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CELEBRATION OF EASTER







PALM SUNDAY Procession with the Blessed Palms before 10 a.m. and 12 m.d. Masses. 24th March

> Mass for the sick, their families, attendants, etc. at 3.30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation — Penitential Service, 8.00 p.m.

HOLY THURSDAY Morning Prayer in Church — 10.15 a.m. Young People's Mass — 3.30 p.m. Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Supper — 7.30 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Altar of Repose until 11 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY Morning Prayer in Church — 10.15 a.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion — 3 p.m. Stations of the Cross — 8 p.m.

EASTER SAT. Morning Prayer in Church — 10.15 a.m. Easter Vigil — 9 p.m.

CONFESSIONS After Young People's Mass on Holy Thursday. After Stations of the Cross, Good Friday.

 EASTER SAT.
 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

 CONFESSIONS
 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Easter Sunday — Usual Sunday Times 31st March Easter Monday — one Mass only at 10 a.m. Easter Week

- Tuesday to Friday incl. Masses at 10 a.m. and 6.10 p.m.

> Lenten Retreat conducted by Fr. David Weakliam, O. Carm. Wednesday 20th March, Thursday 21st March, Friday 22nd March Evenings at 7.30 p.m. Mass each evening and talk. This is a timely and appropriate preparation for Holy Week and Easter. Please note dates etc., and respond with generosity to the Lord's Goodness

Princess Alana



It is often said that one person's tragedy becomes another person's happiness. This is true in many ways. We have all read about the terrible stories of the Romanian babies who were locked away in orphanages, neglected and unloved, not allowed to walk, to talk or even to cry. We have also read and indeed seen on television, the utter happiness of the childless couples who have succeeded in adopting these wretched children and witnessed the joy it has brought to them. Many prospective adoptive parents have gone through many months of trauma in the hope of obtaining a child of their own on whom they could lavish their love. Some of them have made the long journey to Romania, only to be disappointed.

Brendan and Aine Kenny are two of the fortunate ones. They already have a lovely little daughter but dearly wanted to adopt another child, which in Ireland, is virtually impossible. They had more or less given up hope when a friend of theirs offered to put them in touch with a lawyer in Romania who had conducted legal adoptions. The idea attracted them and after much discussion they decided to apply. After many documents had been filled in and despatched, they waited hopefully. In December last year, the phone call arrived. There was the possibility of a child being available for adoption. Preparations were made and on the 17th December they arrived in Bucharest where they were accommodated in one of the tourist hotels.

The next day, they set out from Bucharest on the 70 kilometre trip to Giurgiu where they were to meet the lawyer at the local hospital. After the initial proceedings were over, a nurse was asked to show them the baby – it was a girl. "She was so tiny", says Aine "only three weeks old and her little face looked quite blue". A few minutes and the baby was gone. From then on, time flew – there were many papers to be signed and they were told to ring in early January when the courts would be sitting. The final result would be known then.

Suddenly, it was time to go home. But, some things are never easy – they discovered that there was a strike at the airport and there were no flights leaving Romania. Hurried discussions with one of the hotel staff, and it was arranged for a hired car to drive them 300 miles to Sophia.

It was a horrendous journey. The car broke down every 50 miles and the driver and his friend would get out in the torrents of rain – they would disappear under the bonnet until various chugs and snortings burst forth from the engine, culminating in a ferocious roar – then, off they would go again. Eventually they reached the border checkpoint where they were refused entry. The soldier guarding the border crossing was adamant – the car did not belong to the driver – it was registered in his wife's name. Not to be beaten, the driver set off for another checkpoint several miles away, but it was no good. The soldier there was equally inflexible. There was nothing else for it but to return to Bucharest.

They reached there at 1 p.m. and managed to get tickets for the 7 p.m. train to Sophia. By then, it was snowing heavily. Frozen and tired, they hurtled through the night on the 14 hour journey. Outside it was dark and grim, the only light coming from the swirling snow. From the window, they glimpsed flashes of the menacingly mountainous country of the Transylvanian Alps, which conjured up thoughts and tales of the terrifying Count Dracula. With relief, they reached Sophia and continued their journey to Dublin. It was almost Christmas.

