

Templeogue Telegraph

We have just
enough religion to
make us hate, but
not enough to make
us love one
another.

Jonathan Swift,
Dean of
St. Patrick's.

January, 1973

Price 5p



FOR SALE: 2 St. Pius X School blazers, 1 Confirmation and one First Communion. Also football boots as new (size 4). Girl's coat fit 6 year old. Tel. 900459.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Christopher and Julia McGinn, 23 College Park, on the birth of a son, Christopher Gerard. Buíochas le Dia.

SWIMMING Family session (13 weeks) beginning Fri. 9 Feb. each week 7-8 p.m. Ideal time for young children. £2 for child, £2.60 for parent. Templeogue Parents' Assoc. Ring 909128.

TYPEWRITING CLASSES: Qualified teacher will give lessons in her own home. Beginners and refresher courses for adults catered for. Morning and Evening Classes. Individual tuition or small groups. Phone: 902175.

WANTED Doll's house, in good condition. Ring 909128.

HOME HELP: Lady required to help mother with 5 school-going children, 3 afternoons a week, 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. (includes cooking lunch). Further details from Tel.No. 906367.

COMMUNITY DIARY (further details in body of magazine)

- Jan. 23 Ladies' swimming classes begin, Templeogue College 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (Wed.)
24 (Tue) Scout Investiture.
Sewing Classes for Ladies 8.30 p.m. (Templeogue Ladies)
25 (Thurs) Complete Dinner Menu (Demonstration at Terenure College, 8 p.m.)
Gramophone Recital 8 p.m. (Tel. 907085)
27 (Sat) Pantomime Outing (Gaiety Matinee - Templeogue Parents' Assoc.)
- Feb. 2 (Fri) Cake Sale, 37 Templeville Drive 10 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.
Scouts' Swimming Sessions begin (Phone 904188)
6 (Tue) La Fosse Lecture, Our Lady's School (Science as a Form of Art) 8 p.m.
7 (Wed) AGM of Templeogue Ladies' Club
9 (Fri) 7-8 p.m. Templeogue Parents' Assoc. swimming begins
11 (Sun) Applications for Membership of Pioneer Total Abstinence Association received (St. Pius X Church)
12 (Mon) Deadline for contributions for Feb. issue of Templeogue Telegraph.
14 (Wed) La Fosse Lecture, Our Lady's School (Creativity and Literature) 8 p.m.
16 (Fri) Templeville Residents' Dinner Dance. 8.30 p.m.
22 (Thur) La Fosse Lecture, Our Lady's School (Creativity and Art), 8 p.m.
24 (Sat) Feb. issue of Templeogue Telegraph on sale.
27 (Tue) La Fosse Lecture, Our Lady's School (The Challenge of Religion) 8 p.m.

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Templeogue Parents' Association

Parent/Teacher Workshop: This meeting in December attracted about 35 parents and teachers. The opening contribution by a teacher really brought home how much the approach to classwork had changed since most of the parents were at school. It was shown how a building construction job which was going on near the school building and which could have proved quite disruptive because of noise and the cluttering up of the play area was very effectively used to bring home lessons in a variety of subjects and for project work. The general discussion which followed was not confined to any one topic but individual points were noted and those who left their names afterwards will be notified of later discussions. Those who wish to make enquiries with a view to attending further sessions may ring or write to the Hon.Secy. A tentative list of further topics for discussion is : Buntús Cainte, Teaching Religion, Project work, New Approach to History and Geography, The New Maths, Can Community Activity Complement School Work? (Title of the Series: The New Primary School Curriculum)

Pantomime Outing: Only about 35 bookings received and it may be that many parents overlooked the booking deadline. We do not think it will be possible to deal with late bookings. It will be necessary to get the view of parents as to whether this feature of the Association's activities is worth while keeping up.

The Hon.Secy is Mrs.Moira McKevitt, 4 Wainsfort Grove (900340)

OUR LADY'S SCHOOL BUILDING FUND

Muintir Muiaheo Drama Group present

^{oo} MUNGO'S MANSION ^{sd} by Walter Macken

SUNDAY JANUARY 21st 1973

in Our Lady's School - Templeogue Rd

8 p.m. - - - - Admission 35p

(For tickets ring 900391 or at door)

TWO AND TWO MAKE FOUR...OR DO THEY?

Two and two make four! It's not exactly a proposition to set the next meeting of the debating society on fire. So when Johnny burst into the house and announced that teacher showed him that two and two make eleven, mother might have been forgiven for wondering whether teacher had resumed work just a little bit too soon after the flu. Johnny went on to explain that in his numbering system there are only two figures, 1 and 2, and mother (not to appear too dense) said "Oh! yes, I see now Johnny" (meaning to check up with teacher later on, in any case).

We have a weakness for deceiving ourselves with little tricks like Johnny's. We argue whether tomato is a vegetable. We debate whether the Olympics can be any longer described as an event for amateurs. We come to blows about whether George Bernard Shaw is an Irish writer or an English writer. Matters which can be resolved very simply provided we decide first on definitions for vegetables, amateurs and nationality.

A glance through your daily paper will provide plenty of questions which cannot of course be debated by reference to any agreed rules at all. Should clergymen indulge in political action? Has Women's Lib made any progress in the last decade? Would the Phoenix Park be more attractive if motor traffic were banned? Whatever way you try to answer these questions, your viewpoint stands the risk of being written off as a value-judgement, that is, a judgement based on a set of quite unprovable beliefs about what is good or bad, right or wrong. These truly are the things which "we see in a mirror darkly". As a nation we share beliefs about God and immortality, about approved and disapproved moral practices, particularly in relation to making a living, marriage and the raising of children. This month, technically at least we become part of a large community with beliefs concerning these matters which are startlingly different at times from our own. It would be futile to speculate whether we shall be submerged in European values or whether we can make any impression with our values on the inhabitants of the "Other Eight". The pessimists warn that those of our social institutions which are anyway shaky at present will be swept aside. They point out that our new neighbours are powerful, populous and prosperous, and that their influence will pervade every corner of our land.

