



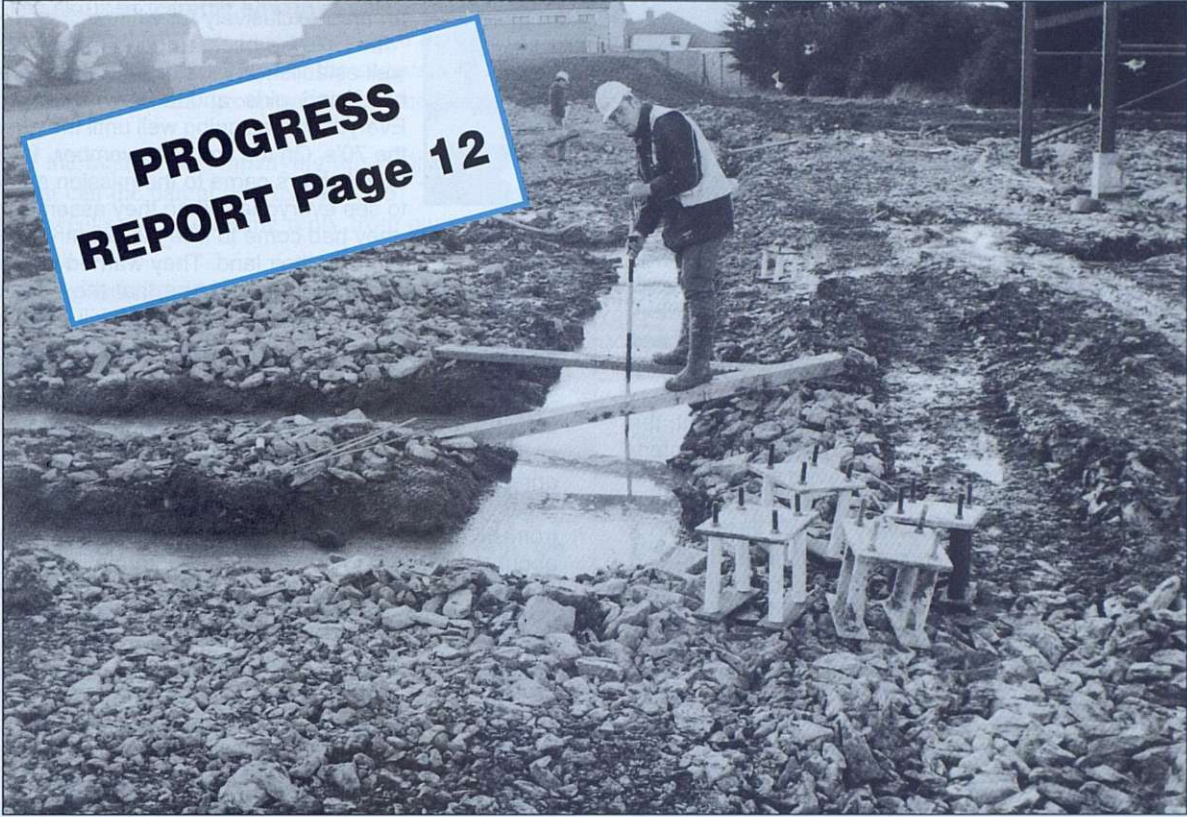
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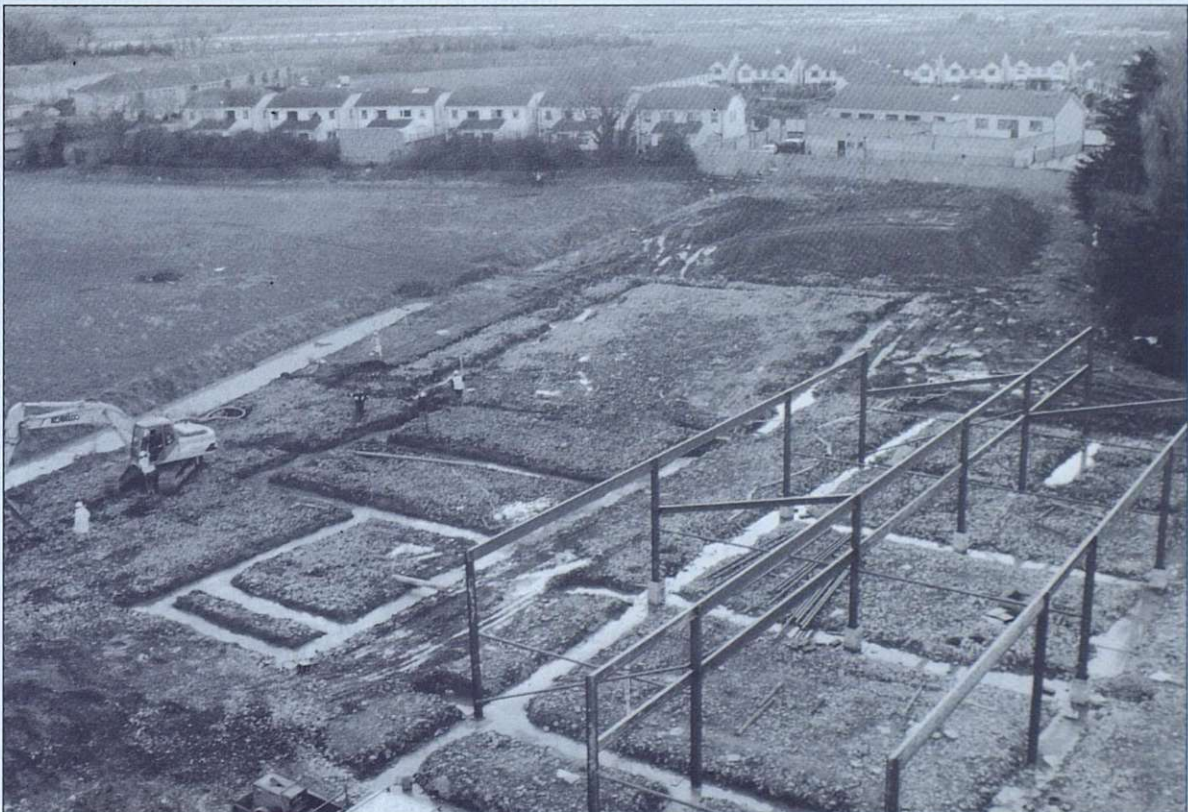
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KNOCKLYON'S OWN SECONDARY SCHOOL