January came, and one day the waiting was over — the baby was theirs and it only remained to make a further trip to Bucharest and bring her back to Ireland. Everyone was thrilled and it was a happy couple who flew out on the 16th January 1991. This time they stayed in a self-catering apartment. Aine had been well instructed by a friend who had organised sterilised feeds for the baby, and this time too, they met several other couples, who, like them, were adopting. Sadly, many people were left behind, still hoping that they would find the baby of their dreams.

Alana Ecaterina was christened on February 23rd in St. Colmcille's Church, Knocklyon. She is a beautiful baby, a doll-like bundle of love who smiles, gurgles and coos at her adoring family. She is one of the lucky children, starting her life with a loving and caring mum and dad, and a big sister Aoife, aged 5½ who is completely besotted with this little charmer. Aoife loves to kneel down beside the baby chair and talk to her. "You are going to be a Princess", she murmurs to Alana. I think that if the wealth of love and happiness that surrounds her counts for anything — then Alana Ecaterina is a princess already!

Eileen Casey



A Letters to the Editor A

Dear Editor,

Re MASS IN KNOCKLYON

I am a new parishioner in Knocklyon and my experience at Mass in Knocklyon is one of disgust. I have gone to a number of different Masses but all seem to be the same. I might point out I am not from Dublin. Some of my points are:

The number of people who come late and the number who leave early.

The amount of people who stand at the back of the Church (even though there are seats) and spend the entire Mass talking.

The number of people who let their children run and shout in the Church. Why not husband go to one mass and wife another until such time as children grow up.

The number of boys, girls and teenagers who gather in the porch (with bikes) and talk and smoke instead of being in the Church. I think one of the priests or a lay person should be appointed to check on each mass and move the offenders to seats.

(Name and address with Editor)

COUNTY COUNCIL NEWS FROM JOHN HANNON P. C., M.C.C.

Orlagh Park - Taking in Charge

A list of outstanding remedial works has been forwarded to the Developers. When all remaining works are completed the estate will be recommended for taking in charge. The open space is under the controlof the Council's Parks section. That section will also be responsible for street tree planting.

Footpath on Scholarstown Road to Orlagh Grove Estate

Cllr. Hannon believes that provision should have been made for a footpath at this location when planning permission was granted for Orlagh Grove. He will continue to press the issue at Council level as it is essential that pedestrians (especially school children) are safely accommodated.

Beverly Court Estate - Taking in Charge

Neither section of the Beverly Court Estate is in charge of the Council. A Latest Date Notice has been served on Princess Homes Ltd., one of the developers and a copy of this notice was served on Peter Jordan Limited, the second developer. As little progress was made in carrying out outstanding works, High Court proceedings under Section 27 of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963 have been authorised.

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Boys at Confirmation Time



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Front Row: Lloyd Eustace, Derek Wilson, Peter Clifford, Daragh Cullinane, Eoin Reville.

MEETING PRESIDENT ROBINSON





John and Elaine Healy of Lansdowne Park, meeting President Mary Robinson at a recent concert given by "Young European Strings" of which both are members.

Young European Strings is a group of young musicians ranging in age from 6 to 16, under the direction of Maria Kelemen. They rehearse regularly in the High School, Rathgar. Performances include the Aer Rianta Festival, the Dublin Street Festival and the Dublin Feis Ceoil.

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Confirmation Day 1991



L. to R.: Mrs Gillan, Clare Lalor, Maread Kenna, Avaigeon Hopkins Ciara McDevitt, Siobhan Kelly.

Front Row: Emma Jordan, Florence Lavelle, Elaine Grier, Laura Hannigan.



Twin brothers, Colm and Lorcan Maher, seen here with Bishop Eamon Walsh.



Eve Harbourne, Emily Foynes, Laura Hannigan.

FAITH FRIENDS

About five weeks before the six classes made their Confirmation, a group was formed called Faith Friends. This helped us to understand why we were making our Confirmation. It also helped us to communicate with other people from sixth class and to hear their views about Confirmation.

Without Faith Friends, we would have found it quite hard to understand why we were making our Confirmation. They helped us to take a bigger interest in Religion and our parish. This group was very helpful and we are all very grateful to the people who were involved.

