

The Knocklyon News



ST. COLMCILLE'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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EDITORIAL directed, this month, especially to groups, committees, councils, organisations

You know, at times if you weren't careful, you could really let things get you down! ("No - oh!?" I hear you breathe with the tiniest edge of sarcasm.) Nowadays, with a positive glut of 'mod cons' available, specially designed to help communications, it is harder than ever to get a simple message across, let alone elicit a response.

Small wonder, I suppose, granted the pace and intensity of the age we're living in. The professionals are getting at us from every side - tv. screen, newspapers, lamp post, bill board, radio station, pulpit, door-to-door caller - all of them vying for our attention. And our poor little minds can only take so much.

Into this over-crowded scene the Parish Newsletter probes nervously. How many people in the parish give it more than a cursory glance? 50%?, 15%?, 5%? (I hope I'm being pessimistic).

And then there's the response! How often do we intend to *do* "the divil and all" but never get around to it.

I'm sure that's the story with 2 items from last month's 'Knocklyon News'.

Remember the letter and forms concerning 'Parish Helpers'? Would you believe that only 7 forms - yes, SEVEN! - were returned. I don't for moment believe that that is a true indication of the good will in this parish. (If it were we might all throw our collective hat at it!) And even allowing for the fact that most of those currently involved in parish and community affairs understandably saw no need to return the forms, there must be hundreds of others who would be willing to help the community in a variety of ways. But how will we ever know who they are if they don't hand in their names?! Come on now, a big, big effort. There's a brown box at the back of the church just waiting for your offer.

By the way, many thanks to the "magnificent seven" who have so far responded. You'll be contacted personally in the near future.

There was a second appeal in last months' Newsletter (page 7). Here it is again, in case you missed it:

WANTED - INFORMATION

People frequently ask at the Presbytery, how can they contact this or that group - Residents' Associations, Scouts, Cubs, Guides, etc. etc.

We would like to be able to help them but often don't have the information they require. So we would be grateful if the various groups and associations would send in to the Presbytery the name, address, phone no. of the Chairperson, and/or Secretary, and/or P.R.O. or whoever handles enquiries on their behalf.

To this request I received NOT EVEN ONE reply! So listen here, all you groups, organisations and the like, why not name a PRO for your group! Then, *we'll* contact *you* for news - the news you keep intending to give us, but forget . . .!

Our PRO for this job is Eileen Casey, 30 Knocklyon Avenue. Tel. 941251 (complete with Ansaphone). But please, PLEASE, first tell us who you are . . .



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PARISH PURCHASES PRE-FAB

As anyone involved in local organisations and activities can tell you, premises are at a premium in Knocklyon Parish. The schools simply cannot come near to providing the required amount of meeting and activity space; and people and organisations are regularly, if reluctantly, turned away because there just isn't another night in the week when the halls are vacant. As for the church meeting room, already too small for many would-be functions, and further cramped by having to double as a storage room, it is occupied practically every evening. Additional meetings have to spill over into the sacristy, or even, at times, into a corner of the church.

Against this background and despite our, at present, strained financial circumstances, when a 1440 sq. ft. pre-fab building became available at bargain price, it didn't take the Parish Council long to conclude to the necessity of purchasing it.

Plans are already under way to try and cut drastically the normally costly business of transfer and re-erection. We're counting on voluntary local expertise, and – keep your fingers crossed – there's a possibility of help from ANCO.

With a little luck we may have our pre-fab functioning by Christmas. We look forward to being able to house the very many "homeless" groups and organisations and to provide some new and necessary amenities and services for the community of Knocklyon.

LAITY EVENING



The attendance was disappointing on Tuesday October 4th, but it was an evening well spent for the 60-70 people who were present. Three inspiring addresses (by Mike and Anne Loughman and Eltin Griffin O'Carroll), prompted a short but lively discussion.

The lay person is no longer simply a passive sheep to be 'fed' by Pope, bishops and clergy, but an active member of Christ's mystical body with the privilege, right and duty to evangelise others and build up that mystical body. Concrete ways must be sought of experiencing and promoting a caring, sharing community. *This requires that practical steps be taken, and at street rather than at parish level.*

Some of the conclusions and suggestions of the 9 groups (in telegrammatic formulation!):

Needs: – rel. instruction; adult education; bible study groups in the homes; inaugural celebrations in the homes to bring neighbours together; social and religious get togethers (perhaps on the same night in streets and cul-de-sacs throughout the parish).

The Lapsed – many want to return but don't know how; set up committees to study how to help.

