

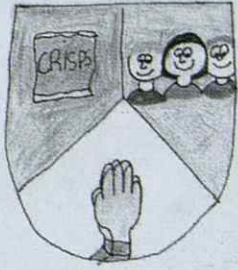
# KNOCKLYO NEWS

CHRISTMAS 2005

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**Sharing opinions**  
**Having fun**  
**Asking questions**  
**Praying**  
**Eating**

# SHAPE

Now that SHAPE has almost completed its second term of helping children explore their relationship with God, I thought it would be a good time to bring you up-to-date with how the group is progressing.

SHAPE started in the summer term with an average turnout of 7-8 children. Whilst we had hoped for larger numbers, the small size enabled us to find our feet quickly and made it very easy for everyone to join in the interactive sessions we run. I see SHAPE as very worthwhile even for a smaller group than this, since we have the opportunity to help build foundations in the lives of the young people that attend. We all know that the foundations even though not seen in the finished building are essential to stop it collapsing. So too with life, faith and the church. There are many influences in a young person's life today that shape the foundations being built. SHAPE is all about building the right kind of foundations to enable young people to build a faith that is Christ-centred, helpful and life-giving. These foundations do not automatically fall into place and cannot be

laid the quick way – there is no equivalent of concrete in building the foundations of life. The foundations have to be laid with patience, stone-by-stone, the old-fashioned way.

This term SHAPE saw an increase in numbers to an average of over 20 children. There is a great energy in this group and it's easy to have fun, but we have to be careful things don't get too wild. We've just agreed a set of ground rules with the children to make sure things stay in hand. Talking about 'wild' reminds me about the theme we'll be exploring this week – John the Baptist. He did a great job laying the foundation for Jesus to come. He called a nation to a change of heart to make space for Jesus in their lives, though of course not all listened. A wild man living out in the wilderness must have been a strange phenomenon, but that's the way God chose to prepare the way for Jesus. SHAPE is not quite as wild as John the Baptist, but like him our hope is to prepare the way for God in the lives of the people we serve.

SHAPE had its last session this term on 11 December and will begin again in the new year on Sunday 15 January at 6:30 pm. New members are always welcome – just come along to one of the meetings and we'll get you enrolled there and then.

SHAPE is run by a team of volunteers from St. Colmcille's parish and the running costs are covered by the parish. For more information or if you would like to help please talk to any of the team members running SHAPE or contact Tony Whittam on 4949533.



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# MEITHEAL

What is a "meitheal"? I am sure that many people have heard this word before or may have used it without knowing of its origin. I knew a woman some years ago who, although not a speaker of Irish, used phrases she had heard while growing up in Co. Meath. She even remembered elderly people conversing regularly in Irish. If she spent an evening in my house, she would thank me for the "ceili". This word to her meant get-together or friendly conversation.

She would also tell of how she assembled a "meitheal" to help her with some domestic chores. This term was mostly used years ago by the farming community. At harvest time neighbours would combine together to help one another make hay or gather other crops. This co-operation was a great way of fostering neighbourliness and a spirit of togetherness in the community. Those in the "meitheal" joined the host farmer for a meal at the end of the day's work. Kitchens in the old farmhouses were very big so as to accommodate the large numbers. Every farmer would repay his neighbour by taking part in his "meitheal" next time round.

Meitheal is defined as "working party; band of reapers" by Niall O Domhnaill in his Irish/English dictionary. The Educational Company in one of the older dictionaries describes it as 'a group gathered for work'. Personally I prefer the Irish meaning in a small dictionary published by An Gúm some years ago, "Buionn ag obair le cheile". It fits very well the definition of Parish Ministry given by Br. Pat Mullins at the Day of Recollection held in Gort Muire last September. The emphasis was on collaboration, sharing ideas, working together, co-operation in a friendly, open way.

Anna Brioscú

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# Christmas Fair Faces



## Christmas Fair

Once again our annual Fair was a great success and approx. €27,000 was raised for parish funds. The organising committee would like to thank everybody who helped in the preparation, on the day, and with the clean-up. We wish to pay particular thanks to John Boyle, Principal of the Junior School, and all the teachers for their co-operation. Thanks also to contributors of goods and donations, to the stall helpers, the ticket sellers, the door collectors, those who set up and built the stalls, those who sorted the goods and those who bought them. A special thank you to the many young people who helped in different ways. By giving your time and talent you have contributed greatly to the success of the biggest fund-raising event for your parish.

Well done and thanks again to all.

– The Social Events Committee

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John 1.1, 14



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# MARATHON MAN

## **Dublin City Marathon success for Jonathan on one of the wettest Marathon Mondays in years**

Jonathan Bates who was doing the marathon as a Fund Raiser for Wheelchair Sport completed the marathon in a time of 3.39.00. Jonathan who is an able bodied athlete completed the 26 miles in a racing chair he had borrowed for Wheelchair Sports. Anyone who wishes to pledge money to Jonathan's fund raiser can contact the IWA office.

Jonathan is a 27 year old electrician from Glenvara Park. Lots of people might wonder why an able-bodied person would want to commit themselves to a marathon in a wheelchair, but Jonathan has had an unfortunate three years in which he has broken his right foot three times. The first time was from playing rugby, and the second came 9 months later in a soccer game. After the second break he limited himself to climbing, kayaking and athletics.

Over a year had passed trouble free from injury, including lots of climbing in the Andes Mountain range of South America. He had just returned home from travelling, completing a difficult competition in the UK. At this time his fitness was at a high level and he was excited about competing in his first Dublin Marathon.

Just a couple of weeks before he was due to compete in the Liffey Descent which he competed in on an annual basis, he broke his foot again and was unable to compete in the event. On top of this, he couldn't face the thoughts of not being able to train for a couple of months. It was a friend of his that suggested the idea of doing the marathon in a wheelchair as a good way of continuing training. It took him several days to get used to the idea, but as it was a good way of raising much needed funds for the IWA, he decided to do it.

