

The Knocklyon News



ST. COLMCILLE'S PARISH NEWSLETTER JULY, AUG., SEPT., 1985

DEAR FR. WEAKLIAM

It came as a great shock to us all when we heard you were leaving Knocklyon to become Parish Priest of Whitefriar Street, but we would like to wish you every success and happiness in your new appointment.

In the past many people have commented on your preaching and homilies and how they always seemed to strike home — hitting the nail on the head as it were. You did it again recently, we wonder if you remember? "It is a great form of appreciation" you said, "to say nice things about people while they are still alive to hear it." That is just what we want to do now — only this time the nice things are about you.

It's hard to believe that three years have passed so quickly — equally hard to believe that you have accomplished so much in that time. We have so many things to thank you for, it's hard to know where to begin. Perhaps your greatest success is the Children's Mass. We know how much it meant to you, how necessary you felt it was, to make the children understand the meaning of the Eucharist. How wonderful it is to watch them, in their childish way, acting out the Gospels — how we marvel at their lack of inhibitions as they sing with fervour "He lifts me up and He carries me about, and the Banner over me is Love . . ." Thank you for teaching our children.

Thank you also, for helping us in our efforts to build a Christian Community, a Community that will provide for all kinds of people, for helping us to care for the Spritual and social needs of each other.

Sometimes you looked quite stern, but believe me, we could see right through you. We know that you could never say "no" to anyone in trouble, that you were forever running here there and everywhere in order to help someone. No problem was too small or too big, but you would stop, listen and advise.

Thank you too for your gentleness — your compassion and for seeing the good in all of us. Thank you for your inspiration, your openness to new ideas, your sense of humour and above all for your boundless energy. Did you ever have time to sleep?

Thank you especially for this Newsletter . . . the activities . . . the articles . . . the news and views . . . the gossip . . . the recipes . . . even the Ads . . . all part of our daily life. If you hadn't started it, we wouldn't have been able to write this letter to you and say all the things that deserve to be said.

We'll always think of you when we hear 'Old Blue Eyes' singing "I did it My Way". We think you sing it much better and he can't even play the guitar. In fact, in another walk of life, we bet you'd have made the Top 20.

Seriously though, we are going to miss you, but if Whitefriar Streets needs you, who are we to argue? As you often said in the past, "God will provide."

No doubt you are going to be very busy in your new job, but we know you won't forget us. It was great having you . . . God bless you always.



"I did it my way"

THE PARISH OF KNOCKLYON



Noel Hughes, Captain, Knocklyon Golfing Society: Find out what he has to say on page 5.



Fr. O'Loan declaring himself fit and well to return to Zimbabwe!



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If yours truly has any strong point, it is certainly not in the mechanical, technical line. For instance, on and off, we have been driving cars since the early fifties, and have never changed a wheel! I know the theory, of course, but in a combination of luck and helpful people on hand, have never had to put it into practice. In recent years I have mastered the art of opening the bonnet, but still shy away from adjusting air pressure, especially now because of fading eyesight. If you are the charitable sort you will read all that as a sound application of the principle, "never trouble trouble 'til trouble troubles you." Those not so well disposed will see in it a sizeable ration of good old-fashioned laziness, and cop out!

You can readily imagine then that the good Olympus camera, given me as a gift on a special occasion, is largely wasted on me. However, relying on the automatic controls, even I have had some modest success with the aforementioned Olympus.

But, my efforts at pictures, during the heavy snowfall last January, were doomed to failure from the outset. Snow-covered Knocklyon looked good, and it was not going to last — potential different pictures, at least, for the 'News. There was not time to contact our resident 'roving eye' Lynne (strictly camera talk!).

So, armed with my Olympus, I sallied forth into the still deep snow, with a certain amount of risk to life and limb, looking for likely material. It was there aplenty, such as mothers carting their offspring and Superquinn shopping, on home-made sleighs.

There should be 36 film exposures so I snapped fast and furiously, some posed, some spontaneous. To provide an international flavour, an Iraqi friend, living in Coolamber, obligingly posed before the Superquinn snow-draped chestnut. I remember it was difficult manipulating the camera, with well-nigh frozen fingers, but the visualized results spurred me on. Alas and alack, it was not to be, as eventually discovered, I had overlooked putting film in the camera, 36 exposures, how are ye! I had completely bungled my little moment of photographic glory.