THE STRUCTURE IS NOW BEING BUILT

Out of Africa

Regular readers will be familiar with the Carmelite Mission of Regina Coeli in Zimbabwe which is twinned with our own parish of St. Colmcille's. In November last we described some of the work being carried out in the schools and hospital there under the directorship of Fr. Ned Ward. In this article we introduce Fr. Ned (pictured right) and relate some of his experiences.



Father Edward Ward, affectionately known as Father Ned, was born in Moate, Co. Westmeath. When the Carmelites opened a secondary school in the town in 1949, Ned became a student. He had always wanted to be a priest and by the time he reached his Leaving Cert. year he knew he must join the Novitiate in Kinsale.

Until he went to Kinsale, Fr. Ned had no idea that the Carmelites had any Foreign Missions. Indeed he had no intention of ever leaving Ireland because he believed it was the best country in the world. He was only a few weeks in Kinsale when he realised that the Carmelites were very heavily involved in a Mission area in Zimbabwe (then known as Rhodesia) and that at least half of the Carmelites who were being ordained were being sent there. He didn't want to leave Ireland and spent many sleepless nights at the thought of leaving his beloved country. Then he began to think – it would be seven years before he would be ordained and he couldn't keep having sleepless nights for all that time, without his health suffering. He decided the solution was to accept that he would like to go to Africa and then forget about it, and that is exactly what he did.

After ordination Ned, remembered the promise he had made several years earlier and said he would be happy to go on the Missions.

