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ST. COLMCILLE'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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OUR TWIN PARISH – REGINA COELI – ZIMBABWE

We outline below some details of the Regina Coeli Parish in Zimbabwe with which our parish of St. Colmcille's has ongoing associations.

This Mission was begun by Fr. Peter Senan Egan, O.Carm in 1955. He first built a Primary School for day pupils and boarders, and a Clinic. After a short time the Clinic was raised to the status of a Hospital. The Sisters of Charity from Holland, came to Regina Coeli in 1957, and undertook teaching and nursing duties. Under the influence of the Carmelite priest-doctor, Fr. Luke (Robbie) McCabe, a training school for nurses was also set up.



A fine Church building (above) was blessed and opened by Bishop Lamont, O.Carm. on 31st May 1964. In 1964 the Primary School was replaced by a Secondary School, a relatively rare facility in rural areas in those days. The Mission continued to grow, with various buildings being erected to cater for the increasing needs.



Fr. Paddy Staunton was in charge of the Mission from 1965 to 1974 during which time new classrooms, dormitories and extensions to the hospital were built. He returned to Ireland to be Knocklyon's first Parish Priest. The Mission reopened in 1980 after the war when a great deal of repair work was needed for the seriously damaged buildings. Further developments were also undertaken, including the provision of an excellent water supply by gravity.

The Mission, serving about 70,000 people is situated near the eastern border of Zimbabwe, about 160 km north of the nearest town, Mutare. 10 km to the east is the former Portuguese colony of Mozambique.

Tragedy struck the Mission area when the worst bus disaster in Zimbabwean history occurred on the night of August 2nd 1991. The bus crashed when it was carrying Regina Coeli personnel from an inter-schools sports contest at St. Killians Mission. 80 students from the Secondary School were killed, as well as five of their teachers, and three bus crew.

Today the Secondary School has 400 pupils, of whom 200 are boarders. The Hospital has 114 beds, and it is always very busy. Tropical diseases are common in the area. In recent times there has been an upsurge in the number of patients who have Aids, or are HIV positive, and this condition is becoming more and more prevalent.



The Mission is now run by Fr. Jack McGrath O.Carm., assisted by Fr. Lar Lynch and Fr. Tom O'Halloran.

For the past two years the proceeds of our parish socials have been in aid of Regina Coeli. It is hoped in the near future to hold a further fund-raising event which we trust you will support. Look out for more information.

What's on in the Pastoral Centre in February/March ?

Basic Parenting Program Course: 1.

Morning Course

Monday 19th February and seven following
Mondays - 10.15 a.m. - 12.15 p.m.

Facilitators: Anne Gillen and Terry Ryan

This is a program of eight weekly sessions enabling parents to improve their skills and create a framework of discipline and respect in their families.

Due to increased demand for places on this course we are also offering a basic evening course to complement the morning course. Both courses are open to all parents of primary schoolchildren, with the evening course offering a unique opportunity to partners who cannot attend together to enrol in either course.

Basic Parenting Program Course : 2

Evening Course

Wednesday 21st February and seven following
Wednesdays 8 - 10 p.m..

Facilitator: Ailish Kenny

Comments from parents who have completed a basic course -

"The course has made my job as a parent less stressful. I now have tools and skills I didn't have before."

"The course has made me look at my children and their problems in a different light".

Fee: £25.00 to include cost of manual.

Teen Parenting Program Course: 3

Thursday 22nd February and five following
Thursdays 10.15 a.m. - 12.15 p.m.

Facilitator: Mary Byrne

This program looks at effective methods of improving teen/parent communications and equipping parents with skills for coping with the typical situations which occur in the teen years. The course will be of most interest to parents of 13 - 16 year olds.

Comments from parents who have completed the Teen Parenting Course -

"The course was a lifesaver. The relief of meeting other parents with teenagers behaving just like mine was enormous."

"We all benefited from the course especially the section on discipline. It was nice to know that others felt that sometimes saying "No" was right."

Fee: £23.00 to include cost of manual.

Aspects of Family Law Course: 4

Tuesday Feb. 27th., Mar. 5th., 12th, 26th.
8 p.m.

- (1) The Law of Civil Nullity.
- (2) Judicial Separation.
- (3) Guardianship, Custody and Access to Children.
- (4) Matrimonial Violence/Maintenance Payments.

Speaker : Jim Richardson, Barrister-at-Law,
Specialist in Family Law.

Fee: £15.00.

Praying 'at all times' Course: 5

Not so much an exercise - more a way of being!

Thursday March 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th.
8 - 10 p.m.

Speakers: Sr. Pauline McGrath O.P.
Fr. David Weakliam, O.Carm.

The course seeks to explore the great breath and variety of experience that can rightly be called 'prayer'. We grow to understand what prayer is, partly by learning what prayer is not. We look at the riches of Eastern and Western traditions and seek to breathe new life into familiar ways of praying. We see contemplative prayer as exciting and open to all.

