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Blue Stars Day at Ballyboden St. Endas
(L. to R.) John Bailey, Dublin County Board Chairman,
Michael Fingleton, Managing Director, Irish Nationwide
Building Society, John O'Leary, Dublin Captain,
J.J. Barrett, Evening Herald

Meet the Baptism Team



Back Row: (L. to R.): Paddy Ryan, Betty Hooks, Br. Pat, Bernadette Moloney, Angela Ryan, Sr. Eileen, Catherine Collins, Sr. Aileen.
[Members not pictured: Mary Byrne and Dolores Jackson]

It is hard to imagine that in the early days of Christianity there were no churches, no organizations or schools to instruct people in the Christian faith. If anyone wanted to join the Christian community and become "a friend of Jesus", they would do so by joining those who knew Him. These people would welcome them into their homes, give them hospitality, share their stories about Jesus and show them how to live by His teachings.

In those days, Christians looked on Baptism as a passage from death to life – an experience of the forgiveness of their past sins and the beginning of a new life in Christ. The first Christians were adults and this approach worked perfectly for them. Today, it is easier for us to associate the meaning of baptism with the birth of a baby and to see the Sacrament as the start of a journey into the Christian way of life, for by your baptism it becomes your right and duty to take your place in the Church.

The ceremony of Baptism can sometimes seem a bit awesome for parents and it was to help people to a better understanding of this that it was agreed by Fr. Arthur that the Baptism Team be formed in Knocklyon. It happened when Bernadette Moloney was attending a two year course "Preparing for Lay Ministry" that she joined another course given by Sister Brieghe O'Hare, OFC, on the Ministry of Baptism. It was 1988 and at that time the Baptism Team consisted of herself, Bernie Rossney, Concepta Conaty and Sister Therese Carmel. Members of the Baptism Team are specially trained to help people understand and enjoy the baptism of their child. Brother Pat is Co-ordinator of the Team.

When parents call to the Presbytery to arrange for the baptism of their child, the Parish Priest or parish secretary will tell them to expect a call from the Team, and the Team member will arrange to visit you at your home. There is no

wish to invade your privacy, the visit is made with a dual purpose, firstly to represent our community in welcoming your new baby; secondly, the Team member, now your Baptism Faith Friend will go through the ceremony explaining its significance and pointing out the symbols used. There will be time to ask questions and understand. This is especially important with a first baby.

Sometimes the mother is alone on the first visit and it is often helpful if a second visit can be arranged when other members of the family and godparents can be there to join the discussion. In this way all present get a greater insight into the Rite of Baptism.

The ceremony begins when the priest makes the Sign of the Cross on the child's forehead, claiming the child for Christ. Then the child is anointed with oil of the Catechumens which marks a person favoured by God. Anointing with oils is associated with athletes. It helps strengthen before the fight.

The premier symbol of Baptism is water, blessed water which is cleansing and lifegiving. It symbolizes the forgiveness of original sin and gives the child entry into the Community of the Church.

"You created man in your own likeness, cleanse him from sin in a new birth of innocence by water and the Spirit."

After the Baptism with water, the celebrant anoints the child on the crown of the head with the Sacred Chrism (symbolizing the presence of Christ), showing that the child has now become a member of the Church.

The white garment is then placed on the child. This symbolizes purity and the taking on of the dignity of Christ. The final symbol is the Baptism Candle which is lit from the Paschal Candle. The celebrant then says:

"Parents and godparents, this light is entrusted to you to be kept burning brightly. This child of yours has been enlightened by Christ. He/she is to walk always as a child of the light. May he/she keep the flame of faith alive in his/her heart. When the Lord comes, may he/she go out to meet Him with all the Saints in the heavenly kingdom."

(The Rite of Baptism)

The parents hold the responsibility of faith in the home from Baptism to Confirmation. It is only in the atmosphere of love, caring, forgiveness and prayer that a child can hope to grow in the new life of Jesus Christ.

Eileen Casey

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Knocklyon community council

Dear Resident,

Knocklyon
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We would like to take this opportunity to advise you that the Knocklyon Community Council is up and running in your parish and would like to tell you the type of work we do on your behalf. We are an umbrella group representing all of the various groups in your parish such as Residents Associations, Youth Club, Sports Clubs, Educational Groups and various other groups.

The committee have nominees on the following six sub-committees: a) Planning, b) Policing, c) Education, d) Environment, e) Sport, f) Communications and Finance. Details of these committees and their convenors are overleaf.

We have a noticeboard on the wall in the entrance hall of Superquinn which has a full list of all the members and the groups they represent. This board is our next means of communication after our members to you, the residents of Knocklyon, so we urge you to keep an eye to this noticeboard for all relevant details.

It was the Knocklyon Community Council which made representations on your behalf and were instrumental and supported the securing of:

- (i) a Post Office in Superquinn S.C.
- (ii) the No. 15 bus service.
- (iii) Knocklyon Credit Union.
- (iv) ATM machine at Superquinn.
- (v) Traffic lights at Superquinn/Scholarstown Road.
- (vi) Road widening at Firhouse Rd/Knocklyon Rd.
- (vii) Tree Planting in Knocklyon.
- (viii) Temporary football pitches on school site.
(We are still lobbying for a school on this site).

We are endeavouring to halt rezoning in our parish for residential purposes and will continue to pursue this vigorously on your behalf. These are some of the items which we focused on recently, but there are many other outstanding issues which are ongoing.

Our parish at this stage has grown bigger than the town of Clonmel (c15,000 people). We are the second fastest growing parish in Ireland and yet we do not have our own Post-Primary school, we have only one Community Centre which is totally inadequate to meet the needs of the Youth of Knocklyon. We have unfinished housing estates and because of these situations our community has become fragmented and the community spirit is splintered. We would earnestly ask anyone with any contribution for Knocklyon to get out there and get involved. We meet on the first Thursday of every month in the presbytery at 8.p.m. and you will be very welcome.

Michael F. Brennan
Chairman.

COMMUNICATIONS & FINANCE.

Convenor: Irene Fagan, 212 Glenvara Park. Tel: 4931489

The function of this committee is to produce any news items and convey information through Superquinn noticeboard and organise all fund raising activities.

ANNUAL COLLECTION: St. Colmcilles Church. 29th & 30th April '95.

PLANNING

Convenor: Noel Kelly, 16 Castlefield Green. Tel: 4937564.

The function of this committee is to keep an eye on all planning applications and their effect on Knocklyon and to take the necessary action. Due to the vast expansion of the parish this is one of our primary concerns.

ENVIRONMENT.

Convenor: Yvonne Keating, 6 Glenlyon Park. Tel: 4938376.

