

# THE KNOCKLYON NEWS



ST. COLMCILLE'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

MARCH 1992

## NOW IS THE ACCEPTABLE TIME . . .

Lent is upon us, among other things, the honouring of Christ's Forty Days fast in the wilderness – the same Christ who is always for us, The Way.

Primarily it is a period of self denial and Prayer. These are not an end in themselves but a means of teaching us to die to ourselves. This at first glance may send an unwelcome shiver down the spine, but we followers of Christ are not in the business of settling for second best, we are looking ahead to glorious Resurrection. The more we empty ourselves of self love, the more we become enveloped in the infinitely precious love of Christ – Beauty ever Ancient, ever New.

So on our bikes then, self denial and Prayer – set out your own Programme, the opportunities are countless, give the time and effort to Christ who has suffered and died for love of us.

*To help us on the way:*

An extra weekday Mass is said during Lent, at 7.10 a.m. each morning. Morning Prayer of the Church is said each weekday at 9.30 a.m. The Rosary is recited after the 10 a.m. Mass. The Directed retreat, for the first time in Knocklyon, begins 8th March – later on in the year a more general Parish Mission takes place in the Parish. The Angelus bell rings twice per day in Knocklyon, it is not meant to be ignored, it is calling us to pray. Perhaps we would do well to think again of the grand old Lenten Devotion – the Stations of the Cross – and, oh yes, the Church is open all day, it would do you no harm at all to drop in to say hello . . .

*Note Sunday 15th March is being set aside at the request of the Irish Bishops, as a special day of Prayer for peace in our Country. Each Church is to decide on its own programme for this occasion. In due course, we'll give you the details for Knocklyon. Please attend, it is high time to show real concern.*

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FROM FOOD, FOR

A TRUE  
FAST  
MEANS

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EVIL.



# Put Your Waste to Work!



(l. to r.) Stanley Laing, Chairman, Dublin Co. Council,  
Dr. Pat Loughney, President, Dublin Chamber of Commerce,  
Michael Keyes, General Manager, Kerbside Dublin.

Some of you may already be in possession of that valuable item, the "Green Bin" delivered to you by Kerbside Dublin and known to them as a "We Recycle" box. This little box is the brain child produced by the Dublin Chamber of Commerce, the Dept. of the Environment, the local authorities and with the co-operation and sponsorship support of industry in an effort to reduce household waste and improve the environment.

Many people seem to have become aware of the damage we humans have imposed on the world and words like "environmentally friendly" and "green" have crept into our vocabulary. The 20th century has been dubbed a 'throw away society' and certainly Dublin seems to fit into this category. The disposal of waste is a huge problem. Today, three of Dublin's four Landfills will be full up in 18 months. The fourth has only five years left. Unbelievably, each household produces more than one tonne of waste in one year, most of which could be used again.

Michael Keyes, General Manager of Kerbside Dublin is another member of the talented Knocklyon community, where he lives with his wife, Katherine and their two daughters. A native of Waterford, he had early ambitions to be a journalist and worked for a couple of years in this field on the Waterford News and Star. Twenty years ago he joined the Department of Environment in the Co. Council and came to work in Dublin. When the Kerbside project was mooted, Michael was asked to go to the States and the UK to investigate all aspects of recycling and after his return was seconded for one year in the setting up and development of the three year experiment.

The Cookstown Depot, from where Kerbside operates, occupies 27,000 square feet and the project has resulted in the creation of thirty new jobs. This includes four office staff: Noelle, in charge of development; Debbie, accounts; and Suzanne and Ailish, receptionists/secretaries. The huge area in which the other work is carried out, houses the collected waste, bottles, cans, cartons and all the recyclable articles that can be deposited in your bin. There is a green moveable floor leading to a conveyor belt which rises up to a platform. As the conveyor belt moves along the platform a magnet removes any ferrous material and the other items are sorted by individual machine operators and dropped through a chute into separate skips. They are then shipped out to various marketing companies who deal in recycling. For example, bottles would go to places like Rehab, cans to Receivable Resources, a Co-operative in Tallaght, plastics to County Meath and cartons to Holland. Paper is placed in a baling machine and ends up as a large compacted bale ready to be despatched to places like Tipperary.

