

KNOCKLYON NEWS

MARCH 2004

ST. COLMCILLE'S PARISH



From Zimbabwe to Knocklyon

It may be just daybreak in Zimbabwe but you don't need an alarm clock to wake up! Every household seems to have poultry and the local cock with his "cock-a-doodle-doo" calls the world from its slumber.

It's still a beautiful country! The magic of the landscape carpeted in green, at the end of 'the rainy season', gives it an air of peace and opulence. The sky is blue and the colours of the Flamboyant, Frangipani, Jacaranda, Hibiscus and a host of other flowering trees come between you and the horizon.

Regina Coeli Mission, which is twinned with Knocklyon, is in a very remote valley set in the beautiful landscape of the Nyanga hills. It's so hot and humid there! To my cost, I found it to be a mosquito busy place! It is about two hours from the main road though earlier missionaries would tell you it took three times as long to get there in earlier days. Rivers I had known and that had to be crossed without a bridge now either have a bridge or a cement base at the point of crossing.

There are three missionaries there, Fr Ned Ward, Fr Andrew Thokozane and Fr Michael Hender. Fr Andrew is one of the three newly ordained Zimbabwean priests. He brings new life to the mission. A large second level school with teachers' houses greets you as you enter the mission. You are surprised to find class sizes of 50-55. Despite their size, discipline isn't a problem. The pupils really appreciate the opportunity to get an education. Like the cock they too break into song early in the morning! Two new dormitories are near completion. Indeed they were badly needed.

The mission has many outstations and a beautiful new church in one of them was recently opened. There is a fine church on the mission itself. It needs a new coat of paint and the work on it is to commence soon. The house where the community resides hasn't changed over the years and could do with a facelift. A hospital on the grounds is run by the three Zimbabwean sisters who



are qualified nurses. People come from long distances for treatment and some even travel from over the border from Mozambique.

The people of Knocklyon should be rightly proud of their contribution to Regina Coeli. Your recent donation of over €6,000 was much appreciated. The community there send their sincere thanks. It means so much to them. They are in good spirits although the strain of the situation can be seen on their faces. Inflation is officially at 622% at the moment. Some would say it is much higher. Your contribution would come to over 30,000,000 Zimbabwean Dollars. A new Reserve Bank Governor has been appointed and they are hoping he can do something about the situation.

The country is suffering from a deteriorating political and economic situation. The opposition is finding it difficult and dangerous to voice its view. There is also a tendency to treat the judiciary as a form of opposition. The media toe the party line. It is a difficult time for all as people seek to make ends meet. There is electricity and running water although the latter is not drinkable. Food is in the shops but few can afford it. The postal service and phone system are not dependable.

Those who live in the cities and larger towns are the worst off. Many are unemployed and this in turn is a catalyst for crime, violence and regress as a direct result of poverty. Barbed wire and razor wire surround the residences of those who can afford houses.

Each mission has a number of outstations. Some have as many as twenty six. Attending mass there is a moving experience. It is really a celebration with song and

dance to the rhythm of the drum. Time doesn't matter and so they go on for hours. There are over twenty students preparing for ordination and a number of novices. So there is lots of hope for the Church. On behalf of the Regina Coeli mission and its people may I thank you again for your kindness.

— Fr. Jimmy

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Sacraments

what part do they play in my life !

THE SACRAMENT: A SACRED MEETING This is the text of the talk given by Fr Chris O'Donnell at the opening of the Novena of Grace on 4th March 2004.

Perhaps the most fundamental question that faces us in life is "Who is God and who am I?" Having answered that, there follows another question, "How do I make contact?"

One way is to pray and to persevere in prayer, as indicated in the reading of the Mass this evening (Matt 7:7-15). There is no such thing as unanswered prayer. The answer may be Yes! No! Not yet! But as we may not know which, we must continue as the Lord suggests in continuous prayer. God hears our prayer and responds according to his will, which is what is ultimately best for us and those for whom we care. .

But there is still that question - "How can I contact?" "How do I meet Jesus?" I need to find for myself his death and resurrection. The people of Palestine knew and experienced Jesus. But that was 2000 years ago. We say in the Mass, "Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again." So how do I make contact with the death and resurrection of Jesus? God recognises our situation and has provided another way in which we can make contact—through a meeting in the sacraments. In the seven great rites of our faith, God comes to us in a symbol; we have a genuine and saving encounter.

God has chosen to communicate with us in a very human way. The meeting takes place through simple material means: prayers, and material things like water, bread and wine, oil. In the sacraments there is a meeting. There are three persons involved: the person who is seeking grace, the one in need; secondly there is Jesus working through his Holy Spirit; thirdly there is the Church present through the minister and where possible with members of the believing community. Along with the visible members of the gathered Church, there are always others, the wider body of the Communion of Saints. The saints are like the home team supporters always cheering us on, supporting us and praying for us in our need.

So in the Sacraments there are three parties actively involved in the celebration - Christ acting through the Holy Spirit, the Church and the person who is being helped. In the Sacraments we find seven different kinds of graces. The Sacraments are not like a barrel with seven taps, with each giving the same liquid. No each sacrament gives us a different grace, a different help.

The sacraments are traditionally divided into three. The first Sacraments that we encounter are the Sacraments of Initiation or beginning, namely Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Here we experience the three-part encounter—the child or the adult seeking the

sacrament, Christ through the Holy Spirit giving God's life, and the gathered Church in the form of family, friends and the priest. We also see the reality of our own human experience now in a spiritual form. When we were born into our own families and began life, we were welcomed and initiated into our own families and received that loving nourishment that all babies need. Through Baptism the person, often a baby, is given life and welcomed into the family of the Church.

As we grow up and begin to mature, we need greater strength, for now we are to take responsibility in the Church. In Confirmation, God gives us the fullness of Holy Spirit in order that we can take on that mature Christian life. Again in this Sacrament we have the person, the gathered Church - the people presided over by the bishop and Christ conferring his Holy Spirit.

Just like in life we need food to maintain our lives, so we are fed in the Eucharist at Mass and through Holy Communion. This is the centre of our lives. We bring our lives to Mass; from the Mass we obtain strength to continue in love and service. Again Mass is a meeting: The Holy Spirit awakens our hearts to hear the word of God; the Spirit inspires our prayers, the Spirit changes the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ. Jesus is therefore present, as well as the worshipping community.



Forgiveness is the answer to the child's dream of a miracle by which what is broken is made whole again

Dag Hammerskjöld

Reconciliation Sunday 27th/28th March

Saturday: 7.00 p.m.

Sunday: 11.00 p.m., 12 noon,
1.00 p.m. & 7.00 p.m.

There are two healing sacraments: anointing of the sick and reconciliation. Sickness and old age not only attack our bodily life but also at times can attack our faith and spiritual lives. Through the celebration of the Sacrament of the Sick, Jesus imparts his healing grace to the person; he embraces them into his saving Cross. Ideally this sacrament should be celebrated with a circle of believers who support the person who is ill.

As in life, we don't always live up to our relationships. We make mistakes and we mess things up. We need to acknowledge that and say sorry and be forgiven. In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we admit that we have spoiled our relationship with other people, and with God; we ask that all may be righted. There are again three parties in this healing encounter. The sinner, Jesus who works through the Holy Spirit and who is operating through the minister, and the Church represented by the congregation at a penitential service, or by the priest alone, if there is a quiet celebration of the sacrament with just the penitent and the priest.

Finally there are two social sacraments: marriage, which establishes the basic unit of society, that is, the family. Orders provides for ministers in the Church. Each of these two is a meeting of humans in need of grace, Christ working through the Holy Spirit and the Church.

There is much more that can and should be said about the sacraments. This evening we are considering just one dimension: that of meeting. Seeing all the sacraments in this way can open our eyes both to their wonder and their grace and to our responsibilities in receiving them. I celebrate sacraments not just for my own needs, but as a member of the Church. The sacraments

that I receive benefit others. The fruits of the death and resurrection of Jesus are spread in the Church. As a result I can be a more effective member of the Body of Christ as I go strengthened by the sacraments, and then in turn by works of faith, hope and love strengthening the community in which I live

Lent with a difference

There are so many things we could do during Lent

Mend a quarrel
Look up a forgotten friend
Write an overdue letter
Be friendly
Give encouragement
Keep a promise
Find the time
Forgive an enemy
Listen to others
Laugh a little
Make a visit
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Show appreciation
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Say hello
Say thanks
Pray more.

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Receipts and Payments Analysis (July 2002 to June 2003)

RECEIPTS

Weekly Envelope/Standing Order	€251,265.00
Shrines	€17,797.00
Fund-raising (Christmas Fair, etc.).....	€22,100.00
Net Income from Iona Centre (Room Hire, Coffee Shop).....	€33,500.00
Miscellaneous (interest etc.).....	€4,823.00
Total	€329,485

PAYMENTS

Capital/Interest Payments re Iona Centre.....	€151,139.96
Building/Repairs/Maintenance (Church).....	€7,815.00
Salaries/Wages	€26,404.00
Church Supplies (altar supplies, etc.).....	€19,533.00
Light, Heat.....	€5,220.00
Schools.....	€59,653.00
Telephone/Postage/Stationery/Printing.....	€11,278.00
Receptions/Socials/Donations	€15,895.00
Insurance Rates.....	€10,880.00
Office Equipment	€8,000.00
Accounting/Audit	€470.00
Architect's Fees (Presbytery)	€3,272.00
Total	€319,559.96
Surplus	€9,925.04

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, 2003 amounted to €225,982.49 which is being repaid over ten years through a bank term loan.



