

# The Knocklyon News



ST. COLMCILLE'S PARISH NEWSLETTER – JANUARY 1989

Dear Parishioner,

Due to a large number of enquiries received concerning what is happening to the roof of our Church, from people who were away on 1st Sunday of January, when I explained the situation at all the Masses, I am writing now to fulfill an obvious need.

As I stated at the Masses, practically from the beginning the roof of our Church has failed in its primary duty of keeping out the elements – there has been one leak after another. Quite recently the Church has been badly flooded and if we let this situation continue, serious damage would be done to the interior of the Church. Obviously we cannot let this happen, so some time ago we called in a consultant engineer who examined the roof and informed us that we were wasting our time and money repairing the leaks – the only real satisfactory solution was to replace the roof.

I am sure that many of you are wondering how a roof that is only eight years old, could be in such condition. Let me explain. At the time of the planning and building of the Church very stringent budgetary constraints were imposed on us by the Financial Secretariate of the Diocese, and to get the Church completed within this budget the cheapest possible roof had to be used. There was simply no other option.

Now the architect and builder agree with the consulting engineer, that the only long-term solution is to replace the roof. As a gesture of their goodwill towards the parish and our predicament, they have generously agreed to contribute to the cost of the roof.

The cost of the new roof is £49,985 + VAT which brings the total to £55,000. This is not as bad as it seems as I have managed to put a deal together worth £50,000 – this comes from the proceeds of our Christmas Fair, some money from the 505 Club Draw, from the Diocese and as I have stated, from the architect and builder, so it leaves us just £5,000 short of our target.

The work on the roof is progressing very favourably and, weather permitting, the roofing contractors hope to have the work completed by the end of the month. So once and for all, I hope, our problem will be solved, and not only that, but I am assured that the new roof will improve the heating in the Church by 50%.



*This should do the job!*



*Checking the progress.*

Our last problem will be to raise the outstanding £5,000 so I will be holding a special collection to raise this sum on Saturday/Sunday, the 4th and 5th of February, 1989, and I hope that you will show your approval of my decision to replace the roof, by giving as generously as possible to this collection.

*Sincerely*  
*Fr. Arthur P.P.*

Fr. Arthur, P.P.

## THE CLASH OF THE ASH – AND ALL THAT



Mention the word "Hurling" in the Knocklyon area and the immediate response will be Paudie O'Neill. Mums, Dads, Grans, Grandads, Aunts and Uncles have all heard of him and to the youth of St. Colmcille's School he is a national hero. Paudie himself would deny such claim to fame, but there is no doubt, that for him, sport is a way of life – almost, one could say, a religion.

It all began in Clonmel, Co. Tipperary, where he was born and went to school. Later he studied at St. Patrick's Training College and U.C.D. In 1977 he joined the staff of St. Colmcille's and is now Vice-Principal of the Senior School.

It was the early years in Clonmel that nurtured his love of sport, and in particular, hurling and it was for Tipperary that he played at county level. He has also played hurling in Dublin and at all grades of Gaelic football. In 1984 he joined St. Enda's, Ballyboden and is now Captain of the Senior Hurling team and very much involved with their Junior team.

No wonder then, that the children of Knocklyon are keen on games and continue to astonish us with their triumphs in the youthful world of sport. Paudie is particularly proud of their success in winning the Dublin Primary School Hurling League in Croke Park for the past two years and for reaching the Football final in Croke Park, a match in which they were narrowly defeated last year.

"St. Colmcille's" he says "is particularly lucky with the dedication of their teachers, nine in all, who give so much of their time to games after school, especially the two ladies Miss McCann and Mrs. Cooney. It's not just boys who are involved" he reminds us. "Girls are equally important and they love playing Camogie". From September to Christmas an Internal League is in operation and everyone is encouraged to take part. After Christmas the teams are picked for the Primary League. Apart from this, every child is encouraged to play games and Basketball, Rounders, Tennis, Hockey, Swimming and Gym are all available. Sport, Paudie feels is a great builder of self-discipline which helps enormously in later life.