*Sarah (left) and Kate Fitzharris (identical twins) who each received awards as they didn't miss a day in school for three years. St Colmcille's SNS*

# K.A.R.A. NEWS

Life at the club continues apace. On 25th October we visited Dáil Éireann as guests of Olivia Mitchell T.D. We went first to the Dáil Chamber to listen to Taoiseach's Question Time. This was followed by a tour of Leinster House and a short visit to the Seanad, all very interesting. Olivia Mitchell then invited us to join her in the Dáil Restaurant for tea and sandwiches.

Overall, this was voted a very enjoyable afternoon.

Meanwhile we continue our weekly meetings on Tuesday mornings followed as often as possible by some physical exercises. On Thursday afternoons a group plays bowls in the gym.

We celebrated Christmas on Tuesday 29th November with lunch in The Spawell Centre.

On Tuesday 6th December we visited the Dürer Exhibition in the Chester Beatty Library.

At our final meeting before Christmas on the 13th December we celebrated with some seasonal refreshments and a Krisskindel.

Meetings in the New Year will resume on Tuesday 10th January 2006.

Contacts: Pat Roche, vice-chairperson, phone 4946825 or Noel Mordaunt, secretary, phone 2695188.



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# THE POWER OF YOUR PRAYER

The following is a morning prayer I borrowed and made my own:

*'Another new day I  
have never had  
before and I'll never  
have again.  
Thank you Lord.  
Here I am that others  
may have life and  
have it to the full.'*

An awareness of our dependency on God and on the love and care of others puts life in perspective. I have a great deal to thank God for as I look back over the past six months. Sickness leads one to a more mature awareness of the preciousness of existence and the gift of life and friends. It helps to focus the vision.

To be the recipient of so much prayer and love from so many in the parish after such a short time among you is very humbling. The faith and prayers of so many worked wonders. I was overwhelmed with the number of cards, letters, text messages, enquiries and tokens of concern. It was marvellous to receive notes which said that, while the family might not be great at praying, they would have a fast day to support their prayers. Some were funny and made me smile out loud – I'm afraid I couldn't laugh on account of the stitches! Your solidarity expressed in prayer, fasting and lighted candles made for a miracle of healing.

Knocklyon is a parish with a close community of people who together in faith, take, give thanks, break and share their own lives with others. They do the same with the Word of God in the Eucharist.



I had the privilege of being on the annual Carmelite pilgrimage to Lourdes at the end of September. It was a marvellous experience. There the healthy and the sick walk hand in hand. How much we take for granted and how much we need to be more grateful!

*With the comforting  
power of your spirit,  
Lord, may I comfort all  
those in need, and may you continue to be born  
in every loving and prayerful heart.*

May you and all who are dear to you enjoy a blessed and peaceful Christmas and a new year of health and joy.

**Fr. Jimmy**

## New Year Reflection

*From 'The Gate of the Year' by Minie Louise Haskins*

I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:

"Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown."

And he replied: "Go into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God.

That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way."

So I went forth, and finding the hand of God, trod gladly into the night.

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# Knocklyon community council

Whilst the Community Council do not want to keep raising the issue, but following a briefing from our local Community Garda, Garda Ciarán O'Neill we would like once more to highlight some of the measures residents in Knocklyon should be taking in order to protect their property.

1. Make sure all doors and windows are securely locked when leaving the house. Always put on the alarm.
2. Avoid leaving the back door and patio doors unlocked during the day.
3. Never leave your car keys downstairs at night.
4. Ladies, mind your handbags.
5. Do not leave valuables visible in your car.
6. Bikes and tools should be securely put away after use.
7. Get your house alarm serviced regularly.
8. Be aware when withdrawing money at ATMs.

Unfortunately the level of break-ins remains quite high in the area despite the detection of a number of culprits in recent months. With all the rushing around over Christmas don't be complacent as these guys are always looking for an opportunity.

In the last issue of the Knocklyon News the KCC outlined its various activities. We are endeavouring to take on a major project in the coming months to develop a strategy for the next few years. In this project we are asking people with an interest in any aspect of life in Knocklyon to come forward and put some input into developing this strategy. We all know that the politicians will come to our doors in the coming eighteen months so hopefully we can have a definite picture in the way we would like to see our area develop.

The areas covered in our strategy will be

- I. Future development in Knocklyon and the surrounding areas.
- II. Infrastructure. i.e. roads, public transport, etc. no sign of anything for us in Transport 21.
- III. Education. Continued investment in existing schools and the need for further schools as the building of extra homes continues.
- IV. Health requirements for the changing population. A health centre should be located in the area.
- V. Sports facilities. Continual support for existing clubs and

looking forward into the future.

- VI. Policing. Is there adequate policing for this ever expanding area?
- VII. Parks and open spaces.
- VIII. Halting Sites.
- IX. The provision of an "out reach centre" in the area.

These are some of the issues that come to mind but we really do need help for us to put this project together in a very defined and professional manner. This is not alone for the good of the people living in Knocklyon now, but also for those in years to come. Do we want to see more estates being built where it takes an hour just to get out? So do please come along to our meeting on the first Thursday of each month in the community Centre.

The Knocklyon Community Council would like to thank everyone who has helped them during 2005 and wish all the residents in Knocklyon a very happy Christmas and New Year.

## Knocklyon Junior Badminton Club



Along with our 70 members we have an estimable "extended family" without whom a club such as ours could not exist, these people include our dedicated coaches Sarah and Dave, managers of our eight teams (approx. 50 members on teams) currently taking part in the Leinster Branch Juvenile Leagues, Club supervisors made up of parents and committee members, staff of the Knocklyon Community Centre, umpires which very often are our older players helping out with the younger teams, a joy to watch and of course the "fans" who turn up every Saturday evening to support our Home Games.

These fans can be parents, grandparents, aunties, uncles, brothers, sisters, friends and in the case of our older players the latest "interest", either way all are welcome to the Centre on a Saturday evening to enjoy watching the game of Badminton being played by the young people of Knocklyon and their visiting opponents in what we hope we as a Committee have created – a "positive environment".

