



Íosagán sa mháinséar i dtír i bhfad i gcéin

The first Christmas Day was not like the one we celebrate. There were no Christmas trees with lights and a fairy, no decorations from the ceiling and no balloons.

The baby Jesus was born in a stable in Bethlehem. There were just his parents, Mary and Joseph, and the noises and smells of the animals as they moved about and ate the hay in the stable.

Outside, however, it was different. There was a very bright star in the sky, and a choir of angels sang to shepherds looking after their sheep in the fields.

Soon after Jesus was born three wise men, following the star, came to see the new baby. And just as we give presents at Christmas, the wise men brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.



We three kings of Orient are,
Bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain,
Moor and mountain,
Following yonder star.

O star of wonder! Star of night!
Star with royal beauty bright!
Westward leading,
Still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.



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Church Programme for Christmas 1990

Penitential Service Tuesday 18th December 8.00 p.m.

Christmas Confessions on Christmas Eve

Monday 24th 10.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m., 3.00 p.m. - 5.00 p.m., 7.00 - 9.00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Monday 24th

Carol Singing: Folk Group and Choir at 9.30 p.m. followed by

First Mass of Christmas at 10.00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS DAY:

8.00 a.m., 9.00 a.m., 10.00 a.m., 11.00 a.m. 12 noon

No Evening Mass on Christmas Day

Christmas Week: Wednesday to Friday inclusive, Mass at 10.00 a.m. only

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Sunday 23rd December 10.30 a.m. Carol Service and Readings

CHRISTMAS EVE 11.30 p.m. Holy Communion

CHRISTMAS DAY

7.00 a.m., 8.00 a.m., 10.30 a.m., 12 noon. Holy Communion



Marjorie Courtney is like a breath of fresh air. Bubbling with vitality, enthusiasm and good humour, she must be one of the happiest women I have ever met. And why, you may ask? The answer is simple — her work brings laughter, enjoyment and pleasure to thousands

of people. She is an Entertainments Consultant.

How she became this entrepreneur of singers, dancers, orchestras, pipers, harpists, concerts, cabarets and show bands is a long story, but it all really began when she became a pupil at the Dominican Convent, Muckcross Park which was just a short journey from her home in Dundrum where she was born. "Oh, I was so lucky", she says, "despite the fact that it was an enclosed order, the nuns were light years ahead in self development. It was the making of me. I made two discoveries there, one was Mother Cecilia who taught music and singing, and the other was — that I had a voice. Mother Cecilia took me under her wing and opened up a new world to me. The highlight of the year was the opera and by the time I left, I had six Gilbert and Sullivan operas under my belt. I owe so much to Mother Cecilia. She was always so thrilled when I won prizes in the soprano competitions at the Feis Ceoil or the Oireachtas, and yet she could never leave the convent to hear me sing. I used to rush back to tell her the good news. Nuns nowadays have such a different life."

When she left school, Marjorie became a student of Kitty O'Callaghan and her career blossomed. She did a three year stint with the Rathmines and Rathgar Musical Society and was in great demand for singing at dinners — the norm was for 6 nights a week. She recalls one busy night when she sang in the upper dining room of the old Jury's Hotel, then in the downstairs room, before dashing off first to the Dolphin and then the Clarence. She made many guest appearances with musical societies and played a swashbuckling principal boy in the pantomime *Dick Whittington* with Jimmy O'Dea and also appeared in *Finian's Rainbow*. Some of her fondest memories are of the times she partnered Jack Cruise in many of his shows. It was around this time too, that Marjorie received an offer of a contract with the Doyley Carte Company, but she refused it because she didn't want to leave Ireland. "Did you ever regret not going?" I asked. "No", she replied, "I have never regretted one single step I have ever made in my career".

How right she was. Today, Marjorie Courtney is in greater demand than ever — not as a singer — she gave that up a few years ago — but as presenter and provider of entertainment in the grand style. Hers is a career which grew out of meeting hundreds of people in the show biz world over the years, and from her insatiable desire to entertain the public. Her sheer professionalism has brought her worldwide clients who receive Irish artists abroad with much acclaim. "There is no doubt", says Marjorie, "that the Irish have brain power — they have discipline, intelligence, driving ambition and a tremendous sense of humour. We have the most exciting dance form in Europe and we must offer it in a professional way".