Sinead Farrell, Sixth Class

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Most chat show guests can be forgotten as quickly as last week's Lotto numbers. A few leave a lasting impression. A dozen years ago, or so, an elderly man appeared on the Late Late Show and his story is worth remembering.

Born in Cuffe Street, off St. Stephen's Green, early in the century, he was one of a large, very poor family. While still very young, he got a job as kitchen boy in the nearby Shelbourne Hotel. It happened that around that time an American lady was staying in the Shelbourne. She was seriously rich, owning her own film studios. Very eccentric, though, and gave the waiters and waitresses a difficult time, especially when bringing meals to her room. So much so, that they 'persuaded' the young boy to serve her meals instead.

No matter what she did, however, it didn't bother him. Used to a large family, eccentric old ladies he took in his stride. She was fascinated by him. She enquired about his background and eventually offered to take him to the States, educate him and set him up in the film business. His parents thought this was a great opportunity, and so he was despatched across the Atlantic.

Fifty years later, he was back in Ireland, a successful film director, but a very glum man, a difficult interviewee. Eventually, his story unfolded.

He was not happy in America. He had never married and had not ever returned on visits. Meanwhile, his brothers and sisters had grown up and all had children of their own.

Even though quite wealthy he felt his life had been ruined. He had not been given a choice — others had decided what would be good for him.

This true story gives us an insight into a fundamental aspect of human life. God could have forced us to behave in a way that would make the world free from evil. But this would not bring happiness. We need freedom, we need the ability to choose. And God lets us choose. Like the father did to the son in the Parable of the Prodigal Son, God lets us go – he lets us have our head.

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL A.G.M. 1991 In Attendance . . .



At the top table, Community Council Members, Peter Rosenberg, Vincent Kenny, Cynthia Brannigan.



Local T.D.'s Tom Kitt, Seamus Brennan and Alan Shatter



Local Councillors Stephen Riney, Ann Ormonde, Breda Cass and Mary Muldoon.

Some answers from Dublin County Council on matters pertaining to Knocklyon. Cllr. Mary Muldoon has kindly supplied this information.

JUNCTION OF KNOCKLYON/FIRHOUSE ROADS

It is proposed to carry out very limited widening of the junction to permit through traffic to pass by the stationary right turning vehicles. On completion of this work, signal timings will be re-set if necessary.

DOUBLE YELLOW LINES OUTSIDE CHURCH

Arrangements are being made for the extension of the double yellow lines on the east side of Idrone Avenue outside the Church.

DOUBLE YELLOW LINES OUTSIDE THE ESSO SHOP AND GARAGE

This will be examined shortly and a report will be made to the Traffic Study Group.

TRAFFIC

A major counting survey will be undertaken on the Firhouse/Knocklyon/Rathfarnham areas resulting from the impact of the Western Parkway Motorway. A report and the results will be made to the Traffic Study Group for its recommendations.

SIGNAGE

Councillor Muldoon has requested that directional signs be provided for churches, libraries, etc. in our area. Signage is covered by legislation and may be provided where there is difficulty in locating public buildings, etc. Further information will follow.

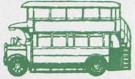
DODDER PARK AT CHERRYFIELD

It is proposed to begin development of the Cherryfield section of the park in the current year. The first stage will include the provision of a path network which will be carried out under a Social Employment Scheme.

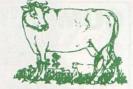
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Forgotten Days In Knocklyon A brief description of Knocklyon as it was before all our bomes



sprang up. This was first published in the Knocklyon News in 1984. We reprint it for all our newer parishioners.

Knocklyon was known as "Yellow Lane" – derived from magnificent laburnum trees which grew across Knocklyon Road. As the road climbed towards Scholarstown these trees alternated with Lilac trees. The minds's eye boggles!!

The 'Natives' who still live in their family homes can tell many tales of developers trying to "buy them out" for vast sums of money – but underneath the longing for easy money never came to the fore – their love for Knocklyon won through.

Electricity arrived in Knocklyon in 1954. Before that, all houses were lit with paraffin lamps. Paraffin was purchased in 'Mick Kavanagh's Hardware'' for 1/5d. a gallon. Webb's Hardware now occupy this shop.

