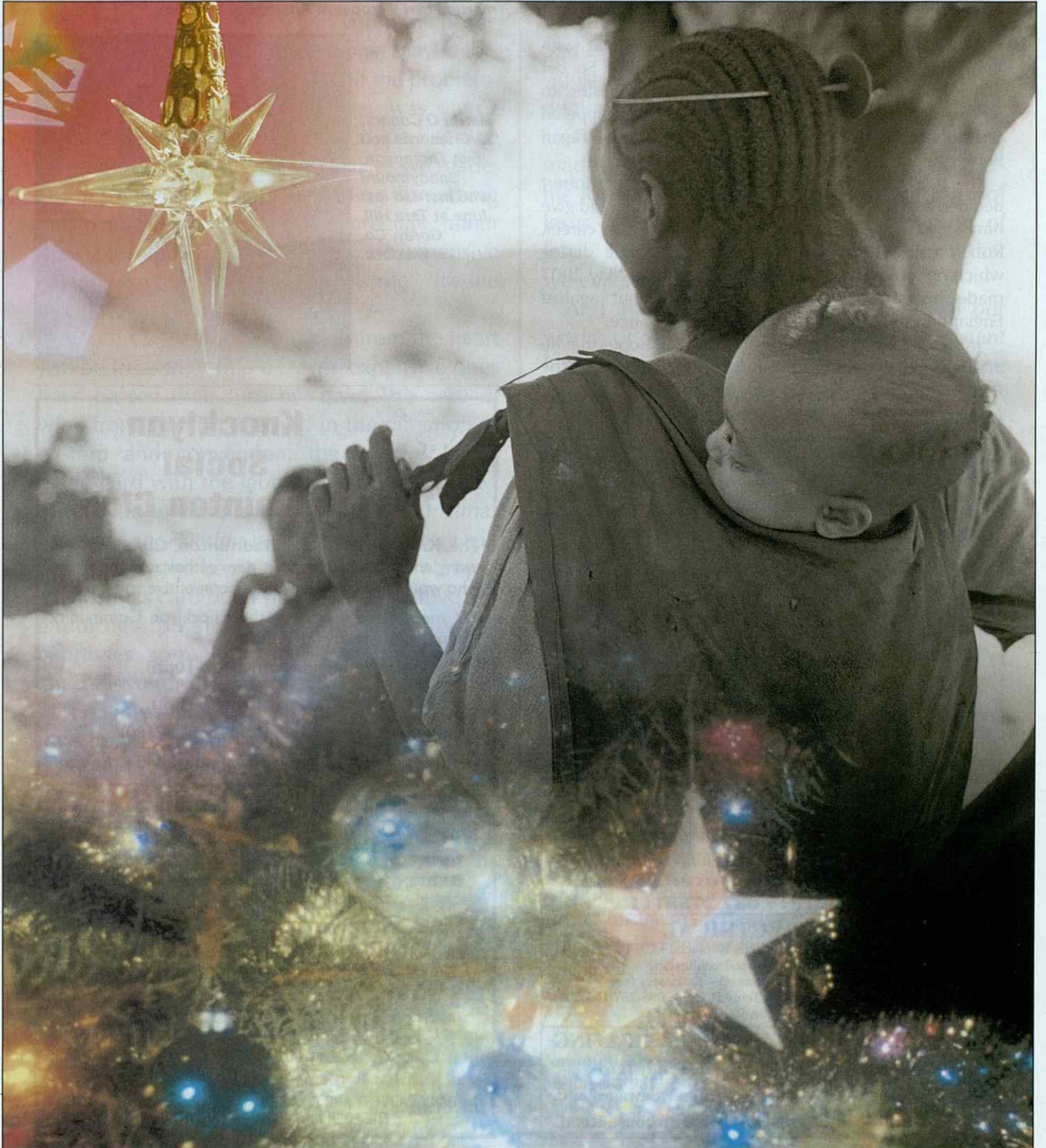




Knocklyon News

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Christmas 2007



Ex St Colmcilles pupil starts English soccer career

Congratulations are due to Robert Gibbons of Glenvara Park who signed a 4-year deal at top English side Nottingham Forest on his sixteenth birthday last month. The two times European Cup winners, won the race to capture the Knocklyon native's signature. Robert a past pupil of both St Colmcille's Primary and Community school moved to the UK East Midlands club in September following numerous trials at top English academies, some of which included Ipswich, Newcastle, Liverpool and Aston Villa.

The youngest of four boys, Robert began his football career at Knocklyon United's nursery aged 7. He progressed through the nursery and played a further 3 seasons for Knocklyon United. During his time with Knocklyon, Robert won the Manchester United Soccer Skills competition and travelled to Manchester to represent Ireland. At just 8 years of age Robert competed on the famous turf of Old Trafford against boys aged between 8-18 from all over the UK.

In 2002 following much consideration, Robert decided a move to Lourdes Celtic in Crumlin would give him a better opportunity of pursuing his dream career. Robert enjoyed five seasons at Lourdes Celtic during which he represented Dublin, Leinster and in May 2007 made his long awaited international debut against England in the Montague Tournament in France.