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The New Year came in very quietly in the Cypress area - you might say it just slithered in - and it was just as well it did as we were all a bit overcome after the Christmas festivities. There was the usual party over in Cypress Grove North but otherwise it was a case of "all quiet on the western front". It was good to have the Christmas over and to be able to relax before the postman arrived with bills and bills and we get the demand for our second moiety of the rates. Then the car will have to be taxed for the year. This brings us down to earth with a bang.

Danger Areas. Talking of cars makes me think of car parking. There are two very dangerous areas in our locality and it is surprising that we have escaped a serious accident in their vicinity. The first is at the bus terminus on Cypress Grove Road which is very near to the roundabout as we come from the city direction. With oncoming traffic, bad lighting and the occasional badly parked car this is a veritable death trap. The second place is opposite the shops towards the far end of Wainsfort Road. Here again there are cars parked on both sides, especially at night as people frequent the local licensed premises. There is a sharp corner on the road and the whole thing can become a bit of a nightmare for the motorist, even those familiar with the road.

Can something be done about these danger areas or do we have to have an accident first?

(TWO AND TWO MAKE FOUR

/Continuation)

On the material plane, we are already feeling the effect of our entry into Europe. As prices climb, and meat becomes a luxury, a European leader is heard to say in exasperation "My God! Those food prices! They are such a minor question." "Johnny Europe" is simply telling poor old "Mother Ireland" that since 1st January, 1973 it's an entirely new ball game. Furthermore, mother dear, it was all spelt out for you in 1972, only you did not do your sums.

We like to think that while Europe may bully us about the value of meat, we shall not be bullied on those values which cannot be expressed in pounds, marks or francs. We have long lived on the tradition of having rekindled the light of civilisation in Europe. That, of course, was many centuries ago. Will any of them out there in Brussels remember? Indeed, will we remember ourselves.....?

Swimming Gala

A Christmas Gala was held in Terenure College on Saturday, 23rd December. A large attendance was present. Competition was very keen and swimming standards were high. The following were awarded certificates:

<u>Bronze Survival Test</u>	<u>50 Metres</u>	<u>25 Metres</u>	<u>15 Metres</u>
Brenda Moriarty	D. Moriarty	E. Ward	J. Pomeroy
Deirdre Ellison	C. Enright	D. O'Connor	F. Fennell
Clodagh O'Regan	M. Giblin	F. McCauley	H. Brennan
Leslie Fanning	J. O'Dea	C. Ryan	S. Birthistle
Gemma Fanning		M. Hodgins	L. Mills
Ann Marie James		C. Hodgins	G. Pidgeon
David Ellison		J. Wright	S. Marron
Francis Dunne		C. Carty	D. O'Looney
Fergus Moriarty		M. Fennell	A. Smith
Neil Blackburn		B. O'Regan	I. Marron
		E. Mullen	J. Nolan
			P. Barron
			F. O'Mahony
			A. Enright
			D. Fennell.

Irish Amateur Swimming Association Bronze Award: the following is a description of the Bronze Survival Test.

Clothed in swim suit and pyjamas or nightdress, enter pool by jumping. Swim 25 metres using any stroke. Tread water for 1 minute. Undress in water. Swim 200 metres, surface dive and swim 2 strokes under water to pick up a brick. Swim 25 metres on back and place brick on pool side. Finally climb out of deep end without use of steps or assistance.

The present session ends on Saturday, 3rd February. The new session begins on Saturday 10th February. Bookings are now being taken. 13 lessons £3. Phone Mrs. O'Regan 900650.

Instructor - Mr. Laurence Williamson.

The Association are holding their Seventh Annual Dinner Dance in the South County Hotel on Friday, 16th February, 1973. Tickets - £2.50 - are available from the following dance committee.

Mrs. Cunningham	38 Templeville Road
Mr. O'Riordan	6 Templeville Road
Mrs. Loughman	94 Templeville Drive
Mr. Nolan	114 Templeville Drive
Mr. Hopper	67 Templeville Drive
Mrs. O'Regan	43 Templeville Drive

All friends and neighbours are welcome.

37th Dublin C.B.S.I. - Unit News.

We are looking forward to seeing all Scout parents at the investiture of our new scouts on Wednesday, 24th January. The scouts will take this opportunity of exhibiting their entries for the Troop Arts and Crafts competition. A "special" Parents' night entertainment is also promised.

The next swimming session commences on Friday 2nd February. Phone 904188 for details.

CREDIT UNION

A brief reminder that the Credit Union is available on Fridays in the St. Pius X Committee Room 7.30 to 8.30 p.m. and also at the White Fathers (Cypress Grove Rd.) Wednesdays 7.30 to 8.30 p.m.

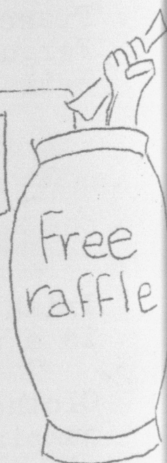
Templeville Residents' Assoc.



Seventh Annual
Dinner Dance

in the South County Hotel
Stillorgan

Friday 16-2-73



DINNER 8-30 PM. DANCING UNTIL 2 AM SUB £2-50
DRESS INFORMAL. TABLE BOOKINGS - RING 900650 or 904188

READERS' QUERIES INVITED.....

