

KNOCKLYON NEWS

JUNE 2006

ST. COLMCILLE'S PARISH



A Word of Thanks

Dear People of Knocklyon,

On behalf of my husband, Rónán Ó Fearáil, my father, Seán and myself, Kathryn Casey, we would like to say a special word of thanks to you, the people of Knocklyon. Many of you know my mother Eileen well or you may be familiar with her name from the Knocklyon Newsletter over the years, for her columns about 'famous people' living in our Parish.

Sadly, Eileen was diagnosed with Alzheimer's last year. It has been a difficult time for us. It was hard to believe and accept that someone with so much energy could be hit by this disease. Being Eileen's only child, I found it particularly difficult to cope with her not recognising me as her daughter. We have been overwhelmed by the support, the cards, letters and prayers from you. So many of you have stopped me out walking or shopping in Superquinn, to show your support and we are truly grateful. It would be impossible to thank you all individually, so a Mass will be offered for all your intentions.

The good news is that Eileen is in great form and health and will be returning to Knocklyon by the end of the summer with my father. She will have 24 hour care at home. She still has plenty of energy, loves company, loves to chat, have fun and sing.

If you meet Eileen when she is out with us or her carer, she will probably not remember your name or show any recognition, but she will be delighted to chat.

Thank you, people of Knocklyon for everything. It's thanks to you and your prayers that we have found the strength to keep going and we feel honoured to be a part of this community.

We hope that you all have a lovely summer.

Kind regards,

Kathryn, Rónán and Seán.

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I had heard through a friend about the Return To Learning Course for Adults which was set up in 2000 by the VEC and includes computer training. As my knowledge of computers was poor I decided to enrol for this course in the Town Hall, Rathmines. Very soon I realised the other subjects included French, Communications, English Literature and Business Information, and I quickly settled into a four hour day four days a week, and began to enjoy all subjects. I had tried my hand at painting before, but in the Art class on this course I was shown how to draw, and this has opened up a whole new interest for me.

The computer classes were held daily, and I am amazed at the amount of knowledge I have acquired since September. All of the teachers were encouraging and enthusiastic without putting pressure on us! I was fortunate too, that I got a lift to Rathmines each day – thanks Noeleen!

There has also been a great social buzz with this course. The students range in age from 40-80, (and we blend in very well with the hundreds of teenage students in the College). We have a coffee break daily in the College canteen and we marked the end of the year by having an outing – our school tour – to Glendalough, organised by our super tutor, Kitty Murphy.

I would recommend this Course to anyone who has mornings free and would like to spend time learning in relaxed, friendly and easy going surroundings. An Open Day was held in mid-May and many people showed interest in 'signing up' for September. However, I understand there are a few places vacant, but if interested I suggest you act fast. You can get details by ringing the College at 4975334, or e-mail info@rc.cdvec.ie or www.rathminescollege.ie.

I have already enrolled for a second year, and I look forward to what I know will be another time of enrichment. – M.C.

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WELCOMING SUNDAY

On this day when we renew family ties, we think of those who have no families. On this day when we rest from our daily work, we think of those who have no work. For them too Sunday is a day to recall God's love for us and share it with one another. Our encounter with him in the Eucharist heals the wounds of the past and gives us strength for what lies ahead.

There is an old Irish prayer in praise of Sunday which sums up our feeling towards this most blessed of all the days of the week.



Fr. Jimmy

*We bid you welcome, blessed Sunday,
A fine and lovely day after the week,
A fine and lovely day to speak to Christ.
Stir your feet and make your way to Mass.
Stir your heart and drive from it all spite.
Stir your lips and speak words of blessing.
Look up and see the Son of the Blessed Nurse,
The Son of the Virgin, for it was he who redeemed us.
May we be his in life and death.
Amen.*

*Dé bheatha chughainn, a Dhomhnaigh bheannaithe.
Lá breá aoibhinn tar éis na seachtaine,
Lá breá aoibhinn chun Chríost a agalamh.
Corraigh do chos is téire chun an Aifrinn
Corraigh do chroí agus díbir an ghangaid as.
Corraigh do bhéal chun breithre beannaithe.
Féach suas ar Mhac na Banaltran.
Mac na hÓighe, ós é a cheannaigh sinn
Gur lets a bhuafar beo agus marhh sinn.*



June. The month of the Sacred Heart

Jn. 15: 9-14 "As the Father loves me so I love you, remain in my love."

The picture of the Sacred Heart is still to be found in many Irish homes with a lamp lighting in front of it. It has a prominent place there, reminding the family of God's love for them all.

June is the month of the Sacred Heart and June 23rd is the Feast. It is therefore an appropriate time to stop and reflect on the God of love.

God created us to love and be loved. That we might love ourselves and our neighbour as the Lord intends, we must first know deep within ourselves that God loves us just as we are. Sometimes we think we have to earn God's love. You already have it. God accepts you as you are and asks you to do the same. We all have used the heart to symbolise our love for others. The symbol of the Sacred Heart helps to bring the mystery of God's care and love for us into focus. It radiates love to the world and it brings the response of the human race to God.



The heart of Jesus is a compassionate heart;
Understanding weakness,
Covering over faults and selfishness
And forgiving sins.

Compassion awaits compassion;
If God is compassionate to you,
Surely you are to be compassionate to others.

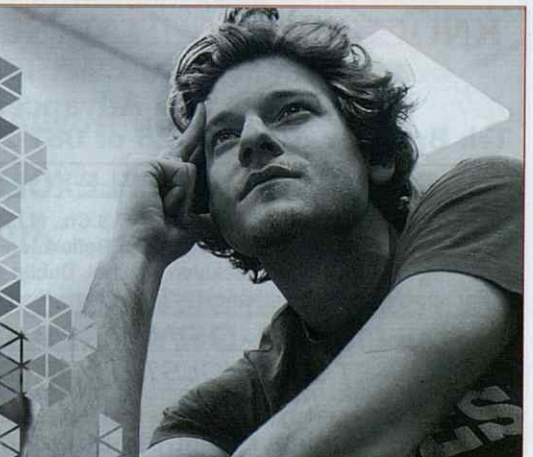
Fr Jimmy

If you're not fully satisfied with where you are at in life right now, if you sense you might be called to another path altogether, we would be happy to help you discern your future.

