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A SPECIAL SUMMER VISIT

Aoife and Erica with some of the children of Shangilia.

During the summer two former pupils of St. Colmcille's and recently qualified teachers from Froebel College of Education, Aoife Gorby and Erica Mulholland spent 7 weeks doing voluntary work in a slum area of Nairobi, Kenya. They received wonderful support from last year's 2nd and 3rd classes who did some excellent fund-raising to help make this work possible.

We would like to send our thanks to the children of last year's 2nd and 3rd classes for the wonderful fund-raising work they did for the children of Kenya last summer. Thanks also to their teachers and everyone who supported their fund-raising efforts. The money raised was much needed and appreciated.

The main place we worked and taught in was an orphanage and school called 'Shangilia Mtoto Wa Afrika' (this means rejoice child of Africa). Shangilia is situated in Kangemi, which is a very poor slum area of Nairobi, the capital of Kenya. The children that live and go to school here are orphans and children that previously lived on the streets. There are about 200 children in Shangilia from the ages of 2 months up to 16 years old. One of the little babies who was only 7 months old had recently been found abandoned in a stream so they named him Moses.

As Shangilia is also an orphanage the children go to school and sleep there. Their bedrooms are very crowded with lots of 3 high bunk beds very close together and sometimes the children even have to share a bed. The rooms were quite dark and damp and had no windows. There wasn't much space for the children to play in Shangilia so every Saturday they would go to a field to play. This field belonged to a factory near the school and this was the only time they got to play on grass and run around in open space.

The school was very poor and when we went there they had no paper, very few books and other resources like pencils, crayons and copy books. We bought lots of things for the school using money raised by last year's 2nd and 3rd classes of St. Colmcille's Knocklyon. The children were so happy to have pencils, paper and books and they were also really delighted to have resources for arts and crafts.

Although these children have very, very little compared to what we have in Ireland they are so happy and so positive. They were very interested to hear all about the children in St. Colmcille's and told us to say thank you very much from them for all the great fund-raising you did.

The time we spent in Kenya was an amazing experience, the people were so warm and friendly, despite living in sometimes extreme poverty. We got so much from the children there and hope that we also brought something into their lives. Thank you again to all the children from last year's 2nd and 3rd classes, without whose support this work would not have been possible.

– Aoife and Erica

NOVEMBER LECTURE

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Lourdes helping having fun and praying

There were butterflies in our tummies as we prepared for take-off on the Carmelite Pilgrimage to Lourdes on the 27th of September. There was an atmosphere of anxiety and immense excitement as we thought about what awaited us on our arrival in Lourdes.

The low-down? Basically a trip of a lifetime. Whilst we can't go into all the details (and perhaps shouldn't!!! – only joking), we would love to give you a flavour of what happened.

The Blessed Sacrament procession and Blessing of the Sick was a touching event. It was led by the Carmelite priests and many of the youth participated by carrying banners, flags and bowls of incense. We walked around the grounds of the beautiful Grotto and then into the underground Basilica where over 5,000 people gathered to celebrate and enjoy the service.

The stations of the Cross was an amazing experience. This was organised and led by Ms Gilmer and Ms Loughman and the youth from Knocklyon, Terenure, Castlebar and Kildare. The music was supplied by the Kinsale Parish Folk Group, Shane Kenrick and Sinead Walsh.

The Torchlight Procession at night was another of the principal highlights. This was a celebration of Our Lady. It was truly an astounding experience as all you could see for miles around was the lighting tips of all the candles. It is even more astonishing when you realised that each candle represented a prayer.

The Taizé Prayer was an experience never to be forgotten. The room was simply decorated with a table, a cross and candles. We sat on the floor around the cross. When you felt ready, you took a candle and put it beside the cross and said a prayer. There were hymns sung throughout the service. At the Taizé Prayer we truly realised just how lucky we are and how sometimes we can take our mobility for granted.

The Baths was an incredible experience that is indescribable. When you step out of the baths, you have a miraculous feeling of dryness even though you are wet !!!!

During the trip, we were assigned an invalid. This was a real highlight of the trip as you made new friends with them and helped them. It was really good to give of yourself and know that you were helping that person and making a difference in their lives.

Sounds like a lot of hard work? It was, but the craic we had was great. Discos till late, making really good friends (especially Joe from Cheeverstown and the Terenure lads and the Kildare ladies).

All in all the entire trip to Lourdes was such a fantastic experience and, if given the chance, we would definitely go again.

We know our teachers had a great time (boogying till late at the disco), this is a little message from them: *"It was a privilege for us to go to Lourdes with such a wonderful group of boys and girls. Their fun, their care for those in wheelchairs and their faith touched us deeply".*

On behalf of the sixteen students, we would like to say a huge thank you to Ms Loughman, Ms Gilmer, Fr Paddy and Fr Philip. They helped make this an unforgettable experience.

Fergal Nally, Leanne Gaughran, Helen McNamee and Elaine Rogers.

Photographs: The Group relaxing for a photo; some of the girls with their new friend and some of the boys in the Torchlight Procession.

Tired of living life on the surface

Our culture is lived very much on the surface. Public relations take over from personal relations and spin edges out substance. Images and sound bites prevail and the constant search for the new and sensational can wear us out.

Perhaps God is calling you to something deeper. You will never know for certain until you explore the possibility.

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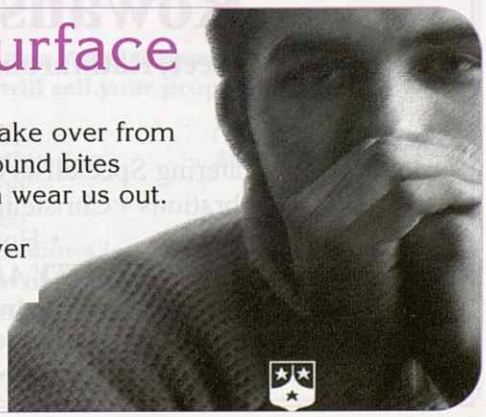

Liturgy & Spirituality Group

Harvest/Thanksgiving Masses

On Sunday, 17th October, the Liturgy & Spirituality Group organised a Harvest Thanksgiving for the twelve and one o'clock Masses. The church was beautifully decorated by Anne Marie O'Gara, a teacher in the Primary School, who is also a gifted floral arranger. We saw her 'Bridge Building' arrangement for the visit of President Mary McAleese, earlier in the year. For the Harvest Thanksgiving, she excelled herself. There were flowers and fruit all brought together with imagination and flair. The usual choirs at each Mass provided the music and were joined by the Knocklyon Concert Band under the direction of Robert Chester and Caitríona Ni Threasaigh. It was a very special privilege to be present for such a vibrant yet deeply spiritual musical experience.

Fr Paddy was the celebrant for both Masses. His very appropriate greeting and commentary put everything in focus. He said that we had come together to thank God for the food and nourishment of both soul and body. We had also come to ask forgiveness for the times when we had abused the earth. A reference he made about the account of creation from the Book of Genesis inspired me to come home and look it up. He said that at the end of each day there is mention of evening coming. However, "God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on that day he rested after all his work of creating". There is no mention of evening coming. So Fr Paddy made the point that we are still on the seventh day as we play our part in God's creation by using our creative talents to develop our world for the better of all. He developed the point by saying that many of the items – the wood, the foliage and flowers – had been very creativitely formed into the magnificent display in the sanctuary. Likewise, the Concert Band's instruments had been made from metal tubes bent and twisted by instrument makers. The young musicians 'breathe' into these instruments and create beautiful music. At this point I must refer to our Pre-Natal Blessing; the people whom we prayed with that evening are in a very real way 'still living on the seventh day'.

The Prayers of the Faithful reflected the theme of thanksgiving with the response 'Thank you Lord'. The Offertory Procession consisted of gifts of soil, a sheaf of wheat, flowers (arranged by K.A.I.E.S), food donated by the congregation for those in need. The bread and wine, which becomes the Body and Blood of Christ at the Consecration, is our spiritual food and our path to our Heavenly Kingdom.