Some of her recent successes have taken place in Monte Carlo, where the Royal Family were guests of honour; Brussels, where two shows for the European Community took place; Amsterdam, for a Midsummer Night's Irish Party, and the United States, where many American Tours are successful. Artists taking part sound like a Who's Who of Irish Theatre — Tony Kenny, Kathy Nugent, the Inis Ealga Dancers, Na Casaidigh, Deirdre O'Callaghan, the Dubliners and the Dickie Rock Showband.

Friday next, a lunch for 1,000 people has been arranged in Jury's in three different rooms. Marjorie is organising the entertainment, which will rotate through the three dining rooms and give every guest a full 2½ hour show. Another big event coming off shortly, which she arranges every year, is the Viennese Ball in the Berkeley Court. A full orchestra (for the romantic waltzes), and featured will be Niambh Murray, an attractive, young up-and-coming singer, who is off to study in Italy in the New Year, and Austin Gaffney, well known to us all.

Holidays — does she have any? "I sneak away sometimes to Spiddal for a quiet 3 days", she admits, "or to London for maybe 4, and spend my time visiting art exhibitions and shows. I would go anywhere to see a show. I never miss one. There is so much good work going on in the Dublin Theatres, and last week I went down to Cashel to see the new theatre. It is out of this world — the lighting — the auditorium — the coffee bar — everything about it is superb."

"Do you get any sleep?" I ask. She laughs heartily. "I never go to bed before two, and I get up every morning at 7.30 a.m. There's so much to do. I have to get on with it."

Good luck to you, Marjorie. You have the best of both worlds, travelling the world and yet finding success and happiness in your own dear Knocklyon.

Eileen Casey

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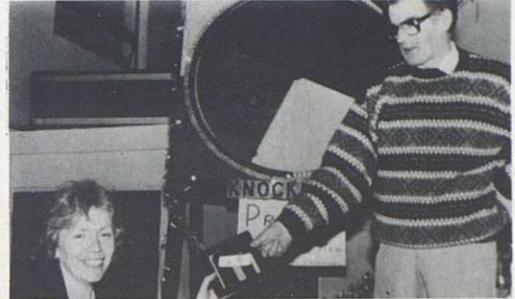
Ye Olde Christmas Fayre



You will be pleased to hear that our Christmas Fair was a great success. It realised £7,421.02, which is the highest ever. We would like to thank all those who worked in the school on the day of the Fair, those who spent many cold nights ringing door bells to collect items and those who gave so generously. We would also like to thank all those who came and supported the Fair.— *Christmas Fair Committee*



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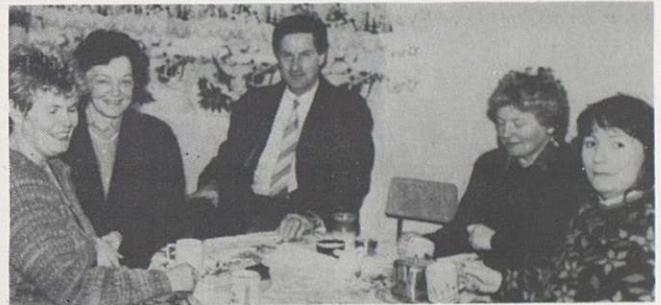
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Letters to the Editor . . .

Dear Editor,

I refer to an article entitled "The Community Council Reports" (signed: Vincent Kenny, Knocklyon Community Council) which appeared in the November edition of The Knocklyon News. I write to clarify a particular point which might inadvertently mislead some of your readers.

As an active member of Knocklyon Community Council for some years, I take grave exception to its statement: "It was particularly infuriating to see Councillors force these Section 4 motions through . . ."

I wish to state categorically that, since my election in 1985, I have never voted for further housing developments in this area. I consider such action to be thoughtless and irresponsible when the vital community infrastructure (roads, Church, schools, parks, playing pitches, library, bank, post office, shops etc.) has not been provided for, in advance of such development.