An Expert on Building Construction has kindly offered to contribute anonymously by answering readers' queries about building projects, house maintenance, decorating problems and the like. Correspondence should be sent in a sealed envelope to "HerrHammermann", c/o Templeogue Telegraph (74 Templeville Drive).

TEMPLEOGUE G.A.A.

Since our last bulletin some notable victories have been achieved by our young footballers. Chief of them was the win over local rivals, Ballyboden. Sweet revenge indeed!!

During the Christmas break we held our first Church Collection and our thanks must go to our benefactors for a most successful venture. On Wednesday, January 3rd a party was held at the Boys' Club and we are assured that a good (noisy) time was had by all.

To the relief of our team managers, Sean Mahon and Bill Kelly, no ill effects were obvious on Saturday when our men had a smashing win over Round Towers, by 3 goals and 2 points to 1 point.

Finally, our sincere thanks are extended to the parish clergy and particularly to Fr. Diffney for their unfailing kindness and to all we wish a belated happy and holy New Year.

TEMPLEOGUE LADIES' CLUB

Report by Moira McKeivitt,
Hon. Secretary

Hello again, Ladies! May I wish you all a very happy and prosperous New Year. As my term of office as Honorary Secretary is expiring next month may I say that I have enjoyed serving you very much. It was a very quick year indeed.

REMINDERS:

Physical Education Classes: Classes will resume on Wednesday, 17th January, 1973 at 7.30 p.m.

Sewing Classes: All Ladies interested in sewing to attend on Wednesday, 24th January, 1973 at 8.30 p.m.

The Drama Group are in full force again rehearsing their play for the forthcoming Drama Festival in early February, 1973.

The Choir have resumed rehearsals also and are pleased with the extra voices.

FEBRUARY MEETING: 7th (WEDNESDAY). at 8.30 p.m. for ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Well, Ladies, you all are aware of the importance of attending the next Meeting on Wednesday 7th February, which is our Annual General Meeting. Please come along punctually. If everyone reminded one member, we would be sure of a full attendance.

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TEMPLEOGUE LADIES' CLUB

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NAMES OF THE LADIES NOMINATED FOR PRESIDENT:

Imelda Gogan, 49 Wainsfort Park	Rosa Morris, 1 Cypress Grove Road.	Moira McKevitt 4 Wainsfort Grove.
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We have a wonderfully happy group of Ladies in our Club - it is up to each one of us to ensure that it is kept in that happy mood during 1973. The Assembly Hall has helped to add to our pleasure.

Cheerio for now - will see you all on 7th February, at 8.30 p.m. Don't forget your cup for your usual 'drop'!!

LADIES' SWIMMING CLASSES, TEMPLEOGUE COLLEGE

There are some vacancies in the Swimming Classes for ladies due to begin 23rd January.

Tuesday mornings 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Lady Instructor 13 weeks £3.

To Book phone 900650

ST. PIUS X PARENTS' ASSOCIATION (National Schools)

A meeting of the St. Pius X Parents' Association committee was held on Tuesday, 9th January. The following officers were elected.

Chairman	Mrs. Farrell	- Cypress Grove Road
Secretary	Mr. Little	- Cypress Grove South
Treasurer	Mr. Lucas	- Cypress Grove Road.

Swimming

The present swimming season finishes at the end of this month. A new season begins almost immediately, with a few vacancies still available for newcomers. If you are interested contact Mr. P. White, 12 Cypress Grove South (Telephone 903183) who will be pleased to help you.

Subscription Children	- £2 each
Adults	- £2.60 each

Every Sunday 6.00 p.m. - 7.00 p.m.

LEGION OF MARY

Extracts from Allocutio given by Dr. Michael O'Carroll CSSp.

"OUR LADY'S QUEENSHIP".

.....This is possibly a moment to ponder anew the central theme of the Salve Regina to reflect on the queenship of Mary. We have just celebrated the feast of her glorification, body and soul, along with her divine Son, above angels and saints in heaven.

.....When we read of Mary in St. John's gospel or in the Acts of the Apostles as the Mother of Jesus, we are getting this idea of her specially privileged place in the early christian community. This was recognition that, as Pius XII said in the Encyclical on the queenship, on the day of the Annunciation the Archangel Gabriel was really the first witness to the royal office and power of the Blessed Virgin Mary. I remember a saintly old priest once saying to me "Our Lady has the angels under her control; she can tell an angel to come to your assistance and he'll have to come when he is told". Something to remember when engaged on works of the Apostolate.

.....The power of Mary's queenship is also real as it is universal. She has her secrets when dealing with her children. She, like God, and in total union with God's plan, seems to permit strange things, allow a long run to tyrants and enemies of the Church. But our faith must rise above all such passing things. We must affirm our faith in imitation and in participation of hers, which is a kind of source for all other degrees of faith, in her power. We must not forget that her resource where her children and faithful servants are concerned, is vast. Her help is administered, lavished delicately, subtly, in ways that men can neither measure, prevent or control. Fr. McGrath, who passed through the torment, and countless others whose trust did not fail, know well how behind the apparent wall of darkness triumphant light and comfort come from the gentle, compassionate hands of Mary. I heard the last broadcast on her given to Lourdes by Pius XII a few weeks before he died and often recall his resounding act of faith: "I have an unshakable belief that the reign of Jesus will come through the reign of Mary". Dear Legionaries, I know I am only telling you what you fully believe, speaking your hidden thoughts aloud. Every small or great act we perform is entering its place in the vast mosaic of the kingdom which, as the Pope said, will be that of Mary and of Jesus. Let us renew, if necessary, publicly affirm our faith in her before any and every weakness of the mind or will about us, conscious that behind the facade of deception advertised by the few, stands the whole invincible might of the angels. There are also the multitude of men who quietly turn to her or who, in the half-light of doubt or unbelief, are unconsciously seeking her who did they know the truth as we are privileged to know it would indeed rise up and take it unhesitatingly.

