

# The Knocklyon News



ST. COLMCILLE'S PARISH NEWSLETTER - APRIL 1990

## KNOCKLYON UNITED GETS A CHANGE OF A DRESS!



*Fr. Arthur seen here at the opening ceremony with the Club Management*

Sunday 1st April saw a major landmark in the development of the Club. Our changing rooms were officially opened by Fr. Arthur who, during his speech admitted that he was green and white (Club colours!) with envy when he inspected the newly decorated showpiece. What was once a 40 ft. steel container in Fr. Arthur's garden has now been converted into two changing rooms and a Referee's Room, to a standard better than any other in our league. The Committee and Manager are all very proud of this facility and it shows the commitment which we have to the future development of soccer in the Knocklyon area. These changing rooms are now a proud display of the efforts of club officials who give up their time for the further development of the Club. The work itself was a very enjoyable although at times hard and, without doubt, the man who deserves most credit is Bill Leckey. We all owe Bill an enormous THANK YOU for his sterling work over the past number of months.

The opening coincided with a First Sponsored Walk at which you, the residents of Knocklyon, once again displayed your support for the Club by your financial contribution. Thank you again.

On Wednesday 4th April the Club undertook its first official Club Tour. Yes, two double decker buses brought 200 boys and adults to Tolka Park to see Ireland (u. 16) v. Belgium. The score was 0-0. But all had a marvellous time and it was great to hear the chant in Tolka "Knocklyon - Knocklyon"! The boys behaved themselves very well which is what we expect from them. I know you are thinking "a trip to Tolka Park is hardly a Club Tour" - but we had to start somewhere. Maybe the next one will be Italy! - If we win the Lotto!

*Finbarr Dolan, 946111*



*Fr. Arthur blesses the new changing rooms and all the players!*



*Shane O'Neill and Dominic Donnelly with the Knocklyon United U. 13 Team*

## "WYN-NING THOUGHTS"



If you are in the habit of listening to "Just a Thought" on R.T.E. Radio each morning, then you must surely have heard the thought provoking words of Carmel Wynne. On the other hand, if you switch on the telly before going to bed you have probably seen her on "Night Light". Carmel is yet another member of the Knocklyon community who has entered our homes via the media, to share with us through simple words of faith, her thoughts on Christianity in the world today.

She was born in Ennis and grew up surrounded by the incredible scenic beauty of County Clare. Her father owned a grocer's shop which rejoiced in the magnificent name of a 'High Class Tobacco Emporium'. Life was uneventful and after completing her Leaving Cert. she entered the Civil Service and came to Dublin. "I didn't do anything special" she says, "but I was mad about Ballroom Dancing. I joined the Morosini Whelan School in Henry Street with a friend of mine. He wasn't my boy friend, just a dancing partner and that's where I met Colm, my husband. Colm never asked me to dance, in fact he never looked my way even though my partner kept telling him what a nice girl I was. One night Colm's usual partner didn't turn up and over he came. After that there was no turning back — but — it was a near miss", she laughed. When they married Carmel says she was "turfed out of the Civil Service". That was the rule — no married women allowed.

During these early years, she was often encouraged to go out and do things — to try something new — by Colm. "He has a great attitude towards marriage", she says "and I began by becoming active in the Residents' Association which sought to have the Ashton Estate taken in charge. A pleasant normal life you may say — but something happened which changed the direction of her whole life. A non-Catholic friend of hers called to the house one day with a Bible. "I know you never read the Bible", she said, "but this is a Roman Catholic one. It's about time you started".

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Carmel put the book on the shelf and forgot about it. At a Christmas party some time later a friend told her that she was a member of a Prayer Group in Knocklyon. "We meet every Wednesday morning — you should come along." That was the beginning.