Knocklyon was a landscape of small granite cottages, the big house on the hill, of turloughs and marshes, of cold winter mornings with the cattle, and summer evenings with the hay. There was a community where everyone knew everyone else, and a time when you didn't lock your door.

School was in Rathfarnham and the children walked from Knocklyon Road to the Yellow House without crossing a road, without seeing a house. It was all fields. The golf course was there, even then, and some lads got knocked on the head with golfballs on the way to school. Their schoolhouse is now Rathfarnham Courthouse. There was a blacksmith who had his forge near Mortons, (Hugh Kelly).

Back in the old days, people came from miles around to swim in the Dodder, from Templeogue Bridge to Old Bawn. On a warm summer's evening, there would be families from Walkinstown, from Crumlin, from all around, come to swim in the then-clear waters of the Dodder. A favoured site was the Pussy's Lep, where people would throw coins in, then dive after them and pick them off the river's bottom. More adventurous swimmers went to Joe Alley's Hole, which was thirteen feet deep. It was here that less gentle fathers taught their children to swim – by throwing them in!

Pussy's Lep is opposite to Knocklyon Road and there's a house there called the Leap. Joe Alley's Hole is further upstream. Dave Allen, (Tynan O'Mahony former) was among the crowds that were to be found by the river on a warm day - Dave's home is Cherryfield, on Firhouse Road. Christy Brown could be seen looking on. One day a young chap, who dived into Joe Alley's Hole got his head stuck in an old jerry that was on the bottom and had to be brought to hospital by his mother to have it removed.

The older people would be found working with the hay. "And if you needed a hand, there was never a shortage. Just send out word and they'd be all around. As long as you had the buttermilk and the porter"!

Ever wonder why the cross in the field opposite Mick Delaney's was erected? Well, it is one in a series of five which start at the Ballycullen Well and run across to Clondalkin. There was an outbreak of "black-leg" at the turn of the century so the land was blessed and the crosses erected to prevent the spread of this dreadful disease in the cattle herds.

During World War II, the Tallaght Aerodrome was constructed and at the end of the War, somebody, (nobody ever knew exactly who!!) removed a steel hut and transported it overnight to Rathfarnham, near the old Credit Union building. This became known as "The Blue Bird" and became the greatest Sunday night dance hall for miles around. I'm told that if you entered there spick and span in your best blue suit - you exited around 3.00 a.m. in a white suit - covered in dust from the hall! The Hughes Dairy workers were often seen on their way to work in their dress suits after dancing there all night.

The Knocklyon families were expert storytellers, specialising in ghost stories. Fathers sent their sons out saying: "You needn't be afraid of anyone worse than yourself". Could you apply that to the 1990's? There was a tree near the convent in Ballyroan known as Watson's tree and everyone for miles around was convinced that there was a fortune buried under the tree. Little boys would spend their days digging furiously to little avail — how easy it was to pass the time!

Sancta Maria College was then a Children's Hospital. The sporting amenities were quite varied. Lansdowne R.F.C. moved to Knocklyon in 1956, now Lansdowne Park. The St. Enda's ground was a pitch & putt course and the Leinster Hockey ground was always a hockey pitch for as long as anyone cares to remember, now Westbourne Lodge.

The old bridge across the Dodder near the Firhouse Inn is commonly known to all natives as "The Metal Plank". This was constructed to link the village of Firhouse with the Tallaght Road. It also was a great bridge for the young boys to play and swim around. The greatest feat you could accomplish was to cycle down the Tallaght side and cross the bridge without braking!

Back in the early fifties, a family called Farren owned Knocklyon House, now the Rutland Centre. Then in 1954, Joe Griffin moved there. The family car was a big old Buick. It was driven by "a divil of a chauffeur". He was terribly dangerous and he couldn't resist knocking over bins or what-not he'd see on the road as he was driving along. Joe Griffin owned a few horses. Among them were Royal Tan, Early Mist and Quare Times, all of which won Grand Nationals in their day! There were great celebrations in the area each time; all the locals joining in, standing around a big bonfire. And the winning horse was paraded around so the people could see it. Seems the only fault this family had was they never gave hot tips for the races.