There has been a noticeable quickening of the tempo of liturgical activities with the introduction, late in 1972, of the community singing of hymns at Sunday masses. Attractively covered hymnals are now available for the congregation. (Already it has been necessary to ask parents to see to it that children do not bend or tear these hymnals). Larry Dawson is doing trojan work leading the singing at the later Masses!

Getting members of the congregation to read the lessons seems to be presenting no problem, after a long period when no volunteers seemed to be available. A good deal of work obviously goes on "behind the scenes". Full marks to the organisers!

It is good to see Fr. Diffney back on his feet after a recent illness.

Now for the bad news.....The church boiler-room was flooded during the recent downpours. The heating system was out of action for a week or so, but was operational again by Saturday, 6th just in time for the feast-day. A considerable bill for repair work can be expected. The already precarious financial condition of the parish, however, can ill stand a further knock of this kind. It seems opportune for a general parish "stock-taking" meeting. The absence of a Parish Council to initiate such matters may be one of the reasons why even the interest on the parish debt is not being covered by weekly household offerings.

The Parish is also having "staffing difficulties". One effect is that the regular visits which parishioners were having from the clergy have not been possible for some time. The Holy Ghost congregation and the White Fathers are now contributing a priest each to help with parochial work. We understand, however, that there is absolutely no foundation to the rumours that Fr. Diffney has bought a house on the Templeogue Road and that the White Fathers are to take over the Parish. Fanciful and all as these rumours are, they do illustrate the very great strain under which the parochial system as we know it is labouring. There are signs in other districts that reorganisations are taking place. In the interests of the priests who are working so hard to serve the needs of Templeogue it is to be hoped that some relief and a rationalisation programme is on the way.

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The welcome return of John McNally to the Irish television scene serves to recall the welcome appearance of this most popular and accomplished parishioner at a "parish party" last year. Why can't we have these excellent functions soon again? The only off-putting feature was the analysis of attenders by percentage of households represented. Surely the criterion is that those present enjoyed themselves! By that yardstick, they were a whopping success. We have a hall in the parish now. Could anyone get the ball kicked off again, and let's put the long faces in cold storage for a while.

ST. JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIESTS' SOCIETY

The January meeting of The St. Joseph's Young Preists' Society was held in the St. Pius X School Hall on Friday, 12th. There was a good attendance of promoters and members and the Spiritual Director, Father Kingston, gave a very interesting talk on his experience of working with teenagers in America. There was a discussion and question-time afterwards in which everyone participated. The venue and time of the next meeting will be announced later at all the Masses. New members and promoters would be welcome. Very little work is involved but is very valuable to the society. Further information may be had from the Hon. Secretary, Mrs. Moira O'Brien, Phone 900789.

GRAMOPHONE CIRCLE

The next recital will be given by Mr. B. Byrne at 65 Templeville Drive on Thursday, 25th January, at 8 p.m.

New members welcome. Please telephone J. Walsh, 907085 for particulars.

BRING AND BUY CAKE SALE IN AID OF THE CHURCH OF ST. PIUS X
TEMPLEOGUE

The above will take place on 2nd February, 1973 at 37 TEMPLEVILLE DRIVE, TERENURE, from 10.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

ADMISSION: 10 pence including Tea.

MARY KERNAN. IMELDA GOGAN. BRIGID NOLAN. MOIRA McKEVITT.

Please give your greatest support on Friday, 2nd February.

Once again we are approaching a new series of Lafosse Lectures. This is the fourth series and by now they are firmly established. We have heard some famous speakers in the past and this year will be no exception. Professor Lanczos, the famous mathematician, whose fame is world-wide, who worked with Einstein and who, to our good fortune, is now living in Dublin, will give the first lecture. Those who have heard him speak or who have seen him interviewed on television will have been impressed by his warm personality and his intense kindness. The second lecture will be given by Professor Brendan Kennelly, well-known as poet, writer and broadcaster. The third lecturer will be Oisin O'Kelly, the sculptor and designer, who created the memorial in the Garden of Remembrance and is well-known for his work with the Kilkenny Design Workshops. The final lecture will be given by Victor Bewley, a distinguished member of the Society of Friends, who is renowned for many things but possibly principally for his heroic work for the resettlement of itinerants. Details of the lectures are given below.

Venue: Our Lady's School 8 p.m.

Tuesday February 6th Science as a form of Art.

Speaker - Cornelius Lanczos
Professor of Theoretical Physics
Dublin Institute of Advanced Studies

Wednesday February 14th Creativity and Literature
(My Grandmother and Robbie Burns)

Speaker - Brendan Kennelly
Professor of English, T.C.D.

Thursday February 22nd Creativity and Art

Speaker - Oisin O'Kelly
Sculptor and Designer

Tuesday February 27th The Challenge of Religion

Speaker - Victor Bewley
Society of Friends

Admission 30p Complete series £1 Schoolchildren half-price.

Tickets available in advance from Michael Fitzgerald,
Telephone 906278 or from any of the schoolchildren.

Tickets also available at the door.

The Common Market

So, we're in the Common Market:
I'll tell you what this means -
Being in the Common Market
Means we are Europeans.
And being Europeans, you see,
It's going to be so good -
At least they say so on T.V.
And it's as clear as mud.