The journey to Zimbabwe was made by boat, a passenger liner service between Southampton, Cape Town and Durban. He travelled with two friends, Fr. Paddy Staunton (the first parish priest of our parish) and Fr. Fred Lally. On arrival they stayed with the Salesians who were very kind and showed them the famous sights of the city, Table Mountain, like a giant fortress towering over Cape Town and Table Bay and the meeting of the Atlantic and Indian Oceans at the Cape. Ned remembers he was struck by the beauty of Cape Town and will never forget the strange noise of the crickets at night. Soon they departed for Zimbabwe. Three days and three nights in a train. The land they passed was very dry, no green grass like Ireland, only scrubland and leafless trees. When they arrived, the three young men were sent to Mount Mellary Mission for five months to learn the

native language – SHONA. Learning was difficult but interesting. The year was 1963.

Fr. Ned's first Mission was in Salisbury (now Harare). The work was essentially parish work. At that time there was a great deal of segregation, apartheid really, though it wasn't called by that name, and there were huge restrictions on black people. There was a separate office for whites at the post office and next door, a special office for black people. The local African people could not travel in the same bus as white people. They could work in Salisbury but were not allowed to live there, or own or rent a house. Fr. Ned found this segregation shocking and was horrified by it. He felt it would be easier to work in an area of native born black people or an area exclusively for whites.

In 1970 he became parish priest of Triashill, a well established Mission with a primary school for boys and girls and a new secondary school. Everything was going well until the guerrilla war in the 70's. On the first of November, 1976, the freedom fighters came to the mission and demanded to see everyone. When they assembled the guerrillas told them they had come to free the country from the white people who had stolen their land. They warned the children and everybody present not to tell anyone that the freedom fighters had visited the school and threatened to kill them if they did. Soon after that the school was closed and many children left to be trained as guerrilla fighters.

The Carmelite priests decided it was their duty to stay with their Catholic communities and to continue to provide pastoral service as long as possible. In order to do that, they had to agree that they would not report the visit of the fighters in their areas. However, in January 1979 Fr. Ned received a phone call from Fr. O'Loan (his Carmelite superior) warning him he was about to be charged for withholding information from the police and that he was likely to be arrested. Fr. O'Loan requested Fr. Ned to return to Ireland immediately and the following week he left and remained in Ireland until 1983 when he returned to Triashill, and continued the work interrupted by the war. In 1991 he was elected as Commissary Provincial and was based in Mutare for the next six years, from where he moved to Regina Coeli in 1997.

In Zimbabwe the Carmelite training of young men for the priesthood and religious life is now based in their homeland. Some 19 students are currently in training there. However, there is also a great need now for some new people to become involved in this work. Irish priests are getting older, and this is a cause for concern. Few are under the age of 60 and the Carmelites are looking to the African priests who have been ordained, to carry on the work that Irish priests started.

The Regina Coeli Mission will celebrate its 50th Anniversary in less than 5 years time. Major plans exist to improve electrification, water supplies, and school and hospital facilities in the future. The Mission is hopeful that its benefactors will come to its assistance as in the past. Although these plans will take a number of years to accomplish, Fr. Ned and his fellow workers are confident that they will one day become a reality despite the unrest and bitterness which has recently reappeared.

We pray that peace will soon prevail in that troubled land.

— — Eileen Casey

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We were guided through this 6-week course with ease and humour by our facilitator Margaret Whelan.

Doing a course like this, as Margaret pointed out, does not give all the answers to any problems which may arise, but acquiring new skills or learning how to handle situations better may help to ensure a calmer passage through these years.

The support, the shared experiences, the suggestions and the reassurances from within the group were of tremendous benefit.

The title of the manual accompanying this course poses the question 'What can the parent of a teenager do?' Well, by the end of the six weeks the resounding reply from our group was - Do a parenting course!"

Enquiries to Anne at 494 5743 or Mary at 494 2130.

St. Colmcille's Parents Association

The Parents Association recently invited Ms. Jane Fry, Clinical Psychologist, to give a lecture for parents entitled 'Transition to Secondary School'. This was received very well, and we hope that those who attended found it to be of benefit.

With the First Holy Communions underway, from 14th, we would like to thank all involved in preparing the children for this special occasion and to wish each and every child/family a memorable day. Also we would like to say a big thank you to those who volunteered to help with the refreshments afterwards.