Paudie has a great love for Irish, especially the spoken word. He reads a lot, at least one book a week and likes listening to music. It is not surprising though that the outdoor life takes up most of his spare time – the odd game of golf, a bit of gardening and camping holidays in Europe, especially France. He recalls the long hot summer days in the rolling countryside of the Dordogne, the endless fields of orange sunflowers and the fairytale city of Sarlat nestling under the stars; a memory now far away. One of his recent outings was to walk the Wicklow Way, a feat in itself, but on this occasion he was accompanied by his wife Clare and 2½ year old daughter Caoimhe. Surely there must be a place for such an achievement in the Guinness Book of Records!

His enthusiasm is catching and looking at this handsome young man, the picture of fitness and vitality, I found myself bemoaning my years of inactivity. I wondered if I should go home and root out the decrepit track suit, the jogging shoes or even the Jane Fonda work-out? The children of Knocklyon have no such problems. They are already familiar with the great outdoors, the thrill, the excitement and the wonderful feeling of playing the game. Paudie has seen to that.

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## LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS . . .

I was moseying through the Curragh recently, a favourite haunt of mine – thank God we still have some open spaces and retreats – and there I noticed a signboard proclaiming the next Curragh meeting (the gee-gees!) would be on March 25th, 1989. As yet then we were still in the dying days of 1988. This gave me a vaguely uncomfortable feeling. How time flies, as the years roll on relentlessly and faster, but not to worry: “Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday, today and for ever”.

There are the joys and sorrows, as we say, the ups and downs, of life, and hard experience teaches us, the “downs” very much dominate. But amidst it all, including a lot of mystery, pain, confusion, – there is little black and white in life – questioning, doubt, oftentimes akin to despair, somehow we survive. The “somehow” of course is God, whom we can be sure, and comforted in the knowledge, that he is right there in all the turmoil, confusion and mystery of life. Our natural tendency is to sidestep suffering, which can take all shapes and forms, but if God is in the midst, we cannot go round, we must go through . . .

The saints understood well the mystery of suffering and saw in it, the gateway to the riches of God’s wisdom. For instance St. John of the Cross, the great 16th Century Spanish Carmelite could write: “there are depths to be fathomed in Christ, and no matter how men try to fathom them, the end is never reached. Rather in each recess men keep finding here and there new veins of new riches . . . But the soul cannot possess, nor even reach those treasures, unless it first passes through the thicket of exterior and interior suffering . . .”

Fine for the saints you might say, but well beyond our limitations – but we are not alone, we have on our side the God of “Compassion and Love”, who loves us with an “everlasting love”.

*Pat Alan Fitz.*

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We are pleased to have a member of the Church of Ireland, John G. Browne, Knocklyon Rd., to express some thoughts on Christian Unity. You are indeed very welcome John; happily also this is the occasion of Church Unity Octave.

As a member of the Church of Ireland but also a regular reader of “Knocklyon News” I would like to express some thoughts on the subject of Christian Unity.

In fact the word Christian has, over the years, become more important to me than any denominational label.

I grew up at a time when there was fairly rigid religious segregation educationally and socially. In fact, I hardly ever met catholics at a social level until I joined a political party about 3½ to 4 years ago.

It seems to me that both our Churches face similar problems – in general, the spread of materialism/consumerism and specifically the financial problems of maintaining Church buildings and property and of keeping the interest and involvement of young people.

I am no expert in theology but I am aware that there are issues which divide our Churches such as transubstantiation, the position of the Virgin Mary, Papal authority and the question of mixed marriages, which has not yet been totally resolved.

In conclusion, I would like to see more contact between the ordinary members of our respective Churches so that we can get to know each other’s thinking at the level of the ordinary person, as distinct from discussions which go on at a higher theological level.

*John G. Browne*

### DRESSING UP



*Emma Rosenberg and Andres Lenehan at the Junior Disco.*

### 505 CLUB DRAW – JANUARY

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### 15 BUS SERVICE

Despite opposition, we are glad to announce the good news that in the very near future, Bus Atha Cliath will place a Bus Stop on the Lower Knocklyon Rd (by Rudden’s Wall). Many thanks to all who persevered to make this most needed service possible. *N.O’C.*

### KNOCKLYON SWIMMING CLUB

Swimming every Monday evening at 7.30 p.m. in Terenure College Pool. Excellent rates available for families.