Fee: £15.00.

The courses offered are open to anyone wishing to participate. Should the fee requested deter anyone from applying, please do not hesitate to contact one of the course organisers, or any of the priests in the parish, when a suitable confidential arrangement can be made.

Course Organisers:

Brid O'Connell	496 1743
Mary McCormack	493 5672
Aoife O'Tierney	494 1312
Antoinette Ahearne	494 6209

Enrolments at the Pastoral Centre

Wed. 7th Feb. 10.30 - 11.30 a.m. & 7.30 - 8 p.m.

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

SCHOOL NEWS

JUNIOR SCHOOL

"Anois teacht an Earraigh" ... the only sign visible so far, are the compost filled yogurt cartons on the classroom windowsills – some with the thinnest tip of green – the beginning of a daffodil, or crocus perhaps. We have had our fair share of flu and coughs among the children – no doubt every household has had its own intensive care ward. C'mon Spring – let's be having you!

This year the Junior School is promoting the valiant efforts of *Goal*. For St. Patrick's day we will be selling the Paddy's day badges for just £1 each. We ask that you give your support to this most worthy cause. (If you don't have children at school – come on into the office and buy one anyway!)

We remind parents who wish to sell the Communion blazers to leave them into the office now!

COMMUNION DATES:
Saturdays – 27th April, 4th & 11 May

Also, any parents with children for Junior Infants September '96 – please contact the school to ensure that we have your child's name.

SENIOR SCHOOL

A Happy New Year to you all from everyone here in the Senior School.

The choir are currently practising in earnest for their forthcoming participation in the Corfhéile Bhríde which will take place in March.

We welcome the Mater Dei students who are working with some fifth and sixth classes teaching English and Religion.

The cultural exchange with our Italian colleagues has continued through correspondence. The staff received cards and were treated to a taste of tradi-

tional Italian Christmas cake, which was similar to our brack. Fourth class students from the primary school in Monte Giorgio are eager to learn more about "our beautiful country" and have requested pen pals. Children in R. 15 will send their first letter shortly.

Well done to all those children who took part in the Concern Junior Christmas Fast and to their parents and friends who supported them. The final total raised was £2,814.78.

The winter weather hasn't deterred my sporting colleagues and the following report is courtesy of Mr. J. Murphy, Mr. P. O'Neill, and Mr. Sweeney.

SPORTING NEWS

While sporting activity has been relatively quiet since late autumn there have been a few signs of reawakening recently. Mr. Sweeney was, as usual first off the mark getting his camogie squads into action.

5th and 6th class camogie has been continuing apace on Wednesday afternoons. Recently the 5th class team led by Ciara Lucey had an upset win at indoor camogie over their older rivals. With an outdoor season beckoning we are delighted to see Isobel Duffy back from the USA to challenge for her place. 4th class camogie has just resumed after the mid-season break.

Senior hurlers under Mr. S. O'Neill's direction have already begun training in preparation for the upcoming Herald Cup League. Meanwhile Mr. P. O'Neill has been busy with the Junior hurlers.

JUNIOR HURLING: Sixty boys are currently trying out for the Junior team under the watchful eye of Mr. P. O'Neill. This year, for the first time ever, the boys and girls are enjoying the new indoor hurling game which is becoming very popular. Among the names to the fore so far are Brian Kennedy, Brian O'Connor and Michael Griffin. The inter-schools league begins in early March. *Watch this space for further news.*

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I.C.A. News

The I.C.A. meetings start again on the 6th February in the Community Centre at 8.30 p.m. and as always new members are welcome.

Our Christmas Party was held on the 12th December in the Red Cow Inn with Brendan Grace, and was a great success. We also had a very enjoyable party in the Community Centre on the 5th of December and we would like to thank those who provided the musical entertainment, and Superquinn for the hamper.

The I.C.A. Group who sang Christmas Carols at Superquinn on the 23rd December collected £162.31 for the local branch of the Saint Vincent de Paul. Thanks to Pat Bradley who provided mince pies and Irish coffees afterwards.

Anne Fee

Bros. Pearse A.C.

Eleven members of the club, between the ages of 12 and 16 travelled to Nenagh on the 20th/21st January to contest the All-Ireland Indoor Athletic Championships for that age group. There were many memorable performances in the cold environs of the indoor arena. Personal bests were achieved by Aidan Smyth, Knocklyon Green (triple jump) and Colin Holmes, Coolamber (600m, 300m 60m). David Fox, Orlagh secured a 4th place while Stephen Butterly, Ashton snatched a bronze medal in the 800m.

The girls put in a superlative performance, bagging thirteen medals including 4 gold, 2 silver and 7 bronze. Coolamber is becoming the home of champions with Bronwyn Kiernan (3 gold, 1 silver, 1 bronze), Una Mulkerrin (1 silver, 1 bronze) and Susan Tyson (2 bronze) bringing national focus on their estate. Suzanne Donoghue, Templeroan, is the fastest in the country over 60m. hurdles. Louise Grier, Knockaire, Sarah Coughlan (bronze relay) and Claire Butterly, Ashton made up the balance of the all-conquering girls team.