We wish all our players and "extended family" the best of luck for the rest of the season.

**Breda Fitzharris, Chairperson**

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### Thursday 9th February

Time: 7.30 – 9.00 p.m.  
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### (d) Healing Yoga Evening Thursday 16th February

Time: 7.30 – 9.00 p.m.  
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### (e) Yoga Meditation Evening Thursday 23rd February

Time: 7.00 – 8.00 p.m.  
8.15 – 9.15 p.m.  
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### (f) Higher Level of Yoga Practice

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Commencing: **Thursday March 9th**  
for four weeks

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### NOTE:

**Full Spring programme will be available at Centre and Church last week of December.**

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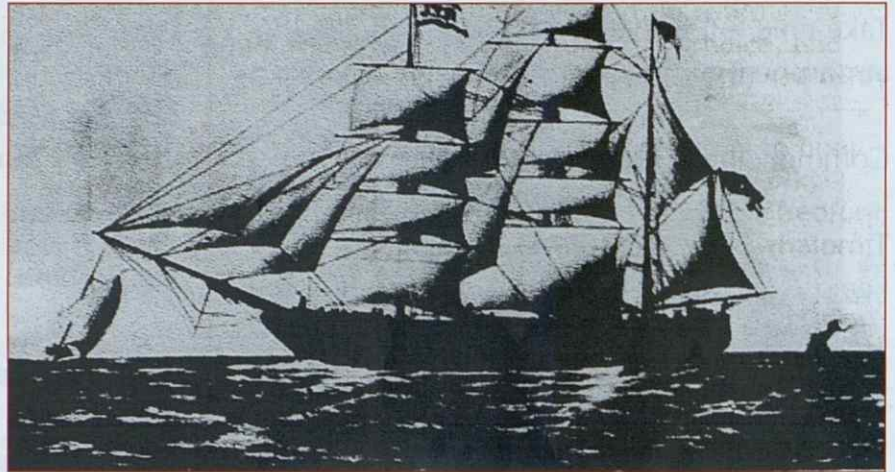
**Lecture:** *Catalpa Mission*  
**Date:** 9th November 2005  
**Speaker:** Aidan O'Connor

In 1871 an amnesty was granted to all the Fenian prisoners in the Fremantle Penal Colony in Western Australia except to those who were members of the British army when they became involved in the Fenian movement. They languished lonely and forgotten in this gruesome climate.

In response to a letter signed "A voice from the Tomb" to John Devoy in the United States, plans were made for an attempted rescue of these men, six in all. They were Thomas Darragh, Martin Hogan, Michael Harrington, Thomas Hassett, Robert Cranston and James Wilson.

John Boyle O'Reilly had already escaped from this penitentiary and was now established in the newspaper world in Boston. He knew the only escape route was by the sea. He and John Devoy with others organised the purchase of the whaling ship *Catalpa*. The ship under the command of George Anthony (29) set sail in August 1875 ostensibly whale fishing en route and with a crew of 22 men. Strict secrecy of the mission was maintained. Only after leaving the Azores did George Anthony tell the 1st mate the true purpose of this expedition. Ironically, en route he fell in with a British ship *Ocean Beauty* whose captain gave him charts of the Australian waters and remarked that he captained the *Huguomont*, the last ship bringing convict prisoners to Western Australia and which carried all the Fenian prisoners to Fremantle! The *Catalpa* finally reached Bunbury 85 miles south of Fremantle on March 28th 1876.

Meantime 2 Fenian agents, John Breslin and Tom Desmond were organising the escape in Fremantle. Breslin posing as a wealthy American businessman gained access to the prison. Prisoners often worked outside the compound as it was thought that the harsh,



*Bark Catalpa of New Bedford.*

arid climate could not facilitate escape. They built roads, felled trees and quarried stone. The escape was arranged for Easter Monday the 17th of April when most of the convict establishment garrison were watching the Royal Perth Yacht Club Regatta. The six men were spirited away and brought in the carriages of Breslin and Desmond to Rockingham Beach about 15 miles south of Fremantle where a whale boat took them to the *Catalpa*.

The word soon got out and orders were given to the mailboat *Georgette* to give chase. The *Georgette* closed in on the *Catalpa* with the captain demanding that the *Catalpa* stop and he stated "I'll blow the masts out of you". Captain Anthony's reply was "That's the American flag I fly. I am on the high seas. My flag protects me. If you fire on this ship you fire on the American flag." The *Catalpa* got away.

Whaling on her way (to help with costs) the men aboard the *Catalpa* became anxious to set sail for New York. The ship arrived to cheering crowds on the 19th of August 1876.

Captain Anthony had no allegiance whatever to Irish groups in America when he undertook his hazardous mission. He returned home to his young wife and small daughter after 15 months at sea and now grey haired. De Valera visited his grave when in America in 1919.

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# KNOCKLYON GOLF SOCIETY



Our final outing of the year was held at Grange Castle Golf Club. Once again our 2005 Captain, Julien Winters, managed to come up with another beautiful sunny day. The general consensus was that despite the monsoon few weeks that preceded the outing the course was in pretty good condition and this was reflected in the excellent scores posted.

The results for the day were as follows:

<b>Overall winner:</b>	John Murphy	(15)	45 points
<b>Second</b>	James Drinan	(22)	44 points
<b>Third</b>	Kevin McDonald	(10)	41 points

## Class I:

1st	Eamon Kiely	(12)	40 points
2nd	Dave Torrans	(10)	39 points
3rd	Gary Davitt	(13)	37 points

## Class II:

1st	Bill Gorman	(18)	39 points
2nd	Jimmy Fitzsimons	(16)	36 points
3rd	Michael Flanagan	(19)	34 points

## Class III:

1st	John Beatty	(20)	36 points
2nd	Brendan Vaughan	(23)	34 points
3rd	Tony Staniforth	(25)	28 points

<b>Back Nine</b>	Fred Lane	(18)	20 points
<b>Front Nine</b>	Jim Farrell	(13)	20 points
<b>Visitor</b>	Gerry Byrne	(17)	38 points

Congratulations to all our prize winners. Grange Castle brings to a close our society's golf for 2005. The committee would like to thank everyone who supported the outings throughout the year. We would also like to congratulate Julien Winters on a very successful captaincy and thank him for his efforts during the year.