This committee concerns itself with the environment of Knocklyon and keeping our area clean and green. They are also responsible for organising events such as Tidy Up Day - 20th May 1995, Tidy Up Week - 20th-26th May 1995 and Max Nason Trophy - 21st June 1995 and various other events throughout the year.

EDUCATION.

Convenor: Vincent Lennon, 34 Delaford Grove. Tel: 4936219.

The prime objective of this committee is the securing of a Post-Primary School for Knocklyon. This is such a badly needed facility - not just for schoolgoers but for adult education and other community groups. We feel because we do not have this now, our parish is suffering needlessly.

POLICING & SECURITY.

Convenor: Jim Mulkerrin, 148 Coolamber Park. Tel: 4941769

This committee is responsible for liaising with the local Gardai. We do have the problems of vandalism, car theft, drugs, burglary etc. in Knocklyon as a rapidly expanding area and if you care enough about our youth, why not get involved with us and help stem the flowing tide in this direction.

SPORTS.

Convenor: Aileen Millane, 6 Delaford Avenue. Tel: 4942263.

This committee represents the various sporting groups in the parish and coordinates any sporting activities. Their main pursuit is the securing of suitable land for football pitches for the youth of Knocklyon. They are also responsible for organising the Community Games in Knocklyon.

***“Two men looked thru’ prison bars,
One saw mud, and one saw stars.”***

There is a lot of truth in the contention that we create the world we live in. And I’m not talking about the obvious fact that the type of world we have, whether on the local or global scale, is very much a result of the corporate doings of those who inhabit it. I’m referring rather to the way in which our attitudes and actions not only colour our inner world but bring about a perception of our surroundings, and elicit reactions from others, that can either uplift or depress us. *“Laugh and the world laughs with you; weep and you weep alone”*. That at least is the perception, the way it appears; it can also be a reality we bring about by the way we act and present ourselves.

There is the classic contrast of the pessimist and optimist looking at the same reality, *“My glass is half empty,”* says one. *“Mine is half full,”* replies the other.

In one of his meditations, Anthony de Mello writes as follows:

“When you are in love you find yourself looking at everyone with new eyes; you become generous, forgiving, kind-hearted, where before you might have been hard, and mean. Inevitably people begin reacting to you in the same way and soon you find yourself living in a loving world that you yourself have created. Or think of the time you were in a bad mood and found yourself becoming irritable, mean, suspicious, even paranoid. The next thing you knew everyone was reacting to you in a negative way and you found yourself living in a hostile world created by your head and your emotions”.

[Called to Love]

We can do something about all this. We’re not condemned by fate to be either positive or negative. We have options. There are choices we can make.

What is most needed is not more determination and effort but to *understand*. Understand what? Understand the truth of what is being asserted here, and choose to *“count our blessings”* rather than our misfortunes. Feed your mind on negativity and your burden grows heavier. Choose to be grateful for the good things you have and watch your resurrection begin. It’s the best way to celebrate Easter and the presence of Spring!

Fr. David

I.C.A. News

On the 21st March we held our Irish Night. Councillor Mary Muldoon was an invited guest along with members from other guilds. We all listened to the lovely voice of Sheila O’Shea as she sang two Irish songs for us. Three young Irish dancers from the Rory O’Connor School of Dancing also performed. Music on the night was provided by John Grant who encouraged us onto the floor for some Set Dancing. We may not be great dancers but we had great fun. Brennan’s, Batchelors, Hanson, Irish Distillers, Knorr and Premier Dairies all provided prizes for the Raffle. Many thanks. Bridie Maher was responsible for this enjoyable evening. Well done Bridie.

Candlewick Embroidery Classes have finished now but the work turned out by members who took part is absolutely beautiful. Some of our members want to take part in the Ladies Mini Marathon. We will organise training times for same.

Our A.G.M. takes place on the 2nd of May. We hope to see lots of new members joining us for next year. The Guild meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 8.30 p.m. in the Community Centre.

Mairéad Duggan

MINI SPORTS AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME AT KNOCKLYON COMMUNITY CENTRE

Hugh O’Toole is currently running an 8 week programme for primary school children of all ages in the Knocklyon Community Centre. This programme is designed to develop the basic skills required to play all sports and also to introduce children from Junior Infants through to sixth class to a number of sports adapted to suit their level. These sports include Mini Basketball/Soccer, Short Tennis, Olympic Handball, Tip Rugby, Benchball etc.

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SCHOOL NEWS

JUNIOR SCHOOL



L. - R.: Eithne Rafferty, Paul Young and Yvonne Hickey with the trophies presented to them at Club na Múinteoirí. (See Reports below and page 5)

The Junior School is still stunned by the sudden and tragic death of our friend and colleague Roisín Borland – teacher of one of our First classes. We extend our deepest sympathy to her husband, Vincent and her family Roisín, Barbara, Brendan, Aoife and Phelim. She will be sadly missed by us all.

Our children from the Second classes celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the month. It was a lovely ceremony and the halos are still in place. We look forward to First Communion on May 6th and 13th.

We must congratulate one of our Senior Infants – Pamela Monaghan, who won the Under 7s (although she is under 6) Pre-Open Reel in Féile Rince last week. Well done! No doubt the Monaghan household will be sporting many more Silver Trophies before too long!

Well done also to Paul Young who was placed first in the Infants Category of the EBS/I.N.T.O. Handwriting Competition. Paul's entry has been submitted to represent South County Dublin in the National Finals. (See Photo above).

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SENIOR SCHOOL

As the cherry blossom bursts forth in great profusion, we may safely declare that "spring has arrived" – late, but so very welcome.

I am sure you will be enraptured to hear that the "clash of the ash" can once more be heard in the environs of the Senior School. Mr. J. Murphy, one of my Herculean sporting colleagues, dropped the following most welcome report on my desk:

The recent improvement in the weather was just what was needed by our hurlers and camogie players. The boys and girls on our panels had prepared diligently through difficult conditions since Christmas. Now, in the first week of April, the inter-school competitions begin giving our players a chance to play against schools from all over the city.

Our Senior Camogie team compete in Division 1 (Corn Bean Uí Phuirséil) while our Junior team are in Division 4 (Corn Uí Chearbhaill). The Senior Hurlers compete in Division 1 for the Herald Cup and our Juniors also try their luck in Division 1 (Corn Oideachais). We also have a Senior 'B' panel who will join the action later. This allows all boys in fifth and sixth classes who would like to represent the school to do so. Hopefully all the players will enjoy the experience of playing against other schools and will develop as better players as a result.