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THE ANNE DEVLIN COMMEMORATION ASSOCIATION

Unveiling of Bronze Statue to Anne Devlin (1780-1851)

In Rathfarnham Village, on 4th March 2004, Councillor Máire Ardagh, Mayor of South Dublin County Council unveiled a life-size bronze statue of Anne Devlin, Robert Emmet's loyal friend and collaborator. The statue can be seen at the junction of the village's Main Street and Butterfield Avenue. In glorious sunshine, upwards of 300 guests and citizens from around the area were addressed by guest speaker, Robert Ballagh, artist and designer. He said it was an important day for the whole country because the community was paying tribute to a brave and patriotic Irishwoman, and more importantly, that it was doing so by erecting a statue in her honour. "There are too few statues to women in Ireland," he said, "and this is something to be regretted." But he congratulated the people of Rathfarnham and area for what they had achieved, adding that their statue was also a fine piece of sculpture and a beautiful work of art, and he paid tribute to the young Tallaght sculptor, Clodagh Emoe, for her excellent work.

Bobby Ballagh had words of praise, too, for Pat Lambert, Chairman of the Anne Devlin Commemoration Association which planned and erected the statue. Mr Lambert of the well-known known fruit farm family from Killakee attends Mass regularly at St. Colmcille's with his wife, Imelda. Mr. Ballagh also congratulated those members of the Knocklyon History Society who are on the Association committee: Aidan O'Hara who was M.C. for the unveiling ceremony, Maureen Kiely, Tom Durkin, Brid Houlihan, Michael Murphy, Aoife O'Tierney, and Eddie Walsh. The Anne Devlin Commemoration Association is affiliated to the Robert Emmet Association which, through Emmet 200, was set up by the Department of An Taoiseach to commemorate the United Irish Revolutionary period 1791-1803. The Robert Emmet Association's



Councillor Máire Ardagh, Mayor of South Dublin County Council, unveiling a life-size bronze statue of Anne Devlin in Rathfarnham Village. Left to right in background: Councillor Cáit Keane, Tom Kitt T.D., Minister for Overseas Development and Human Rights, sculptor Clodagh Emoe, guest speaker Robert Ballagh, Aidan O'Hara, Councillor John Lahart, Pat Lambert, Mayor Ardagh, Paul Martin and Frank Connolly.

Administrator, Frank Connolly, chaired a sub-committee – the Anne Devlin Memorial Committee – consisting of Pat Lambert, Aidan O'Hara and Sean Sherwin, to attend to the detailed planning of the memorial project.

"The day was decided upon because 4th March is Emmet's birthday, and the location chosen for the statue is associated with both heroic figures," Mr. Frank Connolly pointed out. "Robert's brother, Thomas Addis Emmet, barrister and a leading figure in the United Irishmen movement, practised law in Rathfarnham and had a home there, and Anne's father, Brian Devlin, had a dairy farm just off Butterfield Avenue – or Lane as it was called 200 years ago." Mr. Connolly added that Robert also was in hiding in the area after the 1803 Rising, and in their searches for him, the local Yeomanry half-hanged Anne to get her to talk before throwing her and members of her family in prison. "Anne Devlin endured three years of imprisonment in Kilmainham Jail and Dublin Castle under frightful conditions," he said, "much of it in solitary confinement. But in spite of the threats, torture and trickery of the Dublin Castle regime, she remained true to Robert Emmet and the cause for which he died."

Knocklyon History Society



COMING EVENTS

Wednesday 7th April

The A.G.M. which takes place at 7.45 p.m. will be followed by a talk about the Treasures of the Boyne Valley. This talk will be given by Dr. Peter Harbison renowned for his many publications about Irish Heritage. It will be sponsored by Boyne Valley Honey and copies of Peter Harbison's book will be available. With 2 tokens off Boyne Valley Honey jars one will receive a €10 discount. €20 is then the cost.

Wednesday 12th May

'Mining in Avoca' – a talk by Nicholas Coy.

Saturday 22nd May

The Society's annual outing takes place, first, to Mullagh, Co. Cavan, birthplace of St. Killian, then to the Lough Crew Gardens and the Lough Crew Hills megalithic site (Co. Meath) before finally visiting Fore Abbey (Benedictine) in Co. Westmeath. Everyone will be well ready then for dinner in Athboy before returning home.

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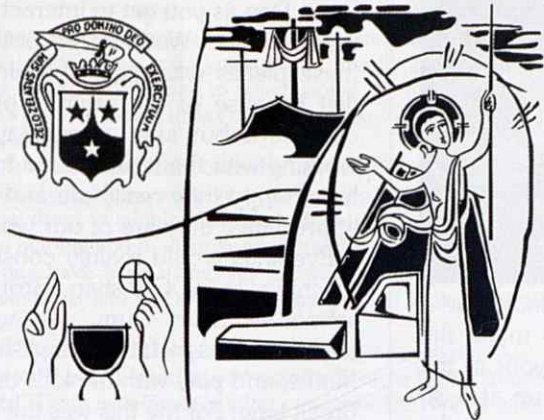
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THE EASTER TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY

Solemn Morning Prayer

10.00 a.m.

Children's Eucharist

3.30 p.m.

The Celebration of the Lord's Supper

7.30 p.m.

Solemn Night Prayer

10.30 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY

Solemn Morning Prayer

10.00 a.m.

Stations of the Cross for Children

11.00 a.m.

Stations of the Cross for Adults

12 noon

The Celebration of the Lord's Passion

3.00 p.m.

Musical Presentation of the Lord's Passion

8.30 p.m.

HOLY SATURDAY

Solemn Morning Prayer

10.00 a.m.

Confessions

10.30 to 11.30 a.m. & 4.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.

The Easter Vigil

9.00 p.m.

Nomastay! Indian Immersion Project 2004



laundry. In the afternoon dinner would be given out to the patients. This was the most rewarding part of Prem Dan as you get to interact with the patients. Working in both of these places was quite shocking at first because of the severity of the conditions but after a few days of working with them you come to see how happy they really are and how appreciative they are of our work.

Evenings would mainly consist of teaching in a Christian Brothers' school in Dum Dum. We would teach subjects including English and Maths, and play with the kids during break time. For me this was the most memorable part of the trip. The kids we were teaching were orphans and they quickly become very attached to you. They were full of energy and constantly smiling. However, the kids would speak of the sad things that had happened to them and their families during their lifetime. We also varied our activities in the evening by visiting Kalighat, Mother Teresa's Home for the Dying, a Leprosy Colony in Titagara and a School built on a dump in Tangarah.

Coming home, we felt extremely privileged to be the highlight of these kids' year and I am sure that we will keep in contact in the future. We also felt incredibly sad because there is a need for so much more to be done than what we alone could offer.

By the time we had reached Dublin Airport we were all exhausted!! Overall, the project was an overwhelming success. As individuals, we have learnt a lot about ourselves, and it was unlike anything any of us have experienced before. However without your help and support, this life changing experience would not have been possible and we would like to thank everybody who helped us in any way. Go raibh míle maith agaibh!

Eoin Murphy

"Hi how's it going" or "Nomastay!" as our Indian friends would say. Some of you may already be aware that six students, two past pupils and two teachers from Coláiste Eanna C.B.S. went to India (as part of the Indian Immersion Project). Our journey to Calcutta took about 16 hours including a stopover at Heathrow.

However exciting as this was our journey really started last November when we were chosen to represent our school on this valuable project. Our goal at that time seemed huge - to raise in excess of €30,000!!

This was a huge undertaking but with your generous support, we managed to raise an amazing €42,000 (or 2,394,000 in rupees).

From the parish I, (Eoin Murphy) along with Conor Brennan and Kevin O'Dwyer, had the good fortune to go.

As we were only in India for a short period, we had to make the most of our time. The layout of the day usually consisted of up at 5.30 in the morning to attend mass at the Mother House, where the tomb of the Blessed Mother Teresa can be visited. After breakfast we would split into two groups and each would work in one of Mother Teresa's hospices, Prem Dan and Daya Dan.

Daya Dan is an orphanage for physically and mentally handicapped children. The children all have a large range of disabilities and our main job was to interact and communicate with them. Among other things, our involvement included teaching, playing, feeding, and toileting, washing and massaging the kids. I'm sure all of you are aware that this work is both emotionally and physically demanding, but at the end of the day when you see the smiles on the children's faces it is very enriching and rewarding.

Prem Dan on the other hand is a hospital set up by the Blessed Mother Teresa for the sick and dying. It looks after terminally sick people that they have taken in from the streets.

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Connect News

The signs and symptoms of drug abuse are, unfortunately, very similar to the signs and symptoms of simply being a teenager. Parents should never jump to conclusions! It's not a good idea to accuse a child of taking drugs unless you know exactly what you're talking about.

It is for this reason that over the last couple of months through the Knocklyon News we have been looking at the different kinds of illegal drugs available in Ireland. Hopefully this has been beneficial in helping you to identify what 'family' of drugs, if any, your child may have been using. So far we have covered the illegal drugs cannabis and LSD. In this issue we will look at the illegal drug Ecstasy.

What it's called: E, Doves, Mitsubishis, Yokes, Shamrocks.

What you'll get: A small anadin-sized pill, often white, sometimes speckled. There is commonly a logo to define the type of tablet e.g a bird on the dove variety.

What you'll do with it: Swallow it, or sometimes it can be crushed up and snorted or even injected.

What'll that do to you? You'll feel nothing for the first twenty or thirty minutes and then the rushes will start. The rushes are literally a sensation rushing through your body, up the spine. The extremities will feel light as will the head. While walking there will be a bouncing sensation. E makes the user susceptible to music and you will want to be on the dance floor all night. Certain types of ecstasy make the user very friendly and you may feel overcome with happiness.

Will it affect me in the long-term: Absolutely. There is a misconception that designer drugs like E are tailored in such a way as not to be damaging to the human body, and any damage incurred is somehow caused by other chemicals mixed in. This is not true. MDMA, the active chemical in E, is a very strong toxin and if you are allergic to it, it will kill you. Long-term use has a debilitating effect on the nervous system and the drug can be addictive. In addition, due to the appetite suppressive effects, and all the activity while on the drug, rapid weight loss is another side effect of the drug.

