

The Knocklyon News



ST. COLMCILLE'S PARISH NEWSLETTER – MARCH 1989

Easter time is here again

HOLY WEEK – 19-26 MARCH 1989

'Holy Week must cease to be looked upon as a kind of optional extra for Christians. It lies at the very heart of Christian worship, and Christian living.'

To be faithful to Sunday Mass for example, and yet fail to attend the Holy Week Liturgy is as senseless as preparing carefully for a celebration, a party, a holiday, and then missing out the great occasion itself. Like sitting through a play or film, and slipping out before the grand finale.

'Lent is not an end in itself. Rather it is a gateway into Easter'.

People who undertake any kind of Lenten observance or penance but don't take the trouble to attend the celebrations of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday, have missed the whole point of why they bothered about Lent in the first place.

PLEASE DO YOUR VERY BEST TO TAKE PART IN THIS YEAR'S HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES



Elizabeth Nolan (6) from Dargle Wood makes an egg-sel-lent choice at Superquinn.

PROGRAMME FOR HOLY WEEK

PASSION SUNDAY:

10 a.m. and 12 a.m. Masses begin with a short celebration of Jesus' Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem.

MON. TUES. WED.:

Masses at 7.10 a.m., 9.00 a.m., 10.00 a.m. and 6.10 p.m.

TUESDAY:

3.30 p.m. Special Mass and Anointing of the Sick for the elderly and infirm.
8.00 p.m. Penitential Service.

HOLY THURSDAY.

10.15 a.m. Morning Prayer
3.30 p.m. Children's Mass
7.30 p.m. Mass of the Last Supper.
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament continues until 11 p.m. Confessions after each Mass.

GOOD FRIDAY:

10.15 a.m. Morning Prayer
3.00 p.m. Liturgy of the Passion of our Lord.
8.00 p.m. Stations of the Cross.
Confessions after Liturgy and Stations.

HOLY SATURDAY:

10.15 a.m. Morning Prayer
Confessions:
11 a.m. – 12 noon Fr. Martin Farragher
4 – 5 p.m. Fr. Joe Mothersill
7 – 8 p.m. Fr. Arthur Fitzpatrick
9.00 p.m. Easter Vigil and Mass of the Resurrection.

EASTER SUNDAY:

Masses at usual Sunday times.

EASTER MONDAY: Mass at 10.00 a.m.

EASTER WEEK: Masses at 10.00 a.m. and 6.10 p.m.

"Jesus Christ our King is risen"

LIFE WITH THE LEAVING!

"The best days of our lives". That's what they say. How can the older people say that? It's a joke in this day and age. Nobody seems to notice the worry and pressure placed on the youth of today. In generations past, young people were subjected to much physical hardship but no generation has ever experienced the mental stress that is endured by most of today's youth.

It is easy to think that the real pressure starts with the Inter and the Leaving, but it really starts as far back as the entrance exams and interviews for post-primary schools. If a child fails to come up to scratch there, he or she starts off on the wrong foot and may be forced into going to a school which doesn't rate highly with the personal views of the child and his or her parents. The "rat race" begins here and goes on until the ultimate target is achieved — a desired job.

John is starting to panic. He is about to start the Mock Leaving exams and the Leaving itself is less than three months away. "Where has all the time gone?" he asks himself. John looks at his study plan and realises he has been doing less than half the study he needs to do. The points for Arts look very far away at this stage, let alone Medicine. Talent seems to count for nothing! "The damn points!" says John. "Who are these sadists who can set ridiculous targets so early in our lives, when we should be able to both enjoy ourselves and work?"

John tells himself he must stay calm and just do his best, but there is another problem — his health. As a result of studying and working late into the night, John finds himself getting run down from lack of sleep and hardly any exercise or fresh air. John is late for school

quite frequently these days, and as a result more trouble ensues from the school authorities. John knows the story well at this stage — "You are causing a disturbance coming in late to class" — "You'll be getting detention if this keeps up" — "Some of your teachers say you're not working to your potential". — All the same as the week before! And, of course — "Get your hair cut! We'll have no individualists in this school, my lad!".