**Got to ask yourself the question
Where are you now?**

James Blunt, *Wisemen*

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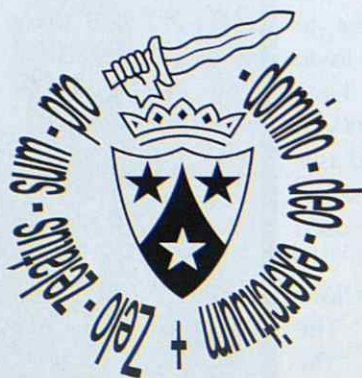
SIGNIFICANT DAYS FOR THE CARMELITES

The patronal feast of the Carmelite family – the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel – is celebrated every year on July 16th. As this year it falls on a Sunday, we look forward to celebrating this feast in a special way at all Masses that weekend.

The Feast of the Holy Prophet of Mount Carmel, St. Elijah, is on Thursday July 20th. His words form the motto of the Carmelite Order: "I am filled with zeal for the Lord God of Hosts (1 Kings 19:10).

Let us keep our Carmelite brothers here in Knocklyon and throughout Ireland and Zimbabwe in our prayers during the week of June 18th – 22nd as they gather for their triennial Province Chapter in Gort Muire, during which they reflect on their life and ministries, and look towards the future.

For more information about the Carmelite tradition, click on www.carmelites.ie or talk to Fr. Philip or any of the friars in the parish.



At a glance...

THE IRISH PROVINCE OF CARMELITES

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Gort Muire Spirituality Centre, Ballinteer, Dublin 16,
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ANNUAL CARMELITE PILGRIMAGE

**THE ANNUAL CARMELITE PILGRIMAGE
TO KNOCK TAKES PLACE
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**This year our own young people's
Ichthyus Gospel Choir
(who will also be going on the
Carmelite Pilgrimage to Lourdes
at the end of September)
will be leading the singing.**

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

ST. COLMCILLE'S PARISH SUMMER 2006 SUNDAY MASS TIME CHANGE

For the months of JULY and AUGUST, Sunday Mass times will be at:

**7.00 p.m. (Sat. Vigil) 9.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.
*11,30 a.m.
1.00 p.m. 7.00 p.m.**

***PLEASE NOTE THE NEW MASS TIME**

– 11.30 a.m. –

**REPLACING THE 11.00 a.m. and 12 Noon MASSES
DURING JULY AND AUGUST**

From Sun. 2nd July to Sun. 27th August (incl.)

***Take note of new Mass times.**

WEEKDAY MASSES JUNE 19th – 22nd:

**As the Provincial Chapter of the Carmelites takes place in the Gort Muire Centre,
Ballinteer, from June 19th – 22nd, there will be only one Mass in St. Colmcille's
church during those days at 9.30 a.m.**

Back to normal after that (i.e. 10 a.m. and 7.00 p.m.)

The **ICHTHYS** Gospel choir

The ICHTHYS Gospel choir was set up in Knocklyon, Dublin in September 2004. This group of young men and women with their tremendous vocal talents, endeavour to reach out and enhance the spiritual experience of mass through the genre of Gospel music. Members of the choir come from different backgrounds and this contributes to the uniqueness of the choir's persona. Since the choir's formation many great friendships have been formed and for some it has become more than just a choir, it has become a family setting. Under the musical direction of James Eivers, the choir has been taking part in vocal tuition courses in which they explore different genres of music in an attempt to incorporate different elements into their choral repertoire and perform these pieces with their unique Gospel flair. No doubt this shows their immense dedication to their cause of celebrating their faith in Christ. The choir do this with great energy and enthusiasm in the hope of inspiring those who do not share that faith and also those who doubt to come along and join in with the Gospel experience. The promotion of Liturgical Gospel Music suitable for worship is what is at the heart of this choir's distinctive spirit.

American composer David Haas once said, "There is nothing quite like music to stir our emotions, form our feelings and express our thoughts and beliefs.....music can provide for us an awesome and amazing path to grow spiritually". The choir has been actively involved in Gospel workshops and in the promotion of what are called 'Gospel Nights'. Various Gospel choirs are welcomed to Knocklyon to share their wealth of musical abilities and learn pieces of music from one another. This is done in an atmosphere of friendship and communitas. The result of these "Gospel Nights" is that many of the choirs often perform together at various important liturgical celebrations in their parishes. This powerful and uplifting spirit of Gospel music contributes to a communal sense of celebration and jubilation. There is something mystical about music which can often carry us away from the here and now, from the hustle and bustle of everyday life. The hope of the ICHTHYS Gospel choir is to bring all people together of different creeds, colour, young and old, believers and



non-believers. There has been a constant positive response towards the work that the ICHTHYS choir has undertaken to date. They have enthralled audiences with their lively stage performances and their passion fuelled love for Gospel music.

The next chapter of The ICHTHYS Gospel choir has yet to be written but it's guaranteed to be a page turner. You might think Gospel Music isn't your kind of thing, all that religion and stuff....but you would be surprised when you see hundreds of young and old individuals singing and dancing in the isles. No one questions an individuals faith or beliefs but no one can deny that there is something very spiritual about singing this style of music. The powerful and uplifting Spirit of Gospel music is one which can move an individual to embrace the abiding message of the gospels, The Good News.

The Choir perform throughout the Archdiocese of Dublin at various locations on numerous occasions and always perform on the last Sunday of every month in St Colmcille's Church, Idrone Avenue, Knocklyon, Dublin. All are welcome to come along and be moved by the Spirit – you never know, you might just enjoy yourself!

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Course 2

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Time: 7.30 – 8.45 p.m. (c)
Fee: €75.00

Course 3

1. Faith and Culture
2. Living Life's Questions

The above titles will be explored over four **Wednesdays** in November.

Speaker: Br. Pat. Mullins O.Carm.
Time: 8.00 p.m.
Fee: €25.00

October Lectures

Wednesday 11th October

Edith Stein, Jewish Convert, Carmelite Sister and Martyr

Speaker: Fr. Eltin Griffin O.Carm
Time: 10.45 a.m.
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Wednesday 18th October

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We have come to the end of the 2005/2006 season and it is time once again to reflect on the achievements and the progress of the club during the past year. As always it has been a busy time for the club and all those involved, both at committee level and managing and coaching the various teams.