Four years ago, Carmel started a new Prayer Group on Friday nights. She now holds it in her own house. Last September the group began to view and discuss the video tapes of Anthony de Mello (S.J.). Sadly, Fr. de Mello is now dead but this much loved Indian priest has left a wealth of beautiful philosophy in his talks on how to look for God in this chaotic world of today. His own spirituality was so great that he could easily attain the heights of understanding which is so far removed from ordinary mortals — but his messages are so simple if we listen to them. "How many of us", he asks, "go through our lives without seeing? We listen to the song — but do not hear the voice — we see the dance but do not recognise the dancer. Read the scriptures" he tells us "they are the pointers that lead to Him. Look and see the beauty of a sunset, listen to the sound of water lapping on the shore — listen to the silence of the mountains — look at creation and there you will find God."

Carmel is deeply interested in the work of Fr. Anthony de Mello and has recently given a retreat with Fr. John Callinan, S.J. She has been asked to join him again on May 4th, 5th and 6th at Tabor House. She also finds time to work in community activities like being a member of the Board of Management in St. Colmcille's Senior School or devoting many hours to the Parenting Programme which has proved most effective in promoting understanding and communication between parents and children. She also finds time to write her scripts for recording sessions. Gardening, reading and cooking and looking after her husband and their four daughters fill the remainder of her time.

Her hopes for the future are simple hopes — to continue to seek a greater understanding of the Christian way of life and to be able to impart some of that understanding through the spoken and written word and to put it into practice by her work in the community.



### THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING KNOCKLYON YOUTH CLUB

will be held on Wednesday 30th May in  
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# "YESTERDAY, TODAY AND FOREVER . . ."

One of the difficulties about writing in the context of times and seasons, for productions like our own, is that they might appear a trifle past tense and stale, by the time of publication. For instance, it is still only Holy Week, — Good Friday, to be precise — at time of writing. But coming to think of it, how could Good Friday or Holy Week, ever be past tense or stale.

Last evening we had the Holy Thursday celebration, commemorating first and foremost the institution of the Eucharist, that "well-spring of infinitely rich life and love", "the memorial of the death and resurrection of the Lord, in which the Sacrifice of the Cross is forever perpetuated . . . the summit and the source of all worship and life".

It also celebrates Christ's Commandment to us of brotherly love, hence Maundy Thursday, from the Latin *mandatum*, meaning commandment. This command of brotherly love and service toward our neighbour is beautifully symbolised in the Liturgy, by the washing of the feet of the poor, in commemoration of Christ's washing the feet of the disciples at the Last Supper.

## Maundy Thursday



*The Washing of the Feet on Holy Thursday Night*

At the ceremony last evening we had a cross section of our community — for the record, to the best of my knowledge, no richer or poorer than the rest of us! They ranged from the older to the very young, and special among them was Mark, because be sure, all our dear brothers and sisters who are mentally or physically handicapped are very close to the Lord. I always ask them to pray for me because, letting you into a secret, it sorta puts the Lord in a spot — he can't refuse them.

Which prompts the question, who is rich, who is poor? I have been reading the Psalms for years — a priest's privilege and duty — as part of the official prayers of the Church. The other day, for no particular reason, or could it be the Lord prodding our obtuse skull, Psalm 48 began to ring some kind of bell for me. It has some deeply probing comments on riches and other false gods: "In his riches, man lacks wisdom, he is like the beasts that are destroyed . . . This is the lot of those who trust in themselves who have others at their beck and call. Like sheep they are drawn to the grave, where death shall be their shepherd, and the just shall become their rulers . . . With the morning their outward show vanishes . . . Then do not fear when a man grows rich, when the glory of his house increases. He takes nothing with him when he dies, his glory does not follow him below . . . "

*Pat Alan Fitz*

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## A MEMORABLE MEAL



Fr. Martin carves the lamb at the Passover Meal

The Parish Centre never looked so good. The candlelit tables decorated with beautiful flower arrangements equalled the dining room of any elegant restaurant, set for a meal. But this was no ordinary meal — this was the setting for the Passover Meal shared by a group of 33 on Wed. 4th April.