Harvest Thanksgiving may not be an annual event in St. Colmcille's in Knocklyon but it was and is celebrated at Masses throughout rural Ireland. In fact when we were not so affluent, harvest time was of great importance to the whole community. Farmers selling their crops were able to pay off credit given by local shopkeepers; the clergy received bags of potatoes, root vegetables and onions at that time instead of monetary offerings. It is not so long ago since Knocklyon was part of rural Ireland. Indeed Fr Ned Ward, speaking about Zimbabwe at the nine o'clock Mass, mentioned that they were able to avail of rural electrification for their hospital and school with generous donations from the Irish Government and the people of Knocklyon. Rural electrification came to Ballyboden only about sixty years ago.

Thank God for our affluence but please God do not allow us to become greedy and selfish. Help us to recognise your generous hand in our good fortune.

Pre-Natal Blessing

On Tuesday evening, 12th October, the Pre-Natal Blessing Service took place. Over thirty expectant mothers came along, joined by expectant fathers and other children. It was a simple yet moving occasion. Ruth Kelly and the Children's Choir provided the music. A reflection, the Liturgy of the Word and Prayers of Intercession were read by members of the Liturgy & Spirituality Group who organised the Service.

Fr Tony presided with Fr Paddy joining him for the blessing of the mothers-to-be. A cup of tea was provided afterwards at the back of the church. It was a very happy occasion with a great sense of hope and expectation for the new life. We look forward to welcoming the newly born into the Christian community at their Baptism. In the meantime, we pray for the continuing good health of the parents to be. Moladh go Deo le Dia!

November Remembrance Service

At present, the group is busy preparing for this Service which we hope will take place towards the middle of November and then we start on Advent and Christmas.

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ST. COLMCILLE'S PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Since our AGM in September, the new PA Committee is up and running and we are extremely busy organising events for all the family to enjoy! We would like to welcome our new members and are delighted to have some new blood on board!

Our AGM was held on 15th September and even though the evening went well, the PA was very disappointed at the low turnout of parents/guardians; in fact it was an all time low of approximately 45! The PA works with both Principals, staff and Board of Management to build an effective partnership of home and school. The aim of the Association is to enable parents to play an active part in ensuring the best possible education and environment for their children, through the Association's programme of activities. Any fund-raising activities we organise are solely for the purpose of financing necessary equipment/projects as requested by the Principals of both schools. We would encourage parents/guardians where possible to get involved and in doing so support their children and their education. We would also be very open to any ideas parents/guardians may have by way of events/fund-raisers and if you have any particular skills or talents that you feel may be of use, they would be gratefully received! Contact numbers of the new Committee can be obtained from the Secretary's of both schools.

Our first lecture was held on 13th October by leading child therapist, Dr. Matt McDermott, entitled 'Positive Communication with your Child'. The talk was very well attended and, I am sure those present would agree, he was an extremely interesting speaker and held a Q&A session afterwards. We hope to have him back early next year.

A team of young boys represented St. Colmcille's at the Rockbrook Park School Soccer Tournament on Friday, 7th October. A number of schools took part and we are delighted to announce that the boys of St. Colmcille's won this event! They were: Stephen Keegan, Luke Synott, Dominic Murphy, Robert Redmond, Jack McCarron, Elliott Hyland, Colin Doyle and Ryan Basquel. Congratulations boys – you never know we could have another Wayne Rooney in our midst!

The PA helped to organise the Community Games Art Competition last spring and we are thrilled to announce that Evan Power, age 12 years (see photo below), of St. Colmcille's, won the silver medal (Under 14's) representing Knocklyon in the Community Games National Art Competition in June this year. Congratulations Evan!

The PA would like to remind children travelling to and from school to always cross at either traffic lights and/or with a lollipop lady. Winter is fast approaching and daylight hours are getting shorter, remember roads are designed for cars, not people!

– Jane Dooley

Our Annual Table Quiz is to be held on Thursday, 11th November, in Ballyboden GAA Club at 8 p.m.

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Last year was a great success and we hope you will support this fun and educational night!

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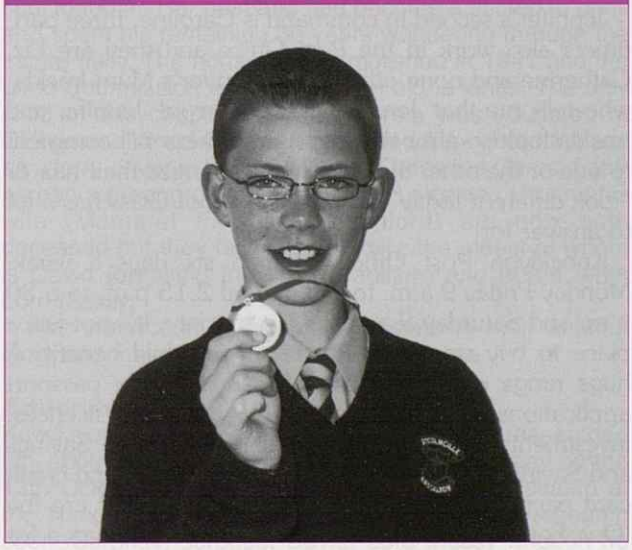

Evan Power, Templeroan, who won a silver medal in the Dublin Final Art Competition Under 14s Section.

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While this could have tried the patience of a saint, anyone who visits the Post Office knows how calm and patient Jennifer is. She loves working in Knocklyon and enjoys the bustle and the fact that no two days are the same. It didn't take long to discover what great characters we have in Knocklyon. Among her favourite customers are the pensioners and the mums on the way to and from the school. The staff are continually impressed with the honesty of their customers as she says the diversity of articles found and handed in shows: hearing aids, glasses, wine, groceries, magazines, car keys, dry cleaning, umbrellas, green bags and of course, sums of money. These have all been handed in recently.

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Jennifer's second in command is Caroline, three part-timers also work in the Post Office and they are Liz, Catherine and none other than Jennifer's Mum Imelda, who tells me that Jennifer trained her in! Jennifer and Imelda look so alike that often customers will comment to one or the other than they have changed their hair or "look different today". That Bullet-Proof Glass has a lot to answer for!

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– Karen Cashman

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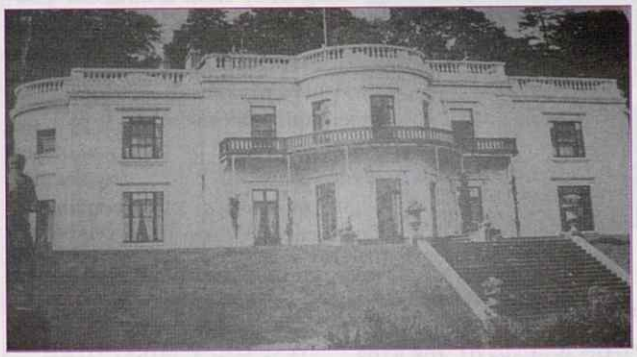
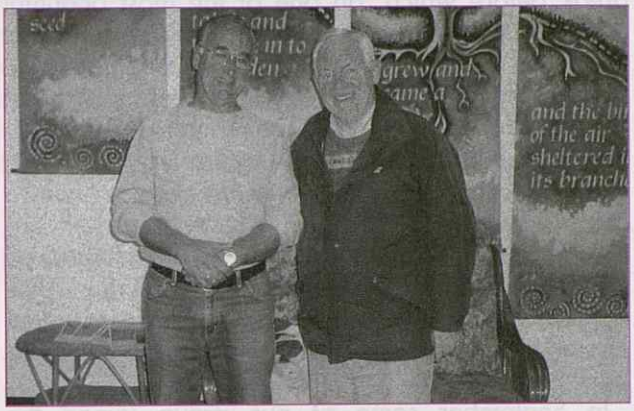
Early records of the Massy family in Ireland show them living at Duntrileague, Co. Limerick, and later at the Hermitage, Castleconnel, Co. Limerick (a house burned in the 1920s). In time they owned extensive lands in Co. Leitrim along with the fishing rights of Lough Melvin. There were 11 heirs in this family named Hugh, the tradition only broken by the present Lord Massy. The third baron actually voted against the Act of Union in 1800. The fourth baron married Matilda White, a daughter of the extremely wealthy bookseller who lived in Luttrellstown Castle. He was probably the wealthiest person in Ireland. This marriage settlement brought the Massy family to Killakee where Luke White had lands and a house. The fifth baron died young and the sixth a young man of 19 inherited up to 38,000 acres. He was very fond of the affluent life with little regard for money matters. Huge parties took place at Killakee and numerous hunting expeditions both there and in Limerick. The Massy family did not have the financial prowess of the Whites, they only understood how to spend. This sixth baron made poor deals when the earlier Land Acts were introduced. Yet these deals netted him £90,000. He loved the car invention and had five of them. He died in 1915.