League/Cup Success

In the 2005/2006 season Knocklyon United teams have won 7 league titles, 4 runner-up and our u16 had a cup win. Again, the senior team performed extremely well and only missed out on promotion by 1 point in the competitive Leinster Senior League

The trip away at Easter proved to be very exciting and enjoyable affair. We had eight teams competing in foreign tournaments in Germany, Holland, Belgium and Spain. John McNamee's U16 premier team had great success in Holland by beating an English team 2-1 in a very high standard final. All our other teams finished 2nd and 3rd which will inspire more trips away next year. Well done to the ladies committee who organised the trip.

To compensate those children who did not travel the club organised a 3 day coaching event with Manchester United Soccer Coaching School. The event took place at Delaford at Easter and proved to be a huge success. It too may become an annual event. For one lucky player it became a dream come true. As the winner of the soccer skills competition over 3 days he was awarded a week long residency place at the Manchester United Soccer Academy. Thanks to Noel Gaughran, Jimmy Peckham, Hugh O Neill and Sean Moran who helped over the 3 days.

Coaching

A new football committee was set up to alleviate the executive committee of some of the day-to-day running of the club. Coaching has been the prime focus of this committee this year. A major success for the committee has been the affiliation of Knocklyon Football Club to Manchester United Soccer Academy. Already we have had 2 coaching sessions at the Academy with more to come.

We are also putting in place our own Coaching Academy for Managers. Under the guidance of John Devine and Liam Buckley there will be over 30

coaching sessions, with top class coaches throughout next season.

Pitches

We have run a number of school-boy semi-finals on behalf of the FAI and have received huge praise for the condition of the pitches and the facilities provided. We have one the best school-boy pitches in the Dublin region and a lot of credit is due to Mary Young who looks after the pitches and facilities. For next year, we will organise the same criteria for Knocklyon Park. This can only benefit the potential skill of our players.

U9 Boys Football Tournament

All the u9 teams have finished a great season and will go on to represent Knocklyon United in our annual tournament to be held and organised by the club. The tournament has been organised by the u9 managers and will take place on the 10th/11th June. Many of the top clubs will participate. The memorial cup, named after Brian Doyle will be presented to the winning team.

Football Presentations

The presentations take place at Delaford Park on Sunday 25th June at 2.30pm. All trophies will be awarded together with the player of the year awards. Managers are reminded to inform all parents and players. All are welcome. Refreshments will be served on the day.

Executive Committee

Sadly this year Sean Moran our Chairman has resigned. Although staying on as Manager Sean will be a huge loss to the club. His commitment and input into our club over the last 10 years is immeasurable. Thankfully he is going to oversee the development project at Knocklyon Park. Well done to Noel Gaughran who will be taking over as Chairman. Noel is one of the longest serving members of Knocklyon Utd having served with the club for up to 25 years. Best of luck. More details on the new season and new committees will be on the web site and in the next edition of the Knocklyon News. Web Site: www.knocklyonfc.com

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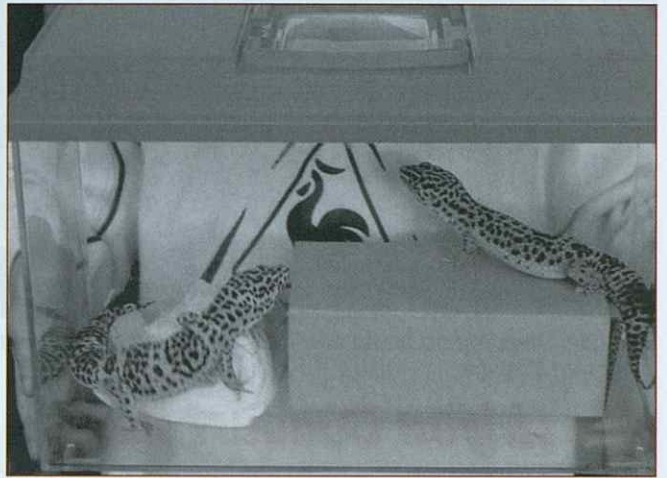
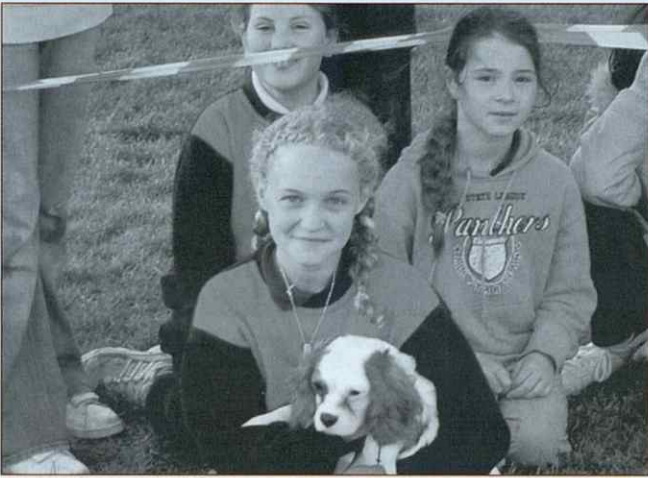
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KNOCKLYON CONCERT BAND



The band heading off on its first ever march led by Siobhan Kenrick and Winnie Neary under the baton (flag to be accurate) of Robert Chester.

Knocklyon Concert Band – All Ireland Champions Again

It's been a busy few weeks in the band with a very successful trip to the Harrogate International Youth Music Festival over the Easter weekend. We fielded a 39 strong band primarily made up from the Senior Band with some slots filled by members of the Intermediate Band.

During the festival the KCB attempted a parade for the first time as we are not a marching band. The march turned into more of a gentle stroll through the streets of the beautiful Victorian spa town and we competed with the other bands for sheer volume and entertainment value with *An Irish Party in Third Class* from *Titanic*. A DVD of the band playing in the festival is currently in production and copies can be ordered from Aubrey Styles at astyles@indigo.ie.

