

KNOCKLYON NEWS

CHRISTMAS 2004

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Christmas Fair Faces



KNOCKLYON GUILD OF ICA CELEBRATES TWENTY YEARS



Four very active members (left to right): Sheila O'Shea (current President), Bridie Maher, Marie Ryan and Pauline Sheedy.

When the ICA held their annual Coffee Evening recently for Our Lady's Hospice we discovered that it is exactly 20 years since the Knocklyon Guild was set up. We asked a few of the members to share with us memories of the past two decades, and discovered that back in 1984 the person responsible for the launch of the Guild was Kathleen Ní Mhurchú who is still a prominent member. A Ladies Committee and a Ladies' Club was already in place and most of those women went on to join the ICA. Very soon the Guild catered for 100 members, and a waiting list had to be introduced. Since 1984 the ICA has gone from strength to strength, and bonds of friendship have been sealed for life.

When the ICA was founded in 1910 its purpose was to bring women together, and through their co-operation endeavour to improve the standard of rural and urban life in Ireland. The Knocklyon women make sure this aim is being achieved. They have excelled in the areas of drama, arts and crafts, cookery and personal achievement. A most worthwhile project in the arts and crafts area is a magnificent patchwork quilt created by them which hangs in the ICA College, An Grianán, in Co. Louth. This is a venue which provides ICA members with all kinds of courses, and most of the local Guild try to visit at least once a year – usually during 'The Dublin Week' – a popular event.

The ICA meet on the first and third Tuesday of each month and on these nights activities can range

from a lecture on health to a Literary Pub Crawl! Irish Nights and International Nights are popular occasions too. The most important aspect is that it is a fun night. When we met the Annual Christmas Dinner was being planned – this year in the Plaza Hotel.

Memorable events over the years include a visit to The Dáil and a trip to Strasbourg, sponsored by The European Parliament.

Their successful projects include the research and writing of The History of Knocklyon in 1992, the sponsorship of two children in the Special Olympics last year, and the ongoing fund-raising for Our Lady's Hospice. Indeed it was during this recent Hospice Evening on 2nd November that Sr. Xaviour attended and told us of the wonderful work that is being carried out there. On that evening members were delighted that Fr. Philip popped in to support the cause (we think he was among the raffle prizewinners too!).

The ICA is open to all women – of all ages – and they always welcome new faces. The current President, Sheila O'Shea, would be delighted to give further information. Ring her at 493 6471, and who knows you might just get involved with one of the most vibrant and worthwhile groups in Knocklyon.

The ICA wish all their members a very Happy Christmas, and look forward to seeing everyone in the New Year.

We wish them a Happy Birthday!
(See photo Page 20)

– M.C.

Knocklyon Art Group would like to express their thanks to all who supported their Exhibition on Sunday 21st November in the Community Centre.

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It's Christmas. Why Rush?

Henry Thoreau once wrote, "Nothing can be more useful to a man or woman than a determination not to be hurried." We're all so uneasy, in a hurry. There is so much to be done, jobs to be completed, deadlines to be met, calls to be made and promises to keep! We seem to be way behind schedule, whatever that is meant to mean.

God made time but we try to take over. Doctors tell us that hurrying is not good for the health. It is regarded as a form of violence exercised upon time. It seems a pity, but it's true for many, that making and living and having a life are not the same things.

Samuel Beckett in his rather unusual play, *Waiting For Godot*, acknowledges that passing the time is for many of us a primary problem. We don't like waiting. Instead of waiting we talk about killing time. I suppose that's alright for those who like their time dead! He explores the paradox of the human condition that we so fear death while we search desperately to shorten the time while we wait for it! He does this rather hilariously. The characters on stage tell stories to pass the time and then they worry

what to do next. In that play, through a miracle of art, we can enjoy looking at ridiculous aspects of ourselves, however painful that may be.

As Christmas approaches we stop to reflect that Jesus came to bridge the gap between God and ourselves. Christianity is about relationship. That should enable us to look with new eyes at the reality around us. Must we rush in to buy things that may be of no practical value when Christmas is over? Something inside us seems to despise the ordinary and we become star-struck, celebrity obsessed, believing that those are blessed who are forever young, forever rich, forever good-looking, forever healthy, forever important and forever busy. It's more our busyness than our badness that's the problem.

It's the feast of the Incarnation and we should seek for a sense of the sacred in our lives. There is so much beauty in the world that we miss as we hurry by and beauty has power to transform the soul. It is the greatest of all teachers. I envy artists, poets and those who have artistic gifts in so many disciplines in life. There is a strong relationship between art and

spirituality. To experience beauty is to glimpse something of God. He speaks through beauty and so must we. Addressing peoples' anxieties, Jesus pointed to the life of the lilies of the field and the birds of the air.

Christmas has become a bit too commercialised, don't you think? It can still be a magical time. As we prepare to celebrate Christ among us this Christmas we might spare a moment of our time to think of how best to spend our time and money.

*We cannot do everything,
And there is a sense of
liberation in realising that.
This enables us to do
something,
And to do it very well.
It may be incomplete but is a
beginning.
A step along the way,
An opportunity for the Lord's
grace to enter
And to rest.
We may never see the end
results,
But that is the difference
between
The master builder and the
worker.
We are workers, not master
builders,
Ministers, not messiahs.
We are prophets of a future not
our own.*

Oscar Romero

***A happy and peaceful Christmas
to you and yours!***

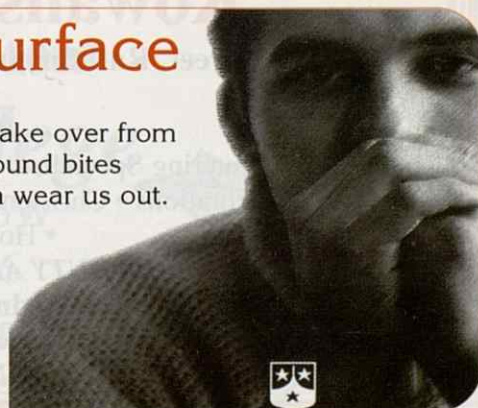
– Jimmy Murray

Tired of living life on the surface

Our culture is lived very much on the surface. Public relations take over from personal relations and spin edges out substance. Images and sound bites prevail and the constant search for the new and sensational can wear us out.

Perhaps God is calling you to something deeper. You will never know for certain until you explore the possibility.

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K.A.R.A. NEWS

After a very busy month of October our weekly meetings and bowls and badminton afternoons continue as usual.

On Tuesday 9th November we had a most enjoyable lesson in glass painting, given by Anna Tyson. Everyone went home proudly bearing their artistic efforts. Many thanks Anna for your time and patience.

