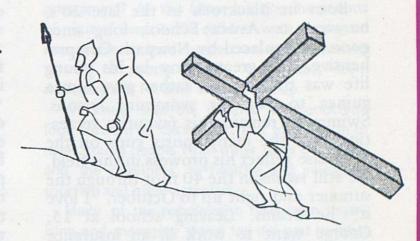
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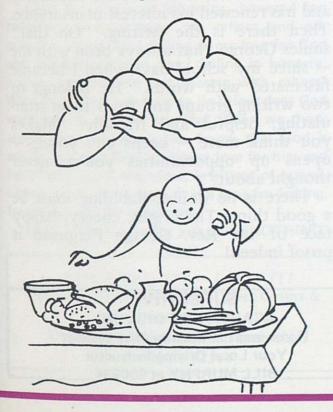
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RESOLUTIONS FOR LENT

TIME FOR PRAYER

- ☐ Attend Mass each day.
- ☐ Remember our Daily Prayers.
- ☐ Visit the Blessed Sacrament.
- ☐ Say the Rosary.
- ☐ Attend the Novena of Grace.
- ☐ Visit a Sick Person.
- ☐ Light a Candle to Our Lady.
- ☐ Visit a Graveyard.
- ☐ Read a Religious Book.





TIME FOR PENANCE

- ☐ Give up Smoking.
- ☐ Abstain from Drinking Alcohol.
- ☐ No Snacks between Meals.
- ☐ Help my Neighbour.
- ☐ Give up One Meal each week.
- ☐ Save Money for the Poor.
- ☐ Get up a little earlier each day.
- ☐ Switch off Television and Talk.



MEET THE REV. GEORGE FERGUSON

Recently "Just a Thought" on R.T.E. was surprisingly different. An unusual angle of the Bible stories . . . a different approach . . . and then the announcer said ". . . and that was the Rev. George Ferguson."

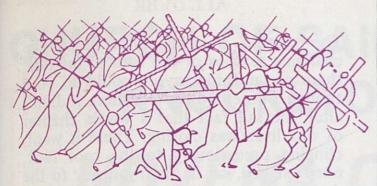
Now the Rev. George Ferguson is a neighbour of us all, a retired Methodist

Minister who lives in the area

to Belfast where he spent 10 years and then down to West Cork.

Among his many achievements was the building of a Housing Colony for elderly people which he organised and completed successfully. The complex of 40 self-contained flats was designed and built by the efforts of the ordinary people of the parish, who harnessed whatever State Grants were available and raised the balance from other sources by appeals, letters and sheer hard work.

Another worthwhile scheme in which he was involved was the building of the Social Aid Centre. This was started 15 years ago when a piece of land in Marlborough St. was purchased for £5,000. God be with the days of such prices! A residence for destitute people was built which could also be used as a home base for men in search of a job. By staying there they had a real address and could not be dubbed 'of no fixed abode'. Per



EDITORIAL

THE SEASON OF LENT

"Turn to the Lord your God again, for he is all tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in graciousness." (Joel 2:13)

"You must repent and turn to God." (Acts 3:20)

Everyone of us does something wrong, over and over again. We sin, we need the mercy and forgiveness of God. So we pray: "Forgive us our trespasses," and we ask Mary to "pray for us sinners".

The Church calls us to repentance. We begin Mass with a penitential rite, in which we acknowledge that we are sinners and ask for forgiveness. During Lent, the Church calls us, with special urgency, to repent and to renew our love for God and for others. On Ash Wednesday, our foreheads are marked with ashes in the Sign of the Cross. The ashes remind us of Jesus' suffering and his love for God, Our Father and for us.

The word Lent is an old English word meaning springtime. Springtime is a time for ploughing and harrowing and the softening of the soil. Lent, too, is a kind of springtime. It is a time of conversion, repentance and renewal.