Query: – Why are people wary of lay involvement? Answer: a) laziness, b) ignorance of what a Christian community really could be. If a small group achieved the ideal, others would see and be drawn to imitate.

Prayer: – We don't know how to pray – We need to be taught. Many of us brought up in climate of 'saying prayers' – multiply Hail Marys and you get bigger indulgences!

Social Activities: – We'd help (say, visit the elderly) if we knew who needed (wanted?) to be helped.

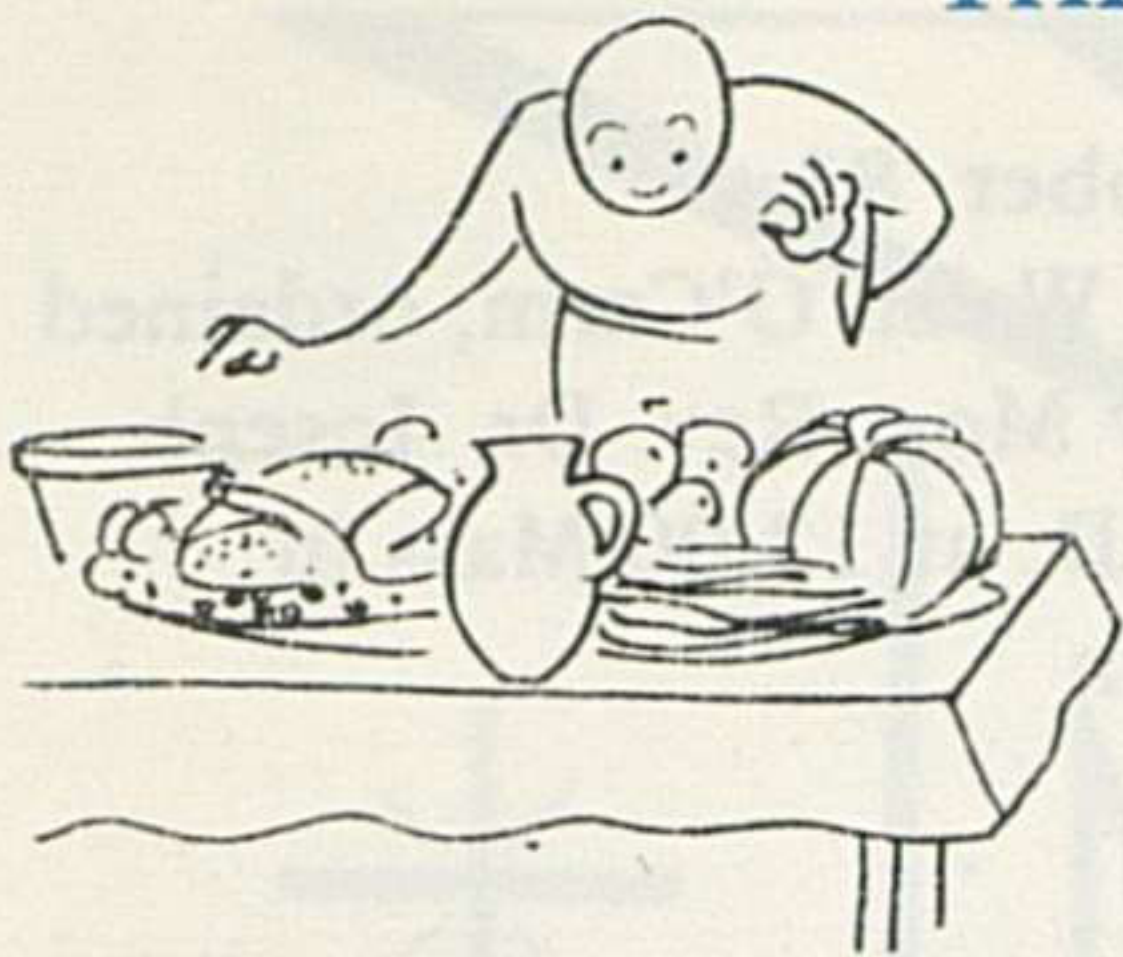
A Difficulty: – We are an homogeneous, middle class parish, insular and not really inclined to intimacy with others. And that is an obstacle to promoting Christian community.

Small attendance was perhaps due to people thinking the evening would be too theoretical. Great pity that so many missed this very practical and necessary exercise.

After thanking the speakers, and before the concluding prayer, Fr. Weakliam undertook to pursue the ideas that had surfaced, at Parish Council and at other appropriate levels.