Meanwhile, two of our members attended a two-day F.A.R.A. seminar, 'The Future Starts Now'. There were many lively debates and workshops on matters concerning the future direction of F.A.R.A. Two other members attended the Central Executive Council Meeting in Liberty Hall on Tuesday 9th November.

We had our annual Christmas Outing on Thursday 18th November. This year we enjoyed a festive meal in the Ivy Court in Rathgar. We were joined by our chaplain Fr. Tony. This was a very successful evening, we all left for home afterwards feeling happy and well fed.

Our most recent outing was on Monday, 6th December to 'A Viennese Strauss Gala' in the Civic Theatre in Tallaght.

We break for Christmas on Tuesday 14th December and resume on Tuesday 11th January, 2005.



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K.A.R.A. members on a recent trip to the Giants' Causeway.



KNOCKLYON HISTORY SOCIETY

Lecture: Marsh's Library
Wednesday, 10th November, 2004

Knocklyon History Society's November lecture on Marsh's Library, given by Dr. Muriel McCarthy was as usual very well attended. Dr. McCarthy, Keeper of the Library gave an enthusiastic account of the life of Archbishop Narcissus Marsh (1638-1713) who founded the library in 1701. He was a very learned man of broad interests and was inspired to found the library when as Provost of Trinity College he observed that it was very difficult to use the college library.

Marsh's Library is situated in St. Patrick's Close. We were given a vivid description of the interior of the library with its beautiful dark oak book cases, each with carved and lettered gables, topped by a mitre and the three elegant wire alcoves or 'cages' where the readers were locked with rare books. This interior hasn't changed since the library was built over 300 years ago.

The library holds four main collections consisting of 25,000 books relating to the 16th, 17th and early 18th centuries. These four are the library of Edward Stillingfleet (1635-1699) Bishop of Worcester, the library of Archbishop Marsh himself, the books of Dr. Elias Bouhéreau, a Huguenot refugee from France who became the first librarian and the books of John Stearne (1660-1745) Bishop of Clogher. There are also about 300 manuscripts.

Contained in the library as well is the Delmas Conservation Bindery which restores and repairs rare books and manuscripts and also prints, drawings, watercolours and maps.

Dr. McCarthy's talk was very informative and entertaining and was much enjoyed by all present.

Our next talk, 'A Story of Sweets and Their Manufacture in Dublin' will be given by Anna Brioscú on Wednesday, 15th December, at 7.45 p.m. in the Iona Centre.

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CHRISTMAS SERVICES

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Festival of Carols: Monday, 20th December at 8 p.m.

Confessions: Friday, 24th December
10.30 a.m. to 12 noon, 3.30 p.m. to 5 p.m. and
6 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve: Vigil Mass: 7 p.m. Family Mass, 8.30 p.m. and 10 p.m.
A short Carol Service will take place before each Mass.

Christmas Day: 8 a.m., 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 12 noon and 1 p.m.
There will be no Evening Mass.

Sun. 26th Dec.: 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 12 noon, 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.
No vigil Mass on Sat. 25th.

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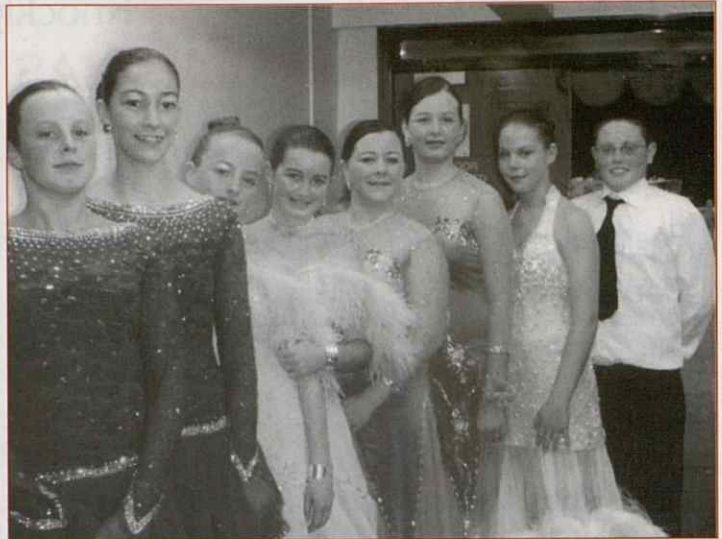
Strictly Come Dancing (in Knocklyon)!!!

Many of you will be familiar with the BBC1 television programme of the above name which is shown every Saturday night and involves a group of 'celebrities' dancing ballroom and Latin dances with professional dance coaches. The couples are then marked on their ability by four judges and the general public also vote to eliminate one couple per week. These celebs have never danced before and have to learn a new dance each week.

However, most of you won't be aware that we have our own ballroom dance classes here in Knocklyon. Yvonne Deaton, who is a qualified fellow of the International Dance Teachers Association, has been teaching in Knocklyon Community Centre since it opened in 1989. Yvonne teaches several classes every week from the toddlers classes for 3-8 year olds where children are taught basic steps associated with the waltz, tango, cha cha cha, jive, etc., through to teenagers who become competent in ballroom and Latin dances and compete in many different events throughout the year.

Yvonne has also been a great supporter of KAIES, the Adult Education Body operating in Knocklyon, and teaches adults of all ages how to dance. These courses are attended by couples looking for an activity they can enjoy together, couples preparing for their wedding day, and people interested in learning to dance for the sheer enjoyment it brings. Yvonne says dancing is wonderful exercise, you can keep fit while enjoying learning to dance to fabulous music. Never again will you have to sit out that waltz or jive at the next wedding or dinner dance, you'll be dancing the night away!

With all the recent emphasis on obesity in Ireland, and the need to increase the amount of exercise we take, maybe we should consider taking up dancing as a hobby. Whether you go



Some of the class who danced in a recent competition.

to a class with your partner or whether you attend a 'dance exercise' class on your own, you will find that learning to jive, salsa or cha cha cha burns up the calories and uses a whole range of muscles at the same time.

If you wish to contact Yvonne Deaton, who is a fully qualified Fellow of the International Dance Teachers Association, for details of all courses commencing in January 2005, please ring 087-237 2910 or 494 7132.

And remember, you're never too young or too old to learn how to dance – so why don't you – "Strictly Come Dancing!!!"

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the wayside. Eagerly he broke off some branches and ran with them to the church.