Knocklyon Golf Society

We are fast approaching our first Outing of 2004 on Sunday 4th April. Kevin McDonald, Hon. Sec., will be notifying you shortly regarding tee-off times. This South County Dublin G.C. is a magnificent championship course located at Brittas Village on the Blessington Road and we are looking forward to this event. I am pleased to report that our recent drive for new members has generated a keen interest. A big welcome to all new members and looking forward to seeing both existing and new members on the Tee Box on the 4th. It is not too late to become a member and if you are interested in joining this friendly and vibrant society contact Fred Lane, P.R.O., at 493 2661 or 086-836 3138.

Golfer's Joke: Two golfers were sitting at the 19th Hole discussing their recent games when one said to the other, "My game is so bad this year I had to have my ball retriever re-gripped!"

Wishing you good golf for 2004.

– Fred Lane, P.R.O.

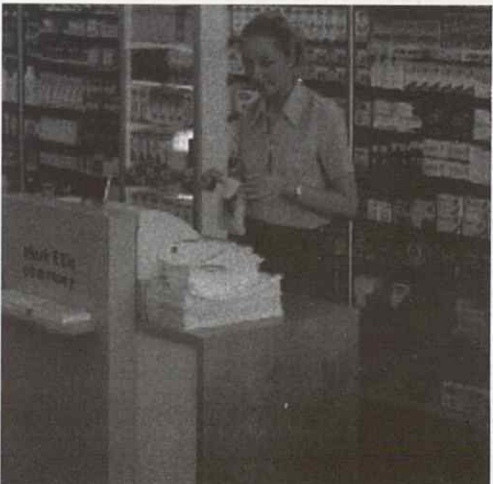
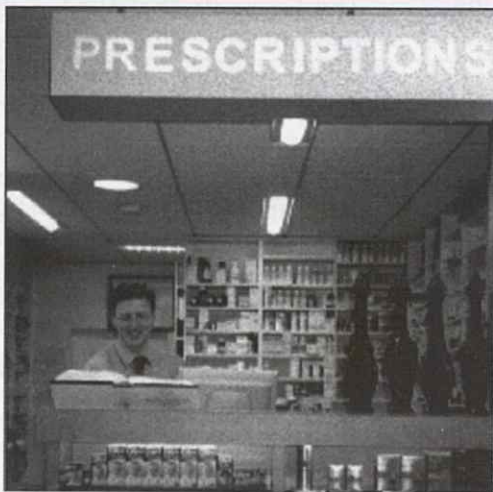
Knocklyon Concert Band

March 14th at 2.30 p.m. – we played in Merrion Square as part of the St. Patrick's Day Festival as part of the Dolmio Day Out.

April 17th and 18th National Band Championships in Wesley College.

We are also planning an end of year concert – further details to be announced.

We now have a Jazz Band up and running. It has been in rehearsals for the last few months under the baton of Catriona Ni Threasaigh. We wish them all well and look forward to their first public performance.



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The EASTER TRIDUUM

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday, also called Passion Sunday, the day that recalls Jesus' entry into Jerusalem to the praise of an enthusiastic crowd that placed palm branches in his path (a custom of the times to welcome visiting kings). The joyous opening of the Palm Sunday celebration is however short lived as those who participate in the Mass on this day soon realise as they listen to the account of Jesus' Passion and Death.

The last three days of Holy Week, which link together as a united celebration, connect the seasons of Lent and Easter. These days are called the Easter Triduum: Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday with its Easter Vigil beginning the new season of Easter. Bells ring out; flowers and bright colours replace the more sombre environment of Lent. Alleluias and Glories are sung for the first time in six weeks.

Holy Thursday

We are gathered here to share in the supper your only Son left to his Church to reveal his love

Opening Prayer

Today a special Mass commemorates the Last Supper and Jesus' gift of himself in the Eucharist just before he was betrayed by one of his disciples. During the celebration today, Jesus' call to service and ministry is also emphasised with a rite in which the Celebrant or others wash the feet of representatives of the community of faith. This action recalls Jesus washing the feet of his disciples

(Jn 13:3-30). Despite the awareness that Jesus's suffering and death follow soon after the Last Supper, we celebrate the feast of Holy Thursday joyfully, for the Eucharist is so great a gift.

Good Friday

And yet ours were the sufferings he bore, ours the sorrows he carried. . . . for surrendering himself to death and letting himself be taken for a sinner, while he was bearing the faults of many and praying all the time for sinners.

Isaiah 52

The remembrance of Jesus' death

is quiet, solemn and prayerful. It is a day to stop our usual activities and let the meaning of Jesus' death sink in. Good Friday is one of only two days of the year that Mass is not celebrated. Instead a three part, Liturgy takes place. In this Liturgy, the story of the Passion and Death is proclaimed, followed by an extensive offering of prayers for the Church and all people of the world. In addition, everyone in the congregation approaches the Cross with a reverent gesture. The congregation receives Communion, using the Eucharist that was consecrated on Holy Thursday. The Liturgy of Good Friday begins and ends in silence. From the close of the Good Friday Service until the Easter Paschal Vigil, a time of quiet reflection is observed.

Holy Saturday

Throughout Holy Saturday, the spirit of quiet prayer and reflection continues. This solemnity leads us to the the greatest celebration of the Church's year - The Easter Paschal Vigil.

The Easter Paschal Vigil is the climax of the entire Liturgical Year; the lighting of the Paschal Fire, the Paschal Candle and the congregation's candles; the singing of the Easter Proclamation; an extended Liturgy of the Word and the renewal of our Baptismal Promises. The celebration is rich with symbols of light, water, life and death. It is the 'night of all nights' - it is the heart of Christianity. *It is Easter.*

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Fiona Lynch and Colm McCormick (Rockcorry, Co. Monaghan) on the occasion of their marriage on the 28th December 2003. The ceremony, officiated by Fr. Weakliam, took place in Staghall, Belturbet, Co. Cavan. Fiona is daughter of Justin and Patricia Lynch, Old Bridge Road.



Kathleen O'Hara, daughter of Aidan and Joyce O'Hara, Ashton Avenue and Brendan Farren, Newtownards, Co. Down, photographed on their wedding day last November, at St. Aengus' Church, Burt, Co. Donegal.

COMMUNITY GAMES

Some important dates for forthcoming events:

Draughts – U10, U12 and U14 Boys and Girls

Registration for these events will take place in the Community Centre on 25th March at 6 p.m. Please bring boards. Contact Anthony Worthington at 495 0026.

Chess U12 and U16 Boys and Girls

As above.

Basketball U13 and U16 Boys and Girls

Registration will take place in the Community Centre on Thursday, 1st April, at 6 p.m.

Swimming

Trials will take place on Sunday, 25th April, at 6 p.m. in Templeogue Pool. Please contact Mary Ward at 493 5908 with name, address, phone number and date of birth before this date.

Athletics

Trials will take place in Cherryfield on Monday, 10th May. Registration at 5.45 p.m.

Hope to see many of our children participate in these events.

– **Mary Ward, 493 5908; 087-284 0581**

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Youth and Community Centre – Fifteen Years On

If one looks back over the last 25 years and takes in all the developments that have taken place in the Parish of Knocklyon one can only be astounded. At that stage there was no Church, shopping centre, community centre or Community School.

Does anyone remember the myriad of little country roads throughout the area? How quickly one forgets the layout of the area and how all the new changes just seem to appear and are then taken for granted.

Back in the early 1980's a group of local parishioners came together to investigate the possibility of building a centre for the youth of the parish. They met in one another's houses planning the strategy of how to first of all to raise the necessary finance and then the type of facility that would serve the community best. They worked eagerly and started a door-to-door collection in the area, which at the time was a great deal smaller. Things seemed to quieten for a year or two but eventually through sheer hard work and determination the first sod was turned. The Archdiocese of Dublin donated the site for the centre. This was obtained through the hard work of our local Carmelite priests. We are still indebted to them for their continued support to the work of the centre.

The new Knocklyon Youth and Community Centre was opened in 1989 and since that time it has been a hive of activity for various groups in the Parish and outside. Some people think it is "all badminton". How wrong could they be?

Just take a look at the busy schedule where people of all ages in the Parish use these facilities. A few examples are Knocklyon United, the I.C.A., Adult Education (KAIES), Karate, and thankfully the youth club has recommenced again. These are only a few of the activities, but the centre is widely used by the local residents' groups and by the Community Council. The Blood Bank also visits the centre and will revisit in May.

Prior to that the Cat Fanciers Club are due to hold a day in the centre in April. The centre is also used by the local schools for various sports activities and used by the Parish for Holy Communion and Confirmation receptions.

Families of the Parish also use the facilities for birthday parties. So as you can see this is one of the best-utilised facilities in Knocklyon and we should all be indebted to the people who over twenty years ago started out with the idea and carried it through to fruition. Our gratitude is also due to the people on the CES scheme who have looked after the centre so well over the years.

If you would like to either get involved in the management of the centre and oversee its future development or to avail of the facilities at any time contact the secretary Phyllis Russell on 086-804 7242.

– *The Board of Management,
Knocklyon Youth and Community Centre*

"ST. COLMCILLE'S WAY" – A NEW ROAD NAME FOR THE PARISH

There are many associations with Colmcille in the parish of Knocklyon. One of the oldest is the ancient site of St. Colmcille's Well on the Ballycullen Road, familiar to many parishioners in Knocklyon who traditionally make it the focus of their annual walking pilgrimage each June. About two years ago I proposed, through this newsletter, that the road which links Scholarstown Road (where the new school is sited), continues over the M50 motorway and forms the junction with Ballycullen Road, be named "St. Colmcille's Way". At that time I received many calls from residents supporting this suggestion. Since then I have myself been co-opted as a Councillor for the Knocklyon-Rathfarnham-Ballyboden area. Last month I formally proposed a motion that the name change be made at a Council meeting, and I am delighted to announce that the County Council have accepted the proposal. I hope that we can celebrate the opening of this new road at some time in the future and that it will help to link our parish with its historic roots. Apart from the historic reasons, this name is entirely appropriate, linking as it does the new St. Colmcille's Community School on the Scholarstown Road to St. Colmcille's Well on the Ballycullen Road. Hopefully the name plaques will be in place for this year's annual parish walk in June.

