and that is what Christmas is really all about. Sometimes if I wake up at night and can't get back to sleep I try to imagine what it was like in the stable on the first Christmas night and then I don't feel frightened at all – because no one is ever frightened on Christmas Night! If ever you wake up at night and you feel a bit frightened or lonely you should try it. Just imagine you're in the stable at Bethlehem along with Mary and Joseph and the baby and the shepherds and the sheep and cows. Mary holds the baby Jesus gently in her arms. Outside it is very cold and the stars are shining brightly. It always makes me happy just to think of it. Anyway I'd better go now but I hope you all have a really really really really... a trillion times happy Christmas.

Fr. Joe

P.S. Here are a few jokes Fiona and Declan Murphy gave me.

- Q. Where do cows go for entertainment?
 A. To the Moo-vies!
 Q. Why did the plane land on the house?
 A. Because the landing light was on.
 Q. What happened the boy who slept with his head under the pillow?
 A. All his teeth were taken by the fairies.
 Q. What is big and green and can't be seen?
 A. A green elephant up a tree.
 Q. What is yellow and dangerous.
 A. Shark infested custard.
 Q. Why can't two elephants go swimming?
 A. They only have one pair of trunks.

BALLYBODEN ST. ENDAS GAA CLUB

Happy Christmas to all players and supporters. Below is a special Christmas quiz for all boys and girls attending St. Colmcille's schools, who play with Ballyboden St. Endas.

Prize of a new sliotar will be given to each of the first 6 correct entries drawn. Place your answers in the post box inside the door of the Senior School, clearly giving your name and address. Draw takes place on December 21st.

1. What are the club colours of Ballyboden St. Endas?
2. Who captained the Galway team in the All Ireland Final of 1988?
3. Who are the Munster Football champions?
4. Name two teachers in St. Colmcilles who played hurling for Dublin.
5. In what county is Páirc Uí Chaoimh?

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CHRISTMAS FAIR



Emily, Louise and Mark Byrne, Glenvara, delighted with their parcels.



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Guess who Philip and Elaine Roche, Idrone, met?

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As I said in the October issue of the Newsletter Sukiyaki is usually cooked at the table by the diners, each person cooking their own food to their own taste. I would suggest that you do not start cooking until everybody is sitting down. All the preparations should be done well in advance.

Take 1 lb of rump or sirloin and cut it as thin as paper, or ask your local butcher; tell him you want it in paper thin slices about 2 inches square. Buy about 1 lb. of tinned bean curd, ¼ lb. mushrooms, 1 leek, 1 large onion, ½ lb. leaf spinach and a handful of water cress. You will also need 1 raw egg per person and 12 oz. of plain boiled rice.

Make up cooking sauce of 1 glass of Japanese soy sauce, ½ glass sake or white wine, ½ glass Vodka, 4 tablespoons sugar, salt and plenty of pepper and stir well.

Boil your rice and keep warm. Wash all your vegetables and thinly slice your mushrooms, leek and onion. Cut the curd in cubes and roughly chop the spinach and cress.

Get a good heavy and hot frying pan and when ready to start eating fry off about ¼ of your ingredients starting with the meat, then the curd, then the leek, onion; wait a minute or so and then add the mushrooms, spinach and cress. Sprinkle in about ¼ of your cooking sauce, boil up and turn into a hot serving dish. The whole mixture will be slightly under cooked but boiling hot and well stirred. Wipe out your pan and start all over again.

Give each person a hot plate with a portion of rice on it, a bowl with a beaten raw egg in front of each person and the fried food in a serving dish in the centre of the table. Each person helps themselves from the main dish, dips in it in the raw egg, lifts it out and places it on the plate and eats the combination of fried vegetables, meat, rice, flavouring and egg.

It's different, worth trying and the best of luck in your oriental culinary endeavour.

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Cornelius Rabbit is a lovable character who skips and jumps through various adventures with his family and friends, in a delightful revival of a much loved book. Suitable for reading aloud to 4 year olds, or reading alone for 6 plus upwards.

THE MATCHLESS MICE by Tony Hickey, £5.50.

Not a new book, but a welcome re-issue, beautifully illustrated. Good size print with excellent use of language. Suitable for ages 6 upwards.

THE SILENT SEA by Tom McCaughran, £5.95.

An adventure, set on an island; it is a fast moving thriller which will keep the reader involved from beginning to end. Suitable for ages 9 upwards.

