

# GREEN FLAG AWARD

By now we hope you have all seen and admired the Green Flag which stands in the grounds of St. Colmcille's Senior School. The Europe-wide project was set up to encourage young people to recognise the importance of environmental issues in their life now and in the future. They start with small achievable targets and proceed. The long-term nature of the scheme acts as a focus for developing a whole school policy. The reward is given to schools who complete the essential elements of the Green Schools programme and is awarded every two years. The project is an opportunity to develop children's decision-making skills, with action at every stage. It helps the pupils to recognise the importance of environmental issues and take them more seriously for their personal and home lives.

Registration with Green Schools was set up in the year 2000 having made sure that they had the full support of the Principal and staff, who, have as usual, given their "all" to the task in hand and which now has reaped the reward for the work involved.

The Green Schools Committee is the driving force of any project and makes sure that all the elements set are adopted. They give children responsibility and ensure that their ideas are valued. They also ensure that the views of all members of the school community are heard and where possible acted on.

The Green Committee (Coiste-Uaithne) meet every Tuesday at lunchtime in Room Three. The Committee consists of Mrs. O'Gara (Head of Coiste-Uaithne), Claudia Harding, 6th Class, (Secretary); Amanda Keegan is her Assistant. Stephen Buggy, 4th Class also a Committee member, is very keen in acquiring a rabbit population for the scheme. Members of the Coiste Uaithne are Mr. P. O'Neill (Príomhoide), Mr. Ruddy (Gardens and Board of Management Representative), Ms. Drennan (Litter-picking Co-Ordinator), Mr. Mac

Gabhann (Teacher Room 4), Miss Woods (3rd Class Co-Ordinator), Mr. Byrne, 5th Class (Composting) and Mr. Glennon, 5th Class (Composting).

Claudia takes the meeting, first to re-cap the last minutes and find out any improvement of the week before. Today there is a talk on recycled paper and a discussion on the yearly clean-up. A rota is planned for the litter pickers.

Boxes are available to all classes for recyclable goods – stamps for Fr. Tony, cans etc. and of course, the bottle bank. All letters are deposited in a bin. "If there is no bin – we will take the rubbish home" is the answer. All aluminium cans used in school go into the Recycling Bank.

Since September they have set up a Composting Environmental Review, the current Action Plan needs 2 litter bins, 2 Oxigen bins, an anti-litter campaign for anti-litter. The main problems – litter and lack of recycling. To date the grounds of St. Colmcille's School are now LITTER FREE!

Work must have realistic and achivable goals. Success increases confidence, and builds enthusiasm for setting new targets in subsequent years of the Green Schools Programme.

I always think we are lucky to be living in Knocklyon where the area is surrounded by such countryside. Almost everyone has a view of the Dublin Mountains from at least one window in their home.

I would like to say "Thank You" to St. Colmcille's School for opening my eyes to the environmental possibilities which are available to me. Indeed talking about recycling, newspapers and magazines were my favourite collections. A couple more years and I would have been able to build my own mountain, not in any way as beautiful as my world outside. In fact, I have now begun to look with pride at my Green Bin. From now on it will be given pride of place in my garden.

– Eileen Casey



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## It's All In Your Attitude

The inspiring Victor Frankl, who was a P.O.W. during the Holocaust, endured years of indignity and humiliation before he was finally liberated. When he was first captured, he was marched into a Gestapo courtroom. The Nazi's had taken away his home, his family, his freedom, his possessions, and even his watch and wedding ring. After shaving his head and stripping him, he stood there naked under the glaring lights of the German high command, being interrogated and falsely accused. He was destitute. A helpless pawn in the hands of brutal, prejudiced men – or was he?

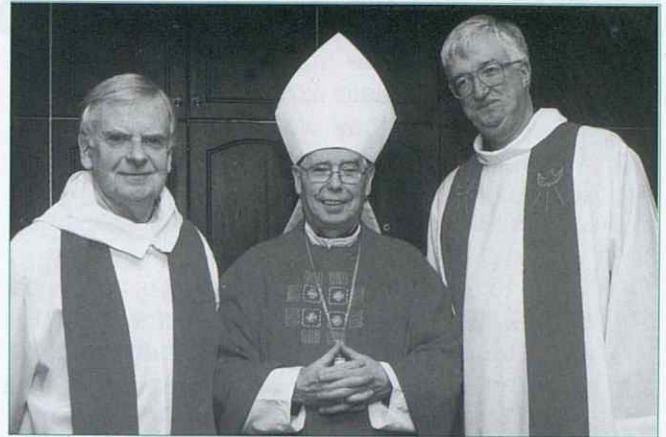
In that moment a light came on inside Frankl, and he suddenly realised there was one thing nobody could ever take from him. Just one. *The power to choose his own attitude in any set of circumstances!*

Regardless of what they did to him or what the future held for him, he could always choose that. Bitterness or forgiveness. To give up or go on. Hatred or hope. Determination to endure or the paralysis of self-pity. And today you have that same choice too (Phil 4:13).

Paul writes these inspiring words from prison, "Even though on the outside it often looks like things are falling apart on us, on the inside, where God is making new life, not a day goes by without His unfolding grace" (2 Cor 4:16 TM). How wonderful!

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## Confirmation Day



*Bishop Tom Finnegan, retired Bishop of Killala (centre) with Fr. David and Fr. Miceál.*

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# NOVENA OF GRACE

It was suggested to me that having a Novena Of Grace was an out-of-date exercise. With people living in the fast lane they would not have time to spend an hour in church for nine evenings. Perhaps, such a Novena would suit the elderly and should be at the morning ten o'clock Mass as this age group does not venture out after dark.

I am glad to report that this analysis was very wide of the mark. The attendance was very good. The speakers gave much food for thought. John Lonergan, governor of Mountjoy Prison, reminded us that our houses should be places where everyone feels at home; where friends are welcomed when they call and that sitting-rooms are for living in, not for show.

Fr. Christopher O'Donnell, a world known Carmelite Theologian, posed the question, 'Sin – Dead or Alive?' We were under no illusion after his direct talk that sin is very much alive.

'Me – Growing Or Static?' was the theme addressed by Geraldine Glasgow. If we are not as the people of the Gaeltacht would say "Istigh leat fein" (at home with one's self) we might consider looking inwards before being cynical or critical of others.

Fr. Miceál O'Neill, one of our parish Carmelites, spoke of the damage being done to our environment. We are but caretakers in God's world, taking care of earth, sea and air in order to pass it on in pristine condition to future generations.

Questions on Politics, Prayer, Youth and the Church were also addressed by visiting speakers.

For me the evening of Reflection and Intercession, with 'War – Justice or Failure?' as the theme, was special. Fr. David Weakliam's quiet but poignant words were very inspiring, especially as they were spoken on the day that Inspector Blix was reporting to the United Nations on his work in Iraq. The choir of young people sang appropriate hymns. The Parish Team deserve our gratitude for organising the Novena. The choice of themes and speakers, six of whom were lay people, was very relevant to 2003. Thanks also to members of the many parish choirs who generously gave of their talents each evening.

The Novena of Grace was first celebrated in

Ireland in 1712 at Mary's Lane Chapel, St. Michan's Parish, Dublin. It is wonderful that almost three hundred years later, the parish of St. Colmcille, Knocklyon, in the Dublin suburbs can have a well-attended nine evenings of prayer and reflection on twenty-first century themes. We prayed for ourselves, our families and all people living in our parish at the beginning of Lent when we are endeavouring to improve our relationships with God.