– *Dr. Vincent Kenny MCC,
92 Glenvara Park, Knocklyon. Tel. 494 2092.*

IHCPT

The annual collection for the Irish Pilgrimage Trust will take place on the weekend of 27th/28th March. The funds raised will help to bring children with special needs to Lourdes on Easter Sunday. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

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Ciarán Cunniffe, Knockcullen (see Page 31).

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K.A.R.A. NEWS

Our meetings resumed on 13th January after the Christmas break. We were so sorry to hear that Sr. Therese Carmel, our founder, was in hospital. We are glad to hear that she is now on the mend and we wish her a speedy return to full health. We look forward to seeing her back with us before too long.

Meanwhile, we continue with our usual activities. Tuesday meetings consist of tea and chat and organisation of various outings. Occasionally we have other activities such as keep-fit exercises, demonstrations or talks on a variety of topics. At our Thursday gatherings we play bowls and badminton.

There were two outings to the theatre during the past month, one to the Civic Theatre in Tallaght to see 'Shirley Valentine' and another to the Helix to see 'Funny Girl'. There will be a visit to the Gaiety in March to see 'My Fair Lady'.

As I write a group are looking forward to a three-day break in Galway – more about that in the next Newsletter.

We are always delighted to welcome new members, you are never too young. This is an 'Active Retirement' Association and we would like to keep it that way. So, you young and recently retired people, come and join us and perhaps suggest other activities that we might engage in.

We can be contacted through Terrie Erdpohl, chairperson, Tel. 494 5500; Lyla Kennedy, vice-chairperson, Tel. 494 2830; Noel Mordaunt, secretary, Tel. 269 5188; or John Davis, treasurer, Tel. 451 2222.

A Personal View

When I was asked to write on "What it means to be a Reader" I had first of all to reflect on my own motives for becoming involved with the Readers group in our parish before I could answer this question. A Reader according to the dictionary is "a person who reads aloud the lessons or other parts of the service in a church". This is rather an impoverished explanation of the role of the reader. Being a Reader in Knocklyon has allowed me to participate in a more active way in the celebration of our liturgy. It has not turned me into a great orator nor does it mean that after at least six years reading at Mass that I am not nervous almost every time I have to read. But what it does mean is that at the monthly meetings I benefit from the short address on the background to the passages from Scripture for the coming month and the discussion with my fellow readers. I spend some time preparing the particular passage I will be reading. It encourages me to reflect on the meaning of the readings I will be doing and makes my participation at Mass more meaningful.

Apart from the spiritual benefits of being a member of the readers group I have benefited on a personal level. I have met so many lovely people in the group. I no longer just go to Mass and come away without greeting anyone, there is always someone with a friendly smile and a greeting, being a member of the group has given me a greater sense of community. This is not a huge commitment, just one meeting a month and a little time to prepare and reflect on the reading I will do, which is about once a month at the Mass of my choice. The benefits far outweigh the obligations.

– *Amelia Llewellyn*

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• ST. COLMCILLE'S JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS •

Second Term is nearly over and what an eventful one it has been. As we approach our two-week Easter holiday, we have lots of good news and stories to reflect on and indeed more excitement to look forward to.

CÓRFHEILE

Four of our classes, Ms Meeley and Ms Ní Bhroin's Senior Infants and Ms Mathews' and Ms Johnston's Second Classes performed magnificently at the 50th Córfeile in the Basketball Arena in early March. Their singing and acting was remarkable and the performances were really enhanced by beautiful costumes. A special thank you to Deirdre Ryan and Marguerite Tyson who assisted the teachers, to Mr. John Gearty for piano accompaniment and to all of the parents who provided costumes and who came along to support the pupils. The adjudicators provided very positive feedback to the four classes – "Altogether a wonderful performance – with excellent presentation throughout and great involvement from your Senior Infants. You gave us all great enjoyment" (Ms Meeley's and Ms Ní Bhroin's classes). "What a beautiful sight. Gorgeous costumes and big smiles. So enjoyable, so energetic – you so obviously enjoyed this. The audience loved you! Your expression was perfect. I could watch and listen to you all night." (Ms Mathews' and Ms Johnston's classes.)

SEACHTAIN NA GAEILGE

Bhí imeachtaí speisialta sa scoil ar feadh seachtaine roimh Lá le Pádraig. Rinne an Coiste Gaelach agus na múinteoirí ranga éacht ag múineadh rinne, amhráin agus foclóir nua ar fud na scoile. Chuir Grúpa Traidisiúnta na scoile Shinsirigh, faoi stiúir Muinteoir O Braonain, ceolchoirm ar fail do na daltaí go léir. Míle buíochas le Susanna Ní Chearra a d'eagraigh na h-imeachtaí uilig.

THEATRE

Senior Infant Classes enjoyed six performances of 'Bumbógs and Bees' which was performed in the school hall. First and Second classes will visit the Civic Theatre to see 'Digger, Doc and Dee Dee' in April and the Junior Infants will go to 'Hansel And Gretel' in June.

SCHOOL BUILDING

The Department of Education and Science has informed the Board of Management that its application for an electrical upgrade was successful. These essential works will be carried out during the Summer. There have been refurbishment works at the Junior School every Summer since 2000, further enhancing the learning and teaching environment in one of Ireland's largest schools. We are very grateful to the Department for this support. We remain hopeful that our new 12 classroom extension will get the green light later this year.

INDOOR HURLING

Brian O'Regan from Ballyboden St. Endas has taught hurling and camogie to our second classes throughout the month of March. All the pupils have enjoyed using our new indoor hurleys and sliotars. Mr. Sweeney, Ms Neary and Ms Brennan have also been coaching the pupils on the green after school.

MURALS

Each of the six Junior Infants classes completed



Mr. Sweeney teaching a Social, Environmental and Scientific Education lesson to a group of Senior Infant children.

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lovely murals which adorn the pre-fab hallway. Art teacher Cathie Flynn assisted in the organisation of the art lessons.

MUSIC WORKSHOPS AND ENVIRONMENTAL FIELD TRIPS

Second Class pupils availed of music workshops in March and each Second Class will also visit Airfield House, Dundrum between now and the end of June.

STAY SAFE MEETING

Parents of Junior and Senior Infants attended a presentation hosted by Kathleen McFadden from the Child Abuse Prevention Unit. Many thanks to Special Duties teacher, Ms Mary Harty, who organised this evening meeting.

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

Another group of parents has begun working voluntarily in the school. They have implemented a Mathematics Games Pilot scheme. Pupils and teachers have benefited greatly from their help with the use of concrete materials in the classroom. This development, organised by Mr. Cuddy and Ms Copland, enhances the delivery of the revised curriculum. We are very grateful to the parents for their support.



Ms Neary teaching 'tens and units' to a group of pupils in her Second Class.

ST. COLMCILLE'S PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

The Committee of the Parents' Association are busily organising events for the current year.

Our main fund-raising event this year was a table quiz which took place in the Scholars Pub, Old Court Shopping Centre, on Wednesday the 10th of March. We would like to thank all those who helped out organising and during the event.

These events are only made possible by the generous support of local businesses and individuals who provided donations and spot prizes. A big thanks to all those who contributed.

Colour Day for both Junior and Senior Schools take place on the 2nd of April (reminder notes in school bags closer to date).

The school holidays details up to the year 2008 are on the school website. Log onto www.stcolmcilles.org.

Coiste Uaithne have reminded us that the national spring clean-up will be held soon. The participation of children and parents is encouraged to make Knocklyon a cleaner place to live. Phone Anne-Marie O'Gara on 494 2527 to arrange your local initiative.

The Dyslexia Association of Ireland are having their Annual Conference at the Helix, D.C.U., on Saturday the 17th of April. For further details phone 679 0276 or E-mail info@dyslexia.ie.

Finally, wishing parents, teachers and pupils a Happy Easter. Enjoy and have a restful break.

CEREMONY OF HEALING AND HOPE

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Nuacht ón Scoil Shinsearach – Senior School News

CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING SUCCESS

At the recent South Dublin Primary Schools' Cross-Country championships held in St. Enda's Park, Rathfarnham, the girls and boys teams from St. Colmcille's Senior School had a very successful outing. The girls' team of Rachel Nugent, Siobhán Pennycook, Danielle Phillips and Claire McKay won the girls team event with Rachel Nugent also taking 1st place in the individual section and Siobhán Pennycook 2nd. The boys team of Greg Harris, Barry McKiernan, Conor Bobbett and David Kelly took first place in the boys' team event with Greg Harris taking 1st place in the overall race with Barry McKiernan in 2nd. Well done to all the boys and girls and their coach Mr. A. Byrne.



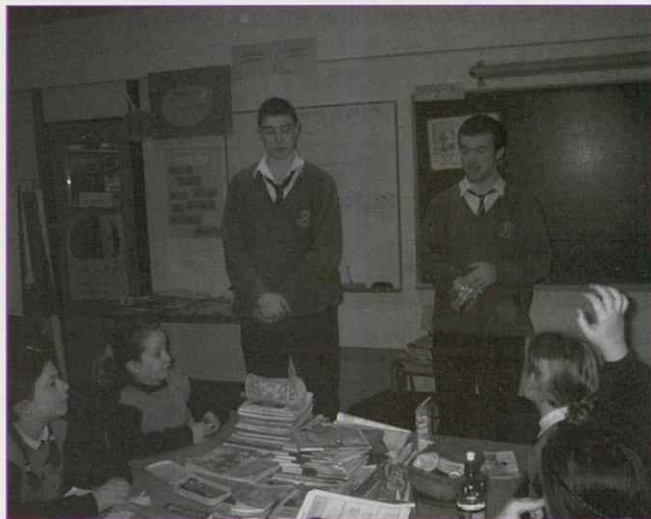
The successful boys and girls Cross-Country teams for St. Colmcille's S.N.S., Knocklyon, who won the team and individual sections in the South Dublin Primary Schools Cross-Country Championships recently. Front, l-r: Danielle Brogan, Barry McKiernan. Back, l-r: David Kelly, Siobhán Pennycook, Rachel Nugent, Greg Harris, Claire McKay, Conor Bobbett. Rear, l-r: Mr. A. Byrne (coach) and Ms Aoife Byrne, National Indoor 1500m champion.



