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HOLY WEEK SERVICES

ST. COLMCILLE'S CHURCH, KNOCKLYON

APRIL 5

PASSION SUNDAY

Reading of the Passion and
Distribution of Palms at all Masses.

APRIL 7

TUESDAY

7.30 p.m. Service of Reconciliation.

APRIL 9

HOLY THURSDAY

10.00 a.m. Morning Prayer
3.30 p.m. Children's Mass
7.30 p.m. Celebration of the Last
Supper

APRIL 10

GOOD FRIDAY

10.00 a.m. Morning Prayer
11.00 a.m. Stations of the Cross
for Children
12.00 noon Stations of the Cross
for Adults
3.00 p.m. Celebration of the
Lord's Passion
7.30 p.m. Musical Presentation
of the Passion

APRIL 11

HOLY SATURDAY

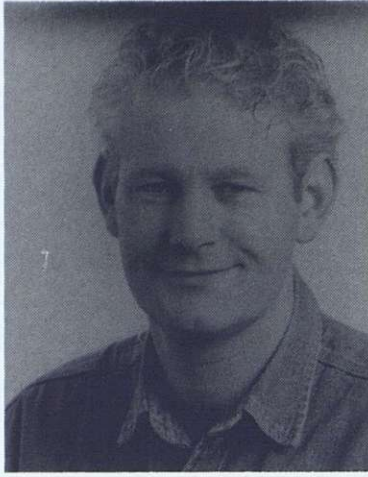
10.00 a.m. Morning Prayer
10.30 - 11.30 a.m. **CONFESSIONS**
4.00 - 5.00 p.m.
9.00 p.m. Celebration of the
Resurrection

APRIL 12

EASTER SUNDAY

9.00, 10.00 and **NOTE**
11.00 a.m. Mass times
12.00 noon as usual
1 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Sunday

Seamus Moran - A Man of Many Parts



If you are a fan of "Fair City" you are bound to know Mike Gleeson. He's the good guy and must surely be the most handsome man in that very successful twice weekly soap. In real life, Mike Gleeson is of course Seamus Moran, a very talented actor who lives right here in Knocklyon.

Seamus was born in Ballinrobe, Co. Mayo, one of a family of four children, two boys and two girls. He grew up in that lovely part of Ireland with never a thought of embracing the histrionic arts. Indeed his first glimpse of the world of entertainment was his appearance in "The Sound of Music" and later in "The Golden Years". These shows were performed by the students of the local Christian Brothers School where Seamus was a pupil. At the time, it would seem that he was more interested in football.

On completion of his Leaving Cert. he entered Carysfort College to train as a Primary School teacher. During these years of training he admits that he was still interested in football but also to a growing love of Drama. This, he says, was entirely due to the influence of Marie-Louise O'Donnell and her production of Milton's "Paradise Lost". This poem, said to be the greatest epic poem in the English language, was his first introduction to Choral Verse Speaking and the theatrical power of the spoken word. The following year, Marie-Louise invited him to play the role of "Toad" in A. A. Milne's play "Toad of Toad Hall".

After leaving Carysfort, Seamus taught in many primary schools around the country. His first venture into Shakespeare was a production of "Othello" for the Leaving Cert. He re-named it "Desdemona" because he has always believed that the main character in "Othello" is Desdemona, a part which he assigned to a

15 year old girl. This proved very popular, especially with the young people who could relate more easily to the character and plot. Kathleen McArdle directed the play.

Interested too in history, Seamus decided he would go back to College to gain a B.A. In U.C.D. he also became very involved with The Experimental Theatre - it fascinated him, as did the Tom McIntyre plays. In 1985/86 he played several parts with the Company, notably in "Baal" and "Parnell". Sometime during this period Seamus applied for a one year career break - a year which finally turned into five. The spark had turned into a flame. There was no going back.

He joined the Field Day Theatre Company and spent fifteen months with them. During this time he toured Ireland for four months and spent five weeks in London performing at the Hampstead Theatre. There he played Carson, a fictional character in the play "St. Oscar", (this was also filmed) and also in Seamus Heaney's adaptation of "The Curse of Troy".

From then on it was acting all the way. He has appeared in many productions such as the film "In the Name of the Father", T.V. - Parnell, the series by B.B.C. T.V. and Channel 4; Molloy in R.T.E.'s "The Governor", "The Hanging Gale", and "Ballykissangel" in which he played The Ambassador and J. B. Keane's "The Field" in the Gaiety Theatre.

In November 1996 he joined the cast of "Fair City" for seven weeks as Helen's boyfriend. From there you know the rest and have probably marvelled at the phenomenal success of this Irish soap.

Seamus is married to Eleanor, a Primary School teacher who is also an actor in her own right and a good one too. Although she loves the theatre she is not interested in pursuing a professional career, but is very much into amateur drama which she loves. They have two children, Katie nearly eight and Stephen four, and they are all very proud of Dad.