The following weekend saw the Senior Band

successfully defend last year's win in the Junior Section of the National Concert Band Championships in the Dominican College on Griffith Avenue. We were up against last year's runners up, the Rathfarnham Concert Band and won by 10 marks with a lovely rendition of Elgars *Nimrod* and Highlights from *Gladiator* by Zimmer. The competition was adjudicated by the Dutch composer, Mr Jacob de Haan. Congratulations to all concerned.

The Jazz Band also competed in a new section on the Saturday – the National Dance Band Championships. Unfortunately no one else turned up to give us a bit of competition but we raised the roof and got the new section off to a good start. The level of interest in this section is expected to be very high for next year so we'll have a challenge on our hands keeping our crown.

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Kate Kelly being presented with the cup for Band Member of the Year for the Intermediate Band by Michelle O'Reilly.

On Sunday April 30th we held our end of year concert, the highlight of which had to be the debut of the beginners section under the leadership of Stephen Murray, a first trumpet from the Senior Band.

The concert also saw the crowning of the Band Members of the Year for the Intermediate and Senior bands. The winner for the Intermediate band was Kate

Kelly who has passed Grade 5 clarinet at only 12 years of age with Shane Kenrick winning for the Senior Band.

The Intermediate Band are going to Clonakilty in July to compete in the South of Ireland Band Championships and we wish them the very best of luck.

It will be a clean sweep for Knocklyon if they can pull it off for us.

Knocklyon ICA

Knocklyon ICA once again put their amazing fundraising skills into practice and held a wine and cheese evening with an auction for Fr. Pat Byrden of the Mill Hill Missionaries in India. Outgoing President Sheila O'Shea and incoming President Marie Ryan ensured the night was a great success and that everything ran smoothly.

On the night €1,700 was raised for poor children living in India. Fr. Pat works on the ground in Hyderabad offering help and comfort to those who most need it. Some of the work he does includes helping with the cost of medical bills, delivering food to the homeless, paying for children to receive a basic education and providing the training and equipment needed to help families become self sufficient. Every cent raised goes to help the poor in India.

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JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

As usual May brought six First Holy Communion ceremonies – the highlight of the year for the 180 Second Class pupils and their teachers Ms. Brennan, Mr. Curtin, Ms Murphy O'Shea, Ms. O'Connell, Ms. O'Connor and Ms. Johnston. Fr. Paddy, Fr. Jimmy and Fr. Philip celebrated two masses each, while Ruth and the childrens' choir made a really special contribution on three successive Sundays.



Many thanks to Maura, Lisa and their team from the Parents Association for their excellent work organising the receptions in the school after all six Communion masses. These are very sociable



Sr. Rose talking to 2nd Class about her work for Romanian Relief.

occasions and we appreciate all the work that goes into making them so. (See photo.)

After their First Communion the pupils made a donation to two charities – *Sr. Rose Carmel's Romanian Relief* and *Lourdes Children's Fund*.

Enrolment

Parents of our six incoming Junior Infant classes met principal Mr. Boyle and their child's new teacher in later May. School policies and practices were explained to the parents after they purchased their child's new uniform. Over one hundred new families will join the school community in September.



Ms. Johnston's 2nd Class and Ms. Higgins' 1st Class practising their entry for Corfhéile na Scoileanna.

Summer Holidays

The school will close on Friday June 30th re-opening nine weeks later on Thursday August 31st. The Board of Management will carry out improvements to the flat roof of the main school building during the holidays, together with some other improvements to the public address system.

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JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS



Ms. McDonnell and Ms. O'Riordan's Senior Infant Classes perform their medley of songs for Corféile na Scoileanna.



Mr Johnston's recorder group entertaining us during "Seachtain na Gaelge".

Uniform Sales

The school uniform shop will open from 1.45 – 2.30 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays from May 31st to June 22nd.

European School Partnership

Six teachers visited our German partner school outside Bonn at the beginning of June. They presented project packs to teachers from all our partner schools in Turkey, Belgium, Estonia and Italy.

Work done by pupils in our school and in our six partner schools will be displayed in our school halls in late June. Parents and members of the community are welcome to view the exhibition between 1.30 and 2.30 pm daily between June 22nd and 28th.

Nutgrove Easter Egg Extravaganza

Six of our classes decorated monster Easter Eggs which were displayed at Nutgrove Shopping Centre during



Dylan, Francesca and Niamh collecting the award for Ms Gallagher's junior class entry in the Nutgrove Easter Egg Art Competition

Easter. Ms. Gallagher's class were commended for their entry.

We would like to wish all the families in the Knocklyon community an enjoyable Summer break and we hope all the children will come back refreshed on August 31st.

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SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Herald Cup Victory for St. Colmcilles S.N.S.

The Herald Cup, the oldest and most prestigious of the trophies for Dublin Schools Hurling has returned for the second year in succession to Knocklyon. First competed for in 1928, the Herald Cup is the Division 1 trophy for Dublin Primary Schools Hurling.

Monday 8 May was a very wet day in Croke Park but in the trying conditions the boys from St. Colmcilles rose magnificently to the occasion when defeating hot favourites St. Laurences of Kilmacud by 1-8 to 1-5. A great goal from Conor McHugh in the early stages settled the Knocklyon team and driven by a Man of the Match performance by Paul Doherty who scored three great points from wing back, the St. Colmcilles boys played with great courage and determination.

Conor Robinson played a captain's role at centre-back, and was ably assisted by his brother Keith in goal, Niall Keegan, Conor Maher, Luke Normile and David Neylon in defence. Andrew Mahon and Evan Flanagan showed great stamina at centre-field in the trying conditions. Joseph Johnson, Sean McMahon and Alan Flood grabbed vital scores in a pulsating second half and were ably assisted by Kevin O'Meara, Paul Corcoran and James Roche.

Darragh Byrne, Mark White, Sean Hennessy, John O'Flaherty, Ben McEntee, Jack McCarron and James Madden were other important members of the panel.

Well done to all concerned on an historic win. Many thanks to the 600 supporters, pupils parents and teachers who gave tremendous support to the boys.

