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# Another Year



**"O come all ye faithful" ...**

**Members of the Senior School Choir after their carol singing at the Penitential Service in the Church on December 17th**

Most of us have a tendency to look back lovingly at the year that has just departed. I suppose it is a natural instinct to remember all the good things that have happened and to conveniently forget the unpleasant ones. Certainly, within the parish of Knocklyon, most of our memories are decidedly good and that is due to the splendid community spirit that is alive and well. This situation is due mainly to the guidance and help given to us from our Carmelite priests and brothers, and the dedication of so many caring parishioners in the activities, spiritual, social and educational of our vast community.

It is impossible to mention all the good things that happened during 1996 but just some of them come to mind. Looking back, The Knocklyon Variety Group came into its own early in the year when they presented their first pantomime "Whose Panto Is It Anyway". The production took place in Sancta Maria College and was a great success. It is good to see young people giving such enjoyment to everyone, especially the children.

In February we learned (via this publication) a little more about the Carmelite Mission of Regina Coeli in Zimbabwe, a Mission which began in 1955, and is twinned with Knocklyon Parish. In March a Fashion Show was held in the Spawell for this worthy cause. It was an extraordinary success socially and financially raising the huge amount of £6,600. It is hoped to organise a similar show in the future.

One of the biggest undertakings of the year was Parish Week. A tremendous amount of work was put into the planning of this project by a large number of people from all parts of the parish. The programme included a Pet Show, Tug-O-War, a Talent Competition, A Garden Fete and Fancy Dress Competition, among the many events planned. Despite the inclement weather (in May!) and the fact that the

Bar-B-Q and Family Sports had to be postponed twice, everyone retained their good humour and a jolly time was had by all.

Many successes have been achieved by the Liturgy and Spirituality Group. The Sunday Club is certainly one of them. This club takes care of children aged between 2 and 7 in the Pastoral Centre during 11 o'clock Mass. The children learn about the Sunday gospel through stories and pictures while Mum, Dad and other parishioners can participate in the Mass, undisturbed.

One particularly memorable moment was the musical presentation of the Passion on Good Friday involving a variety of individuals in the Parish. Scripted and produced by Ruth Kelly, containing songs from the musical "Jesus Christ Superstar" and "Godspel", this proved to be a most moving occasion.

Another unforgettable memory was the Carol Service and Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve. A church packed to overflowing, dimmed lighting, beautiful singing by the combined choirs, exquisite flower arrangements by Phil Helly and friends, the glorious ceremony and the extraordinary feeling of belonging on that wonderful night.

"Belonging". This word evokes the essence of what community strives to achieve. In the parish it is the business of the Church to promote all things relevant to the community which are "life giving". Collaboration between clergy and laity is at the core of successful community building. It is for priests to lead the laity while listening to discern the spirit at large and encourage participation in the service of the Church.

In the beginning, the Church was the people. It still is. Everyone has a gift or talent which can be used in everyday life and everyone has the freedom and opportunity to promote a community spirit, each in their own particular way. Community spirit is very evident in Knocklyon as one can see by the various activities undertaken by a vast number of people who give their time and talents to the building of a caring society within the area. In this Newsletter you will once again find a detailed list of groups, all of whom are working in different ways to promote a better sense of community in the parish.

Perhaps sometime you may wish to join one of these groups in order to help, to serve, to play, to socialise, to learn, or to enjoy and share your musical or histrionic talents. There may even be a time when you may feel the need to seek help or information from one of the many groups listed.

One thing is sure, the days of Knocklyon as a village community have long since gone. Even since the beginning of 1996 our population has grown to 16,000 approx. How wonderful that our community spirit is still with us. We are so fortunate to have as our leaders our Carmelite priests and brothers who have shown us the way to grow together in harmony and into what we hope will remain a sharing and caring society.

**Eileen Casey**

## SCHOLARSTOWN FAMILY PRACTICE

The Surgery and Physiotherapy Practice will be extended during February and March, 1997.

The work undertaken is to improve the services and facilities provided for our patients.

We apologise for any inconvenience that may be caused.