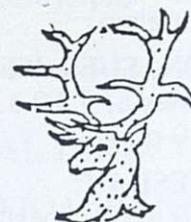
John feels like he has spent his whole life at school. He cannot remember anything different. Now that John is near the end of school and has almost reached adulthood, there are many distractions from the study John vitally needs. It would be a very easy way out for John if he drowned out his problems and worries in drink and, although he manages to avoid going out to "get stoned" as many of his friends do, he had started smoking because he finds it eases the tension that he normally feels these days. He cannot believe he is addicted to nicotine. He always despised smoking up to this time. John is just another victim of the system today, which changes people.

John decides he'll go for it — give it his best shot. So what if he can't make it this year? He can always repeat. It is tough doing the Leaving — very tough. But that is how the system works. John settles down to study — playing quietly on his tape recorder is "The Smiths" — "Suffer Little Children . . .".

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Everyone met at the airport at 7 a.m. Although it was pouring rain, nothing could dampen our spirits for the tour and an hour later we were airborne. We had a delicious breakfast on the plane. At last we landed. Collecting our luggage we made our way to our coach. It was very luxurious, complete with two televisions and a video.

On the first day we visited a clog factory and saw how clogs were made. We then went to Anne Frank's house where she wrote her famous diary during the war. We visited many other places including Rotterdam, Eindhoven and Scheveningen. The Philips science exhibition was fascinating and unusual.

We stayed in the Hotel Waikiki, in the seaside resort of Nordwijk. In Delft we went to a pottery factory. At a cheese farm we saw how cheese was made, and sampled various cheeses. The Euromast in Eindhoven is extremely high and we had a spectacular view from the top. A school we visited in Nordwijk has an average number of 21 in each class. The dykes were the highlight of the tour because looking out of one side of the coach we saw the sea which was at a much higher level than the reclaimed land on the other side. Also we took a trip through Amsterdam's canals in a glass-topped boat. On the final night a disco was held. It may not have been educational but it was a great ending to a most enjoyable tour.

Finally, many thanks to all the teachers who accompanied us on our trip.

Fiona O'Connor,
6th class (Room 2)

Have you ever felt you needed to "get away from it all" during the course of the day? Well why not grab a neighbour and have a game of Badminton, or get your whole street involved for Volleyball. A court costs £4.00 to hire for an hour.

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We met Baby Alan O'Driscoll (above) at the opening of the new centre and Ruari O'Neill, a member of the Templeogue College Band (below) entertained us.



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The investiture of 14 new cub-scouts took place on Monday the 27th February in the Junior School Hall at 7.30 p.m. This brings the total number of cub-scouts in the Monday night pack to thirty-six and the waiting list is getting longer with new families moving into the Knocklyon area. The second cub-scout pack has its meeting on Wednesday night, also in the Junior School Hall. It was a night to remember in that one of our new leaders Julie Kellett was also invested. Julie is only the second female leader, the first being Karen Handley, a few years ago. The ceremony was conducted by Michael Lucey and assisted by the other leaders, Dominic Donnelly, Andrew Ralph and Julie Kellett. The parents of the new cub-scouts also attended the ceremony and presented their sons with their caps while the senior leader Michael Lucey presented the neckerchiefs to the new cubs.

SCOUTS MONTHLY DRAW – FEBRUARY

*£100 Byrne, 15 Coolamber Court.
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£25 Murray, Knocklyon Heights.*



Leaders: Dominic Donnelly, Julie Kellett and Michael Lucey at the Cubs Investiture.



Raymond Lucey, Owen Farrelly and Declan Furlong get a helping hand from Rory Wilson.

