

THE KNOCKLYON NEWS



ST. COLMCILLE'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

APRIL 1996



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"Knocklyon Presbytery – Good Morning"



If you have ever called to the office in the Church Presbytery, then you must know June Keenan-Heavey – June to you. She is the very attractive and charming young woman who welcomes everyone with a friendly smile. A parishioner of Knocklyon since 1976 she came to the Church office in 1985 when Fr. Conroy was Parish Priest and since then June has become – the office.

She was born in Tuam, County Galway, where her father James Keenan was stationed as a member of the Garda Siochana. The family lived in the pretty little town of Dunmore (not to be confused with Dunmore East). Dunmore, County Galway is renowned for the great footballers it has produced for Gaelic football. June and her two sisters spent their early years in this lovely county until their father was transferred to Kerry where they lived for five years. After this came Abbeyfeale where June's education continued at the Mercy Convent. The Leaving Cert. completed, she spent a further year studying at the High School of Commerce in Limerick. Her first job was with an American company, Neo Data in Abbeyfeale. Jobs must have been easier to come by in 1971 for she was called to the Civil Service and the E.S.B. – both in the same week. The Civil Service won and June left for Dublin to take up a post in The Garda Technical Bureau, St. John's Road in the Printing Section. Her boss was Paddy Culligan, now the present Commissioner.

In Dublin and sharing a house with five other girls, life began in earnest. June remembers how exciting it all was – the Dublin clubs – Zhivago, The Ace of Clubs, Good Time Charlies, Sloopy's and bands and singers of the day – Joe Dolan and The Drifters, Dickie Rock, Big Tom and that ever-popular restaurant – The Paradiso.

1973 was the year that romance blossomed when she met Tony Heavey (another Garda) in the Tara Club. Definitely love at first sight. It seemed that June Keenan was fated to be associated with the Guards – Tony, her job, her father – all involved with the Force. Even her grandfather had been a guard!

In 1976 June and Tony decided to look for a house. They found their dream home in Knocklyon. It was one of the first six built in Dargle Wood. June moved in and shared the house with her sister. Engaged to Tony the following year, they were married in 1978 in St. Paul of the Cross Church, Mount Argus by Father Clarence Daly from Castlereagh. The Carmelite Order was well represented at the ceremony by Fr. Staunton, Fr. O'Donovan and the late Fr. McCartan.

June and Tony (now a sergeant in Rathfarnham Station) have two daughters, Karen and Aileen. The family love West Cork and spend their holidays there every year. June's father, James Keenan, now retired and her mother are now both living there. The Keenan family were the owners of some beautiful gardens in the area and donated them to the people of Glandore. These gardens were opened to the public in 1994 by President Mary Robinson and have proved a wonderful amenity.

Our Parish now covers 4,000 houses and is still growing. June laughs as she talks of all the things she has done in the past. "I even used to stick on all the pictures on the Mass Cards" she says "pay all the bills, make out the sheets for the choirs, answer the phones, make appointments and bookings." She still does all of this today (apart from the Mass Cards), and she also deals with all the Registrations and Certs. for Births, Marriages, First Communions and Confirmations. She has progressed from a manual typewriter to an electric one and now has mastered the intricacies of the computer – and to cap it all she now looks after the advertisements in the Newsletter!

The mind boggles. Yet June remains the same – cheerful, friendly, busy, but always a smile. Aren't we lucky.

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~~~ Reflection ~~~

Compensation! And More!

There's an irony in the way our interest and enthusiasm for life increases as our energy and agility gradually wanes. At least that's been my experience. Ongoing! Still, I'd say I'm by no means alone in that: Why else would our language record such pearls of wisdom as "Youth is wasted on the young" or "You can't put an old head on young shoulders", were it not pointing to the growth in wisdom and realisation that normally accompanies the passing of the years?

For there is a kind of compensation built in to nature. As our physical energy diminishes, our capacity for contemplation and awareness, seems to grow. Our ability to engage in many of life's activities may be on a downward slope, but our capacity to savour life and be aware of its wonder and beauty is on the up and up. Or can be, if we give it a chance.