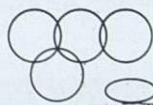
Seamus expects to stay with Fair City for some time, but he is well aware of the lifestyle associated with acting as a career. There is not a huge amount of work available if one is acting dependent and many actors resort to writing or temporary work to fill the gap. Yet the pull is there - the chance to travel - the chance to reach the top.

Seamus himself has his own goal and that is to do one-man shows. His ideas are very exciting and will no doubt lead to the success he deserves. Good luck to you Seamus. We will be with you all the way.

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UPDATING YOUR KITCHEN ... ON A BUDGET

For many of us the heart and engine room of the house is the kitchen. This is the room where the best plans are made and informal family gatherings take place.

If you would like to give your kitchen a facelift but are limited to a tight budget look no further ... here are some inexpensive ideas that could give your kitchen that 90s look!

- It gets hot in the kitchen so choose some cool colours for your walls. Pale blues and lavenders are suitable for that modern look.
- Update your lighting by changing that centre hung light. Recessed downlighters which are strategically placed will give that clean modern look to your ceiling. Low voltage bulbs are best.
- If your kitchen tiles are starting to look a little dated and you can't face tearing them down, don't worry, there is another solution! It's quite acceptable to tile over your existing tiles and remember smaller mosaic tiles will help create a more interesting look.
- Kitchen units/cupboards can also be painted with Dulux satinwood. This is a good quality paint and is suitable for most wood and metal surfaces. Add your own individual touch by replacing all cupboard knobs/handles with more up-to-date fittings. Some examples are chrome, stainless steel or even frosted glass handles.
- Create that fresh look by updating some of your kitchen utensils/accessories. For example, a new curvy kettle finished in chrome (available in most good stores) will really set off your new kitchen. It also won't cost the earth.
- Finally, if you are considering replacing your flooring a hardwood floor is a great investment. It is a durable surface and is suitable for heavy traffic areas like the family kitchen.

Happy decorating ...

David Dempsey

For further advice and consultation contact 01-4938425



Music Appreciation for your Children

If anyone was walking past the Toraigh Room and heard an unusual noise, it was just the parenting groups percussion band. Joyce O'Hara was with us on 4th March encouraging us to make music with our children (see photo on page 10). She had a selection of her own tapes and assured us that you do not need expensive instruments to encourage musical development in your children.

— MONTHLY MEETINGS —

KAPE (as in Cape Crusader!) hold a morning meeting on the first Wednesday of every month in the Toraigh Room, 10 - 12 noon.

Bridie Steedman talks on *Colour Me Beautiful* on 1st April. This is followed on 6th May by a *Parenting Skills Workshop* focusing on dealing with unacceptable behaviour in your children.

Facilitator: Ann Gillen.

Contact Mary at 4942130 or Ann at 4945743 for further information.

SPRING/SUMMER PARENTING PROGRAMME '98

— 0 - 6 YRS — (6 Weeks)

Date: 21st April 1998
Time: 8 - 10 p.m.
Venue: Iona Room (Prefab)
Facilitator: Emer O'Neill

— TEEN PARENTING — (6 Weeks)

Date: 22nd April
Time: 10 - 12 noon
Venue: Toraigh Room
 (Side entrance to church)
Facilitator: Mary Byrne

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ANOTHER CHAMPION FOR KNOCKLYON

When Noelle Lennon's Dad introduced her to CYMS Terenure Sports Club at the age of seven, he had no idea that she would become the Irish under 12 number one table tennis player; go on to become the under 14 number one, and recently the under 17 number one.

Noelle, who lives in Knockaire is 16 and a transition year student in Beaufort Convent has been playing tennis and table tennis since she can remember, and has gone from strength to strength. She has represented Ireland in the European Championship in France, Holland, the Czech Republic and Slovakia, and this year in July she is off to Italy, where no doubt, she will do us proud. She achieved her first International Cap this year.

When we spoke to Noelle she was preparing for the Kent Open team event, and at the same time rehearsing for her school's production of "Grease". She is a multi talented young lady. She also plays on the school hockey team.

Noelle is a much travelled 16 year old and is fortunate that her parents Eucharia and Noel (no mean tennis player!) have been able to fund her trips all over Europe. However, we feel that Noelle's success deserves some recognition and that sponsorship would be in order. If any individual or Company would like to be associated with Noelle's achievements and in representing Ireland in Europe, she can be contacted through the Newsletter.

In the meantime we wish Noelle every success in Kent, in Italy and no doubt we will hear more of this energetic young lady in the future.



NOELLE in action in Portugal 1995

ALL IRELAND GYMNASTICS



VICTORIA REDMOND, extreme left, with her team mates wearing their Gold Medals

Recently the All Ireland Gymnastics Final was held at Athlone R.T.C., when the Dublin team won Gold Medals. One of our parishioners, Victoria Redmond from Templeroan is part of this team and we congratulate herself and her friends on this wonderful achievement. Victoria is also the holder of a Bronze Medal which she won at the Community Games in Mosney in August 1997

WOMEN'S FORUM

On Thursday 12th March a meeting took place in order to elect two representatives from Knocklyon, to represent us at the Women's Forum at Deanery and Diocesan level. The attendance was disappointing despite advance announcement.