Details of our new committee and the courses planned for 2006 will appear in the next issue of the Newsletter.

– Gary Davitt, PRO

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# YOUTH CORNER

## Knocklyon Foróige Youth Club

Having already been up and running for the past two years, our third year in the community Centre has been a flurry of activity with jewellery making and taking lessons in salsa dancing with an ongoing and popular football league. With so much going on every Friday night, it is hard to believe that we have also visited Carlingford for an adventure weekend as well as meeting with other Foróige Youth Clubs for regular discos and competing against them in light hearted table quizzes. We also give back to the community by cleaning up after the Christmas Fair. Each of the 60 members aged 12-16, are cared for by trained and dedicated members of our community. Foróige Knocklyon would like to take this opportunity to thank the Parish Christmas Fair Committee for their generous contribution towards our trip to Carlingford. Also we would like to wish everybody a Very Merry Christmas.

## Knocklyon Youth Gospel Choir

The Knocklyon Youth Gospel Choir began in October under the guidance of David Scott, a young conductor from Dublin. We have since been rehearsing for our first participation at the 7.00p.m. Mass on Sunday the 11th December and once a month after that.

We are also working hard in preparation for the Young People's Christmas Carol Service on the 19th December where we hope to sing some carols with a difference! The Gospel singers range in age from 14-18 with about 20 members. We are always looking for new faces, so please feel welcome to join us at 8.00p.m. every Sunday night in the Iona Centre.

## Christmas Celebrations

By Laoise Keane

Christmas crackers popping. Bang!  
Turkey dinner with all the gang  
Bells ringing, dinglingling  
Candles flickering as we sing  
Christmas lights of every colour  
Pressie parcels on the floor  
Smiling faces  
Oh what joy  
To celebrate the birthday boy  
Happy Birthday, Jesus!

## Can you give us a hand?

We want to try and get a group together to help with the Taizé-style Mass at 7.00 p.m. on the Second Sunday of each month.

We badly need:

- Singers...
- Guitarists, Flautists, Violinists...
- People to help set up the Church, arrange and light candles etc. and put everything away afterwards...
- People to hand out song-sheets at the doors...
- People to prepare and serve refreshments afterwards...

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**The next Taizé Mass is at 7.00 p.m. on Sunday January 8th.** If you've never been at one before and you like the idea of a simple, prayerful Mass illuminated solely by candlelight for the most part, then make sure to put this date in your new diary! We encourage you to stay behind afterwards to pray for a while around the wooden cross, and then join us for a cuppa before you go home. Discover more about the vision of Taizé: Log on to: [www.taize.fr](http://www.taize.fr)

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. Email: [pbrennan@carmelites.ie](mailto:pbrennan@carmelites.ie) Text/Call: 086 311 28 37. Keep in touch with the very latest goings on: [www.knocklyonparish.com](http://www.knocklyonparish.com)

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- Young People's  
Carol Service** Monday. 19th December at 7.30 p.m
- Christmas Masses**
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# JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

## **Festive Spirit**

Festive spirit has enveloped the Junior School as we prepare for the birthday of Jesus once again. After the Parish Christmas Fair, we decorated and lit our Christmas trees and caretaker, Tom, assembled the crib at our front entrance. The pupils and teachers began preparations for the school carol service in the church on 19th December. Everyone hopes that the Parents' Association will be able to bring Santa or one of his main helpers to the school during Christmas week this year again. We celebrated the Feast of the Epiphany for the first time during school with prayer services for Infant Classes. First and Second classes attended mass in the church on the morning of December 8th.

November was a very busy month with Book Week straight after mid-term break, teachers meeting parents during the third week of the month and 20 teachers from our European partner schools visiting the following week. Our six second classes enrolled for their sacramental preparation classes at three successive Sunday masses. Many thanks to the 10 o'clock choir for their contribution to the three enrolment ceremonies.

## **Music Education**

Ms. Ní Bhroin, our new Music co-ordinator, has been busy promoting her subject area. Second class pupils



*Drumming and dancing to the Samba rhythm in 2nd Class!*



*2nd Class making a big noise at their Samba workshop!*

enjoyed drum workshops, while every class received their new "Music In the Classroom" collection and "Cór na n-Óg" compact discs. Our visiting teachers were very impressed with our Music programme. They promised to send us some samples of the work they do in their own schools

## **Junior Infants 2006**

The Board of Management has invited 168 pupils to enroll in next year's six Junior Infant classes. All pupils selected were born before April 2001. Should any family fail to accept the offer of a place in one of the classes, the Board will fill the vacancy from the waiting list immediately after Christmas. Families newly resident in Knocklyon parish, who wish to send children to St. Colmcille's, are reminded to complete application forms at the school office at the earliest opportunity.

## **Book Week**

Ms. Callaghan organised our Book Week for the first time this year. The Book Fair enables classroom teachers to add to their class libraries, as the school got a discount off the total sales. We are most grateful to the Parents' Association Committee, who took charge of the Fair with great success.