There are many innovative uses for waste paper, one being shredded paper which is manufactured into a type of horse bedding which is quickly replacing straw in many stables. In England, dirty and wet waste is being processed into compost! It is mind boggling also to think that if we recycled even one tonne of paper which normally we discard — 17 trees would be saved, or that tonne of glass recycled is the equivalent to an energy saving of 30 gallons of oil — and amazingly, if we collect and recycle half the aluminium cans we use, they would be worth £1m each year!

The official opening of Kerbside will take place in April and Michael tells me that future plans encompass a new Education Centre. At the end of March he hopes to circulate schools with details of proposed visits to the depot for pupils. These will be by appointment only, but will allow the children to view the actual work.

Hopefully, everyone in our area will soon be able to participate in this worthwhile recycling scheme. You leave your green bin out on the day of your normal bin collection and it is collected by Kerbside on the same day. It is an easy way to dispose of our waste, but as Michael says "Recycling is an expensive business and it is up to all of us to make it succeed by BUYING recycled goods. There are numerous and varied goods for sale. If your local shops do not stock recycled products — ask them to do so. We need YOUR help", he says, "PLEASE!" It is up to us — for in supporting such a project, we are saving the environment and protecting our beautiful world for generations to come.

Eileen Casey

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# Parish Socializing!



Paddy Collins, Chairman Knocklyon Community Centre, entertaining his guests at the Parish Social.

## Junior School News

The strains of music are to be heard throughout the Junior School at the moment. Ms Davis, Strattan and Mulkerrin, along with Mrs Corduff and Ms Johnston's classes are preparing for the Cór Fhéile which is to be held during the month of March in the Mansion House.

Valentine's Day came and went with very little excitement except for Mr Dalton! A secret admirer sent him a card, and he still has no clue who the admirer is. If anyone can tell him or provide him with any information, please let the poor man know!

Despite the lack of Valentine excitement (Mr Dalton excluded), February was a memorable month for a certain Senior Infants teacher, who reached the magic 30. Sense and maturity along with wisdom have hit her with a bang.

### 2nd Class Indoor Soccer League

With little over a week to go in the soccer season, only Italy, captained by Simon Bull look to be certain of qualifying for the Top 4 playoffs. The key match next week will be between Kevin Miley's Poland and Ciaran Reilly's Shelbourne. Other teams in with a chance are Germany and Redskins, while a late goal by Liverpool's Ann McCormack meant that they're back in the hunt too. Maybe Graham Souness should think about signing women players!

## Senior School News

Congratulations to Mr John Brennan and his wife, Mairin on the recent birth of a baby girl.

Confirmation for 6th Class pupils will be held on Tuesday 2nd June and Wednesday 3rd June this year. Meetings for parents in connection with Confirmation will be held on Wednesday 18th March and Wednesday 25th March. Fr. Joe Mothersill is currently organising a "Faith Friends" programme for the 6th Class pupils.

Congratulations to the Senior and Junior Choirs who performed splendidly at the recent Féile Bhríde. Well done, Ms Gillen.

Slán agus go raibh maith agaibh to Kevin, our caretaker, and Linda, our secretary, who have left on completion of their year's stint with us.

### CAMOGIE

Our Camogie girls are now in strict training under Ms Cooney and Mr O'Mahoney. A tough schedule of seven games faces the girls during the next two months beginning on March 11th against Leixlip. Caroline Cullen, Anita Dunney and Haley Devine are among the players who are shaping up very well.

### SENIOR HURLERS

The hurling season is upon us once more and full scale training has been underway for some weeks now. The Senior team are competing for the "Herald Cup" in the premier division of Dublin Primary Schools. Thursday, 12th March is D-Day when we commence action against St. Joseph's, Terenure. Much will depend on the form of Barry Condron, Ciaran Doyle, Eoin Cummins and Odhran Connors. At present, fifty players are fighting for a place on the Senior Panel, so Mr P. O'Neill has some tough decisions ahead of him. A second team will compete in a local southside league.

### JUNIOR HURLING PANELS

Mr John Murphy has been combining his playing activities with Dublin hurlers while also training the school's Junior hurlers. He is pleased with the form shown by Peter Donovan, Conal Keaney and Paul Goodall. In order to cater for our "numbers" problem, a second string will also operate at Junior level. Best of luck, boys.

Many thanks to Mrs Prendergast (Shane's mom) who ran a basketball course for pupils recently.