The bush was the poinsettia which for many years has become an increasingly popular feature of our Christmas decorations. Its Mexican name 'Flower of the Holy Night' reminds us of the old legend and says something to us all on Christmas Eve. - **M.C.**

DONAL AND TARA ARE WED IN CAVAN



Donal Griffin, Knocklyon Green and Tara McMorow, Firhouse, pictured above with the bridal party, and Fr. Philip Brennan, who performed their marriage ceremony. Their wedding took place in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Kingscourt, Co. Cavan, and family and friends enjoyed the reception and overnight stay at Cabra Castle. We congratulate Donal and Tara and send them our very good wishes for their future together.

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JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Parental Involvement

November heralded the beginning of this year's Shared Reading Scheme. Volunteer parents have come to each class every morning to hear children read. The scheme, which is coordinated by Ms. Copland and Mr. Cuddy, has become an integral part of school life. Pupils love reading with another significant adult and teachers are content that each child's reading will be heard daily. Parents of eighteen classes met their children's class teachers with Principal Mr. Boyle or Deputy Principal Mrs. Corduff during the month. These practical meetings are designed to appraise parents of the methodologies involved in the revised curriculum. They were very well attended over three weeks. All parents and guardians also met and had consultations with teachers about individual pupils progress after the school day in mid-November. These very worthwhile meetings proved tiring for teachers after the intensity of the teaching day. C'est la vie!

Members of the Parents Association committee have provided brilliant support to the school again this term. Patricia and Maura provided tea and biscuits before the

class meetings. They and ten other parents assisted Ms. Doody with the Bookfair which was another great success yielding many new titles for class libraries. The Parents Association has also provided the school with grants for books and mathematics materials which will be used by parents involved in the Shared Reading and Maths Games Schemes.

Circle Time

Jenny Mosley spent Friday 19th November working with the 50 staff members of the Junior School. Ms. Boyle's first class pupils came in on the afternoon of their "day off" to participate in an hour long workshop with Jenny. This was a once in a lifetime opportunity for the pupils and they thoroughly enjoyed it. Many teachers use Circle Time with their classes. The course will prove very beneficial to the school as we work towards a revised behaviour management plan.

Mrs. Garvey's Retirement

One of our most innovative and progressive teachers Kay Garvey will retire from teaching at Christmas. Mrs. Garvey, who has been an Assistant Principal for the last few years, has spent 27 years in the school. Always loved by her pupils and highly respected by her colleagues, Mrs. Garvey will be missed by everyone. She championed the arts with all her classes and was ever keen to try new teaching methodologies. Kay had embraced the principles of the revised primary curriculum before it was even written! She has recovered well from recent illness and is looking forward to travelling during the Spring. We wish her Bon Voyage and thank her for her long service to the school.

Junior Infants

Invitations have been posted to parents and guardians who hope to send their children to St. Colmcille's six Junior Infant classes next year. The first round of offers included qualifying applicants who were born before April 1st 2001. Those born after that date remain on our waiting list. As usual we expect a small number of cancellations. The second round of offers will be posted in late December. Children seeking places in classes



Clifford at the Book Fair.

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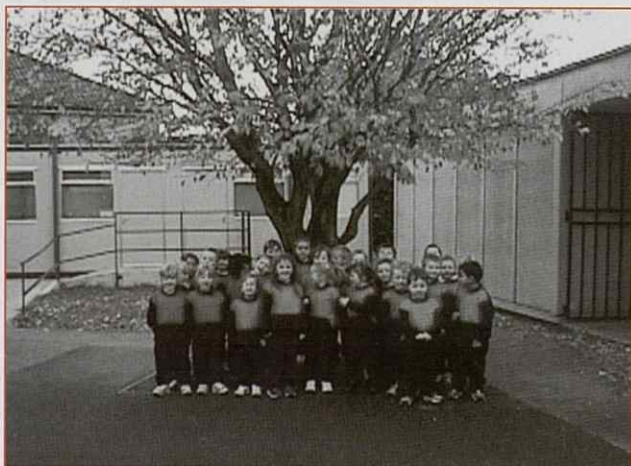
higher than Junior Infants next September should apply immediately. Application forms may be completed at the school office.

First Penance and First Communion

180 pupils enrolled for their sacramental preparation classes at the Children's Mass on the last three Sundays of November. All of the children's photographs were displayed in the church. They have asked parishioners to remember them in their prayers during this important year. Parents of first communicants will meet the teachers and priests in early Spring. Next year the First Confessions will be held in March while the First Communions will, as usual, take place on the last three Sundays in May.

School Renovations

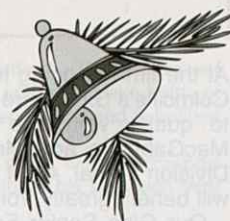
Many thanks to Fr. Jimmy and the parish finance committee who provided the 10% local contribution required by the Department of Education and Science towards the renovations carried out during the summer. The Board of Management is now anxiously awaiting good news in relation to our application for permanent classrooms to replace the very old prefabricated rooms at the school. Four years have now passed since we applied for an extension to our main building. It is no longer acceptable that children in our parish, which is still one of Dublin's fastest developing parishes, will spend a quarter of their primary schooling in an inappropriate learning environment. We are confident that new Minister Mary Hanafin will realise the importance of this project for our school community.



Ms Mulqueen's class under an autumn tree.

St. Colmcille's Parent Association

The Junior School Annual Book Fair was held at the beginning of this month and it was once again a great success. Reading is an extremely important part of the learning process and we are delighted to see budding young readers are still very much in abundance! The PA would like to especially thank Ms Doody for her hard work in organising this event and to all our members, ex-members and volunteers who gave up much of their free time to come and help.



Our Annual Table Quiz was held this year at Ballyboden GAA Club and, we are glad to say, was once again very well attended and a great success. We were very fortunate that Seamus Moran, of Fair City fame, agreed to be our Quiz Master (again!) and, even with the prospect of reading the questions by candlelight, his professionalism and good humour was second to none, for which we thank him greatly! Fortunately, ESB got our lights back just in the nick of time. Our thanks also go to all those who supported the event by coming along, buying raffle tickets and all those who generously donated spot prizes. Our congratulations go to Sean Duffy, who won the snooker cue signed by Ken Doherty.

The PA has recently set up a sub-committee dedicated to the rights and needs of pupils with special needs. A few of our members have children with special needs and meet on the last Tuesday of every month in Delaney's Pub at 8 p.m. This is basically a support group and anyone who has a dependent child with Special Needs is welcome to attend, they do not have to be a pupil at St. Colmcille's N.S. If you would like further information you can contact Nadine on 494 3998.

Once again Christmas is fast approaching and we can't confirm this yet, but we have heard on the 'QT' that a very special person may be visiting the school before the Christmas break. So, all you boys and girls had better be on your best behaviour and keep a look out 'cos Santa is coming to town!