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# Knocklyon community council

## • LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES

At its December meeting, the Community Council decided to pursue all our local representatives, TDs, Senator and Councillors, for information in relation to matters affecting the community in general. There is general agreement among members that with one exception, the Community Council is not receiving information that it is entitled to as the representative body for the area. Huge developments and disruption will accompany the construction of the Southern Cross Route Motorway and only one local Councillor along with some TDs has seen fit to contact the Community Council. The KCC has advised the County Council that it wishes to be party to any traffic management proposals that will be implemented in the area during the construction period. Other developments affecting the area are being decided over the heads of the people of Knocklyon. One striking example of this is the construction of a Gas Pressure Reduction Station at the corner of the School site on Scholarstown Road. No notice of such a development was given to any local group. It is ridiculous in this day and age that local people passing a local construction site do not know the purpose of such a development. So much for local democracy! As a result, we have written to the following public representatives:

Breda Cass MCC; Maire Mullarney MCC; Alan Shatter TD MCC; Tom Kitt TD; Seamus Brennan TD; Éithne Fitzgerald TD; Liz O'Donnell TD; Senator Ann Ormonde MCC; Mary Muldoon MCC. Of our local representatives, John Hannon is the sole provider of consistent Council reports and information on matters concerning this area.

## • DEPUTATION TO COUNTY COUNCIL

The KCC has also sought a meeting with South Dublin County Council Officials in relation to a number of issues. We have agreed a date for a meeting with officials of the Community and Parks Department and five members of the KCC will attend. The usual format for such meetings are deputation meetings and these are generally held just once a month. The meetings are held in Council Chambers at Tallaght. The date for this meeting is January 29th. If your group or Residents' Association has any issue which it needs represented as a matter of urgency, please do not hesitate to contact our Secretary, John Lahart at 6 Orlagh Grange, Scholarstown Road, Dublin 16.

## • KNOCKLYON PARK

The KCC has written to the County Council requesting that the lands ceded to the area as part of the Ballycullen Farm

Development be amalgamated into an amenity to be known as *Knocklyon Park*. The use of these lands for the local Community is already an accepted fact and it is an objective of the KCC that the whole community be allowed to derive the maximum benefit from this land.

## • DUBLIN BUS/BUS ÁTHA CLIATH

A deputation meeting has been sought with Dublin Bus to discuss the development of the bus service to the area. At the moment the area is very poorly serviced by public transport. An Imp service that could access the whole of the area is an option that we hope the company would look at, although we are given to understand that shortage in the fleet is their biggest problem.

## • DOES KNOCKLYON EXIST?

The Convenor of our planning Sub-Committee, Mr. Bill Meagher, reported to our recent meeting that County Council maps of the area and new Western Parkway Motorway Maps do not include the Knocklyon area by name or identification. This is a matter that we will raise at our deputation meeting with the County Council.

*John Lahart, Secretary  
Damien Fee, Chairman*

**SEE PAGE 11 FOR PUBLIC NOTICE  
RE A.G.M. etc.**

*The Knocklyon Community Council is the  
Umbrella Organisation for local Residents'  
Associations, Youth Groups, Cultural and  
Education Groups. It meets on the first Thursday  
of each month and represents 16,000 people.*

## ST. COLMCILLE'S PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

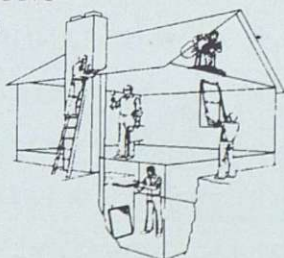


*Pictured at the pre-Christmas Lecture organised by the Association were (L. to R.) P.J. Walsh (Chairman Parents' Association), Ann Walsh, Dr. Vincent Molony (Consultant Psychologist with the Eastern Health Board) – guest speaker on the subject "Computer Games, Videos, and Television – what effects are they having on the children", and Mary Pat Prendergast.*

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# SOME MONDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES IN KNOCKLYON



## BRIDGE

At the K.A.E.I.S. Bridge Class, Paddy Keys, Pat Coyle, Peter O'Dowd and Brenda Connors with Lily Garvey, instructor on right.

## CHILDREN'S CHOIR

## I.C.A. News

On December 3rd Mr. Bob Jones, Antique Dealer, paid a visit to the ICA to give a talk and value items for the Guild members and friends. Aside from any monetary considerations, it was satisfying to have it confirmed that the treasured dinner service really is early Victorian, or the well worn kitchen chair late Georgian. It all helps to keep our links with slower, quieter times in Knocklyon.

On the strength of the above valuations the Guild members took themselves off to their annual Christmas dinner, this year in the Orwell Lodge Hotel on Friday 6th December, and on Tuesday 17th Kris Kindle made a guest appearance at our Christmas party in the Community Centre.

After all the fun and jollification of the holidays what better way to start the New Year than by losing those extra few pounds! And that is what Mary Loughrey from Weight Watchers very gently showed us how to do when she came to talk to the Guild on our first night back, 7th January. We continue to meet on the first and third Tuesday of each month in the Community Centre at 8.30 p.m.