– Anna Brioscú

## NEWS FROM THE PARISH FORUM

The Parish Forum continues to meet on a monthly basis. At its January meeting it was agreed that the January/February/March meetings would look at a number of priorities arising from a discussion on the parish finances. These would include the question of how the youth of the parish can best be served.

The Forum was advised that the matter of a submission to the Broadcasting Commission is a much wider issue than the parish requirement for the broadcasting of religious services, and as such would not seem to fall within the scope of the Parish Team or Forum.

The re-commencement of the Rainbow Programme in the parish is proceeding with four persons having undergone the initial training course. Facilitators are required and a meeting is to be arranged with this in mind. The facilities required were discussed and agreed.

A working group was set up to ensure the ongoing updating of the Parish Website. Ed Kellett of the Parish Team will work with the group. The Forum also reflected on the characteristics that make youth initiatives successful as well as those that can be identified in unsuccessful initiatives.

The Forum also recorded a vote of sympathy to Anna Brioscú (a member) and her family on the death of Aodhagán.

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# Confirmation at St. Colmcille's 19th-20th February, 2003

Almost 200 children were confirmed by Bishop Tom Finnegan and Bishop Eamonn Walsh and we send our good wishes to all the girls and boys who received the sacrament of Confirmation.



Twins Aoife (second from left) and Orla Brien, of Mount Alton, with their parents, Pat and Marian.



Nicole Walsh of Glenvara with her parents, Anna and T.J.



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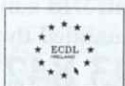
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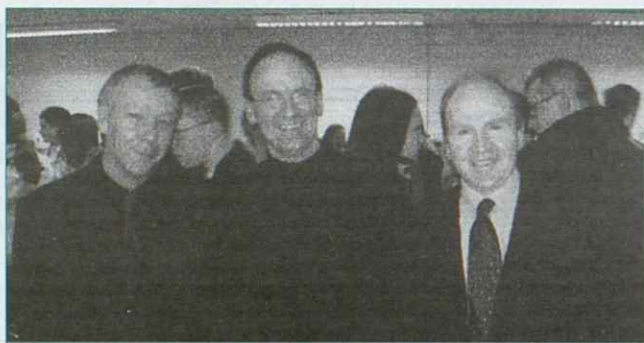
## **CONCERT BAND DOUBLE BILL**

We were delighted to witness the debut of the Junior Band in the Community Centre on February 15th. They were conducted by Cathriona Ní Threasigh, who has been with them since they started playing as a group. The soloist on the night was Ruth Hickey on the clarinet. The Junior Band only started their instruments lessons in March 2002 and have been practising together as a unit only since September, and is obviously packed with new talent.

On March 6th the Senior Band played a concert in Sancta Maria College with a guest band from Antwerp, The Blazersensemble. Under the baton of Dirk Van Ginderen, they played a medley from 'Titanic', and 'Lord Of The Dance' together with pieces from Jan Van der Roost, a famous Flemish composer. The Blazersensemble are linked to the Municipal Academy of Music in Deurne, Antwerp and were founded in 1990. The 55 strong band, composed of current and former members of the Academy have won prizes in competitions in Poland, Finland and of course Belgium.



*Some members of the Blazersensemble Band about to play.*



*Left to right: Dirk Van Ginderen, conductor of the Blazersensemble from Antwerp, Robert Chester, Musical Director, KCB, John Meehan, Conductor of the Senor Band.*



# **KNOCKLYON HISTORY SOCIETY**

On Wednesday, 12th March, the special bi-centenary commemorative lecture on Robert Emmet was given by Dr. Dáire Keogh. It was a most stimulating and interesting talk giving many insights into the life and times of Emmet.

The Rising of 1803 took place on 23rd July and Emmet was executed on 20th September in Thomas Street, outside St. Catherine's Church. Emmet delivered his famous speech from the dock at the end of the trial on the 19th which lasted about 13 hours. Emmet remained in chains throughout.

## **Wednesday, April 9th, 2003**

The A.G.M. will be followed by a slide show quiz and Joan Armstrong will give a short account on the life of Tom Russell, 'the man from God knows where'.

## **Saturday, 10th May, 2003**

Day Outing to Carlow visiting the interesting village of Ballitore, the beautiful high crosses at Moone and Castledermot, the Brownhill Dolmen and having a guided tour of Carlow Town.

## **Wednesday, 14th May, 2003**

Anna Brioscú will give a talk titled 'Crumlin Cross to Kimmage Cross', the last event of the present season.

## **CONFIRMATION GIRLS**



*Bishop Eamonn Waslh with, left to right, Caoimhe Murray of Lansdowne Park, Jessica Ryan of Rockbrook, Laura Keely of Westbourne Lodge and Sharon Glynn of Beverly Heights.*

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As we approach Easter we reflect on a very rewarding term of teaching and learning. Our school report presented by School Inspector Mr. Barnes commended the staff for their professional approach and paid tribute to parents and the Board of Management for their respective supportive and managerial roles. One of the greatest challenges for the school community in the coming years will undoubtedly be the improvement of our school buildings in order to cater even better for the pupils' needs.

Despite the unsuitability of our plethora of prefabricated classrooms the children and teachers working in them have enjoyed great successes this term.

The six Junior Infants classes have focussed on the theme of 'New Life' and some of their wonderful work has been on display in the corridor for the past few weeks. Children who receive help from Support Teachers have made great strides, with their culinary activity on Pancake Tuesday proving very worthwhile indeed. Our six second classes received the Sacrament of Reconciliation at three special ceremonies in late February. The twelve members of the Carmelite family spearheaded by Fr. David ensured that the children will have fond memories of their First Confession. Many family members availed of the opportunity to have their confessions heard by one of our own priests or by one of the many visiting priests. Ms. Johnston, Mr. Cuddy, Ms. Meeley, Ms. Ní Bhroin, Ms. Gallagher and Ms. Murphy O'Shea provided musical accompaniment throughout the services.

#### Shared Reading

There was a great response to our appeal for adults to assist with the promotion of reading in the school. Nearly fifty volunteers expressed willingness to visit classrooms in the mornings to hear children reading. The scheme has been very welcome in our first and second classes. We hope to extend to the infant classes after Easter.

#### Green Schools

As the spring bulbs begin to blossom we turn our attention to recycling of batteries and ink cartridges and to energy conservation. There is a great awareness among our young pupils of the global benefits of recycling and waste management. Our 12 green schools representatives in first and second classes have taken the lead in this important education programme. Well done to the Senior School who became the first South Dublin school to raise the green flag.

#### Sports

The McDonald's "Catch and Kick" challenge will be introduced to the school after Easter. Enda McNulty current All-Star and Coaching director at Ballyboden St. Enda's will help the teachers to teach the two primary skills of Gaelic football to their classes using the new equipment sponsored by McDonalds. The pupils will be asked to subscribe €1 in April towards the Special Olympics

"Sponsor an Athlete" appeal, The Board of Management and Parents Association have donated funds towards this initiative.

#### Córfhéile na Scoileanna

Three of our classes, Ms. Johnston's, Ms. Mathews, and Ms. Ní Bhroin's performed at the annual schools' choral festival in the National Basketball Arena. Their parents and families provided great support and the judges were very complimentary indeed (see photos below).

#### Enrolment

All of the places in our six Junior Infant classes for Sept.'03 have now been filled by children born before June 1999. Special Information Meetings will be held for their parents in early May. There may be a small number of vacancies in Senior Infants, First or Second classes next September. Parents who intend to enrol children at St. Colmcille's in the coming years should complete application forms at the school office as early as possible, and not later than Christmas of the year prior to their child's enrolment here.