THINGS CULINARY AND ALL THAT . . .



mostly left to our own ingenuity, and very much dependent on the amount of enthusiasm we might generate in the process. My own culinary expertise is at best weak, but I have to some extent mastered certain basics, such as boiling an egg, simple grills, fries, scrambled egg and so on. I even claim to do a nice line in bacon and egg, although at times the egg might disintegrate somewhat, and become confused with the bacon.

However some of my confreres here have a definite edge on me in these matters. One in particular — better to leave him nameless — is, in my humble opinion, well on the way to being an expert in the cookery thing, and the many items involved in the art. When he is operating I am more than happy to do the wash-up, and simply relish the flavours he creates. Recently under his searching perfectionist eye, I was cleaning a saucepan. Now people like you in the know, are aware a saucepan is not merely cleaned, you must scour it. My half hearted effort was not passed by the master, who gently but firmly pointed out, I had left some black mark on the inside, which if allowed to remain, would have a contrary effect on the morrow's offering.

Now my alibi for my poor performance, I explained, in the course of a chat with these nuns. It should, of course be sisters, but I use the former first to avoid confusion. What sisters? They are a group, belonging to a congregation, French in origin, who have come to live in our parish. Their other Irish houses are in Belcamp, Clones and Youghal. They are the Sisters of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary. They are in training, attending lectures at a Dartry centre, part of this training is to live outside convents, in centres of population. So a big welcome to Geraldine, Therese, Anna and Julia of the Congregation, and make them feel at home down there Coolamber way!

Well I was explaining to the sisters how I could not clean/scour the saucepan properly, because for obvious reasons, to apply the elbow grease necessary, an apron would be needed. Sisters have changed much in more recent years, but certain basics, such as not missing a trick and fierce, devotion to detail, remain. I underestimated this, and my bluff was called! Next morning, after joining us for Morning Prayer, with more than a hint of mischief about them, they presented me with a package. It contained a new apron! Packaging which read 'Kilkenny Shop' was not so happy from a Corkman's point of view, but my new apron was happily and proudly striped red and white! What's more I've a standing invitation to coffee at their new home.

I share coffee too with the Monday night Envelope Collection Committee, including my good friend Rover, the dog! Under much good humoured banter and slagging, they play down the difficult and essential work they accomplish. Also on Monday night I get a fair bit of good natured stick from David Weakliam, P.P., muttering dark threats akin to, don't bother coming home, get lost etc., in the event of the target not being reached that week! I challenge him to trust in the Lord, and then no need to worry unduly about money, or anything else either for that matter. Is this faith or presumption? I'm not so sure, I think a little bit of both, but then, Praise the Lord, being an incurable optimist, is not even a teeny weeny bit of faith, something most precious!

Patrick Fitz.



16th October '83.

Bro. Tom Walsh O'Carm, ordained
deacon by Most Rev. Dr. Joseph
Carroll D.D. at 12.00 Mass in
Knocklyon

“What’s a Deacon?”

“What can you do?”

“Are you the same as a priest?”

The above are some of the many questions that people asked me over the past few weeks as I prepared for ordination to the diaconate here in Knocklyon. The diaconate historically has been an order of the Church, in which the functions of the Church, to proclaim, celebrate, and serve have been closely associated. In addition to bishops and priests, deacons also share in the sacrament of Holy Orders. The diaconate conferred by a bishop, is received as the first stage in ordination by those who go on to the priesthood. Since the Second Vatican Council, however, the ancient order of deacon has been restored in the Roman Catholic Church as an office in its own right. Many dioceses now have deacons who do not go on to become priests. They are known therefore as permanent deacons. The works of a deacon in a parish such as Knocklyon, can be many . . .

“They will draw new strength from the gift of the Holy Spirit. They will help the bishop and his body of priests as ministers of the word, of the altar and of charity. They will make themselves servants to all. As ministers of the altar they will proclaim the Gospel, prepare the sacrifice, and give the Lord’s body and blood to the community of believers. It will also be their duty to bring God’s word to believer and unbeliever alike, to preside over public prayer, to baptise, to assist at marriages and bless them, to give viaticum to the dying, and to lead the rites of burial.”

(Rite of Ordination of Deacons. *Veritas*)

From looking back over the above list of duties it looks like I am going to have a very busy time here in Knocklyon. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all who helped make the ordination day a very happy one, both for myself and my family. I look forward to meeting you throughout the coming year . . .

Tom Walsh, O. Carm.