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- 5.30 p.m.

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Thanks also are due to Paul Marshall who responded to the call on Participation Sunday by offering his services to paint and restore to their former glory our newly acquired crib figures. Paul's work was a beauty to behold. His son John is shown below placing the restored figures in the crib.

Lighting the Way

Pictured above are Michael Brennan and Paul Marshall hanging the lantern in the Crib during Christmas week. Michael is no stranger to this job, having erected the crib in our parish every year except one since the parish was founded. That certainly must be a record Michael, – well done and many thanks on behalf of the whole community in Knocklyon.



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BALLYBODEN ST. ENDAS GAA AND CAMOGIE CLUB

— A Glittering Year for Gary —



**Gary Colleran, Ballyboden St. Endas star defender,
Blue Star winner and Dublin player**

Former pupil of St. Colmcilles N.S., Knocklyon, Gary Colleran won't forget 1995 in a hurry. He captained the Under 21 football team to victory in the club's first championship success at this grade, and won a place for himself on the senior side which also captured the championship for the first time. The 20 year old apprentice electrical engineer is a product of the club's thriving juvenile success story where Gary also earned a minor championship medal in 1993. Gary's favourite playing position is full-back and it was his move to that position in the county final which had a major bearing on the result.

Gary's performances were recognised further afield and he was awarded an Irish Nationwide Building Society/Evening Herald Blue Star award for 1995, one of 6 such awards to come to the club in 1995.

On New Year's Day Gary lined out for the Blue Stars against Dublin at the club's HQ - Pairc Uí Mhurchú along with fellow clubmen - Brian Stynes, Philip Wardick, Liam Callan and Michéal Gardiner. On top of this Gary has just been called into the Dublin panel and made his competitive debut against Carlow in the O'Byrne Cup and has also played against Wexford in the competition. Philip Wardick is another to make his debut for Dublin playing against Derry and Ken Murray has been steadily building up a solid reputation in the Dublin colours.

A Blue Star replacement award was earned by the versatile Ken Murray, the only person to be nominated for a place on both the football and hurling teams.

On the Hurling front Brian Kelleher won his second Blue Star award. This time at mid-field.

For the third year in a row, the club hosted the Blue Star

Games and as in previous years the event went off like clockwork being blessed with a beautiful day. Another fine crowd attended and the day received huge local support. Many thanks to everyone. A late call-up to the Dublin team on New Year's Day was Tomás Ó Riordáin who marked his appearance with a fine goal.

Another challenging year lies ahead but it will be difficult to match the successes of 1995. In all 39 sets of medals were won by the club in the previous 12 months. Already preparations have begun for the new season. The Senior Football team will open their championship campaign on March 10 against Scoil Uí Conaill and on February 10 will be guests of honour at the Gala Presentation Dinner in Áras an Chlub in the presence of GAA President, Jack Boothman.

Gerry O'Sullivan

K.A.R.A. News

We re-opened on Tuesday the 9th January 1996 and had an interesting and lively discussion about our activities over the festive period. We wish all our members peace, health and happiness for 1996. On a more sombre note, we send our sincere condolences to our beloved Treasurer, Cyril Cogan, on the great loss he has sustained by the death of his dear wife, Patricia, who died on the 31st December 1995. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a h-anam. Pat, as she was familiarly called, was a lovely gentle lady, and although in failing health for some time, will be greatly missed by all of us. We hope and pray that Pat has found the peace and happiness she so richly deserves.

We are slowly but surely getting into the "swing of things" again. The bowls and aerobics have resumed and Patricia Dawson visited the Centre last week to cater for the members who are unable to get to the Sports Complex at Balrothery. The exercises and dancing sessions with Patricia are always very enjoyable. We are planning to spend a few days in either Clare or Mayo in the near future. We still have vacancies for new members over fifty-five. Do come along any Tuesday morning from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon. A hearty welcome awaits you at the Knocklyon Community Centre. Anyone interested in Table Tennis will be especially welcome as we are anxious to resume this activity and have been invited to play a friendly game with Perrystown Active Retirement Club. Before concluding we send our sincere sympathy to Eileen Campbell and Alice Flynn. Each of these members have "lost" a sister recently and we pray that God will comfort Eileen and Alice and the other remaining members of their families. We wish Gladys Nolan a speedy return to health. Our prayers and good wishes go out to her. Sin é until our next news.

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Local Groups & Community Directory At a glance

We hope the following reference will stimulate your interest in matters local during 1996.

SUPPORT AND SERVICE GROUPS

BAPTISM PREPARATION TEAM

The role of the Baptism Team is to welcome the child for Baptism into the Christian Community, to help prepare the families for the sacrament, and to represent the community on the altar throughout the Rite of Baptism.

