

The Knocklyon News



ST. COLMCILLE'S PARISH NEWSLETTER – MAY 1985
 HOLY COMMUNION – 11 MAY 1985



Nearly time now! says Colleen Keeny to her friends.



All over now – bar the counting! Jason Verdon and Peter Lumley.

PARISH WEEK '85 – JUNE 9TH – 16TH Outline Programme

Sun. 9th	11.00	OPEN AIR MASS in Junior School Yard N.B. Only Masses in Church: Sat. 7pm, Sun 9am, and 7pm. (In the event of bad weather 10, 11 and 12 Masses will take place in Church)	
	2.30*	FAMILY FUN SPORTS on the Green & School Grounds Lots of fun competitions for all the family.	£1 per family.
	8.00	ADULT QUIZ in Junior School Hall Knocklyon's answer to Mastermind. Delaford are current champions in the I.Q. stakes. Can they be toppled??	
Mon 10th	8.00	BONFIRE SINGALONG on Green opposite Parish Centre Last year we had a balmy night. This year bring your own barbecue – and a neighbour!	
Tue 11th	7.30*	PET SHOW on Green Lots of Prizes. Pets of all shapes and sizes welcome.	50p per pet.
Wed 12th	8.00	BINGO in Junior School Hall The more who come, the bigger the prize money!	
Thurs 13th	8.00	YOUTH QUIZ in Junior School Hall 12s to 15s. See our Young Brains in action.	
Fri 14th	9.00*	CHEESE & WINE with ADULT QUIZ FINAL Last year a great social event with too few there to enjoy it. Don't miss it this year. Adm. £3.	
Sat. 15th	11.00	WHO'S FOR TENNIS? – Monster American Tennis Tournament Draw for Partners.	
	3.00	FANCY DRESS – TOTS TO TEENS. Five great competitions. Under 4's, 4's and 5's, 6's and 7's, 8's and 9's, over 9's. Big prizes for winners. Little prizes for all. Entry fee 50p.	
	4.00	LADIES' SOCCER SEMI-FINALS on Green	
	5.00	MENS' SOCCER SEMI-FINALS on Green	
Sun 16th	2.30*	Knocklyon FUN RUN – Don't miss this first-ever 10k (approx) for the Fanatics and the Almost-Fits. Special Holiday Weekend Prize for the first Married Couple (from the Parish) past the post. Many other prizes for locals and visitors.	
	4.00	TENNIS FINAL on the Green	
	4.30	LADIES' SOCCER FINAL on the Green	
	5.00	MEN'S SOCCER FINAL on the Green	
	7.30	FESTIVAL OF PLAYS in Junior School Hall Great Drama Presentations by I.C.A. and Knocklyon Youth Club.	

BE OUT AND ABOUT DURING PARISH WEEK!

*These events require forms or tickets, available at Church and School and Parish Centre.

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The Brownies, at the "Places of Hope" exhibition, Saturday 4th May. From left: Aine Sisk, Lisa Collins, Jane Caffrey.



Little Linda McCormack told us all about "Playgroup".



A visitor to the "Places of Hope" — Brian Taylor from the Corrymeela Community, Ballycastle, chatting to Fr. Alan.

SOWING SEEDS OF TRUST IN KNOCKLYON

"Nothing else awakens and refreshes our personal inner life like a full, all-embracing prayer which is meditative and accessible for all age-groups. And the high-point of the prayer will be the singing that never ends and which continues within, even when you are alone".

The above quotation is taken from the "Letter from Taize". Many in Knocklyon will have seen reference on the news and in the papers to the "Taize" weekend held in Dublin at the beginning of the month. Here in Knocklyon the local Committee organised a terrific display in the Parish Centre. Since the stated aim of the weekend was to seek out "places of hope" in local parish areas, our Committee decided to feature parish activities in their display. To this end, the Art group, the Irish Childbirth Trust, Local Playgroups, Community Games Committee, Speech & Drama, Brownies, Ladies Committee, I.C.A., Folk Group, La Léche, Legion of Mary, The Knocklyon News and Badminton Club all contributed posters and photographs of their activities. Representatives of these groups took part in the Offertory procession at 12 o'clock Mass on Sunday May 5.