(Bro. Tom is a native of Rhode, Co. Offaly. He has studied at the Milltown Institute for six years and has just returned from a further year of study in Washington, where he obtained a Masters Degree in Theological Studies, and Boston where he worked with persons who are mentally handicapped.)



Tom, photographed with Br. David Wyse, Deacon at Beaumont Parish and Fr. Sean Dunne, Parish Priest, Beaumont.



I.M.P.A.C.T. STRIKES KNOCKLYON

Got the Monday evening blues? How about a cup of coffee, a chat and something to get that brain active after a hectic weekend. All sounds fine but where do you find it? We think we've got the answer in IMPACT – In Music Prayer and Action, Christians Together. There has never been anything quite like it before in Knocklyon and we feel that it is the best thing that has happened in the parish yet. But what exactly goes on and why is it so great?

The atmosphere is friendly and lively and there is a feeling of togetherness. We start the evening singing folk songs to let everyone get into the spirit of things. After simmering down we decide on a topic to discuss. We then break up into smaller groups where we exchange and explore ideas on our own theme. Topics included in discussions vary from relationships to divorce, to why people don't pray. Suggestions for new topics are welcome from absolutely anybody. We find this activity highly enjoyable and along with the music, the discussions are the most important part of the evening.

Our prayer consists mainly of music with some bidding prayers for our own intentions and a short piece of the Bible relevant to the topic discussed. We finish by singing the "Our Father". Sometimes we wish that Monday nights would go on forever. At least the cup of coffee and bickies supplied enable us to have a chat and to catch up on the latest gossip before going back home to face the rest of the week.

But what about the action? We hope not to become an organisation which is "all talk and no work". We have plans to get involved in the Parish Council, the Youth Club and the Crèche, but the greatest of these is the crèche. As a community we are rapidly getting to know one another and in this way we hope to learn how to help our fellow parishioners.

I suppose you're saying that this should have happened years ago – well it's happening now! Beat the blues with I.M.P.A.C.T. and join us every Monday at 8 p.m. in St. Colmcilles Senior School. If it's curiosity that brings you, it will be the experience that will make you stay!

CRECHE FOR 11 a.m. MASS

Beginning on the first Sunday in November, IMPACT will be offering crèche facilities during the 11 o'clock Mass each Sunday for children of pre-school age. The crèche will be organised and directed by experienced people.

Gifts of appropriate toys would be most appreciated and may be left at the Presbytery.





**A PRAYER USED AT ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS
DECEMBER 23rd 1980**



From 'Forms of Prayer for Jewish Worship, published by The Reformed Synagogues of Great Britain, 33 Seymour Place, London W1.

I pray to you O Lord from all my heart,
O Lord! I pray to You with fervour and zeal,
For the sufferings of the humiliated,
For the uncertainty of those who wait;
For the non-return of the dead;
For the helplessness of the dying;
For the sadness of the misunderstood,
For those who request in vain;
For all those abused, scorned and disdained;
For the silly, the wicked, the miserable;
For those who hurry in pain to the nearest
physician;
For those who return from work
With trembling and anguished hearts to their
homes;
For those who are roughly treated and
pushed aside;
For those who are hissed on the stage;
For all who are clumsy, ugly, tiresome and
dull,

For the weak, the beaten, the oppressed,
For those who cannot find rest
During long sleepless nights;
For those who are afraid of Death,
For those who wait in pharmacies;
For those who have missed the train;
For all the inhabitants of our earth
And all their pains and troubles,
Their worries, sufferings, disappointments,
All their griefs, afflictions, sorrow,
Longings, failures, defeats;
For everything which is not joy, comfort,
bliss . . .
Let these shine for ever upon them with
tender love and brightness,
I pray to You O Lord most fervently —
I pray to You O Lord from the depths of my
heart.

Fuljam Tuwim.

KNOCKLYON COMMUNITY GAMES

In February 1982 the members of the newly formed Knocklyon Community Council were very much aware of the large number of young people between the age of 6 years and 18 years who were growing up in the area and they appreciated the great work being carried out for these young people by the local schools, Boys Scouts, Girl Guides, Knocklyon Youth Club and many individuals. At the second meeting of the Community Council in March 1982 it was decided that Knocklyon Community Council should show its concern for the young people of the area by introducing and fostering the Community Games movement through its Community Games Sub-Committee.



After two quite successful years it is now time to set up an independent Community Games Committee to plan and organize the various teams and events that will help in the healthy and enjoyable development of our children. To carry out this task successfully the young people of Knocklyon need the continued help of the organizers and team managers who were involved over the past two years together with many new volunteers (both parents and young adults).