The above photos show Rooms 11 and 12 practising for Córffhéile na Scoileanna.

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## • Senior School News •

### An Brat Glas

On Friday 28th February, the Brat Glas was officially raised over St. Colmcille's S.N.S. Knocklyon. The Mayor of South Dublin County Council, Cllr. Jim Daly, accompanied by Councillors and Council Officials attended the ceremony. This award of the Green Flag is the culmination of a number of years hard work and effort by pupils, teachers, parents and the general school community. The award is in recognition of the efforts of our pupils to improve the quality of our local environment and safeguard our future environmentally. Comhghairdeachas (see report on Page 2).

### Coirm

Over 60 of our pupils participated in the Coirm Festival, which was recently staged in Mullingar. Coirm is an Irish language cultural festival organised by Gael Linn. Our pupils' show was a great success and four of our pupils received a special Gradam for their efforts – Paul Corcoran, Róisín Murphy, Sophie Ryan and Daniel Allwell.

### Córfheile na Scoileanna

Five of our classes participated in the Córfheile na Scoileanna festival which was staged recently in the National Basketball Arena.

## GRADAM WINNERS

The four pupils below each won a 'Gradam' Award for their performances in the Coirm Festival recently.



Back, Daniel Allwell and Sophie Ryan. Front, Paul Corcoran and Róisín Murphy.

Two of our 3rd classes: Ms. Woods' and Ms. O'Regan's staged a musical drama.

Two of our 6th classes: Ms. O'Gara's and Mr. Ruddy's staged a production of "Táin Bó Cholmcille".

Ms. Kelly's class and the Coirm Group staged their production of "Rogha Réaltaí".

### Sporting News

Our school Camogie and Hurling teams have been preparing for the Cumann na nBunscol competitions over the last two months and all started their programme of games in the first week of March. We have three Camogie

teams and three Hurling teams participating in this year's Cumann na nBunscol competitions. Mr. Byrne also has his athletes from 5th and 6th classes in training for the forthcoming Athletics season.

### I.T. News

Our I.T. committee, led by Mr. J. Brennan, is currently investigating the feasibility of cabling our school. Any parent or member of the community who would be interested in assisting with this project is asked to contact Mr. Brennan.

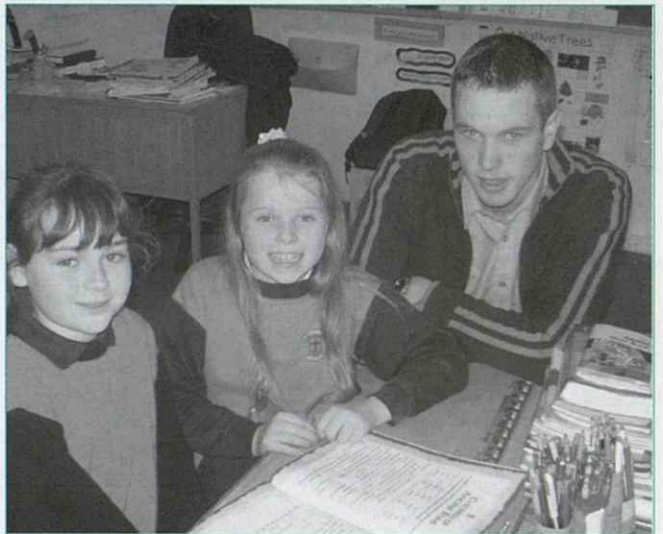
### Chess Club

A Chess Club has recently been set up in St. Colmcille's S.N.S. It is run by third class teacher Ms. McAllister. It is held on Wednesdays at yard time in her classroom. At the beginning of the school year students from fourth, fifth and sixth classes were invited to join. Ms. McAllister intends to pick a school team from the players. The chess matches have been great fun. Playing fellow students has been much more interesting than playing a computer chess game (see photos opposite).  
– *Conor Larkin (4th Class pupil)*

### Seachtain na Gaeilge

Our Seachtain na Gaeilge was held on the week preceding Lá Fhéile Pádraig. Bhí Tionól na seachtaine i nGaeilge le gach rang-ghrúpa. Each class group had lots of special activities as Gaeilge agus bhí an Ghaeilge le cloisteál go forleathan timpeall na scoile.

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Left to right: Rosemary Dennehy, Joanne Breegan and Mr. A. Dundon.

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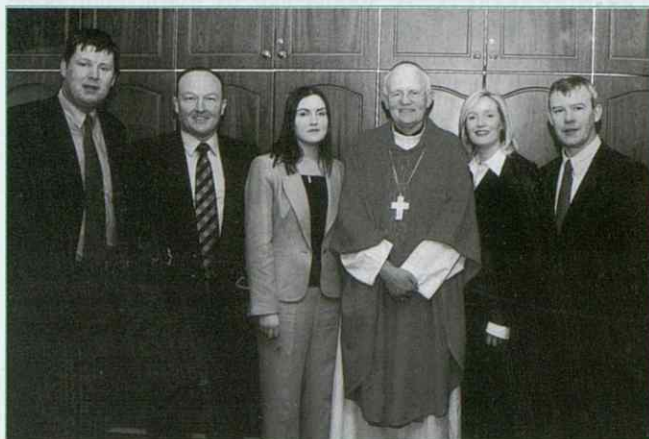
### CHESS EXPERTS



*Pictured left – Robert Doyle and Conor Larkin. . . .*



*. . . Also, pictured right, Darren Healy and Stephen Buggy.*



*Bishop Eamonn Walsh with (from left): Teachers John Gearty, Vivian Ruddy, Deirdre Martin, Anne-Marie O'Gara and Pádraig O'Neill (Principal).*



*Karl Fitzharris of the Rookery with his parents Breda and Pat, and his twin sisters Kate, left, and Sarah.*

### MORE CONFIRMATION FAMILIES



*Luke Boyle of Templeroan Avenue, with his parents Breda and Tony.*



*From left: Natalia Hyland, Aoife Noonan and Shauna Cannon, all of Templeroan.*

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The Knocklyon I.C.A. would like to thank everybody who came to our Coffee Evening on March 4th. It was a great success and on the night we raised €2,000 for the Special Olympics. This means that we can sponsor two athletes for the great event.

We would like to thank Chris Meehan, from Darglewood, and her friends who make up the wonderful quartet which provided the musical entertainment on the evening.

The I.C.A. meet on the first and third Tuesday of the month in the Community Centre and new members are always welcome. On 1st April we have Denise, a manicurist, who is back by popular demand. On 15th April we will be at the Civic Theatre enjoying Pat Shortt.

Thank you all once again and don't forget our A.G.M. is on Tuesday 6th May, so please come along. - **M.D.**

## Knocklyon Golf Society

The following Committee was elected at our A.G.M. for 2003:

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Our first outing for 2003 will be to Killeen Golf Club on April 26th, 1.00-2.30 p.m.. Other venues are Millicent Golf Club, May 17th, 11.30 a.m.-1.30 p.m.; Castlewarden Golf Club, June 6th, 2.30-4.30 p.m. (President's Prize); Grange Golf Club, August 22nd, 1.30-3.30 p.m. (Captain's Prize); Arklow Golf Club, September 13th, 10.00-11.20 a.m.; Grange Castle Golf Club, October 18th, 11.00 a.m.-12.30 p.m.

At present there are a limited number of vacancies and we would welcome new members for the coming year. If you are interested in joining the Society please contact Martin Rafferty at 493 6713 (evenings) or 086-858 5795.

