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**Dec. 27th - Jan 5th** - Weekday Masses: 10 a.m. and 6.10 p.m.



# Full Circle



Alice Breslin, with daughter Caitriona and grandson Conor

*Our feature this month shows the circle of life in Knocklyon for one family – the Breslins who came here eighteen years ago and who now have two generations concurrently attending our school!*

Alice Breslin and her husband and family moved to Glenvara Park from Palmerstown in 1977. From the moment they arrived, Alice knew that Knocklyon was the only place she would ever want to live. In other words – this place was to be home. The children loved it too and all became pupils of the then brand new St. Colmcille's School.

In 1978 Caitriona Breslin was ten. She is immensely proud of the fact that the class picture taken of her and her classmates, still hangs in the corridor of the Senior School, as the first Confirmation class. Caitriona loved every minute of her time at St. Colmcille's, for instance, the pleasant walk to school down the winding Ballycullen Road, or the wonderful trip to France in 1979 and the thrill of their visit to Paris. Happy memories indeed – and after Confirmation – sadness when it was time to leave and start a new phase of life at Sancta Maria College.

In the meantime Alice had really settled into the community. She became a member of the first Ladies Club and took part in the concerts. For many years she worked on the Summer Project in which Caitriona also helped.

And so the years went by – the Breslin family moved to the new Beverly Estate and Caitriona, on completion of her Leaving Cert. joined the Staff of St. Mary's Convent, a school for deaf girls where she worked for two years. Her training included the learning of sign language, a skill in which she is proficient. It was when Caitriona realised that helping others, especially young people, overcome a disability was a worthwhile calling that she decided to become a carer at Cheeverstown. This is a mixed residential home for mentally handicapped and disabled people of all ages. She chose to

work with the very young, infants, babies and children. She accomplished a lot of work with them through the medium of art (one of her talents is to conjure up the most lovely pictures on Christmas windows in pastels). In Cheeverstown she worked on a one-to-one basis with a young boy who was deaf and partially blind. It was one of her ideas to take her own doll's house, complete with furniture into Cheeverstown to this young boy so that by touching, feeling and holding the tiny furniture – a new world was opened for him.

1988 was a happy year for Caitriona. She married Cormac King who works in the Office of Public Works. They bought a house in Clonsilla and Caitriona continued to work in Cheeverstown until Conor was born in September 1990. Baby Clare arrived eighteen months ago.

In April 1995 Caitriona saw an advertisement for a house for sale in Glenvara Park. It was on the same road in which she had lived with her mum and dad. Herself and Conor went to see it – and that was that, their fate was sealed.

Knocklyon had changed considerably since those early days. The little winding Ballycullen Road was now a splendid new one stretching up from the Firhouse Road and passing many new estates on the way. But Glenvara Park was the same – it was as if she had never left.

It was from here last September that Caitriona proudly took Conor (now 5) to St. Colmcille's School where he took his place with the other young boys and girls in Junior Infants. For Conor King and St. Colmcille's School this was a unique occasion. He is the first young boy to join the school where his mother was a pupil. Coincidentally Shane Breslin (Caitriona's brother) also attends the school. He is in Sixth Class. Many people think Conor and Shane are brothers, instead of nephew and uncle. An unusual situation in a relatively young school. A happy situation that three generations continue to live out their hopes and dreams in a place they love.

Eileen Casey



Conor King (Left) with his uncle Shane Breslin, both pupils of St. Colmcille's Schools

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The work of the Society is non-denominational and totally confidential. If you think we can help in any way either through advice or financial support please do not hesitate to contact us.

## K.A.R.A. News

Our annual Christmas dinner took place on 4th December at the Royal Marine Hotel, Dun Laoghaire. We all had a great get-together before we "broke up" for the Christmas holidays.

Sadly, this year we were short one of our very esteemed members - Frances Maloney, who departed this life on the 5th November '95. *Ar Dheis Dé go raibh a h-anam*. The late Frances was a very dynamic person, full of fun and loved by all of us. Despite failing health for the past year or so she carried on with great courage and determination - a source of inspiration to us all. To her bereaved family and friends we offer our deepest sympathy and trust that God will comfort them in their great loss.

During the past month we have been very busy as usual. We had chair aerobics at the Community Centre with Patricia Dawson on the 7th November and on Wednesday 8th we enjoyed a great performance of *My Fair Lady* by the R. & R. at The Gaiety Theatre. We attended an evening Mass for deceased members of our families and were entertained afterwards to tea etc. by the very willing lady helpers - the cuppa was greatly appreciated - thanks to all concerned.

I take this opportunity to wish all our members a Happy and Holy Christmas, a Prosperous New Year, and please God may 1996 see peace descend on all sections of our country to bring harmony to every home.

God Bless.