- U-8 Managers:** Finbar Dolan, 946111, John Hopkins 935277. Successful season so far. 2nd in League and in Semis of both cup and Shield.
- U-9 Manager:** Paul Woodcock. Mixed season. Mid-table. No longer in Cup or Shield.
- U-10 Manager:** John Doyle 946160, Asst. Manager: Dominic Donnelly 942260. Excellent season so far. 2nd in League and in Quarter Finals of Cup but narrowly beaten in Shield.
- U-11 Manager:** Bill Leckey 931917. Mixed season. Mid-table. No Cup or Shield interest.
- U-12 Manager:** Shane O'Neill 943966. Currently mid-table after good start to season.
- U-14 Manager:** John Bates. Excellent season so far. 2nd in League and in Semis of both Cup and Shield.

Congratulations to Mac Dara McGinn, Jimmy Donnelly, Carlo Pelosi, Eric Miller and Gary Coleran of the U-14's picked for the League representative side. They won one and lost one game.

Details of the weekend matches can be found in Tuesday's Evening Herald under the E.S.B. South Dublin League fixtures.

A race night is being organised in the near future. Watch this space next month.

KNOCKLYON ROOF COLLECTION

The final amount of the church collection to help pay for the roof of the church was £7,158. I would like to thank all the parishioners for their generosity, but I would like to thank in a special way a number of young children in the parish who, on their own initiative, held 'Bring and Buy Sales' and Cake Sales, and raised quite a substantial sum of money for the roof. My sincere thanks to Kate and Jane Dolan, Maedhbh Cahill, and Aoife and Eadaoin Kiely.

Fr. Arthur

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I feel quite at home in a cemetery. Now don't go running off for a "shrink". Is not "the final resting place" a tangible expression of the precious bond of the Communion of Saints, found in the Apostles' Creed — the family, of the Church Triumphant in Heaven, the Church suffering in Purgatory, and the Church Militant on earth?

Headstones and their inscriptions have much to say to us. Recently, in Dean's Grange I observed a poignant one recording the death of an infant in 1973. The little one was born 31st August and died the following day, 1st September, 1973. The wording on the stone captured the sad event: "The First Day, The Last Day, Only One Day . . ." On yet another stone I read: "Le temps passe, le souvenir reste . . ." Yes indeed, if there is one thing a cemetery evokes it is surely memories — memories of life, simple perhaps, but always loving and warm. And this is the very best of life. It is spiritual, and almost independent of the physical — a ray of eternal life.

God does not give us details of our future existence — it is a matter of trust and love: God is not to be measured and managed.

We can in our nobler moments sense these things — God no doubt, in His

goodness, giving us glimpses of the glorious dream He has in store for us. St. Mark, in language throbbing with life and sheer joy, as is to be expected, tells us about real life, the life of Resurrection: "And very early in the morning on the first day of the week, they went to the tomb, just as the sun was rising". They had been saying to one another: "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?". But when they looked they could see that the stone — which was very big — had already been rolled back. On entering the tomb they saw a young man in a white robe seated on the right hand side, and they were struck with amazement. But He said to them "There is no need for alarm. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified: He has risen, He is not here. See, here is the place where they laid Him. But you must go and tell his disciples and Peter: "He is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will meet Him, just as He told you." Alleluia.

Pat Alan Fitz



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Hello Everyone!

Well we're famous at last! I said I thought Zig and Zag were in charge of the weather and that's why it was changing so much — well, someone rang up Dempsey's Den and told them! Thanks to everyone who sent in pictures of Zig and Zag — I got pictures from Conal Keaney, Cailin Keaney, Conor Keenan, Joy Maria McDonnell, Carol Hillard, Debbie Hillard, Peter Clifford, Robert Clifford and Linda Sheehan. Linda also wrote a poem:

*"If Zig and Zag ruled the weather,
The clouds might join altogether
Finally the priests would pray
For sunny days instead of snow
And a gentle breeze for cooling down
But inside the town
Zig and Zag
Might finally get it right. "*

If all the girls and boys I mentioned would get in touch with me, I have a small prize for them all because they were very good.

I hope you all have a very happy Easter.

Lots of love.