*Pauline Sheedy, P.R.O.*



*Children's Mass choir practice. Choir Master, Joe Kelly (camera shy)*

## K.A.I.E.S. News

The K.A.I.E.S. enrolment programme for Spring 1997 is well underway. There are some places still available on some courses. For further information contact Knocklyon Youth and Community Centre - Phone No. 4943991.

*Pauline Sheedy (K.A.I.E.S.)*



*The K.A.E.I.S. Wine Appreciation Group with tutor Bernie Breen; speakers Michael Lyons and Conor McDaid. K.A.E.I.S. rep. Angela Slattery.*



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# GAELSCOIL CHNOC LIAMHNA

## "Ath-bhliain faoi Mhaise"

Mí na Nollag was a hectic month for Gaelscoil Chnoc Liamhna. The children were busy preparing for their Ceolchoirm na Nollag/Christmas Concert, which they performed to a packed audience of parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles. The nativity play which the children performed with great enthusiasm left tears of pride and joy in the eyes of many of those present. It was evident that in the short space of time since the commencement of the school in September, that the children had already acquired a good fluency and proficiency in the Irish language.

The parents of the children also organised several fundraising events during the festive season. Their enthusiasm and hard work in ensuring that Gaelscoil Chnoc Liamhna is a huge success is evident from their tireless efforts and the support they have shown.

On Sunday 8th of December a Margadh Cístí/Cake Sale was held in the Community Centre, Knocklyon. For days prior to this event the aroma of home baking wafted through the locality. The event was a great success and many thanks to all the parishioners of Knocklyon and to the families and friends of those involved in the school who supported this venture.

The "Dublin Airport Singers" kindly donated their services for our school, and hosted a Carol Service in St. Anne's Church in Dawson Street. Again the parents of the school rallied round and the evening was very enjoyable, and financially a great help in the development of our school.

Now that we are embarking on a new year, Gaelscoil Chnoc Liamhna has everything to look forward to. We

would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone: "Athbhliain faoi shéan agus faoi mhaise agus go mbeidh an Ghaeilge ar bharr ár dteanga sa bhliain atá romhainn!

*Creasa Ní Chinnéide*

## COURSE COMPLETE



**Terri Ryan (Facilitator, 5th from left) pictured with participants of one of the many parenting courses which finished prior to Christmas.**

**Participants: (L-R) Anne Lavelle-Fee, Karen White, Theresa O'Reilly, Marian Downey, Terry, Miriam Ahern, Jackie Murphy, Debbie Cullen, Kevin McNamee**

**Another series of Parenting Courses run by the Family Education Group, Knocklyon, comprising 4 distinct programmes aimed at parents of tots to teens commenced this week.**  
Enquiries to Mary Byrne 4942130

## Easter Revision Course

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## SUPPORT AND SERVICE GROUPS

### ■ BAPTISM PREPARATION TEAM

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Contact: Bro. Pat 4941204 or Catherine 4946082.

### ■ KNOCKLYON BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT TEAM

Supports those who have suffered bereavement  
Contact: Betty and team 4941283.

### ■ BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

A programme for separated and widowed persons.  
Contact: Tallaght Priory 8376640.

### ■ YOUNG ADULT BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

A programme for young adults who have experienced parental death separation or divorce  
Contact: (after 6 p.m.) Olive 4519237 or Jean 8460723.

### ■ REACH OUT

This group visit the sick, lonely and elderly  
Contact: Mary O'Dowd 4942647.

### ■ HANDICAPPED SUPPORT GROUP

Supports handicapped persons and their carers  
Contact: Bro. Pat Mullins 4941204.

### ■ KNOCKLYON ACTIVE LONE PARENTS

K.A.L.P. is a support group for widowed/separated persons which meets on the first Monday of each month.  
For details phone 4946405.

### ■ LITURGY AND SPIRITUALITY GROUP

This group was set up to promote meaningful, participative and varied celebration of Masses, Sacraments, prayer and worship. It operates a Sunday club for children aged 2 - 7 in the Pastoral Centre during 11 o'clock Mass.  
Contact: Brid O'Connell 4961743.

### ■ PASTORAL CENTRE GROUP

This 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 is Declan Cahill (tel. 4938810). The pre-fab currently acts as a temporary Pastoral Centre, where Brid O'Connell (tel: 4961743) as Director can be contacted in regard to the working of the Centre, for bookings etc.

### ■ CHURCH STRUCTURES AND ORGANISATION

This group looks after the maintenance and development of Church buildings and material services.  
Contact: John Walsh 4942354.

### ■ FINANCE

This group oversees Parish funding and accounting. It reports on Parish finances at least annually.  
Contact: Michael O'Brien 4941110.