M. C. O'Gorman, Sec.



## KNOCKLYON UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB



The traditional mid season break is now with us and affords a welcome rest for players and managers after four hectic months. The weather has been kind for the first half of the season, most teams are well ahead on games played compared to last year.

Of 25 teams in the club this year, 11 are A teams and the remainder being B and C. The spotlight generally tends to be on the A teams as they play in the Dublin & District Schoolboy League where the standard is exceptionally high. However, the B and C teams are also in very competitive leagues and great effort and dedication is needed to win trophies. Tom Kelly who manages the 9C team has a squad of 13 who all live in Orlagh. Starting from scratch this season he has knitted together a fine young team. "It all comes with experience says Tom, I worked on their fitness and like Jack Charlton they play to my system. It's paying off with some good results and I am looking forward to continued improvement in the new year".

Football is a funny old game, just ask John O'Rourke who manages the 13C team. Recently his team lost a league match to Park Celtic from Cabinteely. However, the following week he was drawn against their B team in a Cup match and won 2-0 away from home. "Our league form is patchy says John, however this result will be a great boost to the team and I am looking forward to an extended cup run".

Both Ken Lyons and Michael McSweeney are making great progress with their respective teams, Ken's team is in the last 8 of the cup and Michael's team are second in the league and in the semi final of the cup.

At the half way stage of the season we are very optimistic of plenty of silverware coming to the club. The teams need all the support they can get so why not make it your new year's resolution to come out and support the team your son is playing in.

Finally, I take the opportunity on behalf of our club of wishing you a very happy and peaceful Christmas and the best of luck in 1996.

Jim McGonigle, P.R.O.  
Tel. 493 1046

### JAPANESE SHOTOKAN KARATE

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YOUTH  
CLUB**

The Youth Club got off to a great start with Registration on the 15th of September. Approximately 300 young people have registered as members of the club. This year the committee was greatly heartened by a significant increase in the number of parents coming along to help out on club nights. We want to thank them for their contribution. With as many as 200 young people attending the club on Friday evenings it is easy to appreciate the great difference additional help can make. It is also important to note the increased number of young adult helpers. The commitment of these young people, some of whom are working for the President's Prize, is most impressive and offers great hope for the future.

This year we are making a special effort to attract young people in their teenage years to the club. Activities for this age group take place on Saturday evenings and over the years the membership has fallen. It is a great pity that such an excellent resource as the Community Centre is not being availed of more by the large teenage population. We feel that the absence of a Post Primary School in the parish and the lack of a separate identity for the Senior Club are factors in this decline.

We hope to re-launch this club early in the new year with perhaps a new name and an exhaustive list of possible activities. We would be very grateful for any suggestions and offers of support, particularly from young teenagers and their parents which would help this project. We believe that for a community such as ours, this is a most significant and important task, and one which is the responsibility of everyone in the community.

*Fr. Joe, P.R.O.  
Knocklyon Youth Club*

**KNOCKLYON  
CREDIT UNION**

The A.G.M. of Knocklyon Credit Union was held on Wednesday 22nd November. Assets (members' savings) have increased by 120% in the past year. Frank McLoughlin, Auditor for the Credit Union complimented the Board on accounts well kept and presented.

Total membership is now **640** - this has to be one of the fastest growing Credit Unions in the country. We are still looking for a suitable site or premises for an office. Contact the Secretary at 4947423.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Pat Kelly for continuing to allow us to use the Senior School.

*Knocklyon Credit Union wishes all our members a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.*

**Christmas Opening Hours:**

ST. COLMCILLE'S SENIOR SCHOOL

Friday 22nd 7.15 - 9 p.m. Saturday 23rd CLOSED

Friday 29th 7.15 - 9 p.m. Saturday 30th CLOSED

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**V.E.C.**

*Grants of £103 each have been allocated to the following under the Youth and Sports Scheme by the County Dublin Vocational Education Committee:*

1. Knocklyon Variety Group
2. Knocklyon Karate Club
3. Knocklyon Badminton Club
4. Cherryfield Way Travellers' Youth Club
5. 112th Unit C.B.S.I., Knocklyon
6. Brothers Pearse Athletic Club

**Knocklyon**  
community council

As Chairman of Knocklyon Community Council, I avail of this opportunity to thank the local community for the financial and moral support they have once more afforded me personally and the Council generally over the past year.

The Annual General Meeting for 1995/96 will be held on Wednesday 24th January 1996 in the Senior School. It is extremely important that all who can turn up on the night in question to play their full part in the democratic process in so far as it applies to Knocklyon.

My sincere good wishes to you all for a Holy and Joyous Christmas and every success in your endeavours in 1996.