Let me make a simple, practical illustration. As a youngster, I hated having to **walk** anywhere; I was always impatient to get to wherever the "action" was, and resented the nuisance of having to travel there! Nowadays, walking is a pleasure; an opportunity to be aware of life around me and life within me! Youth can be a time of boredom punctuated by thrills and high points; maturer age can deliver a quieter, more even, more constant satisfaction in being alive!

Awareness is what makes the difference. And awareness is nurtured by a contemplative attitude. And contemplation can be cultivated. It's a matter of choice. If we develop within us a reflective spirit, we will have passed through the doorway to appreciation and gratitude. And a grateful heart is constantly open to happiness and delight.

So take heart, my fellow travellers. As we move to the nether side of middle age, and enter the autumn – or even winter – of life, may our conviction, ever deeper, be: **"The best is yet to come"**!

Fr. David

"Jesus Christ Superstar"



Scenes from the Musical "Jesus Christ Superstar" recently performed by Knocklyon Youth Theatre.

Katie Grehan and Mick Higgins
who played Jesus

The crowd greet "Jesus" with Hosanna –
more details page 10.

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SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

March was one of our busiest months to date encompassing a wide variety of activities from poetry workshops to environmental drama groups, from the triumphs/defeats on the playing field to the thrills of the Italian piste, agus drámaí céilithe, cluichí agus comórtaisí a bhí ar siúl i rith seachtain na Gaeilge.

Last month two members from the Dublin City Community Arts Project visited the school and held poetry workshops with all the classes.

This year the theme was conservation and the title of the project was "A Poem Lovely as a Tree". The children were asked to explore the theme of conservation through poetry and art. The poems will be used to make a papier mache tree. An exhibition on the above theme will run at the E.N.F.O. Centre from 14th October – 25th October 1996.

MARCH SPORTS REPORT

Our Senior Camogie team played their first league game against Loreto, Crumlin. This was a close game with Knocklyon holding a one-goal half-time lead. The second half saw Loreto gain the upperhand and take victory by four goals to one.

The Senior hurlers lost narrowly to Kilmacud in their first game. They too had an early advantage but two Kilmacud goals just before half time set the visitors up for a 4-0 to 2-3 win. Our third class footballers have been busily active in internal games with great help on the coaching front coming from transition year students from St. MacDaras College. After Easter hurling and camogie will recommence with help from transition students from Coláiste Éanna.

SCHOOL TOUR REPORT from Students – Room 1

Our school trip this year was to San Valentino, Italy, to the snow. There were fifty boys and girls who had never been skiing before, but we knew what to expect or so we thought! The early morning flight took us via Brussels on to Milan where we got our lovely coach with an Italian driver to take us on our three hour journey to the hotel Bucaneve. We settled in and the following morning we went down stairs to get our ski-pack together. Lessons started at 9 o'clock and we were all well wrapped up. It was difficult putting on the boots and skis, but we got used to it. Each group of 10 had their own instructor and after the first couple of hours we were moving. The afternoon was lesson time as well and

after that we had free skiing until five o'clock. On the third day we got up to the top of the mountain and that was really something. By the end of the week we were all skiing and we had a slalom race to see who was the fastest and to get our times.

When we came home we got a copy of a video showing our great new skills. At night we had lots of things to do, ice skating at the hotel, torch light skiing and many other things. We had a great time except for Mr. Kelly's morning songs! Mr. Gearty's skiing backwards was the highlight of the tour!! A brilliant time.

*Steven Devine, Julie McMahon,
Diana Hui, Elizabeth Doheny*

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Down to Earth Theatre Company visited the school for three days in early March. Their production entitled "Myths and Legends" is based on a series of stories from Ireland, Native America and Scandanavia. The themes of jealousy, disobedience, bullying and environmental neglect are subtly explored.