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## PARISH OF ST. COLMCILLE

### Receipts and Payments Analysis (July 2001 to June 2002)

#### RECEIPTS

Weekly Envelopes .....	€146,008
Standing Orders.....	€85, 882
Fund-raising (Christmas Fair, etc.) .....	€25,790
Iona Centre (Room Hire, Coffee Shop, etc.) .....	€16,505
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>€291,316</b>

#### PAYMENTS

Capital Payments re Iona Centre.....	€107,910
Bank Interest .....	€21,838
Building/Repairs/Maintenance .....	€40,183
Schools .....	€35,394
Salaries/Wages.....	€19,128
Iona Centre Running Costs .....	€17,046
Altar Supplies, etc. ....	€17,383
Light/Heat.....	€5,289
Telephone/Postage/Stationery/Printing .....	€9,454
Receptions/Socials/Stipends.....	€9,854
Insurance/Rates .....	€9,441
Office Equipment .....	€1,333
Architect's Fees .....	€900
Accounting/Audit .....	€438
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>€295,591</b>
<b>Deficit.....</b>	<b>€4,275</b>

This analysis does not take into account the debt entered into by the Parish to complete the Iona Centre. The outstanding debt as at 30th June, 2002, amounted to €367,237, which is being repaid over ten years through a bank term loan.

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# A WINTER VISIT TO LITHUANIA

Lithuania is a very cold place in the winter. The snow stays on the ground for ages and the temperature can drop to as low as minus thirty.

A few years ago one of the Bishops wrote to Rome asking for help in his diocese where the Carmelites had had a strong presence up until their expulsion by the Czar in 1832. It's not easy nowadays to find people to pack their bags and head off for mission territories. The Carmelites are no exception when it comes to falling numbers of vocations.

The Bishop understood the problem and agreed to our offer to look for people in Lithuania itself, who would get to know our story and perhaps offer the possibility of getting a vibrant Carmelite family going again in Lithuania. The response so far has been encouraging.

On this particular visit we led a day of renewal

organised by a new lay community called Living Stones, in the city of Kaunas. This involved a series of talks and workshops on Carmelite history, Carmelite spirituality, the work of Justice and peace and *lectio divina*. It was impressive to see upwards of a thousand people fill the theatre at the local university for the event. After that we met different groups around the country and finished up with a two-day retreat with the Living Stones community.

It is hard to know what the future of our Lithuanian window will be. With the presence of so many Lithuanians now in Ireland, it might be nice to think of the possibility of building up a relationship with them here at home and so furthering the work of building bridges with a country that is so like our own in terms of its landscape, its history and its personality.

– Fr. Miceál

## CUSTOMER CARE

It is the policy of our editorial team to support our advertisers (after all, they pay for our printing costs) and with this in mind one of our members recently sought the services of M. Lennon Catering to provide food for a son's 21st Birthday party. (She was so impressed with the professional service she feels it is fitting to share the experience with our readers.) The son involved requested finger food – spicy chicken wings, cocktail sausages, dips, etc., the type of food which would satisfy the hunger pangs of his friends!

Arrangements were made for the delivery to the party venue at a particular time, and we are told that Michael Lennon personally and punctually arrived with piping hot food on disposable platters (no washing-up involved). The appetising tasty presentation went down a treat with the young – and not so young – guests.

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# RECONCILIATION SUNDAY

APRIL 5th-6th

'Forgive and be forgiven'

Mass with Sacrament of Reconciliation

7 p.m. (Sat.), 11 a.m., 12 noon, 1 p.m., 7 p.m.

## LET IT GO!

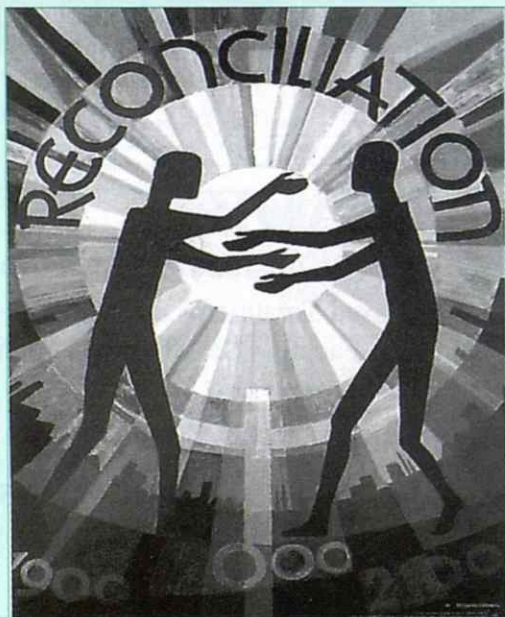
Some scientists set out to capture a rare species of monkey and bring it back alive and unharmed. To do this, they devised a trap; a small jar with a narrow neck into which they placed a handful of nuts. Smelling the nuts, the monkeys reached in to get them. But when they tried to withdraw their hands, they discovered they couldn't get their clenched fists back out. They were trapped; unable to escape, because they were unwilling to let go!

Sometimes we're just like those monkeys, aren't we? Unable to escape our past as we are unwilling to let it go! Has somebody mistreated you? Have you said to yourself, "I'll never forget this as long as I live"? Whether you know it or not, you're not holding on to resentment – it's holding on to you. You're trapped! The real victim of resentment is the one who carries it. Are you a carrier? Hate prolonged is just a slow form of suicide.

Do you think the other person is the one who needs forgiveness? Think again. Paul said, "... Forgive ... as quickly and thoroughly as ... Christ forgave you" (Ephesians 4:32 TM). How did Christ forgive you? (a) When you were completely undeserving of it. (b) With no strings attached. (c) With full knowledge that you'd fail Him again.

"What's the answer?" you ask. Forgive and forget! More issues are forgotten than are ever resolved. To forgive is to set a prisoner free – *and discover that the prisoner is you!*

— THE WORD FOR TODAY



## DON'T RE

In years gone by, the above heading was frequently used to draw the attention of readers to an article or item of news which they were otherwise likely to have Ignored. In my experience, it always worked! So much so, that I wonder why the ploy is nowadays seldom, if ever, used! (Although, come to think of it, I dare say it is used, but in subtle and more sophisticated ways.) It just points to one of the many bewildering facets of this nature of ours. The most effective way to get someone to look over their shoulder is to tell them not to! Or if you want someone to really listen to you, tell them first that maybe you shouldn't be telling them at all!

In the primeval story of Adam and Eve and their first temptation, there may well not have been any need for the serpent to persuade them to eat the forbidden fruit. God's insistence that they were not to eat it was probably more than enough to make them want to do the opposite!

What is it in our nature that makes us this way? Curiosity? Perversity? Probably both, and more besides! But whatever way you label it, one thing is

## PRAY ALWAYS

(1 Thess. 5:17)

Sat., April 5th

**A Morning of Prayer in a Lenten Setting**  
will include Morning Prayer at 9.45 a.m.,  
Eucharist 10.00 a.m.

**Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed**  
**Sacrament, Intercession and Quiet.**  
The Programme will end with Tea/Coffee at  
around 12 noon.

You are all welcome to join at any time.

## PALM SUNDAY

April 13th

**Celebration of the Passion and Distribution of**  
**Palms at all Masses**

April 14th

Monday, 8.00 a.m.

**Celebration of Hope and Healing**





# ATION . . .

## He suffered . . . and died . . . and rose again to life. . . .

### ED THIS!

sure: it's a very powerful part of our make-up. And it's been with us since mankind first came upon the earth.

