

KNOCKLYON NEWS

JUNE 2004

ST. COLMCILLE'S PARISH



Anne Loughman . . . the 'new' chaplain at St. Colmcille's Community School

One is immediately struck by the extraordinary enthusiasm and zest Anne Loughman has for her position, and by her huge interest and caring for the young adults in her pastoral care.

Anne, though originally from Cavan, now lives in Templeogue with her husband, Mike – a primary school teacher, and their four children – Sarah (25), Michael (24), Ruth (20) and Hugh (14).

Anne studied English and History at UCD and during her final year her faith became very much alive. She commenced her teaching career in Coláiste Dhulaigh in Coolock – teaching English and Religion. During that time she completed a two-year diploma in Catechetics at night. Having met and married Mike in 1977 Anne left Coláiste Dhulaigh in 1979 to rear her family.

However, Anne continued to be active in pastoral work, on a voluntary basis, in her own parish, and other parishes and prayer groups. Mike and Anne completed a Prayer Guides' Course in Manresa, with the Jesuits, to help their own faith mature, and to enable them to be with other people on their faith journey.

In the late 80's Anne was invited to contribute a monthly reflection for a magazine 'New Creation', on where God was in the bits and pieces of her life. This she found very worthwhile – as on a monthly basis one had to sit down and reflect on one's own life; and family. The children used to joke when Anne was writing her article, "Well, Mam, who are you writing about this month?" . . . as it would often be based on a situation they had experienced, directly or indirectly.

In 1991 Anne was invited to Fanore, Co. Clare, to a camp for families – 'Camp with the Lord'. This was a family camping holiday with time for Eucharist – a mixture of prayer, faith and fun. This became a really important week in the lives of the children. They met families from all over Ireland, including Northern Ireland – young adults and teenagers whose faith was important. The family still go to Fanore – a beautiful spot between the Burren and the sea – on a yearly basis. There is a great sense of community which has grown over the years – a lot of the original families attend, along with new families, and it's a great place for people to tell their story, and the scene of much healing.

In 1996-1997 Anne felt drawn to a course being run at All Hallows on Pastoral Leadership. Anne felt this was a really blessed but tough year. Anne's Dad had died and



her Mum had come to live with herself, Mike and the family, so this was a busy time for them all. Mike and the family supported Anne magnificently during this period, and the children even typed her projects and essays, which was a great source of amusement for the people on the course! Out of this came the desire to do Chaplaincy work, but there were very few openings in this field. Anne was approached by a couple who offered to sponsor her to work in a new developing parish – Lucan South – for three years, as part of the Parish Team. Anne enjoyed this job immensely, her work included

parish visitation, Young Mothers Support Groups and Youth Weekends, etc. This work led to a course on Spiritual Direction in Manresa. This was a two-year course over weekends.

About the same time Anne and Mike were invited to participate in a Marriage Programme called 'Retrouvaille' – French for Rediscover, a programme designed to provide couples with the tools necessary to work on the different areas of their relationship. "The best investment ever in our relationship," Anne says. They are now presenters on a voluntary basis of this weekend programme.

In 2003 Anne responded to a Diocesan advertisement for Chaplains. Following a successful interview, Anne worked in the Community School in Confey, Co. Kildare, replacing a Chaplain on maternity leave. Anne was re-interviewed by the Diocese last summer and was appointed to the position of Chaplain to St. Colmcille's Community School. She feels blessed in obtaining such a position working with the young people. It has been a good partnership so far, working with the Priests in the Parish, getting to know some of the people in the Parish who have worked with Anne on the first year retreats.

Anne's hope would be that young people would know deeply that they are loved unconditionally by the God who created them. In 10:10: "I came that you might have life, life in all its fullness" – Jesus' desire for each of us, especially for young people.

We are privileged to have such an enthusiastic and warm-hearted person looking after the spiritual needs of the young people of Knocklyon in the Community School.

– Sylvia Doyle

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REQUIREMENTS

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Anyone intending to marry in the Republic of Ireland must give three months notice to the Registrar for the district in which the marriage is to take place. The relevant Registrar's Office will supply you with the necessary forms. On receiving notification, the Registrar will issue a receipt which is essential when registering your marriage.

Church Law

Church law also requires three months notice of your intention to marry. You should contact your own Parish and inform them of your intention. Make an appointment with one of priests of the Parish to complete a Pre-Nuptial Enquiry Form which must be completed within 6 months of your pending marriage. For this purpose, you will require

- i) a recent copy of your Baptismal Certificate
- ii) your Confirmation Certificate and
- iii) letters of freedom which may be obtained from any parish you may have lived in for six months or more since you reached the aged of sixteen.

Pre-Marriage Preparation

Within the Dublin Diocese, you are required to

complete some form of Marriage Preparation. One of the many different courses available is:

ACCORD (Catholic Marriage Advisory Centre) organise Pre-marriage Courses at a number of locations in Dublin. They can be contacted at 39 Harcourt street, Dublin 2. Tel: 478 0883 www.gettingmarried.ie

PREPARING THE WEDDING CEREMONY

Liturgy and Music

The Priest will advise you on your choice of prayers, readings, rite of consent, etc as well as your range of options for selecting appropriate Church music. Couples wishing to have their own Wedding Booklets should show a draft to the priest before having them printed.

Other Considerations

Singer/Organist: If you wish to employ your own organist, singer or musicians, you should contact the Church you have chosen.

Rehearsals: If you are having a rehearsal, please arrange this with both the the priest officiating at the marriage and the Church itself.

Flower Arrangements: It is best that you contact the Church about flowers before making any commitments as they may have particular requirements.

Helping Children cope with grief and separation

Over the last year, Rainbows have organised a very successful programme for 35 children to help them cope with their grief resulting from a death or separation. Although this programme was a success, it is felt that there are many more children within our community who could benefit from participating in this programme.

If you feel that you would like more information or could help please contact the Rainbows Co-ordinator c/o Parish Office at 4941204.



PARISH WEEK 2004

22nd to 25th June

Tuesday, 22nd June – 8.00 p.m.

Bingo – a fun night is guaranteed with great prizes.

Community Centre
Admission at Door

Wednesday, 23rd June – 7.30 p.m.

Talent Show – get your act together
Community Centre

Application Forms from Parish Office

Thursday, 24th June – 7.00 p.m.

Pet Show – start grooming your pet
Venue: Green in front of the Church
Application Forms from Parish Office

Friday, 25th June – 8.00 p.m.

Table Quiz – knock the cobwebs off the brain and get some of your friends to do the same and form a team.

Community Centre
Tickets from Parish Office

**Urgent need of adult assistance –
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**If you have a couple of hours to spare.
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St Colmcille's Parish

SUMMER MASS TIMES

beginning 28th June 2004

Monday to Friday

10.00 a.m. & 7.00 p.m. only

Saturday & Sunday
as normal

KAIES 'Friendship Through Flowers'



Mary Calnan (extreme left), teacher, and her 'Friendship Through Flowers' group at the recent KAIES exhibition in the Community Centre.

SUMMER IN ORLAGH

Why not use part of the summer for some spiritual nourishment as well as long awaited refreshment. There are a number of options available in Orlagh.

We have a Weekend Retreat on the last weekend of June, from 5 p.m. on Friday, June 25th to 2 p.m. on Sunday, June 27th. It will be led by Fr. John Byrne, O.S.A. and Bernadette Toal. Cost is €120 (residential), or €85 (non-residential).

We also have a Bible Week at the end of June and a number of longer retreats during the summer. Ask for our brochure.

For further information and booking for any of the above events, contact: Fr. John Byrne, O.S.A., Orlagh Retreat Centre, Old Court Road, Dublin 16. Tel: 493 1163.

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REFLECTION

A Remarkable Woman

I have a suggestion that borders on being a request! Read again and reflect on the Easter story of the woman known to us as Mary Magdalene. It is a name that is always associated with the Resurrection story. (John 20, Mt. 28, Lk. 24). What a pity we don't have it in the readings for Easter Sunday instead of reading it on the weekdays that follow.

Mary was one of the women who accompanied Jesus as he travelled on his journey of teaching and healing. St. Matthew's Gospel presents her at the crucifixion and she is there when Christ's body is being prepared for burial.