Now some months later, we are, praise the Lord, experiencing glorious weather. Sure I know, putting it mildly, June, July, August, left a lot to be desired! However, these present 'Indian' days bring out the best in things, and once again beauty is all around us. I saw it yesterday morning, as Granny Kavanagh approached to 10 Mass with her tiny granddaughter in hand, contrasting beauty in the dignity of age and the wonderment of youth. In the afternoon returning from my Scholarstown beat, I met Tony and Paddi, enjoying a walk in the September sunshine, with their two young children. I doubt if they were conscious of the lovely picture they presented of unaffected union and love. Yet again this morning on the Knocklyon

Road, once more, mirabile dictu, in glorious sunshine, a young mother propelling two tiny ones in a buggy, each set off with dainty matching parasols — it was lovely to see. It was not difficult to sense the Lord's hand in such scenes, "Ubi caritas et amor, ibi Deus est".

Oh where, oh where, was my Olympus just then!. But then, we do not need a camera to capture the various facades of the Lord's subtle beauty, in the world about us. Enjoy, wonder, thank and be uplifted.

Patrick Fitz



"They ain't heavy — they're my brothers!" Gary Fitzgerald with his twin brothers Karl and Paul. (Just for you, Pat Fitz! — Lynne.)

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LOOKING BACK AT THE SUMMER PROJECT

Summer projects will never be the same again. On 29th June, registration night, something we had feared but half expected happened. We could not cope with the large numbers and had to turn almost 120 children away from registration. The Management Committee, which had been organising the project since March, had put a ceiling of 550 children for registration and it was felt that if this limit was exceeded the whole project would have been put in jeopardy. Thus it was with sorrow and regret that we had to deprive so many children of two exciting and happy weeks, which they look forward to each year. It was very sad to see friends parted for what are usually the best two weeks of the summer.

However, it was no use dwelling on the past and with great help from our co-ordinators, teenage helpers and adult volunteers, the project got going as usual. The weather could have been better but the children didn't seem to mind.

There were many outings, Brittas Bay, mountain hikes, Belfield mile, Roller skating, bowling (for which our project won a prize) and two new ones this year — a visit to the Evening Herald to see the newspaper being printed and a visit to an army barracks, one of the most enjoyable trips of the project. As usual the 4-6 year olds had a very well organised and enjoyable two weeks and this year instead of going on a picnic to Marley Pk. they all (200) went to the Zoo for the day.

Another very successful section was the Art, Craft and Cookery. Art classes were held each day in the main school, where the Craft & Cookery activities took place in the Parish Centre. Some of the work on display at the end of the project was really outstanding and a credit to all involved.

The soccer league, for boys and girls, as usual was very well organised and run by a dedicated group of helpers. For a lot of parents, the exciting matches especially involving the 7-9 year olds were the highlight of the two weeks.

There was music and drama as well. Each night plays were rehearsed, songs were sung and Rock'n Roll was danced. On the final night of the project everyone enjoyed some very funny plays and the Knocklyon version of My Fair Lady.

There were sports and competitions taking place each day and night during the project including Badminton, table tennis, snooker, draughts, rounders and basketball. The draughts in particular was a very well-organised, interesting and long-drawn-out affair. The final was still going on during the final disco of the project. Another very popular "activity" during the bad weather was the Video Room. We were lucky to have a supply of

very good films from the parents of some of the children.

One of the highlights of the first week was the Fancy Dress Disco, when the co-ordinators and teenage helpers entered into the spirit of the occasion and dressed accordingly.

On the final day of the project it was nice to see all the children go over to the Church and join in a prayer of thanksgiving for their two weeks of fun and games.

What will happen next year? Will there be a Summer Project? If there is it will have to be organised differently from previous years in order to cope with the large number of children in the Parish. When meetings are called early in 1986 to prepare for next year's project, will only the same few turn up? If you want a project next year don't leave it to the same few people to organise as in previous years. Come along and give a hand. Or will it be like the Saturday morning after the project ended? We made a special appeal for the parents of children who had enjoyed the project to turn up and help tidy up the school and put away the equipment till next year. How many turned up to help the Committee? Would you believe it, two!

Summer Project Committee.



Back to school — not nearly as exciting as the summer project.