Parents are requested to give a least two weeks' notice to one of the priests prior to the baptism of their child.

Enquiries: Presbytery 494 1204 Br. Pat, or Catherine 494 6082

KNOCKLYON BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT TEAM

For those recovering from the loss of a loved one, or from any significant loss in life. A Group Support Meeting takes place on the second Thursday of every month at 8 p.m. in the Pastoral Centre.

Members of the team are available at any time. Betty - 494 1283, Phyllis - 494 1283, Kitty - 493 6109, Bernie - 494 3178, Brian - 494 3178, Sr. Therese Carmel - 494 3169.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

A programme for separated and widowed people. For information Tel: 837 6640 (c/o Priory Tallaght)

YOUNG ADULT BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

A programme for young adults (ages 17-30) who have experienced parental death, separation, or divorce. Further details from, Olive 451 9237 after 6 p.m. or Jean 846 0723 after 6 p.m.

"REACH OUT"

The aim of this group is to cater for those needing a visit or a chat - people who are sick, lonely or elderly or those who would simply appreciate a visit. Contact Mary O'Dowd 4942647

HANDICAPPED SUPPORT GROUP

This is a support group for handicapped persons and their carers/family members to share information and experiences. Further information from Br. Pat Mullins, Presbytery (494 1204)

LITURGY AND SPIRITUALITY GROUP

This group was set up to promote meaningful, creative, participative and varied celebration of Masses, sacraments, prayer and worship. The group, which is led by Brid O'Connell, (tel: 496 1743) has already introduced the Sunday Club, in which children aged 2-7 enjoy a meaningful preparation for Mass. This development,

in the Pastoral Centre during 11 o'clock Mass, where the children are in the care of a group of experienced parishioners, also leads to a quieter Mass, which may be more attractive to those who might otherwise be distracted by the presence of small children.

PASTORAL CENTRE

A Pastoral Centre is needed, and a group exists to research, consult and bring to the stage of planning and design, a proposed Centre for the Christian formation and care of the people of the Parish. The Chairperson of this group is Declan Cahill (tel: 493 8810) In the meantime, the pre-fab has been refurbished as a temporary Pastoral Centre, where Brid O'Connell (tel: 496 1743), as Director, can be contacted in regard to the working of the Centre, for bookings, etc.

CHURCH STRUCTURES AND ORGANISATION

This group, which looks after the maintenance and development of church buildings and material services, is chaired by John Walsh (tel: 494 2354)

FINANCE

The finance group in the Parish is required to oversee parish funding and accounting. Chaired by Michael O'Brien (tel: 494 1110), it will report on Parish finances at appropriate intervals, at least annually.

CONTACT & COMMUNICATIONS GROUP

This group is involved in visiting areas in the parish providing face to face contact on behalf of the priests and community. It distributes up-to-date information on parish activities and invites comment, discussion and suggestions on ways of improving community contact. For further information contact the Presbytery 494 1204.

PARENT & TODDLER GROUP

A Parent and Toddler group meet every Tuesday morning 10.30 - 12.30 in the Pastoral Centre. It is an opportunity for parents with young children to meet and chat with others. All welcome. Contact Maura McMahan 493 6899

PARENTING SUPPORT GROUP

A new group in the parish to support and encourage parents who have participated in the Parenting Courses run by the Pastoral Centre. The group meets from 10 a.m. to 12 noon the third Wednesday of every month in the Pastoral Centre. Further information from Mary Byrne (494 2130), or Terri Ryan (493 7291)

NURSES CLINIC

A Nurses Clinic is open every Tuesday morning 9.30 - 11.00 a.m. in the Pastoral Centre. It is specifically geared to the needs of 0-3 year old children. The Clinic offers support and advice for breastfeeding mothers and information to all mothers on immunization, the general development of their babies and toddlers, and other services available to them through the Eastern Health Board. For further information contact Rathfarnham Health Centre (493 3431)

IRISH CHILDBIRTH TRUST

Is a mother to mother, non-professional community based support group. It welcomes expectant mothers, new mothers and experienced mothers and provides support at "coffee and chat" morning and evening meetings. Further information can be had from Shirley Fitzgerald, Tel 494 5435.

"FAITH & LIGHT"

Faith & Light communities bring together people with a mental handicap, their families and people who would like to be their friends. The Knocklyon Group meets on the 3rd Sunday of every month in the Pastoral Centre from 3 - 5 p.m. This is a time of celebration and support and an opportunity for Mass. The evening finishes with tea and minerals. New families always welcome. Contact Brigit O'Connor 493 0816

KNOCKLYON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

An umbrella organisation which comprises of representatives from the various residents' associations, groups and individuals within the Parish. Its function is to monitor the planning and social functions of the area and take account of external and internal influences on Knocklyon. Information : Michael Brennan - 494 6795, A.G.M. held 24th January.