The church is always in need of a 'blood transfusion from the lives of the saints'. They inject new life into our attitudes and thinking as they share our brokenness and sinfulness.

Mary Magdalene was healed by Jesus and she was the first woman follower to be named in St. Luke's Gospel. According to St. John, Mary visits the tomb on Easter Sunday morning. We can only imagine her distraught condition when she discovered that it was empty. She runs to tell the news to Peter and the other disciples. "They have taken the Lord from the tomb and we don't know where they have put him." Who are the "they" she is referring to? I suppose it takes some of the pain away if we can blame someone else for what happened. When they go back home Mary stays at the tomb weeping. It was difficult

to go beyond the grief she had for Jesus, the person she had known, to the risen Christ. She looks into the tomb and sees the two angels and then receives the ultimate reward for her loyalty when Jesus appears to her. She fails to recognise him until he calls her by name. Afterwards he says, "Go to my brothers". She is the first witness of the Resurrection. Then Jesus says to her, "Stop holding on to me for I am not yet ascended to the Father".

An experience we share

The loss of a loved one is the common thread that binds us all together. But as Mary discovered, "the Lord is close to the broken hearted".

The Ascension, which we have celebrated, explains the transition between the earthly and the enduring presence of Christ. The ascension, as expressed in St. John's gospel, clarifies the concept of 'not clinging', of letting go of Jesus as we once had him, in order to be able to receive his new resurrected presence given in the Holy Spirit. It throws light on the whole concept of human love and intimacy, revealing the paradox between presence and absence, between having to let go of the one kind of presence in order to receive another. For those of us who have lost a loved one that always involves pain but on deeper reflection it also gives hope. A new life begins for those we lose in seeming death. **- Fr. Jimmy**



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Knocklyon Concert Band

Our end of year concert on Saturday 22nd May was a great success. Congratulations to all our Band Members in the Junior, Intermediate, Senior and Jazz Bands, their performance on the night was exceptional. Our soloists on the night were brothers Michael and Thomas O'Connor, 11 years of age, who played a great rendition of Lennon and McCartney's 'Let It Be' on Flute and Saxophone. Stephen Murray from our Senior Band gave us a great performance of his Grade 8 Piece 'Haydn Trumpet Concerto in E Flat, Third Movement, Allegro. Stephen is our first Band Member to sit his Grade Eight Trumpet exam. Best of luck! John Cooper was our last Brass Soloist of the night. John is an ex member of our Senior Band, an excellent musician, so we were delighted when he could return and do a solo performance for us. Well done John and please keep the Senior Band in mind! Our Band Members of the year were Lianne



O'Connell, Junior Band, Niall O'Leary, Intermediate Band, and Stephen Murray, Senior Band. Well done to everyone.

Arrangements for our second trip to Midsomer Norton are well on the way. After the band competition in Midsomer Norton we are expected this year to participate in a fun parade, as we are not a marching band any suggestions from parents and band members regarding theme or costume would be gratefully appreciated.

Congratulations to Grace McCarron and Kate Duffey from our Intermediate Band on their recent performance in the Newpark Music Festival. Grace playing the Flute, was the overall winner of the competition in the Woodwind and Brass Section, and Kate playing the Clarinet, was placed a close second out of 27 performers. Well done to both Band Members. Grace got the opportunity to perform in the Prize Winners' Concert in the Pavilion Theatre in Dun Laoghaire on the 16th May.

ST. COLMCILLE'S PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

The month of June is here again and everyone is getting ready for the summer holidays. The boys and girls from Sixth Class will soon be leaving St. Colmcille's for the last time. This is a very important time for them as they move on to secondary school. The Parents' Association wishes you the best of luck in your new schools and encourages you to continue to work hard. **A coffee morning will take place on the 23rd of June** for the parents of sixth class pupils in the Senior School Hall **from 10 a.m. to 12 noon**. Please come along for a final get together.

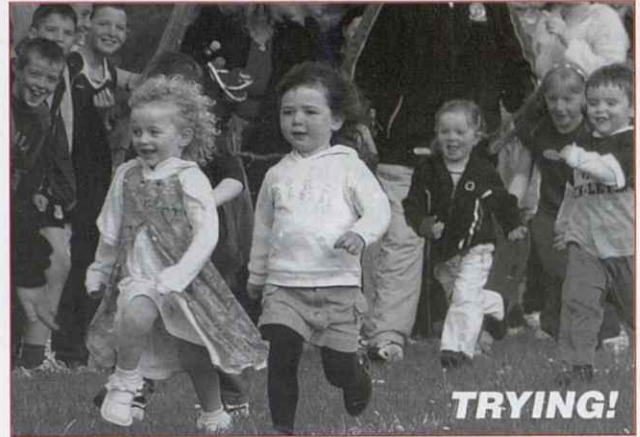
We would like to thank all the parents for their support throughout the year with our various fund-raising activities. To the boys and girls who recently received their First Holy Communion, we hope you had a lovely day. Thank you to all the parents who helped out with the reception after the ceremonies.

A special thank you to Mr. Boyle and Mr. O'Neill and all our teachers for making our schools what they are today.

Finally, to my fellow committee members who have worked very hard throughout the year, enjoy your break, and see you all in September.

Our AGM will take place on Wednesday, September 15th, at 8 p.m. in the Junior School Hall. All parents and guardians are welcome to attend.

– *Patricia Fagan, Chairperson*



Community Games athletic trials.

BROS PEARSE A.C.

The outdoor season is in full swing with Leagues and the Dublin Championships. Well done to all who have competed for the club. We would encourage our younger members to take part in all events as it is good experience and good fun! Our athletes and coaches look very smart in their new tracksuits. Thanks to Paula for her work in organising same. We hosted a very successful Cheese and Wine Reception recently, which gave parents/guardians an opportunity to meet the committee and the individual coaches who train the various age groups in the club. We are hoping to fund-raise to develop a more permanent home for the club. Watch this space for further news of events. The Jimmy Hughes Memorial 5K was held in Marley Park in late May. Congratulations to Don Carroll and to all who took part. Training continues Tuesday and Thursday 7-8 p.m. and Sundays 11-12 noon at Cherryfield. We are also holding Meet and Train sessions for adults during training time. We would remind parents and athletes that we take a break from training for the month of August. Details of this will be given nearer the time. For further information contact Aine at 493 1764.

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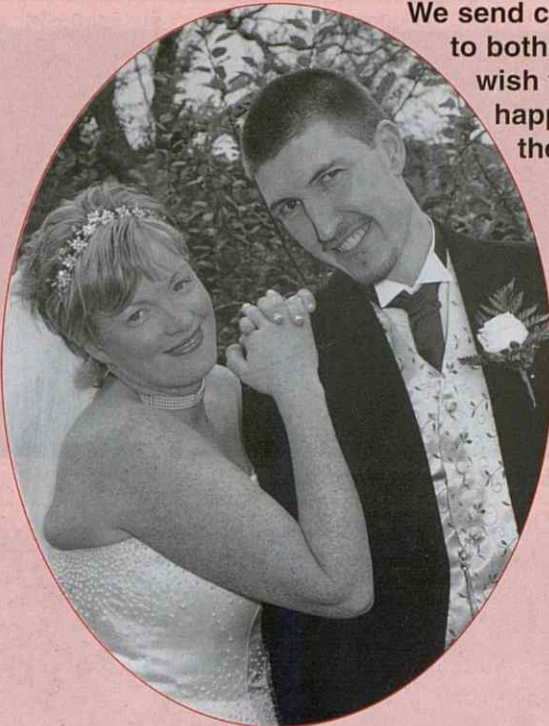
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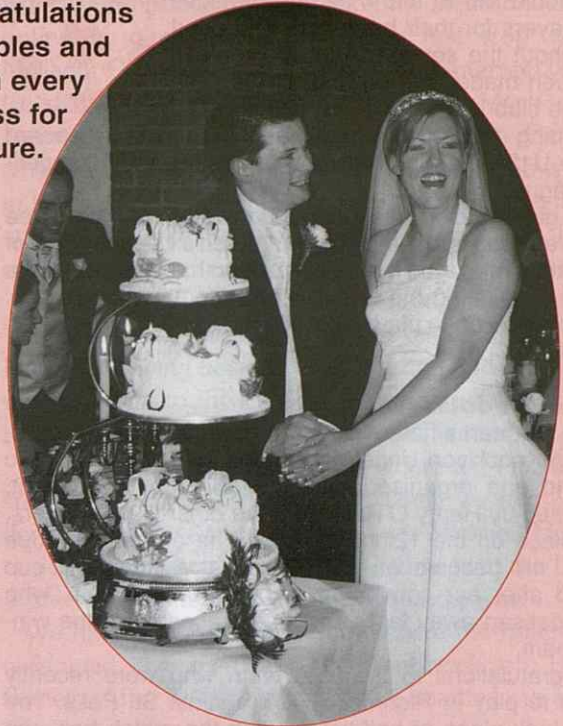
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Two Weddings in the Lennon Family, Knockaire



Michael Lennon and his bride Julie, following their marriage at St. Anne's Church, Knocknarea, Co. Sligo, in September last.