JUNIOR HURLING

In their first league game, the Junior hurlers scored an exciting victory over Leixlip in a very close encounter. Everyone on the team played their part in the 3-1 to 1-0 victory. Andrew Hickey, in goal, brought off some fine saves, while Sean Conlan and Conor McAteer put up strong resistance to the Leixlip attack. Brian Kennedy and Philip Roche played well in midfield and Ronan McAuley created a number of chances up front. Brian O'Connor and Mark Noonan showed some skilful touches in attack but "Man of the Match" must go to Brian Quinn for a non-stop display of determined hurling. Well done to all. *More news next month.*

MUSIC

Our Senior School Choir participated in "Córfhéile na Scoileanna" on March 28th, under the rotating baton of the enigmatic Mr. J. Gearty and the enchanting Ms. A. Munro. The audience were transported by the choir's celestial harmonizing. The music critic Gabrielle McCann wrote "An amazingly mature and elegant performance". Not to be outdone the Senior School Band, under the baton of the multi-talented Ms. Y. Keating, gave a very spirited performance. Twenty-eight pupils participated in the band playing such varying instruments as guitars, violins, recorders, drums, keyboards, triangles, tambourines, chime bars and cymbals. The principal and staff would like to congratulate all who participated.

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POETRY

Our fifth class Poetry Competition yielded the following winners:

Eithne Rafferty (R. 7), Ruth Mulholland (R. 8), Julie MacMahon (R. 9), Aoife Cummins (R. 10), Cara Murphy (R. 11), Carole Wilson (R. 12), John Goodall (R. 13)

From the above seven pupils Aoife Cummins was the overall winner. Her poem is printed on page 12.

A communique from the pre-fabs informs me that an Internal Talent Contest is afoot. Teachers are amazed by the wealth of singing, dancing, and musical talent displayed by the eight and nine year olds.

HANDWRITING

150 schools from the South Dublin, North Wicklow area took part recently in the EBS/I.N.T.O. Handwriting Competition. We were delighted to take first and third place in the fifth/sixth class category. First place went to Yvonne Hickey in Room 13, while Eithne Rafferty in Room 7 took 3rd place. Yvonne will now go forward to the All Ireland Final Handwriting Competition. *Good luck Yvonne.* (see photo on page 4)

A report by Conor Keenan on the sixth class tour appears on page 12 and a more detailed account (and history lesson!) by Mr. Lyons is published on page 14.

**KNOCKLYON
COMMUNITY GAMES**

The executive have been working flat out organising and getting managers for the different events. By now hopefully all are in place and teams are preparing for their first round events. All support from parents and friends is needed and very welcome.

All Knocklyon athletes take note, the athletic events will take place as per last year in each local area. Three children will go forward from each event, which has to be completed, and the results in writing returned to Aileen Millane (Phone 4942263) Knocklyon North, or Pauline Molamphy (Phone 4937315) Knocklyon South. *Only athletes who qualify from these local areas can participate in the final at Cherryfield on Sunday 21st May 1995 at 2 p.m. sharp.*

A collection to fund this year's events will take place at Superquinn on 5th and 6th May.

The following are the Athletic events for 1995:

- Boys and Girls U.8 60m, 80m.
- Boys and Girls U.10 100m, 200m.
- Boys and Girls U.12 100m, 600m and Relay.
- Boys and Girls U.14 100m, 800m and Relay.
- Boys and Girls U.16 100m, 1,500m.
- Boys and Girls U.17 100m, Marathon and Relay.
- Boys and Girls U.18 1,500m.
- Boys and Girls U.13 - Walk 600m.
- Boys and Girls U.15 Mixed Relay, 2 boys and 2 girls. panel of 6 = 3 + 3.

Looking forward to our Knocklyon's Sports Day on 21st May 1995.

Aiden Nevin, P.R.O.

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LIFE AFTER SCHOOL



This month's contributor is Emilie Conway from Knocklyon Avenue who is studying German and English in Trinity College.

I spent six happy, cosy years at Our Lady's cocooned in security, completely protected from the strange ways of the world; and I thoroughly enjoyed it. But then CAO forms and the leaving Cert. appeared on the horizon pointing to the undoing of the unerring predictability of each day. Uncertain, and in the unlikely event of further study (one vows daily during the Leaving Cert. that once it is over, one will never open any book of any kind or indeed ever look at printed matter again!) I applied for German and English at Trinity College. August came and I was granted my first choice so that a cool, sunny day at the end of September found me entering the front Arch of Trinity.

Nothing can prepare one for the transition from school to college just as nothing can prepare you for the first day of Fresher's Week. Meetings with tutors and lecturers create a welcoming atmosphere at Trinity as well as free tea, coffee and Jumbly biscuits all week in the Arts Block. Nevertheless experience taught me that all those people in Front Square who are so chatty and generous with their time enticing "especially you" to join their club are salespeople; their friendliness and number multiplying in direct proportion to the amount of cash you are seen to display. It is advisable not to appear too wealthy for Fresher's Week or you commit yourself to

poverty for the remainder of the year!

The festival atmosphere of Fresher's Week can last well into the first term. Add to that the false illusion I was harbouring after the Leaving Cert. that I had a special exemption from hard work. Well reality hit hard with the first essay and I discovered the magnetic powers of the library to draw in even the most unwilling customers - like me. College is hard work, I suddenly realized and the expectancy and standard of work is completely different from school. One does have to put in the hours in the library among books and other unfamiliar artifacts that won't talk to you, or explain themselves to you.

In my English course I study the Novel, Drama, 17th and 18th century poetry and Anglo-Irish Literature. I think the German department try to justify the workload they inflict on us little Freshers with the excuse that they are the oldest German department in the world. We study Landeskunde (German history and politics) and Medieval and Present German literature. Several times a week we have a grammar and coursebook class where the work is an extension of that of the L.C. with comprehensions, essays, cloze tests etc.

I cannot profess to missing school. College is always a hive of activity. I've met nice friends among the weird and wonderful. Recreational and social activities are as plentiful as the great depth of posters covering the noticeboards advertising such excursions as skiing, rock climbing, concerts, céilís, discos etc, that always catch one's eye en route to the library. However, one must allow for an "incubation period" as one tries to adapt and balance study with social life, but I believe I am nearing the end of this transitory "incubation period" and I really do look forward to my four years at Trinity.

Emilie Conway

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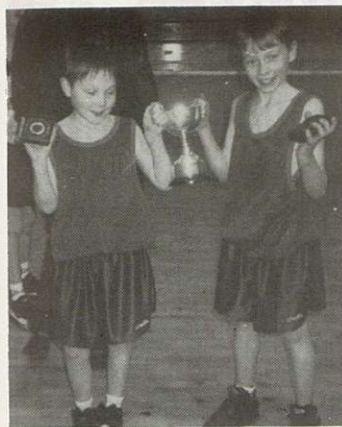
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Two "budding" basketball stars – Daniel "Air" Bates, and Gareth "Magic" Mongey – both from Glenvara Park who recently, with their team "Delta Notre Dame" Under 13, beat "Marian" at the National Basketball Arena with a cliff-hanging score (38-36). Well done boys. Watch out "Chicago Bulls"!