To plan this further development of the Community Games in Knocklyon a General Meeting will be held in the Church Meeting Room on Wednesday 2nd November at 8 p.m. We are delighted to be able to announce that the founder of the Community Games movement Mr. Joe Connolly will address the meeting as also will members of the National Community Games development team. *Please* come along to this meeting and support the continued development of healthy and enjoyable leisure activities for our young people.

MAKE A NOTE OF THE DATE – WEDNESDAY 2nd NOVEMBER, 8 p.m.

Gerry Hoey, 941822

HALLOWE'EN COOKING



The season is just right for a good Colcannon.

- 1 kg or 2¼ lb potatoes
- 1 bunch curly Kale
- 1 small onion
- ¼ lb butter

Peel and boil the potatoes until nice and soft. Strain off the liquid and dry out very well over the heat. Mash or put through a sieve. Beat over the heat until the mixture is exceptionally dry.

Wash and trim the curly Kale. Boil quickly in salted water for about 10 minutes. When ready, drain and squeeze out very well. Chop roughly. Chop the onions very fine. Cook the onions in a small amount of the butter but do not allow to colour. When ready combine all the ingredients, the potato, the kale, the onions and butter. A little cream can make it nice as long as the mixture is quite firm, season well with salt and pepper.

Paddy the Chef.

SUPPORT YOUR PARISH



Kevin MacGowan presenting 'Ron Hill' running singlets to our team of marathon runners, (L to R) Jodi Moran; Tommy Cooper; Dónal Ó'Neill; Rev. Fr. D. Weakliam; Kevin MacGowan; Éamon Crosbie; Frank Crummey; Bréndán Ó'Murchú.

It's not too late to sponsor the team, that is if you haven't already done so. Sponsorship forms are still available at the Presbytery or at back of church after Sunday mass.

CHRISTMAS FAIR
SUNDAY – DECEMBER 4th IS THE DAY

Goods of all kinds wanted.

In every home in the country, there are goods which the owners don't want – but somebody else almost certainly does, *and will pay for 'them'*.

Why not turn this situation to the advantage of the parish. Suppose every parishioner brought along just *one such item* – An ornament from a holiday resort, a gift that you never really liked; a dress which you very quickly tired of; an almost new pair of shoes that didn't quite fit . . . the list is endless.

There is a place for all such items on one of two new stalls: The Good-as-New for clothes or the White Elephant for everything else.

All the stalls need support:

Toys, Games, Records, Ornaments, Pictures, Glassware, Delph, China, New Clothes, Unwanted Gifts, Jewellery, Plants, Books, Comics, Bottles, Groceries, Model Trains, Model Cars, Model Planes, Antiques, Posters, Musical Instruments, Electrical Goods, Foreign Stamps, Knitted Garments, Material, Wool, Cosmetics, Perfumes, Leather Goods, Cameras, Sports Equipment

On the day of the fair – fresh fruit, veg. & cakes

PARISH SOCIAL

Fri. November 11th – a date for your diaries when the parish social will be back with a swing, after an absence of 2 years.

So do please come along and bring your friends – it will be a great opportunity to get to know your fellow parishioners and enjoy a great night.

Don't be waiting for an invitation to join someone else's party, organise your own!

Tickets are going well so far.

They are only £10 each and available at the Presbytery.

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MOTORING

For those of you who no longer believe it to be your patriotic duty to use as much petrol as possible the following hints may be of some help:

Check tyre pressures regularly

Switch off engine during long stops

Remove roof rack

Clean out the boot

Accelerate slowly

Don't drive up to maximum speed in each gear

In warm weather don't fill fuel tank up to the brim

Keep the windows closed

Observe the speed limit, 55 m. p. h.

Carry out regular servicing

Monitor your fuel consumption

If you have any motoring queries you might like to write them on the back of a £5 note, and send them into me c/o Knocklyon News.

Or what about an eight week course, one night per week, for the same cost, in the school. The course would be at a very basic simple level (to suit the instructor some might say!) so you won't need a degree in engineering. Contact the Presbytery if interested.

Jimmy the lad

**COAL/ANTHRACITES:
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If you need supplies of coal or anthracites for the winter now upon us, phone 941633.

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SPOT PRIZES

£100 – J. Donnelly, 3 Delaford Park.

£50 – H. Phillips, 17 Knocklyon Grove.

£25 – C. Brennan, Ballyroan House,