Dear Editor,

The January miseries were well and truly taken care of in the Braemor Rooms last Tuesday night. The occasion? The dance and cabaret run by the Parents' Association to raise funds for the school. About 350 people attended the "do" and rumour has it that it was one of the most successful ventures undertaken so far.

The ever-youthful Mr. Red Hurley headed an all-star cabaret, and long before he finished belting out number after number, he had us all clapping our hands and stamping our feet with enthusiasm. What energy some of these performers seem to possess!

As if that wasn't enough excitement for the night, there were shrieks of delight from various corners when the winners of the Club 505 draw were announced. Congratulations to the lucky prizewinners! And also to the winners of the big raffle held afterwards. The prizes in this instance were generously donated by various Companies and some by the parents themselves.

Our thanks must go to the Parents Association who organised such a great night out (never mind the exhaustion next morning!). Also, a very special word of thanks to Mr. Paul Dalton who used his influence to get the venue at no charge.

Word has it that a repeat performance, this time for parish funds, may be held around St. Patrick's Day. Another great night's entertainment is guaranteed.

*A Satisfied Parent.*

Dear Editor,

Can it really be true, that out of over 3000 objections against "halting sites" that 1400 came from Knocklyon? Has our newly grown parish grown so much that we have become another faceless suburb? What saddens me particularly is the efficiency of the objectors in "protecting" their houses from their fellow Irish men and women, albeit they are labelled "itinerants". If only the same concern could be directed towards community building we should have little to fear. I am reminded of a definition of a suburb, as a "community attempt to lead a private life". Christianity means nothing if it is not lived.

*Vincent Kenny,  
92 Glenvara Park,  
Phone: 942092*

. . . WE WELCOME YOUR VIEWS!

The Siol Retreat will be commencing in a home in the parish on Thursday 26th January at 8.00 p.m. and will continue each Thursday evening until the end of March approximately. The word "Síol" means "seed"; "the seed is the word of God" as in the parable of the sower.

This retreat is intended for a small group of adult lay people and will be given by a priest and a lay person. The structure of the meetings is prayer, team input, discussion and a cuppa — lasting about 2 hours.

The aim of the retreat is to help people find God in their daily life situations, enter into a deeper relationship with Him and pray with scripture.

If you feel you would like to know more about it or are interested in doing the retreat please contact Fr. Joe, ph. 941204 or Brid O'Connell, ph. 961743.

THE RARE OULD TIMES!



"Molly Malone" at the Tops of the Tots Concert.

As we go to press, Cllr. Mary Muldoon informs us that Dublin Co. Council has agreed, following representations by her, to locate a Smoke and SO<sub>2</sub> Monitoring Station in the general Knocklyon area.

Due to lack of space we are holding over our Schools Report until next month.

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## TIME TO SPARE?

*There must be something here for you.*

This month we are giving you an up-to-date list of all the groups and organisations in the parish. We are sure everyone is catered for. So why not look through these pages and see what suits you! Give them a ring and get involved in your community.

### ST. COLMCILLES PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Chairman — Karl Young — 944262

Secretary — Carmel Wills — 944676

A group of interested and concerned parents of children in the senior and junior schools who endeavour to liaise with the school authorities to improve facilities for their children, raise funds when necessary, organise extra curricular activities (when personnel allows) and mediate between parents and school authorities when requested.

### KNOCKLYON NEWS — Your Parish Newsletter

Articles, ideas, news and views, photographs and letters are always welcome for publication. Just send them along to the Presbytery. If you would like to join the production team give Fr. Alan (our Editor) a ring at 941204.

**LA LECHE LEAGUE** is an organisation which provides information and support to those who want to breastfeed their babies. For information on local monthly meetings or telephone counselling contact Mary Bird at 941279.

**THE FOLK GROUP** — If you are 15 or over (no upper age limit) you can join the Folk Group which sings at the 12 o'clock Mass on Sundays. For information contact Mary Begley at 941535.

**THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR** — Boys and girls who have made their First Holy Communion are welcome to join the Children's Choir which sings at the 10 o'clock Mass on Sundays. Ring Emer O'Neill at 944625.

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP

Function: To prepare a meaningful liturgy for the 10 o'clock weekly Children's Mass, through Music and Drama. For information contact Eva Coffey at 941715 or Kathryn Coffey at 946197.

### BRIDGE CLUB

Knocklyon Bridge Club is a social club which meets every Monday in the Senior School at 7.30 p.m. We provide a Joker and a cup of tea! Contact Catherine King at 941459 or Pat Daly at 932220.

### KNOCKLYON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

An umbrella organisation which comprises representatives of the various residents associations, groups and individuals within the Parish. Its function is to monitor the planning and social functions of the area and take account of external and internal influences on Knocklyon. The A.G.M. is to take place on Thursday 26th January at 8 p.m. For information contact Michael Keogh at 942809.

**THE LEGION OF MARY** has 3 groups in Knocklyon. The Seniors meet on Wednesdays at 8.15 p.m. in the Parish Centre. The meeting includes prayer, discussion and allocation of works, e.g. visitation of the sick, old and handicapped. The Juniors (7-12) meet on Tuesdays 6-7 p.m. and the Intermediates (13-18 yrs) on Saturdays at 9 a.m. For more information contact Vera at 941444.

**PATRICIAN MEETINGS** — Once a month on a Sunday evening a group of teenagers meet for discussion of different topics. Details announced at all Masses on that day.

### CHURCH CLEANERS

Have you ever wondered how the Church is kept so clean? It is done by two volunteer groups; one on Monday morning, the other on Friday morning after the 10 a.m. Mass. It takes about 1 to 1½ hours and is followed by a cup of tea and a chat. If you would like to help ring the Presbytery at 941204.

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**KNOCKLYON PARISH SWIMMING ASSOCIATION** Swim every Monday evening from 7.30-8.15 p.m. at Terenure College Swimming Pool. Family tickets available at reasonable cost, or the weekly rates are: Adults £2; Teenagers £1 and Children 60p. Further information from Ann O'Donoghue — 945870.

**GIRL GUIDES** — Meet on Monday evenings. At the moment leaders are being sought. Contact Julie Stein — 905803.

**BROWNIES** — Contact Hilda Stein — 905803.



**IRISH CHILDBIRTH TRUST**

This is an organisation which aims to help women have their babies happily and free from fear, and to prepare young families for the experience of childbirth and parenthood. It welcomes expectant mothers, new mothers and experienced mothers and provides mother to mother support at "coffee and chat" morning and evening meetings. Further information can be had from K.C. Duffy at 941953.



**COMMUNITY GAMES**

A new executive and committee has been elected for 1989, and we hope to encourage as many children as possible to participate in the various events. Chairman. John Brophy — Tel. 941441. Secretary: Eddie O'Brien — Tel. 947015. Look out for details to be announced.

**THE FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP**

Meets at 8 p.m. each Friday in 38 Ashton Avenue. Men and women come together to pray and to develop spirituality. For further information phone Carmel — 944976 or Bernie — 941870.

**THE WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP**

Meets at 10.30 each Wednesday morning at 33 Mount Alton. For more information contact Brid at 941743.

**BEGINNING EXPERIENCE**

A support group for separated and widowed people. For information ring Bernadette at 945572.

**BADMINTON CLUB**

The Knocklyon Badminton Club (League) meets every Tuesday and Thursday in the Community Centre. For information ring Phyllis at 941166. Look out for details of the Badminton Social Club.

**COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP**

For children 3 years to schoolgoing age. 10.00 to 12.30. 5 mornings per week in Parish Centre. Details from Jacque — 942260.

112th **KNOCKLYON C.B.S.I.** caters for 180 boys — cubs, scouts and venturers. New leaders always required. Details from Unit leader, Paul Buckley at 946869.