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Saturday and Sunday 18th & 19th March

Congratulations to Knocklyon Youth Theatre on a wonderful and truly professional production. I have to admit that I went along to the Saturday Matinée with a heavy heart, having read *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, as a bedtime story at least two million times! Was I in for a pleasant surprise! Not only did I thoroughly enjoy every minute, my young companions sat transfixed for the entire show (adding to my enjoyment!) as did the entire audience of all ages.

It is hard to believe that all of the actors on stage were under twelve years of age. From the smallest *Oompa-Loompa* to *Willy Wonka* himself, everyone gave their utmost. They sang and danced, entered and exited with precision timing and brought the story to life with great fun and some spectacular "special effects".

The Knocklyon Youth Theatre was formed with a view to performing some of the best and well loved classics and stories. Any aspiring actors/actresses interested in joining Knocklyon Youth Theatre can contact **Eva** at 494 1715 or **Kathryn** at 494 6197.

Karen Cashman

STUDENTS AT WORK

In recent weeks a number of competitions have been run for students, and our own Knocklyon girls and boys have made their mark in different areas.

Caoimhe Ní Mhurchú from Delaford reached the regional final of the Forbairt sponsored Young Entrepreneur Awards. Caoimhe, who is a fourth year student in Loreto, Beaufort undertook to write a fully comprehensive user-friendly booklet on the Oral Irish Exam. Caoimhe hoped the book would be a practical and useful resource which would help students prepare for all aspects of the Leaving Certificate oral exam. She has obviously succeeded as her booklet has been acclaimed by many teachers, and it has already sold hundreds of copies.

Meanwhile some boys from Templeogue College Produced "ACERT" [*Automate Computerised Examiner and Revision Tester*]. Paul Bradley from Dargle Wood is one of the team who produced this self-testing program which covers the Junior Cert Geography Syllabus. This project was originally judged at the Aer Lingus Young Scientist Exhibition, and was one chosen from several hundred entries to take part in a one day national exhibition in Forbairt.

Another young man from Terenure College, a past pupil of St. Colmcille's has been successful with a further invention. Declan Murphy designed an object which is basically a computer mouse for the disabled. Declan received the Rehab Special Award at the Young Scientist Exhibition.

Congratulations and well done to all.

K.A.R.A. News

Our A.G.M., which was held on the 14th March, was very well attended. The same Committee members were re-elected to hold office for another year. We are delighted that Fr. Arthur now honours us with his presence at our Tuesday morning sessions. We also extend a hearty céad míle fáilte to all our new members. Best wishes for a speedy return to health and mobility are sent to Monica Doyle – one of our first members to join the Club. Monica met with an accident and injured her shoulder a few weeks ago. Her familiar, cheerful face is sorely missed from our Tuesday meetings and also from the bowling on Thursdays. Over twenty of us were at the Point Theatre last month to see *Riverdance* which we thoroughly enjoyed. Our annual holiday this year has been arranged to take place in June – we have planned to go to Kenmare, Co. Kerry. Some vacancies still available for new members.

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M. C. O'Gorman, Sec.



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Last month we gave a report on the Pastoral Centre Group and the Youth Group. An updated report on the Pastoral and Parish Centre is on page 13 and we give below details of the Contact, and Liturgy Groups.

CONTACT AND COMMUNICATIONS GROUP

The aim of this group is to promote a better sense of community in the Parish and open channels of communication where necessary. With this in mind it is hoped that members of the group will eventually call to every home in the parish. So far, two estates, Castlefield and Idrone have been visited. The parishioners in these areas have been given the opportunity to express their views and make suggestions on different aspects of the parish and its activities. The group members feel they were received in a positive manner, and are discussing the various suggestions made.

We came across a number of people who would welcome some "helping hands" and we will look at the possibility of setting up a panel of people who would have spare time to offer in these cases. Because of the vast number of houses in Knocklyon it is extremely difficult for the priests of the parish to get to know all of the community, and so the Contact Group would endeavour to become a link between the Presbytery and the parishioners.

Some of you will have already have experienced a crisis or trauma in your life, while others have yet to cross that bridge. The eventual aim of our group is to be a supportive network during these times, and put you in touch with those who might help. How often – when you meet others and realise they have been through a difficult time – have you said, "if only I had known". We hope that in time the Contact Group will be another reflection of this community's concern for one another and act as a reminder that *you are not alone, whatever your need might be.*

The Contact Group can be reached by phoning the Presbytery 4941204.

LITURGY-SPIRITUALITY GROUP

In this group we devote our time and energy to discussing various ways by which the celebration of the Eucharist can be made more meaningful, attractive and prayerful for the congregation. To ensure that all tastes are catered for, and, bearing in mind the results of the Assembly Questionnaire, we are trying to put into effect many of the suggestions made.

You may have noticed that missalettes are now available at Sunday Masses. The choir at the 11 o'clock Mass are singing a new selection of hymns in a slightly lower key! At this Mass too, people are being welcomed at the door and handed a hymn sheet. At most of the Masses the congregation are being exhorted to join in the singing.

The 1 o'clock Mass has an added attraction – the gospel is now being presented in the form of a short drama geared to daily life experience. Hopefully you have found these changes helpful.

There is now a Penitential Service at 6.30 p.m. on the first Saturday of each month. After Easter Morning Prayer of the Church will take place at 9.45 a.m. (Mon. - Fri.) and on Saturday there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the 10 o'clock Mass until 11 a.m.

So you see, we have been busy and in the future we will be exploring more ways in which people can be helped to grow in their personal relationship with God.

If you have any suggestions for further improvements, we'd love to hear from you, or better still, you would be most welcome to come along and join in our discussion and planning. We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 8 p.m. in the Presbytery.

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Letter to the Editor

RE: POST PRIMARY COMMITTEE

Since our last report we finally met the Minister for Education. The Minister was accompanied by her Senior Adviser. We had decided to concentrate on a single item agenda, i.e. our response to the Departmental Report on Knocklyon. Since the Minister based her decision on this report we felt that we would only persuade her to re-consider her decision if the report was faulty. Well ... the report is faulty.

In fact we have found that the report projected their future figures on (1) current primary school enrolment figures, (2) parish baptismal records and (3) 1991 census data. In addition projection numbers of future house building was estimated at between 840 to 1280 new houses. On the basis of local information, we did a house count and found an additional 750 houses were not taken into account in the 1991 census data *or* the projected future houses for the area. The additional houses were for Orlagh 220; Woodfield 210; Castlefield Manor 70; Glenlyon 65; Pinegrove 26; Templeroan 70 and Brookwood 70.