In signing for Nottingham Forest, Robert hopes that he can follow former and current Irish internationals, Roy Keane and Andy Reid and progress into the Forest first team in the years to come. We wish him all the best!



Robert Gibbons has signed for Nottingham Forest.



Paula O'Connor, 38 Cremorne and Nick Polato, Padua, who married last October at Adare, Co. Limerick.



Martin O'Connor, 38 Cremorne and Eva Thompson, Sandymount who married last June at Tara Hill, Gorey, Co. Wexford.



Knocklyon Social Badminton Club

The **Knocklyon Social Badminton Club** is in full swing and is keen to recruit new enthusiastic members who would like to play in a non-competitive and fun way.

We meet twice a week in the Knocklyon Community Centre at the following times:

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CARMELITE REFLECTIONS

“And Here Is A Sign For You”

Walking down Grafton Street, on the day before Christmas Eve last year, I caught a snippet of conversation between two well-dressed young women, happily weighed down with their Christmas shopping: “What did you get your boyfriend for Christmas?”

“Honestly, I’ve been in every shop in Dublin and I still don’t know what to get him!”

A dilemma familiar to all of us at this time of year! Yet, a strange one, when you think of the range of gifts available in the shops. Maybe this over-abundance of choice is itself the problem.

In years gone by, when money was scarce and the range of gifts more limited, perhaps we were more discerning in the choices we made: putting more thought into finding something our loved ones would really appreciate, rather than splashing out a lot of money on expensive gageetry. Isn’t that old saying still true: “It’s the thought that counts.”

A well-chosen gift that speaks from the heart will be treasured long after the expensive ones have passed their ‘use by’ date. The case of wine from the firm is a nod in the direction of custom and convention; the simple, hand-made card with the laboriously-printed scrawl of the little child saying *Happy Christmas Mummy and Daddy* is, by comparison, a gift designed by the heart, crafted in love. Not just a Christmas card but a sign of genuine love. An enduring, physical, tangible sign which expresses something real but hidden: the child’s love for its parents.

The gift we give at Christmas is a sign of our love for the person to whom it is given. The Gospel of Christmas midnight will say:

“Today a saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.

And here is a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.”

A sign for you. A sign for the shepherds at that first Christmas, He remains a sign for people of every age. A sign of God’s love for us; a sign of God’s giving of himself to each and every one of us.

Just as our gifts to one another at Christmas demonstrate our love in a visible, tangible way, so, in the birth of Jesus, God’s love for us is made visible. In the birth of Jesus, God gives us his love. But not just his love: in the birth of Jesus, God gives us himself. In the birth of Jesus, God enters human history in a way that we can see and understand.

And that changes our view of God, of our world, of ourselves. God is no longer a distant figure who cannot be reached; he is the one who gives himself to us in love.

This means that the world no longer comes between ourselves and God: it is the very place where we find him. And we are no longer creatures of an all-powerful creator; we are sharers in his life through our union with his Son who has been given to us.

“A child is born for us; a son is given to us.” God’s gift to us: a gift we can understand, appreciate and respond to. A gift that conveys a love beyond all our imagining.

**Michael Morrissey,
O.Carm.**



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The AGM was held on Monday 15th October. A new Group Leader, Michael Phelan, was elected to replace Michael Tierney who had ably led the 112th for many years. We wish Michael Phelan great success in his new role and wish to thank Michael Tierney for all his efforts over the past years.

Beavers News

The Beavers' year began in earnest with a record number of new recruits – almost 50 young people joined existing Beavers in the Monday, Thursday and Friday Beaver Colonies.

The first outdoor activity this year was **Mountpelier County Circus Camp** in Larch Hill. Beavers had to dress up in the manner of Circus performers. **Halloween** was celebrated in style with all Beavers dressing up and attending parties in The Den. The **National Orienteering Outing** to Massey's Woods in November was a great success with a circuitous route through the woods followed by a campfire and sausages beside the stream.

The Investiture of all new Beavers took place at a ceremony in St Colmcilles Church on Friday 23rd November. Fr Jimmy presided over the proceedings along with newly appointed Group Leader Michael Phelan. A special word of thanks to Fr Jimmy for his participation and for being available after the ceremony to pose for photographs with the three different Beaver Colonies along with Michael Phelan.

Cub News

All the Cub Packs have been busy since September with fun packed weekly meetings in the Den. The Monday Cubs took part in the Montpellier County Camp in Larch Hill at the end of September while Tuesday Cubs took the DART to Bray and then hiked around Bray Head to Greystones. On 18th October all three cub packs climbed to the top of Tibbradden Mountain as part of Scouting Ireland National Trail day. The weather was glorious and a great time was had by all. Many thanks to the cub leaders in 37th Templeogue Group for organizing this event. The cubs also tried their hands at orienteering in Marley Park in November. Despite being soaked by heavy rain, the cubs' spirits remained high and all found their way around the course with the aid of their maps. All the new cubs who joined us in September were invested at ceremonies in the Scout Den in mid November presided over by Group Leader Michael Phelan and attended by their families. As part of their investiture ceremony, Tuesday Cubs buried time capsules in the grounds of the scout den to commemorate 100 years of scouting.