### ■ CONTACT AND COMMUNICATIONS GROUP

This group is involved in visiting areas in the parish, providing face to face contact on behalf of the priests and community. Contact: Presbytery 4941204.

### ■ PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP

This group meets every Tuesday morning between 10.30 and 12.30 in the Pastoral Centre. All welcome  
Contact: Orla Aungier 4936645.

### ■ PARENTING SUPPORT GROUP

This group meets from 10 a.m. to 12 noon the third Wednesday of every month in the Pastoral Centre. Further information from Mary Byrne 4942130 or Terri Ryan 4937291.

### ■ 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. For further information contact Rathfarnham Health Centre 4933431.

### ■ IRISH CHILDBIRTH TRUST

Is a mother to mother, non-professional community based support group. It welcomes expectant mothers, new mothers and experienced mothers. Further information can be had from Shirley Fitzgerald, tel: 4945435.

### ■ FAMILY EDUCATION GROUP

The aim of this group is to organise educational initiatives in support of the family. It is currently running Parenting courses in association with the Pastoral Centre.  
Contact: Mary Byrne 4942130.

### ■ 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. New families always welcome.  
Contact: Anne Farrelly 4935143.

### ■ KNOCKLYON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

An umbrella organisation which comprises of representatives from the various residents' associations, groups and individuals within the Parish.  
Information: Damien Fee 4947408.

### ■ KNOCKLYON POST-PRIMARY COMMITTEE

Function: to secure a post-primary community school for Knocklyon. The committee welcomes advice and assistance in its endeavours.

Secretary: Ann Reilly 4931542.

Chairperson: Vincent Kenny 4942092.

A.C.S.S.S. Action Committee to Save the School Site.

Secretary: Neasa McKiernan 4935256.

Chairperson: Vincent Kenny 4942092.

### ■ KNOCKLYON CREDIT UNION

Senior School Fri. 7.15 - 9 p.m. Sat. 10 - 11 a.m.

### ■ LA LECHE LEAGUE

Supports mothers who wish to breastfeed their babies.  
Contact: Mary Bird 4941279.

### ■ ST. COLMCILLE'S PARENTS ASSOCIATION

A group of interested parents who liaise with school authorities. Contact: T.J. Walsh 4936482.

### ■ ST. VINCENT DE PAUL (ST. COLMCILLE)

Non-denominational. Meet Monday 7.30 - 9.00 p.m. in the Pastoral Centre. Contact: Marie Lewis 4941074.

### ■ THE LEGION OF MARY

Senior group meet Wednesday 8.15 p.m. Junior group 7 p.m. in the Pastoral Centre. Contact: Vera 4941444

### ■ KNOCKLYON YOUTH - COMMUNITY CENTRE

For bookings contact Phyllis Russell 4941166 (home) or 4943991 (centre)

## SPORTS, SOCIAL & EDUCATIONAL

### ■ KARA

Knocklyon Active Retirement Association for the 55+ meets twice weekly for various activities and social events. Contact: Evelyn O'Brien 4943375 or Sile O'Neill 4904839.

### ■ BADMINTON

Knocklyon Badminton Club (league) meets Tuesday and Thursday in Community Centre. For details telephone Phyllis Russell at 4941166. Knocklyon Social Badminton Club meet Weds. 8 - 11 p.m. and Sun. 7 - 11 p.m. newcomers welcome, telephone Catherine Sweeney at 4942960.

### ■ BALLYBODEN ST. ENDAS G.A.A. CLUB

Gaelic Football, Hurling, Ladies Football and Camogie, catering for all ages from 7. Set Dancing and Traditional music weekly, ceilidhs monthly. Details from Sean Flynn telephone 4932920 or Paddy Walsh telephone 2983160.

### ■ K.A.I.E.S.

Knocklyon Adults in Educational Studies. Day/evening classes organised in association with the V.E.C. Further details from the Community Centre 'phone 4943991 or Co. Dublin V.E.C. telephone 4515733.

### ■ T.A.S.K.

Teenage Activities Situated in Knocklyon, organised by parents and teenagers interested in promoting the welfare of teenagers in the parish. Details from Michael Smith at 4942522.

### ■ BROS. PEARSE A.C.

Training takes place on Tuesday and Thursday evenings (7-8 p.m.) and Sunday mornings 11 - 12 noon. Cherryfield is the venue for Sunday training all seasons. In Winter evening training is held in Sancta Maria College, Ballyroan. Contact: Sean Smyth 4934995.

### ■ KNOCKLYON UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB

Knocklyon United Football Club has 25 teams, ranging from U.8 to U.18 Parents' help always welcome. Details Paul Keenan, telephone 4947283.