Apart from the fact that many of the new owners may have no children, many also will have older families. Since the Bannon Report concedes that the number of children aged 12 years will be the same for the year 2003 as exists at present in Knocklyon, these additional 750 households which were not counted, should dramatically change the numbers of children looking for secondary school places from Knocklyon. So if we don't get our school now, we will still have our problems ten years from now and for the foreseeable future! Our new information has been validated by a consultant in the field, and the Minister should now act to remedy the situation for the people of this area.

The proposed new motorway actually facilitates access to the school site and will exacerbate the situation. Our local politicians are fully behind us and our figures are correct. The Minister should back off on her confrontational approach, we need a new school and we need it *now*. In the meantime any attempts to sell the site at Scholarstown Road should be resisted at every level.

Vincent Kenny
Chairman

Letter from the Department



We reproduce below a copy of a letter received by South Dublin County Council in response to a motion by Cllr. Mary Muldoon calling on the Minister for Education to hand over the school site to the Knocklyon Community (under the ownership of South Dublin County Council). We understand that this letter caused great annoyance among the Councillors who have requested an urgent meeting with Minister Bhreathnach.

Ms. Denise Connolly
South Dublin County Council,
P.O. Box 4122,
Town Centre,
Tallaght,
Dublin 24.

Re: Site at Scholarstown Road

A Chara,

I refer to the motion passed by South Dublin County Council regarding above.

I regret to inform you that the Department cannot give the County Council a long term lease on the land. When a decision is made to sell the property it will be offered for sale on the open market and the County Council could bid for it if they so wish.

I would point out that the arrangement whereby you are leasing the site is merely a temporary arrangement and you will be required to vacate the site when requested by the Minister for Education.

Mise, le meas,

Maire de Burca

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EASING TRAFFIC FLOW

Road widening at the junction of Knocklyon Road and Firhouse Road

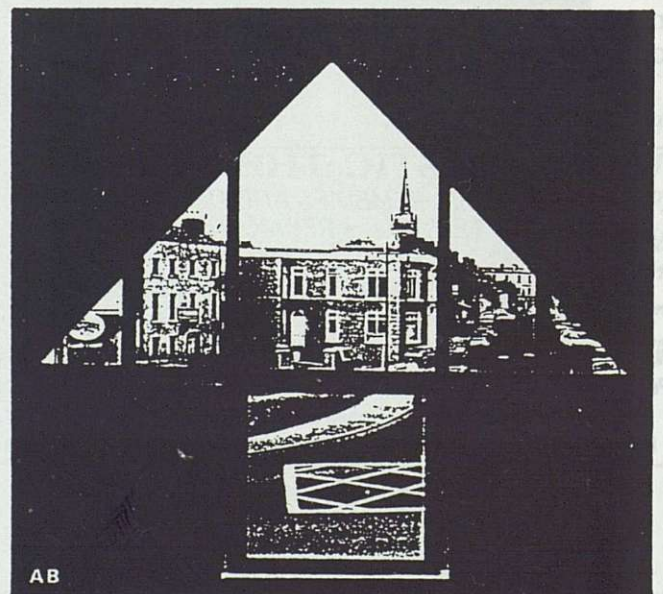


Reinforced concrete retaining wall on the bank of the River Dodder

BELOW
Rathfarnham Village

EASING TRAFFIC FLOW

Traffic congestion in the Knocklyon area is a serious problem. While there will be no satisfactory long-term solution until major road works have been completed some improvements have been carried out recently and others are in progress. Removal of the bottleneck at the junction of Knocklyon Road and Firhouse Road has involved a huge engineering operation. The course of the River Dodder had to be altered and a high reinforced concrete retaining wall constructed. The level had then to be raised to carry the wider realigned roadway. The finished job will ease the flow of traffic on the Firhouse and Knocklyon roads. Motorists who proceed to Rathfarnham will also find the benefit of the new one-way traffic arrangement in Rathfarnham village. It is hoped that the much needed, long overdue road widening at the entrance to the Superquinn Shopping Centre will soon go ahead in order to relieve traffic problems even more!



AB

**BAILE BUADÁIN NAOMH ÉANNA
BALLYBODEN ST. ENDAS GAA AND CAMOGIE CLUB
NUACHT RÁITEAS**

The club will hold a Seachtain Ghaelach for the first time from Friday 28 April to 7 May 1995.

The programme is aimed at all members and the bilingual approach will enable everyone to fully participate in all the events.

Among the highlights are a performance by the Garda Band, a walk along the Dodder, mixed boys' and girls' games, céilís, traditional music, table quizzes, art competitions ...

The celebrated poet Prof. Brendan Kennelly will also give a reading.

The support of Bord na Gaeilge, South Dublin County Council and Gael Linn is acknowledged.

Full programme of events below.

Dé hAoine - 28 Aibreán

21.00 Dioscóg go dtí Meán Oíche do pháistí 13 - 16 bliain d'aois -
Seó Joe le Joe Reddington (Raidió na Life).
Cead Isteach: IR£2.

Dé Domhnaigh - 30 Aibreán

21.00 Oscailt oifigiúil - Micheál Ó Muircheartaigh, Cathaoirleach Bhord na Gaeilge.
21.30 Ceolchoirm le "The Freewheelers" sa Chlub.
Cead isteach: Saor in aisce.

Dé Luain - 1 Bealtaine

15.00 Lá Spóirt - Cluichí meascha.
18.00 Cluiche Iománaíochta - BBNE v Setanta/Peil v Ráth Cairn.
20.00 Scannán - Gael Linn "Christy Ring" agus "Peil" sa Halla.
Beidh agallamh le Stiúrthóir na scannán Louis Marcus.
Cead Isteach: Saor in aisce.

Dé Máirt - 2 Bealtaine

20.15 Ceolchoirm le Banna Ceoil an Gharda Síochána.
Cead Isteach: IR£4 & IR£2.
Ticéid ar fáil sa Chlub ón 9ú Aibreán ar aghaidh.

Dé Céadaoin - 3 Bealtaine

19.00 Siúlóid ar bhruach na Dothra le Daithí Scolard/Dr. Jack Durand (teacht le chéile sa Chlub ag 19.00).
"Walk by the Dodder". Meet at the Club at 19.00.
19.30 Taispeántas Ealaíne: Daltaí Scoile.
20.00 Tráth na gCeist do Bhunscoileanna.
22.00 Seisiún Ceoil.

Déardaoin - 4 Bealtaine

21.00 Oíche fhilíochta leis an Oll. Brendan Kennelly. (Bi-lingual Poetry Reading)
Cead Isteach: Saor in aisce.
22.30 Seisiún Ceoil.