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EDITORIAL



Fr. Conroy pops the cork at Fr. O'Loan's 25th Jubilee celebrations

There is nothing like a change of Parish Priest to get people talking. As Mark Twain said about the weather. Everyone talks about it and no one can do anything about it! "Have you seen him yet?" "What's he like?" "Is he young or old?" "I saw him out on his bike one day but he has a car as well." "I suppose everything will be changed again and just as we were getting used to Fr. Weakliam?"

And then when you do meet the new P.P. "Have you settled in yet?" "Do you think you'll like it?" "What do you think of Knocklyon?" One could hardly blame me for feeling a little confused and I just getting over the surprise of being asked to come here.

I console myself by saying that I settled into the mountains of Peru, so it couldn't really be as difficult as that. At least I don't have to get used to the altitude and lack of amenities. The natives here seem friendly and I have no difficulty with the language. I haven't met any headhunters yet.

My first impressions are very good. The Church is built, although not paid for, the schools are bulging at the seams and the Parish Centre is booked out most nights. The community spirit is good and there seems to be children everywhere.

Unfortunately there is no clear blueprint of guidelines for a new Parish Priest. I have been officially inducted, I have been given a stole, the book of the Gospels, and the keys of the Church. I have made my Act of Faith. I am the Spiritual Leader of this Christian community. My first care will be for the weaker members of the community, the old, the infirm and the young. The task before me is great. I will need your prayers and your patience. I have a special affection for young people so I hope the not so young will bear with me if I give them pride of place in my list of priorities.

Fr. Chris Conroy

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Eoin Garrett.



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MAJOR LOCAL SURVEY GETS UNDERWAY

A survey that will be of considerable help in planning for some of the future needs of the parish gets underway, tomorrow, Monday 23rd September. It will cover 2,000 houses within the parish/community

boundary.

Your full co-operation with this survey is appreciated. It will be good for the community. Remember, it is a professionally planned survey, it is confidential, it will take place during daylight hours only and ALL SURVEYORS will carry AnCO identity cards. Please ask to see these identity cards when the surveyors call to your door.

Thanking you in anticipation of your interest and support.

Community Link Knocklyon.



. . . and Fr. O'Loan cuts the cake!

COMMUNITY GAMES – RUGBY



Dublin and Leinster Champions' and 3rd place in Ireland – the proud achievements of the magnificent young men of the Rugby team. After last year's heroics one wondered if any success at all would come. There were no obvious "stars".

But there was a great spirit and commitment which brought an easy victory over Swords and enabled them to come from behind to beat Elm Mount in extra time. Our try scorers were Kevin Kelly, Carl O'Boyle, Roy O'Carroll, Roger Fernandez and Clive Saab.

The Dublin Final was against local rivals, St. Judes. Our captain Steven Gallaher's great score was quickly matched and after tremendous team effort Niall Fitzmaurice got over for the winning try and the Dick Burke Trophy.

On then to the Leinster Finals in Clondalkin – heroic deeds from Stephen Keating, Karl Jennings and Peter Frisby especially, enabled us to narrowly beat Navan and Bray to become Leinster Champions.

Mosney, early September. Last 20 seconds. No score. Suddenly Ballinasloe are through for a score. Too late to come back. In the match for Bronze medals – Eric Miller and Peter Garvey are outstanding and Niall again gets the winning score.

Thanks to Paddy and Aidan and parents for valued support. Above all, congratulations to as fine a group of young men as one could wish to meet.



First Prize winner at the Captain's Prize – Tony Murray says a few words.

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The Knocklyon post-primary Committee met with the Building Unit of the Dept. of Education last week (14/9/85). They inspected the architectural plans for the 600 pupil school and discussed details of the proposed post-primary school with departmental officials. They were assured that the building will be going for tender in April 1986 and will be completed in time for the opening in September 1988.

In October 1985 an official Dail question will be raised by the shadow Minister for Education requesting further details relating to the proposed post-primary school.

Chairman: Vincent Kenny.

KNOCKLYON GOLF SOCIETY



Guess who's won another prize!! Maybe he'll get the time right in future.

No fewer than 43 people took part in Knocklyon Golf Society's Captain's Day (Noel Hughes) outing in the Castle Golf Club on August 22.