Lent is a time of sincerity, honesty and humility, a time when we reflect and ask ourselves: How am I failing in my love for God and for others? How am I failing in honesty, justice, truthfulness and sharing with others? What does God want me to do? How does God want me to change my life? When we think about these questions, we know that God is asking us to live lives of deeper love for him and for others. Lent, therefore, is a time of prayer. Lent is a time of struggle. It is a time for fasting, for giving, and for generosity.

Lent is not a time for just doing NOTHING.



KNOCKLYON COMMUNITY GAMES 1987

1,300 children from Knocklyon were involved in the 1986 Community Games. Where, oh where were the parents of these children on the night of the A.G.M. in October, (attended by 10 people, including just one parent and our local representative Mary Muldoon), and on 12th February for the meeting, to organise this year's programme? At this latter meeting the parents of most of these 1,300 children were once again unavailable to lend support or encouragement to the 6 people (again, committee, team managers and Fr. Joe) who turned up.

We know that the children of Knocklyon look forward to taking part and to going on to meet young people from other parts of Dublin and the provinces, in healthy and enjoyable sporting and other activities.

Many of the people who have been organising and managing teams for the past number of years find that they just cannot continue. Those who are continuing could do with a lot more help and are willing to show others what is involved so that they might take on a team. Expertise is not essential.

With a thriving Badminton Club in the area, it is amazing that we have not had more people coming forward to work with our young people in this activity.

YOUR HELP IS URGENTLY NEEDED —
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"THE ARCHES OF THE YEARS"

Recently, I had a birthday, as most of us do from time to time. Never mind what age, the philosophy of us positive people is that ultimately age is a condition of the mind. The number of physical years chalked up is not the important thing at all!

Anyway, thank you very much, I had a nice day for my birthday. Even in late stages of our careers, I believe in celebrating birthdays, in moderation but of course. They are a very real milestone in life, and life is one of God's greatest gifts, therefore well worthy of celebration.

On my special day I was celebrant at our Childrens' Mass. Ruth Kelly "threatened" that she and her merry songsters would serenade me "Happy Birthday" immediately after the Mass. Spare me, I pleaded, but Ruth out of the goodness of her heart insisted and in spite of my blushes, to speak the truth, it was nice. It was all the nicer because of the words they had pinned to the Happy Birthday tune (try it yourself): "May the dear Lord bless you, And the sweet Mother too, May they both love and guide you, All the whole long year through".

Well, on that birthday Sunday, I had a secret admirer in the congregation. I only found out

about this on the following Sunday.

She was beautiful and that beauty was only enhanced by her shyness and intensity, as she came to wish me a belated, happy birthday. She was too embarrassed to look at me as she presented her homemade and home "drawn" card. On the outside, a drawing of a shoe with a chimney, smoke and sun on top, and people of unusual shapes and forms, entering and exiting. I figure that it was "The old woman who lived in a shoe" who was in question. What had this to do with birthdays? Who cares, the little one — I reckon she was about three — was giving of herself and that was what mattered. Inside: To the priest from Joanne — removed from this the isolated letters P and F. P. for Pat, F. for Fitz?

As I bent to give her a little peck of recognition and appreciation, there was no mistaking the magic of the moment — friendship, trust and love. In that kind of mood the generation

gap simply evaporated.

Thanks Joanne for the exquisite interlude for birthday '87 (no, no, of course not, the year, not age!), a little one, a little sunshine, and a whole lot of love, a sparkle of the grand-parent love of God, for which much thanks, and Praise the Lord.

Pat Fitz.

MATURE WOMAN required to mind baby and do light housework for professional lady.

References essential. Phone 945254

SPRINGS ARE BURSTING OUT ALL OVER

The parting was inevitable. Like the changing seasons or the turn of the tide, there was nothing anyone could do. And though I accepted the situation, it didn't alter the sad fact that a whole chapter of our lives was closing. There it went, clinging precariously to the roof rack, our first bed, on its final journey to the dump.