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# JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS



*Our Comenius friends at work during their visit.*

## **Comenius Project**

One class from each standard got together to prepare packs detailing their school experience last month. Each of the six cross-curricular packs was sent to a school in Europe. Our partner schools then sent us packs so that our pupils could learn about school in Turkey, Estonia, Italy, Germany and Belgium. In second term pupils in the participating schools will learn about school in the past, while in third term they will imagine school in the future. The teachers who visited us enjoyed their time in the school and the varied programme of evening events planned for them. Some



*Ms Ní Bhroin, Ms Monaghan and Ms O'Rourke at the Comenius Workshop.*



*John Kennedy of the Construction Federation of Ireland showing Brian Dillon (Ms Murphy O'Shea's class) a safety booklet following a talk to second class children about safety on building sites.*

of our teachers will visit our German partners at Wesseling, near Cologne in June. Twenty five teachers attended the project meeting at the Iona Centre for four hours during Comenius Week. Every teacher, pupil and classroom assistant, together with our secretaries and caretaker got involved with the Comenius project and the results were there for all to see.

## **Shared Reading and Transition Year Programme**

Pupils in all twenty four classes have enjoyed the Shared Reading experience provided by volunteer parents and the assistance given by transition year students from Knocklyon Community school. We thank the parents and students for helping our young pupils.

Everyone at the Junior school wishes our friends in the Knocklyon Community a holy joyful Christmas and a happy, prosperous New Year. Nollaig shona agus bliain úr faoi mhaise daoibh uilig.

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# SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

## Reading in St. Colmcilles S.N.S.

As the winter months approach it was thought opportune to focus on reading within the school. We began with a very successful book fair which was held in conjunction with Parent Teacher meetings. Strategies for encouraging reading at home were also distributed. In the following weeks we followed up in school with many reading-related activities and we even had a return by popular demand of "Book Spy" who together with his/her helpers tries to catch children in the act of reading. As usual the children entered into the spirit of the venture with great enthusiasm.



Book Spy?  
Who is it?

## Croke Park

On Monday 21 November, our Senior A Girls left the school at 9.45 a.m. to play at Croke Park against St. Brigid's Castleknock. Unfortunately two of our players, Claire King and Niamh Rowland, were injured and unable to play in Croke. Nine double deckers were organised by Mr. Connolly and Mr. Byrne to carry 650 pupils to support the team. They were GREAT!!!

Knocklyon started off very well with Orlaith Keane getting the first score of the match. The girls played extremely well and never gave up. Players that stood out on the day were: Deirdre Maher (captain), Anna Stafford, Eimear Duffy, Shannen Egan, Clionadh O'Sullivan, Sinead Crowley and Aoife O'Brien. Some great scores from Jessica Nugent (1-1), Emma Doyle (0-1), Maria McGrath (0-1) and Orlaith Keane (1-1). A narrow miss by Amy Murphy hitting the crossbar was very unfortunate.

Unfortunately the game didn't go our way with a final score of 5-8 to 2-4. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Ms. Timmins and Mr. Ruddy for their commitment and dedication during the past three months.

Claire King, Niamh Rowland and Orlaith Keane,  
Senior Girls Football Team.

## Creative Drama

From taking on the role of an unusual character at an annual 'Hallowee'n convention' to creating a frightened grandmother's dream through stylised theatrical movement, the children in the creative drama class have been busy! The creative drama process provides children with the opportunities to learn through exploring story, solving problems, co-operating and pooling ideas. The children are given the chance to experience conflicts, issues, emotions and concerns that are important to real life, and of course to have fun! Some of the children shared their thoughts about what it is they like about the creative drama sessions:

*I felt as if I was the character.*

*It's good fun!*

*It makes me feel good in myself.*

*I love it because I love acting and expressing myself.*

*It feels real.*

Creative Drama classes with Miss O'Dwyer will be accepting new members again after Christmas.



Creative Drama class.

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# NUAHT ÓN SCOIL SHINSEARACH

Our School Carol Service takes place on Wednesday 21 December 11.10 a.m. Mr. Johnston's 3rd class will perform the Nativity Play, while all the children will sing a selection of carols and hymns which they have been practising at assembly. Our school choir will also perform as part of the service.

Rumour has it that there may also be a surprise visitor at the end of proceedings!!!!

## Badminton

Our badminton coaching programme is up and running again this year. Four of our 4th classes have just completed their eight-week course in Whitehall Road and we thank the team of coaches, Cheryl, Mary, Linda and Noel who make it all happen. During the last session Mr. McGowan even took on one of Ireland's rising stars, 15 year old David Tutty, to much cheering and shouting!!!

We're also delighted that two of our 6th class pupils Aidan Ward and Darragh Byrne are on the Leinster U13 squad while Mark White, David Neylon, Darren Leonard and Paul Doherty are on the Leinster Development Squad.

A special mention must go to past pupil Mairéad Fanning who was on the Leinster U13 team which played against Wales recently. Well done Mairéad.

## The Book Fair

The Book Fair opened on 14 November and finished on 17 November. Mr. Ruddy's class set up a Book Fair committee of six students. These six students would open the Book Fair at 10.00 a.m. each day for students to come in and view or purchase books. These students along with five other students would stay back after school to let parents and children have the opportunity to buy books. The Book Fair would close at 4.30 p.m. each day. A vast variety of books were available ranging from picture books for small children to adult books. The Book Fair was a huge success with approximately €9,000 worth of books and other items sold.

Aidan Ward and Emma Louise Murphy, Room 6.

## School Sports

The football season reached its climax this month with our five football teams completing their competitions. The highlight was of course our girls senior team reaching the final in Croke Park under the stewardship of Mr. Ruddy and Ms. Timmins. 650 supporters packed into Croke Park to watch an enthralling encounter against St. Brigid's of Castleknock. Setanta Sport also had cameras at the game filming every move.

The girls put up a great performance but were beaten by a very strong St. Brigid's team on a score of 5-8 to 2-4. Our



Girls' Senior Football Panel.

senior boys team also performed admirably only to lose out in the quarter final to Hollypark due to a last minute goal. Many thanks to all the teachers who looked after teams and to all the parents for their fantastic support.

Cross Country Athletics has commenced for 6th class boys and girls on Tuesday afternoons after school. This will culminate in the Knocklyon 2km which will take place in Cherryfield in the last week before Christmas. The response from the classes has been very positive. We also look forward to some teachers taking part!