During Lent a number of people took part in a Eucharistic Renewal programme with Fr. Martin and Fr. Joe. (You will hear more about this Renewal course through the Church announcements and the Newsletter). It was suggested by Fr. Martin that it would be appropriate to end the course with a Passover Meal since Jesus himself had celebrated it, and from it had instituted the Eucharist. Preparations began and various people undertook the different responsibilities. A lamb was roasted whole and this was served with bitter herbs, unleavened bread and wine. During the meal, prayers and psalms were recited, we listened to readings from The Book of Exodus and we heard explanations of the significance of each of the different foods.

Jesus and His Apostles, being Jews, celebrated the Passover, the great annual festival commemorating and giving thanks to God for the deliverance of the Jewish people from slavery in Egypt, through the intervention of God as told in the Book of Exodus.

On the night before He died, Jesus transformed that Passover by instituting the Eucharist and announcing the New Covenant (See Luke, 22, v. 19-20). Through the Eucharist, His followers would remember and would thank God for their redemption through His death. In washing the feet, Jesus gave an example of loving service.

Our Passover Meal helped us to reflect on how Jesus transformed His Passover bringing it on to an infinitely higher plane. Through the Eucharist, "the Bread of Life" we are brought into communion with God, made partakers of His divine nature, and enabled to bring that divine life into our lives and into the World.

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## MY TRIP TO RUSSIA

Last month we told you of Eve Harbourne's trip to Russia and now we publish her report on her experiences...



Many of you may be wondering how I got into it. Here's the answer. Dan Walsh of the Hunger Project invited me to join them on their weekend trip to Moscow. (The aim of the project is to end world hunger by the year 2000).

The hunger project, through their Youth Ending Hunger Campaign organised thousands of children to write letters to Mr. Gorbachev asking him to use his influence to end the civil war in Ethiopia. Over 65,000 letters ended up in the mail bags which took hours to sort out that Friday night in London. Most of the group met on Friday. The others met us in Gatwick next morning. Swiss Air donated a jet for us to use on our trip. Next morning after a press conference in Gatwick we flew to Moscow. Mike Brosnan from I.T.V.'s *Wac '90* and his crew came with us on the trip.

We spent Sunday visiting various places and generally touring Moscow. Our big day came on Monday. We met Mrs Gorbachev at 12 noon. All of the group were tense and excited. We entered the Kremlin, each of us carrying a sack of letters. I was chosen by Roger, our group leader to be the first to go up with my sack, and give Mrs Gorbachev a hug. I then read out my letter; some others read out their letters too. Mrs Gorbachev then said she was moved by our efforts and that she would do her best to help us. She showed us around the Kremlin. She was a very warm person. We all came away feeling we had done something to help the people in Ethiopia.

*Editors' Note: Well done, Eve. I have no doubt your trip will prove very worthwhile.*

## KNOCKLYON SUMMER CAMP

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# MEMO

Dear Dad

## MEMO TO PARENTS

# MEMO

Dear Mum

The following words came to the attention of our Reverend Editor who thought you might be interested in them. Those of you who have participated in the Parenting Programmes run in the Parish over the last two years will recall the piece as one of the very moving reflections contained in the course booklet. We include it here as food for thought and hope it encourages you in the difficult and oft diminished task of parenting.

*Don't spoil me. I know quite well that I ought not to have all that I ask for. I'm only testing you.*

*Don't be afraid to be firm with me. I prefer it. It makes me feel more secure.*

*Don't let me form bad habits. I have to rely on you to detect them in the early stages.*

*Don't make me feel smaller than I am. It only makes me behave stupidly "BIG"*

*Don't correct me in front of people if you can help it, I'll take more notice if you talk quietly with me in private.*

*Don't make me feel that my mistakes are sins, it upsets my sense of values*

*Don't protect me from consequences, I need to learn the painful way sometimes.*

*Don't be too upset when I say "I hate you", it isn't you I hate but your power to thwart me.*

*Don't take too much notice of my small ailments, sometimes they get the attention that I need*