Corn Uí Phuirseil Camogie

From September Ms. Murphy and Ms. Ni Reachtabhra had all girls interested in camogie, out training on Tuesdays and Thursdays. From Christmas a series of trials were held to decide who would be on the A team. It was a constant battle as 60 girls were cancelled down to 18 players. The team consisted of determined 5th and 6th class players. Those who didn't make the panel have been consistently training with Mr. Byrne and Ms. Naughton. They are now playing friendly matches with other schools at the moment.

The A team's journey began playing Bishop Galvin and St. Brigid's in the first two matches. We won all our matches in the end through great team effort. Shortly after our fourth match we were told that we were through to the Cumann na mBunscoil school finals, which were held in Croke Park. As soon as we found this out we started training every day and stopped eating junk foods and drinking fizzy drinks. We were given training cards to fill in when we had done extra training at home.

When the 8 May came excitement was buzzing around the school. We were due to play St. Brigid's, Castleknock. When

we walked onto the pitch in Croke Park it was lashing rain, our supporters were cheering for us, they had banners and fog horns. Unfortunately on the day we narrowly lost, but we all still have our medal from Croke Park, which we received from great team effort. On behalf of the team we would like to thank Ms. Murphy and Ms. N1 Reachtabhra for a great season.

Amy Murphy and Aoife Cantwell, Room 4

Golf

St. Colmcilles S.N.S. entered two teams of 6th class pupils – girls and boys in the Castle Schools Cup which was held recently at the Castle Golf Club. Many thanks to one of our parents John Bentham, who organised the teams.

Boys team: Ian Bentham, Paul Doherty, Stephen Moran, Darragh Byrne.

Girls team: Emma Doyle, Megan Curtis, Deirdre Maher, Rebecca Dalton.

The following pupils were selected to attend Golf Coaching Clinic – Mark McGarry, Paul Corcoran, Paul Byrne, Stuart Coburn and Paul Smyth.

Environmental News

The school gardens look lovely at the moment. Our thanks to Maurice and Mr. McGowan's fifth class Gardening Group. We are presently organising our hanging baskets and window boxes.

Iris Denieppe from 'The Dog's Trust' visited many classes recently informing us how to be RESPONSIBLE dog owners. Her excellent presentation was very educational and made us all think very seriously about the responsibility of owning a pet.

Well done to all the classes who participated in 'National Spring Clean' before Easter. We encourage individuals and local community groups to organise a regular clean up in their area.

Congratulations to the classes who entered the 'South Dublin Beautiful' group art competition. St. Colmcilles is delighted to have won €200 as runner-up in the Senior Primary Section. Our prize-winning entry will be on display in the South Dublin County Council offices.

Turasanna Scoile

School tours offer a wonderful opportunity to bring learning out of the classroom. The pupils in third class are looking forward to nature awareness activities in Glendalough and discovering what life was like for 19th Century prisoners in Wicklow historic Gaol. Newgrange is the venue for fourth class tours and as well as the Stone Age Monument, we will visit Newgrange Farm. Fifth class pupils will travel to

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NUAHT ÓN SCOIL SHINSEARACH

Lullymore Heritage and Discovery Park in Co. Kildare, where history promises to come alive. Four of the sixth classes are planning on getting active in Carlingford Adventure Centre. Mr. Ruddy and Ms. Ní Reachtabhra are heading west to Achill Island with the pupils of Rooms 2 and 6. As well as our main summer term tours, other trips in the pipeline include a visit to the Civic Theatre, Historical City Tours with Tomá Maher and a sixth class trip to Kilmainham Gaol.

We hope all of our pupils will have enjoyable and safe learning experiences. Bainigí go léir sult as na turasanna.

K'nex Challenge

Congratulations to all the children in Ms. O'Dwyer's 5th class who successfully completed the K'nex Challenge. The K'nex challenge is organised by Engineers Ireland in an aim to encourage primary and post primary students to explore the world of science and engineering as a career choice. Two experts in the field – James and Deirdre, electronic engineers from Tallaght I.T., joined the class.

The task was set – to design and build a recycling truck using K'nex (interlocking building set). Working in pairs, and assisted by James and Deirdre, the children set to work an hour or two later and the results were fantastic! Deirdre and James were very impressed with the standard of innovation and creativity and had a tough time choosing a winning team. With much deliberation and debate they finally chose Emma Cooney and Brendan Byrne. Congratulations and best of luck to our two classmates who will take part in the regional final on 26 May in Tallaght I.T. And keep an eye out for the engineers of the future from Room 8!

St. Colmcilles Day – Friday 9 June 2006

Friday 9 June was St. Colmcilles Day. On this date each year, our school puts together a programme of events to celebrate the day and increase our pupil's consciousness of its

significance. This year some of the events included:

- Our annual 6th class V teachers relay race.
- Pilgrimage to St. Colmcilles Well, led by Fr. Murray
- A Design and Build Event on the theme of Buildings – ancient, current, futuristic. Pupils and parents were invited to the school playground 7.00 p.m. – 8.00 p.m. on the evening of 9 June where the pupils displayed their work.
- Poetry/Prayer: Write a poem or prayer connected with St. Colmcille. Winning entry was framed and displayed prominently in the school.
- On 9 June the choir sang at the 10.00 a.m. Mass in St. Colmcilles Church.

St. Colmcilles Day (9 June) is becoming a great community event and pupils, parents and teachers really enjoyed the day.

Athletics

Over 60 students participated in the annual Dublin Athletics Championships – held in Santry Stadium. Fortunately the weather was kind for us and a great day was had by all involved. On the first day, athletes participated in long distance, hurdles and field events. Although no medals were won there were some great performances from our athletes, including a fifth place from Sean White in the shot putt and a fifth place from Orla Knight in the 500m.

On the second day the individual sprints and relays were contested. Jessica Hogan in the U-10, Tom Dooney in the U-11 and Tim Madigan in the U-13 sprints produced blistering performances to win gold medals, an outstanding achievement. Rory Knight took bronze in the U-10 as did Anna Stafford in the U-13 80m.

In the relays that followed all teams produced great performances with the U-10 boys team, U-10 girls team and U-11 boys team all winning bronze medals. All athletes had tremendous support from their teammates throughout the long day. Well done to the entire athletics squad!