KNOCKLYON POST-PRIMARY COMMITTEE

Function : to secure a post-primary community school for Knocklyon. The committee welcomes advice and assistance in its endeavours. Secretary Liam Carter, 494 4349. Chairperson: Vincent Kenny 494 2092

KNOCKLYON CREDIT UNION

Is in its 3rd year and now has over 640 members. Opening hours are Fri. 7.15 - 9 p.m., Sat. 10 - 11 a.m. in the Senior School. New members are always welcome

LA LECHE LEAGUE

Is an organisation which provides information and support to those who want to breastfeed their babies. For information on local monthly meetings or telephone counselling, contact Mary Bird at 494 1279. New mums and babies always welcome.

ST. COLMCILLE'S PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

This is a group of interested and concerned parents of children in the Senior and Junior schools. They endeavour to liaise with the school authorities to improve facilities for their children, raise funds when necessary and mediate between parents and schools authorities when requested. For further information ring, Chairperson Peter Heffernan 494 1633 or Secretary Lynette Moore 493 9025.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL (ST. COLMCILLE)

Non-denominational. Meet on Monday nights in the Pastoral Centre 7.30 - 9.00 p.m.. Clothing, household goods, furniture, etc in good condition always in need. For further information contact Marie Lewis at 494 1074.

THE LEGION OF MARY

A Senior Group meet on Wednesday at 8.15 p.m. and the Juniors (boys and girls over 10) at 7 p.m. in the Pastoral Centre.. The meeting includes prayer, discussion and allocation of works, e.g. visitation of the sick, old, handicapped and youth work. For more information contact Vera at 494 1444

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For bookings contact Phyllis Russell at 494 1166 (home) or 494 3991 (Centre)

SPORTS, SOCIAL AND EDUCATIONAL

K.A.R.A. (KNOCKLYON ACTIVE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION)

Caters for people, 55 and over, who wish to remain active and get an opportunity to make new friends. The group meets twice weekly for games (including Bowls), Sport, and Social Recreation. The venue for meetings is the Youth and Community Centre and times are Tuesday 10.30 - 12 noon and Thursday 2 - 4 p.m. (Bowls) New members in great demand to expand activities. Talks and outings are regularly part of the agenda. New activities include Swimming and Aerobics on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays in Balrothery Sport and Community Centre (1.30 - 3.30 p.m.). Annual Membership £5. Contact Lyla Kennedy (Chairperson) at 494 2830 or Carmel O' Gorman (Secretary) at 451 7568

BADMINTON CLUB

The Knocklyon Badminton Club (League) meets every Tuesday and Thursday in the Community Centre. For details, phone Phyllis Russell at 494 1166

KNOCKLYON SOCIAL BADMINTON CLUB

Venue: Youth and Community Centre. Wednesday 8 - 11 p.m. and Sunday 7 - 11 p.m. New comers welcome, no partner required. Contact Sandra Quinn 494 2234.

BALLYBODEN ST. ENDAS G.A.A. CLUB

Situated on the Firhouse road, this club caters for all who want to play hurling, football, camogie or ladies gaelic football. Teams begin at under 10 level for all games. Coaching takes place on Saturday morning for ages 7 upwards, at Firhouse Road, and the Hermitage, Rathfarnham. Other club activities include Set Dancing every Thursday at 8.30 p.m., Traditional Music every Wednesday in the Lounge. Also a ceili on the first Saturday of each month and a sing-song on occasional Sunday evenings. On Friday nights during winter months a "25" card game session takes place. The club publishes a Newsletter 'The Boden News', copies of which are available by writing to the club secretary Sean Flynn (493 2920). Further information also from Paddy Walsh, Chairperson, Juvenile Section (298 3160)

K.A.I.E.S.

K.A.I.E.S. stands for Knocklyon Adults in Educational Studies. Its purpose is to organise day and evening adult education classes for the people of Knocklyon and nearby areas. It is run by a voluntary committee in association with the V.E.C. and is entirely self financing. Enrolments normally take place in September and January. For further information phone the Community Centre 494 3991 or Co. Dublin V.E.C. 451 5733.

T.A.S.K.

Teenage Activities Situated in Knocklyon meet as required, usually on Wednesdays at 8 p.m. Parents and teenagers interested in promoting the welfare of teenagers in the parish please contact Michael Smith 494 2522 or Tom Cuniffe 494 4613.

BROS. PEARSE A.C.

Training takes place each Tuesday and Thursday from 7 to 8 p.m. and on Sundays in Cherryfield from 11 to 12 noon. In the winter months Tuesday and Thursday training is held in Sancta Maria College, Ballyroan. For further information phone secretary Sean Smyth 493 4995.

KNOCKLYON UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB

Knocklyon United Football Club has 25 teams, ranging from U.8 to U.18 competing in the South Dublin Boys' League and Dublin District Schoolboys League. Parents' help always welcome. Details Noel Gaughran (Secretary) at 493 5740 or Jim McGonigle (P.R.O.) at 493 1046.