Dé hAoine - 5 Bealtaine

17.00 Comórtas Peile idir Bhunscoileanna.
21.00 Tráth na gCeist Bord (bi-lingual): IR£10 Ceathrar ar gach fhoireann.
22.00 Seisiún Ceoil.

Dé Sathairn - 6 Bealtaine

21.00 Céilí Mór in Áras Bhaile Buadain Naomh Éanna - The Sheelin Céilí Band.
Cead Isteach: IR£4.

Dé Domhnaigh - 7 Bealtaine

20.00 Céilí Crosbhóthair i Sráidbhaile Ráth Fearnáin (Dancing at the Cross-Roads in Rathfarnham Village).
22.00 Ceolchoirm leis "An Scadán Rua" in Áras an Chlub.

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A second meeting was held on Wednesday 26th April to discuss issues of interest to lone parents (i.e. single, separated and widowed people). Watch this space for details regarding proposals as to how the recent Government Grant to K.A.I.E.S. can best be put to use for the benefit of lone parents.

Bros. Pearse A.C.

Well folks, it's time for the "Great Outdoors" once again. The clock has gone forward and the weather is great so it's all systems go for training at Cherryfield Park. Training times remain the same i.e. 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday nights and 11 a.m. to 12 noon on Sunday mornings. Training is completely geared towards track and field events at the moment and the coaches are as committed as ever to helping the athletes achieve their goals for the coming season.

The next event is the Dublin Championships which will take place at Santry Stadium on Monday 8th, 15th and 22nd of May. If athletes or their parents have any queries regarding the Championships or any other aspect of the events/training please contact any of the coaches after training or contact me at 4941320 or the club secretary Sean Smyth at 4934995.

*Yours in Sport
Larry Kiernan P.R.O.*

SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL NEWS

Courtesy Cllr. Mary Muldoon

• Public Lighting

At present there is no public lighting between Superquinn and Mount Alton as a result of the Knocklyon Road realignment. It is proposed to replace the three existing (disconnected) columns with three lanterns on the opposite side of the road.

• Riding Stables - Knocklyon Road

A Court Injunction has recently been granted preventing the Council from entering on the open space, a portion of which is needed to construct the proposed footpath. It may not be possible to resolve this matter in 1995.

• Wheeled Bin Pilot Scheme

The pilot project was intended to test this collection system with a view to extending the system to the whole county at a future date.

Operational difficulties arose from the outset of the trial and at no stage during the four month trial period was the agreed level of collection attained.

Negotiations continued with the Trade Unions in an effort to resolve the matter in order to try and improve and regulate the service. However the Council were notified in February that the Trade Unions were withdrawing their co-operation from the trial. This left the Council with no alternative but to revert back to the normal collection scheme.

THE SIXTH CLASS SCHOOL TOUR

Conor Keenan from Mr. Gearty's sixth class gives us his memories from the recent school tour.

On Monday 6th March at 9 o'clock all 50 of us met Mr. Kelly, Mr. Lyons, Ms. O'Sullivan and Mr. Dalton who would be looking after us for the 6 days. There was great excitement in the airport, we felt very grown up because we had our own passports. After saying goodbye to our parents we departed Dublin Airport at 10 o'clock and arrived in Milan Airport at 12.30 Italian time. From there we headed to Interlaken, Switzerland in our own luxury coach with our own Italian driver Mario. During our 3 days there we visited the town of Berne, we also went by cable car to the Schilthorn Restaurant 15,000 feet up Mount Schilthorn in the Swiss Alps. Everything was covered in sparkling white snow and the sun was shining. It was beautiful. After the night ice-skating we packed and headed for Lake Garda, Italy. On the way we had lunch in Milan. The next day in Venice we went on a boat trip and went shopping and had a guided tour around St. Mark's Square and Cathedral. In Florence the next day we saw the sights. On our last day we went to Mass in the Duomo in Milan and then we headed for home. It was a great tour that we will always remember. We had great fun with the teachers, especially Mr. Kelly who was my group leader. We have lovely memories and photographs to remember it by.

Conor Keenan

Dancing the Night Away



Some of the teachers enjoying the Parents Association Night in Ballyboden St. Endas G.A.A. Club

Overall Winning Poem in Senior School Competition

FIRST DAY AT SCHOOL

*As she stands in the playground, waves goodbye,
Gulps and tries hard not to cry,
She scuffs the pebbles with her shoe,
Quite unsure of what to do.*

*Another girl, just as shy and small
Walks over from the big school wall
Says "My name's Lucy Jones, what's yours"?
And, "Will you be my partner, when we go
indoors"?*

*Not shy anymore, little Anna Magee,
Says "Lucy at breaktime will you play with me"?
So hand in hand go the two friends,
Disappointed when school ends.*

*Their mothers ask "How was school today"?
The two girls wink,
O, school was okay!!!*

Aoife Cummins, R. 10

MINUS ONE

The support and social organisation for separated and widowed people has begun a new support night in the Dun-Laoghaire area.

Running every Tuesday night
8.00 till 10.00 p.m.

A Dance is held on the last Friday of every month in the Lansdowne Hotel, Pembroke Road.

For further details contact
MARIA at 2842237

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£25 - B. & M. Conlon, 53 Orlagh Park

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KNOCKLYON RESIDENT FACES MILLIONS OF TV VIEWERS

We are delighted to hear that Mary Kennedy has been selected by RTE to present the 40th Eurovision Song Contest, which will be held in the Point Theatre, Dublin on 13th May Next.

A Knocklyon resident, Mary, whom we profiled some time ago in the Newsletter, has worked in the RTE newsroom since 1992. A teacher by profession, for a number of years she combined teaching in Coláiste Bride, Clondalkin, with her work as a continuity announcer. She has wide experience in a variety of programme areas, working on programmes as diverse as the bilingual chat show "An Crúiscín Lán", the GPA Piano Competition, "Live At Three" and the "Dublin Horse Show". She is married and has four children.

When Mary takes the stage on Eurovision night over 3,000 pairs of eyes will focus on her live at the Point Theatre and another 300 million pairs of eyes will tune in to television screens right across the world. Presenting the Eurovision Song Contest is indeed a daunting task but one which Mary regards as an exciting challenge.

The show's executive producer Mr. John McHugh said: "I am delighted that Mary has accepted this challenge. She's ideal for the kind of production I envisage and I am certain that her warmth, ability and natural style will make us all very proud on May 13th" – and so say all of us.

On behalf of the community here in Knocklyon may we say to Mary – "Bon Chance", "Good Luck" agus "Go mbeidh an t-ádh leat".



St. Colmcille Swimming Club (Affiliated to L.B.I.A.S.A.)

Children's Swimming Lessons, Rathmines Pool, Sun. 5.30 to 6.30 p.m.