Dublin Champions – The winning Herald Cup panel in Croke Park.



The Girls' Camogie team in Croke Park.



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Liam Devine, Clair O'Brien and Trevor O'Connell who were all nominees for this year's "Student of the Year". Seen here with Mr. J. McKennedy (Principal) and Mr. V. Kenny (Chairperson of the Board of Management) at the 6th Graduation ceremony.

6th Year Graduation

The 6th year graduation took place in the school on Tuesday May 23rd. Students and parents gathered in the school for their graduation mass followed by an award ceremony. Mr McKennedy spoke of "what wonderful leaders this group of students were to the rest of the school". Dr Vincent Kenny, chairperson of the Board of Management, congratulated the students and wished them all the best in their future careers. Student of the year was awarded to Trevor O'Connell and Rachel Ruddy took home the academic and Sports person of the year awards. Congratulations to all our 6th years and we wish them all the best in their up coming exams.

U14 Girls Gaelic Football

The under 14 girls Gaelic football team has had their most successful year since the school has opened. The team is



Lydia Flynn, who was chosen as a sports star by the Evening Herald at the Award ceremony in Croke Park with her Year Head Ms. Ryan and her P.E. teacher Ms. Kearon.

made up of first and second years and for the first time they have reached a Leinster Final where they meet Greenhills of Drogheda. The road to this final was very tough with matches being played in sun, rain and galeforce winds. Their toughest match was in the Quarter final overcoming St Dominicans Cabra by a single point 4-7 to 5-3. The girls made hard work of the semi final against Loreto Balbriggan. Playing into the strong wind in the first half they found themselves down 3 goals and 3 points at half time. Tremendous goals by Elaine Mc Grath and Megan Carney brought the girls back into the game. A magnificent second half by everyone resulted in a win 6-5 to 10-3. Well done girls and good luck in the Final.



U14 Girls Gaelic football team.

St Colmcille's Student wins an Evening Herald Sports star award.

Congratulations to Lydia Flynn in 3rd year who was chosen as a sports star by the *Evening Herald* for her excellent achievements in swimming. She writes...

"On Thursday the 11th of May Ms. Kearon, Ms. Ryan, my mam and dad went to Croke Park for the *Evening Herald's Sport Star Awards 2006*. We had a lovely dinner followed by an awards ceremony, which was presented by Des Cahill from RTE. Malcom O Kelly, was also there to give out the awards. It was great fun. I received a lot of free gifts in addition to a glass plaque with my name and school engraved on it. After the ceremony we got a complimentary tour of Croke Park. I thought it was a great occasion and I am very grateful to Ms. Kearon for entering me into this competition". (Lydia Flynn)



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ST COLMCILLE'S COMMUNITY SCHOOL

The West Leinster Schools Track and Field Athletics Championships

were held in Santry on the 27th April and the 2nd and 4th of May. Over the three days of the competition there were many excellent performances from St. Colmcille's athletes, including 6 individual medals and relay silver.

Siobhán Pennycook got things off to a good start with a comfortable win in the junior 75m hurdles. Rebecca Tyson followed this up with a second place in the intermediate 80m hurdles.

On day two, Siobhán Pennycook added to her hurdles gold, with second place in the 200m; Eilis Knight finishing 4th in that race. Shauna Cannon had an excellent race to win the intermediate 200m with Lisa Barnwell in 3rd place.

On the final day Shauna Cannon added to her medal collection with 3rd place in the 100m. The girls relay team of Rebecca Tyson, Shauna Cannon, Lisa Barnwell and Natalia Hyland, who won junior silver medals in last years all Ireland Schools Championships, stepped up to the intermediate age group and again claimed the West Leinster title in convincing fashion. The junior girls finished 4th.

Some other creditable performances over the three days were: Elaine McGrath (4th minor HJ); 6th minor 80m), Natalia Hyland (4th intermediate LJ), Niamh Brien (5th minor LJ); David Scanlion (6th minor 1100m); Jamie Skelly (4th junior 1500m; 6th junior 800m) and Helena McGlinn (6th minor 500m).



Senior Camogie Dublin Champions.

Camogie: Senior B Champions

The girls senior camogie team have had a wonderful year which culminated in winning the Senior B Championship. A lot of players have been involved in camogie in the school since 1st year and we have won competitions in 3 of the last 4 years.

Many of the senior players are 6th years and it was great to finish their time in school with a championship win. The semi final against Rosary College Crumlin was one of the best matches our team has played. The narrow victory margin of 2 points reflected this. In the final against Clontarf the team again put on an excellent display and were comfortable winners in the end with a scoreline of 6-3 to 3-4. We would like to wish those players leaving school this year the very best of luck in the coming years and hope they continue to play camogie.



A group of 6th Year students enjoying their Graduation Ceremony on May 23rd.

End of Year Student Awards

At the end of every school year each year group have an award ceremony. Awards are given to students, not only for their academic performance, but for their participation in extra curricular sporting and non sporting activities available in our school. Congratulations to the following students who received the following awards for the academic year 2005/ 2006:

YEAR GROUP	ACADEMIC STUDENT OF THE YEAR	OVERALL STUDENT OF THE YEAR
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Turais Scoile

Ag an tráth seo den bhliain feictear busanna taobh amuigh de gach scoil. It's the time of year when excited children descend on farms, historical sites and areas of interest in general – all set to enjoy a great day out together. Go dtí seo bhí sé de nós againn taisteal le chéile, but this year we broke with tradition and travelled in three different groups.

Chuaigh ceithre rang go Co. na Mí. Naíonáin Bheaga agus Naíonáin Mhóra had a wonderful time cuddling animals, feeding lambs – and shouting 'Dia dhuit!' to Charlo the bull! Rang a 1 agus Rang a 2 visited the world famous tumulus at Newgrange as well as touring Newgrange Farm itself.

Rang a 3 agus Rang a 4 took the road to the south to visit the Japanese Gardens and the National Stud... tá saol níos fearr ag na capaill ansin ná mar atá ag roinnt againn sa bhaile! They rounded the day off with a visit to the Playbarn on the way home.