### ■ 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) also meet on Saturday night (8 - 10). Volunteers on club nights are always welcome. Contact: Elizabeth Hickey 4937731 (P.R.O.).

### ■ 112th SCOUTS KNOCKLYON C.B.S.I.

The unit caters for over 300 boys and girls at Beaver, Cub, Scouts and Venturers levels. Adult helpers always needed and greatly welcomed. Details from Gerry Daly at 4946187.

### ■ GIRL GUIDES

Meet on Friday evenings 8 - 9.30 p.m. for girls 11 - 13 years in the Scout Den. Contact: Louisa Richardson 4945676 or Valerie Hollingsworth at 4942405.

### ■ KNOCKLYON GOLF SOCIETY

Annual fee £25. Many outings planned for the year. New members always welcome. Contact: Terry Mangan (Captain) at 4945989.

### ■ WALKING GROUP

Meets each Wednesday night 8.30 p.m. sharp outside the Junior School. Contact: Patricia Delany 4945630 or Mary Byrne 4947891.

### ■ COMMUNITY GAMES

Aileen Millane (Secretary) 4942263.

### ■ BRIDGE CLUB

Meets every Monday at 7.30 p.m. in the Good Counsel Centre, Ballyboden Road. All levels welcome. Contact: Carmel O'Boyle 4937215.

### ■ I.C.A.

Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 8.30 p.m. in the Community Centre. Contact: Pauline Sheedy (Secretary) 4941428.

## MUSIC, DRAMA AND COMMUNICATIONS

### ■ ADULT CHOIR - 11 a.m. Mass

Practice takes place Wednesday evenings at 8 p.m. Contact: Eoin Garrett 4941568.

### ■ THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR - 10 a.m. Mass

Practice takes place each Monday from 7 - 8 p.m. in the Church. All children having received their First Holy Communion are welcome to join. Contact person Joe Kelly 4941165.

### ■ THE FOLK GROUP

The Folk Group which sings at the 12 o'clock Mass on Sundays is open to anyone 13 or over. Contact: Lisa Kelly at 4941165.

### ■ THE SUNDAY ONE O'CLOCK MASS GROUP

Attempts to bring meaning to the various readings through drama, monologue, discussion etc. A Gospel singing group has been established in association with this Mass. Practice takes place on Tuesday evenings at 8 p.m. in the Church. New faces always welcome. Contact: Fr. Weakliam 4941204.

### ■ 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 4941715.

### ■ KNOCKLYON VARIETY GROUP

Meet every Wednesday at 8 p.m. in St. Colmcille's Junior School Hall. Enquiries to Sylvia Costello at 4931037.

## 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.

### ■ 'LIVING IN THE PRESENT'

Meditation leading to awareness and 'conscious' living. Tuesday nights 7 - 8 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 4941204 or by post at St. Colmcille's Presbytery, so that inclusion will be guaranteed in future issues.*

*Many thanks.*

# KNOCKLYON PARISH FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1995/1996

At this time each year, it is our practice to provide a Statement of the financial affairs of the parish highlighting the areas of Receipts and Payments.

During the year under review, we have seen the completion of two major projects – erection of additional classrooms for the Junior School and the finalisation of much needed storage buildings for the Church. All of this work could not have been undertaken without the tremendous assistance given to the weekly envelope collection – our major source of income. We should like to acknowledge the support of all those parishioners who contribute on a regular basis and we should like to encourage those not yet contributing to start now.

The major area of activity over the next few years is likely to be the proposed development of a fully equipped Parish Pastoral Centre. While a great deal of exploratory work has been undertaken it will take a sustained effort to bring this project to a fruitful conclusion.

In presenting this Report, we wish to acknowledge the support of the priests of the parish and the assistance of all the other parish committees and groups.

On behalf of the Parish Finance Committee:

Michael O'Brien (Chairman) Pat Mullins (O. Carm.)