**KNOCKLYON UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB**

— has 6 teams, U.8, U.9, U.10, U.11, U.12 and U.14 playing Sunday football in the South Dublin Boys League. Details from John Bates, Secretary, Tel. 942043.

**I.C.A.**

The I.C.A. meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month in the Fish Centre at 8 p.m. It is a group of women who enjoy getting together and involving themselves in various activities which include crafts, drama etc. New members always welcome. Ring Anne at 944861.

**THE LADIES COMMITTEE**

The Ladies Committee was formed to help in the start up of the various clubs and organisations within the community and to assist whenever possible. Events covered include Cake Sales, Parish Week, Confirmations, Communion, Christmas Fair and any other Church or School functions. The A.G.M. is due to be held in the near future and new ideas and members are welcome. Phone Jacque at 942260.

## BALLYBODEN ST. ENDAS G.A.A. CLUB

Situated on the Firhouse Road this Club caters for all who want to play hurling, football or camogie. Teams begin at under 10 level for all games. Coaching takes place on Saturday mornings for ages 7 upwards. For further details contact the Chairman, Denis Ryan at 931947.

## KNOCKLYON POST-PRIMARY COMMITTEE

Function: To secure a post-primary community school for Knocklyon. The ten-member committee welcomes advice and assistance in its endeavours.

Secretary: Mary Muldoon — 946601.

Chairman: Vincent Kenny — 942092.

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL (ST. COLMCILLE)

Non-Denominational. Meet on Monday nights at Church pre-fab, 7.30 — 8.30 p.m. Or you can contact Bill Fahey — 945817 or Eileen McDermott — 942637.

## 11.00 A.M. MASS CHOIR

New members and instrument players are always welcome to join. Practice takes place on Wednesday evenings at 8.00 p.m. and Sunday mornings at 10.15 a.m. Further details from Eoin Garrett, Director. Tel. 941568.

## WEEKLY ENVELOPE COLLECTION

There are one hundred parishioners involved in this collection, which goes towards paying off Parish debts. At present we must find £1,750.00 per week to pay off interest on bank loans. We are not reaching our target. This collection is the main source of income for the Parish. Collectors are required for *Templeroan*, *Beverly* and *Glenvara*. Contact Priests if interested.

## PARENTING PROGRAMME

An 8 week course which helps ordinary parents to improve the atmosphere, discipline and communication in families. Contact Bernie Rossney — 941870.

## TEEN PARENTING PROGRAMME

A 6 week course for parents who want to encourage a sense of responsibility and co-operation in their teenagers. Contact Bernie Rossney — 941870.

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Parish Pastoral Council has been in existence since the early days of the Parish. It is a consultative body which assists with the running of the Parish with particular reference to spiritual, social and administrative matters. The Council usually meets once a month and a wide variety of topics are discussed.

The A.G.M. of the Parish Pastoral Council will take place shortly and will include elections of new council members. It is very de-

sirable that each area of the Parish, including the new estates, should be represented on the new council. So you are earnestly requested to attend the A.G.M. if at all possible. More details later.



## KNOCKLYON GOLF SOCIETY

New members welcome. Annual fee £10. Contact Fr. Arthur Fitzpatrick — 941204 or 944986.

## ALTAR SERVERS

There is a very large group of Altar servers in St. Colmcille. Those who have made their First Holy Communion the year before begin a preparation course each September.

## READERS

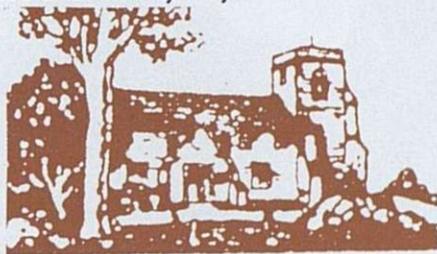
We have lay readers for all the Sunday Masses. Anyone who wishes to take part should contact Fr. Arthur Fitzpatrick at the Presbytery.