I remember well the day we bought it and how it looked, standing there all alone, the focal point of our bedroom. It has been there ever since, and was often our only meeting place during the early hectic, hardworking days of marriage. A haven of tranquility after hard days at work, scene of glorious lie-ins on weekend mornings, it was privy to all of our plans and secrets as we often talked long into the night. It was witness to the beginnings of three children, who in turn found warmth and security in it on stormy nights and fun and games on Saturday mornings. It nightly soothed our tired bodies and refreshed our weary minds.

To everything there is a season and beds are no exception. Instead of embracing us lovingly each night, it began to attack us with clawlike fingers. Instead of soothing us gently to sleep, it began to awaken us in terror, by emitting loud "pinging" noises from its depths. An examination was carried out and a prompt diagnosis made. The bed was falling apart — springs sticking up through the base and threatening our very lives.

The new bed has now been purchased and stands proudly where the old one used to be. It's a much finer bed, far more luxurious, hard as a rock but supposed to be good for our backs. It doesn't sag in the middle or creak and groan in protest at our presence. Still, I can't help feeling that I've lost more than a piece of furniture, as I see our bed heading for its grave.

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SUNRISE - SUNSET

"The best days you'll ever see, when you know where they are — safe in bed!" Words of comfort from my Mam when I would fall into the chair, exhausted, from the exertion of cornering my three small boys and getting them to bed.

How right she was! How simple life was then! My biggest concern was whether drying

conditions were moderate!

Shopping was a simple task. I could pop it in the bottom of the pram and I looked forward to the day when Napisan, Milton, Baby Shampoo and cotton buds would be replaced by exotic perfumes and make-up, for me. Instead, Wet Gel, Styling Mousse, Acne Cream and deodorant have taken over and the food bill is unreal.

"Are you havin' a party?", I'm aksed regularly when people see my two trollies, full to overflowing. Somehow I don't think they believe me when I answer — "No, there'll be nothing left by Monday!"

Where did those years go? At the start, time crept slowly by, while I baked, knitted and sewed. Then it learned to walk, to run, to

fly.

They are all grown up now, but for my 'moment of madness', almost five, spoiled rotten, adored by all.

Size nine, ten, eleven shoes. Big feet, large bodies everywhere. The house grows smaller, the presses barer, my arms emptier. They cascade through the doors . . .

"Is my green shirt — grey slacks — white jacket dry? — hope you're not planning on going out — you've no babysitter — I'm off to a disco in Mary's!" All said without taking a breath, and to think I was worried about him because he was two before he talked!

"Did Dad get the bait? I'm going night fishing in Greystones," pipes up the second, hot on the heels of the first. He was the puney, skinny one I feared would be whipped away by the breeze.

"Will I have my dinner finished by six, I've football practice at seven?" chimes number three, the one I shared the sunrise and sunset with, as he wheezed his way through the first four years of life.

My mind whirls. Clothes, food, bait . . . I can't keep up with them. I feel as if my 'get up and go', has got up and gone!

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As I lie in bed, sleep evades me. Night temperatures, measles and coughs have been replaced by disco dancing, parties and night fishing. Each siren, each sound and I wish and I pray that mine, out there in that great big world, are safe.

So if you have little ones, tucked safely in bed, smelling of Johnson's and you're sitting back, feet up, exhausted — don't wish the time and the years away. Enjoy it — believe me — these are the best days you'll ever see!

Mary Carroll



A FATEFUL DAY

The start of a New Year People relaxing. People working to ensure peace and comfort For those who are not. At the flick of a switch Two are buried before they die. Rubble, chaos, fire engine, confusion. A four year old is bewildered Fate has spared his life But not the inevitable scars of shock A broken bond, loss, The loss of having his security shattered By a mere switch. The start of a New Year The start of a new life without the love That only they could give. Fate catches some unawares Fate leaves others aware.

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Dear Editor,

The Control of Dogs Act 1987 became law in February. What difference, if any, will it make to our lives? The Act requires that dogs be kept under control at all times. Heavy fines may be imposed on the owners of dogs found wandering, and on-the-spot fines are to be imposed for unlicenced dogs.