On a wider scale, services and displays were held all over the city. The first-ever simultaneous transmission of a service was relayed between Christ Church Cathedral and the Pro-Cathedral on Saturday 4th May. At the Pro-Cathedral, where Archbishop Kevin McNamara welcomed Brother Roger, the Leader of the Taize Community, and other Brothers of the Community, one of the largest ever congregations — over 2,000 people — gathered. Brother Roger said that the Irish had an eagerness for life which contrasted strongly with the discouragement of so many other people in the West.

Brother Roger was invited here on the invitation of the Church of Ireland and the Catholic Archbishops of Dublin. His Community in Burgundy, which he founded during the Second World War is visited by scores of young people and families every summer. It consists of over 80 brothers, a great mixture of Anglicans, Catholics as well as Lutherans (Brother Roger is a Swiss Lutheran) and members of other Churches. All of which is, in itself, a great sign of hope for the future, as indeed are the many activities being undertaken by and with the young people in our parish who indeed are our places of hope for the future.

CALLING ALL SINNERS!

You might well ask what has Maximus of Turin to do with Ulysses, or with better reason still, who anyway is the aforementioned Maximus? Well, for starters I can tell you he is a saint who lived in the 4th and 5th centuries, and was Bishop of Turin. He was big on sermons, and at least some of them have come down to us. I read one of them recently, of which more anon.

For the record we have available to us at least 106 authentic sermons of Maximus. Apart from his sermons little is known of his life, but from those alone he has been rightly described, as a zealous and effective pastor of souls. If the same could be correctly said of me, I too would be a saint. The nearest I've got to that state of bliss thus far, is that on more than one occasion, different kids confusing my surname Fitzpatrick with St. Patrick. I have even been addressed as Holy God, by some of the younger ones, in our Sunday morning Mass creche — makes one feel decidedly uncomfortable!

To return to a real saint, the above-mentioned Maximus, in one of his sermons, officially annotated Sermon 37, he employs the story of Ulysses, bound to the mast as a symbol of Christ bound to the cross, identifying the cross as the mast that has saved the human race — surely, on any standard, a beautiful application, in spite of the varying fortunes of Ulysses. And indeed our friend Ulysses, had his ups and downs, right down to the time of our our James Joyce.

Of all the characters created by Homer, Ulysses — or Odysseus as he is called in the Greek tradition, and if you are in neither tradition, it don't matter anyway for our purposes — has had the longest life and most varied fortunes. From the 6th century B.C., the mental and moral flexibility of Ulysses, was viewed unfavourably, and the tradition of regarding him as a symbol of deceit, was established. However, emphasis on his manliness and resourcefulness in overcoming evil forces, led to a restoration of his Homeric image, and recognition of his high moral qualities. Early Christian writers were inclined to follow that tradition, above all in his resistance to the temptations of the Sirens. The voyage of Ulysses became a symbol of the Christian's journey through life; the Sirens, the power of evil to which he is exposed; his ship the Church, and its mast the cross of Christ. The temptation of Ulysses by the Sirens, has also been used, as a theme in Christian art.

But the sermon, that took my fancy the other day, was not Sermon 37, but one of Maximus's paschal sermons. In it, his unquestioning acceptance and grasp of the power of the Resurrection, his compassion and encouragement for the sinner, confirms beyond doubt the sainthood of the man. See for yourself as I hand over to St. Max.:

"And so, my brethren, we ought all rejoice on this holy day (Easter Sunday. No one should separate himself from the general rejoicing, because he has sin on his conscience; no one should refuse to take part in the public worship because of the burden of his misdeeds. However, great a sinner he may be, on this day he should not despair of pardon, for the privileges granted by this day, are great. If a thief was thought worthy of paradise, why should not a Christian be thought worthy of forgiveness".

Strong stuff, I like it — see you!

Patrick Fitz.

REFLECTION

World War II ended May 1945 and in this month commemorating V.E. Day the leader of a great western power offered the hand of friendship over the war dead of a former enemy. A great act of reconciliation. In our own country a priest and a non-Catholic clergyman likewise attempted to reconcile their communities in a troubled zone of Northern Ireland, and in both gestures of friendship there were hostile comments. Both events are public knowledge, but how often can we be likewise guilty in harbouring a grudge and spurning the hand of friendship when offered?

We can end on a happier note of the young man in Dun Laoghaire who displayed a poster for all to read proclaiming his love for his girlfriend and asking her to marry him.

The acts of the leader of the western power, of the two clergymen of Northern Ireland and the young man in Dun Laoghaire all took courage. Do we have the same courage?