The weather held off, the Rev. President (Fr. Fitz) was in good humour even before he won a prize, and the course was playing extremely well given the monsoon conditions we have had.

That night over 70 people sat down to an excellent meal, and to hear the results of the day's battle.

The Captain's prize was won handsomely by Tony Murray with 43 points off a handicap of 14, which he will never see again this year.

Joint second were John McCabe (11) and Gerry Daly (18) both with 42 points. Sean Cantwell came third with 41. Pat Hanlon won the gross with a great 72. The rest of the prizes were as follows:

Class 1. Fr. A. Fitzpatrick (8) 36; Cl. 2 Fergus Egan (13) 37 on the back nine; Cl. 3 Pat Dorris (17) 40. Cl. 4. Al. Murray (20) 38. Nines 1st. Derek Morrin (28) 20 on last six; Second Andy Clerkin (12) 21. Eddie Kellet was only 93 inches away from the 13th hole and won the special B & I Prize presented by Dave Diviney. The visitors prize went to Des Leavey, a Castle member.

The main sponsor for the day was Brooks Thomas who turned in an impressive array of prizes for the winners. Many thanks to Johnny Walsh, Managing Director.

Finally – the next outing will be to Edmondstown on October 7th and there will be a time sheet in operation.

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| 6 oz minced meat | 1 small onion finely chopped |
| 3 oz breadcrumbs | Large sprig of chopped parsley |
| Dash of Worstershire Sauce | |
| Salt and Pepper | A pinch of mixed herbs |
| Oil for frying | Flour to roll the balls in. |

Soak the brown bread in a little cold water, just enough to barely cover it. Chop the onion very fine and if you do not want the taste of raw onion, or a strong taste of onion in the meat ball, cook very well over a low heat with a knob of butter. When the bread is soft, squeeze out as much water as possible. Mix the meat, bread, Worstershire Sauce, onion, parsley, herbs, and seasoning together, and continue to mix until a firm mass is formed. Divide into about 12 x 1 oz pieces and roll into balls. Roll the balls in plenty of seasoned flour. Heat the deep fat fryer or about one inch of fat in a deep pot and allow to get quite hot. Place the balls in the hot fat one at a time and take care not to overcrowd the pot. If necessary, the ball can be cooked in two or three batches. Allow to become firm and crispy which should take about 4 minutes. Take out and drain, the balls should then be placed in whatever sauce you are going to serve them in and allowed to simmer for about 15 minutes.

If you are trying them out on the kids, remember that the brown bread changes the texture and the taste of the meat. So introduce the brown bread slowly, maybe 1 oz the first time with 8 oz mince meat and then increase the brown bread until they start complaining.

Paddy the chef.

REFLECTIONS

A disappointing summer and enough said about the weather. Disappointing for holiday makers and younger people on school holidays. The tragedies of air and sea disasters and continued violence at home and abroad. Not the best of summers, and maybe in a sense of helplessness we ask, "What can we do?"

I'm reminded of a priest in South Africa who before the present escalation of violence erupted called on the people to devote their talents to improve racial harmony and justice.

Knocklyon is a long way from South Africa but the idea of using our talents for the good of the community is equally applicable. The Parish Newsletter does show a great community involvement, talents include time, energy and money, and as in the parable of the talents some have many and others have few, but we are expected to use whatever talents we have. All have not time, energy and money but have the gift of human relationship and the heart and capacity to love and give of oneself. Everybody has influence in at least some human relationship, among friends and family. And we are called to use our talents for the good of all.

Joe Clinch



Sarah and Aoiffe O'Dowd with their Zanzibari friend, Mpagi.

ZANZIBAR – ISLAND OF SPICES

An impression, by Mary O'Dowd from Knockaire, who spent some months there.

First impressions are lasting, they say, and I shall not forget my first sight of the island from the air. It appeared to be covered by coconut trees. On landing, however, it is fragrant with cloves, tropical flowers and trees.

The town is very old, with narrow, winding streets and tall buildings, whose roofs almost meet overhead. However, many of the old buildings are crumbling, due to lack of attention, and each rainy season brings a few casualties. If I lived there forever, I would still have difficulty finding my way through the maze.

Places like Superquinn do not exist. Very few consumer items or other conveniences are available. One has opportunity aplenty to use imagination and develop culinary skills, previously unknown. No dish is considered a failure. Nothing is thrown out – not even empties.