Fr. Joe



David Larkin with his family after the Confirmation Ceremony

Dear Editor,

I would like to know why no girls served at the Confirmation on the 4th March. If girls can serve at Masses, why can't they serve at Confirmation? I don't want to wipe out boys altogether, but I would like to see equality between boys and girls. I do not serve myself, as I am busy with other interests. I wonder if I will get any replies. I think the answer "girls are not good enough" is ridiculous. The boys were trained, why can't the girls be trained? I give my congratulations to the boys who served on Saturday. They were splendid.

A 9-year-old Girl

Well done, 9-year-old Girl!! I assure you there is absolutely no question of girls not being good enough to serve at Confirmation. As yet, the situation is, there is no official approval for girl altar-servers. It is done here at Knocklyon on an experimental basis.

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SEE YOU IN COURT!

Well, at last we have our new Community Centre and what better way to use it than for socialising.

With the help of Fr. Martin Farragher the St. Colmcille's Social Badminton Club was formed only five weeks ago. Already it is proving to be a great success with over 85 members in the Senior Club and 58 members in the Junior Club.

The idea of starting another club separate from the Knocklyon Badminton Club came when a lot of people within the parish expressed an interest in playing badminton without playing in a league.

The Social Badminton Club offers all of this. It encourages people to come out for a game of badminton and to play with other people from the parish. The atmosphere is, therefore, very relaxed and enjoyable. It also gives them a little exercise once or twice a week. It is non-competitive but at the same time gives people a chance to improve their own game.

The social badminton club also caters for juniors aged between 13 and 18. This takes place on a Sunday afternoon from 3-6 p.m. This gives the young people a chance to mix with each other and occupy their Sunday afternoons. As the club progresses, we hope to involve the parents in the running of the Junior Club and in the supervision of the juveniles.

Unfortunately numbers are too great at the moment but anyone wishing to enrol for next year can put their name on a waiting list. (See Committee).

Committee: Chairperson: Peter O'Dowd, 36 Knockaire, Tel: 942647. Hon. Secretary: Emer Walsh, 24 Knocklyon Heights, Tel: 942354.

SUPER, MR. QUINN!

Did you notice all the activity around Superquinn at the beginning of March? Many hard-working gardeners, busy with the tools of their trade. The result — beautiful new flower beds

at the entrance to our Supermarket and pots of flowers and shrubs lining the Shopping Mall, brightening up and enhancing its appearance.

Thank you, Mr. Quinn. Keep up the "Super" work! We know that the residents of Knocklyon appreciate it.

We were not in the least surprised to hear that the store scooped the £6,000 First Prize in an Incentive Award Scheme between the twelve Superquinn Stores. On Saturday 4th March the staff were all led away for a mystery night out. The venue turned out to be no less than Barberstown Castle. A great night out was had by all!

SUPER, MR. KELLY!

This month our roving reporter went to Columbus Squash Club in Leopardstown. He was stunned to see a revealing 'photo of Mr. Pat Kelly, Principal of our Senior School on the wall! Now we know what he gets up to in his spare time!

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

The A.G.M. of the Knocklyon Ladies' Committee will take place on Wednesday, April 5th, at 8.30 in the Parish Centre. This Committee covers such events as Communion, Confirmation and other Church or school functions, requiring back-up and organisation. This is an essential support group within the parish and your help would be most appreciated. Have you an hour or so to spend on these occasions? See you at the A.G.M.

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One of the best things that has happened to Knocklyon in many a long day, is the arrival of Sister Therese Carmel. She is a Sister of Mercy who will be devoting all her time to pastoral work in our Parish. I called on her recently and found her a warm friendly woman with a great sense of humour, bubbling over with enthusiasm, easy to talk to and already dubbed by those lucky enough to have met her as 'the nun with the happy face'.

Born in Mountrath, Co. Laois, christened Aine and one of seven children, she recalls a happy childhood, loving parents, the Brigidine Convent where she spent her early schooldays and later, her life as a boarder in St. Mary's College, Mountmellick.

Even as a small child, Aine had decided to be a nun, but it was only while training in Carysfort that she entered the congregation of the Mercy Sisters. The Novitiate was full that year. "We were all imbued with high ideals" she smiled "and we wanted to become Saints immediately. Our Spiritual Year was hard work, but we were young, strong and accepted it all."