Children's Advanced Swimming Lessons (Competitive), Belvedere College Pool, (Beside Parnell Sq.), Sat. & Sun. 8 to 10 a.m. Adult Swimming Lessons, Belvedere Pool, Mon. 7 to 8 p.m. and Rathmines Pool, Sat. 9 to 10 p.m. PHONE Kevin, 8681581

**THE ORIGINAL KNOCKLYON COMMUNITY
PLAYGROUP has reopened in the local Scout Den,
Knocklyon Road.**

**Bookings now being taken for September.
All details from Jacquie 4942260**

A NEW CENTRE! WHAT WILL WE CALL IT?

Knocklyon, a Community that fairly abounds with life and vitality! People engaged in a great variety of interests and activities. So much happening: so much more wanting to happen. Bristling beneath the surface, and waiting to burst forth is a welter of positive and varied lifegiving events and activities. So much so, that what is actually happening now seems but the proverbial tip of the iceberg compared with what might well come to be!

Knocklyon, a Community of needs, yet rich in resources. People looking for help: people offering help. People looking for classes and courses; people well equipped to provide them. People needing counselling, support, occupations, hobbies, skills; people with the talent and experience to help meet these very needs.

So much could happen if we had space and premises to house the projects and events that need to take place. The Community Centre enables many good things to happen, but the facilities are limited and simply cannot meet a fraction of the needs. So also the two meeting rooms in the Church and Presbytery can house some meetings and activities, but are hopelessly inadequate both in regard to size and facilities, to meet even the expressed demands, not to mention the requests that have not yet surfaced.

Hence the urgent need for a Centre, freely open and available to the members of the Parish, just as the Church and School Buildings currently are in their respective areas of interests. A place where people can come together for all kinds of good and worthy purposes: community growth and development, support groups, service groups, study groups, self-help groups, prayer groups, classes, courses, lectures, counselling, recreation, cultivation of skills and hobbies and interests, Etcetera! The list is truly endless.

The "Parish Pastoral Centre Group" (so-called, until we find a new name for it; we would appreciate your suggestions) – has as its task the development of this project. It is drawing up its brief: researching the site, visiting similar type centres in other Parishes, attempting to draw up a description of the type of Centre suitable, specifically for Knocklyon Parish, giving shape to tentative plans and proposals and (hereby) inviting input from all and sundry. Any offers?

A note to the Presbytery or a word to any member of the Group with your suggestions for an alternative title for the proposed centre, or any other input would be greatly welcomed.

Knocklyon Youth Club

The Annual General Meeting of the Knocklyon Youth Club will take place on **Tuesday 16th May 1995**, starting at **8 p.m.** in the **Knocklyon Youth and Community Centre.**

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A SCHOOL TRIP TO CHERISH

Mr. Tony Lyons, one of the teachers who accompanied the Sixth Class children on the school tour gives us his account of the trip ...

Landing at Linate Airport in Milan on 6th March 1995 it is unlikely that the fifty pupils from sixth class in St. Colmcille's were aware of the treacherous conditions under which many travellers had traversed the Italian Alps before them. Most notable among former visitors to the Lombardy Plain was Hannibal who, over two thousand years previously, had negotiated the Alpine recesses between France and Italy with the aid of elephants. In crossing the Alps, Hannibal had to break up rocks with fire and vinegar and by the time he reached Lombardy he had lost one third of his army. By contrast, Kelly's "army" had a pleasant two and a half hour flight from Dublin to Linate Airport in Milan - with a fine Irish breakfast served en route. The party of fifty pupils - 24 boys and 26 girls - and 4 teachers landed in Milan to very welcome 15°C temperatures.

There was very little time to spend in Milan as the destination of Interlaken in central Switzerland beckoned. Though the journey to Interlaken took over 5 hours, all aboard Mario's luxury coach were so mesmerised by the splendid scenery that the trip through the St. Gotthard Pass into the heartland of the world's beauty spots seemed like moments of sheer tranquility. This was an Odyssean experience of which Homer would be proud.

Day two involved a trip to the Swiss capital Berne. Berne is a beautiful city - the children enjoyed the visit to the open air bear pit as well as taking in the old-world sites such as the Protestant Cathedral. On the return, in absolutely beautiful weather conditions, the shores of Lake Thun were a sight to behold. Both teachers and pupils were thoroughly impressed with their sojourn in picture postcard surroundings.

One of the highlights of the week must surely be the cable car trip to the Schilthorn - from the summit it is possible to view five countries. It was here that the film "On Her Majesty's Secret Service" was largely made. The evening came to a close in Interlaken with a trip to the local ice rink where a game of Curling was underway.

On day 4 it was back to Italy over the southern slopes of the Alps to Lake Garda. Hannibal would have been impressed with Mario's manipulation of such rugged terrain! On the way we lingered a while in Milan to visit such sites as the Church of Sancta Maria de la Graccia. Da Vinci's "Last Supper" was being restored so we were unable to view it.

Lake Garda is very picturesque, surrounded by beautiful towns such as Sirmione and Lazise. Day 5 meant the ultimate experience for many - a trip to Venice. Again, the weather was very kind. Venice is a city built on wooden piles hammered into the soil. These have solidified into a type of coal over the centuries. The city sinks 3 inches every century. This, of course, poses many problems for the authorities. A day trip to Venice is not enough - St. Mark's Square, the Doge's Palace, the Grand Canal, the Bridge of Sighs, the Rialto Bridge - all world-renowned tourist attractions. It is a city steeped in history, tradition, and culture. A day trip to Venice only whets the appetite for a return visit and merely ignites the spark in a burgeoning love affair with such a place.

On Saturday, the penultimate day, Mario still at the helm drove us across the Po, over the Appenines, past the medieval university city of Bologna, to Florence, the flagship of Renaissance Italy. This is a city in which one experiences what

the world has achieved in the realm of the arts - the Uffizi Gallery, containing the masterpieces of Botticelli, da Vinci, Raphael, Michelangelo, the Pitti Palace; containing other Renaissance works of Rubens, Van Dyke as well as Brueghal and many others.

However, all good things must come to an end and the last night of the tour was spent in Hotel Berta beside Lake Garda. On Sunday we attended Mass in what must be one of the most architecturally renowned buildings in the world - the Duomo in Milan. It was a fitting end to an unforgettable experience.

The tour afforded both pupils and teachers the opportunity to see firsthand nature's boundless beauty judiciously blending with some of mankind's greatest achievements in the realm of the aesthetics.

Tony Lyons

MORE COUNTY COUNCIL NEWS

The following information has been submitted to us, courtesy of Councillor John Hannon.

• PUBLIC LIGHTING - ORLAGH CLOSE

While Orlagh Close has not been taken in charge by the Council, the public lighting which has been completed satisfactorily, has been taken over by the Council. The balance of the public lighting is awaiting a completion certificate. This matter has been referred to the Council's Building Control Section.