The people in this area in the fifties went to Mass in the Firhouse convent. The Brennans had a pony and trap and gave lifts to most of the people who lived in the cottages on the Knocklyon Road. The Church in Rathfarnham, near the Yellow House, was the official Parish Church. It was a big parish in those days; it extended up to Johnny Foxe's. There were two Masses on Sunday in the Carmelite Convent, at 8 and at 10. You never saw the nuns; they stayed behind the curtain.

The area's most illustrious native must be W.T. Cosgrave, who lived in a house called Beechpark, now Rossmore, on the Scholarstown Road. During those troubled times of the founding of the State, the house was well guarded. Locals still remember sneaking up to the house one Hallowe'en night, with masks on! Lucky to get away with their lives. W.T. used to crush a barrel of oats a day for exercise. Some remember seeing him at work, with white gloves on!

At the end of a hard day on the land, with the countryside dark and silent, everyone gathered in Mick Delany's for a chat. On special occasions it was back to somebody's house, out with the melodeon, sprinkle some Lux Flakes on the concrete floor, and dance till dawn, something you can still do in the nineties!



Luocklyon Variety Group In November 1990, 3 very good friends, Gillian Keenan, Deirdre Wilson and Helen O'Toole, with a common interest in singing and dancing wanted to join a Variety Group but discovered that there was nothing in the area to cater for their needs. So they decided to start their own, and thus the Knocklyon Variety Group was born.

Initially, the response was slow, but got progresssively better as word spread throughout the parish and interest grew. Their first hurdle was to find a Choreographer. Having advertised for and interviewed choreographers, they were fortunate to find Gavin Dorrian, an accomplished Dancer and Choreographer, who is presently involved with the Arts Council of Ireland. After discussions with Gavin, a theme for a Variety Show was chosen and rehearsals began in earnest with everyone working hard and having fun. The K.V.G. hope to stage the show in late May or early June.

One of the group's main priorities is to raise funds to cover the costs of producing what they hope will be a show to entertain everybody in the parish.

The highlight of the group's fundraising events will be a Fashion Extravaganza to be held in the New Braemor Rooms on March 20th. The difference between this fashion show and others, is that all the models are mem bers of the K.V.G., also neighbours and friends from the parish. The clothes will be supplied by local boutiques and top fashion houses in



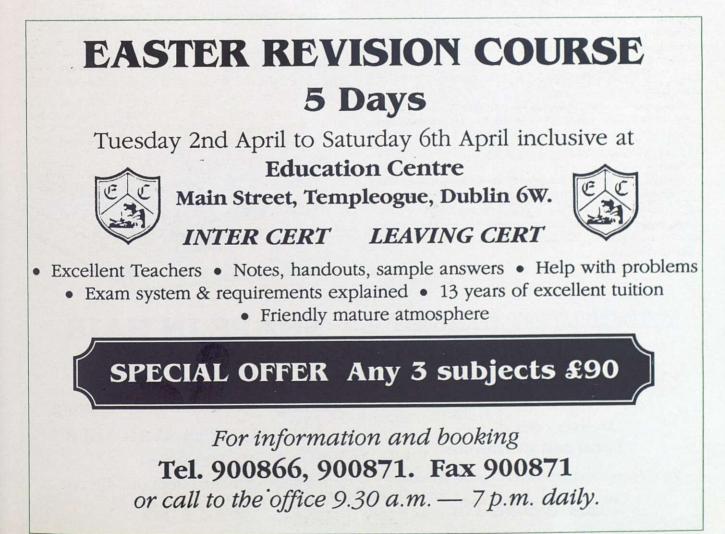
town. As an enormous amount of time and effort has gone into organising this event, the group would hope for the full support of the community to ensure its success.

Already they have held two cake sales after Sunday masses in the Parish centre and are responsible for a lot of extra calories and unwanted inches! However, their most successful fundraiser so far was a "60's Nite" held in St. Enda's GAA club. This was supported by all our members and their many friends despite the worst snow blizzard for years.

It has to be said that without the enormous amount of hard work and dedication of Gillian, Deirdre & Helen, the K.V.G. would have floundered long ago.

The K.V.G. would welcome sponsorship from any source.

Tickets for the FASHION SHOW will be available from March 6th Check Church Notice Board for details.