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At a recent meeting of the  
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the following Motion was tabled by Councillor M. Muldoon

**"That the Manager present a comprehensive report on the present situation vis a vis lands on the bad bend, adjacent to the riding establishment, Knocklyon Road, detailing**

- (a) the recent Court decision transferring these lands from public ownership to that of a private individual,
- (b) the implications of this decision for residents of Woodstock Park, who purchased their homes adjoining this land in the belief that it formed part of the dedicated open space of their estate and
- (c) the implications for this Council's longstanding intentions to widen the road and complete the partly installed footpath, in the interests of public safety, at this location (including the status of the C.P.O. made for a small section of the lands adjoining the roadway which C.P.O. was confirmed by the then Minister for the Environment in 1994)."

**REPLY:**

The owner of the adjoining stables recently succeeded in court against the Council in obtaining a Court Order entitling her to full title to the lands in question by adverse possession. The claim to adverse possession of the lands was against the Council's predecessors in title and referred to a period of time prior to the Council obtaining the lands by Deed of Dedication. The effect of the judgement is that she has been recognised by the Court as entitled to become registered as owner of the lands.

The loss in this instance of the conditioned open space is not considered to be serious as the area concerned is small, is in a backland location behind the houses in Woodstock Park and was of no great amenity to these residents. Indeed because of its backland location it may well have become in time a location for anti-social behaviour.

The loss of the strip of land required for the road improvements and the installation of a footpath is much more serious. Arrangements have already been put in train to acquire this land by Compulsory Purchase Order.

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## Course 1

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The course will take place on Tuesday nights, 8 - 10 p.m., over six weeks (16th January to 20th February) and will be given by a team led by Pat Mullins O.Carm.

Fee: £18.00.

## Course 2

### The Truth Shall Make you Free - Part II



Addressing perennial religious questions in a changing Church. A popular - but theological - approach!

Wednesdays: Jan. 17th, 24th, 31st. 10.30 - 12.30 p.m.

1. Sacraments - What's so special about them? Why are they different now?
2. Heaven, Hell, Purgatory, Judgement - Whatever happened to Limbo?
3. On being a Catholic today - Moving from burden to challenge!

*"If you would listen to my word ... you will know the truth and the truth will set you free" (Jn. 8:31 - 32)*

Speaker: David Weakliam, O.Carm.

FEE: £10.00.



## Course 3

### Family Issues

Dates: Wednesday, 24th & 31st January

Time: 8 - 10 p.m.

- (1) Boss management or lead management - different approaches to parenting.
- (2) Pulling together when things go wrong.

These two topics will be addressed by Joe McDonagh, B.A., H.Dip., Guidance Counsellor, Diploma in Family Studies. The input will be followed by group discussion.

FEE: £10.00

## Course 4

### Aspects of Natural Healing



This is a repeat of the course which took place last autumn. It proved so popular that we have been requested to run it again in the evening, to facilitate those who could not attend morning sessions. Early booking advisable.

Dates: Thursday 18th January and six following Thursdays to 29th February inclusive.

Time: 8 - 10 p.m.

1. (a) Introduction to the Principles of Healing and Complementary Medicine,  
(b) Healing Through Relationships.
2. Healing Through Reflexology.
3. Aromatherapy Massage for Healing and Relaxation.
4. The Healing of Memories
5. Homeopathy and Pollution - Environmental Pollution as the Source of the Disease
6. Nutrition - Eating for Balance and Healing
7. Healing the Spirit



The above themes will be addressed by a panel of visiting speakers.

FEE: £25.00 for full course or £5 per session, if places available.

### An Earnest Appeal from the Director!

Advance booking is essential to avoid cancellation of courses due to insufficient interest. So please, please, enrol early.

## Coming February

1. *The Law and The Family*
2. *Aspects of Prayer*
3. *Parenting Programmes*

AND MORE!

Enrolments at the Pastoral Centre Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th January Mornings 10.30 - 11.30 a.m. : Evenings 7.30 - 8.30 p.m.

Application Forms, available at the back of the Church, may also be completed and returned to the Presbytery.





(L. - R.) Jennifer Moore, Colm Cashman, Roisín Hickey and Gary Fitzgerald take their Promises watched by Ian Collins (Left) and Fergal Daly (holding flag)

**New Recruits**

Saturday 25th November was the Scout Investiture for 112th Knocklyon C.B.S.I. It was an impressive sight as all the new Beavers, Cubs and Scouts gathered in the Church.

Fr. Arthur said the Mass during which all the new recruits were made part of the worldwide scout movement. In the case of the Beavers they made a solemn promise "to love God and help take care of the world". Gerry Daly officiated as each child filed up to the altar to make their promise with one hand on the Scout Flag.

It was a very moving ceremony with beautiful singing by the very talented Lisa Kelly who was accompanied on guitar by her dad Joe.