JUBILEE 2000 PILGRIMAGE



A Pilgrimage to St. Colmcille's Well, Ballycullen Road, Knocklyon, will take place on Sunday, May 21. An Ecumenical Service at the well will start at 3 p.m. It will include prayers, hymns, a talk on St. Colmcille and short dramatic presentation. The service will be followed by musical entertainment performed by local musicians. Parishioners from Knocklyon, Firhouse, Templeogue, Ballyboden and Bohernabreena will participate. Many people propose to walk to the well. All parishioners are invited to take part on this National Pilgrimage Day.

"A Novelist To Watch"

These are the words used to describe local author **Kevin McDermott** (Orlagh) on the sleeve notes of his recently published first novel, *Watching Angels*. Kevin is so described because of the novels' "brilliant handling of historical elements and the power of the imagination at work here". The book is reviewed as "at once exotic and familiar, passionate and cerebral".



Kevin, who is a teacher of English and trainer of teachers, in addition to having many textbooks published in his subject area, also published a children's book in 1997 entitled *Master Of The Sultan*.

We wish him well with this his first novel now available at £7.99 paperback (publishers Marino Books).

We hope to review *Watching Angels* in a forthcoming issue.

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VARIETY GROUP CELEBRATES 10th ANNIVERSARY



Knocklyon Variety Group is celebrating their 10th Anniversary this year and to mark this achievement, two of the groups longest time members, Theresa Hogan and Barbara Gallagher share some of their memories of those 10 hectic years.

Three residents of Knocklyon Close – Gillian Keenan, Deirdre Wilson and Helen O'Toole, formed Knocklyon Variety Group in 1990. Their aim was to attract singers, dancers and actors who would entertain the community of Knocklyon and the surrounding areas. Their debut show 'One Singular Sensation' was staged in the Braemor Rooms in 1991 and K.V.G. was launched.

Since then, the group has staged at least one show a year and participated in 'The Cream Of The County' and 'Tops Of The Town' competitions. A musical, 'The Wiz' was performed in Sancta Maria College in 1996 and the following year a pantomime 'Whose Panto Is It Anyway?' attracted large audiences at the same venue.

In April 1998, the group performed a full-length show in a professional theatre for the first time with our presentation of 'New Horizons' in St. Anthony's Theatre, Merchant's Quay. This was a tribute show to thirty years of 'Tops Of The Town'. In December of that year we performed our annual Christmas pantomime in Sancta Maria College 'Jack And The Beanstalk'.

In May 1999, we celebrated some of the great music of the last century with our show 'Connected' in St. Anthony's Theatre with memorable numbers by Al Jolson, Elvis and Abba, to name but a few. Our most recent show was the Christmas pantomime 'Ali Baba And The Forty Thieves' in our usual venue at the Sancta Maria School Hall.

Over the years there have been a number of talented choreographers

who have each devised spectacular dance routines for our shows. The group's present choreographer, Anne McIntyre, is a Knocklyon resident and her unfailing professionalism and imaginative choreography promises to bring K.V.G.'s performance in our next production to new heights. Anyone who has attended any of K.V.G.'s recent productions will also be familiar with Colin Sloan who has been the group's musical director since 1995 and we are delighted to welcome him back for another year.

This year, Knocklyon Variety Group is attempting our most ambitious project to date. We will be staging the hit musical 'Guys And Dolls' at the beautiful new Civic Theatre beside the Square in Tallaght. This comic tale tells the story of Nathan Detroit, a small time gambler, who desperately needs \$1,000 to run his regular crap game. He bets another high roller, Sky Masterson, that Sky can't bring a certain lady on a date. 'Guys And Dolls' promises to be a night of music, comedy and romance. If you have not yet had the opportunity to see either any of K.V.G.'s previous productions or visited the fabulous new Theatre with its cafe and bar facilities, then you should not miss this show.

The show runs from Tuesday 23 to Saturday 27 May (no matinee on Saturday 27th). Tickets are available directly from the theatre (Box Office and Information, Telephone: 462 7477). Admission is £10 for adults and £7 for senior citizens, full-time students, those in receipt of Social Welfare and those under 18 years of age. There is also a discount available for group bookings of 10 or more.