On behalf of the PA we would like to wish you all, the residents of Knocklyon Parish, a very happy Christmas, a peaceful New Year and happy holiday! We look forward to your support in 2005!

— Jane Dooley

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Nuacht ón Scoil Shinsearach

At the time of going to print no fewer than 3 teams from St. Colmcille's S.N.S. are on their way to Croke Park finals. First to qualify were the Junior Footballers, coached by Mr. MacGabhann and Mr. Kearney who qualified for the U-11 Division 1 final. All of these boys are in 4th or 5th class and will benefit greatly from the experience.

Our Girls Senior Football Squad, coached by Mr. Ruddy and Ms Timmins will be appearing in the Corn Austin Finn final (U-13, Division 1) where they will be attempting to retain this title for St. Colmcilles for a fourth year in a row. Our Boys Senior Football Squad, coached by Mr. Byrne, will also be appearing in Croke Park in the Corn Kitterick final (U-13 Division 1). To have our two school teams appear in Croke Park in the highest grade of schools football on the one day is certainly a wonderful achievement and players, coaches and parents are delighted with the progress of these teams.

The diverse range of activities, which have been undertaken in the school over the last month, is reflected in the pieces written by our pupils on matters as varied as The Graffiti Classics visit, Coiste nGairdíní (The Gardening Committee); Science Week Activities and our school Book Fair.



Boys Junior squad in Croke Park.

The St. Colmcille's S.N.S. Book Fair

Last Monday the 15th of November, the books, stationery and other interesting objects were delivered to the school. Once everything was laid out properly, the hordes of children started to browse the shelves in search of a good book!

Pupils from Mr. Ruddy's class were picked to help at the fair whilst the parent/teacher meetings were in progress, so the parents could browse and buy at the parent corner.

My day to help at the fair was Wednesday, I was writing down the orders, as nearly all the posters and books were flying off the walls and shelves! Mr. S. O'Neill was also there, and was certainly a whiz on the till!

We sold a huge amount of books and it amounted to around E7,500. So, the school will receive roughly E4,500 worth of books from Scholastic Book Fairs.

- Sinéad Canning, Room 6, 6th Class



Girls Senior football squad U-13 Division 1 finalists.



Boys Senior football squad U-13 Division 1 finalists.



Sadia Bytyqi and Sarah Rowland working at the Book Fair.

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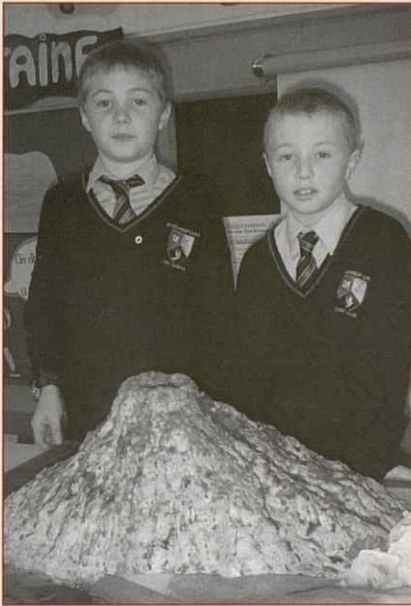
Senior School News

Science Week 2004

On Friday the 5th of November, Mr. Ruddy's class were given the great privilege of being invited to the launch of 'Science Week 2004' in the Royal Irish Academy. The Royal Irish Academy is situated on Dawson Street, where the Lord Mayor lives.

We departed the school bright and early at 8.15 that morning. There was an atmosphere of immense excitement as we approached The Royal Irish Academy at approximately 9.10. We were greeted by representatives of 'Science Week Ireland'. We were then ushered through the main library and into the Conference Room. In the main library a copy of every science book published in Ireland is stored. The cover of all the old books are made of vellum (calf-skin). These books are very delicate and gloves have to be worn when handling.

In the Conference Room we had a light breakfast which included pastries, scones and a selection of juices. Soon after we had finished, the Conference Room began to fill with V.I.P. guests such as Leo Enright, Eanna Ni Lamhna and Keith Barry, a well known magician. At 10.10 Michéal Martin who is Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment arrived and officially launched 'Science Week 2004'. Keith Barry then performed a range of marvellous and astounding tricks which amazed us all.



L-R: Darragh Bolger and Mark Murray with the volcano they constructed.

The various newspapers and reporters were filming and interviewing children in our class. Most of the pupils were luckily featured on the 6.1 and Den 2 children's news. Some fortunate children hit the front page of the 'Irish Times'.

Each child received a goody bag, which contained Science Week merchandise, such as pens, T-shirts, hats, posters, badges and a lot of other novelty items. It was a truly amazing, unforgettable and outstanding experience.

- Sarah Rowland and Megan Kelly, Room 6

Gardening Group!



L-R: Aoife Ryan and Susan Palmer.

The Gardening Group has been in operation since last year. Mr. McGowan, Mr. Ruddy and Maurice help us carry out our work and our duty is to keep the school gardens looking clean and tidy. At the start of this year some parents of the children donated vital equipment. Also a few weeks ago the Knocklyon Community Council provided us with rakes, shovels, trowels, forks, a wheelbarrow and a trimmer. These are some of the things we do: weed the flowerbeds, feed the flowers with worm tea, and we plant some flowers such as winter pansies, daffodils, crocus, wallflowers, and several spring flowers. We also help the roses once in a while!

You're probably wondering what worm tea is. Mr. McGowan keeps worms in the Vermicomposter in the school. What you do is you put apple butts, banana skins, pencil

parings and paper into it. The worms eat through it and in the end you have a bottle of worm tea. This is used diluted and is brilliant for feeding the roses.

Last year we got many bags of compost from our compost bins. This has been very good for the plants.

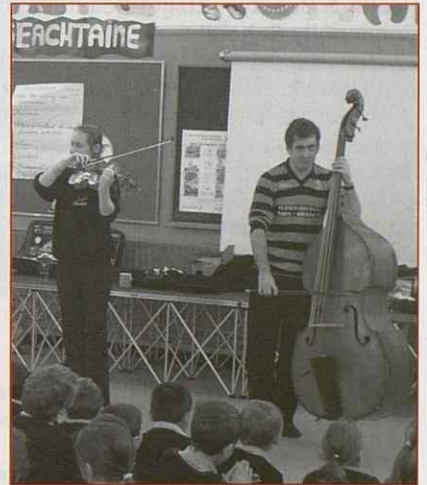
Mrs. O Gara would like you to know that the appearance of our school is very important in maintaining the green flag. So put the effort in so we can keep the green flag!