'Cause we're now respected members
And our flag is flying there -
It's gas when one remembers
That last week it wasn't there!
And Hillery is our man
Not saying much, but thinking hard.
He's always looked a dour man
But they say he's quite a card!

Now we'll have Danish bacon
'Cause they're in it as well
And I can feed my mate on
Brussels sprouts that really smell.
John Bull will send us bull galore
And we'll send them some back.
Fat German sausages, what's more
Will nourish Ted and Jack.

French snails, sure they'll be tasty
'Cause our own we do not eat!
While if you must be hasty
Italian food you cannot beat.
We'll pay more than we are paying,
So times will be quite lean
(If you don't know what I'm saying
Well then, ask Hughie Green)

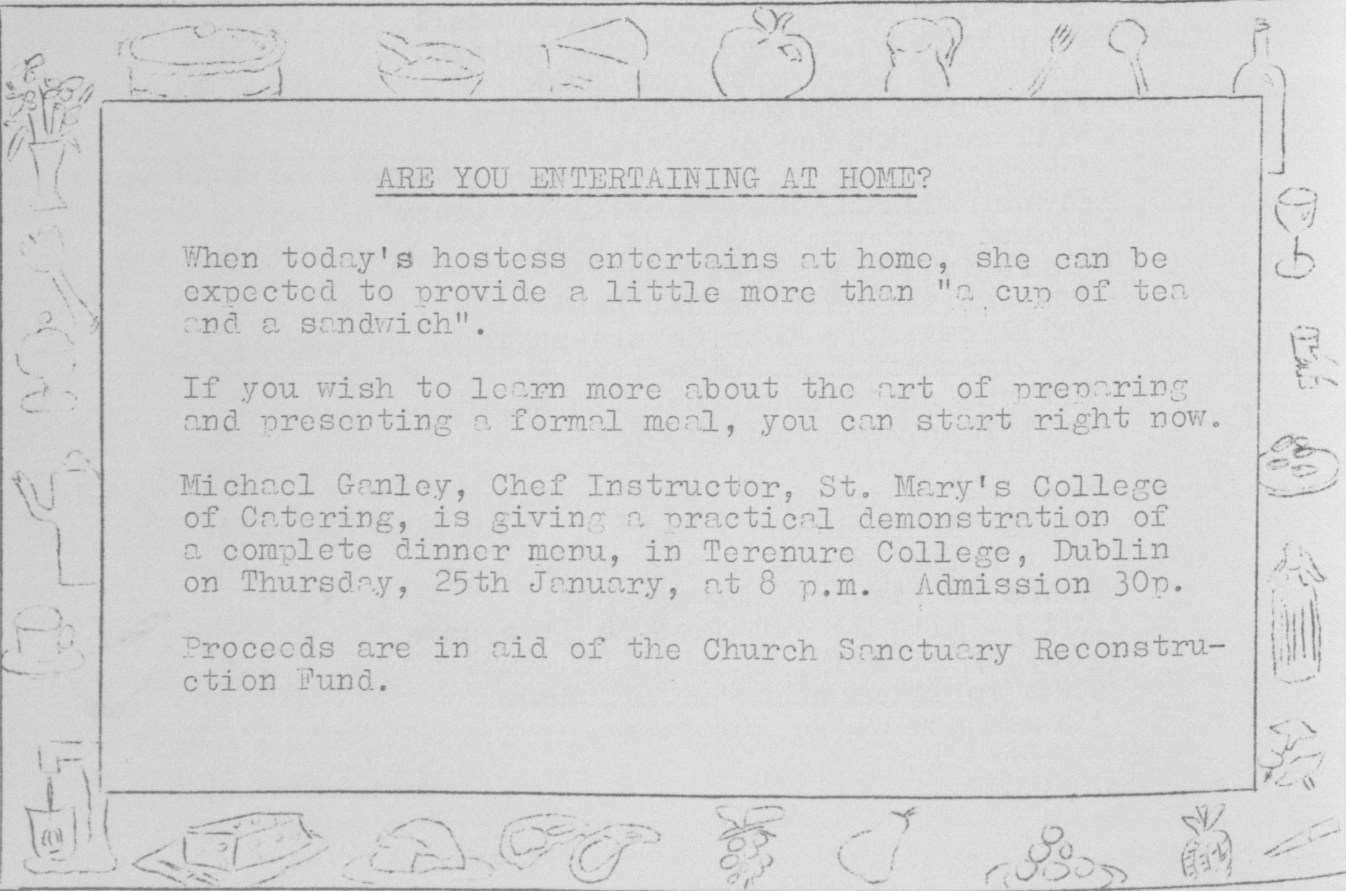
Yes, we're in the Common Market
Ask a man upon the street
What being in the Common Market
Means to him, or all you meet,
And he'll tell you just as I've done
Yes, he'll tell you what it means
That as Irishmen we're all done
'Cause now we're Europeans.

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While here we drink the foreign beer -
And maybe feel quite frisky -
In foreign countries never fear
They're drinking Irish whisky.
Limerick bacon out in Amsterdam,
While in France our Kerry Gold
Will be eaten with the rolls and jam
(At least that's what we're told).

And after all is said and done
Well, just what have we got
Someone somewhere is having fun,
It's just a game of swap!
I hope the game's successful
For I would not really wish
To see our island restful
Made a playground for the rich.

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ARE YOU ENTERTAINING AT HOME?

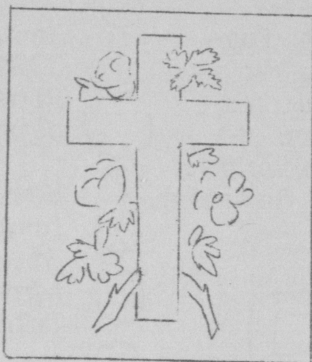
When today's hostess entertains at home, she can be expected to provide a little more than "a cup of tea and a sandwich".