We send congratulations to both couples and wish them every happiness for the future.



Eveline Lennon with her husband Tom Holmes after their marriage in Church of Annunciation, Rathfarnham, on 17th April last.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Open Space – Idrone Litter, Litter, Litter

The coming of fine summer days and evenings should be a joy for everyone. Sadly there is a downside to fine weather for those living in the vicinity of the Idrone Open Space.

Each fine weekend and during the holidays residents of this area may expect the green and its hinterland littered with papers, plastic bottles, tins, beer cans and discarded takeaway containers. The culprits for this lack of respect for our area are young teenagers assembling here just to hang about. Trespassing on peoples' gardens, ball playing on the narrow stretch of road and sitting on residents' walls are features of the evenings, often with undesirable language to be heard.

The weekend of Saturday/Sunday May 22nd and 23rd

was a particularly bad example of this anti-social behaviour and the ugly sight was there for parishioners making their way to Sunday Masses in St. Colmcille's Church. Isn't it a shame that this littered open space and roadway is what the young children attending for their First Communion ceremony that Sunday morning with relatives and friends had to witness?

Most of these young teenagers causing these problems are not living in the immediate area. Could one appeal to parents to ensure that their teenagers congregate in their own areas. Granted, the open space is there for peoples' use but it is not there for some to abuse and this is what is happening regularly here on this open space. Some residents positively dread fine weather and welcome the rain.

Parents of teenagers please help by knowing where your teenagers are at all times.

– Concerned Resident
(name and address with Editor).



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As the boys' season has now finished, the club would like to thank all the managers and players for their hard work and effort throughout the season. A lot of progress has been made both on and off the pitch and the club is now in a very strong position going forward. Congratulations to Aidan Leonard whose U13 team finished runners-up in a very competitive league.



The girls' season has just begun where we have three teams entered into the Dublin's Women's League. One of the teams, managed by Philip Meehan has already won a trophy by winning the U13 Dublin's Community Games. They now go on to play Kildare in the quarter finals of the All-Ireland Cup.

U9 Boys Football

All the U9 teams have finished a great season by representing Knocklyon United in the first ever tournament to be held and organised by the club. The tournament, organised by Henry O'Reilly and the other U9 managers, took place on the 12th/13th June. The organisers hope that it will become an annual event. A memorial cup named after our committee member Brian Doyle, who sadly passed away last year, was presented to the winning team.

Congratulations to the U9A team who were recently invited to play in Richmond Park against St. Pat's. The game took place at half-time during the match between St. Pat's and Cork. The team had a great night and the result finished 0-0.

AGM

The AGM took place on the 1st June at the Iona Centre and the committee presented its ambitious plans for the future. These include securing additional pitches to cater for the 40 teams playing at the club. Also included are plans for the development at Knocklyon Park where all our U11 teams currently play. A huge focus for next year will be further coaching for all our managers and the development of the basic football skills for all our players. The current committee was re-elected and a number of new sub-committees established.

Nursery Football

The soccer nursery has also finished and the club would like to thank A.J. Jones and his team for all their hard work and effort. The nursery caters for the U6 and U7 boys and girls and it is a huge part of the club. This is where they receive their first level of training. This year we had over 70 players and, as these players come through the nursery, they will help continue to strengthen the club. The nursery will begin once again in September.

Any comments please contact me at 086-266 9311 or E-mail at: mickkennedy1000@eircom.net

– Mick Kennedy, P.R.O.

KNOCKLYON COMMUNITY GAMES BASKETBALL



Under 16 boys (North).

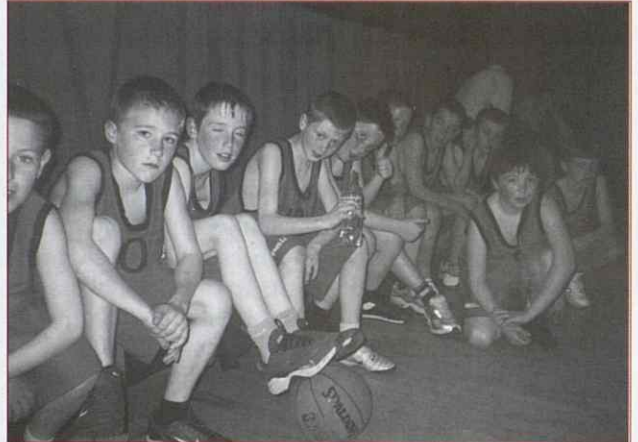
Once again, there was a great turnout of boys and girls for the Basketball trials this year. Eight teams were formed and after two weeks of training it was off to the National Basketball Arena for the matches. All teams did really well and enjoyed the experience.

Two of the eight teams reached the final day.

Our U13 Boys North won certificates and our U16 Boys North came home with Bronze medals.

Well done to all participants. Hope to see everyone back next year.

– Mary-Pat, Alan and Brian



Under 13 boys (South).

N.B.: See Page 12 for more Community Games news.

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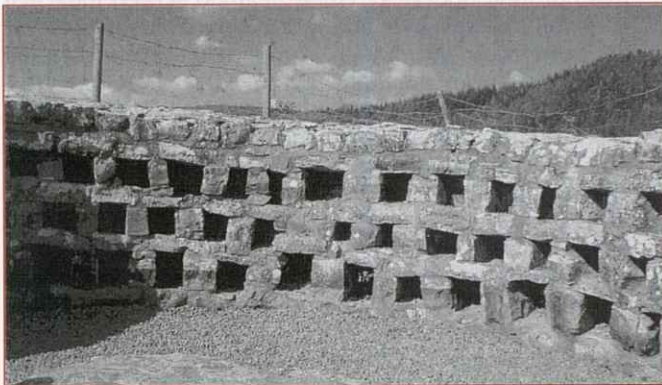
PARISH FORUM NEWS

At Parish Forum meetings in April and May a primary issue identified by the Parish Team is the extension of the Church porches. Meetings are ongoing with a proposed contractor about the requirements and final decisions await revised costings from the tendering firm.

Contact with the travellers in the community has been made through the Contact Group. An inclusive celebration involving different nationalities in the community is likely to form part of Parish Week Celebrations (June 22nd-25th).

At its May meeting the Forum had a major discussion on youth provision in the parish with two members of the staff of the Community School – Ms Anne Loughman (Chaplain) and Ms Mary Gilmer (RE teacher). Following from the discussion it was agreed to set up a Links Sub-Committee consisting of Mareta O'Byrne, Theresa Hogan, Eva Coffey and Frs Philip and Paddy from the Forum and Anne Loughman and Mary Gilmer from the school. A Youth Mass on a monthly basis for a trial period is likely to commence in the autumn.

– Eleanor O'Brien



Columbarium-dovecot at Fore Abbey, Co. Westmeath. Here monks would have raised pigeons.

History Society Annual Outing

On Saturday May 22nd thirty members of the Knocklyon History Society set off for their annual day's outing in glorious sunshine. Our first stop was in Mullagh, Co. Cavan, where there is an interpretive centre dedicated to St. Cillian (St. Kilian). Much of the memorabilia has come from Wurtzburg in Germany where this Cavan born Irish Saint is better known than in his native country. Having seen the video and looked around the area we were treated to delicious home-made scones and raspberry jam with tea or coffee.