The music, colourful costumes, high drama and the much-loved mock battle scenes delighted the children. Favourite characters varied from the hero Cuchulainn to the amusing "Sun". Mrs. Broderick particularly liked his large black boots!! The play was followed by a drama workshop in each classroom.

## SEACHTAIN GHAELACH

Bhí Seachtain Ghaelach againn sa scoil ón 11 Márta go dtí an 15 Márta. Pupils and staff entered enthusiastically into the events of the week and turned it into a very vibrant and enjoyable occasion. Comh maith leis an nGaeilge féin a bheith le cloisteáil timpeall na scoile, bhí drámaí, ceilithe agus cluichí ar siúl trí mheán na Gaeilge. Among the highlights of the week was the "Cum Amhrán" contest where 6th class pupils composed their own songs i nGaeilge. They then performed their songs to a packed audience in the assembly hall and a team of 6th class teachers voted á la Eurovision. Bhain na páistí an-spraoi as an gcomórtas. The Art Competition based on the theme of "Seanfhocail" was a great success as was the initiative to encourage the pupils in úsáid na Gaeilge agus corpoideachas (P.E.) ar siúl acu. Táimid buíoch freisin do na tuismitheoirí go léir a rinne iarracht ar an Ghaeilge a chur in úsáid sa bhaile i rith na seachtaine. Nár laga Dia sibh.

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## JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

We are very proud of ourselves in the Junior School as we raised £1150 for Goal with the sale of the St. Patrick's Day badges. Well done to all the children and parents for the support.

The First Communicants are nearing the Big Day. April 27th for some, May 4th and 11th for the others. We wish them all the best on this Special Day.

On display in the Junior School at the moment, are the wonderful endeavours of the Junior School children. Drop in and have a look – you may never have seen blue eggs – multi-coloured chicks and five tailed Bunnies before – artistic licence abounds.

We received a lovely letter from Ollie and Claire Dunne from the "Heart to Hand" organisation. Remember at Christmas the children brought in gifts for the orphans in Romania and Albania – well Ollie tells us that the children in the orphanages were thrilled to have a visit from Santa this year. There were so many gifts that there were enough to make a contribution to the Christmas stockings of children in Dublin who would otherwise have had very little. Thanks to Ollie and Claire for all their work in co-ordinating the operation.

Summer Camp takes place this year in the Junior School on the following dates:

**JULY 1 - 5, JULY 8 - 12, AUGUST 12 - 16**

Book early in school office to avoid disappointment.

## DONNING CAP AND GOWN



Kathryn Casey pictured here on the occasion of her conferring of the M.Phil in Applied Linguistics, Trinity College Dublin.

Kathryn, who is the daughter of Eileen and Sean Casey of Knocklyon Avenue, is now teaching languages in RTC, Tallaght.

### *Pre-Natal Blessing*

Once again we hold the bi-annual Pre-Natal Blessing Service at 8.00 p.m. on Tuesday 30th April. This is an opportunity for expectant mothers and their families to pray together for the health of mother and baby during pregnancy, and for a safe delivery.

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### DINNER DANCE

Our annual Dinner Dance took place in the Spawell Complex on Saturday 9th March. Nearly 100 attended, what was, a very enjoyable occasion.

We were a little disappointed that many parents did not take the opportunity to come along and meet managers and team mentors. The ticket price was reasonable and the four course meal and entertainment provided excellent value for money.

Our season is drawing to a close and many teams are in line for League/Cup Honours. Unfortunately the weather is again affecting fixtures with some pitches being unplayable. Bill Leckey saw his quarter final Shield Game recently abandoned in a mud bath in Delaford. Winning 2-1 at the time against highly rated St. Josephs of Sallynoggin, Bill's team may now lose home advantage for the replay.

We will shortly be announcing end of season trials so if your son is interested in playing football next season keep an eye on this space.

**Jim McGonigle**

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## A Parent's view on the Sunday Club

The Sunday Club is a recent parish initiative for children aged between 2-7 years. It allows the parish to enjoy 11 a.m. mass without the distraction of children.