## ANALYSIS OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

| RECEIPTS   | £       | PAYMENTS  | £       |
|--|---------|---|---------|
| Parish Development Fund<br>(Envelope Collection, Standing Orders etc.) | 90,932  | Church Building Work<br>(Storage sheds/repairs/maintenance)                         | 41,115  |
| Net Income – 1995 Christmas Fair                                       | 8,432   | Payments to Schools (Building of new classrooms,<br>Parish capitation contribution) | 93,094  |
| Net Income – 1996 Parish Week  | 1,289   | Parish Office Equipment   | 3,224   |
| Contribution – Fashion Show  | 1,000   | Salaries and Wages  | 7,090   |
| Dept. of Education Grant   | 70,208  | Insurance   | 3,170   |
| Shrines  | 5,918   | Heat and Light  | 4,639   |
| Bank Interest  | 369     | Candles, altar supplies   | 6,043   |
|  | 178,148 | Receptions, socials, stipends   | 3,591   |
| Difference   | 2,706   | Telephone, postage, stationery  | 8,277   |
| Outstanding Parish Debt at 1995  | 28,516  | Bank charges  | 823     |
| Total Debt currently   | 25,810  | Miscellaneous expenses  | 4,376   |
|  |         |   | 175,442 |

## SCULPTING A SNOW FAMILY!



*Aileen Keenan-Heavy, Nicola McCafferty and David Smith from Dargle Wood  
(Photo by Sarah Nolan)*

## *Strange Times!*

Before Christmas *The Irish Times* reminded those concerned to forward items for inclusion in the annual listings of church services which are a special feature in the paper. Accordingly, particulars of the Christmas services in St. Colmille's church were provided before the specified deadline. A telephone caller from the paper stated that the service(s) on each day should be set out on separate sheets. Information in this format was faxed to *The Irish Times* as soon as possible. When the listings were published in due course there was no mention of St. Colmille's or any other Catholic Parish Churches in South County Dublin.

Particulars of the church services in St. Colmille's were, of course, printed on the front cover of the KNOCKLYON NEWS.

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# SCHOOL NEWS

## SENIOR

The staff of the Senior School wish you all a happy New Year.

The new year has got off to a wonderful start for Ms. O'Gara as she celebrates the birth of her second daughter. Ruth was born just before Christmas and we send Ms. O'Gara and her husband Ciarán our congratulations and very best wishes.

For a six week period before Christmas the school played host to two visiting teachers from the U.S.A. Miss Danielle Magliochetti and Miss Tracey Murphy are from Pennsylvania and they spent the six weeks working with Mr. P. O'Neill's and Ms. E. Kennedy's classes. Our two visitors were very impressed with the Irish educational system and were thrilled with the welcome they received from pupils and staff alike.

A special congratulations goes to the school choir for their hard work and dedication in 1996. They were very busy in the run up to Christmas practising their carols. They first sang at the parish carol service on 17th December (see page 2) and were joined by Mr. Ruddy's class with a dramatisation of the Nativity. Their singing was enhanced by the beautiful accompaniment provided by talented musicians from various classes in the school. The choir sang on 18th December at the school Mass and they added greatly to the liturgy. Finally, on Sunday 22nd December they performed in the Annual Carol Service in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel in town.

On 17th December the sixth classes attended an *Irish Times*/RTE production in the National Concert Hall called "Amahl and the Night Visitors". The opera was enjoyed by all and afterwards some of the pupils visited the National Art Gallery while others paid a visit to the National Museum and the Natural History Museum.

We congratulate Aisling Corcoran from sixth class on her wonderful performance on the **Late Late Toy Show**. Aisling reviewed books on the show and her presentation was most impressive.

A number of pupils from the senior school assist greatly in delivering this Newsletter each month. In the deliverers' draw before Christmas, the following pupils each won a £10 book voucher: Tiarnán O'Rourke, Nina Kapoor and Ciarán Quinn.



The St. Colmcille's SNS Indoor Hurling Squad (Boys/Girls) who recently won the Dublin Primary Schools League.

Back L-R: John McCormick, Graham Ward, Michael Griffin, Aisling Hayes, Joanne Cummins, Ciara McDermott, Philip Costello.  
Front L-R: John Kiernan, James Duffy, Mark Ryan, Caoimhe O'Neill, Gráinne Collier, Aoife Scallan.

## ST. COLMCILLE'S GIRLS SENIOR FOOTBALL TEAM 1996/97



Back Row L-R: Helen Kelly, Grace Fee, Aoife O'Neill, Suzanne Caulfield, Ciara Lucey, Sarah Pope, Jill Seery. Front Row L-R: Caitriona Johnston, Debbie Hilliard, Elaine Lyons, Clair Dwan, Kim Mullin, Vikki McGrath, Clara Nevin. Missing: Rhona Clifford, Team Coach: Brian MacGabhann.

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## ST. COLMCILLE'S BOYS SENIOR FOOTBALL TEAM 1996/97



Back Row L-R: Conor Farrell, Paul Timmons, Tom Connors, Brendan Healy, Eoghan O'Neill, Stephen Gibbons, Declan McDonagh. Middle Row L-R: Graham Mulvey, Graham Walsh, Brian Kennedy, Tadgh Mulvey, Eoin Whyte, Ronan McAuley, Gavin O'Gara, Roy Dwan. Front Row L-R: Mark Noonan, Colm Doody, David O'Driscoll, Tiarnán O'Rourke, Jonathan Sadlier, Donal O'Brien. Missing: Brian O'Connor, Team Coach: Ciarán Kearney.