The market is a sight to behold – thronged with friendly, interesting, chattering Zanzibaris. Stalls are full of exotic tropical fruits, large mangos, avocados the size of grapefruits, bananas of many varieties and colours. But alas, the meat market would make most of us turn vegetarian!

The children loved meeting others from faraway places and quickly picked up bits of Swahili, Dutch, etc.

Zanzibar was not all sunny blue skies and white coral deserted beaches. When it rained, it literally poured. Streets disappeared under floods in 10 minutes. Then the sun came out and all was well. The temperature was generally in the mid-eighties and never fell below 75 degrees Fahrenheit. Light Summer clothes were enough all year. Dressing kids was 'child's play'!

ONE WORLD WEEK

"One World Week" has an annual landmark on the calenders of development agencies in Great Britain since 1978. This year sees the first attempt by Irish organisations to stage such an event.

From October 21 to October 27 the "One World – Our World" Committee will stage a series of events designed to create a greater awareness of the links between people in Ireland and people in the Third World. The Committee represents a cross section of development agencies and various Youth organisations and, this being International Youth Year, many of the planned activities lay particular emphasis on young people.

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As Scouting in Knocklyon enters its 10th year the unit can boast an unprecedented level of success, due primarily to the determination and devotion of the leaders and boys and also to the increasing interest and time invested by the parents. C.B.S.I. Knocklyon can proclaim itself a very strong and successful force in St. Colmcille's region.

Both Cub packs under the leadership of Michael Lucy and Eddie Dunne, had continued success this year. After a full and enjoyable year's activity the highlight of the Cubs year was the Unit Camp, held in Larch Hill during the last weekend in June. The Cubs enjoyed two days of packed activity in the best of weather.

We are very sorry to say goodbye to Eddie Dunne who has been leader of the Wednesday night Cub pack for the past number of years and we wish Karen Handley and her assistants success in their new positions.

The two Scout Troops had great success this year also. Fergus O'Brien ensured an enjoyable year for his Scouts, highlighting the year with the Unit Camp. Donal Geoghagan and Eamon O'Riordan ensured their troop a very successful year, attaining second place in the Regional Shield competition and continuing to Cork to represent the Unit in the All Ireland Melvin Scouting competition. The Scouts had their annual two-week camp in Cobh, Co. Cork this summer and everyone had a great time.

The Venturer group had a successful year engaging in the usual sports of rock climbing, canoeing and wind-surfing. Their annual camp consisted of a week's cruising on the river Shannon and everyone had a great time. We would like to thank Eamon Hanlon for his three year's service to the group and greatly welcome our new leader, Paul Buckley.

Confident of a very successful year behind us, we must now look to the future. With an increasing demand for places in the Unit, e.g., no less than 90 on the Cub waiting list, it will be necessary to commence a third Scout Troop in Knocklyon. The Unit desperately needs new leaders to cope with the ever-increasing demand in an effort to halt disappointment and ensure the success of the Unit. If you are interested - male or female - please attend the forthcoming A.G.M. or simply contact any of the leaders.

This year's A.G.M. will be held on Thursday 17th October at 8.30 p.m. in the Senior School. Parental interest and support is the key to a most effective and successful Unit - your attendance will be valued and welcomed.

John Byrne.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

PARISH COUNCIL A.G.M.

The members of the Parish Council are holding their A.G.M. on 25th September, 1985, at 8.00 p.m. in the Parish Centre. Do come along and voice your opinions/criticisms of their past year's activities. The Parish Council exists to give a lay input into the parish and to assist the Priests in all aspects of their work in Knocklyon. They act as an umbrella group to the various sub-committees that organise events in the Parish, e.g. Christmas Fair and Parish Week.

Please lend your support - come to the A.G.M. - *without obligation* to join the Council!

CHILDREN'S DRAMA

Children's 10.00 a.m Mass Drama Group are looking for two helpers one to look after the drama side the other to look after the wardrobe Well, can you help them? Can you encourage the children with their drama?

Can you tie-dye sheets, wrap towels around heads etc? If you can, please contact the Presbytery 941204 as soon as possible.

St. Colmcille's Art Club

St. Colmcille's Art Club will be recommencing in January 1986. Contact Frances Lyons. Telephone: 947564.

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