We continued our journey to the Loughcrew Gardens. This estate once belonged to the family of St. Oliver Plunkett. Having been fortified by soup and sandwiches we moved on to the mountains, where we were guided to the peak to see and visit a megalithic tomb.

Onwards then to Fore Abbey where St. Feichín had spent some of his monastic life. There we had a wonderful guide in seventy-eight-year-old Michael. He obviously loves his hobby and enthralled us with the history of the Abbey interlaced with myths and yarns.

We had our dinner in Athboy where the hotel menu welcomed the members of the Knocklyon History Society. After an excellent meal we boarded our bus for the journey home.

However, we were kept busy writing Limericks about our day's journey. The standard was excellent but the one true Limerick was written by Hugh who received two small bars of Toblerone for his effort! Buíochas mór do Aoife a d'eagraigh an turas agus do Shéamas, an tiománaí bus, agus do Dhia don aimsir mhaith.

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• ST. COLMCILLE'S COMMUNITY SCHOOL NEWS •

There was shock at the recent West Leinster schools competition as unknown St. Colmcille's came out on top. The small athletics team from Knocklyon picked up a massive ten medals – a great achievement especially since this was between five talented athletes. These include: Rebecca Tyson who gained two gold medals in the long jump and hurdles, Shauna Cannon who picked up a silver medal in the discus, Lisa Barnwell who also received a silver in the 80m sprint, Maria Dolan who picked a bronze medal in the long jump, and last, but not least Oisín Cannon who came third in the shot-putt and just missed out on a medal in the javelin. The four girls mentioned above were also triumphant in the minor girls 4 x 100 metre relay as they strided their way to victory. All these athletes went on to represent the school in the recent Leinster School championship. Well done to all our athletes who participated. News of how they fared below.

– By Lisa Barnwell & Shauna Cannon

Athletics: The Leinster schools Track and Field championships were held on the 19th of May in Morton Stadium in Santry. The five Qualifiers from the West Leinster Region were up against tough competition and came home with excellent results yet again. Rebecca Tyson won silver in the Hurdles while the Minor girls Relay Team (Rebecca Tyson, Shauna Cannon, Lisa Barnwell and Maria Dolan), were fourth in their event. Oisín Cannon competed and was an excellent sixth in the Minor Boys Shot Putt. We wish all our athletes the best in the coming months and look forward to their continued dedication in the coming year.

Basketball: The Cadet Girls Basketball Team was narrowly defeated in the Dublin Schools Final in the National Basketball Arena on Thursday 11th March. Congratulations to Mary Pat Prendergast and Aileen Ryan for their great success with this team. All the junior students of the school were brought to support the team and they both created a wonderful atmosphere at the game as well as representing our school extremely well in the wider community.

Badminton: The Under 14 Boys Badminton Team had two tremendous successes recently. Firstly they won the Dublin Schools Championship and subsequently went on to win the Leinster Finals. Congratulations to them and to Ms. Stapleton on their great achievement.

Hurling: Our Under 14 Hurling Team were defeated in the semi finals against Coolmine Community School. Hard luck to all the players involved. It was a fantastic

achievement for the team to get to the Semi Finals, so well done!

Table Tennis: The under 13 boys won their league and the senior boys recorded an historic win by not only winning their league for the second time but also remaining unbeaten in all forty eight matches.

Volleyball: Well done to our 2 Junior Girls Volleyball Teams who came 1st and 2nd in the South Dublin Schools' Volleyball blitz against St. Mary's of Haddington Rd and St. Paul's, Greenhills.

Camogie: On Tuesday, the 11th of May, the Girls Camogie Team of St Colmcille's Community School, took the title of runners up in the minor A Dublin Schools' Championship. They faced a strong camogie team from Beaufort Rathfarnham in the final. The game was not long underway when Beaufort scored their first goal, followed by a second shortly afterwards. However, we came back with a goal from Lisa Barnwell followed by another from our half forward Paula McGrath. Just before the half time whistle the Rathfarnham team managed to score an insurance point, which gave them a point advantage. Both teams returned for the second half all fired up, but just 10 minutes before the end of the match, midfielder, Sharon Glynn, was subjected to a heavy blow to the chin and was taken off. Beaufort then managed to score another goal and a point before the final whistle.

Junior Camogie B Championship: On Thursday 13th May all three camogie teams headed off to Portmarnock to support the Junior Camogie Team playing in the final of the junior b championship against Scoil Catriona. Both teams battled through to the very end with Scoil Catriona getting an early score. At half time Colmcille's were ahead by 1 point and in the second half we scored 3 goals and 4 points which put us in the lead. In the end St. Colmcille's won by 4 goals and 6 points to 2 goals and 1 point. Congratulations to all the girls. This is the second time in a row that our school has won this championship.

Rugby: The Rugby team has progressed greatly since last season. Last season we entered the Tallaght Cup and couldn't even get a win and got heavily beaten by Tallaght CS. However, this season we were drawing with Tallaght up until the last few minutes when they got a lucky break. The players themselves have also improved greatly. With players such as Conor O'Meara, Mark

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Burke, Alan O'Driscoll and Ian McNamee. We gave St. Marks, McDaras, Firhouse and Tallaght some tough competition. Of our 6 games we won 3. However, it will be a long time until we are good enough to enter the Junior and Senior Cup competitions with schools like Terenure and Blackrock. At the moment we are making great progress.

School Bank Challenge: Congratulations to Ciara Timbs, Michele Glynn, Rachel Ruddy and Colum Walsh who came 1st runner up in the "A.I.B Build a School Bank Challenge" this month. The four Transition Year students opened the bank once a month during lunchtime, opening accounts and accepting lodgements. They then completed a report on their project for the Dublin final and won a DVD player for the school.....Well done to all involved!

Telethon Fund Raisers: A number of fund raising activities were held in our school to raise money for the 2004 Telethon day. All classes got involved in some activity to raise as much as they could for people in need.

A sponsored walk was held on the 21st of May by 2N & 1C. It was organised by Paul Kelly 2N and Daragh Kilty 1C. Sponsored cards and letters were designed and they raised €2100.

A cake Sale was organised by a committee of students from all years ... Maria Nolan, Andrew Barry, Ryan Doherty, Seamus Keane & Cathal Gearty Also on May 21st these students brought in cakes and sold them to all the staff and students in the school. By 11am all the cakes were sold and this group raised €600 for people in need.

36 of our 3rd Year students assembled for a sponsored "All Nighter" in the school on the 21st. They went from 8pm until 8am without sleep. Many thanks to Ms. Kelly, Mr. Murphy, Ms. Walsh, Ms. Ryan, Mr. Mc Auley, Ms. Scanlon and Mr. Egan. They raised €2500 for people in need.

A Variety Show was also held in the school on Thursday 26th of May at 8pm. Students from all years took part and the show was enjoyed by everyone. Money raised went to people in need.

In all the school raised approx 6000 and we would like to thank everyone who helped organise such events and to all the community who supported these fund raising activities

Student Awards: Student Award ceremonies took place in the school on Wednesday the 26th of May for all 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 5th Year students. Well done to the following students on receiving awards for this year....
Student of the Year:

- 1st Stephen Neary
- 2nd Shane Lucey
- 3rd Brian Gallagher
- 4th Lynn Hilliard
- 5th Sean Fox

SPORTS PERSON OF THE YEAR

- Brendan Treacy (Senior)
- Adam Murphy (Junior)

ACADEMIC STUDENTS OF THE YEAR

- 1st Amanda Keegan
- 2nd Roisin O' Keefe
- 5th Adnan Velic

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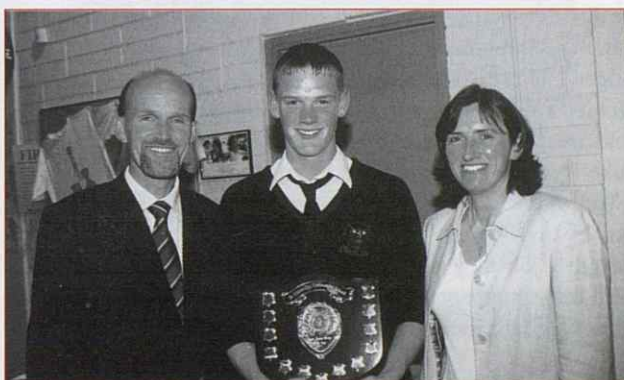
Ciaran Boyle (2D) was awarded a scholarship with Deloitte & Touche to attend a Corporate Business Course this summer for academically gifted students in DCU. Well done Ciaran; we are very proud of you (see pic P19).