If you wish to learn more about the art of preparing and presenting a formal meal, you can start right now.

Michael Ganley, Chef Instructor, St. Mary's College of Catering, is giving a practical demonstration of a complete dinner menu, in Terenure College, Dublin on Thursday, 25th January, at 8 p.m. Admission 30p.

Proceeds are in aid of the Church Sanctuary Reconstruction Fund.

SAINT OF THE MONTH



"She has the head of a witch and the heart of an angel". So wrote Dr. John Wu of Sun Yat Sen Institute for the Advancement of Culture and Education about Therese Francoise Martin, born one hundred years ago this month at Alencon, France.

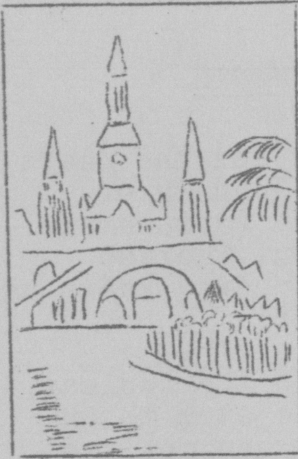
As Einstein's theories led to the nuclear age, and the splitting of the atom to an apparent basis for peace between men, so have the spiritual writings and actions of this young woman opened up a new way to true peace and perfection. Christians had long been nurtured on the accounts of the "spectacular" saints from Paul to Francis of Assisi. Here was a new kind of saint who lived her cloistered life in a series of individual acts, the "atoms" with which she later unleashed a veritable spiritual Hiroshima.

Although she had extraordinary qualities, Therese had a background which could still be paralleled in most places in Ireland. She was the youngest of a large family, seemingly "the pet". She used to go fishing with her Daddy, equipped with her own little fishing rod. She had several sisters who became Carmelite nuns, and in due time she also wished to enter. There is a story of her having spoken out of turn at a Papal audience, asking for a dispensation to enter the Carmel earlier than usual. The Pope hedged a bit, but her own Bishop granted her wish when she was fifteen. She spent nine years in the Convent, a time so externally undistinguished that another nun wondered what the authorities would find to write about Sister Therese in due time (Sister Therese had become seriously ill and it was usual to notify the deaths of sisters to other convents, with a short account of the life of the deceased).

Therese's blueprint for sainthood was published after her death, in a book written at the command of the Superior. She revealed how as a very little child she had taken herself in hand, eliminating her childish faults and offering up her life to God. By embracing the life of a religious, she cut herself off from a world she loved and could appreciate (as her writings show) with the mind and sensitivity of a poetess. In the convent she could practice "small daily sacrifices made in secret", offering to God the merit of her actions. "If you feel too lazy to pick up a bit of thread" she wrote "and yet do so for the love of Jesus, you gain more merit than for a much nobler action done on an impulse of fervour". What a thought to brighten the spirits

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LOURDES 1973



Mr. James Whelan, 28 Wainsfort Park, Terenure, Dublin 6, Tel. (Dublin 01-) 905155 announces that he is now organising a further pilgrimage to Lourdes, to take place at the end of September, 1973. He looks forward to hearing from old and new friends. The following are the main details.

LOURDES

1. All will stay in the Hotel Astoria.
2. The special price is £48. This includes air transportation Dublin/Lourdes/Dublin, coach transfer to hotel and return, full-board accommodation (5 nights), in-flight catering, hotel gratuities and taxes, walking tour of Lourdes, coach trip to Bartres and services of Joe Walsh Tours Rep. in Lourdes. (The special price does not include wines, beverages, minerals, etc., optional insurance at £2 per person, airport taxes Dublin/Lourdes at £1.35 per person).
3. The pilgrimage departs from Dublin by special Aer Lingus Jet 25 September and returns also by Jet 30 September.
4. Booking forms are available from Mr. James Whelan (address and tel. no. above). Booking with deposit of £10 should be made at the earliest possible date.
5. Three Spiritual Directors have accepted invitations to travel with the party.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS

Rev. Ed. Buck
CSSP, CC, St.
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"Some try to explain human behaviour in terms of material laws. But in Lourdes one sees that there is more to it than that".

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of a weary housewife! "If you fought," Therese also believed, "only when you felt ready for the fray, where would be your merit?" Her perfect self-control in later life can be gauged in a passage describing the first haemorrhage caused by the onset of tuberculosis. A hot stream of liquid had risen to her lips, just as she had retired for the night. "I had already put out the lamp, so I mortified my curiosity till the morning, and went peacefully to sleep". Such was the triumph over every kind of passion and curiosity. The following morning, Therese found her handkerchief saturated with blood. Eighteen months later, she was dead: but her work was scarcely begun.

The "spiritual atoms" exploded with the first edition of her autobiography. It ran out at once, and hundreds of thousands more had to be printed. Translations into dozens of languages were made. Reports of miracles of physical healing and supernatural grace poured in: at one count they had filled 4,800 pages of close type. During the Great War 1914-18 innumerable letters from the trenches led to the striking of a special medal of Sister Therese for the soldiers. On the world scene missions which had long been languishing were overwhelmed with requests for baptism. Eventually fifty secretaries were required to deal with the post arriving daily at the convent at Lisieux.

Therese Françoise Martin was canonised on 17th May, 1925 and became known as "The Little Flower". She had never left her convent after entry, yet became Patroness of the Missions. She had done ordinary things extraordinary well, this little sister about whom a companion had once said: "Amiable though she is, she has surely done nothing worth recording".