Scout News

The Wednesday Scouts took to the rails on Friday 23rd November last to spend the weekend in Westport. Our thanks

to the Westport Scouts who provided accommodation in their Den for the 17 Scouts, 3 Venturers and 3 Leaders. Friday night was spent settling in and taking part in numerous games some of which were new to the Group. It was an early start on Saturday morning as the summit of Croagh Patrick was our destination. We set off from the base in clement weather around 11 a.m. and returned at 2p.m. Fortunately apart from one brief shower it remained dry for the hike and surprisingly warm for the time of year. The climb proved to be quite a challenge for the new scouts (and one of the leaders!) but all triumphed in the end. On returning from the hike there was time to allow the scouts into the town for some free time before returning to cook their dinner. Later in the evening a short night hike was arranged before settling down for some well earned sleep. The following morning after the usual clean up we had time to visit the local leisure centre for a refreshing swim before taking the afternoon train back to Dublin. A great time was had by all.

On Sunday October 21st, the Thursday Scout Troop built 3 "Abington Spring Bridges" in Larch Hill. These impressive suspended structures were constructed entirely by the scouts themselves using only ropes, timber and pulleys.

Venture News

The 112th Ventures attended the Annual Venture Black Tie Ball in Swords on November 17th 2007. All dressed in their finery and looking great! They had a great time and are planning to go again next year!



Back row from L to R: Kathryn Whyte, Erica Fagan, Emma Hogan & Katie Diamond. Front Row from L to R: Iain O'Connor (Leader), Dylan Mulhall, Eoin Diamond & Andrew Clarke.

Knocklyon Parish Church St. Colmcille's

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TIMES FOR OUR CHRISTMAS LITURGIES



FESTIVAL OF CAROLS

Thursday 20 December, at 7.30 p.m

CONFESSIONS:

Monday 24th December

10.30 – 12.00 noon

4.00 – 5.00 p.m.

6.30 – 7.00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS MASSES:

Monday 24th December

Christmas Eve Vigil Masses

5.30 p.m. A Special celebration for Youth.
Knocklyon Concert Band

7.00 p.m. Music by the Gospel Choir

8.30 p.m.

10.00 p.m. Music led by the

11.00 O'Clock Choir

Tuesday 25th December

CHRISTMAS DAY

8.00 a.m.

9.00 a.m. (Harp)

10.00 a.m. Mass with children

11.00 a.m. Choir

12.30. p.m

The Church will be closed at 2.00 p.m.

No evening Mass

DATES FOR YOUR NEW DIARY

Mon-Fri March 10th – 14th 2008

**St Colmcille's
Parish Mission**

The Mission will be directed by St. Patrick's Community

Quote from John Pridmore, author of "From Gangland to Promised Land" and a member of the Community:

"We are all seeking answers to the big questions in our lives. At one time, I thought I had found these answers in drugs, money and sex. But, somehow, I still felt empty.

Then God changed my life in a dramatic way. My message is that the Grace of God can change us if we just ask for it. It doesn't matter what your lifestyle is, or if you haven't been to church for a long time. You just need to ask for forgiveness and be open. We are all broken and all in need of healing that only God can give.



Make it a date...

or...!

Make an excuse...?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Folk Group

Dear Editor,

I was very disappointed to read in the last Knocklyon News that the Folk Group has disbanded. I had understood that the change in Mass times was only a temporary measure for the summer months and that the 12.30 Mass would revert to 12 o'clock.

The Folk Mass was always an enjoyable and edifying experience for adults, teenagers and children. It is sad to think that the Folk Group will no longer be performing. Surely, some way could be found to ensure that this long standing tradition can continue?

Name and address with the Editor.

A letter of appreciation and thanks

Dear Editor,

It was with great sadness and a sense of losing something very precious that I read Joe Kelly's letter that the 12 o'clock Mass folk group has come to an end. They have added so much to the celebration of 12 o'clock Mass since I started going to Knocklyon – they will be sorely missed, leaving a gap in spite of the variety of choirs we are blessed with in Knocklyon.

So Joe, and all your fellow music makers, past and present, a heart felt thanks to you all. You have given your time and talent and enthusiasm for so many years, not just at Masses but at the many other Parish occasions, lifting hearts and helping us enter into the spirit of the occasion. I wish we could show our appreciation with a big party and sing-song – something momentous. But this letter to the Knocklyon News is all I can come up with and I'm sure it reflects the thoughts of many.

Keep singing and have a great Christmas.
We'll miss you.

From Marion O'Cleirigh

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KNOCKLYON HISTORY SOCIETY

The November meeting of the society was a photographic look back at the Louvain trip expertly illustrated by the technical expertise of Mr Gerry Hoey. Members also contributed on historical aspects of the tour such as the tour of Bruges, The Celtic cross at Lafelt, the Teutonic Knights, Belgium and its connection with the Congo, Brussels and of course Louvain itself.

The December talk in period costume by Nora Connolly was a real treat – its title a Ghost of the 18th Century had everyone apprehensive as they arrived for the talk. It was another of Nora's wonderful presentations.