One of our representatives Catherine Collins was re-elected while outgoing representative Catherine Donohue was replaced by Brid O'Connell.

No doubt, Catherine and Brid will keep us up-to-date with developments in this area.

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Scholarstown Road Footpath

In reply to a query by Councillor John Hannon as to the urgent need for the provision of a footpath at Scholarstown Road between Orlagh and Beverley, he was informed that South Dublin County Council has asked the Department of Education to cede land for the provision of a footpath at the football pitch at Orlagh Estate, Scholarstown Road. No decision has yet been reached in this matter. In order to provide a footpath on the opposite side of the road it is necessary to acquire land from the adjoining landowners. The Council's Development Department has initiated discussions with the landowners in an effort to acquire the land by agreement. When the land is available the footpath will be provided.

Dodder Linear Park

At a meeting of the Community and Parks Committee of South Dublin County Council, Councillor John Hannon asked for a progress report on the provision of the Dodder Linear Park from Firhouse Bridge westwards. He was informed that the Council is in the process of acquiring approximately 50 acres of land between Mount Carmel Convent and Firhouse Shopping Centre. Plans are being prepared for the development of this area and when finalised will be presented to a future meeting of the Committee.

KNOCKLYON POST-PRIMARY SCHOOL RE-INSTATED

The two Fianna Fáil TDs for Dublin South have announced that the commitment given by them, and endorsed by the Taoiseach prior to the General Election, is being honoured. The Minister for Education, Michael Martin, has confirmed that Knocklyon Post-Primary School is to proceed. He is satisfied that this area of Dublin needs a new post-primary school and he is committed to providing it. Planning of the new school, both in terms of the numbers to be catered for and revising of the architectural design already drawn up, has been commenced. Every effort is to be made to ensure that the new building will be available for the first year students in September 2000.

See response from Post Primary Committee on page 11.

ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO SUPERQUINN CENTRE

S98A/0083, 18/02/98, Permission, Superquinn, Support Office, Sutton Cross, Sutton, Dublin 13.

Superquinn Knocklyon Centre, Knocklyon Road/Ildrone Ave., Dublin 16. Two storey extension to rear of existing supermarket (ground floor area - relocate ESB sub-station, stockroom and bakery and extend fresh food departments. First floor area - extend canteen, staff facilities, training room, plant room and air handling unit with roof mounted fresh air intake) and for extension to front entrance of supermarket incorporating glazed covered entrance with glazed link to supermarket, new Superquinn sign, forming 2 no. additional shop units within existing floor space, new playhouse and customer toilets and for provision of detached single storey structure within car park for trolley storage and for minor alterations to existing carpark layout (retaining existing number of carpark spaces).

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Dates: Thursdays - May 7, 14, 21, 28
Time: 10.30 - 12 noon
Venue: Iona Room
Fee: £20.00

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COURSE 2

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Dates: Thursdays - May 7, 14, 21, 28
Time: 8 - 9.30 p.m.
Venue: Iona Room
Fee: £20.00



NOTE

It is essential that completed Application Forms be returned to the Presbytery NOW in order to avoid cancellation of any course due to insufficient interest.



0 - 6 Parenting Programme

COURSE 3

This six week course is specially designed to handle those "terrible twos"

Dates: Tuesdays,
 April 21, 28,
 May 5, 12, 19, 26

Time: 8 - 10 p.m.

Venue: Iona Room

Facilitator: Emer O'Neill

Fee: £25.00 to include cost of manual.



Teen Parenting Programme

COURSE 4

This six week programme 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.

Dates: Wednesdays - April 22, 29,
 May 6, 13, 20, 27

Time: 10 - 12 noon

Venue: Toraigh Room

Facilitator: Mary Byrne

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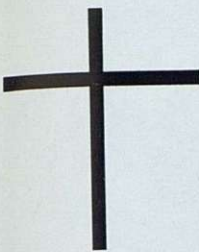
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Annie M. P. Smithson



The 50th anniversary of the death of Annie M. P. Smithson, nurse and author, was on the 21st February 1998 and the Knocklyon Historical Group commemorated her in a talk recently.

Annie was born in 1873 in Sandymount of a Protestant family with close family ties with Cloragh Cottage in Tibbradden. Annie's father died when she was eight years old. Her mother remarried. There was some financial difficulty from time to time. When Annie grew up she had a wish to become a writer but trained as a nurse in London and Edinburgh. She wished to be a Jubilee (or district) Nurse and to come back to Dublin and work among the poor of the city.