## Walk to School Week

From Monday 21 to Friday 25 November "Walk to School Week" took place. South Dublin County Council supplied our school with hundreds of prizes. The prizes which you received if you walked to school were stick-on reflectors, reflector medals, a black pencil, yellow pencil and a pen.

"Walk to School Week" was about getting the children who normally drive to school to walk instead. Also, it highlighted safety issues with regard to walking. The response from classes was brilliant. Huge numbers took to the footpath and started to walk safely to school. Our hope is that they will maintain this for the rest of the year.

Ciara Darker and Katie Byrne, Room 4.

## Speech and Drama

Speech and Drama takes place on Tuesdays and Thursdays in Room 3 from 2.30 p.m. – 3.30 p.m. with Ms. Glennon, and runs for ten weeks each term. We are introduced to many different subjects such as improvisation, vocal exercises, mime, poetry, public speaking and plays. It is a fun, challenging and exciting class, which we always enjoy.

Optional exams are held at the end of each school year, these provide us with a challenge and a target to set our sights on.

Emily Meehan, Room 1.



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# ST. COLMCILLE'S COMMUNITY SCHOOL



Some of the Nuns in "The Sound of Music" with Mother Abbess (Centre).

## MUSICAL *The Sound Of Music 05*

This year our musical was a well known classic "The Sound of Music". We had not even started back to school one week and an eager Ms Kelly had started auditions and rehearsals. We knew from the start that this musical would be a challenge, as the opening night was only 6 weeks away. The entire cast accepted this challenge and started about their work straight away. Rehearsals took place every spare second, after school, on weekends, lunch times etc..

As the weeks flew past it seemed almost everybody in the school was involved in the musical! Transition year art students had supplied the majority of the costumes and the entire set. The school's very own orchestra played wonderfully every night. The staff also played their parts brilliantly, helping back stage and front of house, with a special guest appearance by our own Reverend Sister Egan!!

Overall, we achieved the impossible and had a great run of performances. We have the one and only Ms Kelly to thank for making this musical such a success.

Fiona Byrne.



The Von Trapp children: (Back row) L-R: David Higgin, Ciara Ruddy, Conor Tyrell. (Front row) L-R: Rachel Tobin, Orla Rynne, Aisling Connell and Siobhan Pennycock.

## CHARITY WORK

St Colmcille's students are delighted to be donating a considerable sum of money to charity this month. The jersey day run by Keeva Bentham and Karen Agnew in third year and the no-uniform day organised by 6H have benefited a number of local and international charities. These include Goal, the Red Cross Earthquake Appeal, UNICEF, St Michael's House Ballinteer and Bóthar Christmas Appeal. Well done to all the students and teachers involved!

In the lead up to Christmas, all students will be contributing to the Christmas Hampers for St Vincent de Paul organised by Ms Gilroy and Ms O'Brien. Transition Years will also be selling holly in the city centre for the ISPC. Last Year St Colmcille's raised more money for the ISPC than any other school so we are looking forward to a repeat performance!



1st Years Students with just some of the shoe boxes collected for "The Shoe Box Appeal" run by "Samaritans Purse". These boxes will be sent worldwide to girls and boys in need.

## IRISH TABLE QUIZ

Congratulations and well done to Thomas Deane, Noel McKiernan, Michael Ward and Darragh Kelly-Murtagh who participated in an Irish Table Quiz organised by Feachtas on Tuesday November 22. In total, twenty-three teams took part in the quiz, which was held in St. Benildus College, Kilmacud. The team came fourth, which was a considerable achievement, particularly as this is the first year a team has represented St. Colmcilles Community School in the quiz. We are very proud of their success.

## NEWSFLASH!

Congratulations to the U16 Junior B Hurling Team who beat Clonkeen College in the Final at UCD. Full report in the next issue of the Knocklyon News.

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# ST. COLMCILLE'S COMMUNITY SCHOOL

## SCHOOL ENROLMENT POLICY

The Board of Management has updated the Enrolment Policy in respect of brothers and sisters of students who are attending the school. A copy of the updated policy is available on the school website or from the school office.



A group of students enjoying their P.E. Class on our All Weather Sport Pitch.

## ALL-WEATHER SPORTS PITCH

On Monday November 21st, the long awaited new All-Weather Sports Pitch was opened. Mr. John McKennedy assisted by Mr. Terrance O'Halloran, of Astro Soccer League, cut the ribbon and an exhibition match between the teachers and pupils of St. Colmcille's played a similar selection from St. Benildus College with whom Astro Soccer League have a similar contract. It was indeed a great occasion not just because the home team won 2-1 but more especially because it marked the beginning of the use of a most valuable asset in our community. Many thanks to John Bentham and the Parents Association, the Board of Management of the school, the Department of Education and Astro Soccer League, for their commitment to this project. We look forward to many years of enjoyment on this pitch by both adults and the youth of this community.

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Here are some of our Sixth Year students in our prayer room after a prayer service to remember our loved ones who have died. Behind them is a sacred space created by some of our 3rd years.

## ADULT EDUCATION

Enrolment will take place on Monday & Tuesday 16th & 17th of January for the next block of courses. Brochures will be distributed to households in early January. If you are interested in any aspect of adult education at St. Colmcille's Community School in a teaching or student role or have suggestions of courses you would like to see included in next years programme please contact Fiona Farrell at 4952888.

## DEBATING

The Concern Debates have been ongoing since the beginning of October. Congratulations to the Fiona Byrne, Gareth Kavanagh, Cassandra Delaney and Ailbhe Brazel from Transition Year who recently won a debate against Deans Rath, Clondalkin. The motions of the Concern Debates are all related to issues concerning the West and the developing world, child labour and overseas aid. Many thanks to Ms Forde for all her help in preparing the students for these debates.



L-R: Gareth Kavanagh, Fiona Byrne, Ailbhe Brazel and Cassie Delaney students on our Concern debating team.