Ready! Steady! Go! All away in the Cross-Country Championships.

COLÁISTE ÉANNA – INDIA PROJECT

Over the last couple of months our 4th Class pupils have engaged with Coláiste Éanna Secondary School boys in raising money for the Coláiste Éanna India Project. The Coláiste Éanna boys recently travelled to Calcutta, India, to work with the sick and homeless in that city. The Coláiste Éanna boys visited all our 4th classes on a number of occasions recently prior to and following their visit and delivered a series of presentations to our pupils. They also e-mailed our pupils from Calcutta. There was a great response and a sum in excess of €1,700 was raised.



Two Coláiste Éanna students, Alan Doyle and Kevin O'Dwyer, talking to 4th Class pupils about their experiences in Calcutta.

ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS

The next major environmental project which we are working on is a joint undertaking with Knocklyon Community Council and South Dublin County Council. 'Operation Clean-Up Knocklyon' is planned for the weekend of 23-25 April. A committee of pupils from each estate is being established. This committee of pupils will work in conjunction with their parents, the local residents associations and South Dublin County Council in planning and carrying out a major clean-up of Knocklyon on the designated weekend in April. South Dublin County Council has agreed to provide resources for the project. Further details will be given in April (see notice on Page 26). Recently a representative group of pupils from our 'Coiste Uaithne' committee were invited to make a presentation to student teachers from Frobel College of Education on our Scoil Ghlas/Green Schools Programme.

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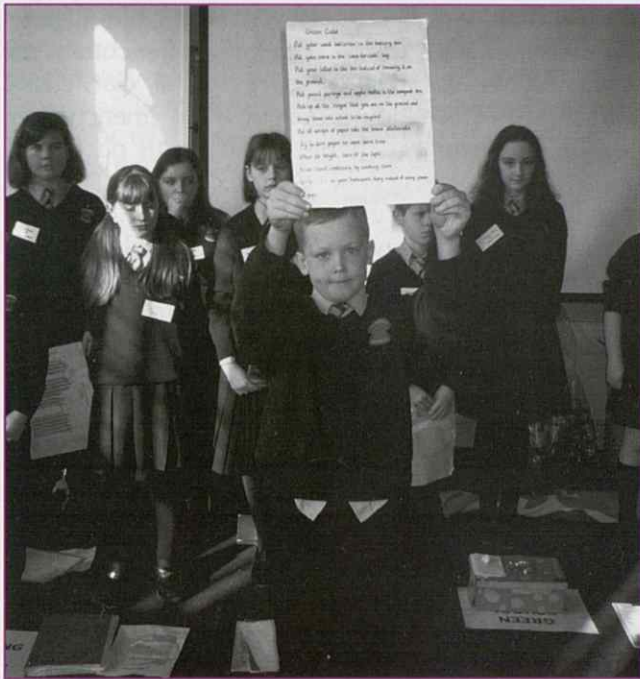
OUR TRIP TO FROEBEL COLLEGE

On Tuesday 17th February fourteen representatives from 3rd, 4th and 5th classes represented our school along with two teachers Ms A. O'Gara and Mr. B. MacGabhann.

The names of the children who were chosen were: Ailbhe Gearty, Eimear Nally, James Roche, Audrey Elliott, Emma Heron, Sarah Farrelly, Conor O'Brien, Jade Hill, Eimear Dunk, Amy Ryan, Ciara Ruddy, Conor Healy, Sarah Green and Lyn Downey.

All of the children put a lot of effort into preparation and organisation. Did I just say children, my mistake, the teachers were also driven 'Crazy!' When the day finally came we were so nervous. When we got to Froebel we had a practice before we went in. After our practice we went in and set up our props and posters. Then the first group came in. During the presentation we passed around our cóipleabhar Athchursála and did short little plays. They were very impressed. When we finished we went for a bite to eat in the lunchroom. Then we did our presentation for another group. Overall, it was a great day.

– Jade Hill and Sarah Green, Room 9



Members of our Coiste Uathne making a presentation on our school's Green Code to Student Teachers in Froebel College of Education.

SEACHTAIN NA GAELIGE

Bhí Seachtain na Gaeilge againn i Scoil Cholmille i Mí na Márta. We had a full programme of activities over a 10-day period – ceol tradisiúnta, cluichí, sport agus tráth na gceist. The pupils and staff fully entered into the spirit of the week. Bhain na páistí sult agus taitneamh as imeachtaí na seachtaine. We are delighted with the positive attitude of parents, pupils and staff to the use of Gaeilge on an everyday basis in our school.

TALKS FOR PARENTS

Over the course of this term we have had a number of information meetings for parents. In February there were two lectures on the Revised Primary Curriculum and these were very well attended. In early March there was a talk for parents of pupils who attend Learning Support. The talk was given by Mr. Finian O'Shea and Ms Máirín Wilson of the College of Education, Rathmines.

CÓRFHÉILE NA SCOILEANNA



Choral Group from St. Colmcille's performing recently at Córthéile na Scoileanna.

The 50th Annual Córthéile na Scoileanna was held recently in the National Basketball Arena. St. Colmcille's S.N.S. was well represented at the Córthéile with over 120 pupils participating. Our school choir under the direction of Mr. Gearty, Ms McEvoy, Ms O'Connor and Ms Maher performed to their usual high standard, as did the pupils of Mr. Brennan's Fifth Class and Ms O'Connor's Fourth Class.

SUMMER WORKS IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

We are pleased that our recent application to the Department of Education and Science for funding to carry out improvement work to the school has been accepted. It is planned to carry out these works during the summer months. The bulk of the work will involve an upgrade of our electrical and lighting system. The upgrade to the electrical system is needed particularly to cater for the demands of the computers we are using in the classrooms. There are in excess of 70 computers in use throughout the school on a daily basis with consequent demands on the electrical system.

COMHBHRÓN Ó CHROÍ: SINCERE SYMPATHY

Our sincere sympathy is extended to one of our 6th Class teachers, Mr. V. Ruddy, on the recent death of his mother. Ar dheis lámh Dé go raibh sí.



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Bhailigh slua mór isteach ar oíche an 10ú Feabhra le páirt a ghlacadh sa Quiz Boird. Bhí oíche an-thaitneamhach againn and Micheál Cínseallach proved once again that many of us are 'armchair geniuses' - knowledgeable only when someone else is asked the question! In aineoinn sin, bhí an craic go maith agus d'aontaíomar go rabhamar ar fad ró-óg le Jim Reeves a aithint. Buíochas mór le gach duine a thug tacaíocht don ócáid agus beidh toradh na h-oibre le feiceáil sa scoil.

DR. SUE BROWNE

Tá Sue ag tosnú le grúpaí nua an mhí seo. This month, Sue will be taking Naíonáin Shóisearacha and Muinteoir Clár's Rang a 3. She will spend 90 minutes or so with each group on a weekly basis. Using her considerable story-telling and dramatic gifts, the groups develop a theme and produce their own playlet which they then perform for another class. D'éirigh go h-iontach leis an tionscnamh seo i mbliana, a chuir go mór leis an drámaíocht sa scoil.

SIAMSA SCOILE

Bhí lá an-ghnóthach againn ar an Aoine an 27ú Feabhra nuair a tháinig Raidió na Gaeltachta chun na scoile. Bhí taifeadadh á dhéanamh do Siamsa Scoile arís i mbliana agus labhair an tuairisceoir le roinnt mhaith daltaí óna ranganna éagsúla. The completed radio programme should be an entertaining mix of ceol, canadh agus caint and we look forward to the broadcast at the end of April on Raidió na Gaeltachta.

AN CÓINEARTÚ

Tá rang a 6 ag obair go dian ag réiteach don Chóineartú a cheiliúrfar ar an 31/3/04. It is especially exciting for the greater school community as we are the 'hosts' for the ceremony for the first time. Scoil Naithí and Scoil Bríde will join us and An tAthair Dónal Ó Conchubhair will officiate. Most of the senior pupils will participate in the ceremony, idir chanadh agus cheol, and we're looking forward to welcoming everyone on the day.

Guímid beannachtaí an Spioraid Naofa ar na páistí ar an lá speisialta seo.

DEARBHÁIN TESCO

Caithfidimid buíochas ó chroí a ghábháil lena tuismitheoirí agus cairde atá ag bailiú na dearbháin dúinn go díograsach. We are loathe to ask anyone to change their shopping habits in order to collect tokens but we greatly appreciate the efforts made on behalf of the school. Faoi láthair na h-uaire, we are conducting an equipment audit to determine our future needs. Hopefully, this will help us 'spend' those tokens efficiently!

SEACHTAIN NA GAEILGE

B'i Múinteoir Deirdre a d'eagraigh Seachtain na Gaeilge dúinn sa scoil agus réitigh sí clár cuimsitheach. Bhí gach duine coinnte ag imeacht idir chomórtas ealaíne, laethanta spóirt, tráth na gceist, mion-chéilithe agus cluichí. Bhí ranganna ag imirt in aghaidh a chéile lá amháin agus ag imirt le chéile an chéad lá eile. Ag deireadh na seachtaine, bhí ar gach rang mír a chur ar siúl don chuid eile den scoil . . . bhí ceolchoirm againn in ionaid tionóil. Nuair a bhí an ceolchoirm thart, fógraíodh na duaiseoirí eagsúla ar chomórtais na seachtaine. Chuir an tseachtain go mór le spiorad na scoile. Go minic, múintear níos mó trí spraoi ná mar a mhúintear i suíomh ranga. Táimid ag súil cheana féin le Mí Márta na bliana seo chugainn!