Since it began I have been availing of the Sunday Club. I notice my children are having great fun and learning a little about the Sunday Gospel through stories and pictures.

I have even helped out on an occasional Sunday and have been very impressed with the organisation. Many thanks to all those involved in the Sunday Club. Keep up the good work. I can now enjoy 11 o'clock mass in peace!

## GAELSCOIL UPDATE

On the 27th of February the first meeting took place of the new Gaelscoil which is scheduled to start in Knocklyon in September 1996. A huge crowd attended the meeting and it is obvious from the number of people that enrolled their children in the school that the community of Knocklyon and Rathfarnham are very committed to supporting this new venture. Already lots of parents in the area are looking forward to educating their children through the medium of Irish.

Parents were delighted to hear that the school will be starting off in the Scouts Hall in Knocklyon. Hopefully in time a permanent site will be found on which our school will be built. Local councillors and politicians including Mary Muldoon and Eithne Fitzgerald have pledged their support to establishing a Gaelscoil in the area.

In September Irish classes will be held for parents who wish to brush up on their Irish, in order to help their children in school. It was emphasised at the meeting that you don't need to be fluent in Irish in order to send your child to *Gaelscoil Chnoc Liamhna*, however an interest in the language and in cultural events would be beneficial. A second meeting for the Gaelscoil was held in the Knocklyon Community Centre on Monday 25th of March.

We hope to give you an update of this meeting in the next issue of the Knocklyon News.

For further information phone Treasa at 4932586 or Aine at 4938230.

*Fáilte roimhách.*

## A BUS SERVICE TO TEMPLEOGUE COLLEGE

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## Church Notices

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It has become difficult and frustrating to deal with a kind of "last minute and beyond" approach to the former, and a "free for all" attitude to the latter.

So, for the future, the following regulations will govern Church Notices.

(1) Those to be read at Mass must be submitted not later than **12 noon Friday**.

(2) Those for display on the Church Notice Board must be handed in at the Presbytery for authorisation.

They must not normally exceed A5 size (i.e. half the size of this page!)

Those displayed without due authorisation (viz. Presbytery Stamp on back) may be removed.

Generally, Notices will remain on Board for a maximum time of 2 weeks.

*Your co-operation in this matter would be very much appreciated.*

## K.A.R.A. News

Now that Spring is here, there is a marked improvement of attendance at our Tuesday morning meetings. As usual, Lyla is doing Trojan work in organising a variety of activities.

Recently a number of our members enjoyed a visit to the Gilbert and Sullivan opera "The Gondoliers". The Fashion Show in Spawell was another exciting evening when two of our "glamorous" lady members took to the "cat walk" and became models for the night, and in early April we met Patricia Hoagh who talked to us about antiques. Very interesting.

We hope that all our members enjoyed a Happy and Holy Easter and that during the coming months there will be a large influx of new members who will join us to enjoy the many good things we offer. *Slán libh go fóill.*

*M. C. O'Gorman, Sec. K.A.R.A.*

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### ● Firhouse Road/Ballyroan Road Junction

An order for the work required to provide a filter light in these signals for traffic turning from the Firhouse Road onto Ballyroan Road has been issued to the contractor.

### ● Road Reservation adjoining Coolamber Park, Lansdowne and Cremorne

The Traffic and Environmental Services Committee have reported that this section of the Knocklyon Road is a five year objective of the 1993 County Development Plan. The design of the road is not a priority at present and no request for funding has been made to the Department of the Environment. However, the line of the road is being retained for future road development. The land is not in the ownership of the Council and the landowners are responsible for its maintenance.

### ● Templeroan Road – Access to Dargle Wood

In response to a petition received from residents in both Scholarstown Park and Dargle Wood requesting that a pedestrian access be provided at this location, a scheme will be prepared with the Council's Parks Department for circulation to the residents as soon as possible.