Irish Junior Mathematics Competition Andrew Barry (10) took part in the Irish Junior Mathematics Competition in St. Andrew's College. He finished in the top 10. Well done, Andrew.

London Here we come...

A group of our fourth and fifth years travelled from Dublin to London. We booked into our hotel and then the fun started. We had a fantastic few days and a most enjoyable trip. We saw many sights including the British and Science Museums, Harrods, Hamleys Toy Store, Buckingham Palace and two superb musicals – 'We Will Rock You' and 'Les Miserables'. The students were a great bunch to be with and we all enjoyed ourselves thoroughly. We are already looking forward to next year.

Sportsperson of the Year



Brendan Treacy (4W) with Mr. McKennedy (Principal) and Ms Ahern (PE Teacher).



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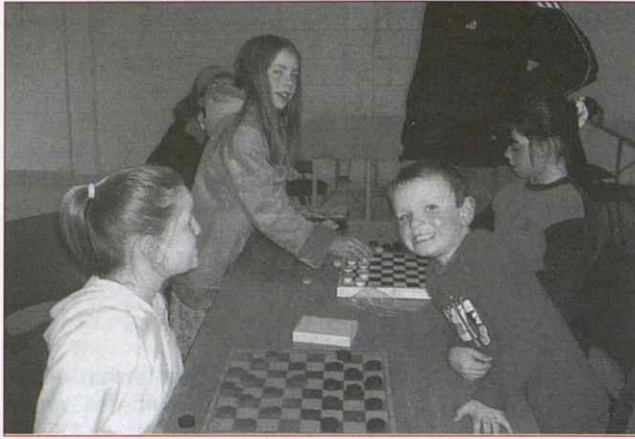
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DRAUGHTS

Knocklyon North's U12 draughts team were narrowly beaten into second place by Marino in the Dublin Community Games finals. The team played extremely well in the face of tough opposition (especially the youngest member, Liam Worthington, who is only 5-years-old!). Everyone enjoyed the team's first outing and after picking up their silver medals they adjourned to McDonalds to discuss their strategy for next year. . . .

INDOOR FOOTBALL

Knocklyon North's girls U13 indoor football team won the Dublin finals and will soon be playing in the Leinster semis. Well done girls! best of luck in the next round!

ART

St. Colmeille's Parents' Association very kindly organised the Art Competition for us on 13th May. It was well attended and the standard of artwork produced was excellent! The judges had a difficult time choosing winners but eventually decided on the following people who were presented with gold medals: Megan Kelly, Sinead Crowley, Evan Power, Luke Byrne, Aoife Ryan and Lauren Kelly.

Well done to all the participants and many thanks to Jane Dooley and Valerie O'Reilly of the Parents' Association for the great job they did in organising the event. The winners went on to represent Knocklyon at the Dublin finals on June 5th – we will report on their results in the next issue.

PHOTOS

A selection of photos of this year's events will soon be avail-

able on the parish website www.knocklyonparish.com – it's also worth checking out the Community Games notice board in the Community Centre. . . .

ATHLETICS

Athletics trials were held in beautiful sunshine on the evening of Monday 10th May. We had a huge turnout with over 200 participants. The event ran very smoothly, thanks to all our volunteers on the night. Thanks to members of Bros Pearse, who assisted, and to Sean Moggan, who marked the track. Our M.C., Brendan Murphy, did a magnificent job. A special thanks to Paul Cummins who took the photos, some of which are featured.

We will have approximately 50 children representing Knocklyon North and South at the Dublin finals in Santry in July. Good luck to all and thanks to all who took part at Cherryfield.

HOCKEY

Knocklyon North U16 Girls won the Dublin section of the competition, beating Dalkey in the final. They will meet either Wicklow or Kildare in the Leinster section. Thanks to their manager Dermot and captain, Aoife, for all their commitment.

GAELIC FOOTBALL

At the time of writing the Knocklyon North U10 Boys are in the semi-finals of the Dublin section, having had great victories against Killinarden and Iona. Thanks to their manager Gerry Basquel for all the work.



Winners of the Art Competition having just been presented with their medals.

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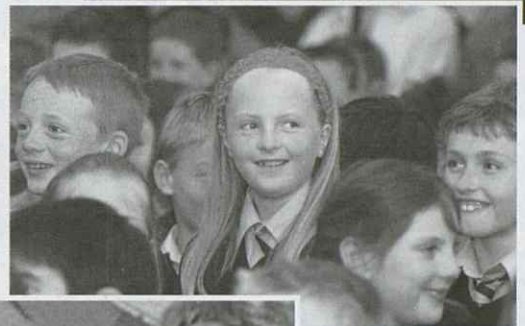
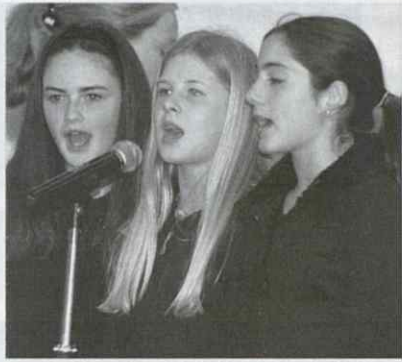
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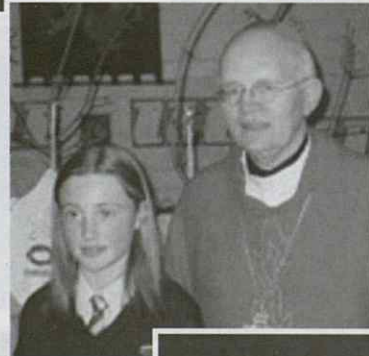
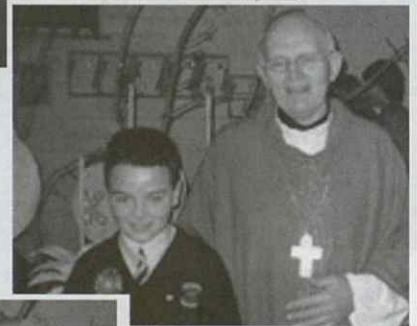
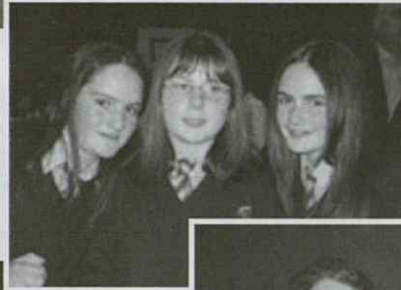


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An action packed 7 weeks Future All Stars Summer Camp for 5-13-year-olds sponsored by the Rathfarnham and District Credit Union has been launched by the club. The programme starts on Monday, 5th July. For the second year, the Club will offer Schools of Excellence in all four sports: for 13-16-year-olds – the Enda McNulty School of Football/Ladies Football Excellence will take place from July 19th-23rd, followed by the Conal Keaney School of Hurling/Camogie Excellence from July 26th-30th.

Commenting on the introduction of this pioneering coaching practice Coaching Director, Enda McNulty said: ***"We are placing a huge emphasis this year on all the children's future long term mental and physical well-being. The introduction of the FUNDamentals programme to all coaches this year as well as nutritional advice, goalsetting and co-ordination training is very much in agreement with the National Coaching and Training Centre advice on Long Term Player and Athlete Development."*** Further Information – Tel: 01-494 9604 or call P.J., 087-662 3589; Brian, 087-699 8649.

The Club's Siamsa Camógaíochta held to celebrate the Centenary of the Camogie Association has been a huge success so far. The Mini All-Ireland for girls under the age of 13 drew 170 participants and the open air ceili and barbecues were very popular events on the night.