The Minutes of Co. Council meetings are a matter of public record and may be examined at any time. Local people may see for themselves that many County Councillors voted against these outrageous housing proposals despite the Community Council's inference. The great pity is, in fact, that we were unable to persuade a majority of our colleagues to reject them with us.

Yours sincerely,
Mary Muldoon, Cllr.

Dear Editor,

In reference to Jacquie Charleton's comments in October's issue, I would like to take this opportunity to reply to the comments from the writer. Let it be known that all positions at Committee and Management level within Knocklyon Utd. F.C. are open to all males/females within the Community and on mature reflection, we have never advertised in any other fashion for any position within the club.

An important point must be made that each of the 40 Managers and Committee Members all have wives who give their husbands the time and encouragement to get involved in our club and community. We, as the Managers and Committee Members, are most grateful and appreciate the work that the other half of our Management team undertakes. Without these women there would be no managers - in fact there would be no boys at all but for the women in the community. Men can say what they like, but always remember "the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world".

Finbar Dolan, P.R.O., K.U.F.C.
Phone: 946111

Fr. Alan,

Christmas is a very special time because Christ was born on Christmas Day. People celebrate Christmas by eating turkey on Christmas Day. Santa comes on Christmas Eve and he brings you presents. At Christmas people put up cribs. I think Christmas is a very special time.

Love, from Davie (age 8)



A Christmas Story



It was still dark when Joey woke up. At first he did not realise what day it was but then, suddenly, he remembered - "It's Christmas day" he almost shouted with excitement. He jumped out of bed and ran down the stairs calling to everyone "get up, it's Christmas day"! Before long everyone in the house was up. There was so much excitement as they gathered round the Christmas tree and gave each other their Christmas presents.

Santa had called during the night - his empty beer glass stood on the mantelpiece and crumbs from his slice of Christmas Pudding lay on the floor. Everyone was pleased that they got the things they asked him for in their letters.

Joey's sister gave him a jig-saw of the Turtles and a Turtle storybook that you could colour in. His little brother gave him some sweets wrapped in lots of paper - but the present Joey was most excited about was the bicycle his Mammy and Daddy had promised him. "It's in the kitchen" his Mammy told him. They all ran out to have a look. But when Joey saw it his heart sank - "It's not the one we saw in the shop" he stammered. "That was too expensive" his Daddy said, "but this is just as good". "It's not the same" shouted Joey, no longer able to hold back his tears. Joey ran out of the house.

"They can keep their stupid presents" he thought. Joey sat down by the tree at the top of the road. It was very quiet. He thought about the bicycle he had wanted - he thought about stealing it from the shop and cycling away - he could get a job in another town - he would pretend he was an orphan. He thought about how his parents would feel - they would be sorry they had not bought him the right bicycle. Years later he would come back a rich man - he would give them big presents and they would be so ashamed. Joey thought about how sad his parents had looked when he had shouted at them. "How worried they must be" he thought. Joey remembered that he had not given them their present yet.

He ran back and went quietly to his room and got their presents and brought them down. Then he went to the kitchen and got on the bicycle - it wasn't exactly what he wanted but it was beautiful. "Mammy, Daddy" Joey called, "Can I ride the bike on the street?" "Yes" said his Mammy, "but be careful". Everyone came out to watch. Joey felt so important as he rode up and down the street - his Mammy and Daddy smiled to each other. They looked at the presents Joey had given them and remembered how Joey had said "sorry" for the way he shouted. "Our little boy is growing up" said Joey's Dad. "This is the best Christmas ever" thought Joey.

Joey kept the bike and often he would remember that Christmas morning when he realised that presents are not the most important thing.

Happy Christmas, Lots of Love,
Fr. Joe

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Merry Christmas to all my clients

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- (a) 55 + years of age.
- (b) People formally retired as well as those made redundant or unemployed.
- (c) Those with grown-up families who now have less work to do in the home.

The Knocklyon A.R.A. was formed on 25th April, 1989. We elected a Chairperson, a Secretary, Treasurer and a small committee to organise various activities for the group.

Mrs. Lyla Kennedy, Idrone Park, is the present Chairperson. The membership increased from 20 members to 40 members during the year.