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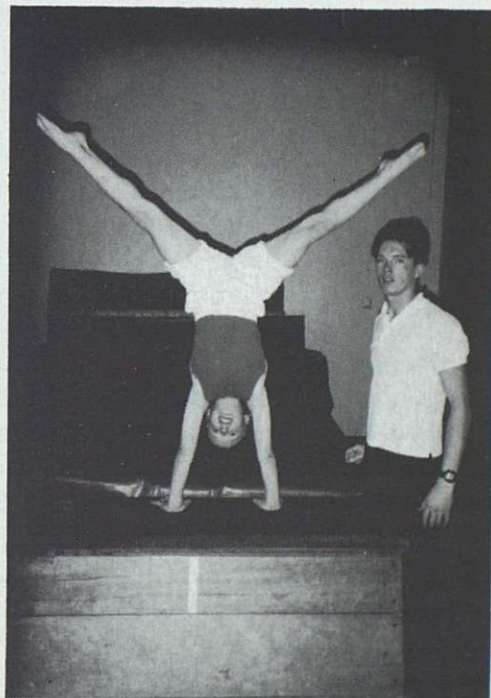
This is an exciting time for the local Brothers Pearse Athletic Club, based in Cherryfield. A new committee for 1996 has just been elected. Fortunately for children and parents in Knocklyon the club continues to prosper under the inspirational chairmanship of Mattie Moloney. David McCarthy, Sean Smith and Ann Fox make up the remainder of the committee. Bill Tyson, Mattie Moloney and Trish Eustace will spearhead the coaching.

The All-Ireland Children's Cross Country Championships were held in Shannon in early December. This is a truly competitive event. On a beautiful day on a very fast course, Bronwyn Kiernan stormed home for a magnificent win in the Girls U.12 event. In the same event, the club took the bronze medal in the team event with Una Mulkerrins, Julie Hogan and Bronwyn making up the team. Very strong performances were seen by the three Tyson sisters, Susan, Laura and Karen in their different events. Suzanne Hughes (G. U.11) and James Duffy (B. U.9), newcomers to the club, showed great improved running with Suzanne in sixth place. Derbhla Stynes, establishing a reputation distinct from her famous brother Brian, finished a magnificent 5th in the U.15 Girls. David Rafferty, Lorcan Blank and Louise Blank also performed very creditably.

The club continues its winter training in Sancta Maria College, Ballyroan at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays and at Cherryfield on Sundays at 11 a.m. Children aged 8 and upwards as well as senior athletes are welcome to join. You don't need to be a star to join!

Next coming up will be the Dublin League. This is an event made up of different disciplines including cross country, track and field events. Scoring is based on the best five events out of a possible ten. This will keep matters buzzing in January and February prior to the All-Ireland Indoor Championships in Nenagh in March 1996.

**He's had his Weetabix!**



John O'Hanlon training at Olympian Gymnastics Club with his coach Neil O'Reilly (Darglewood)

John, a pupil of St. Colmcille's took second place in the "floor" section and third overall in the South Dublin Finals of the **Weetabix Young Gymnast of the Year** Competition. Many congratulations John on a great achievement.

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# SCHOOL NEWS

## SENIOR

The hustle and bustle of the Christmas season is upon us and here at the Senior School preparations are afoot for our annual Christmas celebrations.

Well done to the choir led by Ms. Munro and Mr. Gearty who participated in a beautiful Carol Service which took place in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Bachelors' Walk on Sunday 17th December. A Carol Service will also be held for the school in our church on the 22nd December.



In keeping with the season of goodwill and remembering those less fortunate than ourselves, our pupils were invited to take part in a fast from sweets from 9 a.m. - 2.30 p.m. on Thursday 14th December. All funds raised went to Concern to support their programmes in the Third World. Representatives from Concern recently visited the school and through the presentation of artefacts and a question and answer session, the children were given an insight into the reality of life in a third world country.

We thank you for your generous response to the recent Wheelchair Association Fundraising Drive.

Last month the Fourth Classes made a trip to the National Concert Hall. Though the weather wasn't kind, it didn't dampen the spirits of the pupils as they sang and clapped their way through the lively programme which included not only classical pieces but selections from *The Jungle Book*. The day didn't end there however, as we picnicked between the showers and proceeded to a variety of venues: The National Museum, The Natural History Museum, E.S.B. House and the Book of Kells and Geology Museum in Trinity College. A most enjoyable day was had by all.

This month Sixth Class were visited by the Dental Nurse, who gave each class an informative talk on Dental Hygiene. In addition class meetings have begun for the parents of sixth class pupils. Their purpose is to plan a comprehensive programme of preparation for Confirmation.

Congratulations to Anne Fahey and husband Gerry on the arrival of baby Patrick.