If you've read thus far, I'm hoping you will continue. For my real purpose is to interest you in celebrating Holy Week and pondering the mystery of it all. My first thought was to introduce the programme of Liturgy, Prayer and Service, with a heading in large print: "PLEASE, UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES . COME TO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING!" But I just couldn't follow through. It seemed fundamentally inappropriate to give a gimmicky heading to anything so solemn and sacred. The heading I've chosen is risky enough.

What transpires in Holy Week is at the very apex of our celebration of the Faith we profess and, hopefully, value. These Liturgies and Celebrations should call for our communal and prayerful presence more insistently even than Sunday Mass. So please, I ask you, read through the programme, consider the events, and choose to come to those, and as many, as you can.



#### HOLY THURSDAY

April 17th

10.00 a.m. Morning Prayer

3.30 p.m. Children's Mass

7.30 p.m. Celebration of the Last Supper

The sublime and wondrous gift of the Eucharist, whereby Christ, though leaving, remains forever with us. Every Mass is the Memorial. Today is the Anniversary.

#### GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL 18th

10.00 a.m. Morning Prayer

11.00 a.m. Stations of the Cross for Children

12.00 noon Stations of the Cross for Adults

3.00 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion

8.30 p.m. Musical Presentation of the Passion

The awesome event of His suffering and violent death, wherein He expressed his personal and infinite love for everyone of us, calls for contemplation and grateful response. 'Can you not watch one hour with me?'



#### HOLY SATURDAY

April 17th

10.00 a.m. Morning Prayer

10.30-11.30 a.m. Confessions

4.00-5.00 p.m. Confessions

9.00 p.m. Easter Vigil

Resurrection! Christ's Victory! Our Salvation! Promised from the Beginning. Foretold by the Prophets. Witnessed by the Apostles. Preached by the Church. Celebrated by the Faithful and the Easter Vigil.

#### EASTER SUNDAY

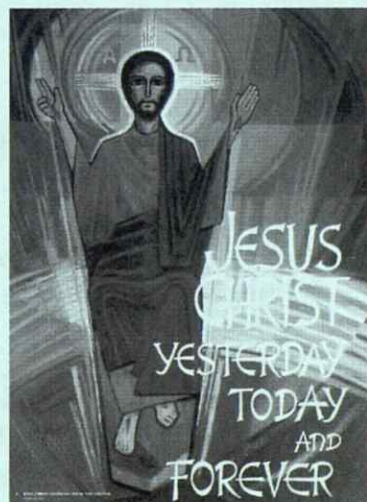
April 20th

9.00 a.m., 10.00 a.m. and

11.00 a.m., 12 noon,

1.00 p.m. and 7.00 p.m.

NOTE: Mass times as usual on Sunday.





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**Thursday, 27th March – RELATIONSHIPS TODAY**  
**Strengthening Relationships – Rebuilding 2nd**  
**Relationships**

Noel McHugh, Accord

Claire Missen, Marriage and Relationship Counselling  
Service

**Thursday, 3rd April – SPIRITUALITY FOR BUSY PEOPLE**  
**Who Am I and What's Life All About?**

Rev. Katherine Meyer, Chaplain at Trinity College

Rev. Alan McGuickian, www.Sacred Space @ Jesuit  
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*Everyone is very welcome to join us for this  
Lent Series*

## MUSIC MINISTRY SUPPORT

As mentioned in the LitMus newsletter, Eoin Garrett is available to parishes as a consultant to those involved in the music ministry. How this might work will vary according to need. In general terms, he will observe how a choir/parish operates musically and liturgically; draw up a report or audit and discuss this in detail with the music personnel, parish team or clergy as appropriate. Initial contact for this service should be made to the LitMus Office, 01-857 1648 or pdod@eircom.net.

Eoin Garrett retired after 18 years as Choir Director in Knocklyon Parish last year. He is a former secretary of the Irish Church Music Association and Administrator of the Dublin International Organ and Choral Festival. He was recently appointed a Senior Examiner for the Local Centre Examinations of the Royal Irish Academy of Music.

## NEW COMMISSIONS

Cardinal Connell has appointed both a new Liturgy Commission and Music Commission for a period of four years. The Liturgy Commission is chaired by John McCann and has the following members: Damian Farnon, Jane Ferguson, Patricia Holden, Paddy Jones, Dermot Nestor, Pat O'Donoghue, Kathleen O'Riordan, Noelle Topley, and Liam Tracey.

The Music Commission is chaired by Pat O'Donoghue with the following members: Orla Barry, Ian Callanan, John Carr, Pauline Chambers, Marie Dunne, Gerard Gallagher, Eoin Garrett, Des Hayden, Deirdre Hely, Patricia Holden, Paul Kenny, Grace Lyons, John McCann, Anne O'Leary, Una Russell, Paul Thornton, Liz Weafer and Tom Whelan. Eoin Garrett chairs the sub-group on "Parish" under the new Commission.

## Lasting Memories

Ralph Brogan (Greenacre Court) and Brian McGee, two fifteen-year-old students in Colaiste Eanna have compiled a wonderful anthology of essays as part of Colaiste Eanna's Young Entrepreneurs' Scheme.

The book was launched on 7th February by the Australian Ambassador Dr. John Herron along with Minister of State Ivor Callely T.D. Dr Herron's decision to launch the book was influenced by the fact that three of the stories had an Australian theme and he was very impressed with the way they depicted life in his home country.

The two boys asked family members, friends and classmates to contribute pieces for the book.

Classmates from Colaiste Eanna who contributed to the book include: Phillip Hollowed, Jan Igelesias, David Kelly, Michael Griffin, Mark Noonan and Keith Moorehouse.

Other contributors include Aoife Doyle who attends Our Lady's School, Templeogue; Gerry O'Malley from Australia; MK Henry. Mary Kenny and Mary McCombs all from Mayo; and Damien Hughes from Carlow.

The boys have said they are indebted to their sponsors, particularly Bill Cullen, author of "It's A Long Way From Penny Apples." We send our congratulations to the boys and wish them success with their book.

The book is suitable for all ages and there is something to appeal to everyone. The eye-catching graphics on the cover were courtesy of B. Magee Designs (Brian's Dad). It's available from the Church Shop in Knocklyon, The Map Bookstore in Rathfarnham Shopping Centre and Easons. Price €7.99.



**Ralph Brogan and Brian McGee pictured with the  
Australian Ambassador, Dr. John Herron at their book  
launch on February 7th.**

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## Confirmation Smiles



**Danielle Treacy of Lansdowne Park with her parents Angela and Pat.**

## COMMUNITY GAMES

After last year's successful participation of Knocklyon in the Community Games it is now time to get ready for this year's event.

Swimming trials will take place in Templeogue swimming pool on Sunday 13th April at 6.30 p.m. It would be appreciated if those wishing to take part could contact Suzanne Walsh (494 2377) or Mary Ward (493 5908) with your name, address and date of birth before this date.

To help to run this event successfully extra volunteers are welcome. Look out for more details of other events in forthcoming issues.

## Anyone for Tennis?



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## Baile Buadain Naomh Éanna Ballyboden St. Endas GAA, Camogie and Ladies Football Club



The Ballyboden St. Endas Camogie section is the biggest in the country with 14 teams from Under 11 to Senior ranks. In an effort to alleviate some of the financial burden, a Fashion Show has been organised for Tuesday 8th April in the Clubhouse. Support from all quarters would be appreciated and anyone who would like to advertise in the Programme or support the event in any way should contact Mona Uí Shúilleabháin at [monaosullivan@hotmail.com](mailto:monaosullivan@hotmail.com).