When the Spiritual Year was over, the young sisters did short spells of teaching in various schools and during the holidays were sent to the South Dublin Union to help in the hospital.

Mourne Road came next – a new area – a new challenge – when suddenly she was transferred to Glasthule School and sent to live in a hospital house attached to St. Michael's Hospital. There for twenty-six years she lived, travelling to Glasthule each day, the last eleven years of which she was Principal of the School. Living in St. Michael's was almost like a double life, teaching by day, involved with the hospital at

week-ends and holidays. It also involved her in Parent-Teacher seminars and lectures, paraliturgical sessions for parents and pupils and work with an Old Folks group of flats in the area. It seemed as if Glasthule would be her home for life, but it was not to be. The call came and this time it was to become the Principal of a new expanding school, St. Patrick's, Ballyroan where she stayed for eight years.

On to Mourne Road but this time in a different role, as Superior, dealing with the community instead of children and parents. There she became Chairperson of two Boards of Management and Manager of the Co-Ed Secondary School. Home links, classes in Arts and Crafts to help mothers develop skills to help their children, Parenting, Baptism "Faith Friends" a Mothers' and Babies Club, Siol Retreats and a Parish Council were some of the many projects in which she worked and finally a Pastoral Group.

Which brings us back to Knocklyon. Already Sister Therese Carmel has called on many homes in Templeroan, mainly to extend a welcome to new parishioners and to date, 55 young couples have joined her in the Pre-Baptism Preparation which is designed to help parents prepare for the Sacrament. She has many plans for the future such as Senior Citizen activities. In the meantime she still has time to work as a member of the Parish Council and is a Eucharistic Minister.

The mind boggles at the energy of the woman. "How do you do it"? I asked. "It hasn't been all work and no play" she replies. "God sends the perks too you know. My life-long ambition to go to Africa was fulfilled. I spent five weeks there for the Eucharistic Congress in 1985 and two years ago I went to Rome on a Sabbatical to study Theology, Scripture and Christian Art. I was there for a whole year. It was the most wonderful time of my life".

She smiled again. Such a happy face. We hope she's here to stay.

Eileen Casey

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School News

Congratulations to all the boys and girls in 6th class who were confirmed on Saturday 4th March.

Welcome home to all the children who recently returned from a very successful and enjoyable tour to Holland. (See Report page 3.)

Attention! Attention!

A Summer Sports/Leisure Camp will be held in Knocklyon the first two weeks in July. Details in next issue.

Welcome Home!

Every success to Barbara O'Brien who has just opened Knocklyon Beauty Clinic on Firhouse Rd. Barbara, who is a past pupil of St. Colmcille's School has just returned from the Big Apple where she obtained qualifications, as long as your arm, in Beauty Therapy. **Belated 21st Birthday greetings on the 7th March, Barbara!**

CHURCH OF IRELAND, RATHFARNHAM

Services for Holy Week

Canon A. Wilson — Rector

Rev. J. Wilson — Curate

Monday:	7.30 a.m.	10.30 a.m.	8.00 p.m.
Tuesday:	7.30 a.m.	10.30 a.m.	8.00 p.m.
Wednesday:	7.30 a.m.	10.30 a.m.	8.00 p.m.
Thursday:	7.30 a.m.	10.30 a.m.	8.00 p.m.
Good Friday:		10.30 a.m.	8.00 p.m.
Easter Saturday:		9.00 p.m.	
Easter Sunday:	8.00 a.m.	10.30 a.m.	11.45 a.m. 7.00 p.m.

505 CLUB WINNERS — FEBRUARY

Nancy Hopkins, Knocklyon Grove	10 Golf Lessons
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Mrs. J. Wilson, Glenvara Park	Weekend for 2
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NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

Items for inclusion in the April issue should be handed into the Presbytery by Monday 10th April. The newsletter will be circulated from 19th April.

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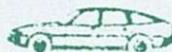
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