The seventh baron lived in Ardfinnan, Co. Tipperary. It would seem he had a falling-out with his father. When the banks foreclosed in 1924, all the money being spent, it was discovered that the beautiful Italianate house



The Italianate House of the Massy Estate. Demolished in 1941.



David, the 10th Lord Massy with the Speaker, Frank Tracy, at Knocklyon History Society meeting on Wednesday, 13th October.

(containing many Old Master paintings among its wonderful furnishings) was also mortgaged. The young family which then occupied Killakee (the eighth baron) was evicted on the roadside where the lady in the Beehive Cottage took in the young mother (wife of the eighth baron) and her baby. This young mother (a Catholic and formerly widowed, named Margaret Moran) walked to Rockbrook each morning to catch the bus, making her way to Ballsbridge where she worked for many years in the Irish Sweepstakes to keep body and soul together. Her husband had become addicted to drink and spent his remaining 30 years wandering through the estate daily. The house was demolished in 1941 and the Land Commission took possession of the lands. The only child of this couple, the ninth baron, was educated at Clongowes Wood College and served throughout the war as a lorry driver in the Royal Army Ordnance Corps. Later he had a greengrocers' business in Leicester. He and his wife (Margaret Flower of Longford) are now both deceased but they had five in family, the eldest of whom is David (breaking the Hugh tradition) and is the tenth Lord Massy.

Visit the woods of the Massy Estate in their autumn glory and make sure you see the ice house.

Addendum

Knocklyon History Society had a splendidly researched talk about the Massy Estate given by Frank Tracy on the 13th October. He spent about 400 hours in research at the National Library. He hopes to publish his research soon. Surprise, surprise, David, Lord Massy (though he does not use the title) was in Ireland on business, heard about this talk and graced us in a quiet way with his presence.

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On Tuesday we resumed meetings after the summer break before which, on one of the most beautiful days in June we had a very enjoyable outing. First we visited the Quaker Village of Ballitore. There we saw the library and museum, the one time home of Mary Ledbetter, author of 'The Annals of Ballitore'. Following a light lunch in the Quaker Tea Rooms, we paid a brief visit to Dunmore Caves before continuing on to Kilkenny where some of our number visited Kilkenny Castle while others repaired to Kytelers Inn to hear the story of Dame Alice Kyteler. We rounded up the day with an excellent dinner in the Dolmen Hotel, Carlow, on our route back home.

In September some of our group joined the Ballyroan Community Care group on a visit to Avondale House and Gardens followed by dinner in Jack White's pub. Everyone seemed to have enjoyed the day.

Sadly, on September 28th we heard of the death of Phyllis O'Driscoll R.I.P., one of the original members of K.A.R.A. Phil, with her gentle smile and her great sense of humour will be greatly missed by all who knew her. We extend our deepest sympathy to her sister Betty.

In early October a sizeable number of the group set out for the Tower Hotel in Derry where we appreciated the comfort and the good food. We visited the Giant's Causeway and then Bushmills Distillery where we tasted various samples of the excellent whiskey. The following day there was an interesting tour of the walls of Derry.

On Friday, 22nd October, we paid a visit to the offices of the European Community in Molesworth Street, where we had a talk on the working of the Community followed by lunch. On Sunday 24th there was an afternoon's dancing for A.R.A. members from South Dublin branches in St. Faughnan's G.A.A. Club in Willington. We met many of our members there.

Meanwhile, bowls and badminton continue on Thursday afternoons.

Contacts: Terrie Erdpohl, Chairperson, 494 5500; Lyla Kennedy, Vice-Chairperson, 494 2830; Noel Mordaunt, Secretary, 269 1588; John Davis, Treasurer, 451 2222.

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A WEEKEND RETREAT FOR ADVENT with the title '*Emmanuel – God with us*' takes place in Orlagh starting at 6 p.m. on Friday, November 26th and finishing at 2 p.m. on Sunday, November 28th and will be led by members of the Orlagh Team. Advent invites us to 'prepare a way for the Lord' and this retreat offers you one way of responding to that invitation. Cost: Residential €135; non-residential €85.

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A PERSONAL VIEW
– St. Colmcille's Conference of St. Vincent de Paul, Knocklyon

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The Society of St. Vincent de Paul have a commitment and tradition of offering friendship and support in a caring and respectful way to those in need. At the start of each meeting, "We ask God to help us to see the person or family we will visit later on as God sees them."

People are very vulnerable when things fall apart in their lives. We must be sensitive to their feelings. Our service must always be unselfish. After all it's about love of people, it's about being tuned into their needs. If one thinks of people as an extension of family, it changes how one sees them.

Visitation is the core work; we are privileged to be allowed into peoples' homes. They are more at ease in their own surroundings. To be poor in a wealthy economy is a particularly lonely place. It's like sitting on the outside looking in. To be illiterate; to be chronically ill or disabled; to be mentally ill or unemployed; to be hungry; to be a carer with little respite; to be a drug or alcohol abuser; to be a traveller on the roadside or a homesick refugee or asylum seeker; to be growing old and infirm; to have little money; is to feel very lost and insecure.

Families living from hand to mouth on low incomes are involved in a day-to-day life of economic brinkmanship.

Why do we do what we do?

For some of us it may be the desire to give something back to the community; a humanitarian response to help those who are less fortunate than ourselves. For others it is a response to the call to all Christians to show the love of Christ to those in need endeavouring to see them as He does. To give them hope, to give them a voice.

We are grateful for the kindness of those who have provided us with what we can give.

Thank you all sincerely for your financial support which makes such a difference to the lives of our less fortunate neighbours. May God bless and reward you all.

– Mary McGuinness, President

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JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Beginning of Year prayer service

Senior Infant, First and Second classes prayed for a successful school year during a special ceremony led by Father Philip. Ms. Úna Johnston organised the event. Her second class pupils performed a lovely play about caring and sharing, supported by sweet singing from the other classes.

Dates for Sacramental Preparation

Our second class pupils will enrol for sacramental preparation classes at the 10 a.m. children's masses on November 17th, 21st, and 28th. Parents of the classes will meet teachers and priests in February prior to First Confessions which will take place in March. First Holy Communions will be held on Sundays May 14th, 21st, and 28th next year.

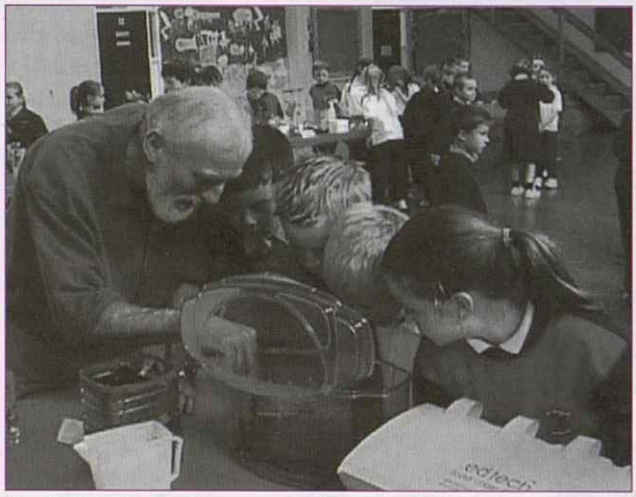
Heritage Week

Mr. Padraig Carney organised a very successful Heritage Week in late September. All twenty-four classes took part in curriculum workshops and field trips guided by famous environmentalists Dick Warner, Paddy Madden and Dale Treadwell.