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

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## CHURCH COLLECTORS

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## KNOCKLYON

*Constituted 1974*

**Parish Church:** St. Colmcille, Idrone Avenue, Knocklyon, Dublin 16.

**P.P.:** V. Rev. Arthur Fitzpatrick, O.Carm., Idrone Ave., Knocklyon Woods, Dublin 16. Tel. 941204, 944986.

**Curates:** Rev. Patrick Alan Fitzpatrick, O. Carm., Martin Farragher, O. Carm., Joe Mother-sill, O. Carm., Idrone Ave., Knocklyon Woods, Dublin 16.

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*Weekdays* — 9, 10 a.m. and 6.10 p.m.

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## KNOCKLYON YOUTH CLUB

is run in the new Youth & Community Centre. Junior Club, age 10-12, is on Friday 7 p.m. — 9 p.m. and Senior Club, age 12-15, is on Saturday 7 p.m. — 9 p.m. Both sessions are booked out at present. Volunteers on Club nights are always welcome. Secretary: Paul Marshall. Phone 945913.

Chairman: Brian McKernan — Tel.: 945350.

## NATIONAL YOUTH ORCHESTRA

Our new Community Centre opened its first "season" by welcoming the National Youth Orchestra to perform there. It was an especially proud occasion for David Larkin, a member of the Orchestra, who is a 6th class pupil in St. Colmcille's.



Andrew Larkin enjoys watching his brother David perform during the National Youth Orchestra's visit to Knocklyon.

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## YOUTH CLUB RE-OPENS

The Knocklyon Youth Club re-opened on Friday the 13th January with a Fancy Dress Disco in the new Community Centre for Juniors.

Many thanks to Fr. Joe and all the parents who came along and gave of their time to assist us.

On behalf of the Committee I would like to thank all parents and children for bearing with us over the past few months. With the Club active once again in its new home, we hope that, with your continued support, it will go from strength to strength in 1989.

Brian McKernan,  
Chairman Youth Club

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After many years of slogging the Big Occasion has finally arrived and you are invited to share in The Opening Day. Just come along to Your Centre on Sunday, January 29th, at 3.30 p.m. and witness the official opening of this latest addition to your Parish facilities.

The Youth Club – an overdue tenant of the school for many years – now has a beautiful new facility and is already operating in the new Centre.

The Centre can cope with many activities and if you want to organise a Group for your particular interest, then we will be more than willing to assist you start the project.

Come along on Opening Day and see for yourself what a truly great facility is at your disposal.

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**DISCO DOLLIES**



Erica Cullen and Jenny Nugent at the Disco.



Clare Keely, Maeve Collins, Avril O'Connor and Ruth Lumley at the Junior Disco.

While the new Centre offers the first permanent home for the Knocklyon Youth Club – and is extending scope for young adults to avail of the facilities – the activity is by no means confined to youth. At the other end of the age spectrum, a Day Room for our Senior Citizens is a priority requirement, (we already have a T.V. donated) and we hope to have this in place shortly.

Between the Youth, the Juniors and the Seniors we can cater for the lot – Badminton, Indoor Football, Ballet, Aerobics, First Aid, Ladies Club, Cards, Bingo, Darts, Snooker, Dancing, Music, Chess, Board Games, Table Tennis, Cookery Classes, Creches, Blood Donors, Library, Judo etc. Is your interest here? If not, form a Group and use *your Centre!*

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Hi everyone,

One Saturday afternoon a few weeks ago I went to a play in the Parish Centre called 'Cinderella in Oz.' It was put on by a group of young people from Knocklyon Heights and was really very good. It was 50p in and all the money went to help the people in Sudan. So congratulations to Barbra Quigley, Caline Donaghy, Ciara Kennedy, Jenny and Mary Coffey, Ruth Walsh, Laura Quigley and Simon Walsh for a really good performance.

A number of you went Carol Singing before Christmas. I know a group from Idrone went singing the Thursday before Christmas. I am afraid I did not get their names. They put a lot of work into organising it so congratulations to them. A group from Glenvara raised about £15 for the St. Vincent de Paul Society, they were Colm and Michael Ryan, Alan Geoghegan, Stephen Mongey, David Browne and Dara and Luke Prendergast. The Junior Choir sang in the new shopping centre in St. Stephen's Green and also outside Knocklyon Shopping Centre and collected a lot of money for charity. I cannot put down all their names because there just would not be room but again congratulations to one and all.