*Don't nag. If you do, I shall have to protect myself by appearing deaf*

*Don't forget that I cannot explain myself as well as I would like. This is why I'm not always accurate.*

*Don't make rash promises. Remember that I feel badly let down when promises are broken.*

*Don't tax my honesty too much, I'm easily frightened into telling lies.*

*Don't be inconsistent, that completely confuses me and makes me lose faith in you*

*Don't tell me my fears are silly. They are terribly real and you can do much to reassure me if you try to understand.*

*Don't put me off when I ask questions. If you do, you will find that I stop asking and seek my information elsewhere.*

*Don't ever think it is beneath your dignity to apologise to me.*

*An honest apology makes me feel surprisingly warm towards you.*

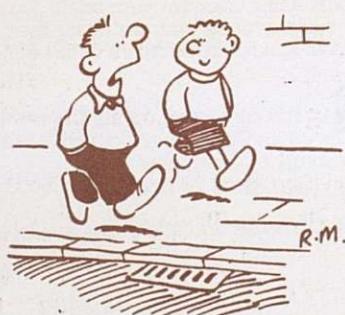
*Don't ever suggest that you are perfect or infallible. It gives me too great a shock when I discover you are neither.*

*Don't forget how quickly I am growing up. It must be very difficult to keep pace with me.*

*But please try.*

*Don't forget I love experimenting. I couldn't get on without it. So please put up with it.*

*Don't forget that I cannot thrive without lots of understanding and love.*



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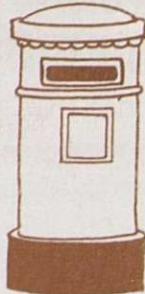
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# LETTERS

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Dear Editor,

Local people will be aware that Dublin Co. Council is currently reviewing its 1983 Development Plan, with a view to making a new one in due course. Very recently, councillors considered the map for the Knocklyon/Scholarstown area and some disquieting trends emerge in the draft proposals.

1. It is proposed to rezone the area between Scholarstown Road and the proposed Southern Cross Motorway from agricultural to residential.

2. The Department of Education has told planners it no longer requires the 11 acre school site on Scholarstown Road. The plan, therefore, is to rezone it residential unless we can convince the local authority that we need it desperately for pitches (it can take 3), pending the eventual building of our Community School, the case for which has become greatly enhanced by the proposal to build new houses all around the site.

3. It is proposed to rezone private property at Ballycullen Farm industrial, although lands nearby in public ownership would appear equally suitable.

4. It is proposed to alter the timescale for building the section of the realigned Knocklyon Road (between Cremorne and Lansdowne and extending through Coolamber Park) from short to long term, e.g., five years plus, an incredible proposal for this area, particularly in the light of yet extra traffic generated by new housing and proposed new housing at Scholarstown, not to mention the obvious increase in traffic problems which will be caused by the opening of the Western Parkway motorway later this year.

I would like to invite anybody interested in examining the new proposals in the zoning or roads areas to examine my map and the relevant documentation in so far as it may affect them personally. You may write to me or phone at any time.

Yours sincerely,

MARY MULDOON, Councillor, 946601

## PLEASE HELP US TO GET OUR FACTS RIGHT

Enclosed with this issue you will find a survey form. Why do we need a survey? Our community is growing at a rapid rate. It is vitally important that the infrastructure, schools, roads and other amenities keep pace with this growth. The official statistics which are available are completely out-dated, therefore we need accurate statistics to make sure that we have our facts right.

This is where you can help. Please fill out the survey form as soon as possible. Collectors will call within the next two weeks. They will have envelopes in which you may seal the completed form to ensure confidentiality. As soon as the necessary statistics have been extracted and entered into the computer, the forms will be destroyed. All of us will benefit in the long run by having accurate statistics. We look forward to your co-operation. This project is a joint venture being carried out by Knocklyon Community Council and Knocklyon Parish Pastoral Council.