The group is affiliated to the National Federation of Active Retirement Associations.

We enjoy the benefits of affiliation with the National Group:

- (1) We keep in touch with the activities of other groups.
- (2) We are invited to Talks and Seminars.
- (3) We get a special Insurance concession.
- (4) We enjoy special Holiday benefits.

A group from our Association enjoyed a week's holiday in Kenmare this Summer; others also had holidays in Kerdiffs-town House in Kildare.

- (5) The Federation this year hopes to get us a reduction in Motor Taxation.

On Thursday afternoons we play Indoor Bowls and Table Tennis and we hold friendly competitions with other A.R. Groups.

We also engaged a teacher for one hour weekly to instruct the group on Sequence Dancing. The session was thoroughly enjoyed by all.



Outings:

During the past year and a half the group went on various outings, and for our first birthday anniversary we had mass in the Church followed by a party in the Community Centre where we were highly entertained by Joyce and Aidan O'Hara.

From all this you will see how our members have found new companions, formed new friendships and built up much support for one another, thus enhancing the spirit of the local community. Many members have become more interested in other parish activities and have begun to spread their wings. Some have joined Art Classes in the Community Centre. One member has joined the choir, another the Readers' Group and we have a member on the Parish Council. We also sponsored a table for the American Tea.

Like all associations we need money, so a registration fee of £4 a year is levied. We ran a Cake Sale and had an outdoor Church collection to get funds. The Community Centre offered us the use of the Hall for the first year at a very nominal sum. For this we thank them and express our appreciation. This year we pay a sum of £10 weekly for the use of the rooms.

We take this opportunity to thank the priests of the parish for their support – both moral and financial – of our organisation.

We hope to continue to enjoy life and contribute to this community as long as possible and to help each and every member to make retirement a fulfilling phase of their lives.

"And remember, what we are today, you will be tomorrow."



CHRISTMAS DINNER 1990



Meetings:

The group meets every Tuesday morning from 10.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. in the Community Centre, and on Thursday afternoons from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

On Tuesday mornings we have Tea and Talk and various activities: these include to date – demonstrations on Floral Arrangements, Crafts, Christmas Novelties and Table Decorations.

We have talks on Venues for Holidays and Fire precautions. A Social Worker spoke on our Entitlements and at present a physiotherapist from the Eastern Health Board is giving us a series of talks on Health, Fitness and Nutrition followed by physical exercises to music. Today a Sociologist spoke to us on Images of Ageing.

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As CAO time approaches once again, the following will be of interest to the parents and children thinking about University . . .

This year, 1990, is the centenary of the death of John Henry Cardinal Newman. Perhaps the year should not pass without some reference in the Newsletter to the work of this great Englishman in the development of University education in Ireland, work indeed, the influence of which extended far beyond the shores of this country and which culminated in the publication of his great classic "The Idea of a University".

In the middle of the 19th Century, the matter of adequate provision for University education in Ireland was the subject of great debate. At that time, there was only one University having only one college – Trinity College – in the country. The demand for university places was very pressing and becoming increasingly so. But how to provide for this demand was the great and serious question. Eventually in 1850, the Hierarchy decided to establish the Catholic University of Ireland. The reasons for this decision were complex and beyond the scope of this note. However, once the decision was taken, the project moved ahead rapidly and in 1851, the then Fr. Newman, a Fellow of Oriel College, Oxford, a convert from the Anglican Church whose adult life up to then had been spent almost wholly in Oxford University, was invited to become the first Rector of the New University.

It was intended that Fr. Newman would initially give a series of public lectures in Dublin on University education. These lectures were given in the Rotunda Assembly Rooms under the title of "Discourses on the Scope and Nature of University Education". These discourses subsequently published, formed Part 1 of "The Idea of a University", Part 2 consisting of "Discourses on University Subjects", delivered to the faculties of the then established University.

"The Idea of a University" is Newman's definitive exposition of his views on the nature of Higher Education. It is without doubt one of the greatest contributions on this subject in English Literature written by one of the greatest thinkers in this field. The concepts put forward by Newman then, are fundamentally valid today. In this short note, only a rather perfunctory outline of the theme of the book can be given but even that may be worthwhile.