(continuation - Pioneer Total Abstinence Association)

The Pioneer Association makes the claim that it has an effective cure for alcoholism, although it is not a cure which works in every circumstance. Leaving out of the reckoning the 100% effective preventive aspect of the Pioneer pledge (there must be hundreds of Pioneers^{who} happily will never discover the fatal attraction of drink) the pledge unites with the normal rationalising which goes with a resolution to stay away from intoxicating drink, the spiritual motivation which many of our people can readily respond to. The Association will of course recommend suitable "drying out" tactics in certain circumstances before asking an applicant to take a life pledge.

Next Pioneer Reception date: Second Sunday of Feb. (11th) at St. Pius X Church.

During the Epiphany we think of the visit of the Wise Men to Our Lord. Tradition has it that they were three kings.

They represent the wisdom, the wealth and position of that age. Is it not strange that they should come to an out of the way place to see the child of such a poor family? These visitors acknowledged Our Lord and, bowing down, presented their gifts.

Others came to see Our Lord - people of a very different kind. These did not represent the wisdom, the wealth and position of any age. Indeed, they signified the opposite. They had little or no formal learning: they were poor and their social position was low. Perhaps, today we would, in our jargon, say they were in the lower socio-economic class. Admittedly, they had jobs but as for wisdom, wealth and position, they had little of these three qualities. They were shepherds.

Suppose these two groups of visitors met how would they have got on together? Would there be lulls in the conversation? There certainly would be if the talk centered on subjects of academic interest, wealth or position.

Yet, they had one thing in common - Christ. In Him the two groups would find that they were brothers and that this overcame all barriers. They would treat one another as brothers for the very simple reason that they would be in fact brothers in Him. This spiritual brotherhood in Christ is the more real because it is spiritual. This may appear, at first sight strange, because we have got so used to thinking of identifying the spiritual with airy fairy unreality. The opposite is true. Spiritual brotherhood in Christ is a deep and real unity.

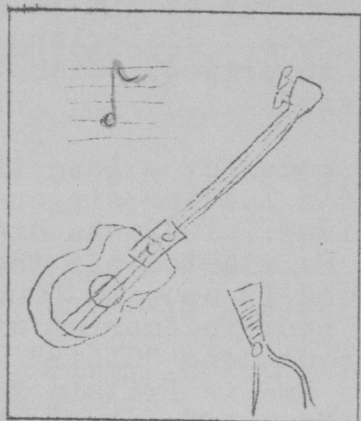
Today there are, naturally, many differences between us. We all had different backgrounds and different parents, therefore there must be differences. Yet, as the shepherds and wise men would have found their unity in Him, so can we.

Let us try to learn the message of our brotherhood in Christ from the Epiphany story.

PIONEER TOTAL ABSTINENCE ASSOCIATION

"Babes on the Bottle" (Clare Boylan, "Evening Press", 17/1/73) makes horrifying reading. Apart from sympathy for Johnny, the 17-year-old alcoholic, there is the rather selfish thought that when Johnny got to the point where "I would've done anything for a drink. I'd have gone around with a hatchet", you may have been unlucky enough to be on the receiving end of that hatchet.

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1972 was a great year for the Irish on the international pop scene. Groups like Thin Lizzy, Fudd, Tir na nÓg and people like Rory Gallagher (World's Top Guitarist), Van Morrison (American-based Belfast Rock Giant) and of course Gilbert O'Sullivan, all made an impact on the music scene in their own ways. At home Horslips, the best group anywhere this side of the channel, got into the roots of Irish music and played it like it should be played. Planxty followed them, and a whole new traditional revival thing was set up.

Elsewhere the complacency and smugness of the music world was split wide open with the arrival of revitalisers Slade, T. Rex, Alice Cooper and Bowie - just to mention a few. The sedateness of the music scene after the Beatles had split was truly shattered when Bolan and friends began churning out formula music like 'Telegram Sam', 'Jeepster', 'Metal Guru', etc. to wild screaming audiences spending more time on their feet than on their seats. Whether Bolan's music is trash or not, it at least gave us a welcome shaking up and put back the excitement into live gigs, a thing that only one other group seemed to be doing with any success, and they were the notorious Alice Cooper.

Alice Cooper set out to be the exact opposite to the "good, clean singer-composer" image associated with James Taylor, Dylan and others. Cooper's aim was simple - pure perversion: live snakes on stage, ritual baby-butcherings, whip-cracking were all part of the stage show. Alice even went as far as to get hung on stage to the strain of "Dead Babies", played with extraordinary viciousness by switched-on friends. Mums and Dads were appalled, while gig frequenters and promoters just revelled in it. The fantastic success of Cooper's single "Schools Out", and of the "Schools Out" album, bear witness to the merits of hotting up the scene both visually and musically as Alice has done.

1972 also saw perversion of a more genuine kind, the kind that makes heart-throbs out of toothpaste-smiling, bleary-eyed, once-in-a-blue-moon songsters. Darling Dave Cassidy is to my mind one such blot on the music scene. Most of his numbers are pure bull, except maybe for "Rock me Baby" which suits him better than hogwash like "Could it be Forever" etc. The Cassidy rage has got to such a stage that I can guarantee

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that you will find at least one pin-up poster of him in a selection of pop pic mags in any given week. If Darling Dave doesn't die of frostbite, I'll be surprised. With the overexposure he's getting, who could last?