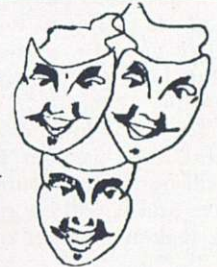
## KNOCKLYON FOOTBALL CLUB

As reported in previous issues, many of our teams are in the running for League Honours and since the Christmas break, the Club has continued to dominate many of their Leagues. Cup time has come once again where we are now down to the Quarter and Semi Finals. At time of writing, our under 8, 9, 10 & 12s have reached the Semi Finals, with our 11s and 13s at the Quarter Final stage.

Thanks to all the parents and friends who supported our recent social night, which was very successful!

Knocklyon Variety Group

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# "CHRISTIANITY HAS NOT BEEN TRIED AND FOUND WANTING . . ."



So, off we go again, and it's going to be flogged to death! We might wish it to go away, and really at times, we could be forgiven for growing tired of the same old stories from the Gay Byrne, Pat Kenny, etc., etc. slots.

But one way or another the infinitely sad Abortion issue is back with us again, fair and square. How events may develop is at time of writing, uncertain. However, without going deeply into the matter, it might help to be clear in our minds on the essential issues.

For us and for most right thinking people the debate is straightforward. Abortion - No, but . . . What comes after the but is vital.

For some, there would be exceptions. However again, there are no exceptions, but we live in the real world, and these exceptions do occur and it is from this point we take the debate.

Now we are in the realm of the Lord of Compassion and Love, and it is we who must show this face to the world - gentle firmness, heavily tempered with compassion and support.

This is essential Christianity, the one great force to stem back the tide of evil. Let's look at Christianity quickly then - no, it is not repressive, negative and never meant to be, but rather life giving, uplifting, joyful.

How did Jesus put it, courtesy of good St. Luke, Chapter 6.32 etc.: "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them . . . But love your enemies and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return . . . and you will be sons of the Most High, for He is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful. Judge not and you will not be condemned; forgive and you will be forgiven; give and it will be given to you; good measure pressed down, shaken together running over, will be put into your lap . . ."

The Golden Rule as given in Verse 31 of the same chapter, i.e. "And as you wish that men would do to you, do so to them", appears in many religions and philosophies in a negative form. One Hillel, a Rabbi, for example, was asked to recite the whole law while he stood on one leg, and he replied, "What is hateful to you, do not to your fellow. That is the whole law and all the rest is commentary".

This smacks of Duty. Duty obeys the rules, love grasps

opportunities. Duty expects to be recompensed or at least recognized, love expects nothing in return. He who gives and forgives sparingly, receives sparingly. The gifts of God, including his mercy, come most freely to those who most freely pass them on to others.

Pat Alan Fitz

**Call to Prayer**

## Women's World Day of Prayer

(International and Interdenominational)

**FRIDAY, MARCH 6th, 1992**

**Living Wisely with Creation**

*This invitation to prayer comes to us from  
Christian women of Austria, Germany and  
Switzerland. They call us to join them in prayer.*

**The world and all that is in it belong to the  
Lord; The earth and all who live in it are His.**

Ps. 24

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# A FOND FAREWELL AND SINCERE THANKS



*Christina Lynam and Staff outside the Pharmacy which is changing hands*

*Dear Editor*

*I am delighted to have this opportunity to thank all the people in Knocklyon for the friendship and support they have shown me in the past eleven years. This experience in life I will treasure always.*

*The happy working conditions in the pharmacy are thanks to my friends and co-workers Maureen, Susan, Catherine, Kathy, Dori and Siobhan and to the marvellous support and co-operation of my family.*

*In Knocklyon Shopping Centre there is a wonderful camaraderie between the tenants themselves and our own very good landlord, Superquinn.*

*I am also grateful to have had full co-operation and an understanding fraternity with the doctors in the area.*

*If anyone needs me, I won't be a million miles away. You can get my address from the Pharmacy. But for now, may I wish the new Pharmacist, Martin Bates, an equally happy time in Knocklyon. He will be blessed among women. I hope customers won't find seeing a man behind the counter for the first time too much of a shock!*

*Christina Lynam*

## *Editor's Reply*

*It is with great regret that we have learned of the imminent departure from our locality of Christina Lynam, our Pharmacist now for over a decade. As anyone who has ever had reason to avail of her services will know, Christina dispensed much more than medicine. She also gave encouragement, reassurance to many an anxious mother, was at all times generous with her time and expertise, and was the very essence of kindness and warmth (which is also the hallmark of her staff). May we, on behalf of her many customers, thank her sincerely for her great care and attention and wish her well for the future.*

*Editor*

## YOUNG LINGUIST AWARD

We send our congratulations to Brian Bird from Idrone who recently won yet another educational trip – this time to Brussels.