It was during her time in Edinburgh, a time of loneliness and sadness that she first became interested in the Catholic Church. Having finished her course there she returned to Dublin where she trained as a midwife at the Coombe Hospital. She received instruction from a Sister in the Hospice in Harold's Cross and was received into the Catholic Church in Rathmines Parish Church on 15th March, 1907.

Annie was assigned to various country districts. She was happiest when transferred to Dublin's inner city working at Charles Street. Finally she was appointed to the Milltown district which also included Rathmines, Clonskeagh and Dundrum. Annie was active in Cumann na mBan and nursed volunteers during the War of Independence. It was with a certain joy that she learned in later years that her father had been with the Fenians in the Tallaght Rising of 1867. Annie was imprisoned for a short while for her republican activities and was forced to resign from the Queen's Nurses Committee.

Needing to work Annie turned to writing. The Talbot Press published her first novel *Her Irish Heritage* in 1917. About twenty more books were to follow, all best sellers. *The Weldons of Tibbradden* and her autobiography, *Myself and Others* were among the most popular.

Annie's later years were involved with the setting up of the Irish Nurses' Union, later to become the Irish Nurses' Organisation of which she was Secretary and Organizer until 1942. She rests now in the Tibbradden area so beloved of her youth, in Whitechurch Cemetery.

Suaimhneas Sioraí dá h-anam.

Knocklyon Historical Group

Church Art and Environment Group

On Saturday 28th February Marion Aodhagan and Angela, members of Knocklyon Art and Environment Group attended a group meeting in St. Columba's Iona Road. The theme for this meeting was "From Palm Sunday to Pentecost".

Mrs. Ann O'Hara from Beaumont Parish, spoke to us about Tie & Dye, Draping, Working with Crayons and using our Celtic Heritage in display. It is always a pleasure to listen to Mrs. O'Hara; her energy and enthusiasm is infectious. We hope to bring your liturgy alive over Easter with new ideas from this meeting.

Mrs. O'Hara even supplied a motto for Art and Environment Groups - "We know because someone else did. We are doing so that someone else will know".

New members are always welcome to join us. Ring Angela at 4942120.



Knocklyon Variety Group

The KNOCKLYON VARIETY GROUP

are staging their forthcoming show
"NEW HORIZONS"

on the 3rd April at 8 p.m.,
4th April at 3 p.m. & 8 p.m.,
and 5th April at 3 p.m. & 8 p.m.

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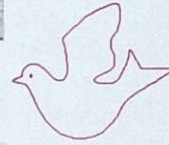
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The Mime watched by Bi



Michael Devine (left) of Delaford, taking a picture of some of the girls at the Confirmation:
From Left: Aoife Scallan of Knockcullen, Jennifer Byrne of Idrone, Mairead Lynch of Harold's Cross, Christina Lamba of Glenlyon Grove, Kate Newman of Boden Park, Elaine Maguire of Westbourne Lodge, Sinéad Bligh of Glenvara, Carrie Murphy of Knocklyon Avenue and Niamh Cleary of Monalea Grove watched by Mr. Vivien Ruddy, teacher.



Bishop Eamon Walsh

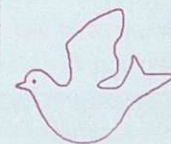
Confirmation



Fiona Reilly, Glenvara Park, Sinéad Bligh, Glenvara and Elaine Maguire of Westbourne Lodge



Bishop Eamon Walsh chatting with Kevin Kiely of Coolamber, John an Orlagh, Sorcha Kane of Orlagh Park

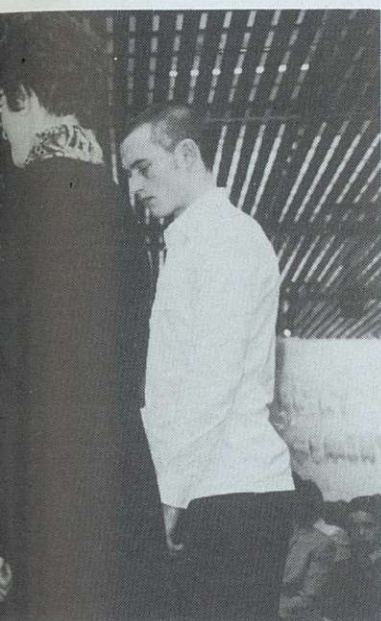




the Ceremony
(back to camera)



Rhona Clifford with her parents, Des and Carina of Delaford Park



Diernan, Orlagh Downs



Gift bearers Colm Murphy, Sinéad Wallace and Niall Brosnan
with teacher Annmarie O'Gara during the Ceremony

24th March



Confirmed Boys and Girls, including
(sons) of Orlagh, Michelle Donaghue of
Beverly, Neil Clancy of Dargle Wood



Kevin Kiely of Coolamber Park with his parents Mary Rose and Eamonn

The KCC wishes the community a happy and peaceful Easter. At our first meeting following the AGM, a new executive was elected as follows:

Chairman: Damien Fee (Lansdowne Residents Association)
Vice-Chair: Bill Meagher (Independent)

Correspondence

Secretary: Kevin Geoghegan (Templeroan)

Minutes Secretary: David Hickey

Treasurer: Pat Morey (Westbourne Lodge)

Committee Convenors will be listed next month along with their aims and objectives.

PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE

The KCC, following a number of meetings with various interested parties, have agreed on a number of recommendations which have been forwarded to Local Councillors and the Local Authority for consideration.

1. Footpath Completion

(A) Knocklyon Road:

- > From No. 8 Knocklyon Cottages to Junction of Woodstock Park.
- > From Esso garage to beginning of Houses at Dargle Wood (including Knockcullen).
- > The completion of the footpath on the western side of the Templeroan Road i.e., from roundabout at Templeroan to the Junction with Knocklyon Road opposite the cottages.
- > To be completed: Continuation of the footpath at Knocklyon Manor to the junction of Knocklyon Road at Delany's.

The need for these works arises from the gaps in the present network and in particular in the interests of safety of the local children. The KCC acknowledges the excellent work being done at Boden Park and in relation to the development of Cycle Lanes in the area.

(B) Scholarstown Road: From Beverly Estate to the junction of Woodfield Estate. From Rookery to Scholarstown Estate.

2. Road Works

Recommendations

> **Idrone Avenue:**

Improvement of junction

Realign Idrone Avenue at the junction of Superquinn to improve traffic flow from Church up to junction with Knocklyon Road and to provide extra lane.

- > Yellow Box at Superquinn
- > Double yellow lines to extend from the junction opposite the Church to the end of Idrone Avenue thus allowing a free-flow for residents and emergency services
- > Double yellow lines also from outside the Church to the Superquinn entrance.
- > "No Parking" Signs
- > 2 Lane exit from Superquinn

The sub-committee suggests that, in the light of increased business and trading with all its attendant problems, it is the responsibility of Superquinn and South Dublin County Council to plan a new exit/entrance for Superquinn in order to help traffic flow.

3. Traffic Wardens

Needed at: • ESSO Station • Pedestrian Lights at Superquinn (near Dargle Wood) • Across Idrone Avenue outside the Church.

The KCC has written separately seeking a meeting with the County Council in relation to:

- > The Southern Cross Route Motorway
- > An overview of traffic in all of Knocklyon
- > To request that the contractor not close Old Knocklyon Road's Intersection with Ballycullen until M50 is complete.

Post-Primary School

The KCC welcomed the decision by the Minister for Education, Micheál Martin TD, to proceed with the building of the school for the year 2000. The KCC will continue to use its influence to ensure that the construction work will start at an early date.

John Lahart
(Communications)

Damien Fee
(Chairman)

KAPE Encourages Young Musicians



Joyce O'Hara (front right) pictured with parents and members of KAPE at her recent "Musical Morning"

For the Love of Life

Mary Clifford would like to express her gratitude to her friends and neighbours in Knocklyon who purchased her book of verse in aid of cancer research.

She would particularly like to thank Bates Pharmacy and the Church Shop – the two main outlets in Knocklyon.

A special thank you to those who purchased the book for "Daffodil Day", and Mary tells us that to date the proceeds of sales of her book are in the region of £8,000 – and still selling.

A sincere thank you to all who have supported this project.



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First Communion 98



As the month of May approaches, the parish, school and many families look forward again to the annual celebration of First Holy Communion. It's a beautiful and appropriate time of year to celebrate this blossoming of faith of young children into the first fruits of Eucharistic life. The children are, as always, buzzing with excitement and anticipation as their teachers prepare them and keep them focused on the significance of the great day ahead.

At the start of every year, teachers and priests meet together to begin designing the First Communion Liturgy, building on the wealth of positive experience of past years, yet never content merely to repeat what has gone before. This year it was decided to plan an increased involvement of parents to add to the already meaningful participation of children, teachers and priests. Thus we hope, in a concrete and symbolic way, to bring home to the children that Communion is essentially a celebration of Community; something they are not likely to grasp solely through expression in words.

The change of day from Saturday to Sunday is also made with this all important community dimension in mind. It is intended to bring home to the children, and indeed to all of us, that the Eucharist is a Sacrament to be partaken of frequently, and intrinsically linked with the regular discipline of Sunday Mass as the norm for all Catholics. Hence it is that, on a worldwide basis, Sunday Mass has always been the most usual context for First Holy Communion.

All change is difficult. All the more is this so when change is made from a proven positive experience to what, from the nature of the case, is as yet untried. As the one ultimately responsible for having made the final decision to change, albeit with the approval and support of priests, teachers and Parish Council, I want to express gratitude to all who have gone along with that decision, some with enthusiasm, some with understandable initial hesitation. Equally, I want to say to those who have found the change difficult to accept, that I appreciate many of their reservations, and regret the hurt that several of them have felt, and may be feeling still.

Finally, I hope and pray that our Parish Celebration of First Communion this year will be a truly positive, uplifting and faith-building experience for all.