In his preface to the book, Newman describes the University, in its essence, as primarily a place of teaching universal knowledge. Its object is, fundamentally the diffusion and extension of knowledge rather than its advancement. Although its object is intellectual rather than moral, it cannot perform this object duly without the assistance of religion which provides its integrity. To quote his own words, "when the Church founds a university, she is not cherishing talent, genius or knowledge for their own sake, but for the sake of her children, with the view to their spiritual welfare, their religious influence and usefulness with the object of training them to fulfil their respective posts in life better, and of making them more intelligent, capable, active members of society".

Thus the University should be for the development of the students rather than the advancement of knowledge, which should be more properly done in special institutes such as research institutes. Such institutes might be associated with universities but are not part of the essence of the universities.

Newman stressed that a fundamental function of a University was the real cultivation of mind and to this end, he argued the importance of "liberal knowledge informed by Reason", which formed a habit of mind with attributes of freedom, equitableness, calmness and moderation. In his Rules

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and Regulations for the University, the Rector insisted on all students taking a preliminary course in the humanities, covering a wide area of study and including modern languages, before proceeding to their particular professional faculties. It is sometimes thought that Newman's insistence on the value of liberal education, indicated an undervaluing of professional and scientific education, but this is completely at variance with the truth, which can be seen by noting the faculties provided. In fact, two of the most successful were Medicine and Civil Engineering.

Newman insisted on, again to use his own words, "the necessity to impress on the student's mind the ideas of science, method, order, principle and system . . . of starting from fixed points, of making good his ground as he goes, of distinguishing what he knows from what he does not know". The student then will be gradually initiated into the largest and truest views and will feel nothing but disgust and impatience at the random theories which carry away superficial intellects. In this connection, his castigation of the effects of the popular communication media and the cruel slavery under which writers for such media labour, appears to be even more apposite today.

Newman did not neglect the care of the spiritual welfare of his students. One of his notable achievements was the building of the beautiful University Church in St. Stephen's Green. He intended the Church to be the focal point of the spiritual life

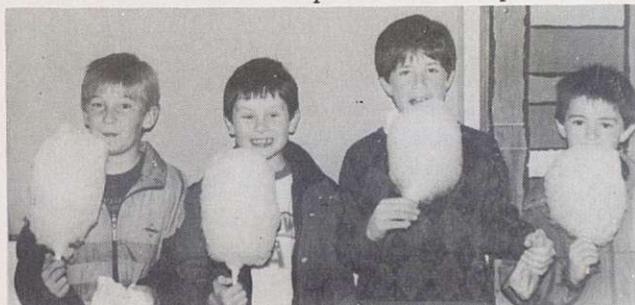
of the college, and to be an integral part of University.

Newman resigned from the Rectorship almost exactly seven years after his appointment and returned to the Birmingham Oratory but the University he founded continued on through various vicissitudes to 1908 when it was substantially absorbed into the Dublin College of the newly established National University of Ireland.

Cardinal Newman was, of course, a many sided genius. Apart from his work in higher education, he was a priest, a theologian of world repute, a prolific writer on many subjects and a considerable poet. But it may be argued that one of his most important and enduring works is "The Idea of a University". In our Parish, where so many families have students and prospective students of our Universities, its study by parents and indeed, by students, might perhaps be worthwhile. It could lead to a better public evaluation and appreciation of the true nature and, as Newman put it, essence of University education, and an evaluation of the direction University education is taking today.

In conclusion, it may be noted that Newman's views as set out in "The Idea of a University" are completely in accord with the Declaration on Christian Education of the Second Vatican Council, Section 10 which deals with schools of higher learning.

Bill Meagher



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When Will We Ever Learn . . .

Christmas '90 has well and truly burst upon us. Way back in early November the first shots were fired, and much earlier still there were rumblings.

The tall Superquinn lamp standard straight outside my window is ablaze with Christmas lights, it must be costing them the proverbial bomb, but that is big business, and it is not easy. I suppose inevitably one comes down on the side of this rather spectacular tinsel and light as a challenge to the December darkness, and the harsher realities of life. The human face of shopping sure ain't what it used to be. But we are told we must move with the times, I'm not so sure, isn't Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today and forever?