It is Monday morning and it's bright and sunny, so at least no extra alibi for feeling down. Still, come what may, Monday mornings are synonymous with the daily grind, and so we brace ourselves, comforted in the knowledge of long experience, that things will be alright in the day, and, thank God, we still have enough energy and motivation to stand up and fight. Meanwhile, keep your head sorta down, and pray you will not meet someone indecently full of the joys on such a morning, oozing Alleluias, and joie de vivre. After all, as Sacred Scripture reminds us, there is "a time to weep and a time to laugh".

Meanwhile, somehow life trundles on. Now Confirmations are over and they went well, but then don't they always? Ahead lie Parish Retreat, Easter, First Communions, etc., etc., with their attendant work and planning, and we are so, so busy.

A lady called just now to arrange a baptism for her latest arrival, she was "flying". This "armchair philosopher" told her to take it easy, but she retorted — if I only knew what she had to do, there and then listing various tasks ahead. But I said, what would happen if you died just now? She came back with the wrong answer: I suppose you would give me the Last Rites, and they would take me away, etc. But the answer only strengthened my case as I mischievously remarked: "But what then would happen to all the things you have to do?"

It is now Wednesday morning, even a more beautiful one weatherwise, than our much maligned Monday morning. I reckon I was pretty busy in the meantime, at least a certain amount of rather frenetic activity! So, like our lady friend of earlier on, we are all somewhat prone to this feverish activity syndrome which often only serves to depress, confuse and frustrate. The "festina lente – make haste slowly" guy had it right.

We know in our heart of hearts there is too much noise, bustle and rat race in our world, but we are reluctant to step off the bandwagon, in case we might be missing out on that same bandwagon, which is going nowhere in particular!

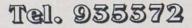
Surely, this is the message of the Lord in the gentle episode of Martha and Mary: Mary had chosen the better part, listening and searching. Was this the same Mary whose quest was rewarded on that first Easter morn – the first to see the risen Christ, the real Treasure, the real Alleluia. I like to think so.

Pat Alan Fitz

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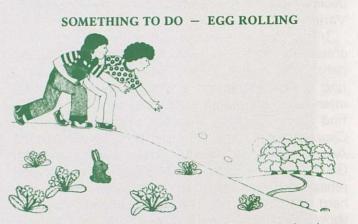
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Easter is the main festival celebrated by Christians throughout the world. It marks the death of Jesus on the Cross and then his coming back to life called the Resurrection, from a Latin word meaning rising again.



One of the most popular games on Easter Sunday is egg rolling – which is thought to represent the rolling away of the stone from Christ's tomb. On the day before, ask your parents or an older brother or sister to boil some eggs until they are hard. Leave them overnight, then on Easter morning go with friends to a slope of grass or hill and take turns to roll or toss your eggs down the slope. The aim is to get yours to the bottom without damage.

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Our picture shows a group of young boys with their Hurling coach, Marius Martin, (right) in Cherryfield, learning the basics of the game.

When I called on Marius the other evening I realised how fortunate we are as a Club to have the services of one who devotes his time tirelessly and unselfishly every week to this important work.

He started his career in Juvenile hurling with the club about eight years ago and he remembers quite vividly the morning he took over. There were twelve boys of mixed ages. Marius now caters for anything up to fifty boys ranging in age from 7 - 10 years. He has a very able assistant in Malachy Daly. I asked him what it is that keeps him going week in, week out and without hesitation he said "the job of working with children of that age means for every ten percent you put in, you get one hundred percent back in return.

So popular are the Saturday morning sessions that there are now boys coming from as far away as Tallaght. The biggest change Marius has seen during his time coaching has been the arrival of the helmet which gives complete protection at practice and during a game.

Marius has a very healthy attitude towards sport in general, and he believes there should be more emphasis put on participation than on winning; he also believes in having a place for all abilities.

We would like to see better facilities for the youth; a more co-ordinated effort in the promotion and presentation of juvenile hurling; little incentives for the younger players, but above all he would like to see more parents come out and experience the great joy and fun of watching small boys play hurling.

The greatest gift you can give a child is your time, that being so, then Marius Martin has indeed been extremely generous. Thanks Marius, thanks a lot.

FOGRA: Coaching available every Saturday morning 11 – 12.30 during school year, weather permitting.