Fr. David

POST-PRIMARY SCHOOL FOR KNOCKLYON!



Some future pupils of Knocklyon Post-Primary School

You will probably have heard the good news that our long promised Community School has been sanctioned by the Minister for Education, Mr Micheál Martin, TD and that a proposed opening date has been set for September 2000. Firstly, on behalf of both the "Knocklyon Post-Primary Committee" and the "Action Committee to Save the School Site" (ACSSS), I would like to record my thanks to all the residents in Knocklyon who supported the campaign to have the school built. Our thanks are also due to Ministers O'Donnell, Brennan and Kitt who lobbied hard to maintain their election promise to deliver the school for Knocklyon. As many of you know, this has been a long battle and one which carries huge significance for the future of Knocklyon and for its viability as a community. We should not take things for granted however, but I am confident that with just one final push we can finally achieve our objective of having a community school which will serve both the child and adult educational needs of our growing parish. We must urge the Minister through our public representatives to immediately proceed with the building of the school to open at the earliest opportunity, hopefully September 1999. In this regard I ask all who are committed to securing the school to lobby for this opening date and to continue to support our committee's efforts towards this objective. We intend to meet with officials from the Department of Education for a briefing and an exchange of views relating to the design, size and operation of the proposed school.

*Dr. Vincent Kenny, Chairman
Knocklyon Post-Primary Committee
Action Committee to Save the School Site*

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(SEE PAGE 14 FOR MORE INFORMATION)

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Bright March days reflect the happy activity of the Senior School. Ceol agus craic echoed through the corridors during Seachtain na Gaeilge. Seachtain Ghaelach Co-ordinator, Mr. P. O'Neill, now reports on the week and is joined by other teachers in giving a sports update.

The school's Seachtain Ghaelach was held from 5 Márta go dtí an 13 Márta. Bhain na páistí agus na múinteoirí taitneamh as na rudaí go léir a bhí ar siúl i rith na seachtaine. A big hit was the talent competition where the pupils performed songs and dramas which they had composed themselves. Bhain na daltaí go léir an-taitneamh as bheith páirteach sna gníomhaíochtaí seo chomh maith leis na Rincí Gaelacha, Cluichí agus Tráth na gCeist a bhí ar siúl le linn na seachtaine.

• CURSAÍ SPÓIRT

Well done to Michael Griffin and James Duffy who represented Scoil Cholmcille in the I.N.T.O. Hurling Skill Awards event recently.

Three Camogie players, Julie Hogan, Aisling Hayes, Sinéad Treacey and one hurler, Graham Ward, participated in the "On Street Hurling Games" organized by Cumann na mBunscol Áth Cliath on Westmoreland Street, as part of the St. Patrick's Weekend festivities.

Third Class Hurling/Camogie

For the last eight weeks boys and girls from third class have been busy practising their skills indoors in the Community Centre. Many of the children are beginning to show great promise already. David O'Connor, Kevin Brennan, Jennifer Byrne, Caoilfhionn O'Neill, Christopher Gaynor, Claire Bentham, Liam McCarthy, Stephen Ryan, Lisa Ward, Paul Young and Catherine Pope are playing particularly well at the moment. After Easter, we will be moving back to our outdoor training.

Junior Hurling

Over forty boys make up this year's Junior Panel. Challenge games against St. Mary's, Rathfarnham and Ballyroan, B.N.S., as well as our own seniors, have prepared us for our league games. Shane Durkin, Ciarán Twomey, Kevin Doodly, Conor McCormack and Fionn Prendergast will be leading our team in games against local rivals, Firhouse, Bishop Galvin N.S., and St. Joseph's, Terenure among others. Let's hope we can report on stylish and skilful performances next month.

• NUACHT Ó RANG A TRÍ

Third class had a Trees Competition during Tree Awareness Week. Well done to the prizewinners: Kevin Brennan, Claire Bentham, Emma Keenan, Carly Devine, Roisin O'Rourke, Fergal Nally, Aidan Horgan, Sarah Fleming, Ciara Murphy.

Third class also held several competitions during Seachtain na Gaeilge: Comórtas Filíochta, Comórtas Ealaine, Comórtas "Guess Who". Bain triail as cúpla focal gach duine.

Well done to Conor Keane P.F.5 – who won a bronze medal for backstroke in the Trojan Swimming Gala recently and to Kate O'Reilly, who performed in a T.V. documentary called "My Great Grandmother Was a Boxer" and was based on the life of Polly Burns – a female boxer.