To residents of housing estates such as ours, and mothers of young children in particular, these new laws must be very welcome indeed. Few people can fail to notice the ever-increasing number of dogs roaming around all day long. Dogs, large and small, shaggy and smooth, noisy and quiet, of every breed and no breed at all, are put out to wander the roads day and night.

Will all of these dogs now be confined to their back gardens? Were these new laws designed as a boost to the building industry, and will 10 foot high garden walls be the order of the day for dog owners? Can we now safely put out our bins without fear of seeing the remains of yesterday's dinner scattered all over the road? Can we now bring the children for a walk around our lovely estate without the constant reminders to "Mind the poo", which covers grass verges, open spaces and pavements alike and is a known danger to the health of children. Will there be a stampede to the post office to buy dog-licences and to the pet shop to buy collars and leads? Will little scoops and plastic bags be required when taking Spot for a walk?

It is my guess that this law, like so many others, will be happily ignored by Local Authorities and dog owners alike.

> Yours etc. (Name & address with editor)

FOR SALE

Dear Editor,

As more and more "For Sale" signs appear throughout Knocklyon, I can't help wondering what the deciding factors are for those who decide to go. On the other hand, there are those who say that they'll never leave Knocklyon. What are their reasons?

Perhaps, through your letters page, we might hear people's views on living in Knocklyon.

> Yours etc. (Name & address with editor)

Dear Editor,

About this time last year, the proposed sale of the Hockey Grounds, off the Firhouse Rd., was reported in the Newsletter. The fears expressed by a parishioner, who was interviewed by one of the Newsletter team at the time, have materialised and the grounds are being replaced by houses - a further extension of our already vast concrete jungle! Work on laying sewage pipes and water mains etc. has only been under way a little while and the tell-tale signs of "building in progress" are in evidence on the road and pathways at the entry into Cremorne.

My fear is that, because of the influx of heavy traffic - sand lorries, J.C.B.'s etc., children at play in the area will be put at greater risk than at present. Very small children are particularly vulnerable as they tend to see this sort of activity in the light of an adventure. Deep trenches dug out to facilitate the laying of pipes are also a source of danger as small children see them as the ideal place in which to play hide and seek, cowboys and indians etc. (These trenches become waterlogged after one or two heavy rain showers).

Could I, through the medium of the Newsletter, ask that parents of small children, particularly in Cremorne, keep an extra vigilant watch on their offspring whilst this work is in progress.

> Yours etc. (Name & address with Editor)



DANGER - BUILDING IN PROGRESS

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WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This year the Women's World Day of Prayer is being held in St. Colmcille's, Knocklyon. The service will take place after the Novena of Grace on Friday, March 6th at 8.30 p.m. It is an interdenominational service for women throughout the world to join in prayer.

If you have never heard of Women's World Day of Prayer, then come along and learn more about it. Afterwards, there will be tea and cakes in the Parish Centre, where you can meet your neighbours from the surrounding parishes. Donations of cakes are welcome!

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HOTLYON!!

Good Afternoon
The sound of applause coming from the Junior School on Sunday 8th Feb. was a fair indication of the entertainment provided by The Orchard Players with their pantomime 'Red Riding Hood'. Well done to all concerned for a wonderful show!

Another entertaining afternoon is in store on Sunday 22nd March at 3 p.m. Pupils from Theresa Kearney's Speech and Drama classes will give a concert consisting of drama, mime and verse speaking. Tickets will be available at the door: adults £1 and children 50p. Again, all the proceeds will go into the school funds. So come along and support the young talent of the parish.

Brave Lady
We send our best wishes this month to Nuala Lawlor
who recently underwent an operation for her second
lung and heart transplant. Nuala and her husband
Ciaran lived in Idrone Close for the first two years of
their marriage. We understand that she is still in
Harefield Hospital, England, where the operation took
place. We hope she will make a full recovery and
come home soon to her family.

To the Junior Choir on winning second prize at Felle Bhride recently with a total of 86 marks. Their conductor was the capable Miss Creamer and they were accompanied on piano by the willing Ruth Kelly. Well done all!