The class teachers learned a lot of new strategies from our guests and they will continue to implement these during the year.

Healthy Eating and Be Active in school

Ms. Mary Harty and Ms. Carol Murphy O'Shea organised a fortnight of health promotional activity for all classes. The visit of nutritionist Aoibheann O'Connor was the highlight of the event. Aoibheann taught all classes about the benefits of healthy lifestyles and diet.



Paddy Madden with some very interested visitors at the Heritage Week workshop.

Aoibheann O'Connor demonstrates the benefits of healthy eating.

George's Marvellous Medicine

Our second class pupils travelled to the Helix Theatre to a wonderful production of Roald Dahl's classic. Pupils later completed very creative writing exercises based on the play.

Book Fair

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Parents' Association Committee, has planned another festival of books for early November. Our very successful Shared-Reading initiative has been launched again. Over one hundred parents and guardians listen to children reading at school each morning. Volunteers are always welcome.

Parent/Teacher meetings

Parents of pupils in first and second classes, met their children's teachers in their classrooms in recent weeks. These new style meetings were designed to appraise parents of the revised curriculum. Teachers welcomed the opportunity to share their hopes for another school year with the most important people in our pupils' lives. Formal parent/teacher consultations have been scheduled for late November this year. These meetings will afford parents the opportunity to reflect on their individual child's progress.

New Teachers

Our five new class teachers have received a great welcome to the school. This has helped them to settle in quickly. Second class teachers Ms. Eimear O'Connell and Ms. Emma Vickers come from Wicklow. Ms. Suzanne Ryan (First Class) and Ms. Sheena McDonnell (Senior Infants) are local, while Ms. Laura Boyle (First Class) comes from Donegal.

Junior Infants

Places will be offered to next year's Junior Infants in early December. Parents and guardians must return the relevant documentation to the school by December 10th in order to secure a place for their child. New families moving to our parish are reminded to complete application forms for prospective pupils at the school office before Friday November 27th 2004.

KNOCKLYON NEWS 1982-2002

The Knocklyon News Team have now compiled four bound volumes of the Knocklyon News. Fr. David Weakliam launched the first issue in December 1982, and a full set is now available in The Iona Centre for anyone who wishes to check up on major events between December 1982 and December 2002.

THIRTY YEARS A GROWING

When the parish was constituted in October 1974 Knocklyon consisted of a few hundred homes, and green fields with grazing cattle an everyday sight. Thirty years on, Knocklyon has approximately 4,500 houses, and apartment blocks seem to be popping up wherever a space exists!

In the silver jubilee issue of the Knocklyon News in 1999 Eileen Casey recalled the major landmarks of the parish – the opening of St. Colmcille's Primary School in 1976, the building of St. Colmcille's Church, finished in 1980, the opening of the Youth and Community Centre in 1989, along with the arrival of amenities like Superquinn in 1980, the 15 bus in 1990 and our own Post Office in 1991.

In the past 5 years two of the most important additions to Knocklyon are the long-awaited Community School and The Iona Centre. The visit of the Relics of St. Therese in 2001 was a memorable occasion.

Having our own secondary school means that most of the children leaving the primary school are within walking distance and are continuing with their friends during their secondary education (some still have to find a place in schools outside the parish).

The Iona Centre has become an ideal base for all parish groups to meet, it is becoming a popular venue for Retreats, Lectures and Seminars, and courses like Yoga and Bridge. It also houses a lovely coffee shop – just the place to meet friends for a cuppa!

Knocklyon has indeed become a vibrant place to live. It is thanks to all the Carmelite priests who have been here over the years since 1974, the teachers in the two junior schools, and the many people who have been actively involved in various ways over the years. We should all be grateful to them for their input.

Many of the pupils from those early days in St. Colmcille's are now parents themselves and are bringing their children back to the school and classrooms once familiar to them. It is a fair indication of their happy memories growing up in Knocklyon when so many are setting up home in surrounding areas like Woodstown and Hunterswood.

We hope that these young people – the second generation of Knocklyon will get involved with activities and the future development of our – and their – parish.

– M.C.

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Sports News

Five football teams from St. Colmcille's S.N.S. have been competing in the Dublin Cumann na nBunscol competitions. At the time of going to press our Senior Girls' and Senior Boys' teams are well in contention for a place in the semi-final stages. We are also delighted with the performances of our Girls' and Boys' Second teams who have competed really well as has our Junior team. Our 4th class pupils are enjoying Badminton sessions at the Irish Badminton Union Hall in Terenure.

Over 60 boys and girls from St. Colmcille's S.N.S. will experience the thrill of playing in Croke Park in early November. The GAA is developing a CD Rom on Coaching Gaelic Games for Primary School children and our school has been selected to provide the players who will be filmed playing in conditioned games in Croke Park.

Oiche Shamhna i Scoil Cholmcille: Halloweén in St, Colmcille's

Pupils and staff enjoyed the build-up to Hallowe'en. The hall and foyer area of the school were decorated with a Hallowe'en flavour. The pupils enjoyed the seasonal dramas and the dressing up. Radio Colmcille went on the air with the pupils' contributions of riddles, stories, poems and dramas.

The accompanying photograph shows the 3rd classes enjoying their Hallowe'en Puppet Show. Mr. Connolly directing operations.

New School Fleece

The new school fleece, incorporating the new crest (designed by pupils) has proven to be a very popular innovation, especially as we head into the winter months (see photo above right).

New School Crest

Stephen Keegan, 6th class, who was a pupil representative on our uniform and crest committee, gives the background to the new school crest.

Left to right: Emily Meehan, Tim Madigan and Grace O'Brien modelling the new school fleece.

The Crest

There are three separate parts to the new school crest. The idea was to represent some of the different things we do in our school. The picture in the top left shows music notes which represents the wide variety of music we create in the school and our interest in music. The music notes are sitting on a book which represents our schoolwork.

The picture beside it has two hurleys and a sliotar, representing the important role of sport in our school. The final third of the crest shows a white dove. This represents St. Colmcille. Colm is the Irish word for dove and Colmcille means the "Dove of the Church". The cross represents our Christian tradition.

– Stephen Keegan, Room 3

Skilled Work

Mr. Gearty along with a number of pupils has been very busy over the last number of weeks putting in decking in the open space adjacent to the newly extended staff-room. The photo shows some of the pupils who have been working on the project.

Science Experiment 1

Object: You can see sound moving

Normally you cannot see sound moving at all. In this experiment you can see the sound moving to blow out the flame.

First cut the bottom of a large bottle. Then get a piece of cling film and stretch it over the bottom of the bottle and secure it with a rubber band. Light a candle and place it in-line with the top of the bottle. Gently tap the clingfilm.

What happens? When you tap the clingfilm you make tiny particles beside it vibrate. This causes a chain reaction which will eventually blow out the flame.

– Cillian Sheahan, Maeve O'Neill, Room 6

Science Experiment 2

Object: Sound travels through vibration.

If you strike the tuning fork off your desk and hold it up to your ping pong ball, the ball will move. Why? Well because when you strike the tuning fork off your desk it vibrates and is actually moving 512 times a second and this vibration makes the ping pong ball move.

In order to make this experiment work you need a ping pong ball, thread, something to tie the thread onto and a desk. When you have got all of this attach the thread to the ping pong ball with some sellotape and hang it off the edge of the desk. Then strike the tuning fork off the desk and place it up to the ping pong ball and watch it move.