- Susan Palmer and Aoife Ryan, Room 3, 6th Class Gardening Group

The Graffiti Classics

On the 22nd of November we enjoyed many different varieties of music from around the world. The instruments involved in the performance by the Graffiti Classics were the double bass, the viola and the violin. These make up the string quartet. Each musician was equally talented. Two of the ladies, Bertie and Alice, in the group were from London. One of the men called Cathal was from Dublin and the other was from Romania and he was called Ben. This was a great experience. We were able to listen to classical music and still have a good time. The pieces of music they played included The Can Can, Mozart's Eine Kleine Nachtmusik and a Romanian traditional classic. We are the 27th country they have visited this year after Hungary, Bulgaria, Slovenia, Israel, Australia, Scandinavia and America and so on.

- Stephen Keegan, Robert Redmond, Mairead Fanning and Caitriona Bush



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Extra Curricular Sports Activities

The Cadette girls played very well this year although their season is now over. Thank you once again to Mary Pat Prendergast for all her help.

Musical: 'Grease Is The Word'

At last, musical time is here. Amongst an array of pom-poms, leather jackets, pyjama parties and high school dances, we are almost ready to put on our show. The Art Department is very busy painting and putting the finishing touches to the scenery whilst Ms Beirne co-ordinates the costumes. There are singing and dancing routines being practised in all corners of the school. It is rumoured that some of the teachers are rehearsing a number – more about that later.

Grease is our fifth musical and we are all delighted to be working on it. Everyone knows the musical numbers and there is a great air and buzz around the building. The cast of students are as usual an excellent bunch and their talent knows no bounds. So off we go and enjoy these last few days before we go on stage.

Fund Raising

On Friday, the 22nd of October, students organised a colours day in the school in aid of The Irish Guide Dog Association as part of their CSPE action project. The amount raised was €1,074.59. Also a raffle was held in the school to raise money for the victims of the Beslam Massacre. It was organised by Amy Molloy, Ciara Timbs, Mark Ibbiston and Laoighse Styles of 5R. The raffle was a huge success raising €650. Thanks to all who contributed.

Health & Beauty – 'Being Beautiful in St. Colmcille's Community School'

The 6th year girls at St. Colmcille's are being 'made beautiful' with the help of Ms Gilroy. Every week students are being given practical advice as well as beauty techniques as to how to best take care of their skin. All students who successfully complete the course will receive a certificate and a 'beauty goodie bag'. Ms Gilroy who is a qualified beautician and who works part-time in John Adam Beauty Salon, Clerys, will be offering a beauty class from January as part of the schools Adult Education Programme. Please contact the school for further details.

Transition Year

All Transition Year students are just after their first week of work experience in different businesses around the city. Students seemed to benefit greatly from this experience and enjoyed working in areas that they are interested in as a future career. We would like to take this opportunity to thank

all businesses and organisations that employed our students and gave them this opportunity.

Carol Singing

Students from the school will be carol singing in an effort to raise money for the Simon Community. This will take place outside Superquinn in the weeks coming up to Christmas. Please support this worthy cause.

Operation Christmas Child

The students of St. Colmcille's Community School with the help of Ms Gilroy have once again risen to the challenge of responding to people in need. As part of our regular fundraising ventures, students from 1st-6th year filled shoeboxes with various gifts for children aged 2-14 years of age. These shoeboxes will be shipped abroad by the Christian agency 'Samaritans Purse'. Last Christmas over 200,000 gift-filled boxes were delivered to children in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Ukraine, Croatia, Romania and Serbia.

Ministers of the Eucharist

Some of the transition year students in St. Colmcille's Community School are being trained to be Ministers of the Eucharist by Ms Gilroy. It is envisaged that the students will serve both the needs of their school and their local parish. The students will be commissioned just before Christmas.

Debating

On Wednesday the 17th of November as part of the Concern Annual Debating competition, a debate was held between our school and St. Joseph's of Cluny. The motion under debate was 'That GMO's are the answer to 3rd World hunger'.

The debate opened with a hard-hitting speech from Liam Devine while Rory Geraghty involved the audience with factual information about the death rate in these countries. He highlighted that for every breath we take 6 people around the world die from starvation. The debate became more heated as either side threw across their passionate arguments. Sam McCutchen surprised everyone when he informed us that a lot of food is genetically modified and that the natural colour of carrots is in fact purple!

St. Joseph's were bewildered by the reference to the carrot but succeeded in opposing the motion strongly. Their captain enforced Ghandi's belief that it's not need that causes world hunger, it's greed.

Sadly the motion was defeated, however everyone agreed it was a thoroughly enjoyable debate.

– **Cassie Delaney, Fiona Byrne, Deirdre Glynn and Sally Medbury**

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HURLING REPORT

Incredible Comeback in Extra Time

There were no late sleepers in Crumlin as all were awoken to the thundering noise from the supporters of Knocklyon who entertained the neighbourhood with their incredible chants and music.

Colmcille's emerged victorious in what was an intense, dramatic thriller in O'Toole Park. The Colmcille's supporters (led by Joanne Gallagher and Anne Griffin) were there in numbers and created a deafening noise, with their drums, foghorns, whistles, bodhrans, tin whistles, flutes and trumpets.

Whatever breeze was blowing favoured Coolmine and Colmcille's started on the back foot. The Coolmine forwards were taking their scores and only for the tenacious defence of Colmcille's would have pulled away. Colmcille's hung in there 'till the break and were behind by an incredible 12 points. A stirring half-time team talk left the boys in little doubt about what they had to do. The Colmcille's supporters really lifted the boys after the break. On the sideline you could sense the tide was turning. Spurred on by their inspirational skipper Liam McCarthy and the preciously talented David

O'Connor, Colmcille's began to get a foothold and displayed the passion and commitment that was sorely lacking in the first half.

However, Coolmine weren't lying down and were taking their fair share of scores as well. The goalkeeper heroics of Stephen O'Connor kept the match alive, notably his composure under the high ball. Going into the last five minutes Colmcille's were up by a wonderfully taken point by Ciaran Brennan. Under the most contentious circumstances Coolmine equalised to send the game into extra time. The Colmcille's lads regrouped and built up a 3 point lead. However in keeping with this match Coolmine fought their way back and without the defensive brilliance of centre-back Eoin O'Reilly would have been further in arrears. His booming high balls into the forwards provided a platform to attack from. At the half-time break it was all square and another rousing team talk lifted the now shattered lads and the Colmcille's supporters really helped them. After the break Coolmine came out the better side and scored a goal but Colmcille's dug deep and scored a point. Deep into injury time the match was virtually lost until, incredibly David O'Connor, to cap off his supreme man of the match performance, scored brilliantly to win the match for Colmcille's. There was a scene of jubilation among the supporters as Liam McCarthy lifted the cup.