Brian led teams which entered and won three sections of a major festival of languages which is organised by the Irish Linguistic Institute (I.T.E.) The winning entries, all in French, were in the Essay, Debating and Drama sections. Over 40,000 students entered this competition and out of these, Brian was one of eight young people from around the country chosen to receive the prize of a 5-day trip to Brussels.

The trip included visits to (a) The European School where Brian had a Chemistry lesson in French, (b) The Commission Building where he gave a report of his activities in Irish, and (c) a meeting with Ray McSharry who supported and encouraged the festival and its function.

The festival was sponsored by the Bank of Ireland for 1991, and Brian told us that sponsorship is being sought for the coming year from any company interested in getting involved in this prestigious event.

Brian is not the only member of the Bird family who achieves awards in this area. At the recent Feile Bhríde his sister Aoife walked away with the first prize in the Scéalafocht (Irish story telling) section. For this she brought home the Templeogue College Perpetual Cup.

Well done Aoife and Brian, and we wish you continued success.



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# St. Colmcille's take Double Honours!

The weekend of February 1st was a memorable one for the pupils in St. Colmcille's Senior School who participated in the Choral Section of the Feile Bhríde Competition. Two choirs (a Junior and Senior group) under the direction of Mrs. Orla Gillen entered the Festival, and to everyone's great delight scooped the first and second overall prizes – the Senior Choir taking first and the Junior, second. We send warm congratulations to Mrs. Gillen and to the children in both choirs for a wonderful achievement.



## SENIOR CHOIR

Mrs Orla Gillen

*L. to R. Back Row*

J. McNerney, F. Farrell,  
E. O'Moore-Donohoe,  
L. Browne, C. Shirley,  
C. Morrin, I. Hughes, J. Kelly

*L. to R. Second Row*

A. Connors, S. Nolan,  
P. O'Rourke, A. Pouch,  
E. Nolan, A. Berot,  
O. McManus, C. Crehan,  
(Holding Cup)  
A. Currey, L. Walshe,  
L. Mulholland, E. Burke,  
A. O'Brien, M. Johnston,  
K. Martin

*L. to R. Front Row*

E. Smith, S. Duffy,  
J. Dowling, M. Ryan,  
S.J. Wei-O'Flynn,  
S. Gogan, F. Keenan,  
J. O'Sullivan

## JUNIOR CHOIR

*L. to R. Back Row*

A. Doran, N. O'Leary,  
R. McRory, L. Byrne,  
K. Hughes, E. Woods,  
R. O'Donnell, P. Walsh

*L. to R. Front Row*

S. O'Driscoll, R. Ganly,  
G. Keenan, Y. O'Neill,  
A. M. Cullinane, L. Burke,  
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# KNOCKLYON YOUTH CLUB

The Knocklyon Youth Club has proved very successful this year. Can we really be half way through the second term already? The success is reflected in the large numbers taking part in the weekly activities on Friday and Saturday nights, and the huge popularity of our discos. This very success has brought its own problems. As some parents are aware, we have had to refuse new members for the Friday night club. We hope disappointed parents will bear with us and realise that, fine as the Community Centre is, we are constrained by the limitations of time and space. On this note, the Committee particularly wants to put on record its appreciation of the parents and young adults who help out on club nights and disco nights. Without this help the Committee's task would be immeasurably more difficult, if not impossible. We always need helpers for particular activities or for general supervision.

Once again, thanks folks!

Brian Millane, P.R.O.  
942263

## I.C.A. NEWS

On the 14th March the Local History Group of the Knocklyon Guild will receive an award by the National Arts Council of the I.C.A. at the Dublin Federation Meeting.

To qualify for this award the Guild was required to start a Local History Group, keeping a diary of meetings, and of what was planned and achieved. The material had to be compiled from original research, and presented in booklet form containing between 4,000 and 12,000 words. This work had to be submitted within one year of registering as a Local History Group. The compilation of the booklet was required under six different headings: History and Folklore; Special Features of the area; Flora and Fauna; Personalities, Past and Present; Place Names and Family Names; A Walk Plan, taking in as many Historical Sites as possible. The completed work was then sent to an independent adjudicator.