## SPORTS NEWS



No newsletter would be complete without an update on our sporting endeavours and the following reports come from Mr. McGabhann and Mr. Ruddy.

**Senior Football 1995:** The senior football team qualified for the final of the Sciath Mhic Craith U.13 competition. Their opponents were Belgrove N. S., from Clontarf. The match was played in Croke Park on Tuesday, November 28th.

Despite the inclement weather, both teams served up a great display of football. St. Colmcilles fought very hard, especially in the second half, but eventually had to relent to a much stronger team from the Northside. The boys from Knocklyon were very disappointed but at least they had reached Croke! They showed great dedication and determination throughout all of their matches and were a credit to their school and their families. Many thanks to all who supported during the competition and to all involved in the lovely reception, (especially Mona and company), which was held in the school hall after the match.

**Girls Senior Football Final:** The girls recently qualified for their first ever football final in Croke Park against a strong S.F.X. Coolmine team. Despite a tremendous team performance we were defeated by the minimum margin 1-3 to 1-2.

The game started extremely brightly for both teams when Jason Sherlock was introduced to all the girls by the two captains. Una Mulkerrin did the honours for Knocklyon. After a brief photograph session, Jayo also threw in the ball to start proceedings.

The girls can all be very proud of their achievements this year. We look forward to seeing more girls on the football field next year.

A special congratulations to Mona Healy who was selected as "Player of the Match" in Croke Park '95.



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# SCHOOL NEWS EXTRA

## JUNIOR

As Christmas approaches – all the children in the Junior School are on their best behaviour – (I wonder why?) School-bags laden with catalogues are browsed each lunchtime – markers in hand, the children tick their favourite toys. "I'm getting that and that and ..." (I never knew Santa's surname was 'Argos'.) Hopefully, all the children will be delighted with whatever Santa brings!

We have great news here at the Junior School. Last year, most of you heard our children on Gay Byrne's morning show. Their interpretation of 'The Nativity' was so good that RTE Television decided to use it for their Christmas Schedule. The Christmas Story appeared during the week prior to Christmas on T.V. showing the paintings the children had done while the tape played. The children must be complimented on their great effort – many DaVincis (and some Picassos) were discovered.

Also, as promised last newsletter – the Stork arrived at St. Colmcille's once again. Mrs. Yvonne Mullan, our Remedial Teacher, gave birth to a son, Andrew. Congrats. to her and husband, Peter.

That reminds me! Don't forget to register children now for '96. (Mrs. Mullan – Andrew is on a waiting list for the year 2000!) Double check with the office if you have already put a name down.

Mr. Dalton and all the staff at the Junior School wish to extend their good wishes to all parents, children and families in Knocklyon for a Happy and Peaceful Christmas.

School re-opens on Monday January 8th 1996.

Nollaig shona dóibh.



## SUNDAY CLUB



Picture shows some of the participants in the Sunday Club, which has been running for a number of weeks now, in the Pastoral Centre during the 11 o'clock Mass.

## POST PRIMARY???

The following is the text of a reply given by Minister for Education Niamh Breathnach, T.D. in response to questions tabled by Seamus Brennan, T.D. in the Dáil on November 29th. The questions requested the Minister to make a statement of her views on the post primary school needs in the Knocklyon/Scholarstown area, in the light of the Van Der Kamp Report and also requested a meeting between members of the Knocklyon Post Primary School Committee and senior officials of her Department.

The Deputy will be aware that, in early 1994, I commissioned a survey by the Service Industries Research Centre of U.C.D. of the post primary school needs of the Knocklyon/Scholarstown area of Dublin 16. The research was carried out by Dr. Michael Bannon. Dr. Bannon took account of the latest available statistical data for the area, including planning permissions for future housing, and concluded that a new post primary school located in Knocklyon was not warranted.

I accepted the recommendations of the independent consultant and decided not to proceed with the construction of a post primary school for that area. Instead, I decided that the demand for school places should be met by providing additional accommodation at Coláiste Éanna, Ballyroan, and Templeogue College.

I have asked that the position be re-examined, at an early date, in the light of the Knocklyon Post Primary Committee's response to Dr. Bannon's Report and the assessment of the report carried out by Mr. Hendrik van der Kamp at the request of the Committee.

When this examination is completed, a meeting with officials from my Department can be arranged.

Watch this space for future developments.