The Club is delighted to announce that MUTEK, the Municipal and Utilities Truck Equipment Company, the Daimler Chrysler AG Dealer for Mercedes-Benz Commercial Vehicles has decided to sponsor the Club's Minor Hurling team. The team strip will carry the famous Mercedes Benz logo as well as the words MUTEK.IE.

Congratulations to Conal Keaney, Stephen Hiney, Darragh Spain and Alan Ryan on helping Dublin to their first Walsh Cup hurling success since 1967. David Sweeney has rejoined the Dublin panel for the League and Championship campaign.

Last year's Minor Dublin player – Declan O'Mahony has made it on to the Dublin Senior Football panel and made his Allianz League debut in the game against Armagh in Croke Park.

Anyone interested in working as a coach on the Rathfarnham and District Credit Union sponsored Summer Camps this year must assist with the Saturday Morning nurseries. Contact Enda McNulty or Brian O'Regan for further details.

**– Gerry O'Sullivan**



**John Connolly of Mercedes Benz – MUTEK.IE on the Naas Road, Dublin (second from right) at the reception to announce the Company's Sponsorship of the Ballyboden St. Endas Minor team. Also in picture (from left) Andrew Hickey, Ronan Hore, Club Chairman and Michael Griffin.**

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# KNOCKLYON UNITED



The season is again up and running but the weather has continued to cause havoc with the fixtures and forcing many games to be called off. Managers and players should be aware that this will lead to a lot more mid-week matches over the remainder of the season.

## Delaforde Dressing Room

After a lot of effort by the club, support from the local community and the government, the club has finally begun the construction of its first concrete pavilion in Knocklyon. This pavilion will provide a number of dressing rooms, a meeting room and toilet facilities, etc. The dressing room will cater for our younger teams, both boys and girls, from the nursery level to the Under 10's. This is a major development for the club as it represents our first step to achieving the ambitions of the club.

## Ladies Football

Once again the club will be entering a number of football teams in the Dublin Women's Soccer League which is due to begin in mid May. This year we intend to enter teams from the following ages, under 10, 12, 14 and 16. We will be looking for your support. We are also looking for a number of people to manage some of the girl's teams. For those interested in taking on this challenge please contact either the Club Secretary Noel Gaughran, mobile 087-659 1861 or the Ladies Secretary Brian Doyle, home 494 1928 or mobile 087-695 0575. For any players interested in taking part, please contact either the managers from last year or either of the above numbers.

## Trip to Holland

The club plans to travel at Easter once again, to allow our players to play in tournaments against teams from all over Europe. We are travelling to Holland with our Under 13 and Under 18 teams. Both teams are eagerly looking forward to the trip

and hopefully it will prove to be as successful as our last trip.

## Special League

As many of you are aware, the club, in conjunction with St. Endas Ballyboden GAA organised a mini World Cup tournament between the Dublin Down Syndrome Association and teams from both clubs. We have again spoken with Rory O'Connor from the Down Syndrome Association who confirmed that there is a huge interest for this tournament to take place again. Given that it is the year of the Special Olympics, both clubs are eager to run a tournament on the June Bank Holiday weekend. Details of the events to take place will be announced in the next edition of the Knocklyon News.

## Under 13 Team

Our Under 13 premier DDSL team has recently progressed to the quarter final of the All-Ireland Cup by beating a team from Co. Wicklow 3-0. This is a great success for the club and they will be travelling onto Co. Limerick to play Summerville in the quarter final. The club wishes the managers and players every success.

Any queries you can contact me at the details below. Thanking you.

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## KNOCKLYON UNITED DRAW RESULTS

### November 2002

1st, Peter Kieran, Beverley, €380; 2nd, John Bull, Glenvara, €190; 3rd, Michael Hyland, Cavan, €65.

### December 2002

1st, Jenny Kennedy, Knockfield, €380; 2nd, Marise Carroll, Templeroan, €190; 3rd, Martin Giffney, Orlagh Grove, €65.

### January 2003

1st, Mary Hyland, Templeroan, €380; 2nd, David Skelly, Orlagh Lodge, €190; 3rd, Derek McHugh, Castlefield Grove, €65.

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# ST. COLMCILLE'S COMMUNITY SCHOOL

## First and Second Year Hurling Blitz

Over 60 students took part in an indoor hurling competition which commenced in November. The atmosphere at all of the games was fantastic as all players and supporters showed great enthusiasm. The final was recorded on video and a huge attendance was present including all-Ireland medal winner Enda McNulty and Waterford hurler, Donal Berry. The two teams that reached the final were presented with sliothars, pens and hurley grips thanks to Ballyboden St. Enda's GAA club.

Well done to Mr O'Brien and to all involved.

## First Year Students 2003

The boys and girls in 6th class who will be joining St. Colmcille's Community School next September took their first major step forward in that direction on Saturday 8th February when they sat the Entrance Assessment. Although some nerves were in evidence on arrival they settled in very quickly and performed to a very high standard indeed. Congratulations to them and their 6th class teachers on their excellent achievements to date and we look forward to continuing the good work with this obviously talented group of students.

## Young Entrepreneurs Scheme

The final of the Young Entrepreneurs Scheme took place on the evening of 29th January. Students who took part in the competition beautifully displayed their products for parents, teachers and friends. Ms Philbin and Ms Farrell congratulated all students on their hard work. The overall winners from 1st year were the 'Buy and Sell Auctioneers' and from 2nd year were 'Dry N' Tie'. These two groups will now go forward to represent the school in the county final.

Many thanks to Mr David Walsh (AIB), Mrs Sheila Alwell and Mrs Catherine Farrell (Parents Association) who kindly attended to judge the competition.

## Musical - 'The Wizard Of Oz'

Our school musical took place on the 11th, 12th and 13th of March. Once again it was a great success and well done to all involved.

## CSPE Action Projects

The 3rd years are bringing to conclusion their many CSPE Action Projects under the direction of Ms Gilmer. A variety of speakers have been invited to speak to the 3rd year classes by individual groups of students working on their different projects. Among these included Mr Alan Clayton from Choc Aid, Ms Elsie McPherson from Goal, Mr Killian Forde from Traveller Support and Mr Tom Kitt T.D. who spoke on developments in the Third World. Other projects included Dail visits and a variety of fund raising events. (See photos on Page 19.)

## Focus Ireland

Congratulations to the class of 2R and to their class tutor, Ms Ryan on their fund-raising for Focus Ireland, a charity that

raises money for homeless people. Between all the class they have managed to raise €1,017 through sponsors of a 3 mile walk around Knocklyon.

The walk took place on Thursday 6th February. A cheque was presented to Jo O'Connell from Focus Ireland on the day of the walk. Thank you to everyone who supported the class and well done to all involved. (See photos on Page 19.)

## Green School Flag

The Green School Flag committee organised a very successful 'litter free' week here in the school from Monday 20th to Friday 24th January. Litter awareness was raised through poster campaigns, art competitions and video presentations. Congratulations to the committee of teachers and students involved in this excellent initiative.