The Guild had its International Night on the 14th February, with Austria as its theme. We learned a lot about the cultural life of Austria from the videos, kindly sent to us by the Austrian Embassy. Value travel broadened our knowledge of skiing and travel. Prizes for our raffle were donated by the Leopardstown Race Course and the Racing Promotions Group. The night was a great success, thanks to our International Rep. Imelda Stokes, who organised the night (and the baking of scrumptious apple strudels).

Ann Fee, Press Officer, 944106

## COUNTY COUNCIL COMMENTS

(Courtesy of Cllrs. M. Muldoon and J. Hannon)

### 1. LANDSCAPING WORKS – SCHOLARSTOWN ROAD

The Parks Department have carried out some landscaping at the Bus Terminus.

Some trees requested by Councillor Mary Muldoon have been planted on the wider verges of the Templeroan Link Road – a very welcome addition.

### 2. PUBLIC LIGHTING – BEVERLEY AVENUE/ORLAGH PARK

The delay in providing current at this site is caused by the fact that this issue is among matters included in High Court proceedings against the developers for the completion of the development. An early hearing is hoped for.

### 3. BAD BEND AT RIDING STABLES, KNOCKLYON RD.

It is intended that a Compulsory Purchase Order will be made shortly for the land needed to eliminate this hazardous bend. Meanwhile, the request by Cllr. Muldoon for the provision of a guard rail opposite this bend and outside numbers 76 – 80 Dargle Wood is being investigated.

### 4. DESIRE LINE – DARGLE WOOD OPEN SPACE

A footpath along this open space near number 80 much sought after by Templeroan residents would cost an estimated £3,000. No provision exists in the 1992 estimates for this work.

### 5. TRAFFIC CONGESTION – SPAWELL ROUNDABOUT

A recent report on traffic flows at this roundabout indicate huge tailbacks at morning and evening peak hours, affecting movement on the Tallaght By-Pass, Firhouse Bridge Road and Western Parkway. Unfortunately no immediate solution is available and it is believed these problems will be remedied by the opening of the Southern Cross Motorway. Meanwhile all possible short term options will be investigated and if found satisfactory, the necessary funding will be sought.

### 6. FIRHOUSE ROAD BUS SHELTER

A request will be made to Bus Atha Cliath to re-locate the bus shelter adjacent to the playing fields at Cherryfield as it currently obstructs the lefthand view of children leaving the park to cross the very busy road to Ballyboden St. Enda's. In the interim it is proposed to remove the side panel of the shelter.

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### RUGBY – BOYS U/11

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Noeleen Meagher 941836  
Mary Prendergast 942141

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Vincent Kenny 942092

### SWIMMING – BOYS AND GIRLS UNDER 8, 10, 12, 14, 16

Kathleen Ní Mhurchú 941423  
Aileen Millane 942263

### ATHLETICS – BOYS AND GIRLS UNDER 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 17, 18

Michael McSweeney 944764  
Tommy O'Raw 944272

### BADMINTON – MIXED TEAM UNDER 15

Fionnuala Curry 942195  
Teresa Hogan 941021

### CHOIR – MIXED U/16

Orla Gillan Knocklyon Senior School

### CAMOGIE – GIRLS U/14

Pat O'Mahoney Knocklyon Junior School

### OLYMPIC HANDBALL – BOYS AND GIRLS U/13

Lindsay Pennycook 945140

### GYMNASTICS – BOYS AND GIRLS UNDER 8, 10, 12, 14, 16

Tom Kelly 945065

### HURLING – BOYS U/14 – To be announced

### GAELIC FOOTBALL – BOYS U/10

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Parents wishing to become involved, either as helpers, mentors or as sponsors of jerseys, kit bags etc. should contact Paddy Walsh. Hurleys, sliotars and tracksuits are available in the club shop which is open each Saturday 10.45 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.

### A FEW SAMPLES OF OUR ACTIVITIES

1. On February 22nd, our Under 16A Hurling team signalled the resumption of the League, Premier Division after the winter recess with a resounding victory over St. Finians. The final score was 7-1 to 4-1. Hurling stars from Knocklyon on the team are – Captain: Kevin Walsh, Full Back: Declan Walsh and Corner Forward: Thomas O'Brien.