Drummer Girl
June Nolan is not one to blow her own trumpet, but we hear that she can sure beat a drum. In 1984, June, who lives in Beverly, came second in the world in the solo drumming championships which are held each year in Glasgow. She went back in 1985 and 1986 to take first prize. June is currently a member of the Black Raven Pipe Band in Lusk. We wish her every success in the future.

No support
The Ladies' Committee was disappointed with the lack of support at the recent A.G.M. Apart from the present committee only 4 others turned up so a new committee has not been elected. If any ladies feel they would like to help this worthwhile group please contact the Presbytery, tel. 941204.

Remedial Teacher During the recent election campaign each of the representatives were advised that a second remedial teacher is urgently required for our schools. We hope that something positive will result from this.

Hello and Goodbye
We say a sad farewell and send good wishes to Peter
Hughes, who has left us to join Superquinn in Ballinteer. During his stay in Knocklyon, he enjoyed a
very happy relationship with the local community
and was extremely generous to all Parish activities.
We welcome his successor, Kieron Ellis, and hope
that he enjoys his stay with us.

Belated birthday greetings to Fr. Alan. Glad to hear you enjoyed being serenaded by the choir! Is it true (or just malicious gossip?) that you had difficulty blowing out all the candles on your cake?

We hear Colette Brennan is on another winning streak!
This time she bagged the hamper in Superquinn for Valentine's Day. Congratulations Colette — we hope you enjoyed the goodies!

to Shane Lakes of Knockcullen who was selected as a member of the 6-man U-21 Irish Karate team. The team took part in the European Championships in Madrid, Spain, recently. Shane is a 6th year student in De La Salle, Churchtown, and has been learning Shotokan Karate for 6 years. He achieved black belt standard in October last, and is in the Ballyroan Club.

A HAND OF FRIENDSHIP

We would like to introduce ourselves to you. We are the "Our Lady of Lourdes" Intermediate Praesidium of the Legion of Mary and meet every Tuesday evening from 7 o'clock until 8 o'clock in the Parish Centre. The most important item on our agenda is the allocation of works. We each receive an assignment which we must do before the next meeting. One of the works we are asked to do is to visit the homes of our new parishioners, bringing them miraculous medals. We would like very much to be a help to our community but we need all the encouragement we can get. We would also appreciate it if you would let us know, when we call to see you, if there is any way you feel we could be of help to you or your neighbours.

We also hold a Patrician meeting each month

We also hold a Patrician meeting each month. This is a discussion group and is not restricted to

members of the Legion of Mary. All teenagers are welcome to come and take part. This month the discussion will be on "Mass" and will be held on Sunday 8th March in the Presbytery from 8 o'clock to 9.30 p.m.

THINGS CULINARY

Pigeon is a bird that we seldom hear people talking about having these days and it is, in fact, a very pleasant and reasonable dish to eat. I will give the meat part this month and give some nice veg next month. The pigeon can be bought in town, oven-ready with legs and wings removed, so that you are only left with the two breasts. The only thing you have to throw away are the bones.

They can of course be made into a very elegant dish but a simple braised pigeon is a pure delight.

I would suggest that you get a few beef bones from your local supermarket, roast them in the oven with a whole carrot and a whole onion until they are nice and brown. This could take up to two hours. When ready, drain off the grease and put the vegetables and bones into a pot. Cover with water and boil for nearly a whole day. When ready strain off the stock and give the bones to the dog. Next day thicken up the stock with any of the packet thickeners or if you have any of my old recipes use a roux to make a nice brown sauce using 2 oz. of flour and 2 oz. of fat for every pint of stock. Simmer for at least one hour.

Grease the pigeon well. Place it into a deep roasting dish. Roast it in a hot oven at 220° for about 15 minutes. Pour the brown sauce over the pigeon, bring it to the boil. Cover with tin foil for approximately one hour or until tender. Allow to cool, take out pigeon, carve as needed and use the cooling sauce as gravy.

Paddy the Chef

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