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# THE NIALL MELLON TOWNSHIP CHALLENGE

The bleeping of an alarm clock is never a welcome sound. The bleeping of an alarm clock at four o'clock in the morning is, not surprisingly, a lot worse.

I organised myself, had a shower, got dressed, ate my breakfast and did my hair (of course)... The women in Africa would be very impressed...

Of course, my 71-year-old grandfather, Vivian Rynne was accompanying me, although, I'm not sure who was minding who... We made our way to the airport and flew to Cape Town at six, trying to quell our excitement. However, whilst buzzing with anticipation I was also stifling a feeling of dread – a 12-hour flight to Cape Town! (With my Grandad snoring).

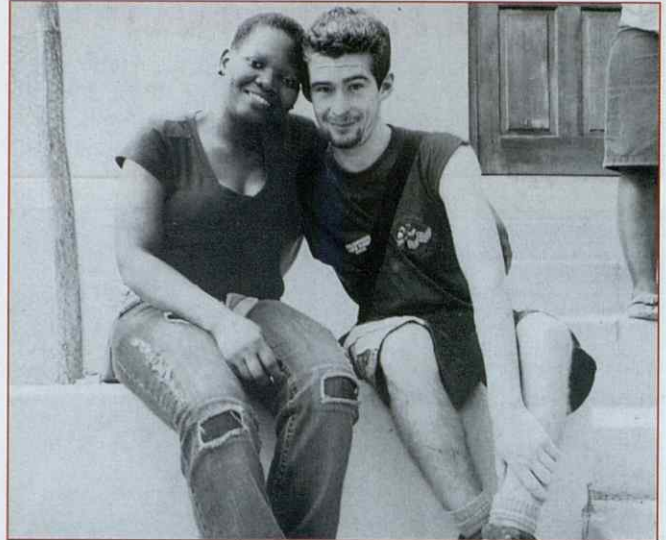
After the strenuous flight, we arrived in the beautiful South Africa. At the gates, Niall Mellon greeted us warmly and shook our hands. He also welcomed us on the coach. Clearly he appreciated the effort we were prepared to give and just as clearly cared about this project so much.

So, after a good nights sleep, we were briefed on the week ahead. We were then sorted into four teams, each one had a different colour shirt. Luckily, the royal blue shirt went very well with my eyes! I got to meet a couple of the lads and they seemed like great craic!

The entire group got to watch the South African children's choir sing. It was just... beautiful. The way their faces lit up, the way their voices surged, the way that just their lives filled us with inspiration. If they can do that – cope with all they've gone through and what is to come the least I can do is this week, I thought determinedly. For all the excitement and the good cause, this week was going to be tough.

The whole group paraded through Shantytown, faces smiling all around – shining with gratitude. It was incredible. These people have nothing, absolutely nothing! Anyone can glance at a picture and think how awful it must be. Yet you don't know how awful it can be, not until you experience it. Not until you go there, smell, touch and truly see this environment, nothing can prepare you for it.

Hard work in the heat passed every day. Even when I lay in bed at night exhausted, all I could think



**Conor Rynne is a Leaving Certificate student in the Community School.**

about was how to build, and what to build. I was carrying blocks in my sleep! Yet, there was a huge sense of pride seeing house after house being built with everybody contributing. Friendly competition was occurring and my team was winning!

After three days of solid hard work that had become routine, disaster struck. Cape Town's legendary unpredictable weather had produced hurricane winds. 80 per cent of what we built was destroyed, as the concrete never had time to set. There were horrendous scenes of wreckage where our houses were and things were even worse for the shanties people lived in. We were distraught. How could this have happened? It was such a good cause.

With morale extremely low, and heads dipping, our group leaders stepped in abruptly. They reminded us of the cause and we were even more determined to succeed.

As bricks flew up and people moved like the clappers, immense satisfaction filled our hearts as roofs were built replacing shanties. We met our target of houses and built even more. Nothing was stopping us now!

Such hard work throughout the week... I did a lot of labouring, and hard work... Slavery out and out!

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## TOWNSHIP CHALLENGE



Shanty town.

I also tried my hand at joinery/carpentry... multi-talented I guess.

Proudly, I laid a couple of blocks. Not very big blocks but blocks all the same.

This trip made my life. I was delighted to do it and to do it with my marvellous grandfather made it all the more enjoyable. I can only hope he and I get the chance to take part in it again.

Conor Rynne



Waiting for a new home.

## THE PARENTS' ASSOCIATION SENIOR AND JUNIOR SCHOOLS

The Parents' Association is now up and running for this year. After a very successful AGM and elections of the new committee we have been very busy since school started. This year we had a guest speaker Joe Travers from St. Patrick's College, Drumcondra. His talk was entitled "How to help your children with maths". Junior Infants' parents attended a workshop given by Patricia Dunne from National Parents' Council (NPC), on "Transition from Pre-school to Primary School". We plan to have another one for the parents of children joining the school in September '06.

The Senior School was the venue for the Drugs Awareness Course for parents of sixth class children. The course ran for 6 weeks and was given by Liz Corbett. A special thanks to F. Connolly for opening the school and making the parents and Liz very welcome. The Parents' Association were given a grant by Vodafone and the course was free to the 15 parents who attended. The parents made a presentation to Liz on the last night for which she would like us to thank them on her behalf. "Well done".

November saw another successful Book Fair in the Junior School. Thanks to all the parents who helped with the fair.

On behalf of the Parents Association, and all the parents of the schools I would like to sympathise with Ms. Ita Corduff on the death of her mother in November.

The annual Holy Communion Sale will take place on Saturday January 14th in the Junior School.

A special message has come from the North Pole for all the boys and girls that someone with a white beard and wearing a red suit hopes to visit our schools.

As always we would like to remind children to cross with the traffic wardens, to look out for cars driving through our school car park and to stay safe. Those of you delivering and collecting children from school please do not park and leave your vehicle in the set down only. This space is for buses, etc. collecting children to take on outings and please do not double park at the Junior School.