– Cian Hogan, Maeve O'Neill, Room 6

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Senior School News

Cian Hogan conducting his experiment.

Goal Jersey Day

Goal is an organisation of sports people who raise money to assist poor people in Africa. On Friday, 29 September 2004 we had a jersey day to raise money for Goal. Everyone in the school was wearing a jersey on this day and donated €2 or more to Goal. We raised €1,452 and had a variety of jerseys from Tipperary and Cork jerseys to Bohemians and Arsenal jerseys. On that day the yard was awash with colours and it was a very enjoyable occasion.

Goal Jersey Day was held on the Friday before the All Ireland Football Final. Mr. Ruddy wore his Mayo jersey (sad) but Ms. Corcoran with her Kerry jersey had the last laugh. Mr. S. O'Neill kept changing jerseys during the day – Tipperary, then Dublin, then Ireland and then St. Patrick's Athletic – a man of many jerseys!

– Aoife Flynn and Alan O'Connell, Room 1

World Animal Week

I brought my rabbit "Pearl" into school to show my class and to highlight World Animal Week*. World Animal Week is about how to care for your pet. Pearl is a lop-eared rabbit, she is the colour of smoked pearl.

I got Pearl in August 2004. Pearl is five months old. She eats pellets, lettuce, grass and broccoli. Pearl lives outside in a hutch in my back garden. She likes to run around the garden and she dislikes carrots, believe it or not. I had to take Pearl to the vet and ask him how to feed, groom and keep Pearl healthy. I love Pearl.

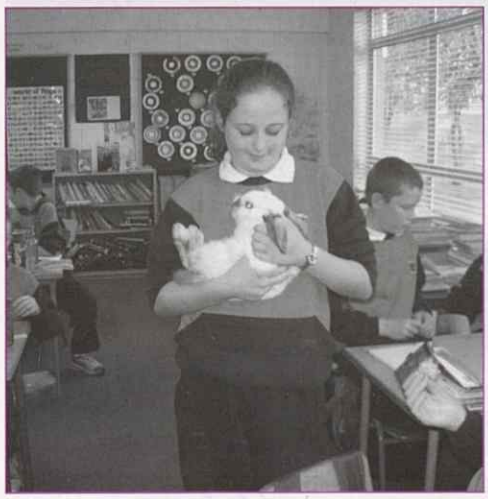
**World Animal Week is held in October around the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals.*

– Rebecca Hawe, Room 12

Renew Our Green Flag

PF2 performed the play called 'Renew Our Green Flag' because our school has had the Green flag for two years so we need to re-apply. We all need to recycle. We presented the play in the school hall at Tionól. We invited the parents to come and see us. It was a mixture of dancing, singing and acting. It was funny but it gave a very important message. Mammy, Daddy and Baby Bear were the main characters. They were called 'The Don't Care Bears'. They always littered. They left their T.V. on standby. They threw everything in the bin. Daddy Bear thought that recycling was a new bike! One day 'Earth-loving Fairy Queen' came. Her elves told the Bears about recycling. She clapped her hands and Elves appeared. They had letters in their hands. The letters spelt RECYCLING. After that they started to recycle, save water and energy. In the end they were called 'DO CARE BEARS' and they lived environmentally ever after.

– Thomas O'Connor, Laura White, Jemma Doyle, Conor Kinsella, P.F.2



Rebecca Hawe with her pet rabbit 'Pearl'.

Some of the children who performed in the 'Renew Our Green Flag' play.

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County Enterprise Boards Awards

Another year has begun and the students in St. Colmcille's Community school are again coming up with great ideas of new enterprises to start in our school. This year all of our Transition Year students are participating by setting up and running their own business or event in the school

Previously known as the *Young Entrepreneurs Scheme,* this competition is now supported by the County Enterprise Boards around the country. The South County Enterprise Board is running the competition in our area and are a great help to all the teachers involved in promoting enterprise to our students.

All students will display their businesses in the school from Monday 13th to Friday 17th of December 2004 and all is welcome to come to the school and support them.

Web-site www.knocklyoncs.ie

The school's web site is fully operational now with many links such as Adult Education, Evening Study, Extra Curricular activities, student council and general school information. Parents and students can now access information re dates and times for meetings, times and venues for extra curricular activities as well as match results and fixture lists.

Adult Education Programme

The adult education programme is up and running again this term. Life-long learners are currently at the half way mark of their 10-week term. Courses include European languages such as French, Spanish with Italian beginning in the January term. Both these languages are offered at beginners and intermediate levels. Other areas of interest offered include acrylic painting, yoga classes, salsa and meringue dancing, where people take time from their busy schedules to enjoy these hobbies/relaxation courses. Popular choices also are computers at beginners and more advanced levels. Enrolment will take place in early January for the next block of courses. Brochures will be distributed during December. If you are interested in any aspect of adult education at St. Colmcille's Community School in a teaching or student role, please contact Aoife O' Dwyer at 01 4952888

The French Exchange

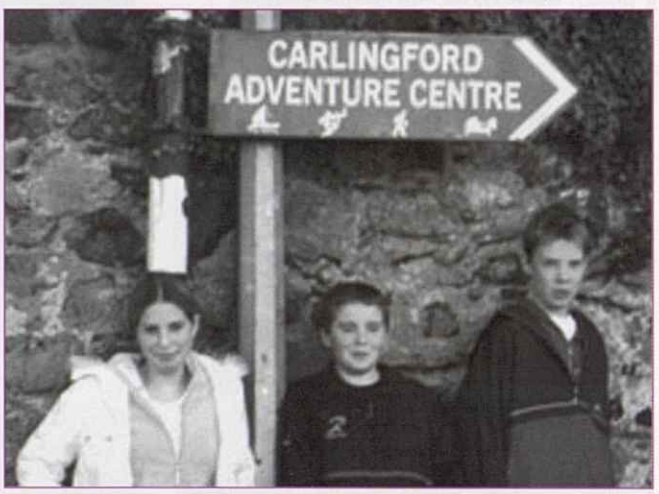
On the 5th of October, 40 Second Year students accompanied by their teachers left Knocklyon on the second French Exchange Programme in our school. They arrived the same day at College Saint Joseph, Wattrelos, France.

When they arrived to the school their corresponding students and French teachers had organised a beautifully decorated room full of surprises to greet them. A number of activities were arranged for the students that made their stay an enjoyable one.

They took part in a 3-mile cycle in which they made several stops at important monuments and sights. The cycle ended up at Estaimbourg Park where they enjoyed a relaxing picnic. They also experienced a sample of what school is like in France, singing traditional French songs and watching French films, which they admitted were hard to understand at first. They also enjoyed a Halloween Fancy Dress Party where everyone had spectacular costumes. Once again, it proved to be a very successful trip that was thoroughly enjoyed by teachers and students and we look forward to strengthening this link with our French students over the coming years.

Extra Curricular Sports Reports

Yesterday, the St. Colmcille's Community School under 16 Hurling Team reached the final of the Coca Cola



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Hurling league. It's the second time in three years that a Hurling team from the school has made it through to the final, which is an outstanding achievement. The team was unbeaten in all of the group games. There is a strong family connection on the panel with three sets of brothers, Stephen and Michael Howard, David and Alan O'Connor and Killian and Oisin Cannon. Alan who plays U21 for Ballyboden is in 1st year. He is competing for 5 years and has not missed one training session. This type of spirit and commitment can be seen throughout the panel. All of the school are now looking forward to the big day out in Parnell Park. All the match reports can be seen on the school website. www.knocklyoncs.ie

A group of Second Year students enjoying their Outdoor Education Trip at Carlingford Adventure Centre.

Girls Basketball

The two Girls' Basketball teams have started their season very positively with impressive victories. We are waiting for more positive results as the season progresses.

Boys Soccer

The U14 Soccer team had an excellent victory in their first league game with Keith Gills and Brian Coughlan excelling. The U18 team were very unfortunate to drop quickly in their first league matches.