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Seó na Nollag

Bhuel tá an Nollag buailte linn agus is am ana-speisialta é i saol na scoile. Táimid ar fad ag cleachtadh go díograsach don Seó Nollag. Tá seó na bliana seo beagáinín difriúil sa mhéid is gur dráma atá cumtha don scoil ar fad é. Taitníonn na hamhráin ar fad go mór le na daltaí agus táimid ag súil go mór len é a chur i láthair ag tús Mí na Nollag. Tá an-chuid oibre curtha isteach ag Múinteoir Daithí agus is féidir a rá go bhfuil toradh a chuid oibre le feiceáil ar an stáitse. Ar ndóigh, níl dearmad déanta againn ar shean-charúil na Nollag agus beidh an gnáth sheirbhís, ar mhaithe le Simon, i gclós na scoile ar lá na laethanta saoire, i gcead don aimsir.

Oíche Shamhna

Os ag caint ar ócáidí cheiliúrtha muid, bhí an-lá againn don cheiliúradh Samhna. Faraor, ní raibh an aimsir ró-chineálta ar an lá ach, in ainneoin sin, bhain gach duine an-spraoi as an ócáid. The hall in Ballyboden-St. Enda's was awash with cowboys, ghouls, witches, ... even an unseasonal Christmas tree!! Once again, pupils displayed huge ingenuity in their costumes. The schoolchildren performed a selection of songs and recited some very spooky poems to the enjoyment of all present. It was a wonderfully appropriate start to the Hallowe'en break.

Céilí Mór

Speaking of social occasions, An Coiste Airgeadais must be thanked for the huge effort they have put into organising the Céilí Mór, which takes place as we go to press. To date, ticket sales are going well agus táimid ag súil le oíche mhór. Not only is the Céilí an important part of the fundraising effort but it is a marvellous way to meet other parents agus aithne a chur ar a chéile.

Grianghrafadóir

Caithfimid buíochas a ghábháil freisin leis an gCoiste as ucht grianghrafadóir a eagrú chun teacht chuig an scoil. Organising the entire school, plus assorted groups, for the photographer took a lot of time and commitment and it was freely given. Ár mbuiochas libh arís!!

Áine Ní Ghlinn

Tá an file Áine Ní Ghlinn linn faoi láthair agus í i mbun oibre leis na hardranganna. Cheana féin, tá cnuasach álainn filíochta curtha le chéile ag Rang a 5 léi. Is deis iontach don scoil é a leithéid Áine a fháil mar tá bua na múinteoireachta inti chomh maith le bua na filíochta agus tá sí ábalta rang a spreagadh ar bhealach atá éifeachtach agus taitneamhach.

Seachtain Eolaíochta

Eagraíodh Seachtain Eolaíochta ar fud na tíre le déanaí agus rinne na hInstitiúidí Teicneolaíochta an-iarracht daoine a mhealladh. Thug Múinteoir Máire a rang amach go dtí an Institiúid i dTamhlacht maidin amháin agus bhaineadar tairbhre chomh maith le taitneamh as an gcúairt.

Peil na gCailíní

Chríochnaigh an séasúr peile dár gcailíní le déanaí. D'éirigh go h-iontach leo sa chomórtas agus shroich said an ceathrú-chraobh. Níor thugadar an cluiche leo ar an lá ach síleann Múinteoir Deirdre go bhfuil an-fheabhas tagtha orthu i mbliana agus go mbeidh seans an-mhaith acu an bhliain seo chugainn. Mhol sí na páistí ar fad a ghlac páirt sna comórtaisí, idir bhuachaillí agus cailíní. Dúirt sí gurbh ábhar mórtais iad don scoil uile.

Cúrsaí Snámha

Tá laochra spóirt againn sa linn snámha chomh maith leis an bpáirc peile! Graham Ó Fícheallaigh agus Breandán Ó hAilinn represented the school recently at the National Aquatic Centre and came away victorious. Maith sibh a bhuachaillí!!

Cúrsaí Cheoil

Tá Múinteoir Daithí agus Múinteoir Clár ag leanúint orthu leis na ranganna cheoil. Is cinnte go bhfuil an-obair ar siúl 'sna ranganna seo agus baineann an chuid eile den fhoireann an-sult as an gceol a chloiseann said ag teacht ó na seomraí ranga sa tráthnóna.

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The following is an article by Helen Doyle, one of the participants in the K.A.I.E.S. Creative Writing Course.

BACK TO SCHOOL

The glossy leaflet fell softly onto the doormat. As I picked it up I made myself a cup of coffee and reclined in a comfortable chair to peruse the latest courses on offer.

The brochure was entitled KAIES Day and Evening Courses. KAIES stands for Knocklyon Adults in Educational Studies. I was particularly interested in the morning courses. Having packed in my job back in April, I was no longer juggling work and children.

There were fifteen morning and ten evening courses to choose from. Courses ranged from Indian Head Massage to Silk Painting. I was surprised at the variety. I eventually decided on two – the Relaxation/Meditation course on Mondays and the Creative Writing on Thursdays.

The times suited me, the children would be at school and I wouldn't have to brave the dark cold evening nights as I had done in the past. The fact that the courses were being held within walking distance certainly helped my decision.

As I enrolled for the classes I bumped into Angela, one of the ten KAIES Committee Members. She explained that they were a voluntary and non-profit making organisation working for the community.

The group was established twelve years ago and took some risks in offering courses that were not available elsewhere at the time. Golf and wine-tasting were some of the courses that KAIES had the foresight to run.

About four years ago they ran a Belly Dancing class and RTE arrived to catch the fun on film. Angela and her daughter had decided to attend the course. A close-up shot of Angela's smiling face followed by a shot of a perfectly toned torso had nothing to do with editing, she explained with a smile!

The committee members work hard at particular times of the year. Getting the brochures ready for the September and January deadlines is just one of their many tasks. They also organise tutors, insurance and balance the books. Each committee member is delegated at least one course to monitor. This aids in the decision-making process for the following terms programming. The committee are

constantly on the lookout for new courses to tantalise the community.

The TV crew came a second time to Knocklyon. This time to interview a couple who had met on the Wine Tasting course. Maybe this is one of the reasons this course has been one of the most successful ever run by KAIES.

Each year the committee organises an open evening where they display and sell the art work and floral arrangements produced by the students. Some of the proceeds are donated to charity. Perhaps the creative writing group could compile a selection of their best work for this evening also!