KNOCKLYON YOUTH CLUB

Meets weekly in the Youth and Community Centre. The Junior club (10 - 12 years) takes place on Fridays 7-9 p.m., Badminton 12 - 2 p.m Saturdays. The Senior Club (13 - 15 years) meets on Saturdays 7 - 9 p.m.. The Young Adults (age 15 upwards) meet on Saturday night also and are now recruiting new members. Volunteers on club nights are always welcome. Chairperson, Gabriel Byrne (494 2917), Sec. David Hickey (493 7731)

112th SCOUTS KNOCKLYON C.B.S.I.

The unit caters for 300 boys and girls at Beaver, Cub, Scouts and Venturers levels. Adult helpers always needed and greatly welcomed. Details from Gerry Daly at 494 6187

GIRL GUIDES

Meet on Friday evenings 8 - 9.30 p.m. for girls 11 - 13 years in the Scout Den. Contact Louisa Richardson 494 5676 or Valerie Hollingsworth at 494 2405

KNOCKLYON GOLF SOCIETY

Annual fee £25. The society expects to hold eight outings during the year. New members always welcome. Contact Terry Mangan (Secretary) at 494 5989 or Liam Mongey (Captain) at 494 2091.

WALKING GROUP

The walking group meet on Wednesday nights outside the Junior School at 8.30 p.m. sharp. All levels and beginners welcome. They usually walk for approx. 45/50 min. For further information contact Patricia Delaney 494 5630, or Mary Byrne 494 7891

COMMUNITY GAMES

The executive and committee for 1995 is still operational. An A.G.M. will be held in February. Information Aileen Millane (Secretary) 494 2263 and Martin Nolan (Chairperson) 494 6145 (Knocklyon North) also Derek Fox (Chairperson) 494 4106 and Pauline Molamphy (Secretary) 493 7135 (Knocklyon South)

BRIDGE CLUB

Knocklyon Bridge Club is a social club which meets every Monday in the Good Counsel Centre, Ballyboden Road. We provide a Joker and a cup of tea ! Contact Carmel O'Boyle 493 7215. All welcome including beginners.

I.C.A.

The I.C.A. meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month in the Community Centre at 8.30 p.m. It is a self-development group for women and gives scope for members to involve themselves in various activities which include crafts, drama etc. New members always welcome. Ring Helena Hughes (Secretary) at 494 1462 evenings.

ADULT CHOIR - 11 a.m. MASS

New members and instrument players are always welcome to join. Practice takes place on Wednesday evenings at 8 p.m. Further details from Eoin Garrett, Director at 494 1568

THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Boys and girls who have received their First Holy Communion are welcome to join the Children's Choir which sings at the 10 o'clock Mass on Sundays. Practice takes place each Monday from 7 - 8 p.m. in the Church. Ring Emer O'Neill 494 1980

THE FOLK GROUP

If you are 13 or over (no upper age limit) you can join the Folk Group which sings at the 12 o'clock Mass on Sundays. Practice takes place at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. every Sunday. For information, contact Lisa Kelly at 494 1165.

THE SUNDAY ONE O'CLOCK MASS

Attempts to bring meaning to the various readings through drama, monologue, discussion etc. and also through relevant reflections and Prayers of the Faithful. The group meet once a month and new faces are always welcome. For more information contact Fr. Weakliam at 494 1204.

THE CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP

Function: To prepare a meaningful liturgy for the 10 o'clock weekly Children's Mass, through Music and Drama. For information contact Eva Coffey at 494 1715.

KNOCKLYON VARIETY GROUP

Meet every Monday and Wednesday at 8 p.m. in St.Colmille's Junior School Hall. Enquiries to Sylvia Costello 493 1037

PRAYER GROUPS

LECTIO DIVINA

Tuesday mornings 10.30 - 11.45 a.m. in the Toraigh Room (room behind Sacristy). Reflection on the New Testament, readings for the Sundays of the year. All welcome.

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SCRIPTURE READING

Scripture reading under the guidance of the Holy Spirit with praise in song and prayer of petition. Tuesday nights 8.15 p.m. in the Toraigh Room (room behind Sacristy). All welcome.

We have endeavoured to make this Directory as comprehensive as possible. If we have omitted any group by oversight we sincerely regret this and would kindly request that you let us know your particulars by contacting the Editor at 494 1204 by phone or post so that inclusion will be guaranteed in future issues.

Many thanks.

– Courtesy Cllr. Mary Muldoon –

YOUR LOCAL COUNCIL AN AWARD WINNER!

On the 8th December 1995 the Minister for the Environment presented the 1995 Local Authority Environment Awards.

From the 34 Local Authority entries in the competition South Dublin County Council was declared winner of the County Council category and received a prize of £5,000 and a wood carving.

The adjudicators were highly impressed by the Environment Programme undertaken by the Council during 1995 and in particular by the efforts to include the local community in genuine partnership to address local issues of concern.