OÍCHE RÁSAÍOCHTA

It is a well-known fact that members of the Coiste Airgid never rest on their laurels. A successful event has no sooner been 'wrapped up' when planning begins on the next. And so it is that we shall have an 'oíche ag na rásaí' i Bugler's an tseachtain seo. Tá súil agam go bhfuil do chapall ceannaithe agat agus go n-éirí go geal leat!


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ENTRANCE EXAMS

On Saturday the 7th of February the Entrance Assessment exams for our incoming first years was held in the school. Mr. Mc Kennedy and a number of teaching staff were delighted to welcome all these students to the school and congratulate them on the high results achieved on these assessments.

YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS SCHEME

The school final of the Young Entrepreneurs Scheme was held in the school on Wednesday February 4th. There were 8 finalists representing junior (1st years), Intermediate (2nd and 3rd years) and senior (TY, 5th years) categories. Ms Hilda Dolan, a Bank of Ireland representative adjudicated this event. The winners from the school final went on to represent the school in the South County Dublin Enterprise Board awards.

St Colmcille's Community School had the honour of hosting these awards in our school on Sunday the 8th February. Schools from all over South County Dublin displayed their enterprises and members from the County Enterprise Board adjudicated the awards. There were a variety of different businesses displaying services and products that the students had made. It was a very successful event both for encouraging entrepreneurial activities in the school and for our students who came 2nd place at Intermediate level and took 1st prize for best display at junior level. Well done to all involved.

TRANSITION YEAR

TY Students from the school went to Delphi Adventure Centre in Co. Mayo from the 11th-13th of February. They participated in the following activities. Surfing, rock climbing, high ropes, low ropes and archery. They also enjoyed the scenery from the top of Croagh Patrick, which they climbed with their teachers. It is said to be the highlight of their Transition Year programme to date and is much talked about among all students (see photo on Page 22).

EXTRA CURRICULAR UPDATE

The 1st Year Indoor Hurling team won the Inter-Schools Indoor Hurling competition and all players received a medal. In Table Tennis the under 13 Boys are top of their league and the senior boys recorded a historic win by not only winning their league for the second time but also remaining unbeaten in all forty-eight matches. The girls' cadet team in Basketball reached the semi finals but were narrowly defeated. However, the second year girls were unbeaten and went through to the quarter finals. Two students from 1st Years represented the school in the Swimming Inter-schools National finals in Salthill on the weekend of the 7/8th of February. They won 3 medals

between them with Lydia Flynn finishing overall 2nd in the I.M. event. Volleyball started for the first time in the school last September. The junior girls league will be starting this month so best of luck to all involved.

BADMINTON

The badminton players in our school swept all before them and captured the Dublin title on Monday 1st March. The team members are as follows: Alan Fanning, Stephen Neary, Eoin Leonard, Karl Fitzharris and Gavin White. They had to beat seven school teams before reaching the final. There they played Sutton Park School and won comprehensively. The team will now go forward to represent Dublin in the Leinsters in Baldoyle on the 11th of March.



St. Colmcille's Community School Badminton Team, back row, left to right: Alan Fanning, Stephen Neary and Karl Fitzharris. Front, left to right: Eoin Leonard and Gavin White.

GAISCE AWARDS

Twelve Transition Year students are presently completing their bronze Gaisce President Award. The 4 components are physical recreation, personal skill, community involvement and a venture activity. All students hope to have completed the award by May 2004.

CONCERN FAST

The school raised €1922.22 for Concern this year. Many thanks to all who got involved and to the people of the community who supported us.

FINALLY

On behalf of all the staff at St. Colmcille's Community School we would like to congratulate Ruth Kelly and Des Murphy who got married on the 21st of February and wish them a lifetime of health and happiness together.

COLAISTE NAOMH EOIN

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For Students 8-18 years

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Participation Sunday – 29th February 2004

Sunday 29th February was Participation Sunday – a day set aside to encourage parishioners to become involved in the Parish. At each Mass a short talk was given by a current member of one of the various groups. The response to the appeal has been positive and vacancies still exist in all the groups. We publish below a copy of the talk given by Eva Coffey at the 10 o'clock Mass, which we feel is worth sharing with our readers.

YOUR COMMUNITY AND PARISH NEED YOU!

"I saw this slogan once that said, 'I'm President of a club I would not want to join, but I am grateful I can make a difference'."

Who is responsible for membership of any club – all of us. It's lovely to get an invitation to be present at any special event, today you are being invited to take part in one of those special events – 'Participation Sunday'. It's a fine thing to have ability, but the ability to discover ability in others is the true test.

I have found no leaders up here who love to run other people's lives. I saw leaders who carry water for their people, so that they can get on with their jobs. A leader today will discover where his people truly want to go, and then try to find the best way to take them there. And ultimately, everyone will arrive successfully, together and side by side.

A sailing ship is safe and secure in a harbour, but that's not what it was designed for, it must set sail and move out towards new horizons, or its true personal worth will not be recognised. If you are captain of that ship in a true democracy, whether it's family business, school, team community or nation, we must move forward together and leave nobody behind, and build up a Parish that we can be truly proud of.

In 'The Wizard Of Oz', Dorothy is held prisoner in the castle of the Wicked Witch, an hour glass measures the minutes she has to live. All hope is gone. Suddenly the image of 'Auntie Em' appears in the crystal ball. Dorothy sobs, "Oh Auntie Em, I'm scared." Back in Kansas, she tells everyone of her adventure, and the lesson she learned – "There's no place like home." The funny thing about life is, if you refuse to accept anything but the best, sometimes you get the best; by giving one thing today in Knocklyon we can significantly impact tomorrow. Like a pebble in a pond, one stone can create a huge wave – our New Jerusalem.

We all want growth for our children and ourselves; for that we need a larger than life vision, and this calls for action and the need to leave a legacy for the youth of Knocklyon. By being present today you show commitment; we all believe in going that extra mile, what do you find at the end of that mile – a pot of gold!!! Well, yes, it is that you find kind, positive, helpful, trustworthy people, full of hope, respect, but most of all people

with values to unite, for this religion should afflict the comfortable, not just comfort the afflicted.

No talent is too small, everyone is called as Martin Luther King said:

*If a man is called to be a street sweeper,
He should sweep streets,
Even as Michelangelo painted,
Or Beethoven played music,
Or Shakespeare wrote poetry
He should sweep streets so well. . . .
That all the hosts of heaven and earth
Will pause and say
Here lived a great street sweeper
Who did his job well.*

Challenge yourselves to enhance your Parish and Community. Increase what you give – your support. And you'll increase what you get. "The best Community experience possible."

Everyone likes to be part of a Masterplan, and a vision is a beacon that guides us along any path we choose. "The time is always right to do what is right."

Be a leader who sees the bigger picture. We are all unique people with the dream of a great future. "If evil people plot, good men and women must plan, when evil people bomb, good people must build and bind."

We shouldn't be – too afraid to try again; too comfortable to try something new; or too indifferent to find the hope that will spur us all on. We have the same amount of time in the day, it's what we do with it that makes the difference.

A Rolls Royce spokesman in England insisted that his cars do not break down. Occasionally, he explained, they fail to proceed.

Let us not be guilty of not proceeding, together we can make a difference.

People don't care about how much you know – until they know about how much you care."

ORLAGH PROGRAMME

LENT WEEKEND RETREAT

Date/Time: March 26-28, Friday 5.30 p.m.-Sun. 2 p.m.

Cost: €120

Leader(s): John Byrne OSA, Kieran O'Mahony OSA.

HOLY WEEK TRIDUUM RETREAT

Date/Time: April 8-11, Thurs. 5 p.m.-Sun. 2 p.m.

Cost: €150

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Knocklyon Community Council

Realignment of Knocklyon Road

The last date for submissions on South Dublin County Council's plans for the realignment of Knocklyon Road was March 19th. The Community Council's submission may be viewed on the parish website www.knocklyonparish.com.

National Spring Clean – 24th-25th April, 2004

The Community Council, in conjunction with the pupils of St. Colmcille's Senior School, are urging all residents, and residents associations, to plan a clean-up of their area on the weekend of 24th April. South Dublin County Council will supply skips, bags, gloves, etc. – these should be requested in advance by contacting the litter warden – Helen McCarthy at 414 9220. More information about the Spring Clean is available from the school secretary at 494 2527.

AGM

The Community Council's AGM will take place at the end of April – details will be advertised locally and on the parish website when finalised. Motions for the meeting and nominations for the eight independent seats on the council should be submitted, in writing, to the address below by April 20th.

– James Healy, Secretary,
21 Cremorne, Knocklyon, Dublin 16.

HUNYANI

The news from Zimbabwe is not good. There is a big downturn in all aspects of life for the people, except for their religious beliefs which give them hope in a desperate situation.

One little light of hope is the social centre in Hunyani which was opened in 1975, and now is a centre of support for hundreds of people. You have helped keep the centre in operation, through your support of the Fr. Arthur Golf Classic (which this year will be held in Beech Park Golf Club on Friday 25th June), the used stamp project (thanks to the Active Retirement Group and Felix, Phyllis and Barbara) and donations.

The manager of the centre Mr. Mutambarade wrote as follows, "The centre is now being fully utilised because we have an organisation known as E.C.O. Africa U.S.A. which is employing more than 200 women. They are training them so as to empower them with skills to help themselves.

The cheese-making course is also doing well, we have more women on the course this year.

We are still feeding many people who come to the centre looking for food and any other assistance which we can give them."