• CURSAÍ CHEOIL

The Maestro, Mr. Gearty reports:

Pied Piper Opera

Sixteen girls and boys from the school are currently performing in a world premiere of an opera in the Ark in Temple Bar. "The Pied Piper" has two performances most days and runs to April 5th. These talented children were chosen following intensive auditions last November and have been working exceptionally hard on this highly rewarding venture ever since. It is a unique opportunity for them to work side by side with some of our most gifted professional musicians. Well done once again to all boys and girls involved. Your school, parents and parish can be very proud of you all. Children involved: Ciara Lambert, Paul Darling, Jo Lynch, Ciara Douglas, Aideen Kiernan, Laura McCarthy, Sonia Morris, Aoife Tyrell, Jodie Doyle, Aoife Nally, Cillian McDonagh, Andrew Young, Mark Gallagher, Patrick Cusack, Colin O'Neill and Peter Fallon (all from 5th class).

A beautiful and moving Service of Light was held recently in preparation for the Confirmations. The sixth class pupils also spent a day on retreat in Gort Muire. Congratulations to all the boys and girls who were Confirmed in an inspiring ceremony on 24th and 25th March. (See photos pages 8 and 9).

Happy Easter to all.



Eager young supporters of the cast of "Pied Piper" queue to cheer on their classmates

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Cór Fhéile '98



A section of the choir from the Senior School who performed at the Basketball arena recently.

Confirmation at Knocklyon 24th March



(From Left): Emma Farrell of Orlagh Park; Amanda Lawlor of Delaford, Stephen Whelan of Coolamber Park, Stephen Rooney of Orlagh Park and Dara Kenny of Beverly Grove.

BALLYBODEN ST. ENDAS GAA & CAMOGIE CLUB

On Saturday 28th February, Ballyboden St. Endas U.21 Hurlers retained the Dublin U.21 hurling title, first won last year, when they defeated Erins Isle by 3-8 to 2-1.

Congrats to David Sweeney who made his Dublin Senior debut in Dublin's N.H.L. victory over Galway recently.

Ciarán Doyle, Ian Clarke and David Stynes are part of the Dublin U.21 Football Squad.

We try our best to maintain the school grounds for the enjoyment of pupils, parents and the wider community. We ask the parents for your support in encouraging the children to respect their surroundings. Tom, our caretaker is doing a fine job with the flower beds and general ground maintenance. We need the support of parents to encourage the children to show respect for what is being done. **Please do not walk on the grass or flowerbeds.** Unfortunately, a lot of plants and flowers were uprooted during the few days break (over St. Patrick's Day).

- Registrations for September '98 should have been confirmed by now. Successful applicants will be notified very shortly.

- Many thanks to all who have sent the Tesco vouchers etc. Ms. Ruddy will put them to good use in acquiring computer software for the school.

- The week 2nd - 5th March saw the National Basketball Arena transformed into a Music Hall - a stage for Cor Fhéile na scoileanna, a non-competitive Music Festival. Children from all over Dublin filed into the Arena with drums, whistles, accordians, cymbals etc. On Thursday 5th the children from Ms. O'Donoghue's and Ms. Meeley's classes played their recorders. We congratulate them on their performance and hope to see them back again.

- The 2nd Class indoor soccer league is drawing to a close with the top four teams qualifying for playoffs on the last week of term. Likely candidates for qualification are hard to predict with the scores so close, but the Pumas and Shelbourne led by Claire Farrell have been leading up to now.

- The Senior Infant, First and Second Classes are looking forward to their trip to the National Concert Hall on Monday May 11th. The concert, organized by the Music in the Classroom division of the *Irish Times* is intended as an introduction to the world of classical music and the programme is specifically tailored to the tastes of children in the junior school.

- We congratulate the children of the second classes who received the Sacrament of Penance recently. The parents, grandparents and relatives of the children were touched by the simplicity and sincerity of the ceremony. Our thanks to all the teachers for their dedication in preparing the children for this Sacrament.

- £525 was raised for the Third World charity GOAL through the sale of St. Patrick's Day badges. We thank the parents and children for their generosity on this occasion.

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When Sister Bridie Tuohy, a Mercy nun was diagnosed as having cancer over ten years ago she attended the Bristol Cancer Help Centre where she learned to cope with her illness, and live a full life. On her return to Galway she realised that a similar centre was needed here to help patients who experience feelings of isolation, hopelessness and fear of the unknown. She was the founder of SLÁNÚ which offers a five day programme (residential Mon - Fri) of supportive therapies that address the needs of the whole person in an atmosphere of care and concern. This approach is intended as a complement to orthodox methods of surgery, treatment, and on-going medical care. Apart from the physical symptoms, a great deal of psychological and spiritual support is needed to sustain patients through any serious illness.

SLÁNÚ offers a programme including relaxation, meditation, visualization, art therapy, journalling, nutritional therapy and music therapy. It aims to create a supportive environment where people with a diagnosis of cancer or other illness can take time to explore:

- (a) coming to terms with their illness.
- (b) their own inner process and transformation.
- (c) holistic attitudes and skills for living life as fully as possible in relation to self, others, the environment and the source of life.
- (d) the value of the present moment.

For people who are ill being facilitated in this process can be a really positive and life enhancing alternative to focusing solely on physical symptoms.