Terenure College,
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Joe Clinch



Another visitor to our Taize celebration – Richard Ryan chats to Joyce O'Hara about the Legion of Mary.

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Many thanks to all the teachers, even though some missed the photo!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS

Photographs of those receiving First Communion on Saturday May 18th will appear in our next issue.

SUMMER PROJECT 1985

During the past month the Management Committee have been busily involved in organising this year's Summer Project which will take place from Mon. 8th July – Fri. 19th July. Of course, no matter how well the project is organised it will be impossible to run it efficiently unless we get a large number of adults, especially parents, who are willing to help out in whatever way they can during the two weeks of the project. In order to facilitate adults who are willing to help we will be holding an open General Meeting on 19th June 1985. Details about the meeting will be announced at a later date, but please note it in your diary now.

As in previous years, we will be recruiting twelve full-time teenage helpers. They must be at least 16 years old. Application Forms can be obtained at the Presbytery from 19th May '85 and must be completed and returned by the 26th May '85. Interviews will take place after this date. Birth Certificate must accompany each application.

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I.C.A. NEWS



Muireann Murtagh placed 2nd in a recent B.I.M. Competition

Knocklyon Guild have done it again and produced another winner. This time in the shape of Muireann Murtagh who was awarded 2nd place in the B.I.M. Dublin Federation Final with a dish called "Misteir na Mara".

On May 7 a very successful auction was held in the Parish Centre with all kinds of items going for all kinds of prices. The proceeds of this venture went to buy more equipment for the Guild. Jacquie Donnelly. P.R.O. 942260.



Marion O'Cleirigh, who co-ordinated the Taize exhibition chatting to Casey Duffy.



Mrs. O'Reilly poses with a past pupil, Arlene Kelly, who read so well at the First Holy Communion Ceremony.

THE HOME BIRTH CENTRE

Many people regard home births as scarcely a possibility at all – but the people at the Home Birth Centre are working to change this. It is clear that a woman who chooses to have her baby at home has as many rights under the law as a woman who chooses to give birth in hospital. The Home Birth Centre offers information and support to help those who choose a home delivery.

Small meetings are arranged for members to meet with other couples who are either planning a home birth or who have had one recently. These group meetings provide an opportunity for couples to discuss various aspects of home delivery and to gain support from each other. The Home Birth Centre also operates an extensive library, from which members may borrow books for one month at a time. All members receive copies of the Home Birth Centre newsletter every 2-3 months.

At present, the Home Birth Centre is working with the Health Boards to reinstate the home birth option for all healthy pregnant women. This would entail instituting refresher courses for midwives who wish to do domiciliary deliveries, setting up ante-natal clinics in local Health Centres and reinstating the obstetric flying squads from maternity hospitals.

The Home Birth Centre would hope to see a domiciliary system established here, whose standard would equal that of the Dutch system, deemed to be the best in the world.

For those who would like to know more on this subject, information may be had from: Helen Gilligan – 211706; Elizabeth Petcu – 821864

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KNOCKLYON UNITED F.C.

Knocklyon United Football Club, only founded one year, has had tremendous success in the South Dublin Boys Football Association Leagues.

The under-13 A team were League Winners and reached the Quarter-Final stages of the Cup and Shield.

However, the under-10 team was the pride of Knocklyon, winning the League outright, after 20 gruelling matches: Played 20; Won 18; Drawn 1; Lost 1. They were beaten 1-0, after extra time by Tallaght Town, in the semi-final of the Cup, but the climax must be winning of the Shield over Priory Celtic by 2 goals to 1. (1. Karl Connors, 1. Jason Murphy) on Sunday 12 May, The excitement of the match was unbelievable and the team gave three cheers to the losers. 14 of the under-10 team panel are from St. Colmcille's School.

The teams had a wonderful Easter Weekend trip to Blackpool with a total party of 48.

Our Home Pitch is Delaford Green and this Autumn we are hoping that the County Council will erect a mobile changing room for the boys.

We are planning ahead for next season and propose to put another under-10 team into the Leagues. Trials will commence on **Monday 27th May at 6.30 p.m.** at the pitch. We will need one or two parents to manage same, with expert coaching available from Pat Byrne, Shamrock Rovers, who gave a lot of his free time to us this season. So – all you budding 8 and 9 year olds, get your Dads to bring you along, **Monday 27th.**

Would all parents who have old football boots tucked away in the shed, closet or garage, especially sizes 2 to 5, contact 943197, when the Club intends to give a nominal price for same and sell at same price to the boys of the Club? There must be many old boots lying gathering cobwebs in the Parish.

