

The Knocklyon News



ST. COLMCILLE'S PARISH NEWSLETTER — APRIL 1986

TRUST IN THE LORD FOREVER

FOR THE LORD GOD IS AN EVERLASTING ROCK

(Isaiah 26)



NEVER LOSE HOPE, NEVER DESPAIR, HE WILL NEVER LET US DOWN,
NO MATTER WHAT WE ARE, NO MATTER WHAT WE HAVE DONE,
HE WILL NEVER GIVE UP ON US. HE IS ALWAYS BY OUR SIDE.
IN MOMENTS OF JOY LET US PRAISE HIM
IN MOMENTS OF SADNESS LET US LOOK AT HIM
IN MOMENTS OF DESPAIR LET US COME TO HIM.
HE IS OUR ROCK, HE IS OUR REFUGE, HE IS OUR CONSOLATION.
THE WORD MADE FLESH, THE BREAD OF LIFE.

Photo from the Prayer Room in the Presbytery.

**FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS –
PETER HUGHES, MANAGER,
SUPERQUINN**



I dropped into Superquinn the other day to meet Peter Hughes, the Manager. You probably know Peter. He is often to be seen chatting away to customers or sorting out their shopping problems in the most sympathetic way.

Many people who frequent our local supermarket have often remarked on the friendliness of the staff. Having met Peter I am convinced that the happy friendly atmosphere that pervades the scene is merely the reflection of the manner in which it is run. I found him a charming friendly young man, as easy to talk to as an old friend, and I could not help but admire the enthusiasm with which he spoke of the job in hand.

Born in Hollymount, Co. Mayo, educated at the CBS Ballinrobe and later at De la Salle, Castlebar, his first job was in the V.G. store in Ballinrobe. Loughneys came next for two years and then back again to V.G., this time in Claremorris. A big change of scene took place when he became a waiter in Ashford Castle, Cong, and this beautiful castle in its magnificent setting held him in its spell for 3 years. Maybe it was the spirit of adventure that made him go to London, but off he went and spent 6 months in London's busy Oxford Street in Selfridge's. Somehow the pull of the old country brought him home again and he was welcomed into the fold of Superquinn.

The climb up the ladder of success took him through various jobs in this establishment, Bacon man, Fruit and Vegetable chargehand and eventually, on the eve of his marriage he was appointed Assistant Manager of the Blanchardstown store. What a lovely wedding present! That was nine years ago. He is now the proud father of 2 boys and a girl, and has been Manager of the

Knocklyon branch for nigh on five years.

Fergal Quinn encourages his staff to get involved in the community around them, but there is no hard and fast policy on how to do this. In fact it is left entirely to the Manager of each store to do as he thinks fit. There is no denying that Superquinn has been very kind to the Parish of Knocklyon and for this we are grateful. Peter Hughes says he feels very much at home here and he believes we are a very close-knit community. He is particularly fond of our Carmelite priests – but then – aren't we all!

I was taken on a tour of the building and was quite amazed to meet so many staff. Did you know that the full time staff numbers 80? There are 10 part timers (check-outs) and 50 casual workers. The Superquinn Company employs around 2,000 altogether.

The Canteen is delightful, homely yet gleaming. There are little round tables and a large window overlooking the green patch that leads towards the school. I met Kathleen and Phyllis, who together with Hannah are responsible for the gourmet cooking which the staff enjoys at a very nominal cost. There is a rest area with cushioned seats and here and there on the wall a montage of photographs of employees, past and present – some now married – some gone off to foreign climes. There is a pool table and nearby are a couple of "Space Invaders", the profits of which go towards extra goodies at the Christmas party.

Politeness, friendliness and a smile do wonders for us all and I believe, is why everyone in Superquinn looks so happy. Good friends and neighbours create a feeling of goodwill and caring. knows what it is like to be on the receiving end as a junior in a big firm and he also knows what it's like to be at the top. "Fergal Quinn keeps us on our toes" he says. Maybe, – but Peter seems to be on his toes anyway. We wish him luck and continued success.

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JUST CONFIRMED!



Shane Murphy from Ashton Close, with his parents and brothers Fintan and Gareth after the Confirmation Ceremony.

EXPLORING THE WIDE OPEN SPACES

We in Knocklyon live in a location where we have the best of both worlds when the question of entertainment and leisure activities arises. We are all aware of the choices of good theatres, cinemas, museums and sporting facilities within easy reach. Are we familiar with the excellent natural attractions which the whole family can enjoy? Now that Spring(?) is here and Summer approaching fast it is worthwhile thinking of the various family outings which we can plan and organise.