Cllr. Muldoon points out that the Council's scheme will include all households in both estates. Accordingly those who regard this development as a security threat to their properties or a potential cause for an escalation of last summer's anti-social problems on the open space between the two Dargle Woods will have an opportunity to voice their concerns.

### ● Summer Activities

The Council's **Parks Department** will develop pedestrian access and open space along the Dodder at Templeogue Bridge during June and July, in addition to improving the walkways in Cherryfield Park.

In August the **Roads Dept.** will spend £20,000 resurfacing Scholarstown Road.

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# Letters to the Editor

Dear Reader,

The new Executive of the Knocklyon Community Council has decided on a new departure. Instead of organising one single Newsletter in the year, we will be making a regular contribution to the Knocklyon News in order to keep you, the people of Knocklyon, up to date on the issues that most concern you. The Knocklyon Community Council is an Umbrella Organisation for all the community groups in the area. If your Residents' Association or Group is not represented, contact a member of the Community Council to ensure that your voice can be heard. We look forward to hearing from you.

The following is a list of the Executive of the Knocklyon Community Council for 1996.

- Damien Fee: Chairman, 494 7408.
- Mr. Bill Meagher, 9 Mount Alton: 494 1672, (Planning Convenor) and Vice-Chairman.
- John Lahart: Correspondence Secretary, 6 Orlagh Grange, Scholarstown Road.
- Mr. Finbar Dolan, Treasurer.
- Ms. Teresa Clarke, Assistant Correspondence Secretary, (Environment Convenor).
- Mr. Frank Brooks: Ballycullen Farm, 494 5017, (Communications & Finance Convenor).
- Ms. Aileen Millane, 6 Delaford Avenue, 494 2263, Minutes Secretary.
- Mr. Noel O'Rourke, Assistant Minutes Secretary, (Sports Convenor).
- Mr. Liam Doyle, 12 Lansdowne Park, 494 3468, (Policing Convenor).
- Mr. Vincent Kenny, (Education Convenor).

The Chairman has set a number of objectives for the Council as a whole and for each Convenor for the coming year. As time passes, we will outline the progress on each issue. Among the projects to be undertaken by the Community Council this year will be a Motorway Information Day, which aims to inform all the residents of the projected impact, in terms of traffic disturbance etc. of the Southern Cross Route Project.

The Council as one of its chief objectives is to seek a meeting with officials of South Dublin County Council in relation to a number of ongoing items. We would like particularly to offer advice on traffic management during the construction of the Southern Cross Route. We would also wish to avoid another Firhouse Road/Knocklyon Road Junction scenario.

We have written to CIE/Dublin Bus asking them to examine the general Knocklyon area with a view to a radical improvement in the provision of the Bus Services on offer. As part of this we are hoping that CIE will investigate the possibility of providing "IMP" services between Knocklyon and major centres close by.

We had a special meeting with the Post-Primary School Committee on the 21st March to explore how best the issue of a post-primary school for the area could be moved forward. A number of decisions were taken about which you will hear shortly.

Damien Fee (Chairman)

John Lahart (Secretary)

Dear Editor,

The Post-Primary Committee have recently met with a number of parish groups with a view to co-ordinating a protest campaign at the refusal by the Minister for Education to proceed with the building of a second level Community School in Knocklyon. With the co-operation of the Community Council, it has been decided to undertake a **mass petition** of the people in this parish to let the Minister and our Public representatives know the strength of feelings and anger felt by this community at the injustice of her decision. We will be in contact with you through a number of routes and we ask for your full co-operation for this campaign.

**Vincent Kenny, Chairman,  
Post-Primary Committee**

Dear Editor,

I write in response to the letter from Vincent Kenny, Chairman of the Post Primary Committee published in the last newsletter.

Like Vincent, my preference has been and still is for the provision of a community school for the children of Knocklyon on the Scholarstown Road site. Until Knocklyon has a secondary school of its own, our children will continue to require placement in adjoining secondary schools.