Congratulations to all involved.

SEE PAGE 12 FOR MORE COUNTY COUNCIL NEWS



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Front (L. - R.) Brian Gartland, Sean Kearns, Conor Geraghty, Liam Mulligan (Sean Mulligan), Paul McGilligan, Eoin Casey, Philip Byrne, Michael Fallon, Francis O'Reilly, Steven Shortt.

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• **GRANT FOR UPGRADING OF EXISTING COMMUNITY CENTRE FACILITIES**

It is proposed to make a grant of £4,000 to Knocklyon Community Centre.

• **DRAFT PARKS WORKS PROGRAMME 1996**

Old City Watercourse – commence restoration at Firhouse Weir – £7,000.

• **DODDER LINEAR PARK – £5,000**

a) Templeogue Bridge – development of pedestrian access/open space along the Dodder River.

b) Clean up of former Strand Caravan Park.

c) Improvement of Walk-ways in Cherryfield Park.



Pictured above are Niamh Cooper (left), Delaford Lawn and Grace Conway (right), Knocklyon Avenue representing the Bastable-Warren School of Irish dancing in the recently held “Star-Search” for Riverdance Competition. This competition was sponsored by Dairygold in conjunction with the Gerry Ryan Radio Show. The Bastable-Warren dancers won the Dublin and Leinster heats performing a dance called the “Jig of Peace” – an innovative, inventive and current composition by Mrs. Brenda Warren and her son Kevin. We wish the Bastable-Warren dancers every success in the forthcoming Leinster and All Ireland Irish Dancing Championships.

VANDALISM



Once again, sadly, Knocklyon has suffered the effects of vandalism. The most recent episodes involved the destruction of trees in Templeroan, and along the Ballycullen Road. We understand that some of these trees have been replaced and can be grateful that our environment has been restored, but what a pity that this crime continues in our midst.

Vandalism is a crime for which we all pay, not only in terms of the effects on our physical environment, but also financially in the form of taxes i.e. the price of vandalism is poorer services and a poorer quality of life.

Perhaps a worthwhile resolution for us all in 1996 would be to help prevent this “crime committed by the irresponsible against themselves and everyone else in the community”.

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Knocklyon Adults Art Group



First meeting will be held on Friday 9th February and the second Friday of the month thereafter.

*Venue: Pastoral Centre. Time: 8.00 p.m.
Contact Dymphna 4934995*

CALLING TEENS & TWENTIES

Some time ago we featured a series in the Newsletter entitled “Life After School”. This series you will remember consisted of articles written by young people from the parish participating in third level education in some form or another e.g. at University, R.T.C.’s, Post Leaving Cert. diploma and degree courses etc. Unfortunately our sources for this column have dried up, and we would like to issue an invitation to any of our former contributors to give us an account for publication of how they are finding the day-to-day life in their chosen field. We would also warmly welcome contributions from any existing third level students or young people in the workplace, on their courses/jobs.

POST PRIMARY INFORMATION BOOKLET LAUNCH



L. - R. Peter Heffernan (Chairperson St. Colmcille's Parents' Association), pictured at the launch with RTE Presenter Mary Kennedy and Anne Walsh also of the Association.

To facilitate the choice of a second level school for our pupils the **St. Colmcille's Parents Association** have produced an information booklet for the parents of children in the parish.

The booklet contains information about 19 Post Primary schools within a reasonable distance of Knocklyon. The information has been provided by the schools. The booklet is only intended as a guide and we would recommend that more detailed information be sought directly from any school that parents have a particular interest in.

The booklet was launched by Mary Kennedy (of RTE and EuroVision fame) on 23rd January in the St. Colmcille's Junior School hall. The occasion was attended by the parents of the children in 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th classes, representatives from the schools featured in the booklet, both Principals and Boards of Management of St. Colmcille's Junior and Senior Schools representatives from the Knocklyon Post-Primary Committee and members of the Press.

The booklet will be on sale for £1 from the secretaries in St. Colmcille's Senior and Junior School, the Church Book Shop and Book-World in the Knocklyon Shopping Centre. All funds raised from the publication will be used to purchase books, computer software or equipment for St. Colmcille's Junior and Senior School.

*Peter Heffernan, Chairperson
St. Colmcille's Parents' Association, 4941633*



A familiar face in the crowd - Mr. Pat Kelly, Senior School Principal chats with Michael Geaney, Principal Firhouse Community College at the launch.



Parents examine the booklet before the proceedings begin.



St. Colmcille's Parents' Association



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What is Prayer?

The Catechism I learned must have given the most off-putting answer imaginable. "Prayer" it said "is an elevation of the soul to God". Well, I'm sure it is! But that kind of description, allied to an early practice of having to learn off prayers, and which spoke of "saying" prayers, never of praying, placed prayer at best in the category of the pedestrian. The nightly childhood inquisition, "have you said your prayers", put prayer firmly in the realm of obligation and duty. Prayer belonged to the penitential, not the pleasurable.