Faoin am a bheidh seo á léamh agat beidh Rang a 5 agus Rang a 6 tar éis lá fada a chaitheamh i gCo. na Lú ar an gCairlín. Is lá gníomhaíochta atá beartaithe dóibh anseo... beidh siad breá tuirseach ag teacht abhaile.

Golf Classic

Mar is dual dóibh ag an tráth seo den bhliain, tá Aiden Brady agus John Corcoran, i bpáirt lena bhfoireann eagrúcháin, ag



Múinteoir Daithí ag rince.



Múinteoir Eoin gets a dancing lesson.

obair go dian ag cinntiú go n-éireoidh go geal leis an Golf Classic. Is ócáid an-mhór í seo gach bliain and parents support it in many ways – entering a team, sponsoring a tee or making sure they have plenty of raffle tickets purchased. Tá suil againn go mbeidh an-lá ag gach éinne thíos i gClub Chillín.

Ócáidí Eile

Beidh an Lá Spóirt againn ar Aoine an 9ú lá agus is lá an-ghnóthach a bhíonn ann. The day's activities begin at 9.15a.m. and proceed, almost without a break, until 1.30p.m. Go raibh lá maith ag gach éinne.

Fágaimid 'slán' oifigiúil le muintir Rang a 6 ag deireach na míosa le searmanas agus cóisir bheag dona daltaí iad féin agus a dtuismitheoirí. Téann ár ndea-ghuifhe leo agus iad ag tonu ar ghné nua dá saoil. Go néirí go geal leo!

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Woodstown Village Traffic Update

Present situation

The outrageous traffic queues of last September/October have been severely shortened over the last few months due to the ongoing work of the WVRA. This culminated recently with a deputation meeting to South Dublin County Council by the Knocklyon Community Council at which the WVRA had the opportunity to present the facts of the unacceptable increase in traffic congestion faced by residents since September '05. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the KCC for arranging this meeting. Presently the Gardai have committed a traffic Garda to the Scholarstown Interchange at the morning commuting period although this Garda also covers any accident on the M50.

At the deputation meeting the WVRA outlined the worsening situation since the full opening of the M50 last summer. The increase in traffic queues has led to "Ramp hopping" on and off the northbound carriageway of the M50, which has seriously affected the exiting of vehicles approaching the interchange from the west. The queues back up St Colmcilles Way, Ballycullen Road into our estate and other surrounding estates.

The full upgrade of the Scholarstown interchange is not due to start for a few more years and by that time the continued development of lands behind Woodstown Village will lead to another 2000 vehicles joining the already gridlocked interchange. The opening of the East-West distributor road from Oldcourt to Stocking Lane will quickly fill with the extra cars and increase traffic on the East side of the interchange.

The full upgrade is the only solution. We intend pushing SDCC and the NRA to move up the start time as the Scholarstown Interchange is completely incapable of handling the present volume let alone that of 2/3 years time.

SDCC have agreed to look at placing traffic lights on the interchange in the short term to allow for a fair entry for all approaches. The Gardai will continue to aid traffic flow until then.

**Paul Moran Woodstown
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Firhouse Kempo Karate



Ciara (left) and Amy Byrne of Castlefield Manor, Knocklyon who took first and second place in fighting at intermediate level for 9-11 year olds.

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Ryan O'Donoghue

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Fr. Philip with some of the U14 boys in their new kit

The club will represent Dublin in this year's All-Ireland Féile na nGael finals in Cork and All-Ireland Féile Peil na mBan finals in Wicklow. The hurling team managed by John Ryan, Ciaran Maguire, Mick Garry and John Small will be hosted by the Douglas club while Arklow is the destination for the ladies football team managed by Barry Coil, Gerry Keane and Ger McGirr. The Under 12B ladies football team has also taken league honours (Muriel Falconer, Bernard and Rita Curtis, Philip Brady).

The Senior Football team has already had two wins in the championship – Garda and Erins Isle and would like to thank Buglers Pub in Ballyboden for match sponsorship.

The Hurling Section has launched a Hurling Yearbook for the first time. The fundraising initiative was inspired by Robert Lambert and Danny Griffin (sponsorship) and the club would like to thank all advertisers and supporters. Copies available from Adult team mentors.

MUTEC.IE has sponsored individualised team jackets for the minor hurling teams and appreciation to John Connolly for his support.

The club enjoyed a hugely successful day at the races in Punchestown. The event was superbly organised by John Archbold and his team and the support of all is appreciated.

The Senior A and B ladies football teams have both reached the semi-final stage of the championship.

A Seisiún Ceoil takes place every Wednesday night in the club and members and friends are invited to join.

Special Club T-shirts are now available for girls attending the nurseries in Cherryfield and the Hermitage. Price €5.

The Annual Camogie Mini All-Ireland for girls under the age of 12 will take place on Friday 23 June.

Best of luck to all who had exams in recent weeks.

Gerry O'Sullivan

The lads say thanks!!

Some of the boys from the Ballyboden U14 Football & Hurling teams say thank you to Fr. Philip & the Knocklyon Parish for contributing to the cost of new kit for feile 2006



The Under 14 ladies football team which won the Dublin Féile Peil na mBan.



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KNOCKLYON GOLF SOCIETY



Our first two outings of the 2006 season have now been completed and already a few familiar names have established themselves at the top of the Golfer of the Year leaderboard. The results from our first outing at Charlestown Golf Club are as follows:

First overall: Michael Coleman (15) 42 points

Second place: Gerry Daly (13) 38 points

Class 1:

First: Kevin McDonald (10) 37 points

Second: John Grier (6) 36 points

Class 2:

First: Hugo Peden (13) 34 points

Second: Gerry Byrne (17) 34 points

Class 3:

First: Des Ryan (26) 34 points

Second: Brendan Vaughan (24) 34 points

Front nine: Jimmy Fitzsimons (16) 19 points

Back nine: Austin O'Hanlon (19) 20 points

Visitor: Pascal Sullivan (21) 29 points

Many thanks to Kevin McDonald for sponsoring the outing.