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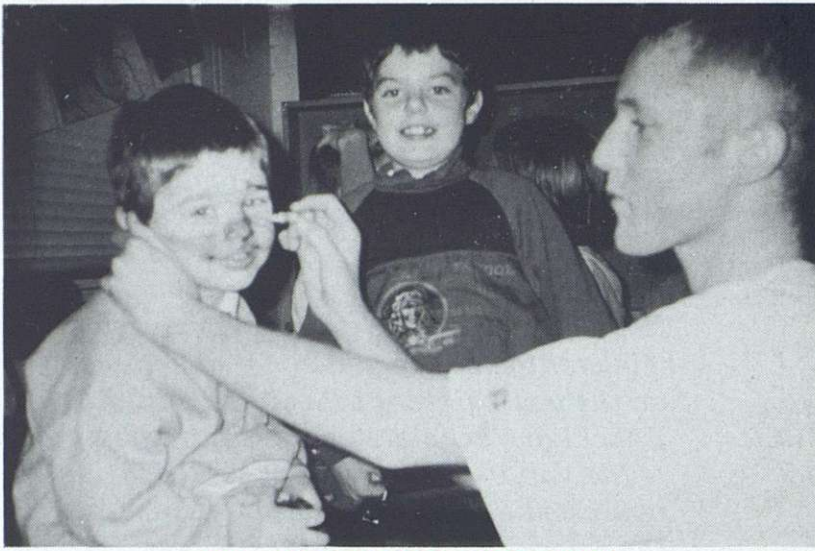
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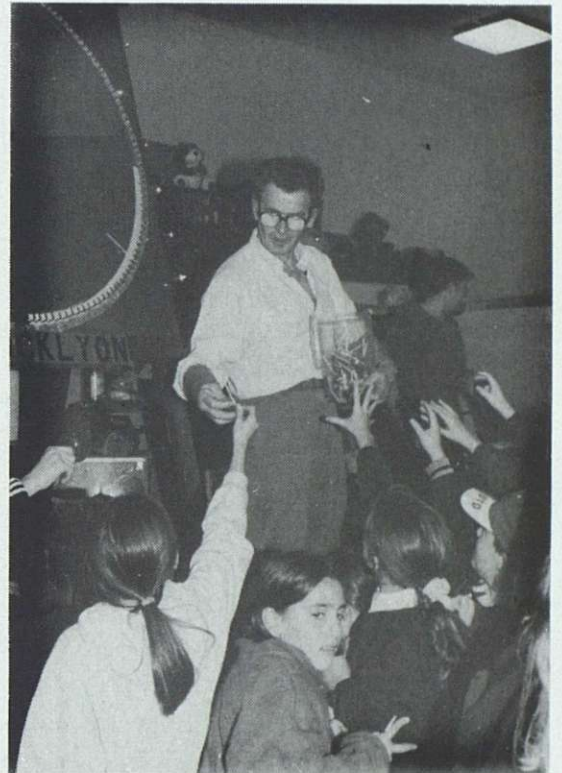


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# Reflection



(from 2nd Sunday of Advent, 1 o'clock Mass)

We all hear people talking about Christmas – the pressures, the expense, the nuisance of it all. We hear people saying they wish it was all over. What an awful shame!

## PEACE

### The Story of Christmas

Christmas is a time that we remember our Saviour's birth. It is a lovely story – the stable, the wise men, shepherds, angels etc. But it's more than a lovely story. It's the beginning of our salvation. We celebrate Christmas by sending cards and presents, meeting people that we might only meet once a year, parties at work, celebrating with friends. We see children and their raw excitement at everything. They can't wait for Christmas. What's Santa going to bring? Maybe they have little gifts for their parents that they are trying to keep a secret.

We are in Advent now, preparing for Christmas. It's up to us how we prepare and how we look forward. We can either moan and groan about all the materialism, or we can look at it all with new eyes, and remember what it is all about. Think of the story of Scrooge (as described in Dicken's *A Christmas Carol*.)

Scrooge is an old man – a miser. He is the most unfriendly man you could ever meet. He doesn't want to risk anything so he doesn't get involved with anyone or anything. It's Christmas Eve, and Scrooge has all his workers on overtime. (And they don't get paid time and a half!) People are collecting for charity, but obviously he won't subscribe to any charity. He feels that it's people's own fault that they are poor and it's tough really ...!

He allows his workers to take Christmas day off even though he can't see what all the fuss is about.

He sees Christmas as a time when *he* loses money because *his* office has to close. He is invited to spend Christmas with his nephew, but declines! I mean why be happy? He is by himself, and is visited by an old friend, Marley, who has died. Marley has chains around him, and tells Scrooge that the chains are a result of the way he lived his life, never ever thinking about others. He tells Scrooge that he will be visited by three spirits.

The first spirit comes and brings Scrooge back to his past. We see him as a lonely child. (The psychologists would have a field day with his past!) We see how he falls in love but becomes too obsessed with money to make a go of a relationship. As Scrooge looks at his past he finds it very painful.