I know that you wish our fellow brothers and sisters in Zimbabwe the courage and strength to come through this dark hour.

Thank you all,

Fr. Tony.

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ANYONE FOR TENNIS?



A group of happy players at the Mick Smyth Tennis Camp.

TRANSITION YEAR STUDENTS ON TOP OF THE WORLD!



A group of Transition Year students from St. Colmcille's Community School who enjoyed a trip to Delphi, Co. Mayo, before the February mid-term break. Croagh Patrick in the background.

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CLG Baile Buadain Naomh Éanna Ballyboden St. Endas



One hundred years of camogie were celebrated at the City West Hotel on 28th February. Ballyboden St. Endas had one of the highest club representations present and Irene Kirwan had a major part to play in organising the Gala event, which drew an attendance of 1,000 people including An Taoiseach, Bertie Ahern T.D.

The club is pleased to report that South Dublin County Council has granted full planning for four dressing rooms and a referee's room at Knocklyon Park, Ballycullen. The facility is a major part of the development plan for improving the club's service to its members and the wider community. It is hoped to proceed with this development at an early opportunity.

Despite the fact that the playing season has only recently resumed, the club has already had success on the playing fields.

The Senior B Camogie team (John McCormack, Enda and Dermot Hughes) retained the Open Cup won for the first time in 2002 with a victory over Round Tower in a replay. The U12 Camogie team (Jackie Boyd-Lyons, Deirdre Reilly, Richard Fitzpatrick, Michael Kennedy and Carol Ann Woulfe) took the honours in the Skerries Harps seven-a-side tournament held to commemorate the Centenary of the Camogie Association.

The Senior Ladies Football team (Bill Daly, Pat Nash, Bobby O'Sullivan, Brian O'Regan, Bríd Spillane) won the inaugural Holyrood Hotel (Bundoran) tournament.

Fund-raising remains a major requirement and on 8th March the club held a well supported Night at the Dogs at

Harolds Cross Greyhound Track.

The Senior hurling team has drawn Commercials in the First Round of the Championship while the Senior Footballers will play the winners of Ballymun Kickhams and St. Vincents.

For further details of all events contact us on our website – www.bodengaa.ie.

– G. O'Sullivan

Ballyboden St. Endas Scholarship Winners

Camogie player Ciara Lucey (UCD) and hurler Michael Griffin (Institute of Technology, Tallaght) have received Leinster GAA Council Third Level Scholarships to assist with their studies. The presentations were made at a function in Croke Park. Both are past pupils of St. Colmcille's N.S.



Standing left-right: Peter Lucey, Mona Uí Shúilleabháin (Secretary, Ballyboden St. Endas Camogie Committee), Nuala Pope (Chair, Ballyboden St. Endas Camogie Committee), Danny Griffin. Front left-right: Orna Lucey, Ciara Lucey, Michael Griffin and Josephine Griffin.



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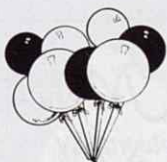
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Vandalism

This season has seen great developments within the club, particularly with regards to the building of the dressing-room at Delaford Park. However, the hard work and effort has once again been put to the test with the recent vandalism to the dressing-room and the destruction of our sit-on mower. Vandals broke into the dressing-room, pulling down lights and putting holes into the ceiling. They then removed the sit-on mower, recklessly driving it onto the pitches at Delaford and finishing off by setting fire to it. The real damage has been to the younger players who use the pitches and the dressing-room every weekend. These were local youths who continue to cause problems for the club and to the Knocklyon area in general. As a club we are proud of the new dressing-room which took a lot of planning and we did ensure that it fitted in with the general area. The club will now have to take measures at considerable expense to protect the dressing-room. There are people in the area who know who these vandals are and if caught our only alternative is to report the matter to the Gardai.

Boys' Football

To concentrate on what matters most, we are glad to report that the second half of the season is up and running with a number of our teams doing very well. The U18 team managed by Noel Gaughran and Jimmy Pacenham had a great 1-0 win over league leaders St. Paul's which keeps them firmly in the run in. The senior team continues to do very well although they have a lot of games in hand in the league. They are also having a great run in the cup.

Girls' Football

As mentioned in the last edition of the Knocklyon News, the girls' season will begin in May and by the time of this publication, the trials and first training will have begun. For those of you, who still wish to be involved, please contact Ruairi McSharry at 086-832 0688.

European Women's Football

The U19 Irish Women's International team has qualified for the European Championship to be held in Spain in April. Susan Martin is the manager of the team and her nephew Liam plays for our U14 team. Liam's dad John and our U14 manager Colm Massey have helped out with their preparation by organising a number of friendlies against some of our teams. We wish the international team every success and hope that some day one of our own girls will be playing at this level.

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

– Mick Kennedy, P.R.O.

COMMUNITY GAMES

The annual collection which took place last month was generously supported as always. Thank you to all those who kindly contributed. Thanks also to the volunteer collectors who braved the freezing temperatures over the course of that weekend – well done!

We are happy to report that a few new volunteers have joined the committee and planning is now underway for some of our major events. Details of upcoming events will be advertised locally, announced in the schools and at Masses and posted on the parish website www.knocklyonparish.com. Competitors should watch out for details of their favourite events! (See Page 11.)

HEIDI'S FASHION

Well done to Heidi Walsh, Coolamber, who was one of the finalists in the Young Designer Competition run in conjunction with the recent annual U.C.D. Fashion Show. Heidi chose a "butterfly" theme for her three dresses which were a big hit at the Point where the show was staged. We wish her every success with her ambition in achieving her own label.

PHILIP'S CHRISTENING



Philip as a baby in his father's arms (see article on opposite page).

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The Prodigal Son returns

- Fr Philip back in Knocklyon

After a three year absence, Fr Philip is delighted to be back. As well as being Parish Chaplain, he has responsibility for outreach to youth and holds the unenviable job of vocations promoter for the Carmelites in Ireland. Here he shares with us the story of his own vocation

Knocklyon and I go back a long way. Thirty years ago this year, the parish was established and I can vividly recall coming up from Terenure with my parents and the late Fr Martin O'Malley in those early days, helping to collect money for the new church. Even then Knocklyon's unique community spirit was very much in evidence and as a youngster I was mesmerized at the sheer volume of people that thronged the makeshift church at the time, the fondly remembered McNerney's hut. Knocklyon seemed to be really out in the sticks then, a world apart from where I was brought up on Rathdown Avenue.

When I was fourteen, I attended an ordination for the very first time in St. Colmcille's church. Little did I think then that, thirteen years later, I too would be ordained priest in the same church.

I'm often asked what led me to go the route I did and dedicate my life to God. Looking back I would say there were two very formative influences. The first was my father's illness. When I was just four years old he suffered a stroke which seriously debilitated him. Later he developed Parkinson's and Alzheimer's diseases. He was in care at least five

years and it wasn't always easy to visit him because most of the time he didn't realise who I was. He died twenty years ago this year. At his funeral mass on St. Patrick's day, I read the reading - the call of prophet Jeremiah (Jer 1:4-9). Although I was only fourteen at the time, every word in that reading seemed to speak to me: "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you; before you came to birth I consecrated you . . . Do not say, 'I am a child'. Go now to those to whom I send you." This is probably my earliest memory of having some sense of a "call".

I think the whole experience of my father's prolonged illness and death made me philosophical. It made me reflect on the reason we are here in the first place and on that fundamental truth echoed by the young St. Thérèse of Lisieux that no matter what we achieve materially in this life, one day we will all have to return to the one from whom we came "with empty hands". I became acutely aware that Christ has no other hands now but ours - which I discovered later, was yet another Carmelite insight, this time by St Teresa of Avila.

The second formative influence in my life was the presence of a community of Carmelite within yards of my home. Not only were many of the friars at Terenure College my local priests, some of them were also my teachers (including Fr Jimmy, my former Principal, who attempted to teach me Latin!!). Above all they were everything that true brothers should be, and I shall be eternally in

their debt for the genuine support and friendship they gave to me, my mother and the rest of the family. Looking back, I can see now how my vocation was nurtured by their common witness, particularly by their commitment to prayer. A deep love of the liturgy and a hunger for the Word of God was awakened within me through their example. And so at 19, having worked in the family business for a year, I responded to God's call and as they say, "the rest is history" (*Of course I had the misfortune of joining the Order at the same time as a certain Paddy Smyth - the 'elder lemon' of our novitiate! Worse still, now he's my Prior here in Knocklyon! I can only take consolation in St Paul's words: "these are the trials through which we triumph"*).

So here I am today, fulfilling my heart's desire to live life as a Carmelite. Not only that, for the past four years I have had the pleasure of introducing others to our way of life. Many of those who enquire are around the same age as I was when I took that great leap of faith fifteen years ago. Although our culture has changed enormously in that space of time, it seems to me from listening to the diverse range of people who contact me that God's way of calling remains as subtle as it ever was. God speaks to us most of all through the experiences of life. However, because of the myriad of other voices which vie for our attention we may not be sufficiently attuned to the Lord's voice in our lives.

As Carmelites, the holy prophet Elijah is our inspiration in this regard. He discovered that to look for God in the great events might be to miss God in the gentle presence. Elijah's vision is fundamental to our calling as Carmelites. More than ever the challenge facing us today is to live our essential calling to be communities of prayer in the midst of people. Based on my own personal experience, I firmly believe that when we make that our top priority, many more vocations to Carmel will follow in God's good time.



The newly ordained Fr. Philip gives his mother a blessing.



Bros Pearse A.C.



The Dublin Indoor Championships took place over two weekends in February and early March.

On a bitterly cold night in Santry our relay teams performed magnificently. The Boys U11 4x100m team (B. McEntee, D. Ryan, R. Dunleavy, S. Murtagh) won Bronze and the Boys U16 4x200m team (C. Gallagher, G. Johnston, K. Cannon, R. Whyte) won Silver.