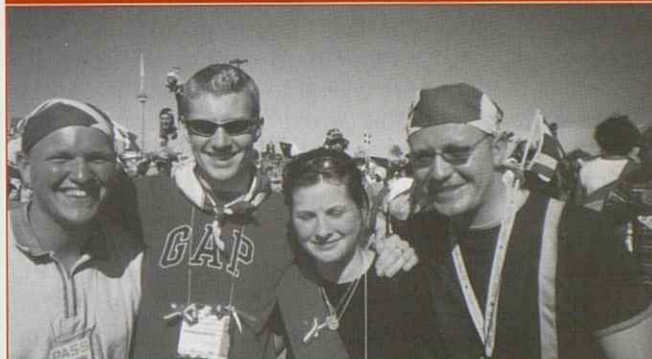
A course that has proved very popular is the NUI Certificate in Counselling. This runs for 30 weeks and is the most expensive course on offer at over €1,000. Most of the other courses run for 8-10 weeks at an average cost of €80.

After enrolling I met a friend of mine queuing up to register for the Dance class. He proudly explained that he had completed the Beginners course last year and was now enrolling for the Intermediate level. Before he could continue the lady standing behind informed him that there are men in the Floral Art also. She stared directly at him as she divulged this titbit of information.

As I walked down the stairs of the Community Centre I thought perhaps the TV crew will be returning to Knocklyon shortly!

– Helen Doyle

World Youth Day 2002



At the last World Youth Day, Toronto, Canada 2002, left to right: Travis King, Craig Carey, Hazel Gormley-Leahy and Fr. Philip. (See Fr. Philip's report on Page 21.)

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For many couple trust has been diminished, for some couples communication has broken down completely. Thus, coming to a decision about where each will live, how to parent the children, and how to manage finances can give people a way to move forward with more confidence into the future.

The Mediation Process

When a couple has agreed to participate in the process of Family Mediation the first thing to do is schedule an appointment. Each partner must contact the mediator to confirm that both are willing to attend. In the context of Family Mediation this is extremely important. The process of mediation can only work if both partners participate equally.

The couple is seen together in a confidential setting. This first session gives the mediator the opportunity to hear both stories. The mediator then explains what the process of mediation involves so that both people can decide if mediation is the appropriate process for them. Each person must commit in order for the process to continue.

The mediator is a skilled professional who is trained to work with all kinds of couples. If there are concerns about violence, addiction or mental illness the mediator will discuss with the couple together, and with each person individually whether mediation is a suitable option.

Mediation facilitates people to make their own decisions and to hold their own power. The mediator does not make decisions for the couple, and couples are encouraged to seek legal advice. The mediator may also

recommend consulting a financial advisor. Mediators are resourceful people. They have information about children, social welfare and legal issues. They also know that the more fully informed people are the better the decisions they make. Therefore they utilise other resources in the community. Mediators cannot give legal or financial advice or opinions; however, they do have the necessary information to guide people to where they can get the advice or information they need.

Mediators understand that no two couples are alike. They understand that separation can cause extreme emotional difficulty, so the mediator provides a safe place for people to negotiate about their future.

Where there are children it can be very painful for parents to deal with the impact of the separation on their children. Parents know best what their children need, but in a time of crisis it is easy to lose sight of this. Mediators can help both parents work out what arrangements will work best for the whole family.

When parents have reached agreements children may be invited to attend a session with their parents. This provides an opportunity for the children to hear about the plans that have been made for them. It also provides a setting where children can hear that their needs have been considered and discussed and that their parents are very concerned about their happiness and wellbeing within the new family structure.

The decision to invite children in for a session rests entirely with the parents who know what is best for their children.

Most mediations end with each person being given their own written document that clearly sets out all the details of the couple's agreement.

This document can then be taken to their individual solicitors to be drawn into a legal contract or legal deed of separation.

Mediation can help couples end their relationship in a respectful and dignified way. It can also save valuable time, energy and resources, and can relieve a lot of unnecessary stress and anxiety.

- Marie Keely

Marie Keely, with her family, has lived in St. Colmcille's Parish for the past fourteen years. She is a trained mediator. She is a member of the Family Mediation Institute of Ireland. She also has extensive experience in the area of Community Mediation and Restorative Justice. She has offices in Knocklyon and the South Circular Road. She can be contacted at 086-193 1906.

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The Senior Hurling team is in the league final against St. Vincents; the Intermediate team won the league and the Junior B team captured the first championship at this level since 1996, while both under 21 hurling teams are in county finals.

In football, the Senior team is through to the semi-finals of the league and the Junior A team is also in line for promotion, while the Junior B team managed by Eddie O'Sullivan and Peter Shovlin added the league crown to the championship title.



Ballyboden St. Endas U-16 hurling team which competed in a shinty/hurling tournament in Fort William, Scotland. The team received generous sponsorship from David Buckeridge and www.mortgages.ie.

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In juvenile affairs, the Under 16 football team managed by Liam Carter (Ashton), Conor Doolan, Matt Fletcher, and Helen McGuinness won the championship, a feat equalled by the Under 15 hurling team managed by Joe Young, Eithne and Michael McGarry. The Under 14 team won the Dublin Féile na nGael title.

The celebration of 100 years of camogie continued with a very successful reunion and on Thursday 9th December 2004 – the President of the Association, Miriam O'Callaghan, along with special guest Micheál Ó Muircheartaigh unveiled a specially commissioned commemorative plaque. Among the performers on the night was dancer Mick Donegan who has toured four continents with Riverdance.

The Ladies Football Section has compiled a superb Club Calendar 2005. Price is €5 and copies are on sale in the clubhouse. Ideal for the Christmas Stocking!

Páirc Uí Mhurchú has been fitted out with a new electronic scoreboard thanks to the sponsorship support of AIB Rathfarnham.

Year 5 of the club's very successful Lotto will commence shortly. Iomair Treacey is the new chairman and further details can be got from General Manager Noel Sheridan at 01-494 7950 or from lotto@bodengaa.ie.

Nollaig faoi shéan is faoi mhaise do gach éinne ó Cumman Lúthchleas Gael Baile Buadain Naomh Éanna.

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Rachel is a 3rd Year pupil at Beaufort High School Rathfarnham. She has reached Black Belt level and attends Ballyroan Karate Club under the watchful eye of Sensei Brendan Perry.

Well done Rachel and congratulations on achieving that Black Belt.