Conscious of the past shortfall in the availability of places, particularly for boys, the Knocklyon Branch of the Labour Party made urgent representations to the Minister of State, Ms. Eithne Fitzgerald and to the Minister for Education, Ms. Niamh Bhreathnach to ensure that no pupil leaving St. Colmcille's SNS would be denied a place in an adjacent secondary school.

As you will be aware by now the Dept. of Education has sanctioned building programmes in Coláiste Éanna and Templeogue College providing at least an additional 275 places between both schools. Sancta Maria can increase its enrolment by 50 having received temporary accommodation. Pupils from Knocklyon will therefore experience no difficulty in securing places in the above secondary schools in the coming years.

In the absence of a commitment from the Department of Education to build a school on the Scholarstown Road site, it is essential that no effort is spared to retain the site. The Youth and Community Centre has proved wholly inadequate to the needs of the youth of Knocklyon. It can only cater for a very limited number of younger children in Youth Club activities on a Friday evening and on Saturday evenings for the older age groups. This is a most unsatisfactory situation. The people of Knocklyon should demand the handing over of that site to the community, and it should be used to build a Youth Centre to cater for the needs of the young people of Knocklyon.

The Labour Party, Knocklyon Branch will continue to press for the retention of the school site and its continued use as a social and recreational amenity.

**Matt Reville, Secretary,  
Knocklyon Branch Labour Party**

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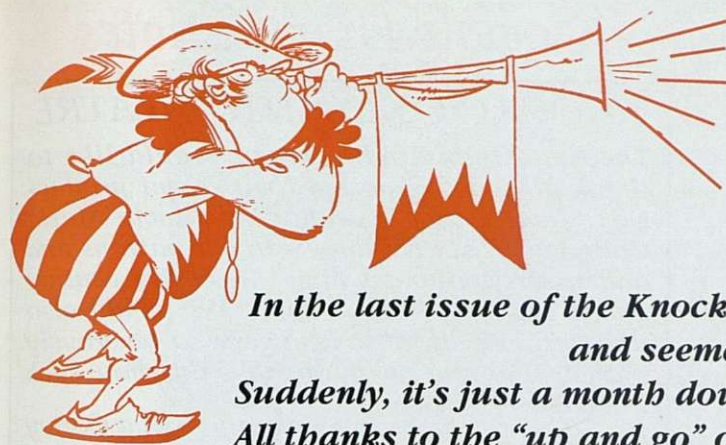
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# Parish Week – Well on Course!

19th - 26th May 1996

*In the last issue of the Knocklyon News, Parish Week was a “maybe” and seemed light years away.*

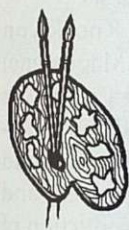
*Suddenly, it’s just a month down the road, and now sure to take place! All thanks to the “up and go” of the Committee, and the great response to the appeal for help on Palm Sunday.*

*Over 50 people gave their names. To them we say “Thankyou”, and if you haven’t yet been contacted, you will be!!!*

## EVENTS

The certain starters:

FAMILY SPORTS



PET SHOW

ARTS & CRAFTS

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5-a-Side Soccer – Men & Ladies

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TALENT COMPETITION

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YOUTH QUIZ

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★ ☆ ★ SOCIAL NIGHT – GRAND FINALE! ★ ☆ ★

*But there’s time and room for much more. Someone has suggested a **MONSTER GARDEN FETE** on the Saturday afternoon with JUMPING CASTLE, BONNIE BABY COMPETITION, FACE PAINTING, BAZAAR (i.e. Open-air Stalls and/or CAR BOOT SALE)*

*and maybe include the Fancy Dress and/or the Pet Show)*

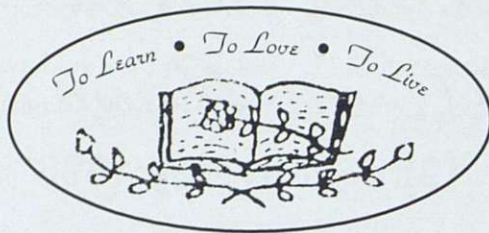
*Suggestions for other events and offers of help very very welcome at all times.*