U14 Gaelic Football

Mr O'Malley and Mr Coolahan have been working very hard with the team in training. Unfortunately we were beaten in the first game but players like Cathal O'Connor, Stephen O'Connor preformed extremely well.

We are anxiously waiting the start of the camogie, girls' Gaelic football, badminton, athletics and table tennis seasons.

A Student's account of the trip to Lourdes

I really enjoyed our trip to Lourdes. At times I found it very emotional. Although there was a holy aspect to the place, we still had time to have fun and enjoy ourselves.

There were services put on by the Carmelites, but we also had our own personal services, which were very moving.

I personally found the trip very interesting as we saw everything we had heard about. The Basilica and underground Basilica, the high stations, the candlelight procession and last but not least the amazing Grotto.

Another thing I found interesting was the Architecture especially the two Basilica's and the Cote de Carmel church. I also have an interest in animals and so, was satisfied when I saw an eagle and many lizards, a little off the point I know, but still something I remember.

We also visited the City of the Poor, which caters for and accommodates people who are less fortunate than us on the financial side of things.

All in all, the trip to Lourdes was an enlightening experience and if given the chance I would definitely go again.

School Musical

Our School musical *Grease* is up and running. We are rehearsing morning, noon and night and things are beginning to come together. Between the sounds of our Greasers giving us their rendition of Greased Lightning and some of our other students who are so hopelessly devoted to the whole thing, we are well underway. The scenery has been taken out of the shed and is going to be painted with a variety of colour. Tickets will be on sale after the mid-term and we hope to go on stage on 29th November. It is a very popular musical and is shaping up very well.

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Gaelscoil Chnoc Liamhna

Bhuel, tá na duilleoga titithe agus daoine ar ais ag obair tar éis na seachtaine saoire. Tá Oíche Shamhna agus an chóisir curtha dínn agus is gearr go mbeimid ag caint ar an Nollaig. Leanann an saol scoile ar aghaidh go gnóthach!

Cruinniú Cinn Bliana

Tionóladh Cruinniú Cinn Bliana na scoile i Mi Mheán Fómhair. As usual, the A.G.M. was preceded by information meetings in each classroom, where teachers provided a general outline of the year's work. Unusually for the school, the weather proved to be kind on the night, which contributed to the large attendance. It was explained at the meeting that the main thrust of development this year will centre on the seomra ríomhaireachta. An Bord Bainistíochta has decided to substantially upgrade all our equipment. Ar ndóigh, none of this would be possible without the efforts of the Coiste Airgid and the generous support of parents – more of which anon!

Cúrsaí spóirt

Chríochnaigh na léigeanna peile do na buachaillí agus na cailíní le deanaí. Both teams did the school proud as they gave of their best in a sporting manner. Tháinig an-fheabhas ar fhoireann na mbuachillí de réir mar a chuaigh an léig ar agaidh agus d'éirigh go h-an-mhaith le foireann na gcailíní. Tá ár mbuíochas ó chroí ag dul do na múinteoirí – Deirdre, Eoin agus Clár. Idir bhabtaí traenála agus na cluichí iad féin, caitheann said an-chuid ama le cúrsaí spóirt sa scoil.

Tugtar an-tacaíocht don spórt sa scoil go ginearálta agus bhíomar ana-shásta roinnt ticéid don cluiche idir Bh.Á.C. agus na 'Aussies', a h-imríodh i bPáirc Pharnell i lár na míosa, a fháil. D'fhreastail scata maith ón scoil ar an gcluiche agus bhaineadar an-taitneamh as.

Ag fanacht le téama an spóirt, eagraíodh 'Lá na ngeansaithe' sa scoil ar mhaithe leis an eagras GOAL. Bhí gach cineál geansaí le feiceáil ó gach cineál spóirt – rugbaí na Mumhan agus na hAstráile, sacar na Spáinne, cispheil Mheiriceá agus, ar ndóigh, léiríodh dílseacht do gach contae sa tír seo . . . ó Thír Eoghan go Corcaigh agus ó Mhaigh Eo go Baile Átha Cliath. Bhí Múinteoir Deirdre – agus muintir GOAL – ana-shásta leis an lá.

Ranganna Gailge

Tá na ranganna Gaeilge do na tuismitheoirí faoi lántseoil anois. Two classes are running – one for beginners and one for improvers. Tá na ranganna á stiúriú ag Deirdre Ní Mhonacháin agus Deiric Mac an Bhaird agus deir said go bhfuil daltaí díograsacha acu.

Áine Ní Ghlinn

Tá Áine Ni Ghlinn ar ais linn agus í i mbun oibre le cúpla rang. Áine is a well-known writer and poet i saol litríochta na Gaeilge. She works with the different classes, developing creative writing skills as Gaeilge. Tá an t-ádh linn duine dá leithéid a fháil mar tugann sí deis iontach do na páistí a scileanna scríbhneoireachta a fhorbairt.

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introduction to a variety of artists, styles and techniques is an important part of the Revised Curriculum and we plan to broaden our Visual Arts programme in the school to cater for this. Bhain an dá rang an-sásamh as an gcuairt agus tá sé i gceist againn níos mó turais mar seo a eagrú sa todhcaí. Seo alt a scríobh Fiachra Mac Uidhir, buachaill i rang a sé:

'Ar an Mháirt seo caite thug rang a cúig agus rang a sé cuairt ar an Dánlann Náisiúnta. Thógamar an bus go dtí an lár. Bhain gach duine an-taitneamh as an turas. Ar dtús, chonaiceamar an pictiúr 'The Marriage Of Strongbow And Aoife', a tharraing an t-ealaíntóir Daniel Maclise. Sa phictiúr, tá Aoife ag pósadh Strongbow nó Richard de Clare. Ansin, bhogamar ar aghaidh go Jack Butler Yeats. D'fhéachamar ar 'Grief' agus 'For The Road'. Conor ab aimn dár dtreoraí. Ina dhiaidh sin, chonaic mé pictiúr le Roderic O'Conor. Bhí tionchar ag na 'Impressionists' ar Roderic O'Conor. Thaitin pictiúr eile go mór liom mar bhí rian den Cubism le feiceáil ann. D'itheamar ár lón i bPáirc Chearnóg Mhuirfean. Bhí an-lá agam.

Céilí

Mar a dúirt mé cheana san alt, ní bheimis ábalta tabhairt faoi thograí móra sa scoil murach tacaíocht na dtuismitheoirí. An Coiste Airgid have decided to reduce their fund-raising events to one per term and, mar is gnáth, is céilí a bheidh againn an téarma seo. Lé cúnamh Dé, beidh an ceilí ar siúl ar an 18ú lá den mhí seo agus beimid ag súil le go leor daoine a fheiceáil ann. This occasion is not just about raising money. It is a great opportunity to meet other parents and become part of the school community. Bí ann gan teip!

Tá an Naíonra socraith síos don bhliain agus é lán. Is féidir bualadh isteach ann, nó ag an scoil, lá ar bith. Glaoigh ar an bPriomhoide, Treasa, ar 493 9262.

LUAS AT LAST!

Mr. Michael Sheedy, a resident of Knocklyon and Project Director of the Luas, at Connolly Station during one of the last test runs of the second Luas line, Tallaght to Connolly which opened to the public on 28th September, 2004.

KNOCKLYON UNITED

SOCCER NURSERY

The new soccer nursery began on Saturday 16th October and will cater for players aged 6 (must be born in 1998). It will take place on Saturday mornings between 12 noon and 1 p.m. in the hall of the Knocklyon Community School. All players welcome.

REFEREES COURSE

A number of players and managers will participate in our upcoming referee's course which is important for the 7-a-side matches. Any managers not yet registered please contact Philip Young.