The Girls U15 4x200m (L. Barnwell, S. Cannon, G. Moggan, R. Tyson) won Gold as did the U18 Girls 4x200m (S. Doyle, M. McMorrow, M. Ryan, R. Moggan).

Congratulations to these and all who competed in what were very difficult conditions as all relays are run outdoors!!!

Our individual medal winners include:

U11 Boys 60m – B. McEntee, Bronze.

U13 Girls 60m – E. Crotty, Gold;

Long Jump – E. Crotty, Gold.

U14 Boys Shot putt – O. Cannon, Gold;

Long jump – O. Cannon, Gold.

U15 Girls Shot putt – G. Moggan, Gold;

60m Hurdles – R. Tyson, Gold, G. Moggan, Silver;

High jump – G. Moggan, Gold.

U15 Boys 60m Hurdles – M. Thian, Gold;

High jump – M. Thian, Gold.

U16 Boys High jump – R. Whyte, Gold, C. Gallagher, Silver;

200m – R. Whyte, Gold, C. Gallagher, Bronze;

60m Hurdles – R. Whyte, Gold;

Long jump – R. Whyte, Gold, C. Gallagher, Bronze.

U17 Girls 60m Hurdles – S. Doyle, Gold;

Long jump – A. Delaney, Gold, S. Doyle, Silver.

U18 Girls 300m – R. Moggan, Gold, M. Ryan, Bronze;

200m – R. Moggan, Silver;

800m – M. McMorrow, Bronze.

U19 Girls 400m – N. Cummins, Bronze.

Congratulations to all who participated in these Championships and represented the club admirably.

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Something new happening in Dublin - St Paul's at Smithfield

Article first appeared in December (Issue 34) of 'Link-up'.

St Paul's Church at Arran Quay, Smithfield has recently been renovated and reopened. The new Rector, and Catholic Youth Care Director, Fr Jim Caffrey writes about St Paul's and plans for the future.

St Paul's at Smithfield has been beautifully restored. We have used a rather daring colour scheme and installed moveable seats. A partition wall separates the top and bottom of the Church, thus allowing us to construct an Icon Chapel as you enter from the quays. We have some beautiful icons from Russia as well as some modern ones, the highlight of which is the specially commissioned Icon of Blessed Columba Marmion. At the side of the Church is a newly-built meeting room with dining room and

kitchen. From now on, the Church will be the centre of the St Egidio Community in Dublin. There are three fundamental pillars of our community.

Communicating the Gospel

It is my hope and prayer that St Paul's will become 'a sanctuary of the Gospel' as the late, Cardinal Duval of Algeria described the community church of St Egidio in Trastevere in Rome. Our community will pray Evening Prayer a number of times a week. This will shortly be open to the public. The first open prayer took place on Sunday, 30th November. The theme was the death penalty. We remembered all those on death row, all who have been executed and also the victims, their families and friends.

Archbishop Diarmuid Martin joined us and preached the homily.

As well as communicating the Gospel through our community's particular style of prayer (singing the psalms, a reading of the Gospel and the homily) the Icon Chapel will shortly be open and will offer people the opportunity for quiet prayer and reflection in a beautiful setting, in this way communicating the Gospel.



Fraternity

At the moment in Dublin we have 22 members of the St Egidio community along with many elderly friends. By having a 'seat', a sense of community will be built and new friendships will be developed especially with the residents of the area and people of other religious traditions. We hope to have a particular welcome for the members of the Greek Orthodox community who worship near us. There will be a special welcome for priests and we hope to run Homeletics courses to help them in their ministry.

Service of the poor

If St Paul's is to be a sanctuary of the Gospel, it must also be a place where the poor and the lonely are made feel at home. Each community had a particular service and ours is friendship with the elderly. Our Church will be one in which the elderly - especially those who feel alone - will be welcome and have the opportunity to develop their spirituality as well as a place where loneliness can be healed.

I am very grateful to Cardinal Connell for all his support in making the Church where he was baptised available for the use of our community. As Blessed Columba was also baptised here, I am happy that the Glenstal monks will collaborate with us in making this a monastic, prayerful Church in the heart of the city.



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Innovative Theatre Group to Stage 'The Memory of Water'

'The Memory of Water', the Olivier award-winning play by Shelagh Stephenson, will be performed by Wild Catz in Andrews Lane Studio from Tuesday, March 23rd to Saturday, April 3rd nightly at 8.15 p.m.

Winner of the 2000 Laurence Olivier Award for Best Comedy, this wise and funny play celebrates the lives of 3 sisters reunited on the eve of their mother's funeral. As the sisters come to terms with each other and their loss, we are treated to a fabulous roller-coaster of insight, denial, and hysterical laughter.

The three wonderful sisters' roles are played by Siobhán Chambers, Eleanor Chambers and Olivia Cusack. The part of Vi, the sisters' mother, is played by Eva Coffey. The supporting male roles are played by Mark Shinnick and Pat Egan respectively.

'The Memory of Water' is directed by Carol Cusack who recently played the title role in the Wild Catz production of Phaedra.

This sentimental and comedy play, which combines a flair for witty dialogue as well as superb ensemble acting, will be performed nightly at 8.15 p.m. at Andrew's Lane Studio from Thursday March 25th to Saturday April 3rd with low price previews from March 23rd to 24th. Tickets €14-€10 are available at the theatre. Telephone: 01-679 5720.

Contact: Carol Cusack 087-284 9303 or 01-493 3828.

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Knocklyon Kickboxing Club Expands Due To Popular Demand



Some senior students from The Malone Martial Arts Kickboxing Club who successfully passed their grading examination recently.

The Malone Martial Arts Kickboxing Club, based in St. Colmcille's Secondary School, has gone from strength to strength since opening last September and has proved to be hugely popular in the area. The students of all ages enjoy this fantastic sport, attend classes regularly, train hard and show great enthusiasm and dedication, much to the delight of their instructors and parents alike.

Their dedication and hard work paid off recently when students passed their grading examinations with flying colours, and were presented with their next belt, certificates of achievement, and Malone Martial Arts Licences which were updated and stamped confirming their newly earned rank.

Classes are held every Wednesday at present, for juniors and seniors but due to the huge interest from new people wanting to join this fast growing and exciting club. New classes for beginners will be starting on Monday, 8th March, 2004 and every Monday there-

after. Juniors (8-12 years) 7.15 p.m. Seniors (13 years upwards) 8.30 p.m. For further information contact Sandra Malone at 086-378 4997.



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Knocklyon Junior Badminton

Congratulations to the teams who made it to the finals of the Leinster Branch Badminton Union of Ireland League – held in Whitehall Road, Saturday March 6th. Well done to the U13 Mixed and U15 Boys teams who won their sections and to the U15 Mixed team who were runners-up.

They did us all proud, not only in their sportsmanship but their team spirit and enjoyment in the game.



U13 Mixed – left to right, back row: Jack Beatty, Oisín Cannon, Julie Fitzgerald. Front row: Aoife Loftus, Alex Griffin, Rachel Doyle.



U15 Boys – left to right: Daniel Heffernan, Craig Drumm, Karl Fitzharris, Eoin Leonard.



U15 Mixed – left to right: Alan Patterson, Fiona Nea, Paula McGrath, Jessica Jermyn, Alan Fanning, Stephen Neary.

DANCING AT THE CIVIC

Pupils from Scoil Rince Bastable-Warren entertained a full house at the Civic Theatre recently with their show 'Celtic Twilight'. Sixty pupils from Knocklyon, aged 4-12 years, took part and were well received by their parents and friends. The show was compered by one of Dublin's great comedians Sean Connors, produced by Mrs. Brenda Warren and choreographed by Kevin and Maeve Warren, make-up artist was Mrs. Gillian Warren.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Drug/Anti Social Behaviour Problem in Knocklyon

Where are your kids? You should know!

The Gardai are presently trying to assist concerned local residents to combat the ongoing issue of anti-social behaviour, resultant litter problem and use of the park as a public urinal by teenagers gathering in large groups around our green areas and the local shops. The majority of these groups are drinking alcohol and smoking (cigarettes and hash). Some even go so far as to store their drink in the bushes until nightfall and have their parties under cover of darkness. These children are predominantly from the area and are well recognised as being so. The Gardai's level of frustration has reached a stage that they have indicated they will start taking these children home to their parents in an effort to resolve this issue.

Beverly Park has become a regular haunt for these groups who are all local teenagers and it has become intolerable to the residents living in the surrounding area.

Would all parents of local teenagers come around to their green areas and check that their children are not partaking in this anti-social behaviour? Could parents make themselves aware of the level of destruction that this type of behaviour is having on the local environment? Younger children can no longer enjoy the amenities provided for their use also.

It is no longer sufficient to use the old adage "there's nothing else for them to do". **There's plenty to do in Knocklyon, but there will never be any legal places for children to drink alcohol or smoke cigarettes/drugs.**

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PRESIDENT ELECT

Congratulations to Ciarán Cunniffe of Knockcullen, past pupil of St. Colmcille's and Templeogue College who was recently elected as President of the Students' Union in St. Patrick's Teacher Training College Drumcondra. We wish him the best of luck in the year to come.

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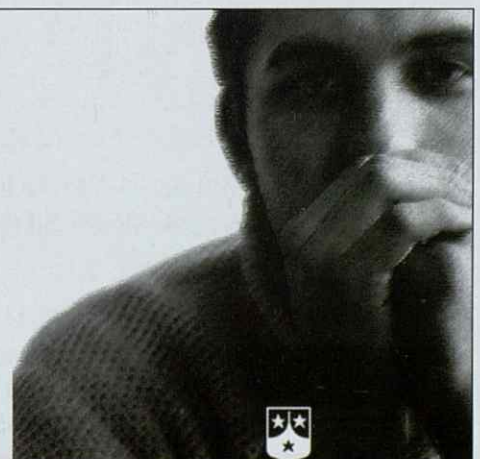
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