2. Our Under 13A football team are in a three-way play-off for the All County League. If we beat St. Brigids, Blanchardstown, we meet St. Vincents in the final. stalwarts on this team are Colin Moran, Stephen Quinn, Mark Fee, Patrick Healy and Padraig Griffin.

3. The Under 13B football team had a successful outing against Blessington. Best for us were Fergal Mulally, Alan Beatty, Mark Keeley and Barry Condron.

4. The Under 14 hurlers, both the A and the B teams, began their preparations for the All Ireland Feile na nGael Competition 1992 with a trip to Mullagh, Co. Galway in mid February. A party of nineteen players and 10 parents went west. Our team had victories against Mullagh and against Kiltormer. They attended a N.H.L. game in Galway and were invited to return at a later date to play Loughrea – an action packed weekend.

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*Gerry Daly, Unit Leader, with scouting friends at the recent Parish Social*

The 112th Unit, Knocklyon, are expanding. As well as having one Venturer, two Scout and three Cub Packs, we are now happy to announce that a new Beaver Colony has started. This colony caters for boys and girls aged from 6 to 8 years. Apart from being the first Beaver Colony for the unit, it is also the first time girls have been admitted to our unit. It is our intention to begin another Colony in the very near future, or next September, depending upon demand.

The Beaver Unit is being run by Alice Finnucane and helpers. The unit would like to thank her for the time she gives to the Beavers as well as the time she gives to the Cubs, every Wednesday night.

By the time this newsletter is published, we will have moved into our long-awaited new Den. An enormous thanks goes from all involved in the Unit to Gerry Daly (Unit Leader) and Paul Buckley (Monday Scout Leader). Without their enormous pairs of broad shoulders, pushing and pulling at the building at all times, the building would have come to a stand still on a few occasions. For sheer dogged determination and will power, if I could, I would award them a badge for their uniforms. Both of these men are marathon material.

*Derek Fox*

“Come dance with me” – well, they didn’t quite, but the ladies (and some attendant gentlemen) of the Knocklyon Active Retirement Association were very close to it. A visit to Áras an Uachtaráin – with the prospect of possibly meeting the President had been in the air for some time but when the invitation was received by our own President Lyla Kennedy we were determined to put our best foot forward.

A full bus load (around 50) was welcomed by Capt. Colette Harrison, who explained that the President was in fact making an official visit to Youghal. Colette – bright, keen and articulate, made up for it by making everyone feel at ease and when she had us all safely gathered, took us on a short tour of the rooms on the ground floor. Her commentary on the history of the building, its furnishings and portraits was most enjoyable and maintained everyone’s interest. “Oohs” and “Aahs” were heard from the ladies when she pointed to the blue Donegal hand-spun carpet in the main salon – with its risen Phoenix motif as a centre-piece. The male flock meanwhile carefully scrutinised the fine stucco plasterwork, and the main marble fireplace (moved, we believe, by Tim Healy from a house in Mountjoy Square).

We are all by now familiar with the “light in the window” and the view towards it from the main road in the Park. We looked from a point under that window, towards the main road. The historians among us knew of course that there is a cross in the grass on the roadside at that point, marking the spot where Cavendish and Burke were assassinated by the “Invincibles”, Brady and Kelly, in 1882. Story has it that this patch of grass has been maintained since then by the same Dublin family.

The tour of the ground floor included a walk around the table (originally in Dáil Éireann) in the room where the Cabinet holds its first meeting after Ministers receive their seals of office from the President, overlooked by portraits of all the previous Presidents.

A welcome diversion was provided by an invitation to stroll outside in the grounds, giving us a new perspective and also an opportunity to take a permanent record of our visit. A bonus was the chance to mingle with the neighbouring Ballyroan group who were also present that day.

A most pleasant and welcome finale was provided. Afternoon tea was served in the main salon, giving respite to tired feet and an interval to sit and relax and take in details of the splendid rooms – which, as we recall, are part and parcel of a normal household.

Our sincere thanks to Lyla Kennedy for taking the trouble to arrange everything so smoothly and most certainly to all at Áras an Uachtaráin, who took pains to make the day a memorable occasion.

I think Sister Therese Carmel is still dancing!

*Daithí Scollard*

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## ● MASTER VOICE ●

Congratulations to Kevin Smyth of Knocklyon Green, who recently came first in a Public Speaking Competition. He spoke for four minutes on "The Listening Public".