NEW YEAR PROGRAMME

- January 9th: Ancient Roads from Dublin
Speaker: Mr Hermann Geissel
- February 13th: The Townships of Dublin
Speaker: Seamus O'Maitiu
- March 5th: The Temperance Movement
Speaker: Anna Brioscú
Please note that this talk is on
the 1st Wednesday of March
- April 9: 1916, Local Involvement
Speaker: Mrs Annie Ryan
- May 14th: The Franciscans
Speaker: Fr Joe McMahon OFM

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St Julian of Norwich: The great gospel truths inherent in the "Little Way" are timeless, and were known and lived by many great saints. Among the latter one who stands out is Julian of Norwich, a mystic from a very different age and way of life.

Julian's writings will elaborate and illuminate the 'Little Way' of Therese for us, and so help us to live it better.

Presenter: Fr. David Weakliam O.Carm
Commencing: Wednesday 6th February for 4 weeks
Time: 8.00 – 9.30 p.m.
Course Fee: €25.00

Morning Yoga

Commencing: Thursday 24th January for 6 weeks
Time: (a) 10.30 – 11.30 a.m.
Fee: €78.00

Take time out for You with Yoga

Commencing: Thursday 24th January for 6 weeks
Time: (b) 7.15 – 8.15 p.m.
Fee: €78.00
Time: (c) 8.30 – 9.30 p.m.
Fee: €78.00

Special Yoga Evening

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Date: Monday 3rd March
Time: (d) 8.00 – 9.00 p.m.
Fee: €13.00

Learn to Meditate

Commencing: Monday 4th February for 4 weeks
Time: (1) 7.15 – 8.00 p.m.
Fee: €50.00

Continuing to Meditate

Commencing: Monday 4th February for 4 weeks
Time: (2) 8.15 – 9.00 p.m.
Fee: €50.00

Healing Meditation Evening

Come along and enjoy the many benefits of meditation in a sacred space.

Date: Monday 10th March
Time: (3) 8.00 – 9.00 p.m.
Fee: €13.00
Tutor: Margaret Birmingham Dip I.Y.A.

Ciorcal Cainte Irish Conversation Circle

Gaeilge atá simplí (Simple Irish)

Cúpla focal le greann, ceol agus comhrá
(A few words for fun, music and conversation)

Aoife Ní Thiarnaigh ag cabhrú

Commencing: Tuesday 22nd January for 4 weeks
Time: 8.00 – 9.00 p.m.
Fee: €25.00

Understanding your Digital Camera.

Perhaps you got a camera for Christmas and you haven't had time to read the manual...

This four week course going through the basics of how your camera works may help you to take better pictures.

Tutor: Peter Salisbury
Commencing: Wednesday 20th February for 4 weeks
Time: 7.30 – 8.30 p.m.
Fee: €30.00

FEBRUARY LECTURE

Wednesday 13th

Stories of Faith in the Golden Years

Speaker: Christine Clear
Christine lectures and leads workshops countrywide on Spirituality, Media Studies and Holistic Living.

Time: 10.45 a.m.
Admission: €5.00 (including cuppa)

Looking at Questions Children ask about God

Monday 14th April 8.00 p.m.

**Is your child making First Holy Communion?
Is your child starting school soon?**

Sometimes it can be difficult to find ways of responding to questions children ask about God. Usually, they don't want a long explanation – just a simple answer!

At this workshop we will consider some questions parents may be asked and ways of responding to them.

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KNOCKLYON UNITED



Football

The season closes for the Christmas break for most team's early December and is due to begin once again in the New Year mid-January. Players are requested to contact their managers in the New Year for the exact dates for the coming season. At this stage of the season, many of our teams are performing strongly with over six teams currently winning their leagues at the 7-a-side level.

Christmas Draw

Our Christmas Draw took place at Delaford Pavilion on Wednesday 19th December.

Survey

As the club continues to grow rapidly and strongly, it is time to reflect and to determine where we see the club progressing over the next five years. In order to do this, it is important to take on board the views of all players, managers, previous managers and all parents both past and present. It is for this reason that we are asking for your views on the following:

- Strengths of the club
- Weakness of the club
- Future ideas for the club and committee

i.e. Soccer Nursery
 Coaching/Managing the teams
 Girls' Football
 Finance/Sponsorship
 Pitches/All Weather Pitch
 Shop

It is also important that we get more people involved in all activities as it continues to fall on a small number of people to help out in the running of the club.

Areas of interest:

Managers/Coaches
 Soccer Nursery
 Shop/Pavilion
 Golf Outing

We would ask as many people to respond to our survey and would welcome any comments both positive and negative. It is only through your views that we can determine what we are doing right and more importantly what we are doing wrong.

Please check our web site for more details. A brochure is available at your request. www.knocklyonfc.com

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.

Any comments please contact me at 086-2669311 or e-mail at mickkennedy1000@eircom.net

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SANCTA MARIA COLLEGE PRESENTS FAME

Transition year students at Sancta Maria College, Ballyroan, are currently in rehearsals for their annual Musical Production. The chosen musical this year is the fabulous 'Fame' which will be presented on the 31st of January and the 1st and 2nd of February.

Each transition year student is involved in some aspect of the production, whether it be on stage or off. The students are enjoying watching their teamwork come together in what we believe to be the highlight of the school year. The students are supported by a dedicated team of teachers, from drama coaching to backstage crew. An external dance teacher, Bernie O'Rourke, has done tremendous work to transform a group of talented girls into dancing divas for the show.