KNOCKLYON UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB



The weather still appears to be the only winner when it comes to Sport at the moment. Consequently, we have nothing new to relate other than all our teams are still attempting to get in some training to make a relaunch on their respective Leagues.

Hopefully, in the next issue there will be lots of Football to report on. With the impending Local Elections in June could I appeal to all residents and parents to bear in mind the total lack of open space for such a large populated area. I would appeal to you to make this an issue with all candidates in the Local Elections. This issue of open space for recreational purposes is not important solely to Knocklyon Utd., but to all groups who are helping to develop our youth.

Finbarr Dolan

KNOCKLYON BRIDGE CLUB

Congratulations to Eithne O'Donovan and Tommy Garvey on winning the President's prize and to the runners up. Bridge continues every Monday at 7.30 p.m. in the Senior School. Non-Members welcome.



June is not that far away now and for us on the Committee that means preparing for the A.G.M., election of a new Committee and, for some of us, the Summer recess.

We, on the Committee, would like to think we have the support of the parents of the parish – well certainly those parents whose children are members of the Club.

Let's look at some figures. The Youth Club has a total membership of 270. Allowing for more than one Club Member in some families, we must surely be talking about a minimum of 200 families with children in the club. Now that's 400 parents! So, how come total adult involvement in the Club is 29? — a Committee of 14 and a further 15 helpers. Granted today's parents are busy people — but that busy?

Initially I sat down to write a run-down on the Clubs various activities but then I said to myself "Why bother"? "Who is interested"?

CHURCH OF IRELAND – RATHFARNHAM PARISH Rector – Canon Allan Wilson Curate – Rev. Jim Wilson SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK

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BEGINNING EXPERIENCE WEEKEND

The Beginning Experience is a programme for people either separated or widowed who want to come to terms with their loss and begin to live again.

The programme is given by people who are in the same situation as participants and there is plenty of support and a warm welcome given to everyone. It takes place from a Friday evening until Sunday evening.

The next weekend will take place in All Hallows, from 22nd to 24th March. Application forms can be obtained from Bernadette on 945572.

RECENT BAPTISMS

Aoife Marie Conroy 21 Templeroan Grove
Orla Patricia Conroy
Cethoring Arms O'P silly 207 Clenvara Park
Catherine Anne O'Reilly 207 Glenvara Park
Michael James Keenan
Eoghan Paul Ward 70 Westbourne Lodge
Rhys James Ruddock 40 Dargle Wood
Ian Joseph Doyle 40 Ashton Avenue
Matthew Michael John O'Brien 49 Idrone Park
Grainne Ann O'Brien 14 Beverly Grove
Hannah Carabine 9 Beverly Green
Stephen John Howard 19 Beverly Crescent
Gavin Peter Douglas 34 Templeroan Glose
Nicola Elizabeth Farrell 1 Beverly Rise
Robert Vincent McGarry 12 Knockfield Manor
Caoimhe Amy McGee 16 Delaford Grove
Rachel Dorothy Brennan 6, Road 8, Knockfield Manor
Claudia Sandra Jane Harding 26 Coolamber Park
Nicholas Christopher McCutcheon 12 Castlefield Manor
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Alana Ecaterina Kenny 21 Delaford Grove
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IN APPRECIATION

Moira, Maurice, Eva, Philip, Helen, Sara and Hanna Woolfson would like to express their thanks to all those who sympathised with them in their recent bereavement.

Our gratitude goes to all the members of the Parish. In particular we would like to mention Fathers Arthur and Alan Fitzpatrick, Father Joe, our dear neighbours and friends and the staff of Superquinn, Knocklyon, who showed their love for Jackie and all our family in so many ways.

God bless all of you.

SPEECH AND DRAMA

Congratulations to all the pupils of the Knocklyon School of Speech and Drama who performed so well in the recent Feile Bhride. A special 'well done' to the winners who were:

8 - 10 years	10 - 12 years
1st – Niamh Riney	1st – Rory Keenan
2nd – Alan Shortt	2nd – Orla Murphy
3rd – Caoimhe Malone	
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Rory Keenan was the overall winner and was awarded the Mervyn Taylor Cup. Well done Rory!

ST. COLMCILLE'S SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION A full list of the Committee names and addresses are in the Church porch.