• KNOCKFIELD MANOR - TAKING-IN-CHARGE

A recommendation to take the roads and services in Knockfield Manor Estate in charge was approved by the Council at its July 1994 meeting. Outstanding works will be completed as soon as they can be accommodated in the works programme of the relevant departments.

• POT HOLES - BALLYCULLEN ROAD

Repairs were carried out to the worst sections of this road some time ago. Further repairs are required, however, due to the extended period of wet weather and the existence of more severe potholes elsewhere, it has not been possible to effect repairs yet. Repairs to this section of road have been included in the works programme.

• LITTER BINS

The Roads Department has not got the resources necessary to service bins other than those provided at shops, schools, bus stops etc. However, if the local community would like to sponsor and maintain litter bins they should contact the Roads Department.

• FOOTPATHS ON SCHOLARSTOWN ROAD

The provision of these footpaths necessitates some land acquisition. Development Department are endeavouring to acquire the land by agreement but it may be necessary to prepare a compulsory purchase order. This matter is being pursued as quickly as possible.

"WORTH WHILE IN THE END, I HOPE"!

This is how CYRIL LYNCH finished his "Life After School" article in our Oct. '93 issue. Well, all his efforts were truly worth while. Cyril sat his finals in Accountancy - achieving 1st PLACE IN IRELAND and SECOND PLACE ON A WORLD-WIDE BASIS in "Financial Strategy". Heartiest congratulations Cyril and don't forget when you are on the cover of "Time", you were first featured in the "Knocklyon News"!

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Thank You

Thanks to all who helped, in many different ways, to make the Cake and Book Sale, in aid of Irish Cancer Society, such a great success. We raised £400. The train cake was won by Linda McCormack of Knockaire and the painting by Patricia Lynch. A Mass is being offered for all your intentions.

Hotlyon ...

● A CALL FOR HELP

The Irish Hospice Foundation urgently requires volunteers to sell sunflowers in the Dublin area for their annual fundraiser, Sunflower Days on **Friday 16th and Saturday 17th June**. If you, a friend, a colleague, or family member can help one or both of those days please contact Edel at: The Irish Hospice Foundation Phone 6765599. The Foundation is totally dependent on voluntary donations in a time when the demands for hospice care are overwhelming.

● CALLING SHORT STORY WRITERS ...

The Short Story Writers Association of Ireland organises four Short Story Competitions each year and entry to all is free to members. The next competition will be the "Summercomp" and remains open to members until Friday 9th June 1995. Anyone seeking membership or further information should send a S.A.E. to Terry Howlett, Co-ordinator S.S.W.A.I., 2 Kennington Road, Templeogue, Dublin 6W.

● ST. COLMCILLE'S PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Members of the above named Association wish to thank most sincerely all the parents and teachers who attended the 60s and 70s Disco held on 31st March in Ballyboden St. Enda's. By all accounts a thoroughly enjoyable night was had by all and the Association hopes that this will be the first of many such social events.

● ISPCC WALK

The ISPCC are hoping to raise money to maintain their services nationwide by holding a sponsored 50 mile walk over 5 days through the breathtaking landscapes of the Yorkshire Dales. The ISPCC need to raise £4,000 every day so if you are interested in taking part in the sponsored walk please contact Niamh at 01-6794944.

● GRÁINNE AND RUTH HIT THE HIGH NOTES

Well done to Gráinne Keenan from Mr. Lyons' 6th class who came second in the recent Feis Ceoil Competition (Under 13 Individual Singing), and to Ruth Cahill (Glenvara) who also was placed second in the Under 14 Individual Singing Category in the same Feis Ceoil.

● SHARING THE CARING

A new agency supplying carers to people who need care and assistance in their own homes has recently been registered. Based in Killiney the agency provides carers in the Dublin area and county, also in North Co. Wicklow. "Sharing the Caring" is contactable at 2821523 (Breda Delaney).

● SUMMER WORK

The Community & Youth Information Centre (Dublin Corporation), Sackville Place (off O'Connell Street) has mounted its annual **Exhibition of Summer Work Abroad** which will be on display **until mid May '95**.

Recent Baptisms

Lorcan Paul Anthony Carew, 82 Dargle Wood
Laura Valerie Doreen Looney, 193 Glenvara Park
Daniel Michael Farrell, 3 Beverley Rise
Kevin Thomas O'Meara, 11 Templeroan Court
Ruth Sarah Cassidy, 85 Scholarstown Park
John Gerard Basquel, 14 Woodfield
Oisín Patrick Phelan, 30 Dargle Wood
Killian Sean Phelan, 30 Dargle Wood
Saoirse Marita Geoghegan, 19 Orlagh Way
Eric Robert Daly, 9 Orlagh Rise
Alexander Buckley, 33 Delaford Avenue
Gary Stephen Ibbotson, 5 Ashton Lawn
Carla May Slane, 28 Beverley Lawns
Aoife Marie Harrington, 15 Templeroan Crescent
Emma Haughton, 29 Beverley Crescent
Patrick Joseph Trainor, 95 Woodfield
Dermot Martin O'Halloran, 27 Delaford Avenue
Melissa Karina O'Driscoll, 27 Orlagh Downs
James David Patrick Roche, 30, Templeroan Grove
Sarah Ann O'Reilly, 202 Woodfield
Nicole Marie Byrne, 27 Knockfield Manor
Maria Anne McGrath, 27 Idrone Drive
Conor Charles Victory, 53 Castlefield Park
Niamh Claire Fitzgerald, 20 Orlagh Crescent
Karla Jane Gallagher, 31 Orlagh View
Lauren Marguerite Byrne, 27 Orlagh Park
Eoin Matthew McCormack, 195 Glenvara Park
Iain David McHugh, 5 Templeroan Crescent
Kerrie Patricia Griffin, 8 Beverley Downs
Ashley Julianne Nolan, 23 Castlefield Drive
Kathryn Ann Barry, 10 Knockfield Manor
Shane Patrick Caplice, 9 Orlagh Grove
Lauren Teresa Falconer, 9 Beverley Rise
Gina Victoria Cannon, 3 Templeroan Crescent
Ian Brian Guilfoyle, 30 Orlagh Downs



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Items for inclusion in the next issue should be handed into the Presbytery by Sunday 7th May. The Newsletter will be circulated from 25th May. 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 4941204 (10.00 a.m. - 12 noon) Monday to Friday.

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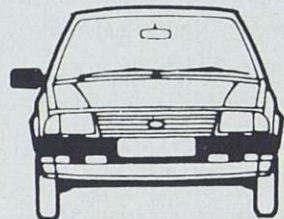
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