THE ADVENTURES OF HENRY AND SON AND MR. FIELDING by Vera Pettigrew, £5.50.

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CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR GREETINGS

The Newsletter Committee would like to take this opportunity to wish a Happy Christmas and a healthy and Prosperous New Year to all those who helped to make the newsletter possible – our printers, contributors, advertisers, the boys and girls in the Senior School who work like little beavers to collate and deliver the Newsletter each month and last, but by no means least, to all our readers.

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ATTENTION!

We are anxious to hear from any new groups, clubs or organisations which have been set up recently in the Parish. Please let us have name, address and telephone number of Secretary.

Senior School News

We are sorry to hear of Mr. S. O'Neill's illness, and we send him our very best wishes for an early recovery.

Welcome back to Mrs. Lynne Corcoran and Mr. John Murphy. Good to see you both "back in action".

The National Youth Orchestra paid a visit to Knocklyon on Friday 9th December. The children were treated to an hour of musical talents in the new Community Centre.

The renovations of the shared areas have been completed and all the third classes are now enjoying more spacious classrooms.

Junior School News*School Concert*

The recent "Top of the Tots" extravaganza was a great success. Many thanks to all the teachers for their patience and encouragement to the children. Thanks also to the parents who provided the costumes.

School Mass

On Wednesday 21st December at 11.00 a.m. a school mass will be held to celebrate the Birthday of Jesus. All the children (and those parents who are free) will be "invited" to the Birthday celebration. Mrs. Donnelly's Senior Infant class will do the readings, etc. and the music will consist of Christmas carols.

We are asking each child to bring in something *small* to *give* to children in need. In this respect we hope to "adopt" a school, not too far away from us, where there exists 80% unemployment and a high incidence of poverty.

The Parents Association (of both schools) are running a Cabaret/Dance, "The Red Hurley Show" in the Braemor Rooms, Churchtown on Tuesday night January 9th from 9 to 12.30. Tickets are £6 each. It will be a good night and we hope that many of you will support this fundraising venture. Any parent in a position to donate a raffle/spot prize? All donations gratefully received at Junior School Office.

At last a cycle path is appearing on the Firhouse Road. Does anyone know exactly when it can be used?

ON CALL

We note that Dr. Ling, one of our parishioners is setting up a practice in **1 Templeroan Way.**

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

Items and adverts for inclusion in the January issue of the newsletter should be handed into the Presbytery by Monday 16th January. The newsletter will be circulated from January 27th. For information on advertising contact **Pat at 947493** before Monday 16th January. Printout - 3,000 copies. About 2,500 copies are hand-delivered to homes in all estates in Parish. Extra copies available at Information Desk at Superquinn, Knocklyon and at back of Church.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Jonathan Anthony Curtis	22, Beverly Downs
Louise Angela McCormack	195, Glenvara Pk.
Alison Mary Kate Redmond	2, Beverly Lawns.
Caitriona Maura Lynch	10, Ashton Close.
Donagh Gerard Tracey	16, Scholarstown Rd.
Aidan Darragh Horgan	67, Cremorne.
Conor Denis Shaw	43, Glenvara Pk.
Mark Peter O'Brien	8, Idrone Pk.
Michelle Mary Higgins	185, Glenvara Pk.
Niamh Margaret Scallan	15, Knockcullen Pk.
Rhoda Marie Wickstone	4, Templeroan Way.
Paul Gerard Whelan	26, Delaford Avenue.
James Peter Caslin	34, Knocklyon G.n.
Claire Catherine Mary Kiernan	23, Idrone Drive
Helene Mary Maher	30, Knocklyon Hts.
Sarah Anne Elizabeth Jordan	19, Delaford Ave.
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Church Programme for Christmas

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3.00 p.m. - 5.00 p.m.
7.00 p.m. - 9.00 p.m.

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve

Carol Singing — Folk Group and Choir at 9.30 p.m.
followed by Vigil Mass at 10.00 p.m.

Christmas Day

8.00 a.m.

9.00 a.m.

10.00 a.m.

11.00 a.m.

12 Noon

No Evening Mass on
Christmas Day

Christmas Week

Monday to Friday inclusive
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Eucharistic Devotion

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place in St. Colmcille's Church on the Thursday preceeding the first Friday of each month 7.30 p.m. — 8.30 p.m. Benediction will take place after the 7.00 p.m. Mass on the first Saturday of each month. All are welcome.