And now we have The Square in Tallaght. I had to vet it in the company of some country friends. It was a relatively quiet shopping time, I shudder to think what it might be like at a peak period. It is certainly light years away from the oil lamp era that some of us might remember, also, as food for thought, a far cry from the starving areas of the Third World, as for that matter, from the sparsely populated shelving of present day Russian stores.

The Square has so many things, including live entertainment — more noise than entertainment, 12 Cinemas, none of which we sampled. The overall effect was disturbingly threatening, compounding and greatly increasing the hard-nosed rat race syndrome in our society. Oh yes, the bargains and savings may be there, but who has the time and energy to sort them out.

Are we being snowed under by this bombardment of "progress" and commercialism? Is God squeezed out of existence, is the Christmas peace and love of Christ, a non-starter? Where is God?

Let there be no panic, he is alive and well, because we will find he keeps popping up in the most unlikely places, times and people.

I caught a glimpse of Him on the Scholarstown roundabout the other day. A country itinerant friend of some years ago spotted me, stopped his van there and then, to greet me. "My auld father (now passed on) robbed you", he said with a laugh, "but you loved him and he loved you" — for me what a flood of warm and chuckling memories.

The son now had his own lovely little family with him. I wanted to treat them, but he would not hear of it, he just wanted to renew an old friendship — a heart-warming encounter. For me it was truly a touch of the peace and warmth this world cannot give, so with God given conviction and gusto I say Alleluia and Happy Christmas.

Pat Alan Fitz



Happy First Christmas to the following new arrivals . . .

Shona Catherine O'Toole, 21, Knocklyon Close.
Padraic Donal Curran, 164, Glenvara Park.
Shane Joseph O'Donnell, 73 Ashton Avenue.
Jodie Patricia Ryan, 7 Beverly Downs.
Lynn Roisin Tierney, 12 Beverly Avenue.
Alan Patrick O'Driscoll, 1 Beverly Grove.
Fergal Hough Geraghty, 22 Delaford Lawns.
Gavin Peter White, 28 Beverly Downs
Barry James Kevin Kellett, 43, Westbourne Lodge.
Ross Joseph O'Grady, 7 Cremorne.
Keith James O'Grady, 7 Cremorne.
Maria Margaret Anne Boyle, 17 Beverly Park.
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Rebecca Hazel Tyson, 140 Coolamber Park.
Laura Pauline Valinda Smith, 149 Glenvara Park.
Jennifer Catherine Caldwell, Knockfield Manor.
Ria Michelle Muller, 116 Glenvara Park.
Kevin John Doherty, 36 Scholarstown Road.
Ruth Phyllis Stewart, 68 Idrone Park.
Andrew Kevin Barry, 13 Delaford Avenue.
Ciaran Patrick Brennan, 24 Coolamber Park.
Stephen Patrick Neary, 8 Beverly Lawns.
Kate Elizabeth Wickstone, 4 Templeroan Way.
Cian Luke O'Brien, 225 Glenvara Park.
Samuel Patrick O'Reilly, 12 Templeroan Drive.
Niamh Eileen O'Connell, 19 Templeroan Drive.
Lisa Ann McMahon, 49 Dargle Wood.
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Rachel Valerie Scolard, 8 Beverly Green.
Stephanie Mary Mullen, 21 Orlagh Court.
Fiona Victoria Cullen, 7 Greenacre Court.
Riona Elizabeth Mulherin, 17 Glenvara Park.
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*Just a thought from young parishioner, Mark Brennan
of Ballyroan House, Knocklyon.*

WORLD PEACE — THE FIRST BARRIER

In today's society, the need for world peace is very real in most people's minds, but they think that just calling for world peace will work. This is not true. The first step to take, the first barrier to overcome is ourselves and the society we live in.

Imagine if all the world leaders laid down their arms and called for an end to all fighting. Imagine a world where no country, state or province fought another. Would there be a state of complete happiness and peace in the world?

Not so, it is the people of a land that make it what it is. People usually generate what they feel, or think, and if they are thinking bad thoughts or are feeling angry or unsatisfied this is usually felt by others. In this way, we get a common atmosphere of unrest, and then people stand up and protest or riot.