## Young Entrepreneurs Scheme



**First Year winners – left to right: Hugh Ruddy, Daragh McHugh and Pierce Lynch.**



**Second Year winners – left to right: Donna Murphy, Lauren Martone and Sarah Fleming.**

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#### Lá le Vailintín

Ní raibh cúrsaí grá ag cur isteach orainn ar chor or bith ach cúrsaí cispheile! A school team participated in a basketball tournament in the Arena in Tallaght on St. Valentine's Day. Clíona and Georgina accompanied the group to what proved to be a very enjoyable event. Now that Clíona NicDhomhnaill is taking the senior half of the school for basketball training each week (gach Dé Máirt), we look forward to making our mark in Tallaght an bhliain seo chugainn.

#### Sacraimint na hAithrí

Rang a Dó themselves had worked hard to prepare themselves for this important evening in the church and their dráma beag was wonderful. Múinteoir Daithí was very proud of his class and is already planning for the Céad Chomaoineach which will take place on Saturday, May 24th.

Children from Rang a 2 received the Sacrament of Reconciliation (known to those of us of a certain age as the Sacrament of Penance!), on Monday February the 17th. Gabhaimid buíochas leis an Athair Pádraig Ó Cochláin who always makes the occasion a meaningful one for the children. It was a special event for a lot of the school as the choir, faoi stiúir an Mhúinteora Georgina, and Rang a 4, with their feadóga stain, provided the ceol don oíche.

#### Dearbháin Tesco

Táimid ag bailiú na ndearbháin linn agus tá roinnt mhaith tagtha isteach cheana féin. Grannies, aunties, minders and neighbours as well as Mamaí agus Daidí are contributing to this year's effort. Nár laga Dia sibh! Our seomra ríomhairí, fully networked, should be ready for testing this month.

#### Cruinnithe Tuistí

February 7th saw a steady stream of parents to the school all day. Go raibh míle maith agaibh to all the people who came at the appointed time – and who didn't complain if the múinteoir was running late! Although school staff regularly

# Gaelscoil Chnoc Liamhna

meet with parents to discuss a particular concern, a formal review of the year's work to date is always productive. We are very appreciative of the interest and support we receive from our parents.

Leanaimis orainn leis an obair don chuid eile den bhliain!

#### Tráth na gCeist

Bhí slua mór i Halla Bhaile Bhuadáin Naomh Éanna ar an Déardaoin an 20ú lá de Feabhra do Turáth na gCeist. It was a very successful event, which raised €2,895 for the school funds. Just as importantly, we had great fun on the night. Once again, Micheál Cinsealach found all those gaps in our store of general knowledge – a particular weak spot is Geography! Buíochas leis an gCoiste Airgeadais who worked hard to ensure that the event ran smoothly.

#### Peil Ghaelach

Gach Céadaoin amach anseo, beidh na daltaí ó Rang a 3 go Rang a 6 ag cur feabhais ar a gcuid scileanna peile. Brian O'Reagan will be putting everyone through their paces and coaching them in the finer points of Gaelic football. Cá bhfios nach bhfuil an chéad Liam Óg Ó hÉineacháin eile sa chló ag inn?

#### Seachtain na Gaeilge

Bhí Seachtain na Gaeilge á eagrú i mbliana idir an 10ú agus an 17ú Márta. Mar is gnáth, bhí imeachtaí faoi leith ar siúl sa scoil againn an tseachtain sin. Bhí athas orainn gur dhein a lán daoine iarracht abairt nó dhó a labhairt an tseachtain sin. Mar a deir an sean-mhanadh: 'Beatha teanga í a labhairt'.

#### Naíonra

Má's suim leat páiste a chlárú don Naíonra don bhliain seo chugainn, is féidir bualadh isteach ann lá ar bith. A few places are now available for September 2003. The Naíonra is a wonderful way to introduce your child to education tré Ghaeilge. The Riarthóirí, Aisling agus Aine can be contacted at the Naíonra, which shares our site here on Old Knocklyon Road. 'Sé an uimhir fóin ná 495 2638. Alternatively, you can ring the school itself for information. Príomh Oide Treasa or our Rúnaí, Gearóidín, are in the office from 9 a.m. go dtí 2.30 p.m. agus 'sé an uimhir fóin ná 493 9262.

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## St. Colmcille's Parents' Association

Firstly on behalf of the Parents' Association we would like to extend our thanks to all parents for supporting the 'Colour Day' in February, it was a great success! Once again we assure parents that all funds raised by the Association are used in the best interests of both schools on an equal footing!

Recently we donated towards the purchase of a set of GAA jerseys for the Senior School as requested and trust the pupils like their new attire!

Our annual Pub Quiz takes place as detailed:

**Pub Quiz, Faugh's GAA Club, Thursday 3rd April at 8 p.m.**  
**Tickets can be purchased on the night!**

Our congratulations go to the Senior School on receiving the 'Brat Glas' (Green Flag) and thanks to Mr. O'Neill, members of staff and pupils, who worked so hard to achieve this prestigious award. The environment in which we entrust our children on a daily basis is very important and we are fortunate that the principals of both schools are so aware of this.

Unfortunately by the time this copy has gone to press, we have not been able to confirm various fund-raising activities which we are planning. However, there will definitely be a few activities very shortly and I would ask all parents to be diligent in checking school bags and notices on the school windows in the near future.

## CONFIRMATION DAY



*Rachel Grey of Glenvara with her mother Anne and grandparents, James and Frances Hunter.*

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Mr. Tom Kitt T.D. Minister of State along with Cllr John Lahart recently took time from their busy schedule to meet the KCC. At that meeting a number of topics were raised, The main items covered were:

- The realignment of the Knocklyon Road, Consultancy and planning programme.
- Lack of Public transport. Present position and future plans.
- Inconsistency in planning permissions in Knocklyon.
- Adequate signage for the area
- Plans for new schools in the Woodstown area.
- Various wastelands in the area.
- Lack of response from various departments to correspondence from the KCC.

Both Minister Kitt and Councillor Lahart took away a series of queries and promised a response in the short term.

The people of Knocklyon should be very proud of the recent achievement of the pupils of St.Colmcille's senior national school in receiving the "Brat Glas" award from South Dublin Co. Council, At the recent unrolling of the flag at the school it was more than evident that all concerned deserved great praise Our environment is in safe hands with the young folk and hopefully they can spread the message throughout the greater area, Congratulations to all concerned.

The AGM will take place in the Community Centre on Thursday 27th, March at 8.15 pm.

All our local representatives have been invited to attend. Also that evening the local Community Gardai will give a short presentation on various problems in the area. Items such as drug abuse, anti-social behaviour and burglary will be discussed. The meeting is open to all residents of Knocklyon to attend.

Any person seeking election as an Independent to the KCC can get an application form from the secretary Mr. Kevin Geoghegan.

– David Hickey, Chairperson; Kevin Geoghegan, Secretary

## LOCAL ISSUES

We have received correspondence from Olivia Mitchell T.D. regarding her question to the Minister for the Environment and Local Government in relation to the funding of the following two portions of the green route: (a) Ballyboden Road/Grange Road Scheme; (b) Route between Spawell Bridge and Knocklyon Road.

The Minister's reply is as follows: "South Dublin County Council's revised submission for 2003, under the EU Co-Financed Specific Improvement Grants Scheme, included applications for the Greenhills Road Realignment Scheme and the Green Route/Ballyboden Road-Grange Road Scheme. However, the route between the Spawell Bridge and the Knocklyon Road was not included in the Council's revised submission.

It would be open to South Dublin County Council to apply for funding for this route in 2004, in response to my Department's request for applications which will issue later."

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Jamie O'Reilly of Glenvara with his mother Eleanor.

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Rachel Scolard of Templeroan with her parents, Angelique and Fergal.