AIMS THIS SEASON

1. **Coaching courses:** The club will organise coaching courses for all managers for the coming season. It is hoped that all managers will have passed the FAI coaching course before the end of the season.
2. **First Aid Course:** All managers will be required to obtain basic first aid.
3. **Monthly Draw:** The expansion of our monthly draw is an important part of fund-raising for the club. The draw will be fundamental to the success of the club going forward and all managers and players are expected to participate.
4. **Knocklyon Park:** We plan to upgrade the dressing-room facilities at the pavilion at Knocklyon Park.

We would also ask all managers and parents to respect the referees and to refrain from shouting any abuse. It is difficult enough to get referees as many have given up as a direct result of the abuse from the side of the pitch.

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

– Mick Kennedy, PRO

FURTHER SUCCESS FOR REBECCA

Apart from the gold and bronze medals won by Rebecca Tyson in Mosney at the National Community Games (featured in our last issue) we have received details of Rebecca's other achievements as follows: (a) a silver medal in the A.A.I. National Finals in Tullamore; (b) gold in the West Leinster Schools' competition; and (c) silver in the Leinster Schools' final. We send our congratulations to a truly outstanding athlete with a promising future ahead.

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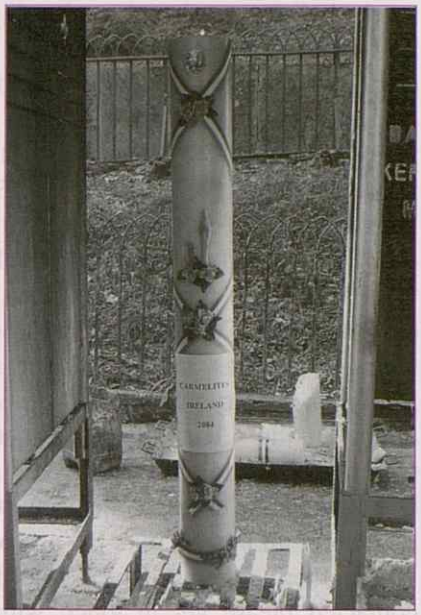
Carmelites in Lourdes

What a crowd! Thirteen hundred people from all over Ireland arrived in Lourdes on Monday 27th September 2004. As we waited to board our plane at Dublin Airport we felt that such a crowd would surely take over Lourdes! And we did take it over – for two days at least! Then the arrival of fifteen thousand Italians on their biggest pilgrimage this year put us a bit in the shade on day three. But sin scéal eile!

That first afternoon, as we walked around the grotto area in lovely sunshine, I marvelled at how the extensions/improvements since my last visit of thirty years ago had not changed the essence of the shrine. Then it was Mass for all who had arrived in St. Bernadette's Church, over the bridge from the grotto. That night we watched the torchlight procession from the level of the top basilica. We joined in the praying and singing with thousands of others of many nationalities, while the full moon climbed over the fortress and shone down on the thousands of twinkling torches and the brightly lit altar in Rosary Square. As we sang the 'Salve Regina' at the end the tears were not too far away.

Our Carmelite Pilgrimage Day Two was an intensive one: Service of Reconciliation in the morning, Mass and Healing of the Sick after lunch, leading the Blessed Sacrament Procession in the late afternoon and leading the torchlight procession that night. The honour of being allowed to lead the procession is a huge one – much sought after by every visiting group. So how good it was to see the Carmelite banner up at the start of each of the processions and to see so many Carmelite helpers (in their distinctive blue and white uniforms) and Carmelite school students taking a leading part in the prayers and carrying out the important procession functions e.g. carrying the Blessed Sacrament canopy, the candlesticks, flags, etc. Of course our Carmelite priests were the main celebrants at the ceremonies. That afternoon as the banners all lined up around the altar in the underground basilica the banner of Knocklyon Community School was well to the fore and our local students participated in very many ways in all the ceremonies. Again that night under the full moon at the torchlight procession we heard the Irish voices leading several decades of the Rosary – in English and as Gaeilge – together with voice in French, Spanish, Italian, Dutch, Japanese, Chinese, etc. Our Knocklyon banner was once again proudly carried by the students of Scoil Colmcille and was there for all to see around the open air altar in Rosary Square. Of course, the Carmelite helpers and students also carried the statue of Our Lady which is carried on a bier every night of the procession.

Day Three started with our Mass in the Grotto – the highlight of our trip. Again Knocklyon was represented – Frs. Paddy and Philip on the altar, Aoife O'Tierney read the Lesson, Phyllis Russell, Aoife and I were part of the choir and again many of the Knocklyon group helped with wheelchairs etc. After lunch we had our Stations of the Cross – we opted for the high path for the more mobile participants while the Knocklyon students led the Stations on the lower path for the less mobile members. After that a few of us decided to explore the fortress on the hill mentioned earlier and after climbing to the top we were rewarded with marvellous views of the town and the Sanctuary area and the mountains around.

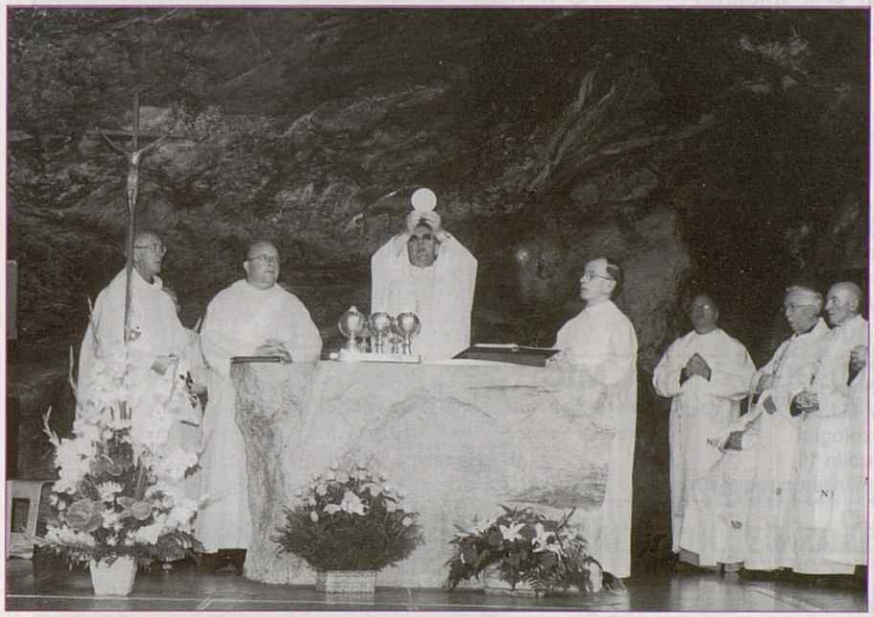


The Carmelite candle lit during the Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

Time seemed to fly after that. We had Mass every morning, trips to Bartres and Gavarnie and some people even did a day trip to Spain. Of course there was participation as we wished in all the processions, Masses and services that were now dominated by the huge Italian pilgrimage. Seeing the thousands of invalids and young disable people that they had brought with them taking their place at the head of all the processions was another very moving sight.

And so, before we knew it, it was time to pack our bags and head for the airport on Saturday morning. Leaving Lourdes with the sun still shining brightly we mused on how lucky we had been with five days of glorious weather. We also reflected with gratitude on how privilege we had been to be part of such a unique experience.

– Eleanor O'Brien



Mass at the Grotto including Frs. Paddy and Philip.

Baile Buadáin Naomh Éanna
Ballyboden St. Endas

For the first time in its history, the club reached all four senior championship finals in the same year and although victory eluded the team in all, bar the ladies football championship, the achievement is nonetheless a national record. The senior ladies football team (Bill Daly, Pat Nash, Brian O'Regan, Bobby O'Sullivan, Brid Spillane) is on course to capture its third Leinster club title after advancing to the final.

The Camogie Section has been extremely active celebrating the Centenary of the Association. The most recent event was a hugely successful Exhibition in Ballyroan Library which was opened by the Mayor of South Dublin Cllr. Robert Dowds and President of Cumann Camóigaíochta na nGael, Miriam O'Callaghan. The next item on the calendar is a reunion of all players over the age of 18 on November 13. If there is any player who has not yet been contacted please get in touch with Irene Kirwan at irene @bodengaa.ie.