Kevin is a Repeat Leaving Cert. student in Pearse College, Clogher Road and is now in the finals of the Dublin Vocational Colleges Public Speaking Competition, which is celebrating its 10th Anniversary this year. Best wishes to Kevin in the finals from all in Knocklyon.

## ● SHOWING CONCERN ●

Congratulations to Mark Hurson, Knockcullen, who raised £62 for famine relief by taking part in the "World Vision 24 Hour Famine", on February 19th last. Well done Mark.

## ● WELL VERSED WINNERS ●

We send our congratulations to the following children who participated in and were among the prize-winners in the recent Féile Bhríde Poetry Competition. Well done to Michelle Guinan and Caoimhe Malone, who were 2nd and 3rd respectively in the 8 - 10 age category. Deirdre Coffey, winner in the 10 - 12 group; Orla Murphy, 3rd in the 12 - 14 Section and Sinead Keenan, winner; and to Triona Murray, 3rd place in the 14 - 16 category.

Special mention must be given to Sinead Keenan, who was awarded the Mervyn Taylor Cup for best overall performance from a field of 200 approx. Sinead's younger brother Rory, who we recently brought to your attention as playing the part of the Mayor of Munchinland in the Olympia production of "The Wizard of Oz" has won this cup on two previous occasions - nothing like keeping trophies in the family!. All of the above are pupils of the Coffey School of Drama.

## ● AN POST NEWS ●

We have been advised by Councillor John Hannon that the postal address for Glenvara Park is Dublin 16 and there are no plans to change this situation. Residents please note.

## ● KNOCKLYON COMMUNITY COUNCIL ●

The A.G.M. was held on 30th January at which eighteen representatives were elected. A full list of members will be published in our next issue.

## ● MEALS ON WHEELS ●

Meals on Wheels, Ballyroan are looking for volunteers to help deliver meals in the Knocklyon Road area. This would involve collecting the meal from the centre, next to Ballyroan Church at about 12 noon, and delivering it to an address in the Knocklyon Road area. If you have a car and are interested in helping, please contact Fr. Joe - phone 941204.

# Recent Baptisms

Emma Clare Neenan, 6 Templeroan Court  
Aoife Ann Gillen, 8 Orlagh Park  
Megan Ann Connell, 129 Dargle Wood  
Laura Catherine Rose Nealon, 27 Beverly Lawns  
Victoria Jane Sexton, 62 Knockcullen Drive  
Stephanie Mary Ann Byrne, 5 Glenvara Park  
David Robert Cullen, 24 Knocklyon Green  
David Joseph Matthews, 11 Templeroan Court  
Andrea Julia Murray Byrne, 26 Beverly Crescent  
Aisling Caroline Murphy, 3 Woodstock Park  
Maria Louise Incrocci, 9 Delaford Drive  
Sinead Anne Kavanagh, 22 Templeroan Way  
Sorcha Leanne Crilly, 46 Knocklyon Avenue  
Adam Halloran Lonsdale, 59 Orlagh Park  
Sebastian O'Sullivan, 39 Templeroan Drive  
Finnian Michael McDonagh, 6 Delaford Park  
Ciara Louise McCartin, 13 Idrone Close  
Hugh Liam Gibney O'Callaghan, 47 Orlagh Park  
Catherine and Rachel Basquel, 49 Templeroan Ave  
Benjamin Joseph Walsh, 99 Westbourne Lodge  
Sean Brendan Timbs, 30 Coolamber Park  
Sorcha Maria Quinn, 73 Templeroan Park



## SCOUT DRAW RESULTS

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## MUM-TO-MUM CONTACT

Any mothers interested in becoming involved in a "Mother and Toddler Group" about to be formed please phone Linda Boland 945944. This could be your lifeline! Don't delay, ring today.

## NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

Items for inclusion in the next issue should be handed into the Presbytery by Monday 23rd March. The newsletter will be circulated from 9th April. As advertising space has become so popular we are accepting adverts on a first come, first served basis only, with payment, so make sure to book your space in good time. Enquiries re advertising to June at 941204 (10.00 a.m. - 12 noon) Monday to Friday.

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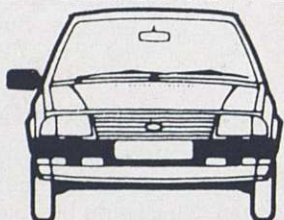
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