Thanks to Jersey Sponsors: St. Colmcille's Parents Association

## JUNIOR

A happy New Year to all parents and children. Our heartiest congratulations to Lorraine and Joe Stratton on the birth of their baby girl.

We welcome two new members of staff who are here on temporary assignment, Ms. Ann Kiernan and Ms Cáit O'Keefe.

Our Christmas Concert was a great success - thanks for all the co-operation. The children obviously enjoyed themselves - the primary purpose of the exercise.

Our focus for this term is the provision of state-of-the-art computer facilities in the school - a project well underway at this stage. Again we thank you for your generosity and continued support.

Dates for the calendar: • Monday 17th February - School Holiday.

• Monday 17th March - St. Patrick's Day • Friday 21st March - Easter Holidays.

*N.B. Enrolments for September 1997 should be confirmed a.s.a.p.*

Best Wishes all.

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# ~ Reflection ~

## ENERGISED BY LOVE

*I have always thought of "energy" as a very physical thing. You got it in large quantities when atoms were split or the power of heat or water harnessed. On the personal level, I would feel energetic if I were healthy, ate the right food and took the right amount of sleep and rest and exercise.*

*At least that's how I viewed it until last week. It was in **Wellsprings**, my favourite book of meditations that I read the words: "I am energised by love".*

*Energised by love! Straightaway I recognised love as a far more effective source of personal energy than heat or light, than food or diet, than rest or sleep. Love powerfully releasing energy as paralysing hurts are soothed by the understanding of a friend! – as the crippling effects of self-rejection fade in the warmth of acceptance from someone who loves me! – as guilts brought on by wrongs I have inflicted on others are banished by their gentle, generous forgiveness. Love, too, is responsible for the uplift of spirit brought on by genuine affirmation – or that surge of vitality occasioned by the simple positive presence of someone I love. Divine or human? Does it matter which? Is there a difference? ... "Oh, that towering feeling ..."!*

*So, once again, spirit triumphs over matter. The energy I most need in life is the fruit of love far more than of bodily condition. So it's love, above all, that I need to cultivate. And isn't that what Jesus tells me?!!*

Fr. David

## UPDATE ON PARENT TO PARENT DRUG PREVENTION PROGRAMME

The second course in this series has already commenced. A further course will begin on February 18th. Places on these two courses have been offered to those already on the waiting list. A limited number of places may still be available on the course starting February 18th. Enquiries to the Presbytery - 4941204.

It is hoped in the near future to train a number of people from the community to give these courses and, if there is sufficient demand, it may be possible to run another course after Easter.

The course comprises a two hour session one night per week for five weeks.

**Below we print one mother's reasons for signing up for this course, and her reactions to same.**

My mother used often say as each one of us left the nest to wed, that although times were hard in her day she would not like to be rearing children in today's world. Now as the mother of a young family myself, I appreciate fully the meaning of her words.

All of us as parents want what's best for our children and are prepared to do whatever it takes to achieve that end. We also have fears for our children and one of mine was that they might fall victims to drug or alcohol abuse. I know that regardless of how responsible my parenting is, there will always be many outside influences and pressures on them for both good and evil.

My fear concerning drug abuse was largely based on ignorance and so when I heard of the Parent-to-Parent Drug Prevention Course starting in Knocklyon I immediately enrolled. I found the course extremely **informative**, **thought provoking** and **well worth while**, notwithstanding the fact that we were presented with some frightening statistics on the subject. A growing awareness dispelled any darkness we might have experienced concerning the statistics, as we were taken through five sessions based on **wisdom**, **love**, and **courage** with the overall emphasis on **prevention**. The structure of each session allowed plenty of time for discussion and questions - all of which was extremely helpful.

On completing the course I didn't feel I now had all the answers, and thus no further cause for concern, but **did** feel very **much more informed** and **confident** in my own ability to deal with the influences of the drug age and with God's help feel I can guide my children safely through the turbulent waters of adolescence.

Margaret Whelan

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# Hotlyon ...

● **A NEW APPOINTMENT FOR EOIN.** We are delighted to learn that Eoin Garrett, choirmaster of St. Colmille's Church, has been appointed a member of the Dublin Diocesan Commission for Sacred Music. We send Eoin many congratulations on this appointment.