Over the past ten years many people have been encouraged and cared for at the Galway Centre (whose motto is: "I have come in order that you might have life - life in all its fullness", John 10.10) and gradually branches are being set up around the country. A Dublin group meets in St. Luke's Hospital on the last Tuesday of every month at 8 p.m., and it is a great consolation for people who have been diagnosed as having a serious illness to meet others who have made a full recovery. Recently a one day workshop entitled "A Taste of Slánú" was attended by forty people who came away feeling positive and hopeful for the future. I was fortunate to be one of those forty people, and I would like to think that any of our readers who are suffering from an illness will take a note of the day and time of the monthly meetings. They can be assured of a worthwhile and positive experience that can be of great benefit to them.

Mary Clifford, Tel: 4941451

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K.A.P.E. LECTURE SERIES



Mike Watts (centre) of "Grow" pictured with KAPE Committee member Patricia Muller, and Brendan Byrne after Mike's recent talk on "Mental Health and Our Families" organized by KAPE. Details of last lecture in current series will appear in the May Newsletter.

Ready to Set the Social Scene?



A reminder of some of last year's fun.

It's that time of year again, when the Parish Council begin to plan the Parish Social Calendar for the next twelve months. From its earliest days Knocklyon as a parish has always valued the importance of providing opportunities for parishioners to meet each other socially whether it be at the annual Christmas Fair, during the many events of Parish Week, or at one of the numerous fundraising functions which have dotted our past. These occasions have, we hope, helped to build a stronger sense of community in Knocklyon while being entertaining and most enjoyable in themselves. As a community therefore, we owe a huge debt of gratitude to the many organisers and helpers who have made all these events happen, with great flair, over a long period of time.

As a step in planning the organization of future social events in the parish, a meeting will take place on **MONDAY 6th APRIL in the IONA ROOM (Pre-fab) at 8 P.M.** It is hoped at this meeting to form a Steering Committee to oversee and co-ordinate the activities associated with the various social events that will fill our social diaries in the months ahead.

If you've been involved in this area of parish work in the past, and are in a position to offer your services again this year, please do come along on 6th - your experience will be invaluable in deciding the best way forward for 98/99. If you've no previous direct experience, but are willing to commit some of your time and energies to this dimension of life in Knocklyon, you will be equally welcome. Remember "Don't let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do".

We look forward to meeting you on the 6th.

Knocklyon Parish Council

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KNOCKLYON JUNIOR BADMINTON CLUB

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on 5th April, 1998 in the Community Centre.

Congratulations to the former members

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and Vicky Cullen on being selected to join

Leinster Badminton Squad.

Some vacancies are available.

Enquiries to the Centre on Wednesdays & Fridays 4-6 pm

● **ST. COLMCILLE'S PARENTS' ASSOCIATION**

The traffic cones are now in place, and with the co-operation of parents we hope to improve the situation around the school.

In relation to First Holy Communions, two classes will receive the Sacrament at the 10 o'clock Masses on Sundays 10th, 17th and 24th May.

Our recent lecture held on the topic of "Bullying" was extremely well attended and most interesting. Dr. B. Byrne's book on this subject is still available at Bookworld, Knocklyon S.C. Our next lecture takes place on **Wednesday 27th April entitled "Growing Children"** and will be given by Dr. Vincent Maloney, Educational Psychologist. All are welcome.

AN EASTER CAMP

An Easter Camp will be held in the Senior School and Community Centre

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● **"REACH-OUT"**

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Siobhán Fiona Woodcock, 22 Orlagh Wood

Adam William Doherty, 16 Glenlyon Grove

Alison May Sheeran, 25 Orlagh Rise

Niall Joseph Bobbett, 56 Orlagh Park

Cian Gary Twyford, 16 Beverly Heights

Nicole Anne Jackson, 11 Orlagh Close

Caoimhe Margaret Doyle, 9 Templeroan Court



Pre-Natal Blessing

Once again we hold the bi-annual Pre-Natal Blessing service at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday 21st 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. We look forward to meeting you then.

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Knocklyon Parish Council

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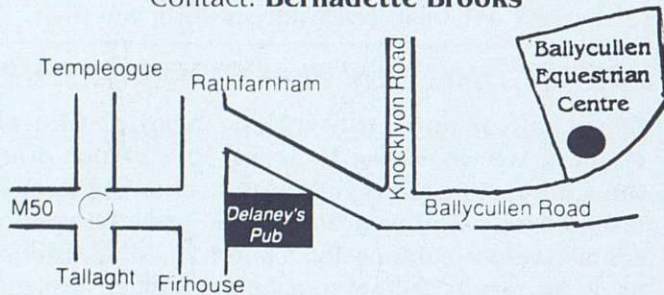


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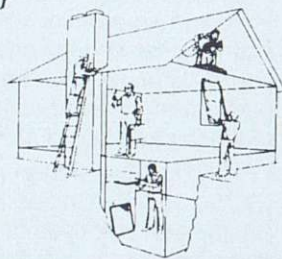
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