If you drive up Stocking Lane you will find many places steeped in history. One of my favourites is Massey's Estate – the hours of pleasure we have spent there is worth sharing. It is an ideal spot to spend the whole afternoon – the peace and tranquillity is inviting. The children enjoy paddling and building dams in the streams, and exploring the pathways that lead through the woods. Lord Massey who died in 1958 was known as the Penniless Peer; he collected fuel for his kitchen fire in these woods with the help of a barrow which he made from an orange box! Keep your eyes open here and you may get a glimpse of a squirrel, and don't forget to bring your picnic.

Just across the road is the entrance to an ancient ruin on the summit of Montpelier Hill, a strategic height overlooking Dublin Bay and City. This is the remains of the once notorious Hell Fire Club. The building was erected in 1720 by the Speaker Connolly of the Irish House of Commons of the day. It was intended as a shooting lodge, but never used as such. Many locals believe the place is haunted – judge for yourself! The walk to it from the road is worth the uphill struggle for the fine panoramic view. It is interesting to note that out of a class of 35

eight year olds, fourteen have never been to the top.

Further up the hill, on Stocking Lane, is another historic house built around the same time. It is the Killakee Arts and Crafts centre, described as "one of the most charming show-places in Ireland". Here you can enjoy tea and homemade cakes by an open fire, and while you eat, observe the hive where bees are busily making honey.

Only three miles from Knocklyon we have Marley Park where all facilities are laid on. Apart from a cricket pitch, golf course, tennis courts and for the jogging enthusiasts, a running track, there is a big attraction for the children – the Model Railway. This is open on Saturdays 3 – 5 p.m. from May to October, and I can guarantee, it is worth a visit. It is also worth your while to drop in to the Crafts Centre while you are here, where you will find the best of handmade goods displayed in the friendly coffee shop. This is also the home of the famous Eamon Glass. Outside in the courtyard the children are fascinated by the colourful peacock in all his glory. If you can afford to spend an extra 20 minutes and £7 you can have a beautiful pencil portrait of your child.

Bushy Park is within walking distance of Knocklyon if you are feeling energetic, and if you own a dog he will love the walk too. Again, you have all the pleasures of the countryside, and you will nearly always meet someone you know for a chat, while the children feed the ducks and the swans. You can get a permit locally if you would like to fish in the nearby Dodder.

Space does not permit further elaboration on all the beautiful spots around us, but a few more worth a mention are St. Enda's Park Nature Trail, Cruagh Woods, Powerscourt Gardens and Waterfall, Glencree and Glendalough.

As the Beatles sang . . . "all the best things in life are free" . . . well, almost.

Mary Clifford



Sharon Power with her family after the Confirmation Ceremony.

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TWO FOR JOY!

We watched them for days, my small son and I, back and forth, tirelessly — endlessly. Little by little it grew, the nest the two Magpies were building, in the giant tree, beyond the back garden of our house.

Sometimes we used binoculars to get a closer look. It was exciting but I felt as if I were cheating or seeing something which was not meant for my eyes.

It grew very slowly. Their pace was leisurely. No hurry, no rush, every day it was taking shape. Soon, I thought

The wind came one night. The next morning the nest was gone. Weeks of work wiped out. It was lifted from its resting place and carried to the ground. We searched for it. We expected to see it smashed and broken, but it was — amazingly — still very much intact. Its sides packed with mud, its centre with soft pieces of fluff and hay, in preparation for their little ones. I wondered sadly what they would do now!

Imagine my joy when I saw them begin to build again. In exactly the same spot. Happiness for them did not lie in another tree or a different place. I learned a lesson about life from these simple creatures. I was reminded once again of a wise saying I had heard a long time ago — Grow where you're planted — and my heart was lifted as I watched the nest taking shape again for the two Magpies.

Mary Carroll



Michael Ganly chairing Special Meeting of Knocklyon Woods Residents' Association.

KNOCKLYON WOODS RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

A meeting was held on 8th April, 1986 in Knocklyon Parish Centre to discuss 'the road widening of Firhouse Road/Knocklyon Avenue junction, and the landscaping of the Open Area at Delaford Park.'

Points raised for urgent attention were:—

1. The opening of the new bridge onto Firhouse Road in May 1986, causing increased traffic flow past this entrance.
2. Quality of the road approach from the Firhouse area means traffic can 'speed up' before reaching this entrance.
3. New housing developments at Ballycragh etc. causing increased traffic flow.
4. Accident statistics on the increase including two fatalities in Summer 1985. (Not to mention statistics over the past 12 years).