The annual social nights for mentors, coaches and officials drew an attendance of over 400. Guest speakers were former Aussie Rules star and Ballyboden St. Endas player Jim Stynes and former three times All-Ireland camogie medallist with Cork, Therese O'Callaghan.

The Under 16B hurling team (Gerry O'Sullivan, Malachy Buckeridge) has enjoyed its best year finishing runners-up in the league and took part in a shinty/hurling blitz in Fort William in Scotland in October.

Year 5 of the club's very successful Lotto will commence shortly. Iomair Treacey is the new chairman and further details can be got from General Manager Noel Sheridan at 01-494 7950 or from info@bodengaa.ie.

The newly refurbished Members' Bar is a splendid addition to the facilities of the club and new members are welcome. Contact the General Manager Noel Sheridan.

– Gerry O'Sullivan

At the launch of the Ballyboden St. Endas Exhibition of a Century of Camogie in Ballyroan Library were: Front row (left to right) Eileen Duffy O'Mahony, holder of 8 All-Ireland medals with Dublin and chosen as the goalkeeper on the Camogie Team of the Century with the O'Duffy Cup which is presented to the winners of the All-Ireland Senior Final, Margeret Francois, one of the founders of camogie in Ballyboden St. Endas. Standing: Miriam O'Callaghan, Uachtarán Cumann Camógaíocht nGael and Maeve O'Sullivan, one of the founders of camogie in Ballyboden St. Endas.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
A special word of thanks. . . .

Noeleen Kelly and Rita Kearney would like to thank all their friends from Knocklyon for their generous love and support over the time of their mother's death (Ellen Heaphy).

We wish to express deep gratitude to all those who offered their condolences by attending the removal and funeral Mass and by sending Mass Cards, enrolments and letters of sympathy.

Our sincere thanks to Rev. Fr. David Weakliam, O.Carm, who was so attentive and supportive throughout our sad time, and also the Carmelite Community at Knocklyon who assisted him at the funeral services.

Special thanks to Ruth Kelly who by her singing made it a special tribute to Ellen.

As it would be impossible to thank everybody individually, we hope this acknowledgement will be accepted as a token of our appreciation. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

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Manoeuvres Date
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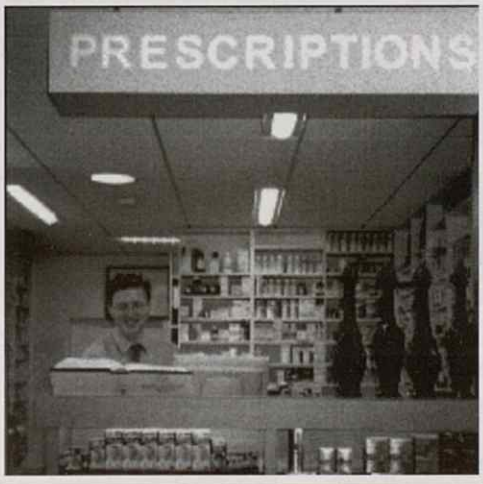

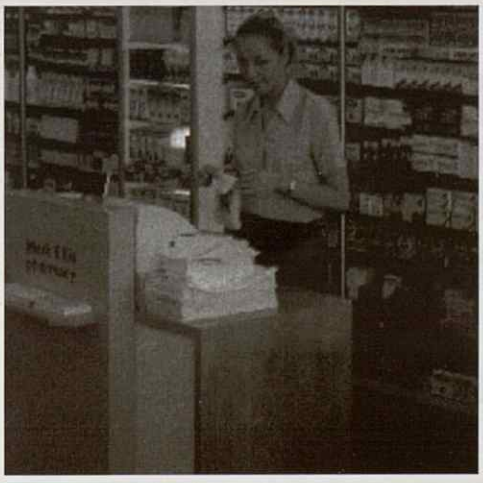

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On Thursday we started off our work in Rescue Dada, a rehabilitation centre for street girls. We spent two days there and really got attached to the girls. The next place we went to was VIP, a drop-in centre for street children. It was upsetting working there as all the children were on drugs. Then we spent two afternoons in St. Mary's Immaculate Centre, a school for street boys and we played lots of games of football and basketball and actually managed to win a few.

The last place we went to was MUSA (Mukuru Sports Association), a centre for teenagers which prevented idleness, drug taking and crime by encouraging the members to take part in sport, music and drama. We had a lot of fun with MUSA and even took part in their weekly clean-up of the slums.

We donated €22,000 which will be used to build a drug rehab centre to cater for young street children. We wish to thank everyone who helped us in any way with this project. The funds raised are certainly going to a worthy project.

All in all it was an amazing experience.

Top, left-right: Katie Giblin, Amy Keane, Sr. Mary Killeen, Lindsey Durham, Liz Cullen, Mrs. Gaughan. Bottom, left-right: Ms. Reilly, Maedbh McCarthy, Doireann B. Nevin, Emma Hassett, Mr. Flynn.

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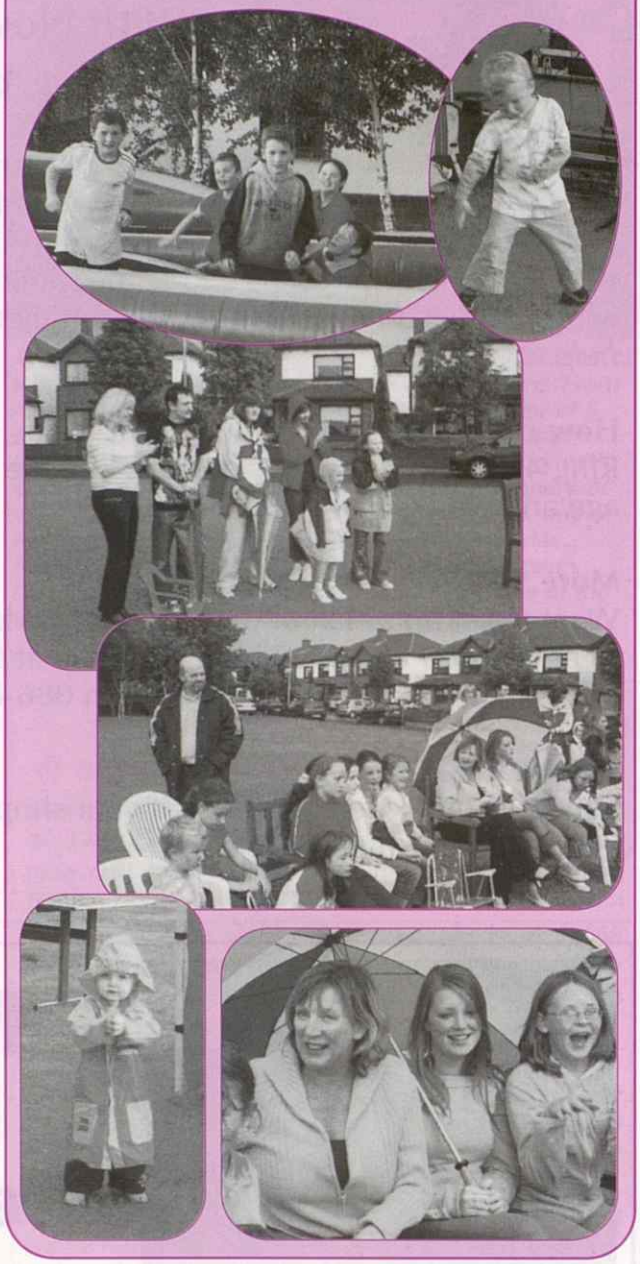

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LOCAL ARTIST WINS AWARD

At the 150th exhibition of The Water Colour Society of Ireland, recently held in the County Hall, Dun Laoghaire, Ann O'Cleary of Knocklyon Castle won the Amarach Consultants Award for her picture 'The Four Knights Opening'. It was in gouache, watercolour and gold leaf.

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