This promises to be an energetic and exciting performance full of rhythm, romance and everything that this legendary musical embodies.

Sancta Maria College had proudly produced forty musical productions since 1962 and each one would not have been possible without the support of the local community. Sponsorship from local businesses plays a massive part in the production of the musical every year. Without this sponsorship our production simply would not be possible. To advertise your business in our programme please contact Sancta Maria College at (01) 4934887. Tickets for the musical will be available after Christmas from Sancta Maria College and your support would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you,

Clare Mac Entee, Transition Year Student

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Foireann peile na mbuachaillí.

Fíliocht

Tá an-obair ar siúl ag roinnt de na ranganna faoi láthair. We have been lucky again this year to obtain the services of Áine Ní Ghlinn, the well-known Irish language poet. Áine is working with some of the senior classes, facilitating creative writing workshops. Tá taithí iontach ag Áine ag plé le daltaí bunscoile agus éiríonn léi iad a spreagadh chun scríbh ar bhealach mealltach.



Áine Ní Ghlinn ag obair le grúpa.

Cairde na Scoile

Tá an coiste seo ana ghníomhach an téarma seo le dhá thionscnamh móra idir lámha acu. The first event organised by Cairde na Scoile was a very successful Book Fair. Pupils were allowed to view the books during school hours. Bhí fáilte roimh thuismitheoirí maidin agus tráthnóna agus glacadh le hordaithe ar an lá dheireannach. A double benefit was involved in that the school's library received a lot of free books... a percentage of the total sales in the school.

Cairde na Scoile are also very busy this month as they are selling cártaí Nollaig in the school. Dhearaigh daltaí na scoile na cártaí agus tá said ar díol ina mbeartanna sa scoil gach lá.

Carúil sa Séipéal

Shocraíomar gan dráma na Nollag a dhéanamh i mbliana ach díriú ar scéal na Nollag é féin. After much discussion, we decided to hold a carol service in early December, in the parish church. None of these events take place without a lot of preparation! Arís, caithfidimid ár mbuíochoas a chur in iúl do Maria Stanley agus Ciara Ní Theimhneáin a chabhraigh linn na daltaí a réiteach don ócáid.



Ag léamh.

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An historic year came to a close when the Senior hurlers were pipped by a point in the Leinster club final by Birr. Manager Liam Hogan with Jerry Aherne, John Kirwan, Robert Lambert, Vincent Teehan, Jim Kilty, team captain Stephen Perkins and all the players deserve the highest praise. The team is still in contention for league honours to go with the senior championship. The senior B team led by Emmet Pullan, Philip Larkin and Mick Fletcher is on course for promotion which would mean two senior A league teams next season.

Many thanks to Daithí Scolard who has stepped down as Club President. Daithí has been replaced by Liam Coffey.

The club's Skills Wall was dedicated to Cian Durkin who passed away one year ago.

The Christmas issue of the Boden News will be available in the clubhouse and members can collect same. The Dublin Yearbook 2008 is also available in the clubhouse.

Apart from offering the opportunity to play football, hurling, camogie and ladies football to in the region of 1,500 men and women, boys and girls, Ballyboden St Endas is a hugely important social and community centre. The club



The Figure Dancing team reached the Leinster Final.
Back l/r: Niall Murphy, Carragh Banville, Mark Dunn and Michael Fleming.
Front l/r: Roisin McHugh, Natasha Paul, Katie Blackford and Laura McCarthy.

Scór Quiz team: Fionn Maguire, Conor Corrigan and Morgan Ryan.



offers set dancing (every Wednesday); ceilis (first Saturday of every month); music and song sessions (every Wednesday); Golf Society, darts, pool, Theatre Group (contact Cathy 086 8512192 or Hilda 086 834 3425), first aid classes and the opportunity to socialise in a comfortable Members Lounge. Contact General Manager Noel Sheridan – 087 293 3829

Finally the club would like to thank all members of the community, the Carmelite Community, and local Schools who support it each year.

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

Gerry O'Sullivan

NEWS FROM THE PARISH PASTORAL FORUM



At the December Meeting the Forum heard of the need for people who have any involvement with young people to come and help with the various activities that the parish would like to undertake.

The "Radio" Masses broadcast on 1 and 4 November were a great success and tribute was paid to the work of Ronan Ó Fearghail in this venture. Tribute was also paid to all involved in the Christmas Fair – organisers, helpers (especially the young people who did trojan work) supporters and all who came on the day to create a great atmosphere and to spend money. This money helps schools, the church, youth groups, etc.

The Forum wishes all parishioners a Happy and Peaceful Christmas and a good 2008.

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Fundraising	€10,222.00
Miscellaneous (interest / tax rebate etc)	€13,855.00
Total	€341,360.00
PAYMENTS	
Capital/Interest Repayments re Iona Centre	€37,599.00
Building / Repairs / Maintenance (Church)	€61,125.00
Salaries / Wages / Ancilliary Expenses	€47,460.00
Church Supplies (altar supplies, etc.)	€17,899.00
Light, Heat	€13,907.00
Schools	€24,982.00
Telephone / Postage / Stationary / Printing	€18,516.00
Receptions / Socials / Donations	€ 7,655.00
Insurance/Rates	€12,386.00
Parish Office Expenses	€4,368.00
Accounting & Audit	€575.00
Interest/Bank Charges	€6,168.00
Provision for repairs to church porches	€80,000.00
Total	€332,640.00
Surplus	€8,720.00

The analysis does not take into account the debt entered into by the Parish to complete the Iona Centre. The outstanding debt as at 30th June 2007 amounted to €101,777.00 which is being repaid over ten years through a bank term loan.