Finally we would like to thank all the parishioners for their support in the monthly draw, which will recommence in September, and we would also hope that more vocal support would be available next season at our Home Matches. They are your boys – it is your team – so let us have more parent involvement in the future.

Any queries to: John Bates – 942043; John Mallon – 943197; Eddie O'Brien – 947015; Bill Leckey – 511813.



Barry Collins, of Coolamber Park, Traffic Engineer with C.I.E. Dublin City Bus Services, who was recently presented with the Transport Innovator of the Year Award. The Chartered Institute of Transport in Ireland initiated the award this year to promote the development of innovative techniques in transport management, and it was won by Barry for his work in developing the Automatic Vehicle Monitoring (A.V.M.) system. This system, which is unique throughout the world, displays the up-to-date position of all the buses in the city on visual displays in each garage control room, and allows control and communication with all of the city's fleet of 850 buses. Many congratulations, Barry! Maybe you could tell us where the 49 bus hides itself! – We'd love to know!



Pat Byrne of Glenvara Park who recently added to his many outstanding achievements on the football field by captaining Shamrock Rovers to victory in the League and F.A.I. Cup. Pat also received the award of Sports Personality of the Year and Club Player of the Year.

Many Congratulations Pat. Continued Good Luck!

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Ruth Kelly shows 'em how.



Some of the female vocalists.



Some of the male vocalists - from left: Kieran O'Connell, Jack Begley, John Donnelly.

We were left in no doubt whatsoever that we had found the right location when we arrived, unannounced at the Folk Group's rehearsal recently to the tumultuous sound of the "Laudate Dominum" from a roomfull of singers and musicians.

Our mission (as they say in the best T.V. thrillers) was to find out (on your behalf) a little more about the "nameless faces" that we see each Sunday at the 12 o'clock Mass. Anyone who has ever attended the "Folk Mass" here in Knocklyon, cannot, we believe, be unimpressed by the excellence of the Group and regular "fans" of the 12 o'clock Mass will know and appreciate just how wide and varied is their repertoire. This is no accident but the result of dedicated, hard (albeit) enjoyable work.

On the night we visited, the Group were practising for the "Taize" Weekend ceremonies. There were 19 people present including 5 musicians. This was a rather untypical turnout as the Group has approx. 35 members on roll. But the "small" attendance certainly escaped our notice as the room filled with music and song again and again.

The Group, which is in existence now for 9 years, was started at the request of Fr. Staunton (the then P.P.) by Fr. Keating of Gort Muire. Its initial membership was only 5 and it was this Group who provided the first and only music at Mass in Kocklyon for some time. As time passed, the Group was assisted by another Carmelite (Br. Johnny) and increased its repertoire and membership.

The Group could be described as a mixed bag of individuals with different talents, each with an appreciation of music and its power to communicate, each united in the purpose of making the liturgy more relevant and meaningful to the congregation. That is not to say that there is

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a very solemn serious atmosphere pervading the Group's activities – nothing could be further from the truth. The members of the Group obviously enjoy each other's company, there is a great spirit of enthusiasm and camaraderie among them. They appreciate that they are very fortunate in having first-class string musicians and admit that without such talent their scope would be very limited.

In addition to the normal liturgical functions the Group have sung at weddings and parties (on a commercial basis and otherwise). They have regular social gatherings and an annual mini-holiday together.

The Group are very anxious to expand their numbers in order to ensure continuity and renewal. They welcome anyone aged 15 or over (they stress there is no upper age limit) who is capable of singing in tune and/or musically trained – they unfortunately do not have time to spend training musicians. Male new-comers will be made especially welcome as the Group have only 10 males at present and half of these are musicians – so male vocalists are very much in demand.

If you would like to know more about the Folk Group, they can be found at rehearsal every Sunday evening in the Parish Centre from 7 o'clock or you can telephone any of the undermentioned Committee Members.

Mary Begley, co-ordinator	941535
Ruth Kelly, Musical Director	945906
Niamh O'Neill	944625
Michael O'Doherty	942547
Deborah Chambers	945221
Sindy O'Neill	941677

If you have any opinions on the Folk Group/Mass why not drop a letter to the Editor – **Today**.



All the one family – The Fentons – from left: Mary, Siobhan and Roger, from Coolamber Park.