That is why it is important for everyone to find **Peace** with themselves and others that way, an atmosphere of common **Happiness** will be fertile ground for **World Peace**, to take firm root and flourish. So therefore, why wait for others to do the work, let's set out to overcome the first barrier — **OURSELVES, TODAY!**

ART IN OUR CHURCH

Have you ever wondered about the beautiful Stations of the Cross which adorn the walls of our Church, and the artwork on the Altar Antependium and Lectern? — These Batiks (which are the result of a process of printing fabric, in which parts not to be dyed are covered with wax) are the work of Bernadette Madden, now Ireland's best known Batik artist, who over the last 20 years has made her living from this art form.

Bernadette has an enormous list of commissions to her credit, which include many sets of Stations of the Cross, and other religious subjects for Churches, and designs for such venues as the Irish Mission to the United Nations in New York.

We in Knocklyon are privileged to have been introduced to her work so early.



Karl, Paul and Gary Fitzgerald at the Book Stall



Temporary Pitch Facilities Former School Site



We are pleased to report that in reply to a question from Councillor Mary Muldoon at the Dublin-Belgard District Committee Meeting on 6th November, it was stated that following agreement in principle with the Department of Education regarding the availability of the site for a temporary period, that consideration was being given to providing the appropriate sum in the draft estimates in 1991 to level and grass the school site at Scholarstown Road.

This surely is good news for all our Sports Enthusiasts!



Ballyboden/St. Enda's G.A.A. & Camogie Club would like to wish all their players and supporters throughout the parish a very happy and peaceful Christmas.

Reporting on Club activities resumes as usual with the January issue of the Newsletter.

*T. Durkin
941752*



KNOCKLYON UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB



Coming up to the Christmas period, we are pleased to report that 9 of our teams are currently leading their respective leagues. This is a fantastic achievement and one which makes us the envy of many of the long established clubs in our league.

We would like to thank all the parents and friends of the club who supported a successful Christmas Social in St. Anne's G.A.A. Club. We also wish to thank all who supplied spot prizes. Thanks also, to all the parents and residents who bought tickets in our Christmas raffle.

We wish all our players, parents and residents a very Happy Christmas and prosperous New Year.

*Finbar Dolan
946111*



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THE MORNING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Did you know the Morning Prayer of the Church is celebrated every weekday morning at 9.30 a.m. in Knocklyon? Everyone is welcome to attend. "What is morning prayer?", you may well ask. The best answer may be another question – an invitation – why not come and see for yourself some morning, when you have ten to fifteen minutes to spare.

In a very real way, this public and communal prayer unites our community in spirit, with the Church at prayer. In every corner of the globe where Morning Prayer is recited, either by a group or by an individual, the identical prayers, psalms, reading and intercessory prayers for the needs of the Church and of the world are used.

A great effort was made to renew the daily prayer of the Church after the Second Vatican Council. The first aim of the renewal was that the Divine Office, (Morning Prayer is a part of the Divine Office), would once again become the prayer of the whole Church, "not merely the prayer of clergy and religious". Community worship nourishes the spiritual life of the People of God.

Carmel Wynne, 944976

KNOCKLYON YOUTH CLUB



It is nice to report a success and the most recent one was our stall at the Christmas Fair which we ran in conjunction with the Brownies. Takings for the day, including the

proceeds from raffling a patchwork quilt, made up a handsome contribution to the Parish Fund. Congratulations to all concerned. See Photos below.

The Committee would like to extend its best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all its supporters and friends.

Paddy Ryan
Youth Club Committee



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COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

You should find in your newsletter an insert copy of a letter/invitation from His Grace the Archbishop of Dublin, Dr. Desmond Connell. We are distributing it to each household in the parish. We know you will give it your kind attention and perhaps also pass it on to someone who you feel might be interested.

TREADING THE BOARDS

We send our congratulations to Gavin Colwell aged 13 of Idrone Avenue, who played Fleance in a recent production of Macbeth in the Tivoli Centre for three weeks from November 20th to December 8th. Gavin is a former pupil of St. Colmcille's - now in Templeogue College, and attends the Anne Kavanagh School of Drama. He has been doing drama for the last 5 years. Continued success in your endeavours Gavin.