● **THE JOYS OF LOVE.** We send our heartiest congratulations to Lisa Kelly, leader of the folk choir who became engaged at Christmas to Donal Corcoran (Churchtown). We wish Lisa and Donal every happiness in the future.

● **SUSAN TAKES ON A NEW ROLE.** We are sorry to hear that Susan Ward of Bates Pharmacy is leaving Knocklyon after thirteen years. Many people will remember Susan for her friendly smile, her help and advice. Susan and her husband have built a new home in Dunboyne so in the immediate future she will be kept busy. We will miss you Susan and wish you and Joe many happy years of marriage in your new home.

● **PUBLIC NOTICES.** (1) **Annual General Meeting of the Knocklyon Community Council.** The Annual General Meeting of the Knocklyon Community Council will be held on Tuesday 11th of February at 8 p.m. (venue to be decided but probably the Community Centre).

(2) **Closing date for Nominations for Election as Independent Members of the Knocklyon Community Council.** Eight Independent members will be elected on the night of the A.G.M. to the Community Council. The rest of the Council is made up of one representative from each Residents' Association and one representative from each of the sporting and cultural bodies in the area. Anybody may be nominated as an Independent and the vote for the eight Independent positions will take place on the night of the A.G.M. The final date for nominations of Independent members is 2.2.1997 (February 2nd). Nominations must be sent to John Lahart, Secretary, Knocklyon Community Council, 6 Orlagh Grange, Scholarstown Road, Rathfarnham, Dublin 16. *Nominations must be in writing.*

## Brothers Pearse A.C.

The athletic circus moved on in early December to County Down. The location was Rostrevor. Everything was idyllic, a beautiful day and a very picturesque course. A fitting stage for the All Ireland Cross Country Championships for children up to 16. Our athletes were not found wanting. Claire Usher, Karen Tyson and Margaret Sadlier (Girl's U.10), Evelyn Sadlier, Cheryl Murphy (Girl's U.9), Clodagh Galloway (Girl's U.12), Aaron Murphy, Declan Flynn (Boy's U.11) all put in strong performances in very large fields in their respective events. Highly creditable top ten finishes were won by Mark Kiernan, Delaford Ave. (Boy's U.11) and James Duffy, Lansdowne Park (Boy's U.10). Colin Holmes, Coolamber Park (Boy's U.13) ran the race of his life to take a silver medal only conceding the gold close to home. Great stuff! The star performer was Bronwyn Kiernan, Coolamber Park (Girl's U.13). Bronwyn took national honours by annihilating a strong field to take gold in a truly impressive performance. Clearly coaches Matty Moloney (Ballyroan) and Bill Tyson, (Coolamber) have the right formula.

# Recent Baptisms

Elizabeth Clare Anne King, 53 Dargle Wood.  
 Danielle Aylmer, 27 Beverly Grove.  
 Luke Thomas Byrne, 16 Orlagh Meadow.  
 Adam Matthew Daly, 9 Orlagh Rise.  
 Michelle Moyra Jones, 14 Beverly Lawns.  
 Brendan Fergal Meath, 28 Knocklyon Park.  
 Sarah Mary McHugh, 28 Orlagh Downs.  
 Cathal Michael Patrick Tracy, 19 Beverly Avenue.  
 Jessica Hannah Finn, 3 Templeroan View.  
 Owen Paul Wigglesworth, 3 Templeroan Meadows.  
 Claire Louise McCarthy, 11 Templeroan Downs.  
 Keith Thomas Buggy, 10 Beverly Grove.  
 Linda Marie Keegan, 8 Coolamber Court.  
 Luke Thomas Boland, 31 Templeroan Drive.  
 Neil Maurice Byrne, 19 Beverly Lawns.  
 Ian James Boyle, 64 Orlagh Park.  
 Paul Adrian Tierney, 12 Beverly Avenue.  
 Dara Edward Eaton, 16 Glenlyon Crescent.  
 Daniel James Culliton, 30 Orlagh Grove.  
 Hannah Kate Doyle, 140 Woodfield.



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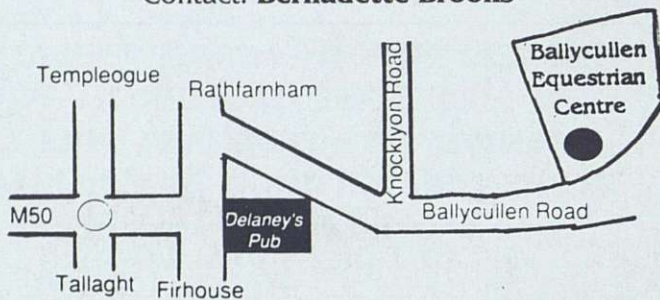


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