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Collections for the support of priests:

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Share Collection:

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JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

The Halloween to Christmas period I always find the most enjoyable in the Junior School and this year has been no different. All of our staff made a special effort to "dress up" in support of the People in Need Telethon on the day before our Halloween break. Pupils also joined in the fun at their Castle Assemblies and the event raised €750 for people in need.

Book Fair:

We held our annual book fair to co-incide with parent-teacher meetings in mid-November. Members of the Parents Association committee and transition year pupils from St. Colmcille's Community school gave great assistance to our Deputy Principal Mrs. Corduff all week. The Book Fair was a tremendous success with most parents helping their children to choose a book. All classes really enjoyed browsing through the vast array of reading materials. The initiative is very important as it helps to promote a love of reading among our young pupils.



Halloween headgear.



Jack Sparrow hooks up with Mini.

European Partnership:

A number of our teachers visited our partner school in Belgium in early December. They learned a lot about the Belgian school system and in particular about special education. They also visited the European Parliament before planning the remaining project activities. This year our partner schools in Italy, Belgium and Estonia will share information regarding their local communities with us.

Enrolment of Junior Infants 2008:

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JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Pupils remaining on the waiting list may be eligible for places in the New Year. New families living in the school catchment area are advised to complete application forms at the school as soon as possible. There may be a small number of places in Senior Infants, First or Second class next year.

New Board of Management:

After recent election our new eight member Board of Management has been formed. The Board has a four-year term, during which they hope to oversee the redevelopment of the school building.

Chairperson: Fr. Jimmy Murray
Principal Teacher: Mr. John Boyle
Teachers' Rep.: Rosemary O Connor
Parents Rep.: Mr. Paul Thompson and Mrs. Catherine Kerr

Patron's Nominee: Ms. Geraldine Kavanagh
Two Community Representatives will be co-opted before Christmas.

We wish the board well with their work and thank them most sincerely for their voluntary effort.

Workshop:

Paddy Madden visited our school to host a series of excellent Science and SESE workshops. He brought along a collection of fascinating artefacts and conducted very interesting hands-on experiments which were relevant to the curriculum. Children and teachers both benefited hugely from his expertise.

Christmas Festivities:

Immediately after the parish Christmas Fair, Tom our caretaker began decorating the school in preparation for Christmas. December is always magical with pupils and teachers getting ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Some of our classes will



Paddy Madden holds his audience in thrall.



What does it feel like?

perform short plays for parents, others will sing at the Knocklyon Festival of Carols in the church and all classes attended a Christmas Prayer Service on 17th December. Santa usually recognises the great behaviour of our pupils by paying a surprise visit to the school before the holidays. We're sure this year will be no different.

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SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Another extremely busy month has just flown by. Preparations for the football final in Croke Park; the Building Cribs Project by our 6th class pupils; the visit of members from the I.T.T. for Science projects; preparations for Christmas plays and choirs have all gone ahead.

Scríobh Leabhar Project

Last years 4th class pupils participated in the Write a Book Project organised by Blackrock Education Centre. Many of the pupils entered the Irish language section and wrote their books as Gaeilge. Five pupils, Ian Higgins, Ruth O'Gara, Lucy Hoey, Ben Thompson and Cathal Treacy received word recently that their books have been published in CD form. Their books are also available on the web at www.coss.ie. Comhghairdeas leo.



Back: l/r
Cathal
Treacy, Ian
Higgins, Ben
Thompson.
Front l/r Ruth
O'Gara, Lucy
Hoey.

Senior Football

Our senior footballers have qualified for the Corn Kitterick Snr. Div. 1 Football Final against Belgrove B.N.S.

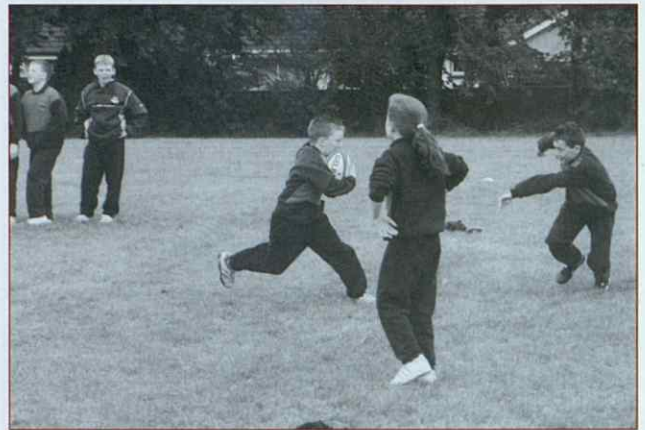
Having played our semi-final against John Paul II from Malahide before the Hallowe'en break, it has been a long wait for the boys. However, challenges against Johnstown and Holly Park have kept us on our toes and the 21 members of the panel are now eagerly awaiting their trip to Dublin 3.