'All together now' – from left: Mick Brady, Ruth Kelly, Tommy Russell, Niall Toner, Mick O'Doherty.

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GETTING TO KNOW YOU

THE RUTLAND CENTRE

Knocklyon House

We are all familiar with the stately three storeyed house, on Knocklyon Road, partially hidden by trees and set amid fields. We have all caught glimpses of it as we passed on foot or whizzed by in a car. It always seemed so peaceful and to me conjured up visions of another long forgotten world.

Today, Knocklyon House is the home of The Rutland Centre for the Professional Treatment of Alcoholism and other Dependencies. I visited the Centre recently and made my way up the driveway to the noisy accompaniment of J.C.B.'s as they thundered round the new building site of Beverley Court. "It's all changed now" I thought when suddenly, there it was, exactly as I had imagined, tall and elegant, exuding an air of peaceful serenity.

I walked up the steps and entered the hallway which is now transformed into a Reception area. It was only 9.30 a.m., but already the office was buzzing with activity. I met Frances and Caroline and then Declan Roche, the Director, who took me downstairs to his office, where we talked at length of the work involved in the day to day running of the community.

The Rutland Centre was founded by Fr. Raphael Short and was first opened in 1978. The base then was in Monastery Road, Clondalkin. In December 1983, the Centre moved to Knocklyon House. Declan has been with the organisation since its inception. He is completely dedicated to the work which comprises programmes of residential treatment for 27 patients. These patients are men and women with addiction problems of alcohol, gambling or drugs. A full time staff of 20 includes a consultant psychiatrist, counsellors, doctors, psychologists, social workers and nurses.

There are three treatment groups and special women's groups. A person must be 18 years of age to be eligible for treatment and admission is on a voluntary basis. The Centre accepts Medical Cards, V.H.I. and private patients, so no one is excluded from the programme.

Addiction of any kind is an expensive business. Alcoholics will use any money they can lay their hands on to satisfy their craving for drink. Heroin costs £20 to £40 a day – for a modest habit and a gambler can quite easily accumulate debts of thousands of pounds.

The problems caused by these addictions far outweigh the drug itself. They cause a trail of worry and disaster – unhappy children – broken homes – poverty and sometimes tragedy. The addict is aware of how 'off beam' he or she is, but is powerless to admit it, and it becomes a mental obsession. There is an emotional compulsion to pursue the activity and so they set up a defence mechanism in order to excuse themselves. They are usually low in self esteem, have negative attitudes, and believe they have no problems.

Meanwhile there is deterioration of physical, emotional, mental and spiritual health, and to admit that they ARE an addict is the most difficult decision to make. To do so is to open the way to overcoming the problem.

The treatment begins after detoxification and is designed to help patients to cope, to feel secure and to raise their self esteem. There are lectures, films on alcoholism and other dependencies, group therapy, counselling, family and medical treatment. The Centre is non-denominational but there are enrichment programmes to help Spiritual Growth and pastoral counselling and chaplains are also on hand.

Family and friends are of the utmost importance during the treatment period. They are known as 'concerned persons' and take part in the joint therapy and lectures each Tuesday at the Centre. This is known as 'Family Day'. There is also group therapy for family and friends, one evening during the week.

The patients are encouraged to participate in the work of the house for 15 minutes each day. By so doing a homely atmosphere is created. The interior of the house is delightful – spacious bright rooms for relaxing, homely bedrooms shared by three or four people (an outlet for sharing) – an attractive dining room and pleasant gardens in which to stroll. The daily programme runs from 7a.m. to 10 p.m. – a long and busy day.

The success rate is high, but to maintain this success, it is essential that the patients make a lifelong commitment to be part and parcel of the appropriate support group, i.e., Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous or Gamblers Anonymous. After Care Service is available in the Centre, for up to two years.

I left Knocklyon House full of admiration for all concerned – the men and women who had the courage to admit that they had a problem who faced up to it and sought help. Admiration for the people who set out to help them. They call themselves a 'Caring Community' and I can think of no other phrase so fitting for the work they do. No fuss, only sincere dedication to help the needs of others in a quiet unobtrusive way.

Declan Roche is full of plans for improving efficiency at the Rutland Centre, – conversion of existing exterior buildings being one of them. Ongoing research is a firm commitment. He is very happy in Knocklyon and as I was leaving he remarked "It's a bit noisy at the moment with all the building going on around us, but it will settle down. Anyway" he added "I like to see the houses near. It gives the place a feeling of home."