Our second outing took place at St. Margarets Golf Club and the results are as follows:

First overall: Jimmy Fitzsimons (16) 37 points

Second: Kevin McDonald (10) 33 points

Class 1:

First: Gerry Diggins (12) 31 points

Second: Phil Nolan (14) 31 points

Class 2:

First: Gerry Byrne (17) 32 points

Second: Fred Lane (18) 32 points

Class 3:

First: John Delaney (25) 27 points

Second: Ciaran Richardson (22) 27 points

Front nine: Ciaran Daly (15) 16 points

Back nine: Chris Burke (21) 17 points

Visitor: Hamish Windelev (12) 37 points

Many thanks to Gerry Byrne who kindly sponsored the outing.

Our next outing is Captains Day and is being held at Kileen Golf Club on 18th of June 2006. Already the time sheet is filling up fast so please contact Jimmy Fitzsimons at 4936720 to reserve your place. All are very welcome.

The Golfer of the Year competition is well under way. Each player's best four scores from the six outings are taken into account for this competition. The first six on the leaderboard are as follows:

Position	Player	Points
1.	Kevin McDonald (10)	71
2.	Jimmy Fitzsimons (16)	70
3.	Gerry Byrne (17)	66
4.	Fred Lane (18)	65
5.	Gerry Daly (13)	64
6.	Des Ryan (26)	60

As there are four outings left to play the Golfer of the Year could still be won by a member who hasn't managed to play yet!

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COMMUNITY GAMES 2006

April, May and June have been very busy months for those involved in the Community Games. Congratulations to all who took part in the various competitions and all who helped out.

ART: The Art competitions were held mid-May in the Community School. Thanks to Trish Walshe for judging the various categories. We are looking forward to the Dublin Finals in June. We would also like to thank Book World, Knocklyon for their donation of book vouchers for this event.

SWIMMING: The trials were held in Templeogue College pool at the end April. Thanks to all who helped on the day. The Dublin Finals take place in Balrothery at the end of June and we have plenty of young hopefuls representing us.

ATHLETICS: The trials took place in Cherryfield in May. Over 200 children took part on the night and we have a squad of over 50 children to represent us in Santry in July. A sincere thanks to all who helped on the night. Thanks to Bros Pearse AC. and to the Park's Dept. Dublin Co. Co. for their co-operation.

We will also have representatives in the Long Puck. Thanks to P.O'Neill in St Colmcilles SNS and S. O'Neill of Ballyboden for their help.

CROSS COUNTRY: Congratulations to Dylan Cannon, who represented Dublin in the National Finals in Mosney in May.

INDOOR SOCCER:

Knocklyon South's Boys soccer team won Bronze in the competition in D.C.U in early May. Knocklyon North boys finished in Fourth in the same competition. Thanks to Andrew Doyle who managed teams and to the parents who helped out.

SOCCER: The Knocklyon South Boys U/12 team won the Dublin Finals in May and will go on to represent Dublin in the Leinster Finals. Thanks

to Andrew Doyle for all his hard work and to all involved.

Gaelic Football: Both Knocklyon North and South were represented in U/10 competition. Thanks to Gerry Basquel and Gerry Mahon for all their hard work.

Hurling: Knocklyon South entered the U/11 competition. The team reached the third place play-offs. Thanks to Tom O'Donnell for managing the team.

Hockey: Knocklyon North are through to the Leinster finals in early July. Thanks to Peter Vincent for managing the team and to Roseanne Basquel.

Basketball: As always thanks to Mary Pat Prendergast, we entered eight basketball teams in the competition held in the National Arena. The Girls U/13 won Bronze in their section.

Pitch and Putt: We entered North and South Boys teams. Knocklyon South won Bronze in the competition. Thanks to John Bentham for managing the teams.

The Committee would like to thank the Parish of Knocklyon for their very generous donation, which is being used to fund the various Community Games Activities as featured above.

Knocklyon Community Games Committee



With the qualifying for the Dublin Swimming and Athletics completed, we have children in the finals in Balrothery on June 25 and in Santry the following week. We wish all those taking part best of luck.

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KNOCKLYON HISTORY SOCIETY

Tomás Mac Donagh 1878 - 1916



Thomas Mac Donagh was born in Cloughjordan, Co Tipperary, in 1878, the first of four sons in the family. Two girls had already been born. His parents were teachers in the local Catholic school.

As a boy he had many interests, among them reading, games and music. He attended Rockwell College and spent some time as a member of the Holy Ghost Order. In 1896 he

matriculated for the Royal University and went to teach in Kilkenny. While there he joined The Gaelic League and established The Union of Secondary Teachers, which eventually became the ASTI. It was there, too, that he wrote his first book of poetry, *Through The Ivory Gate*. He then spent some years teaching in St Colman's, Fermoy, before transferring to Pearse's school, St Enda's, in Dublin in 1908. This school had just opened in Ranelagh and in 1910 transferred to Rathfarnham. Mac Donagh lived close to the school in Grange Lodge.

In the same year he obtained his B.A. in Irish, English and French and the following year was awarded an M.A. He was appointed a lecturer in English in University College and became part of the Dublin literary scene. He was editor of the literary magazine, *Irish Review* and founded The Irish Theatre as an alternative to the Abbey Theatre. He was also interested in the Suffragette Movement.

He married Muriel Gifford in 1911 in The Church of the Holy Name, Beechwood Avenue and they set up home on Oakley Road, Ranelagh. They had two children, a son, Donagh and a daughter, Barbara. He published his last book of poems in 1913.

He joined the Irish Volunteers at their founding in 1913 and was involved in organising the landing of guns in the Asgard in 1914 and the funeral of O'Donovan Rossa the following year. This same year, 1915, he joined the I.R.B. and became a member of its secret Military Council in the spring of 1916 and thus played his part in the organising of the Easter Rising. He was in command

of the garrison in Jacob's in Easter Week and surrendered to General Lowe on Sunday, the 30th of April.

A prisoner in Kilmainham Jail, he was refused permission to see his wife, Muriel, as he already had a visitor (his sister, Mary, an Irish Sister of Charity) before his execution at dawn on 3rd of May.

He is not forgotten in his native Cloughjordan, where the GAA grounds are called after him and a small library opened in his honour.

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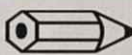
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