The Art Competition for Primary Schools sponsored by Book World, Knocklyon Shopping Centre, surpassed all expectations with 600 entries. A further exhibition of a selection of the entries is being planned for later in the year. The Club's website will keep those interested up to date on future events for Centenary Year.

The Club will once again represent Dublin in the All-Ireland Finals of Féile na nGael following the U14 hurling side's great win over St. Brigid's in the Final. Mentors are Paul Daly, Francis Sharkey, Aidan Kennedy, Robert Woodcock and Conor Doolan. The U16 football team managed by Liam Carter (Ashton) with Conor Doolan, Matt Fletcher and Helen McGuinness brought the championship title back to the Club after an eleven year gap.

The Senior Ladies Football team is through to the Semi-Finals of the Championship while the Senior Football team overcame St. Vincents in the first round. The Senior A Camogie team open their campaign on 1st July against Thomas Davis while the Senior hurlers have a win and a defeat in their new league/championship format.

The Members' Lounge is undergoing a major refurbishment which we hope will be finished before the end of the Summer.

– Gerry O'Sullivan, gerry@bodengaa.ie



Irene Kirwan, Dublin and Ballyboden St. Endas Camogie player with the prizewinners from the Ballyboden St. Endas Art Exhibition for Primary Schools sponsored by Book World, Knocklyon S.C. – one of the club's events held to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Camogie Association.

K.A.R.A. NEWS

At our first meeting in May we were delighted to welcome back Sr. Therese and to see her looking so well after her long illness. We hope that her health will continue to improve and that she will soon feel up to joining fully in all our activities.

On the 5th May there was a visit to the National Museum at Collins Barracks for a talk and tour, 'The Way We Wore' on the theme of 250 years of Irish Clothing and Jewellery. This was part of the programme for the Bealtaine festival and was enjoyed by all.

At our meeting on the 18th May, Siobhan Duffy from the European Commission gave us a very interesting and enlightening talk on citizens rights under E.U. Law.

On May 26th a group of our members joined with Ballyroan Community Care Group on a trip to Athlone and a cruise on Lough Ree followed by dinner in the Shamrock Lodge Hotel. The weather was glorious which added enjoyment to the outing.

After our meeting on 1st June we hope to visit the newly restored walled garden in Marley Park and have lunch in the Tea Rooms there.

A trip to Kilkenny is planned for the middle of June – more about that in the next edition of the Knocklyon News.

Contact: Terrie Erdpohl, Chairperson, 494 5500; Lyla Kennedy, Vice-Chairperson, 494 2830; Noel Mordaunt, Secretary, 269 5188; John Davis, Treasurer, 451 2222.

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CLEAN-UP WEEKEND

Congratulations and a big 'Thank You' to the staff and pupils of St. Colmcille's Senior School for the wonderful clean-up job they organised and carried out on the last weekend of April. They did a fantastic job and are an example to all of us! A special 'thank you' to Ms. O'Gara who played a major role in the planning and organisation of the clean-up, and to South Dublin County Council for their help and support throughout.

It is a pity that some people took advantage of the occasion and dumped all kinds of rubbish on top of the bags collected by the children. South Dublin County Council had a major problem dealing with the results of this wholesale dumping. There is no reason why household waste, contents of sheds, attics and back gardens can't be taken to the 'Bring Centres' provided for this purpose. Knocklyon's nearest bring centre is at Ballymount Road, Walkinstown.



An unfortunate example of "dumping".

PRESIDENT McALEESE VISITS ST. COLMCILLE'S SCHOOLS

President McAleese paid a visit to St. Colmcille's Junior and Senior Schools on April 30th for the launch of 'People In

Need'. Having viewed the children's artwork on the theme 'people in need' an t-Uachtarán was then treated to a musical drama staged by some of the students in the church. She then spoke to the children with great empathy about people less fortunate than ourselves. The staff and students of both schools are to be congratulated on the huge effort they put into preparations for the visit. It was a wonderful occasion and they handled it superbly!

A NOTE FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

As the summer holidays approach can we offer some advice before we all head off to various parts of the globe:

- Cancel your milk deliveries.
- Tell your neighbours that you will be away – or if anyone will be availing of your house whilst you are away.
- Your neighbour might be kind enough to cut your grass.
- Ask one of your neighbours to look after your post or use the An Post facility 'mail minder'.
- Get your alarm serviced before you head off.
- Make sure that all doors, windows and outside sheds are securely closed.

Sounds awful we know, but unfortunately for us all there are people out there just willing to take any opportunity being offered to them. Even whilst we are at home we should remain vigilant whilst hopefully enjoying the good outdoors. Be careful not to leave keys, handbags or credit cards around. Even if you are in the back garden – make sure the front of your house is secure.

Can we ask parents of teenagers to be vigilant and to be aware of their children's whereabouts at all times. Anti-social behaviour is a continuous problem in the Knocklyon area and it is up to parents and local residents to help the Gardai to curtail this activity which can have widespread repercussions. **Be aware that drinking in public areas is illegal and offenders can be fined in excess of €60.**

We don't wish to be alarmist but we would ask women to be vigilant as we are aware that a certain male, described as in his mid-thirties to forties, between 5'8" and 5'10", short dark hair and wearing a baseball cap, has been making inappropriate comments and advances towards females. Anyone that may have noticed this individual should contact Rathfarnham Garda Station with information (Tel. 01-666 6500). **Any details will be treated in confidence.**

Another phone number we would like you to key into your phone is for the Park Ranger attached to Tymon Park. This ranger also looks after parks in our area and in the event of any residents being aware of activity which they may feel is not appropriate should make contact. An example would be pony-trekking in Cherryfield. **Phone number is 086-261 5539.**

The KCC wishes all residents an enjoyable and healthy summer and hopefully we will all be back in the autumn.

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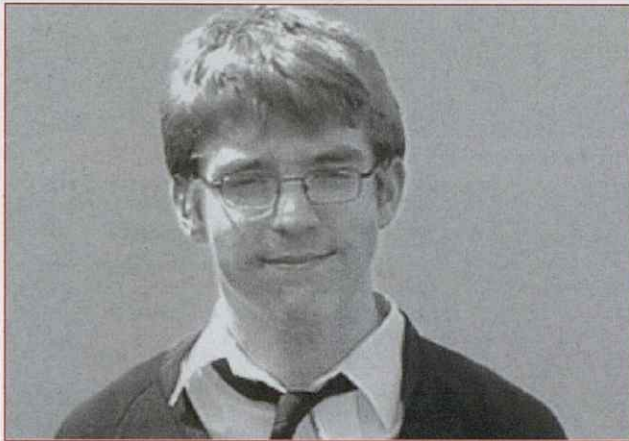
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Community Games athletics trials.



Ciaran Boyle, St. Colmille's Community School (2D), received a scholarship with Deloitte & Touche to attend a Corporate Business Course in DCU this summer.

A PERSONAL VIEW

Continuing our series where parishioners describe their experiences in particular ministries, this month we hear about the Baptism Team.

Having been a Baptism Team member for approximately five years I'm glad to share my experience of this rewarding and fulfilling ministry with you. Currently there are eight team members, who visit the families of the new babies born into Knocklyon Parish and, also play an active role in the ceremony on the day of the baptism. The main aim of the visit to the families is to welcome the baby into the Christian Community. This is an enjoyable part of the ministry. I'm welcomed into each home and first-time parents are delighted with the contact. We also have three team members who, along with Fr. Paddy and the Carmelites, give their input at the Baptism Preparatory Meeting for the parents which is held on the Wednesday prior to the Baptism Ceremony. The idea of the meeting was introduced into our Parish by Fr. David, Fr. Philip and the Carmelite Community in the late 90's. At the Preparatory Meeting parents discuss the stages of faith and the part that they themselves play in handing on their faith to their child. I personally love to watch the parents as they leave the meeting and to hear such positive feedback from them. In conclusion I would like to make a plea for new members to join the team. If interested please contact one of the priests at the presbytery.