A further issue discussed was the landscaping of the open area at Delaford Park. The work that needs to be done is:—

1. Landscaping, especially drainage at the far end of the open space adjoining No. 36 Delaford Park.
2. Contact the Pest Control Section of Dublin Corporation to spread poison for rats. (Frequent sightings.)
3. Collection of levy per household for tree planting, and initial grass cutting.
4. Organise rota to maintain work as soon as completed, until such time as the County Council will maintain the area in total.

We hope to keep you informed of progress on these issues.

What's this? What's this?



Would the Residents of Knockcullen-Ashton please tell us more?

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NO SUCH THING AS FREE EDUCATION

Many people are not aware that we must pay £6 for each child in the parish attending a national school. This amounts to one quarter of the government grant towards the school. The Government will not pay its share until the local contribution is made. So there is no such thing as FREE education. This money has to be paid from Parish funds. Could I make a special appeal to those who don't contribute to the weekly envelope collection. The rest of the community must pay for your child on your behalf.

So far this year the Parish has paid out £7,615.85 in capitation grants. We must also pay for children attending schools outside the Parish. See list below . . .

GOVERNMENT CAPITATION GRANTS – PAID OUT

Name of school	No. of children	Amount	Name of school	No. of children	Amount
Convent of Jesus & Mary, Goatstown	1	6.00	Bishop Galvin School, Orwell	2	12.00
Our Lady of Loreto, Churchtown	2	12.00	Bishop Shanahan School	4	24.00
Scoil Treasa, Woodlawn Park, Firhouse	12	72.00	Scoil Carmel, Firhouse	15	90.00
Presentation Primary School, Terenure	27	162.00	Mount Anville N.S., Stillorgan	3	18.00
Primary School, Drimnagh Castle	2	12.00	Scoil Naomh Pdraig, Ballyroan	72	432.00
Sancta Maria Primary School, Synge St.	1	6.00	St. Louis N.S., Rathmines	1	6.00
Scoil Naisiunta Ard Mhuire, Belgard	4	24.00	St. Colmcille's Jnr. School Knocklyon	651	3,906.00
St. Joseph's N.S., Balrothery	1	13.85	St. Colmcille's Snr. School, Knocklyon	470	2,820.00
					<u>£7,615.85</u>

CONFIRMATION DAY 1986



Emma O'Donoghue from Idrone who was confirmed. She is seen here with her family and grandparents.



Jean Scully from Oldcourt Road with her family and Mr. John Brennan (her teacher) after the Confirmation Ceremony.

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ESSAY COMPETITION (10-12 YEAR OLDS)

This month we are offering a **fantastic prize of £10.** to the winner of our Essay Competition. The subject is "My most exciting dream". Entries must be no longer than 300 words, and sent to the Editor, at The Presbytery, not later than 13th May. Please mark your envelope "Essay Competition" and state your name, age, and telephone number/address.

AN UNLIKELY (BUT NOT REALLY SO) GLIMPSE OF GOD

I don't know who first dreamed up the large city underground railway system. No doubt, it emerged as an obvious and necessary development, but one has to marvel at its simplicity, and yet ruthless efficiency.

Recently I had experience of the London system — the "tube" — and just in case you did not know, in New York it is called the "subway", and in Paris the "metro". Glasgow also has its underground railway, as does Moscow, Tokyo, Buenos Aires, Madrid and Hong Kong. The London system is in existence for well over a hundred years, not of course in its present developed form of a 251 mile network, and that is an awful amount of city! For the novice traveller there is a question of familiarisation but basically the system is simple. Otherwise, rest assured, this "innocent abroad" would not have successfully negotiated a trip from the north eastern suburb of Woodford via the Central line, changing at Holborn to the Piccadilly line and on to Knightsbridge, returning again to the Central line and eventually back to Woodford. These two aforementioned lines of the nine line system, serve such famous place names as St. Paul's, Oxford Circus, Marble Arch, Covent Garden, Leicester Square, Piccadilly Circus, Hyde Park Corner. The economics are interesting also, one can get to any part of London and back, on London transport (including underground and bus), for a day return ticket costing £1.70p.

I think every adjective in the book could be applied to the underground system: drab, boring, crazy, homely, intimidating, but call it what you will, it sure does work. And that may come strangely to us, who have come to accept that most public transport, like Percy French's West Clare Line, although friendly, is somewhat less than perfect.

The people who travel the London "tube" are something different too. The regular user is in perfect tune with the system, moves like clockwork and one gets the impression it is second nature to him — they are part of it and it is part of them.

At peak hours they literally cram the carriages like sardines, and yet this is done without fuss or pushing. There is a kind of impassive politeness abroad. I suppose a touch of the English "stiff upper lip", people mostly going their separate ways, mostly living their separate lives. To my Irish rustic background this might

appear as an uncaring, survivalist, soulless society.