Then the second spirit comes and brings Scrooge to his present. We see Scrooge looking through windows at people that he knows. He hears them talking about him in unfavourable terms. And some of his acquaintances even laugh at him! They play games that make fun of him. And that can hurt!

Finally the third spirit comes and brings Scrooge to his future. Scrooge sees his funeral and all the people are worried about, is what they can rob from his house. There is no sad person. His grave becomes completely overgrown because, basically, nobody cares.

What a shock! Scrooge realises in time that the way he lives now, and the way he has lived, affects his eternal life – his real future! He changes, and turns out to be the best helper of people ever! A happy ending. (What a pity his name continues to be associated only with his life before he changed!)

We have the chance to live positive lives. We can use Christmas as a time to help others, a time to show our love and care for people, a time to ponder the wonderful coming of our saviour.



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Mary Kiberd with Noel Judd (Honorary Consul for Malta) at the I.C.A.'s recent "International Night"

The Guild recently held a very successful "International Night" hosted by Mary Kiberd (pictured above). The theme for the night was "Malta". Mr. Noel Judd, Honorary Consul for Malta gave a very interesting talk on the history of Malta, and Mary prepared a delicious selection of Maltese foods for us to sample.

Our night out at the Gaiety Theatre was superb with the Rathmines and Rathgar Musical Society's presentation of *My Fair Lady* enjoyed by all.

Members interested in culinary affairs were treated to an interesting talk on the cooking and presentation of Irish fruit and vegetables given by An Bord Glas.

Congratulations to our members who, as part of the I.C.A. Dublin Federation Choir, were placed second in the Oireachtas competition sponsored by Telecom Éireann – and also to the Drama group for their production of *Little Benjamin* which they entered for the Tomlin Cup.

We wish all our members a happy and peaceful Christmas.

Anne Fee

## THE *Christmas* FAIR

The Christmas Fair is far more than a fund-raising event. More importantly it is an experience of real community. "How did you enjoy the Christmas Fair?" I asked a ten year old girl. "Brilliant"!!! was the emphatic reply. And the look in her eye said even more than the enthusiastic tone of voice.

But it wasn't just the young! Everywhere you went people seemed to be smiling, in good form, enjoying the bit of craic! It was hard not to be on the winning side: either you got a bargain or ... "well, it was for a good cause"!

For hundreds (thousands?) of people to have a good time, there's always a lot of hard work done in the "engine room". To the many, many people who donated generously to the Fair, to the dozens of helpers, young and old, who gave so cheerfully of their time, talent and energy – whether to organise, collect, run stalls and features or clear up and clean up – etc. etc. etc. *Thank you. Thank you.*

Fr. David

DR. PETER ROTH

*Wishes all his patients  
a Very Happy Christmas  
and every good fortune  
in the New Year*

– Courtesy Senator Ann Ormonde, F. F. Asst. Whip –

### • FIRHOUSE ROAD AT CHERRYFIELD PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

The council has had a number of meetings with the representatives of Ballyboden St Enda's GAA Club and of Cumann na mBunscoil concerning the provision of flashing amber lights adjacent to the Ballyboden St Enda's Club House which would be operated at times when children are crossing the road immediately prior to a match and immediately after the end of a game. The costs involved would be a matter for the clubs concerned and the representatives undertook to discuss the matter with their respective committees and a reply is awaited. In the interim, 'Children Crossing' signs have been provided on both approaches to the Club and the adjacent school. It is also proposed to provide 'slow' markings on the road.

### • DARGLE WOOD: FOOTPATH REPAIR

The residents of Dargle Wood will be pleased to hear that repairs of the footpath outside No. 114 will be carried out in conjunction with the removal of the tree at this location.

### • DERELICT AREA OF LAND AT COOLAMBER PARK, KNOCKLYON

This land is not conditioned open space nor is it in charge of or under the maintenance of the Parks Department. It is not in Council's Ownership. Subject to the residents obtaining the agreement of the owners the council has now no objection to the householders in question incorporating the area into their gardens provided no permanent structures are erected on the land and that the Council will have way leave/access to the drainage pipe which traverses the length of the area in question.

### • COOLAMBER PARK: LANEWAY CLOSURE

One request has been received for the closure of this lane which links three estates, Cremorne, Westbourne Lodge and Knocklyon Estate with Coolamber. If there is an indication of widespread support in the area for its closure, the procedure to extinguish the public right of way can be initiated.