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ST. COLMCILLE'S JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Another memorable year ends at the Junior School. Summer Term began with gusto in April, as President McAleese visited our twenty-four classes on what surely must have been one of the school's greatest ever days. May brought six First Holy Communion Masses with huge involvement from families, priests and the local community. June heralded educational excursions for all classes. Parents of next year's Junior Infants have met their children's teachers and our existing classes will soon meet their new teachers too. The Parents Association Committee deserves great credit for their efforts in organising "Can't Cook, Won't Cook" and the post-Communions celebrations.

RETIREMENT

One of our senior teachers and noted infant educator, the good humoured Sheila Ebbs, will retire on June 30th. Sheila has always been very popular with colleagues and with her young pupils. She has made a great contribution to the school and worked harder than ever this year through her voluntary collaborative work in our Gaeilge, Mathematics and Behaviour Management Planning groups. We wish her every blessing and good wishes for the years ahead.

POSTGRADUATE STUDIES

Congratulations to Mr. Gabriel Cuddy, Mr. Shane McGowan, Ms Joan Maher, Ms Carole Doody, Mr. Tony Sweeney, Ms Nicola Higgins, Ms Sinead Brennan and Ms Orla Monaghan who combined post-graduate work with their full-time teaching duties this year. All eight teachers have given great commitment to the school this year.

END OF YEAR PRAYER SERVICES

All of our classes will participate in an end of year celebration of achievement in the Church on June 23rd and 24th.

ELECTRICAL UPGRADE

The Board of Management has placed a €130,000 contract for the upgrading of all electrical systems at the school. Classes will return to a brighter, more energy efficient and technology friendly learning environment in September.

First Communion Day – 30th May



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Teacher Ms Aine Gallagher, and her pupils, Chloe O Loughlinn and Ciaran Walsh receiving the Junior Infants' Merit Award for their entry to the Nutgrove Easter Egg Competition.

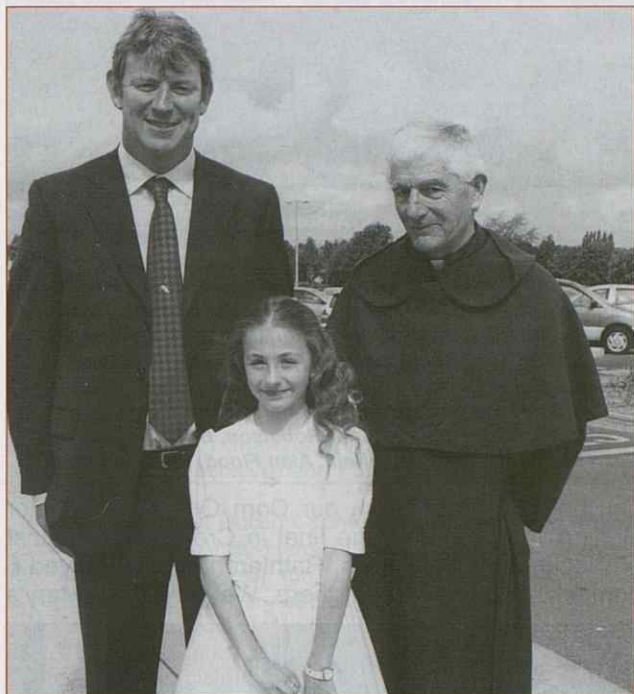
TELEVISION COVERAGE

Teachers and parents featured on Sky News in late May. They were interviewed about the merits and demerits of School League Tables of Academic Performance. All disagreed with the need for such League Tables. Aspects of the Presidential Visit to the school were also televised during RTE coverage of the People In Need Telethon on May 21st. Our staff and second class pupils donated €1,500 to the People In Need Charity. First Communicants also donated money to the Froebel/Kenya Fund.

Past pupils Aoife Gorby and Erica Mulholland, who are undergraduate primary teachers at Froebel College of Education, will travel to work with underprivileged children in Kenya this month.

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

The Junior School will close for the Summer Holidays at 12 noon on Wednesday June 30th, re-opening on Wednesday September 1st at 8.50 a.m. Mr. Boyle wishes to thank everyone in the school community who helped make this school year another very successful one.



Jacqueline Fleury with her Dad Des and Fr. Jimmy Murray P.P.



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ST. COLMCILLE'S SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Croke Park Hurling Final



The Corn Oideachais panel of St. Colmcille's School in Croke Park for the Dublin U11 Division 1 final on the 13th May, 2004. Back, l/r: Mr. P. Ó Neill (coach), Richard Molloy, Fiachra Sudway, Gavin Carroll, Adam Jermyn, Paul Doherty, Conor Maher, David Conway, Joseph Johnston. Front, l/r: Chris Murphy, Andrew Mahon, Conor Robinson, Brian McCarthy, Sean McMahon, Eoghan Ó Neill, Alan Flood, Paul Corcoran,

On the 13th May, 2004, our Corn Oideachais Junior Hurling Team got into the final in Croke Park against our local rivals St. Mary's, Rathfarnham. We played 6 competitive games to get there. We played St. Mary's



Four pupils of St. Colmcille's School were recently selected to play for the Dublin Primary School U11 teams against Belfast in the annual inter-city games. The games were recently played in Casement Park, Belfast. Back, l/r: Michelle Clancy (Girls Gaelic Football), Rachel Connolly (Camogie), Eoghan Ó Neill (Hurling). Front: Brian McCarthy (Hurling).



Winners in the recent art competition on a Community Games theme organised by the Parents Association of St. Colmcille's School. Back l/r: Aoife Ryan, Evan Power, Ms Antoinette Ryan (Organising Committee), Megan Kelly. Front, l/r: Sinéad Crowley, Luke Byrne, Lauren Kelly.

before in the quarter-final and we beat them 1-4 to 1-0. We beat St. Brigid's, Castleknock, in the semi-final.

Before the match we went into the dressing rooms to get our gear on. There were 2 TVs, around 32 showers and each player had 2 hangers. We went into the warm-up room. It was amazing. The room had nets hanging from the roof and a big net at the end wall. It had artificial grass as well. Then we ran out on to the pitch with Eoghan O'Neill leading the team out. We got our picture taken first and then we warmed up.

At 10.30 a.m. the ball was thrown in. The full-back line Paul Doherty and Conor Robinson were great as was Seán McMahon in goal. Brian McCarthy was working really hard alongside Joseph Johnston. The mid-fielders Gavin Carroll and Adam Jermyn stayed tight to their men. The forwards worked really well with Eoghan O'Neill and Alan Flood putting us on the scoreboard. At half-time the score was 3-1 to 1-2 in favour of St. Mary's.

In the second half Knocklyon fought with a lot of spirit and again Eoghan O'Neill scored a rocket of a goal and two frees while Adam Jermyn slotted over a super point from play. And again in the forwards Andrew Mahon and Fiachra Sudway were going for everything. In the end we lost by a couple of points. After the game we received our medals on the podium. When we got back to the school we had a party. That is a day we will cherish for all time.

– Junior Hurling Team

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Gardening Group

Mr. McGowan (Fifth Class teacher), Mr. Ruddy (Sixth Class teacher) and Maurice (school caretaker) assembled a crew of children from fourth and fifth classes to aid them with the school garden. They also encouraged parents to get involved. There was a buzz of enthusiasm as over thirty students gathered to work through their lunch break (12.45 to 1.15 p.m.) usually on Thursdays. Soon, plants were planted, fed and watered. The group weeded the flower beds and sprayed the roses for greenfly and black spot. The rose beds that had fallen under attack were given a new lease of life.

We have hopes to acquire new tools to advance our work. A big thanks to our supervisors, Maurice, Mr. McGowan and Mr. Ruddy, and also to the parents, Joanna, Antoinette, Margaret and John for helping us with their expertise. Even Mrs. McAleese, our President, was impressed. We know we are making a difference.

– *Michael O'Connor, 5th Class, room 11*



Four members of our gardening group planting a Clematis Montana are l/r: Áine Madden, Room 10; Fiona Liu, Room 7; Michael O'Connor, Room 11; Kirsty Nealon, Room 10.

The Coiste Uaithne: Review of the Year

Last summer the school built a Recycling Centre at the back of prefabs 17 and 18. There are compost bins, bins for light card and paper and a special can-collection area.