I felt that this attitude summed up the whole atmosphere of the Rutland Centre. We wish them continued success for the future and are happy to have them 'one of us'.

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Showing off the Community Games trophies are: Gillian Coleman, Heather Thornton, Kevin Hoey, Fiona Coleman.



The Community Games — Gerry McNamara and Pat Hanlon, signing up some hopeful players at the Hockey Trials.

COMMUNITY GAMES NEWS

There has been a fantastic response from the boys and girls of Knocklyon for all the various Community Games events this year. Competition for places on the teams has been very keen. Congratulations to those who succeeded in being selected and our thanks to every one of you who came along to the various trials and training sessions. Those who have been selected and their parents should make sure to turn up for all training sessions and matches. Remember there are many other boys and girls who would love to be representing Knocklyon. We would ask as many people as possible to go along and support the various teams at the matches. The support the under-eleven Rugby team got last year from parents and others was a great help to them in becoming, Dublin, Leinster and eventually all-Ireland Champions.

We are delighted to be able to enter two new events this year. They are Girls under-15 Soccer and Boys Cycling. Our thanks to those adults who came forward to help with these new events and we also thank new and old reliable managers/organisers of the other teams and events. Unfortunately, we had no volunteers for Badminton, Pitch 'n Putt, or Basketball.

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KNOCKLYON YOUTH COMMUNITY CENTRE PROJECT

Most people will now be aware of the fund drive for this exciting amenity.

Signs erected on the site highlight the intention to proceed and the fact that planning is approved and — that the Community Centre has a grant of £30,000 allocated.

Members of the committee spoke at all Masses on Sunday 21st April. Following this, their now familiar brochure was delivered throughout the area by an army of helpers.

While the door to door calls are not yet fully completed — indications are that the response is very good — donations, bankers orders and commitments to monthly payments continue to come in. As soon as the returns are complete the committee will issue a report giving fullest details.

If you have not yet made *your* personal commitment — or you keep missing the caller — please contact one of the people named in the brochure and become involved in this major project. *Do It Now!!! Date For Your Diary!!!*

Annual General Meeting of the Knocklyon Youth Club

Thursday — 30th May 1985

8.00 p.m.

Parish Centre.



Keith Byrne breaking the tape at the Dargle Wood Area Athletics' finals. Keith won the Boys U-10 100 metres and 200 metres races.

SOWING SEEDS OF TRUST

Dear Editor,

A sincere thanks to all the organisations that produced posters and photographs for the display of Parish activities and to all those who took part in the Offertory procession at 12 o'clock Mass on Sunday 5th May. Knocklyon is certainly a place of hope for the future. Taize Weekend Committee.



Proud of their little boy, the Gibson family, with their Grandad, Uncles and Aunt.

WARNING

Dear Editor,

A warning notice to golfers in the Parish Golf Society — the President's Prize takes place this month on the 27th at the Grange.

This means that all engagements other than the outing should be crossed out of diaries and engagement books, and only one should be left.

The President, a man as everyone knows of meek and humble temperament, gets uppity only on the golf course. He likes to see people about him who are from the Golf Society. He remembers who does not turn up. It could provide him with the meat for a Sunday sermon if he feels the President's Day is not being taken seriously.

So . . . don't say you haven't been warned. There will be more details as the day gets nearer, and a time-sheet will be in use. In the meantime perhaps some further practices . . . ?

Yours etc.

Sean Cantwell
Sec. Knocklyon Golfing Society.

Editor's Reply, "Enjoy yourselves Boys . . . Girls?"



Niamh Pakenham organising all her family, including Grannies and Grandaunt.

A CHALLENGE TO THE SUMMER PROJECT

DEAR EDITOR,

We in Knocklyon have every right to be proud of the success of past Summer Projects, but I wonder if it isn't time we stopped taking this success for granted and started looking for ways of improving on our achievements rather than sitting back on our Laurels.

I would therefore like to suggest to the Project Committee that they consider linking this year's activities with a Central Theme — the ongoing hardship of similarly aged children in the Third World. This could be done very informally without taking from any other aspect of the Project. If the children want to spend their time drawing in the crafts room, why not give their work a purpose? If they enjoy watching videos or playing in the activity room, why not give them something new to think about? I have spoken with Gary Doyle of the Concern Home Volunteer Service who showed interest in these ideas and is prepared to make the instructional facilities of that organisation available to us — surely an opportunity to be snatched at!