*Just call in or phone the Presbytery at 4941204.*

**LOOK OUT FOR MORE NEWS AS PREPARATIONS GET UNDER WAY AND THE PROGRAMME IS FINALISED.**



# SCOIL EOIN



**Congratulations to Ivan Deacon aged 17 from Westbourne Lodge who recently captained his school's winning team in the Dublin Quiz Final for Special Schools.**

Ivan is a past pupil of St. Colmcille's and now attends Scoil Eoin in Armagh Road, Crumlin where he is studying for the Leaving Certificate Applied Programme. The school which was at one time located on St. John's Lane moved to Crumlin in 1986.

With an enrolment of 210 pupils it is one of several Special Schools in Dublin which caters for and teaches people with special needs, who find difficulties with main stream schools. Students sit the Junior Certificate and Leaving Certificate Applied Examinations. Two separate two-year courses are provided at Scoil Eoin – a Vocational Preparation and Training Programme (VPT) and a Vocational Preparation and Guidance Programme (VPG) to help students leaving school each year to get employment.

For recreational purposes, pupils can enjoy Basketball, Football and Swimming. Each year, students display their musical and dramatic talents in an end of year concert.

We wish Ivan continued happiness in Scoil Eoin, the best of luck in his future studies and we send best wishes to his Quiz team.

## FOUR LOCAL STUDENTS CHOSEN FOR E.Y.P.

Four local students from Sancta Maria College and Coláiste Éanna have been chosen to represent Ireland at the European Youth Parliament during 1996-97. Meabh Cahill and Claire O'Reilly will travel to Nicosia, Cyprus in October. Denise McInerney-McGrory and Stephen Nolan will travel to Thessaloniki, Greece in March. They will be among students from fifteen member States and seven observer countries.

The E.Y.P. mirrors that of the European Parliament itself. Delegates must create committees, draft resolutions, debate proposals and find consensus on issues such as security, the environment, and federalism. All resolutions passed at the meetings are sent to Strasbourg for discussion by our M.E.P.'s. Many E.Y.P. resolutions have been passed at that level.

**Congratulations and best wishes to all concerned.**

# Social Diary Notes

## KNOCKLYON YOUTH THEATRE

*The Knocklyon Youth Theatre would like to thank all who supported their recent production "Jesus Christ Superstar" in Sancta Maria College. Our sincere thanks to our patrons and advertisers without whom this costly venture would not have been possible. We would also like to thank all those who gave so generously of their time and energy to make the show such a success.*

*Kathryn & Eva Coffey*

## An After-Show Comment

I went along to the Preview night of "Jesus Christ Superstar" because I knew three members of the cast, and was curious.

I didn't expect the Orchestra, or the spectacular costumes, or the wonderful lighting, or the glorious voices. I certainly didn't expect this production of Jesus Christ Superstar. With style and flair, Eva and Kathryn Coffey captured the imagination of the audience with a colourful, lively, yet moving portrayal of the life of Jesus.

This was a unique blending of the talents of the members of our own Knocklyon Youth Theatre, and experienced amateur actors, a collaboration that produced scenes of raucous fun and haunting beauty. We laughed at the outrageous rock 'n roll figure of Herod. We recoiled at the horror of the leper scene. We raged at Judas and cried with Mary Magdalene but most of all, we *hated* those High Priests.

Congratulations to all the members of the Knocklyon Youth Theatre, to our own Susan Butterly (Mary Magdalene) and Linda Magann (Peter) whose duet, "Now Could We Start Again Please" brought the house down, to the wonderful lead performers and musicians, but most of all to Eva and Kathryn Coffey, whose combined courage, commitment and talent, brought to Knocklyon an unforgettable production of "Jesus Christ Superstar".