PRECIOUS TIME

The end of the year makes us very conscious of the passage of time. It is a fitting reason to recall and ponder the words of the American writer and preacher, Henry van Dyke:

Time is:

Too slow for those who wait

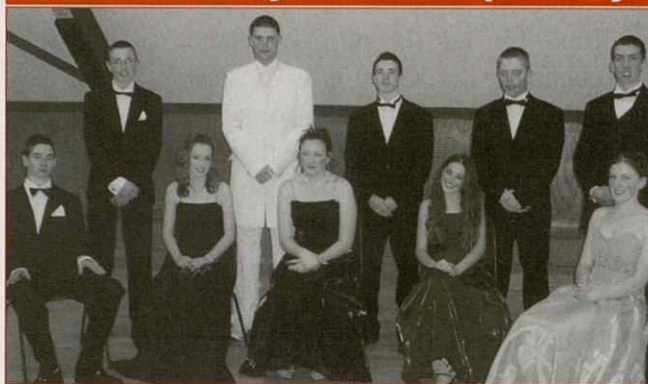
Too swift for those who fear

Too long for those who grieve

Too short for those who rejoice

But for those who love, Time is Eternity

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Some of the volunteers who attended the recent "Venturers Black Tie Ball" at Fingallians G.A.A. Club, Swords.

LADIES' DAY



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Calling all young people! COME AND WORSHIP HIM

The visit of the Dublin Gospel Choir to St. Colmcille's Church in early November was a night to remember. Will we ever forget the sight of so many people, young and old, "bopping in the aisles" to the praises of God, and the huge number of happy, enthusiastic faces which lit up the church at the end of that two hour spectacle which was both highly entertaining and deeply spiritual? As one lady was heard to say as she left for home: "Why can't we leave Mass with a smile like this every Sunday?"

Well why shouldn't we is what I say! Gardiner Street can draw the crowds every Sunday evening with their Gospel Choir, and I believe that Knocklyon can do the same. Judging by the level of interest among the young people I spoke with the night of the Dublin Gospel Choir visit, I reckon we could be on to something big. So, as promised to those I was talking to that night, I am holding a meeting to which all singers, musicians (*as well as movers and shakers, rappers and ravers!*) aged between 15 and 30, interested in being part of a new Youth Gospel Choir here in the parish, are cordially invited.

So make sure to put the meeting in your new diary. Venue: The Iona Centre. Date: Sunday, 9th January. Time: 8.00 p.m. And don't forget to spread the word!

On another note, in November 2003 you may remember how privileged we were to have hosted the World Youth Day Cross here in our parish for almost 24 hours. Next August it will be centre stage in Cologne, Germany at the twentieth World Youth Day. We plan to begin promoting this day (*it is actually a week long festival of faith: August 15th-21st*) on the Feast of the



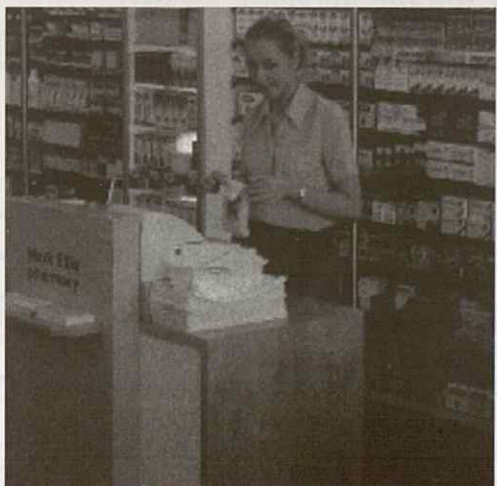
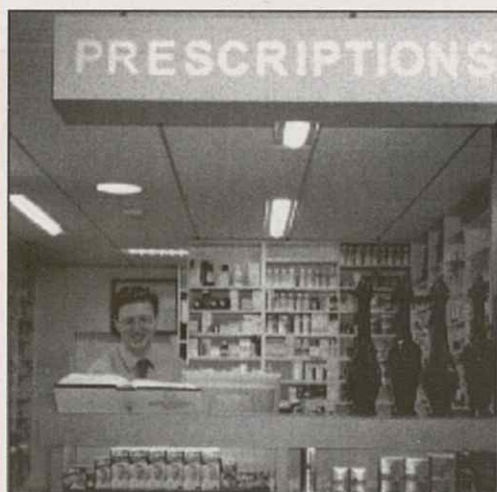
Epiphany of the Lord/"Little Christmas/Nollaig na mBan" (6th January). This is a very appropriate feast on which to launch our promotion as the shrine of the three Magi is to be found in the great Catholic Cathedral of Cologne, which, with its two enormous towers reaching high into the skies, is arguably one of the most magnificent churches of Christianity. The theme of the next World Youth Day

comes from the liturgy of January 6th: "We have come to worship Him" (Mt. 2:2). As the seven young people from Knocklyon who travelled to the last World Youth Day in Toronto two years ago will testify, it is a unique opportunity for anyone aged between 17 and 30 to join with young Catholics from all around the world, to celebrate, to have fun, to pray and to share. We plan to travel with Catholic Youth Care. Cost: €499.00 (approx.) which covers basic accommodation, return transport, basic food, and all events. Look out for the flyers and display at the back of the church and be sure to check out www.wyd2005.org for the very latest information.

In the meantime, as you yourselves might say, I hope you've "a cool yule" (or should that be "a great Crimbo"?!). And enjoy all those succulent turkey sambos! (See photo on Page 17.)

– Fr. Philip

As Parish Chaplain with special responsibility for outreach to youth, Fr. Philip would be delighted to hear more of the views and ideas of the younger folk of the parish. E-mail: pbrennan@carmelits.ie. Text/Call: 086-311 2837. Keep in touch with the very latest goings on: www.knocklyonparish.com.



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Toddle Waddle in Knocklyon

October saw some of Knocklyon's youngest participate in the 2004 Meningitis Trust Toddle Waddle. Face painting, games and an autumn picnic followed a one-kilometre toddle through Knocklyon Park. Children from Never-Never Land nursery in Woodstown raised over €800 for the international charity. Monies raised will support the charity in providing care and support for children affected by meningitis, in the education of the public and health professionals about the dangers of the disease and to fund life-saving research. Staff would like to thank the children themselves, parents and the local community for making the event such a success.



Some of the Toddle Waddle children pose for a photograph.

Knocklyon United



Christmas Draw

Our Christmas Draw will take place at Mortons Pub on Wednesday 22nd December at 10.00 p.m. The draw is always a great success and we would like to invite all managers, parents and friends to the Christmas Draw.

Monthly Draw

The full list of winners of our monthly draw for the past year will be published in the next edition of the Knocklyon News. They will appear on the notice board in both our dressing-rooms and on the Superquinn notice board. We will be looking for all managers and players to participate in the draw as it is of vital importance for the future development of the facilities at Knocklyon United.

Finally, the club would like to thank all the people who have helped and supported the club over the year. There are so many to thank that there is not enough room to print the names. We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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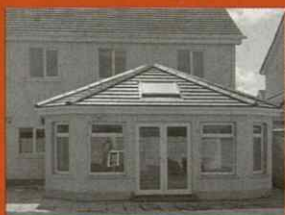
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