If proof were needed that the children of Knocklyon revel in this type of activity, we only have to go as far as the church to see how enthusiastically they transform an idea into a play, a poster, or a banner. What all this adds up to is that, without any extra cost to parents, the Project could be made even more enjoyable through offering something very worthwhile.

THIS notion of a Central Theme may have hidden benefits also. Last year it became very clear that although the 14 to 16 year olds want to take part in the Summer Project they can't be expected to delight in mini-snooker or lap up Tom and Jerry. What they might prefer is an opportunity to contribute to the Theme themselves by working on their own projects without having to stick to a rigid time-table.

These are only suggestions which may or may not be feasible, but there are a few things we can take for sure; past success is no guarantee for the future, a two week babysitting service is no way to view a Summer Project, and fear of innovation is no excuse for complacency.

Yours etc.

Derek Handley

EDITORIAL

I've always disliked the word "parish". Just one word, mind you, not what it stands for. The whole idea of a small, living Christian Community appeals to me greatly. But that word "parish"! For some reason or other I find it a turn-off. I hope others don't share my antipathy.

Why the dislike? Well, for me the word conjures up overtones of "narrow", "clerical" "churchy", together with a tinge of bias if not of bigotry. Certainly it lacks connotations of ecumenism and contains no hint of that fullness of life — as much secular as religious, — that Jesus Christ came to share with us. And the word "parochial", a derivative of "parish", has become a synonym for what is petty, small-minded or introverted.

So, let's translate "Parish Week"! What is it? A week to promote neighbourliness, to celebrate togetherness, to discover ourselves a little more as a real community of persons. Come and take part in the various events. Better still, make a point of paying that call on a neighbour that you so often meant to do, but never got around to! Take your courage in your hands and approach somebody — anybody! — in the parish that you've never greeted before and say "hello". Or just smile! That's the way great things begin.

We welcome your comments

THINGS CULINARY

Cut out and keep

Barbecue and salad days are hopefully approaching fast, so I think I should build up a selection of suitable recipes. One such recipe that I have been using for the past 20 years is a special Barbecue sauce, which gives a hot, tasty, sophisticated finish to anything from meat balls, to chicken legs, to spare ribs, to pork chops or any type or cut of meat.

Depending on whether you are using a joint or small pieces of meat, the method used would be that you would partially cook the meat first and in the last stages of cooking, a tasty crust or skin is formed on the outside of the meat. This is achieved by continually brushing or basting the barbecue sauce on the meat and drying it out in the oven between each application.

INGREDIENTS:

2 Large bottles of good quality tomato ketchup	
1 cup vinegar	1 tablespoon mustard
¼lb margarine	½ bottle Worcestershire sauce
8 oz onion	1 tablespoon paprika
2 oz celery seed	Salt and Pepper to taste
4 only dried chillies	1 tablespoon sugar

METHOD:

Chop the onion and chillies very fine. Melt the margarine in the large pot and cook the onion and chillies slowly and very well. Add all the rest of the ingredients and bring to the boil stirring from time to time as this sauce tends to stick and burn. Check the flavour before removing from the cooker and correct with sugar and salt. When cool place in a delph or glass container — this sauce will keep indefinitely if stored in the fridge.

Paddy the Chef

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MARRIAGES

Congratulations to Deirdre Quinn of Coolamber Park on her marriage to David Collins on 30th April.

CONDOLENCES

We would like to express our sympathy to Frank Hughes and Kay Hughes on the recent deaths of their fathers and to Mairead Casey on the death of her mother. We would also like to sympathise with any other parishioners who have had bereavements recently, which have not come to our attention.

GINGERNUTS

Makes about 32 biscuits

Cooking time: 15-20 mins.

Ingredients: 2 oz margarine
2 oz brown sugar
2 tbsp golden syrup
6 oz self-raising flour.
1 tbsp ground ginger

Method: Set the oven at 180°. Place margarine, golden syrup and sugar in a pan. Heat slowly until the mixture has melted. Sift the ginger and flour into a large mixing bowl and add the syrup and the sugar and margarine. Mix to a stiff paste and roll into small balls. Press the centre of each ball firmly and place well apart on lightly greased baking sheets. Bake for 15-20 mins. The biscuits are so much nicer than shop-bought ones.

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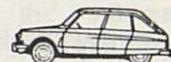
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