The Boys Senior Football Team who qualified for the Corn Kitterick Boys Div. 1 Final in Croke Park on Wednesday 12 December 2007. (This photograph was taken earlier in the year. Conor Deane and David Mahon are missing from this photo.)

Sport

Well done to all those involved with and supporting football teams this term. Already 4th, 5th and 6th class hurlers have begun their training for the coming season. The Knocklyon 2km cross-country race is fast approaching and there has been a fantastic response from 6th class pupils. Over 70 are in training for the big day before Christmas.



6th class pupils enjoying Tag Rugby.

In school our 3rd classes are continuing their Irish dancing. 4th classes have just completed their badminton coaching for the year in Whitehall. Once again the feedback from all concerned was very positive. The same could be said for the cycling programme for 5th classes which was introduced this year in conjunction with South Dublin County Council. Teachers were especially impressed with the emphasis on safety and the quality of the instruction given. Our 6th classes are currently taking a break from rugby, but look forward to resuming after Christmas, with the inter class blitz fast approaching in late spring.

Competition Crazy

Some of the pupils in 4th and 5th class in St. Colmcille's Senior National School entered South Dublin County Council's Social Inclusion competition. There were three winners: Daire Hughes, Kate Lally and Lauren Morris.

All were invited to the Council Chambers on 20 November 2007. We were very proud as the Lord Mayor presented us with a book token for Eason's Bookstore. We all thoroughly enjoyed our day.

by Kate Lally and Daire Hughes, 5th class.

Gerry Ryder's visit to 6th class

On 20 November 2007 Gerry Ryder from I.T.T. came in to teach us about electrical circuits. He gave us an electric circuit

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Mr. Gerry Ryder of the Mechanical Engineering Dept., Institute of Technology, Tallaght with 6th class pupils

board and material to make an electric circuit that lit up a light bulb. We were split into groups of four and it was very enjoyable because we had a fun time and learnt loads too.

After a few experiments Gerry showed us how to make batteries out of five lemons. Although it is useful it would not do much for our economic system because the price of lemons would sky rocket. We learned loads with Gerry. It was a very interesting day.

By Clodagh Mahon, 6th class.

Walk to school

This year our green flag theme is "Walk to School". You should walk to school because:

- Walking to school is stress free.
- Walking to school is better for your bones and your heart.
- Children are supposed to get one hour of exercise each day but the majority don't.
- It is free to walk.
- You won't be late for school.
- You will be more awake when you arrive at school.
- If we all stop driving to school there will be fewer cars on the road and it will be safer for the people who walk.
- It is much better for the environment.

If for some valid reason you cannot walk to school, why not try and do one of the following?

- Park and Stride - Drive some of the way, park the car then walk the rest of the way. (But it has to be for at least 10 minutes, not from the community centre).
- Walk with a friend. (But be sure to ask permission first and observe the safe cross code).
- Cycle.
- Carpool: share a lift with your neighbours.

Rainy days are when we need to walk most. Traffic is terrible. Because no one wants to get wet, most people drive. We won't get wet if we wear the right clothing. Now that it is coming up to Christmas, it is a chance for people to organise the right gear, e.g. Wellingtons, waterproof jackets and trousers.

Cars are producing a gas called Carbon Dioxide. This is creating a big blanket of gas all around the earth. The blanket does not allow water vapour or heat to escape. That is why we are having so much rain and the earth is heating up. Icebergs are melting as fast as ice cream in a microwave.

We have done some science experiments to show the effect of global warming on our planet. Our teacher and two representatives of the parents association, Donal Garvey and Loreto Maher attended a 'Travel Training Day' in An Taisce.

Next February we will be launching our Serious Travel Plan. Start preparing now. Walk or Cycle to school, for your health, for your wealth and for your world.

By Niamh Murray and Robert Keegan, 3rd class PF2



Some 6th class pupils enjoying the recent Samba Drumming Workshop with Mr. Kieran Gallagher.



Members of the St. Colmcille's S.N.S. Contemporary Music Group.
Back l/r: Zack Fitzgerald, Adam Clarke, Tom Dooney and Glen O'Donoghue.
Front l/r: David McDonald and Mark Murray

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ST COLMCILLE'S COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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The Emissions for European Environmental Project

The E-missions for European Environmental Project was a National Competition which our school, along with four other schools, was chosen to enter by the European Youth Parliament. We were chosen as a result of our ongoing success at EYP. The competition consisted of a research project and an interview with four highly esteemed judges including Frank McDonald from the Irish Times.

There were five topics, one for each group, transport, energy consumption, waste management, public awareness and destruction of green spaces. The event took place in the Royal Kilmainham Hospital at an EYP international session on Tuesday 13th of November. After presenting our projects to the Judges and meeting the other schools the winning project was announced by Minister John Gormley. The transport group from our school consisting of Brian Dudley, Gareth Walsh, Michael Ward, Robert Normile and Daragh Kelly won the overall prize. The prize was a sponsored trip to the European Parliament in Strasbourg for all 25 students from our school to take part in the Euroscola programme.

Strasbourg here we come! We would like to thank Mrs Coolahan for helping us all with our projects.