*Mary Byrne*

## Gala Fashion Show at Spawell

Over 500 people attended the Fashion Show (pictured on the front cover) at Spawell on March 26th, which was held in aid of our twin parish – the mission at Regina Coeli in Zimbabwe. The event was a resounding success, raising £6,600, and everyone involved had an enjoyable evening. The committee wishes to thank all who contributed to the event, including the production team; the fashion suppliers; the models – all local, and very, very good; the sponsors and the advertisers; and the audience. Let's hope we can repeat it in the future!

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# Hotlyon ...

## ● K.A.L.P.

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## ● BASKETBALL CHAMP

Warmest congratulations to young parishioner Eoin Cunningham who recently starred for Ireland as the U.16 basketball team won the Home Internationals Championship in Cardiff. Eoin finished as Ireland's second highest points scorer.

## ● CLOCKING UP SUCCESS

Well done to Erica Mulholland (Dargle Wood), a student of Sancta Maria College, who was recently awarded a prize in the Young Entrepreneur Competition for her design and production of beautiful original clocks

## ● PIANO EXCELLENCE

We were delighted to hear that David Larkin (Knocklyon Park) was winner of the "Esposito Cup" at the recent Féis Ceoil Competition. Congrats. David.

## ● ESSAY COMPETITION WINNER

Mark Byrne (Glenvara) - a 5th year student of De La Salle College, Churchtown was the winner in the Leaving Cert. Section of the Essay Competition to mark "European Year of the Young Driver" organised by the Irish Insurance Federation. Mark was recently presented with his prize by Environment Minister Brendan Howlin. Well done Mark.

# Recent Baptisms

Thomas Raymond Gill O'Connor, 26 Delaford Lawn.

Zachary Jack Kevin Fitzgerald, 60 Beverly Avenue.

Amy Florence Grier, 50 Woodfield.

Penelope Jane Browne, 12 Glenvara Park.

Joshua James Caffrey, 32 Orlagh Court.

Joanna Kathryn Cruise, 16 Orlagh Grove.

Darragh Feargal McCarney, 11 Beverly Avenue.

Conor Declan Merriman, 6 Beverly Rise.

Padraig John O'Driscoll, 3 Beverly Crescent.

Rachel, Louise Keogh, 28 Beverly Crescent.

Eva Maria Dalton, 65 Woodfield.

Katie Jane Devenney, 196 Woodfield.

Eimear Marie Gannon, 20 Templeroan Way.

Daragh James Gordon, 79 Westbourne Lodge.

Olive Mary King, 27 Beverly Avenue.

Fergal James Murray, 13 Knocklyon Court.

Matthew Gerard Mary Timmons, 14 Orlagh Court.

Adam James Trimble, 1 Templeroan Green

Mark Christopher McHugh, 5 Castlefield Grove.

Hannah Linda Quirke, 107 Woodfield.



## PARISH WOMEN'S FORUM

Two meetings of Knocklyon Women's Forum were held on 13th March and 17th April respectively.

At both gatherings the concerns and opinions of those present were expressed and have since been reported to the Deanery Meetings by our representatives.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 15th May at which all women are welcome.

## NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS/CONTRIBUTORS

Items for inclusion in the next issue should be handed into the Presbytery by Sunday 5th May. The Newsletter will be circulated from 23rd 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. - 12.00 noon) Monday to Friday.

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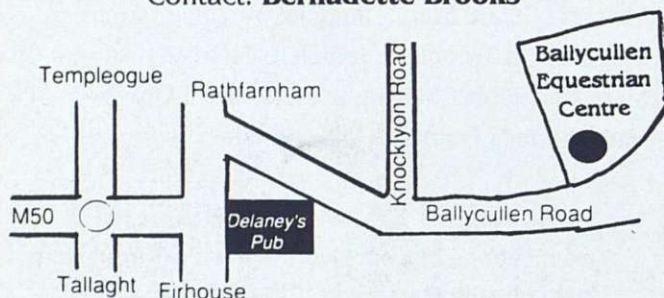


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