### NURSES FOR NURSING HOMES

A new *Nursing Agency* specialising in the provision of temporary nursing services to Nursing Homes in the South and West Dublin areas would like to hear from qualified Nurses and Nursing Aides interested in short-term work. If you are interested in working in this area of care, with the opportunity to work when you wish, please contact *Cora Hallinan RGN RM* at 4934829 or Mobile 088-639373 for further information



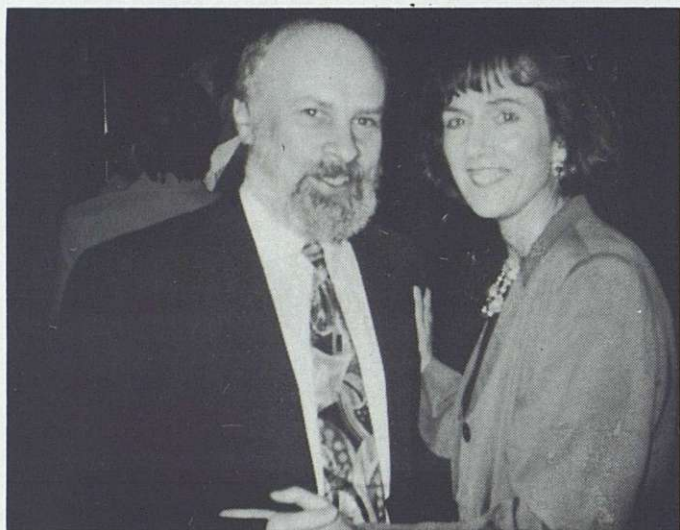


*At the Social Evening for Parish Helpers in Terenure College on December 8th. Above: Gerry and Geraldine Kavanagh (Delaford).*

*Right: Stephanie Sadlier and Michael Sheedy.*

*Below: Choir Master Eoin Garrett and his wife Emer.*

*Below Right: Fr. Paddy Staunton, first Parish Priest Knocklyon and Mona Garvey.*



*Below: Folk Group Members Fergal O'Neill, with (L-R) Joanne Kelly, Jennifer Hughes, Joanne Dowling and Lorna Maher.*

*Below right: Jack and Anne Begley.*





# Hotlyon ...

## ● K.A.L.P.

### Knocklyon Active Lone Parents (New Title)

Support Group - next meeting on Monday 8th January 1996 in the Pastoral Centre at 8 p.m. Drop in for coffee and a chat. Enquiries to 4941457.

## ● SCOUT DRAW RESULTS

### October '95

£100 ..... J. & J. Donnelly, 3 Delaford Park  
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 £25 ..... Martin O'Connor, 39 Cremorne

### November '95

£100 ..... M. T. Mohan, 4 Knockaire  
 £50 ..... Renée Synnott, 6 Orlagh Lawns  
 £25 ..... Des Ryan, 3A Knocklyon Road

## ● ANOTHER SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

We send warmest congratulations to Edward Murray of Knocklyon Heights, a past pupil of St. Colmcille's and Templeogue College who was awarded a scholarship to study medicine at U.C.D. based on his Leaving Cert. results this year. Well done Edward on a great achievement. We wish you continued success in all your future studies.

## ● ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The local Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul wish to thank all those who contributed to their Christmas collection on the weekend of 9th and 10th December. Your generous support came to £7,814 for which we are extremely grateful and can assure you will be used to good effect in the weeks and months ahead. A special thank you also to the children and parents who responded so generously to our Toy Appeal on 16th and 17th.

## ● RATHFARNHAM CASTLE

While tours of the Castle will not recommence until June 1996, it is intended to keep the **Tea Rooms open** throughout the winter - a decision which will be welcomed by those who enjoy brisk winter walks. Pre-arranged tours can be organised by contacting the National Monuments & Historic Properties Service, 51 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin 2.

# Recent Baptisms

Shauna Patricia Leavy, 3 Beverly Heights.  
 Helen Violet Doyle, 140 Woodfield.  
 Rachel Ellen Medbury, 32 Idrone Close.  
 David Mullen, 21 Beverly Avenue.  
 Lauren Catherine Mooney, 29 Templeroan Court.  
 Ciara Rebecca Rowland, 59 Lansdowne Park.  
 Keith McLoughlin, 17 Glenlyon Crescent.  
 Stephen Timothy Goulding, 193 Woodfield.  
 Katherine Ellen McGrath, 46 Orlagh Park.  
 Ailbhe Marie Byrne-Maguire, 70 Dargle Wood.  
 Leah Elizabeth Byrne-Maguire, 70 Dargle Wood.  
 Megan Colette Redmond, 18 Orlagh Close.  
 Jessica Hannah McGinn, 10 Templeroan Lodge.  
 Shannon White, 60 Dargle Wood.  
 Adam David McNamee, 7 Glenlyon Crescent.  
 James Patrick Thomas Dooney, 13 Beverly Rise.  
 Conor Daniel Maguire, 12 Beverly Rise.  
 Claire Laura Schorman, 17 Templeroan Green.  
 Rebecca Anne Hanley, 90 Dargle Wood.  
 Aoife Siobhan Anthony Clabby, 130 Dargle Wood.



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