In September the new Coiste Uaithne was formed with representatives from every class in the school. Room 9 performed a play called 'Mother Earth' to introduce the 3rd class pupils to the senior school green programme and to refresh the memories of other children.

When October came, Mrs. O'Gara and 3 pupils, including myself, went to South Dublin County Council offices for the Tidy School awards. Our school came first and received a €300 voucher for a garden centre. It was a very proud moment. The Mayor, Stanley Laing presented the award and I have a lovely souvenir medal. Recently, we used the voucher to buy plants for the flower beds and window boxes around the school. I hope we win again this year with the new plants and gardens so carefully created by the garden group. The judging will be in June.

In late November, Mecon installed the green buttons into the toilets to save water. The water usage has decreased by 25%.

In December, the 5th class teachers attended a ringo science project seminar. Children throughout the school collect ringos. They are sent to Cork where they make new ringos from the old ones. This year the school collected 13 bags full! Mr. McGowan's class are the real 'Ringo Kids'! They collected 7 bags full. What an achievement! Proudly, they posted them to the factory in Cork.

In January, South Dublin County Council sponsored a play called 'The Clean Army Heroes'! Even though the play was very enjoyable and great fun, the message that we should never throw litter was very effective.

In February, Froebel College of Education invited the school to tell their students about our 'Green School Project'. Thirteen Coiste Uaithne representatives performed songs, plays and shared 'worm tea' with the students!

In mid-March all the pupils in the school took part in preparing for the Spring Clean.

Finally, April came. Everybody took part in the Clean Up. Thankfully it was a great success and Knocklyon looked fabulous.

This month Mr. McGowan is collecting used-up ink cartridges from printers. Mrs. O'Gara is collecting mobile phones for Oxfam. Each mobile is worth €6 to Oxfam who will use the money to help the people in the Third World countries.

I thank the staff members and classes who look after specific areas like cans, ringos, batteries, stamps, compost bins, litter-picking and gardening. I thank my fellow Coiste Uaithne members, pupils throughout the school and staff for their co-operation and commitment to the environment.

As secretary of the Coiste Uaithne, I worked all year round to ensure everything was precise. It was a great experience for me to work with other people. I wish the next child becoming the secretary all the best.

– *Fiona O'Brien, Secretary of the Coiste Uaithne*

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This month we will look at the illegal drug heroin.

What it's called: H, smack, gear, junk.

What you'll get: A small package of off-white or brown powder.

What you'll do with it: One of two things, first you could roll it in a joint and smoke it, or you could dissolve the powder in water by heating them both together, put in a syringe and shoot it up your arm.

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Céad Chomaoineach

Cinnte, ag breathnú siar ar a tharla an bhliain seo, bhí an Chéad Chomaoineach ar cheann de na hocáidí mhóra. We were blessed with perfect weather and the communicants looked angelic in their matching albs. The choir, directed by Múinteoir Daithí and accompanied by Ciara Ní Theimhneáin and Maria Stanley, sang beautifully and fully deserved the 'bualadh bos' they received at the end of the Mass. We in the school greatly appreciate the enthusiastic involvement of Fr. Philip who joined us for our 'cóisir' at the school afterwards. An Seomra Ilghnéitheach was packed with proud parents and families who had gathered to celebrate the occasion. The parents of Rang a 1 had a feast prepared for both young and old and we all tucked in, delighted that everything had gone so well.

Siúlóid Staire

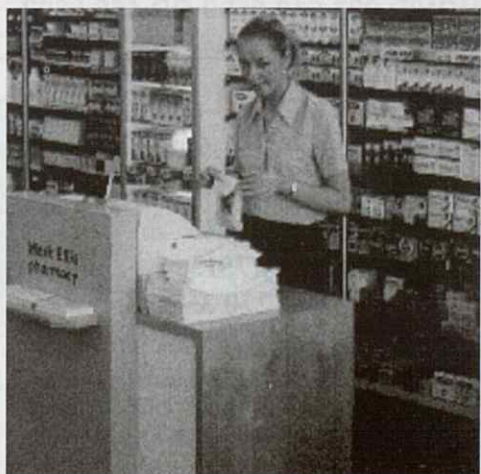
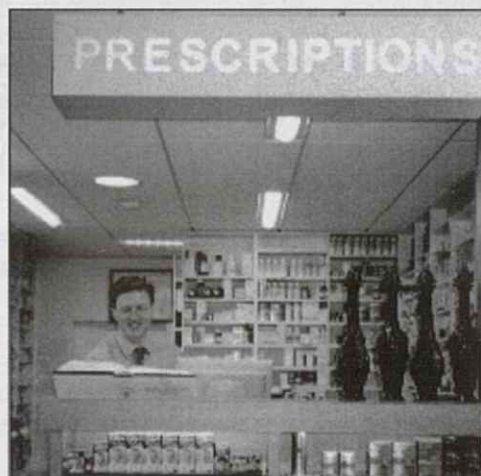
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áitiúil le déanaí. The Revised Curriculum places a lot of emphasis on developing an interest in local history and Rang a 5 agus a 6 have been researching Knocklyon and surrounding areas. Discovering why Stocking Lane is so called and why many of the local housing estates got their names has been fascinating. But no amount of reading or research can match the discoveries to be made on a field trip! The two classes visited Knocklyon Castle and ventured as far as St. Colmcille's Holy Well. Their endeavours have been recorded in writing, drawings and photographs and the completed projects have drawn much favourable comment.

Turas Scoile

Bhí an t-ádh dearg linn arís leis an aimsir nuair a chuamar ar an turas scoile ar Aoine an 21ú. Bhí an ghrian ag scoilteadh na gcloch nuair a thugamar aghaidh ar Lullymore Heritage Centre. Bhí meascán de gach rud ar fáil ann....a little history, a little geography, a nature walk, a trip to the bog, a playground and some crazy golf! Bhí picnic amuigh ar an bhféar againn agus, ar ndóigh, bhí ar Mhúinteoir Pádraig cluiche peile a thosnú! Bhíomar ana-shásta ag fillleadh abhaile.....páistí agus múinteoirí ag titim ina gcodladh. An enjoyable tour provides many happy memories.....agus ghlac Daithí agus Áine go leor grianghrafanna ionas nach ndéanfimid dearmad ar an lá.

Maidin Oscailte

Maidin Shathairn, ar an 22ú lá, bhí cuairteoirí speisialta againn sa scoil. Tháinig ár ndaltaí nua isteach chun bualadh linn. Children who are enrolled to begin school next September visited the seomra ranga to meet Múinteoir Eibhlín and check things out! Parents and pupils were welcomed for an hour or so and shown around the room. Booklists and uniforms were sorted while

games and books were examined. We hold this morning so that the pupil's first introduction to the classroom is in a relaxed fashion, in the company of his or her parents, thus easing the stress of that first day.

Léig Iománaíochta

D'éirigh go maith leis an léig iománaíochta a d'eagraigh Múinteoir Pádraig le déanaí. Ritheadh an léig seo ag am lóin agus deineadh na fóirní ó Rang a 2 ar aghaidh. Cuireadh ansuim sa chomórtas agus bhí cead ag an scoil ar fad féachaint ar an gcrabhbh. Bhí Brian O'Regan as Cumann Bhaile Buadain Naomh Éanna i láthair ag an gcrabhbh freisin agus bhronn sé duaiseanna ar na buaiteoirí. Arís, táimid go mór faoi chomaoin ag Brian agus ag an gCumann toisc an tacaíocht a thugann said do chluichí Gaelacha sa scoil.

Golf Classic

By the time you read this, our golf classic will have taken place. The event has been well supported and we are hopeful of an enjoyable day. As usual, these fundraisers entail a huge amount of voluntary work which often goes unnoticed. Gaelscoil Chnoc Liamhna is particularly grateful to Aiden Brady, John Corcoran and their coiste for their efforts in making the day at Killeen Golf Club such a success. Gura fada buan sibh!

We'd like to thank all those who helped us during this academic year. We appreciate the support from the parish and the community at large. Please note that the Naíonra is fully booked out for the year 2004/2005.

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