KNOCKLYON'S NIGHTINGALE!

Delighted to hear that Soprano, Siobhan Doyle from Knockaire took part in the "Christmas Cavalcade '90" at the National Concert Hall on December 16th; the concert was presented by Desmond Davenport. Siobhan also performed recently on the "Bibi Baskin Show" on R.T.E. Continued success in your career, Siobhan.

GOLDEN BOY!

Congratulations to Vincent Mulvey aged 10 of 187 Coolamber Park for winning 1st Prize in the Irish Board of Speech & Drama Examination and receiving a gold medal for his wonderful effort. Well done Vincent.

BADMINTON CHAMP!

Congratulations to Niall Nolan, Ashton Lawn, on making the U.16 Leinster Badminton Team and also the U.16 Irish Squad. Niall attends Terenure College and plays for Terenure Badminton Club.

RING TIME!

Congratulations to Siobhan McDermott (Knocklyon Park) and Cathal Gormley (Stillorgan) on their engagement on 8th December. Love and best wishes from Mam, Dad, Andrea and Martina. And so say all of us!!

WHAT A SHOW!

Congratulations to all the children from the Junior School who appeared in the "Tots of the Town" during the week beginning December 10th. The performances were outstanding every night and the audiences were enthralled with the spectacles on show. A sincere word of thanks to the teachers who worked so hard to provide such a magnificent week's entertainment for us all.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

BALLYROAN LIBRARY

Positive Aspects of Mental Health - January 14th - 19th
Ballyroan Library will feature a small exhibition of Mental Health Literature with an emphasis on positive self-help and avoiding stress.

Beat the January Blues - Tuesday 15th January 7.30 p.m.
Wintertime is traditionally associated with Depression - Ned Cusack, Development Officer in the Mental Health Association of Ireland, will give a talk on how best to avoid the annual hazard or to cope with it, if it is unavoidable.

La Fheile Bhríde

First day of February heralds Templeogue's own Feile Bhríde. A weekend of song, music and poetry in which boys and girls participate. The aim of the organisers is to encourage the young to develop their talents and to provide a platform for them. There will be a small exhibition in the library from **January 21st - 26th.**

PEARSE MUSEUM

St. Enda's Park, Grange Road, Rathfarnham, Phone: 934208.
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CATHOLIC MARRIAGE ADVISORY COUNCIL

A Special Collection will be held at all Masses on **Sunday, 3rd February, 1991**

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CMAC provides a range of services in support of Marriage and the Family. Your local centre is at **265, Templeogue Road, Dublin 6.** Phone: 908739.

A Counselling Service is available for those experiencing difficulties in a relationship.

Also, a confidential service for those who wish to discuss the planning of their families, to understand their fertility and to learn the Natural Methods of Family Planning.

Marriage Preparation Courses are available for engaged couples. Phone Central Booking Office at 784400 to ensure a place.

Please show your support for Marriage and Family Life by contributing as generously as you can to this Special Collection for CMAC.

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

Items and adverts for inclusion in the January issue of the Newsletter should be handed into the Presbytery by Monday 14th January. Enquiries re advertising to June at 941204/944986 (10 - 12 Mon. to Fri.) The Newsletter will be distributed from January 24th.

The Newsletter Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who helped make the production of the newsletter possible during 1990 - our Printers, Lantz Ltd., whose advice and assistance is invaluable, contributors, advertisers, the teachers and boys and girls in the Senior School - we hope the children will continue the good work of distributing the newsletter to nearly every home in the parish each month. We would also like to thank Mr. Ciaran Collins, Manager of Superquinn and Brenda of Shape in Hair for the use of their information desks as a further means of distribution.

May we wish all the above-mentioned people and you, our customers, a very happy Christmas and healthy and prosperous 1991.

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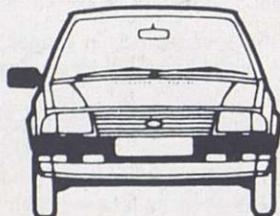
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