That's all the news I have for the moment. There is probably a lot of things I did not hear about so please do not be angry if I did not mention something - I am really very sorry. I get frightened when people are angry!

Lots of Love,  
 Fr. Joe.

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Aisling Murtagh, Ruth McConnell and Rachel Meehan at the Junior Disco

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The "Tops of the Tots" concerts in the Junior School before Christmas were a great success, and we congratulate all the children who took part. "The Star of the Week" title must go to 8 year old Colm Collins who played the leading role in "Ernie's Incredible Hallucinations" staged by Mr. Sweeney's class. Colm gave a great performance and was a real 'natural' in the part.



Colm in his "Ernie" role.

KNOCKLYON COMMUNITY GAMES

We are pleased to advise that a new executive and committee has been elected and we look forward to having your continued support during the year. Welcome to the new members of our Parish and we look forward to meeting you. Our thanks to John and Greta Masterson, outgoing chairman and treasurer respectively, for their stalwart work over the years.

Again as a community we are fortunate in having a fine group of team managers volunteer their services and time to run and organise the various events. Let us make their job that bit easier by lending a hand where possible and encourage your children to participate in as many events as possible in order that they may benefit from the true spirit of the Games i.e. "participation" - who knows you may have a budding All Ireland Champion-in your household!

This year we are delighted to announce that we will be able to enter a drama group for the first time. They will be in the capable hands of Eva Coffey and Fr. Joe.

A comprehensive list detailing events together with team managers' names, tel. nos. etc. has been posted in Superquinn and Church porch for your convenience but should you have any queries, the Committee will be glad to help.

Have fun Games in '89!

DISCOVERY

Do you think it would be great if the young adults (17-24 years) of this area could get together - meet each other and talk about what their needs were/are? Then maybe Discovery could help get things started.

Our friendly Fr. Joe has arranged group discussions on modern topics/problems. An informal approach will be taken with a chance for everyone to express their own personal views.

Starts Tuesday 8 o'clock, 31st January, in the Parish Centre, continuing weekly until Easter.

**Tree Damage**

What a shame to see the trees around the school being damaged. We invite young and old to co-operate with us in an effort to maintain a wholesome pride in our community and surroundings.

**Social Badminton**

They kept coming in to the Parish Centre on Monday January 9th. Why? They all wanted to play social badminton — 160 adults and 80 youths. A committee is about to be formed to take care of running the social badminton. More details in the next issue.

**Competitive Badminton**

Congratulations to Mr. MacGabhann, a member of the Ailesbury Badminton team which recently won the Irish Senior Cup in Belfast. They are off to Spain in September for the Europa Cup.

**Tres Bon**

Congratulations to Christopher Harris (Mt. Alton) and Sarah Donaghy (Knocklyon Heights), who gave an excellent demonstration of the French game Boule on the Jo Maxi show on R.T.E. 1 television during European Week in early January.

**K.C.C. Project — Competition**

5th and 6th classes look out for further details from the Community Council of an ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT coming your way in February, entitled "Knocklyon in Spring".

**Junior School News**

Congratulations to Miss Clare Sweeney on her recent engagement.

**News from Peru**

Fr. Chris Conroy sends his best wishes to all in Knocklyon and would like to thank everyone who has written to him, especially the young people. Please remember him in your prayers as Peru is going through a difficult time at the moment.

Fr. Conroy has sent an open letter to the Parish, for publication in the Newsletter. Unfortunately we cannot do this due to lack of space. The letter will be displayed at the back of the Church for everyone to read.

Items and advertisements for inclusion in the February issue of the newsletter should be handed into the Presbytery by Monday 6th February. The newsletter will be circulated from 17th February. For information re advertising phone **Pat at 947493.**

**EUCCHARISTIC DEVOTION**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place in St. Colmcille's Church on the Thursday preceeding the 1st Friday of each month — 7.30 pm to 8.30 pm. Benediction will take place after the 7.00pm Mass on the 1st Saturday of each month. All are welcome.

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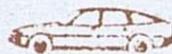
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