Finally I would like to wish principals, teachers and everyone in both schools as well as all of you, a Happy Christmas and Happy New Year.

The Parents' Association can be contacted at the following number 086-8656829.

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## Dlúthdhiosca

Faoin am a bheidh tú ag léamh seo, beidh ár ndlúthdhiosca réidh le seoladh i measc an phobail. Múinteoir Daithí has been the guiding force and has declared himself satisfied with the finished product. Ar an dlúthdhiosca, tá blaiseadh den cheol a bhíonn sa scoil. Cloisfear ceol agus amhráin traidisiúnta ó gach rang, ó Naíonáin go Rang a Sé chomh maith le cairde na scoile. Ní amháin sin, ach tá grúpa dár dtuismitheoirí ag léiriú a scileanna ceoil freisin. The C.D. is a tribute to the efforts of everyone concerned. Dhéanfadh sé bronnantas Nollaig álainn do Mhaimeo agus do Dhaideo! Bí cinnte go néisteann sibh le Glór Chnoc Liamhna.

## Baill nua

There are a few new faces to be seen i gclós na scoile na laethanta seo agus fearaimid fáilte ó chroí rompu.

We were assigned one fulltime teacher and one shared teacher for Learning Support this year. Beidh an 'leath-mhúinteoir' roinnte le Scoil Naithí. Ceapadh Cáitróna Bairéad don phost seo agus ba mhaith linn fáilte a chur roimpi. Cáitróna will work in the school two and a half days a week agus guímid gach rath uirthi ina post nua.

Another new face to be seen around the school is that of Deirdre Nic Gabhann. Thosaigh Deirdre mar Chuntóir Ranga le déanaí agus tá sí an-ghnóthach cheana féin i mbun a cuid dualgaisí.

Tá feighle scoile tosaithe ag obair linn chomh maith. Le cúnamh Dé, beidh sé ag cabhrú linn gach maidin. Noel Thomson is ainm dó agus is as ceanntar Chnoc Liamhna dó. Beimid ar fad ag cur aithne ar a chéile de réir a chéile.

## Lá inseirbhíse

School staff attended an inservice day in the College of Education, Rathmines in mid-November. Dance and athletics were the themes of the day. Chaitheamar féin an lá ag rince agus ag rith...uaireanta bhí sé deacair an dá rud a aithint óna chéile! It was an informative day agus d'fhágamar ar fad le smaointe úra faoi chur i bhfeidhm an Churaclaim Athbheithnithe.

## Oíche Cheoil

An Coiste Airgeadais host three fundraisers/social nights each year and the first of these was held towards the end of last month. Once again, Ballyboden-St. Enda's kindly gave us the use of the hall. The Oíche Cheoil started with a very enjoyable ballad session and continued with a Céilí. Even those not versed in Céilí had no excuse as the Coiste provided a dancing master on the night! We renewed old friendships and made new ones on the dancefloor. These occasions, while primarily



Múinteoir Eoin i measc na Naíonáin ag Cóisir na Samhna sa Ghaelscoil.

fundraisers, are a great way to meet other members of the school community agus is fiú go mór freastal orthu. Gabhann an Coiste Airgeadais buíochas le gach duine a chabhraigh leis an oíche...agus geallann Ultan Mac Mathúna go ndéanfaidh sé rince an bhliain seo chugainn!

## Peil na gCailíní

Bhí dea-scéal ag ár bpeileadóirí dúinn le déanaí. As we go to press, our foireann na gcailíní go forward to contest the semi-final of the Corn Irish Rubies. Go n-éirí libh a chailíní! All those afternoons of training with Múinteoiri Deirdre, Clár agus Eoin are paying dividends!

## Samaritan's Purse

We have to send a heartfelt 'Míle buíochas' to all who contributed boxes to this year's appeal. The response was overwhelming. It was obvious that a lot of thought had gone into the choice of appropriate gifts and the pile of boxes in the halla on the final morning was very impressive indeed. Gura fada buan sibh go léir!

## Beannachtaí

Níl fágtha agam ach buíochas a ghabháil leo siúd ar fad a chabhraigh leis an scoil i rith na bliana agus beannachtaí na Nollaig a ghuí oraibh go léir.



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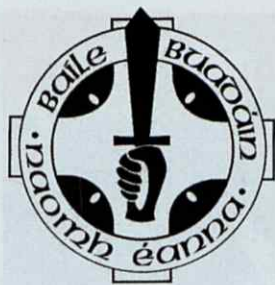
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The club also was delighted to have All-Star success in 2005 – Ciara Lucey won a first Camogie award for Dublin and Gemma Fay took a football award.

There were championship wins for the U12 (Derek Ward, Seamie O'Neill) and U10 (Pat McGrath, Barry Coll, Mick Aylmer) girls football teams and the U11 (Ciara Lucey, Elaine Hickey) camogie team took league honours.

Members of the Minor C hurling and U16 camogie teams acted as Marshals for the Adidas Dublin City Marathon on the October Bank Holiday.

The club's Monster Draw was a great success and appreciation is extended to all who subscribed.

Paddy Walsh has taken over from Ronan Hore as Club Chairman for 2005-06.

The club's new all-weather facility at Sancta Maria College is near completion and will be in use in 2006.

Nollaig faoi sheán is faoi mhaise do gach éinne ó Cumann Lúthchleas Gael Baile Buadain Naomh Éanna.

Gerry O'Sullivan



*Ballyboden St Endas Senior A Ladies Football teams – All-Ireland Champions 2005.*



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In this respect the sheer volume of Mass cards, letters, phone calls, text messages etc. that I received was overwhelming which left me feeling very unworthy of such attention. In consequence I am finding it difficult to reply, as I would wish, to each message individually and personally.

In the circumstances I should appreciate it if you would accept this notice as an acknowledgement of my sincere thanks for your thoughtfulness, kindness and prayers which have led to great progress in my restoration to full health.

The Holy Sacrifice of The Mass is being offered for all of your intentions.

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