How could God allow such an unfeeling assembly line of people, surely there could be no room for him in such a scenario? And then an elderly feeble man clammers aboard, immediately one of the "soulless" ones goes to his assistance, quickly one of the "uncaring ones gets to his feet and offers his seat — again all done without fuss, in silence, no trumpeting. "Keep your deeds of will repay you". It would seem after all, God does commute on the underground!

Pat Fitz.

BROTHERS IN SPORT!



Donal Convery, Stephen Thornton and Keith Butterly at the recent Community Games Soccer Trials.

BLOOD BROTHERS — A REVIEW

Willy Russell's poignant tale of twins separated at birth, is easily the best production of the year. Although the play was no great success in England, when it came to Ireland late last year Frank McNamara took on the task of re-arranging the musical score, and it must be said that without the colourful and varied music it would indeed be a tragic piece.

As the play is set in Liverpool throughout, the language is expressive and not without its raw edges. The whole production now moves to Cork where no doubt it will be received with enthusiasm with one of their own sons walking the boards — John Guiney, now living in Templeogue.

Anything to better this will indeed have to be BRILLIANT.

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Some of the Knocklyon United under 11's line up for a training session.

KNOCKLYON UNITED F.C.-

Knocklyon United seem to be following last years winning trends, when the Under 10's won their league and the cup, and the Under 13's won their league.

At this point in the year the Under 10's are top of their league and the under 11's are doing well. The under 13's are streaking ahead; with only one match left to play, a win or a draw will secure them championship of the league, while the under 14's are 3rd in their league.

The team's home pitches are just beside Delaford estate, and their matches are played on Sunday mornings. Why not come along and support these young lads? You could even drop into Delaneys for a match analysis with the managers afterwards.

Fiona Lynch

KNOCKLYON GOLF SOCIETY

The Knocklyon Golf Society held its last outing in Edmondstown Golf Club on Sat. April 5th. Eddie Kellett of Lister Tubes kindly donated prizes. The prize winners were:-

- 1st Justin Lynch (24) - 41 pts.
- 2nd Al Murray (20) - 37 pts.
- 3rd Gerry Daly (16) - 36 pts.

- Class 1. (up to 13) Joe O'Grady (back 9) - 34 pts.
- 2. Denis Callaghan (19) - 35 pts.
- 3. Tony O'Connell (24) - 35 pts.

- Nines (1) Lar Mullin (17) - 20 pts.
- (2) Pat Dorris (17) - 20 pts.

Visitor - Gary Smyth (16) - 35 pts.

Our next outing (President's Prize) will be at the Grange Golf Club on Monday, May 26th. A time sheet will be available. Dinner will follow to which partners are invited.

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THINGS CULINARY

I would hope that, by now, most of Knocklyon is capable of making a good basic brown soda bread. If that is so, it may be time for you to develop your baking skills a little and try a few variations in the recipe that I gave you in January. This can be done for different reasons like health, taste and even to help keep the bread fresher a little longer.

The sugar and salt would be the first to go, if I was very concerned about my diet, but remember that the bread will not taste as well without them. While the amount of sugar is minimal, the salt could be reduced to help the heart and blood pressure a little. To increase the nutritional value of the bread, I would add wheatgerm - just substitute about 4g. wheatgerm for the wholemeal flour. I particularly like the nice colour and flavour that this gives.

One of the main reasons we eat wholewheat bread is for the fibre content. To improve this, I would suggest substituting about 4g. bran for 4g. white flour.

The most pleasant effect of all can be achieved with the addition of 2 or 3 oz. butter. The addition of any fat, be it butter, margarine or oil, will soften the bread, make it more palatable and help keep it fresh that little bit longer. If using butter or margarine, rub it into the flour; if using oil, add it to the buttermilk. Be careful, however, not to add excessive fat of any kind, as this will make the bread fall apart and impossible to slice!

Paddy the Chef

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Claire Mary Hennessy	3 Cremorne
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Lisa Marie Dunne	206 Glenvara Pk.
Killian Joseph Merrins	15 Knocklyon Green
David Sean Lynch	90 Ashton Ave.
Alan Edward Kane	75 Coolamber Pk.

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- £ 50 Hanlon, 71, Lansdowne Park.
- £ 25 P. Buckley, 36, Marian Road.

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Prizewinners

21st March 1986

- £100 ... Maurice Goldwater, Terenure
- £50 ... Nora Leckey, Ranelagh
- £25 ... Paul Delahunt, Roadstone

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To advertise in the May issue contact Pat at 947493 or 'phone the Presbytery 941204 or complete booking form and return it to the Presbytery before press day.



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