112th KNOCKLYON SCOUT UNIT NEWS

60's Fund Raising Dance in aid of Scout Den, to be held in St. Enda's G.A.A. Club, Friday night 19th April.

Spot Prize for best dressed 60's couple. Please support this worthy cause.

Tickets £5. Phone Olga, 941281.

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Congratulations to the senior choir under the baton of Mrs. Gillan and accompanied by Miss Duffy who recently came first in Feile Bhride. The junior choir came third and this will be seen by all music critics as a great success as this was their first ever competition. By the time this newsletter is printed both choirs will have entertained the multitudes in the Mansion House in the annual Cor Fheile Na Scoile. We wish them continued success.

Well done to all the boys and girls from 6th class who made their confirmation. A great day was had by all. Parents and teachers alike can be very proud.

Camogie is back in full swing again this term. A panel of seventeen girls have been chosen by Mrs. Cooney. It is hoped that those girls who haven't yet got on the panel will continue playing with Miss McCann. Mr. O'Mahony is in the process of organising his panel. The league matches begin this year and lifts from parents will be greatly appreciated. Good luck to both teams in the forthcoming league.

Junior hurling panels have now been selected for the Junior A's who will be competing in the 1st division. Our All-Star Mr. Murphy is looking after the two senior teams. Details of the first games will be in the next issue.

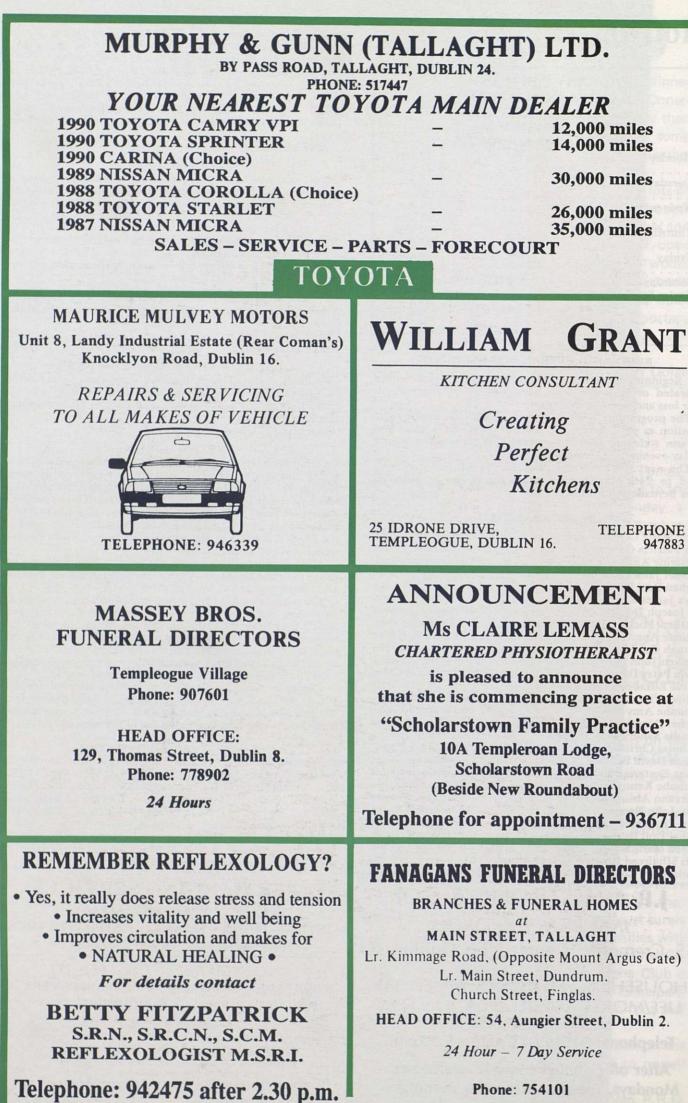
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Items for inclusion in the March/April issue should be handed into the presbytery by Monday 15th April, 1991. The Newsletter will be circulated from Friday 26th April. Ads will be accepted on a first come, first served basis only. Contact June at 941204 between 10 - 12 a.m. Mon. - Fri. only for information on advertising. Printout 3,200; hand-delivered - about 2,300. Also at

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