## KNOCKLYON COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

The Knocklyon Community Council was established to represent the combined residents associations, social, cultural, and educational interests of the people of Knocklyon. This is done through a system of nominated delegates from each group or through the process of co-option. Given the unprecedented developments presently taking place within Knocklyon and the proposals for the future development of our area, it is vital that the views of the residents of Knocklyon are heard. For example, do you know what developments are proposed for Knocklyon over the next 5 years? Are you aware of the extent of building presently taking place within Knocklyon? At any level, it makes sense to become aware. Of course, most people just want to live their lives as privately and peacefully as possible; however, if you chose Knocklyon as the place to fulfill such dreams, then now is the time to act, for your peace is about to be shattered. Almost all recent planning permissions granted for Knocklyon have been via the use of the notorious Section 4 device. Over 100 acres of agriculturally zoned land between Scholarstown Road, Stocking Lane and the Southern Cross Route are under threat of imminent rezoning. Even our post-primary school site is now under threat, despite all the political promises.

Our local soccer pitches will disappear under the Southern Cross Route and our already over-stretched country roads will become even more crowded with the increased traffic. Up to 1500 additional new houses are planned over the next 5 years and a proposal to build an industrial estate on the Jones Farm, Ballycullen Road, is presently before the Co. Council. Does this sound like the quiet suburbs you thought it was? It is still not too late to act. We on the Community Council will do our best but we need your support. Participate within your own Residents Association (or form one!). Assist those sporting, educational and social groups that are doing their best with limited resources. You have a stake in the future of this community – let your voice be heard.

For more information contact any of the Committee Members.  
Vincent Kenny (Chairman Community Council) 91 Glenvara Park.  
Matt Revile (Treasurer) 71 Coolamber Park.  
Cynthia Brannigan (Corr. Sec.) 70 Knocklyon Road.

(Other council reps.' names and addresses available from any of the above.)

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*From the Daffodil Bunch.*

### JUMBLE SALE FOR TROCAIRE

A Jumble Sale organised by Pamela O'Rourke and Claire McEvoy in aid of Trocaire, raised £12.80. Good girls! Keep up the good work!

### PAPER BOYS

Congrats to Martin O'Connor (Cremorne) and Christophe Harris (Mt. Alton) on their initiative in starting up a very comprehensive Sunday Paper Round. We understand that the boys have canvassed many estates in the Parish and already have a large number of customers lined up. If you are interested in having your Sunday papers delivered to your door (before 9 a.m.) on Sundays, contact 935837 or 945411. The service commenced on 22nd April and you can have any number of papers delivered. Delivery charge only 10p per household. We wish you every success in your new venture lads!

### KNOCKLYON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

It is proposed to establish a historical society for Knocklyon and district, at a meeting to be held on Wednesday 9th May in the "pre-fab".

A talk will be given following which a Committee will be elected to organise further events for the society. Anyone interested in participating please contact - Vincent Kenny, 942092.

### A FUTURE ARTIST

Amber Walsh of 141 Coolamber Park, Templeogue won 3rd prize in the 9-11 Group of the Texaco Art Awards. Many Congratulations, Amber.

### ON THE ROAD TO SAINTHOOD

Sr. Therese Carmel of the Sisters of Mercy (Ballyroan) has asked that we let our readers know that Sr. Catherine McAuley, their Foundress was declared "Venerable" on the 9th April last, which is the first step in the process of canonisation. Mother Catherine's tomb is in the Convent of Mercy, Baggott St. Anyone who receives a favour through her intercession is requested to contact Sister M. Angela Bolster, Diocesan Office for Causes, Archbishop's House, Dublin 9. Prayer leaflets may be obtained via Fr. Alan.

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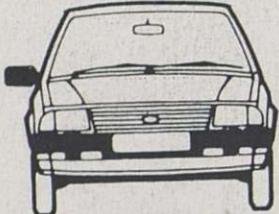
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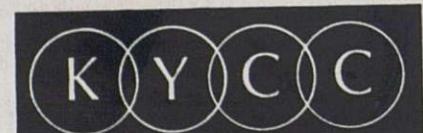


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