By Gareth Walsh



Minister John Gormley, Daragh Kelly, Gareth Walsh, Robert Normile, Brian Dudley, Michael Ward



Left: Leanne Gaughran & Helen McNamee and above Neal Farrell, Daniel Black & David O'Connor.

Debs Reception

On the 17th of October the Class of 2007 had their Debs. Before heading off for the evening a reception was organised by the Parents Association in the school for the students, parents and teachers. We would like to thank the Parents Association for organising the reception. Below are some of the students on the night

Adult Education

St. Colmcille's C.S. expanding Adult Education Programme is in full swing again. The autumn term was tremendously popular with many classes booked out. Enrolment for the second term is Monday 21st & Tuesday 22nd of January with classes commencing on Monday 28th January. Classes are held each Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday evening up to the end of April. This term the courses include:



Above: Daniel Black, Sarah Fleming, Ms Meany (Deputy Principal) Ryan O'Doherty, Noel McKiernan and right Sheena Tucker & Sinead Murphy.



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Wednesday

Cake Decoration & Sugar Craft, Aerobics, Intermediate Computers.

The Coronas Charity Concert

On Thursday 25th October "The Coronas" an up and coming band from Terenure visited our school. They played a lunchtime concert in aid of The City of the Poor in Lourdes and the Niall Mellon Project in South Africa. One of our own past pupils Conor Rynne is travelling out to South Africa in November with the Niall Mellon Project.

The whole school packed into the P.E. Hall & were entertained by the band. In total we raised €1800 and had a super time in the process. A special thank you to Ms. Loughman, Karl Fitzharris & Sean Gibbons for organising the event for us & to the Coronas for their performance.



French Exchange

On the 9th of October 30 French students from Lille in France arrived for our annual French Exchange. We gathered in the hall to welcome our exchange partners where we had a welcome party to show the French students what Irish culture is all about. We had Irish dancers and a group of students with their traditional Irish instruments. After the reception we went outside to play Gaelic games!

Every day the school kindly organised days out for the students to Grafton Street for shopping, The Zoo and Carlingford Adventure Centre.

For the weekend the exchange partners were left together and the fun started to roll! We generally brought our partners out in groups and my goodness; I don't think the French could have gone home saying they left out anything! We brought them to places like the National Aquatic Centre, Fort Lucan, Dundrum Town Centre, and Tennis in Bushy Park.

On Saturday night we all got together to watch the France V England rugby match; there was most definitely a great amount of tension in the house. Although the French lost it didn't dampen their night!

We all thoroughly enjoyed the week and are now looking forward to our visit to Lille in the New Year. We would like to thank Ms. Hanlon, Ms. Daly & Ms. Waters for organising the French Exchange for us.

(by Ciara Darker & Clodhna O'Sullivan)

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Our final event of a ground breaking 2007 season took place at Grange Castle Golf Club.

The results are as follows:

Overall winner: Bill Gorman (19) 42 points
Second: Eugene Boylan (18) 42 points
Third: Gary Davitt (12) 41 points

Class I:
 1st Hamish Windelev (12) 36 points
 2nd Michael Coleman (14) 36 points
 3rd Gerry Diggins (13) 34 points

Class II:
 1st Shea Kilduff (20) 37 points
 2nd Julien Winters (20) 37 points
 3rd Fergus Egan (18) 36 points

Class III:
 1st Stephen Traynor (25) 38 points
 2nd John Delaney (25) 37 points
 3rd Brendan Vaughan (24) 34 points

Back nine Michael Flanagan (20) 21 points
Front nine James Drinan (18) 20 points
Visitor Fran Gorman (16) 44 points
Longest drive: Stephen Butler
Nearest the pin: Gary Davitt

Congratulations to all.

Our second Golfer of the Year competition resulted in a runaway winner. Congratulations to Eugene Boylan on achieving a magnificent total of 157 points for the four counting events. The final top six places were as follows:

Name	Points
Eugene Boylan	157
Hamish Windelev	147
John Delaney	145
Gary Davitt	141
Bill Gorman	141
Stephen Traynor	141



Captain Fred Lane presenting The Golfer of the Year Trophy to winner Eugene Boylan.

2007 saw the first overseas expedition for the Knocklyon Golf Society and I think everyone would agree it was a fantastic success. Well done to Fred Lane and Tony Staniforth for their tireless work in making it a trip to remember. We will be venturing over to the continent again in 2008 so put the factor 40 on Santa's list. We will include photos and a quick summary of the trip to Spain in the next newsletter.

As always our sponsors have looked after us very well in 2007 and I would like to thank Jim Whelan of Whelan Insulations, Cathy Lane of People Matters and Gerry Diggins of Roankabin for their generosity during the season.

As I am taking over the mantle of captain for 2008 Jimmy Fitzsimons will be taking over as PRO. Many thanks to Karen Cashman for all her help and patience over the last number of years.

Our 2008 committee will be announced in the next newsletter and as always new members are more than welcome so if you would like to join please ring Jimmy Fitzsimons at 4936720.

Finally I would like to wish all our members, visitors and sponsors a very Happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you all in the new year.

Gary Davitt, PRO

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KARA enjoying a break in Achill.

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