If only we had been led along a developing path of prayer, starting perhaps with the great St. Teresa's description as "conversation with Him whom we know loves us". The Gospel tells us many, many times of Jesus "in the morning, long before dawn, going off to a lonely place to pray". Or "in the evening, when he had sent the crowds away, he retired to a desert place to pray". On at least one occasion the evangelist adds "and he spent the whole night in prayer to God". At Gethsemane we are told that "being in agony he prayed the longer". Too often, in this context, the Catechesis presented Jesus faithful to prayer, making time for prayer, committed to the exercise. No inkling was suggested of him hastening with enthusiasm to prayer, enjoying the solace given him by the Father, being nurtured and inspired by the Holy Spirit, offering his life and energy in the beauty and fulfilment of on-going commitment.

What did Jesus do at prayer? Did he, for example, mull over the qualities of his various followers before finally choosing Peter and the other apostles? Did he find silence energising and refreshing? Did his spirit soar as he gazed at the beauty of creation? Or find himself breathless before the wonder of life-giving truth? Did he ever dance for joy? Certainly he often cried out and shouted in praise and exhilaration!

Prayer is openness to the love of God. Prayer implies exposing oneself to radically new thinking. Prayer is expressed more in abiding dispositions than in ritual recitations or exercises. Only if this is understood can we possibly and positively live out the inspired directive that "we should pray without ceasing".

Fr. David



Patrick Cusack, Sarah Burke, Mona Healy and Jodie Doyle who dramatised the Nativity story so beautifully for us.

The Newsletter team, on behalf of the community as a whole, would like to acknowledge the tremendous work of various groups who participated in all the liturgies over the Christmas season. The choirs and drama groups added a special reverence to the program of events. The flower arrangements on the altar were most tastefully displayed and the Jesse tree decorated by the sixth class pupils added an extra interest alongside the Crib. Well done and thank you to all involved for helping to make the Christmas celebrations more meaningful and significant for us all.

At the Parent and Toddler Group



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● "REACH OUT"


Following Participation Sunday, a number of people suggested setting up a **Group for Visiting the Elderly** in the Parish and providing for their different needs. Anybody interested in giving a hand, or anybody who is aware of elderly people who may be in need of one kind or another, or any elderly person who would appreciate a visit from this group, is asked to give their names to the Presbytery or to any of the priests of the Parish. (See also entry in Directory, pages 8 - 10.)

● THE BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

 **There's a special loneliness for those who find themselves single again.** Among life's most traumatic experiences is the loss of a loved one through separation, divorce or death.

'Beginning Experience' is a ministry to the lonely carried out by a trained team of volunteers. Their work is done at special weekends or at 10 weekly gatherings called Level 1, which encourage participants to share their need - and deal with the natural process of grief and loneliness. Level 1 has just begun in the Priory, Tallaght. For information contact: Siobhán (045) 876503 or Pat (045) 879142.

● YOUNG ADULT BEGINNING EXPERIENCE (YABE)

 A weekend for young people (ages 17 - 30), who have experienced parental death, separation or divorce. Venue: Tearman Mhuire, Celbridge, Co. Kildare. Date: 16-18 February 1996.

For further details please 'phone: Olive - 451 9237, after 6 p.m., or Jean - 846 0723, after 6 p.m. YABE has changed lives. (See also Directory pages 8 - 10.)

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James Christopher Hamm, 73 Dargle Wood

Eoghan Thomas Bradford, 10 Orlagh Lodge

Rachel Sarah Dunn, 15 Beverly Park

Jacqueline Patricia Henry, 73 Idrone Drive

Jack Dee O'Byrne, 95 Glenvara Park

Conor Martin Hogan, 6 Beverly Green

Aoife Marie Horan, 5 Orlagh Avenue

Paul Francis Colreavy, 14 Knocklyon Close

Hazel Rebecca Quigley, 2 Castlefield Grove

Amy Louise Byrne, 51 Castlefield Park

Niall Paul Greene, 215 Glenvara Park

Jade Laura Leahy, 9 Castlefield Park

Rachel Sarah Jones, 51 Knocklyon Road

James Charles Allen, 15A Templeroan Green

Andrea Mary Furlong, 22 Woodfield

Stephen Michael Heron, 19 Knocklyon Close

Eoin Robert Hennessy, 27 Templeroan Park

Laura Ann Dowling, 19 Idrone Park



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Lily Thorp R.I.P.

The husband and family of the late

LILY THORP

would like to express their sincere gratitude and appreciation, to their kind neighbours and friends for the help and support shown to Lily during her long illness and at the time of her funeral.

A special word of thanks to the priests of the parish for their kindness and ongoing support.

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS/CONTRIBUTORS

Items for inclusion in the next issue should be handed into the Presbytery by Sunday 18th February. The Newsletter will be circulated from 7th March. 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. - 12.00 noon) Monday to Friday.

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