A guy who looks capable of lasting the pace for a long time yet and has been acclaimed as the world's leading singer-composer is, of course, Gilbert O'Sullivan. 1972 was his year, with success following success. He started off the year with "No Matter How I Try", followed it up with "Ooh-Wakka-Doo" and then hit the Number One spot in America with "Alone Again, Naturally". His most recent song "Clair" stayed in the Number One spot both here and in Britain for a number of weeks and his two albums, "Himself" and "Back to Front", are still clocking up sales around the world. He also appeared on his own T.V. spectacular at Christmas and was represented as the sound of the Seventies on the B.B.C's anniversary review '50 Years of Music'.

Of all the Irish groups jostling for a place in the international limelight I would say that Horslips are most likely to succeed. For a good while now they have been producing some fantastic music which has its roots in Irish traditional stuff. They have been able to find an acceptable compromise between traditional and popular music, and the brand they play is, I would say, more truly Celtic-sounding than the ceilidh stuff we are used to. Not that Horslips confine themselves to "Progressive Ceilidh". On their first album "Happy to Meet, Sorry to Part" there are two numbers, "Hall of Mirrors" and "Furniture", which demonstrate their ability to master any type of music and give it a specifically Irish flavour which certainly enhances it. This album must most certainly be the best home produced L.P. on the market. It is a masterpiece down to the very last detail. Even the sleeve is unique. It comes in an octagonal shape representing a concertina. Enclosed are four pages of colour-photos and facts about the group. If you haven't already heard it you should. It's well worth the price at £2.50.

O'D.

Next month Music Box will feature an article on the history of Rock-and-Roll, a review of the Christmas and January concerts of Thin Lizzy, Horslips, with other news and info. Articles are welcomed and we hope to see local groups using these pages to let us know where they are playing and to tell us all about themselves. You may write direct to O'D at Music Box, 88 Templeville Rd. or phone 907986

IN THE SWIM PEN PICTURE

Have we a potential goldmine in Templeogue? One young athlete who seems bent on turning himself into one is Paul Farnan, holder of four Irish Under-15 titles for swimming. Paul lives at 167 Wainsfort Road and is a pupil at Templeogue College. At the time of writing he has "mined" himself fifteen of those coveted yellow discs for swimming first, plus five others for lesser placings.

Paul's Irish 1972 titles are: at under 15 the 100 metre and 200 metre free-style, 100 metre butterfly, 4x100 metre medley. He also won a gold for the 4 x 200 metre relay (Men's Senior Squad), and came second in the 400 metres under-15 freestyle. Other golds were at Under-15 in the 100 metre butterfly and 100 metres freestyle in the Tailteann Games, and the Under-16 Butterfly in the Coca Cola Championships.

In the All-Ireland Colleges Championships Paul took second in the Under-16 Butterfly for Templeogue College, and at the Catholic Students' Games in Rome represented Ireland at Under-18 to take one silver medal (2nd in Butterfly) and two bronze (3rd in 4 x 200 metre freestyle and 4 x 100 metre medley): eight nations took part in these games. Paul, one need hardly say, has a handful of Club championship medals (4 fold at Under-15).

What is the recipe for this kind of performance? Obviously, one must begin with natural talent, but this is not enough. In Paul's view, one must be prepared to join a club, take the coach's advice and work hard. He is pleased with the facilities available in Templeogue - obviously we are lucky to have two fine pools in the area. We are not, however, according to Paul, building our pools big enough for serious competitors. He found the 50 metre pool in Rome off-putting after being used to the 25 metre: you miss the little break on the extra turns. Continental and Cross-Channel pools also have much superior spectator and dining facilities.

Paul is not thinking of a career in swimming, although he would like to preserve close contact with the sport. He is very keen on Rugby, and plays with Templeogue College Seniors. Wouldn't a Leinster Schools medal be just the thing to relieve that glorious monotony.....

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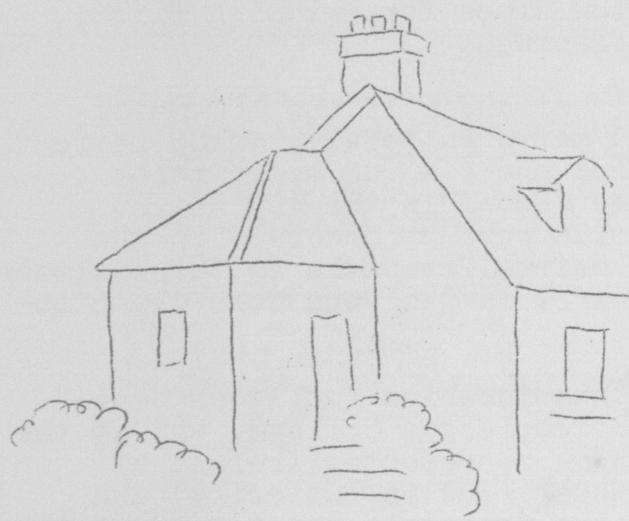
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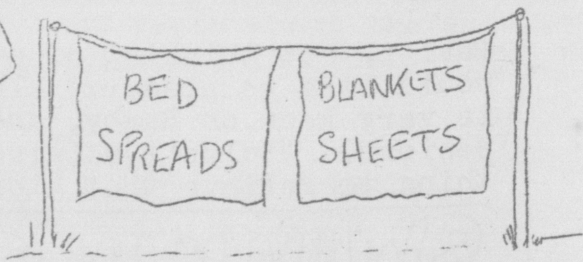
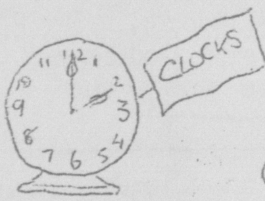
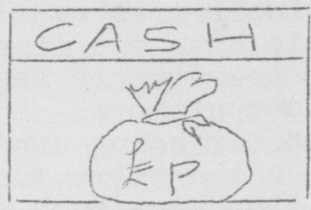


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