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### KNOCKLYON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Knocklyon Community Council AGM will take place at the Community Centre on Thursday, 27th March, 2003 at 8.15 p.m. Our local representatives will be in attendance. Anyone seeking election as an Independent member can get a nomination paper from the secretary. Following the AGM our local Community Garda will give a brief talk on crime in the area.

### PARENTS' ASSOCIATION REMINDER

Pub Quiz – Faugh's GAA Club, Thursday, 3rd April at 8 p.m. Tickets can be purchased on the night.

### CONTACT GROUP

The Contact Group held a successful Social Evening for Beverly residents on 11th March. The Group will continue to visit the areas not yet included in these social evenings in the Iona Centre.

### SCOUTS DRAW RESULTS

February 2003: €127, B. & V. Byrne, 111 Coolamber Park; €63.50, J. & A. Walshe, 27 Knocklyon Court; €31.75, Michael Daly, Birr, Co. Offaly.

### OUR COVER

For our front cover this month we would like to acknowledge the assistance of the teachers and children in the Senior School, and thank them for their contribution. We congratulate all concerned on their excellent achievements.

### THANKS ANDY

We would like to thank Andy Farren once again for taking the Confirmation photos.

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Andrew Thomas Cox, Woodstown Vale  
Lorcan Matthew Maguire, Orlagh Court  
Laura Elizabeth Gleeson, Templeroan Meadows  
Amy Pauline Morgan, Glenlyon Grove  
Ciara Mary Lynch, Beverly Crescent  
Emma Christina Mullins, Woodstown Meadows  
Thomas Alan Crean, Woodstown Meadows  
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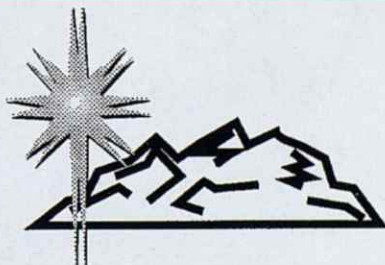
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## RECONCILIATION SUNDAY

APRIL 5th-6th

'Forgive and be forgiven'

Mass with Sacrament of Reconciliation

7 p.m. (Sat.), 11 a.m., 12 noon, 1 p.m., 7 p.m.

### LET IT GO!

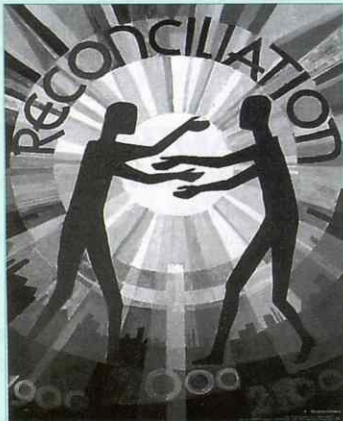
Some scientists set out to capture a rare species of monkey and bring it back alive and unharmed. To do this, they devised a trap; a small jar with a narrow neck into which they placed a handful of nuts. Smelling the nuts, the monkeys reached in to get them. But when they tried to withdraw their hands, they discovered they couldn't get their clenched fists back out. They were trapped; unable to escape, because they were unwilling to let go!

Sometimes we're just like those monkeys, aren't we? Unable to escape our past as we are unwilling to let it go! Has somebody mistreated you? Have you said to yourself, "I'll never forget this as long as I live"? Whether you know it or not, you're not holding on to resentment – it's holding on to you. You're trapped! The real victim of resentment is the one who carries it. Are you a carrier? Hate prolonged is just a slow form of suicide.

Do you think the other person is the one who needs forgiveness? Think again. Paul said, "... Forgive ... as quickly and thoroughly as ... Christ forgave you" (Ephesians 4:32 TM). How did Christ forgive you? (a) When you were completely undeserving of it. (b) With no strings attached. (c) With full knowledge that you'd fail Him again.

"What's the answer?" you ask. Forgive and forget! More issues are forgotten than are ever resolved. To forgive is to set a prisoner free – and discover that the prisoner is you!

— THE WORD FOR TODAY



## DON'T READ THIS!

In years gone by, the above heading was frequently used to draw the attention of readers to an article or item of news which they were otherwise likely to have ignored. In my experience, it always worked! So much so, that I wonder why the ploy is nowadays seldom, if ever, used! (Although, come to think of it, I dare say it is used, but in subtle and more sophisticated ways.) It just points to one of the many bewildering facets of this nature of ours. The most effective way to get someone to look over their shoulder is to tell them not to! Or if you want someone to really listen to you, tell them first that maybe you shouldn't be telling them at all!

In the primeval story of Adam and Eve and their first temptation, there may well not have been any need for the serpent to persuade them to eat the forbidden fruit. God's insistence that they were not to eat it was probably more than enough to make them want to do the opposite!

What is it in our nature that makes us this way? Curiosity? Perversity? Probably both, and more besides! But whatever way you label it, one thing is

sure: it's a very powerful part of our make-up. And it's been with us since mankind first came upon the earth.

If you've read thus far, I'm hoping you will continue. For my real purpose is to interest you in celebrating Holy Week and pondering the mystery of it all. My first thought was to introduce the programme of Liturgy, Prayer and Service, with a heading in large print: "PLEASE, UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES . COME TO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING!" But I just couldn't follow through. It seemed fundamentally inappropriate to give a gimmicky heading to anything so solemn and sacred. The heading I've chosen is risky enough.

What transpires in Holy Week is at the very apex of our celebration of the Faith we profess and, hopefully, value. These Liturgies and Celebrations should call for our communal and prayerful presence more insistently even than Sunday Mass. So please, I ask you, read through the programme, consider the events, and choose to come to those, and as many, as you can.

### PRAY ALWAYS

(1 Thess. 5:17)

Sat., April 5th

A Morning of Prayer in a Lenten Setting  
will include Morning Prayer at 9.45 a.m.,  
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Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed  
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The Programme will end with Tea/Coffee at  
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### PALM SUNDAY

April 13th

Celebration of the Passion and Distribution of  
Palms at all Masses

April 14th

Monday, 8.00 a.m.

Celebration of Hope and Healing



### HOLY THURSDAY

April 17th

10.00 a.m. Morning Prayer

3.30 p.m. Children's Mass

7.30 p.m. Celebration of the Last Supper

The sublime and wondrous gift of the Eucharist, whereby Christ, though leaving, remains forever with us. Every Mass is the Memorial. Today is the Anniversary.

### GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL 18th

10.00 a.m. Morning Prayer

11.00 a.m. Stations of the Cross for Children

12.00 noon Stations of the Cross for Adults

3.00 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion

8.30 p.m. Musical Presentation of the Passion

The awesome event of His suffering and violent death, wherein He expressed his personal and infinite love for everyone of us, calls for contemplation and grateful response. 'Can you not watch one hour with me?'



### HOLY SATURDAY

April 17th

10.00 a.m. Morning Prayer

10.30-11.30 a.m. Confessions

4.00-5.00 p.m. Confessions

9.00 p.m. Easter Vigil

Resurrection! Christ's Victory! Our Salvation! Promised from the Beginning. Foretold by the Prophets. Witnessed by the Apostles. Preached by the Church. Celebrated by the Faithful and the Easter Vigil.

### EASTER SUNDAY

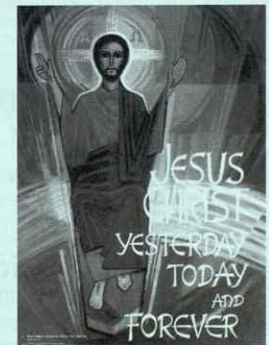
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