Knocklyon Variety Group consists of a group of dedicated amateurs from this parish and neighbouring parishes. With the high cost of staging any show, no production would be possible without the support of you, our audience and sponsors. We would like to say a very big thank you to the clergy of Knocklyon for their on-going support in allowing us to practise in the Junior School Hall each Thursday evening for the past 10 years.

We look forward to seeing all of our Knocklyon neighbours and friends at our show in May.



Knocklyon Variety Group at a recent rehearsal for their upcoming show.

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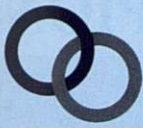
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CONNECT NEWS

Members of the Connect Committee recently carried out a survey on Drugs And Alcohol Awareness among the 6th Class pupils (11-12 year olds) in St. Colmcilles School.

This survey was carried out with the support of the school and under strict confidentiality.

Out of a total of **167** pupils who took part in this survey:

- Fact . . . **33 (20%)** said they do smoke.
- Fact . . . **109 (65%)** said they have taken alcohol.
- Fact . . . **108 (65%)** said their parents were aware of this.
- Fact . . . **47%** said they get this alcohol at home. **42%** said they got it elsewhere.
- Fact . . . **76 (46%)** said that they have been bullied.
- Fact . . . **52 (31%)** said they know that drugs are freely available in Knocklyon.

Whereas we obviously cannot quote word for word from the children, they listed:

- Police protection;
- Parental awareness/control;
- Drug education through talks, dramas, courses for both parents and children – as helpful suggestions over and over again.

The bottom line is that the 11-12 year olds in our parish do not feel safe and need adults to take control.

Following the recent **Ceremony of Hope** the Connect Committee would like to thank the various groups/individuals in the parish who participated in the evening and also those of you who joined us.

We were so encouraged by the support and the success of the ceremony that we hope to make it an annual event in our parish.

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Ballyboden St. Endas GAA and Camogie Club

The start of the new Millennium has already proved to be a memorable one for Ballyboden St. Endas but for all the wrong reasons. The disastrous fire damage to the Clubhouse on the Firhouse Road has posed a major challenge to the resources and resolve of the club. Happily, the club has risen to the task and from the moment of the outbreak the message has been "Business As Usual".

The games have remained in full swing and thanks to the enormous volume of public support, the club has responded in typical 'Boden fashion. The club is extremely grateful to all who offered assistance and support – other GAA clubs, national and local public representatives, other sporting bodies, schools, individuals as well as Knocklyon Community Council.

The club's hugely successful and vitally important Millennium Lotto has been rehoused in local pubs and appreciation is extended to the Blue Haven, Morton's, Delaney's and Maguire Bros (Revels) for their co-operation. Other locations will be coming on stream in the weeks ahead.

A temporary Clubhouse has been provided at Firhouse Road including changing room facilities for female members and a structure is in place aided by professional advice with a view to dealing with the various issues that have arisen. Further details will be announced in due course. The use of Sancta Maria College Hall has been most valuable.

On the field of play, activities have continued unabated and the club is currently housing its biggest ever Saturday morning hurling nursery with 120 children under the age of 10 taking part. The Coaching Sessions will last until the end of June and there is still time for newcomers to join. Just turn up at the Pairc Uí Mhurchú, Firhouse Road on Saturday mornings at 10.30 and ask for Marius Martin or John Hayes.

Details of the Club's Summer Camps have been announced. Last year over 1,000 boys and girls under the age of 13 participated and anyone wishing to join this year is advised to apply in time to P.J. Donohue – 493 1991.

Congratulations to Conal Keaney, ex-St. Colmcille's N.S. on his outstanding display for Dublin Colleges in the Leinster Hurling Final.

The Senior Ladies Football team has started the season in style with a 100% record after two league games including a win over the double champions of 1999 – Portobello. Last year's Senior Camogie double winning team has also opened impressively with a win over Naomh Mearnóg. The Senior hurling team managed by Jimmy Galavan (Boden Park) drew their opening game with Crumlin and the Senior Football team managed by Paul Bealin (Templeroan) has also made a promising start to the season.

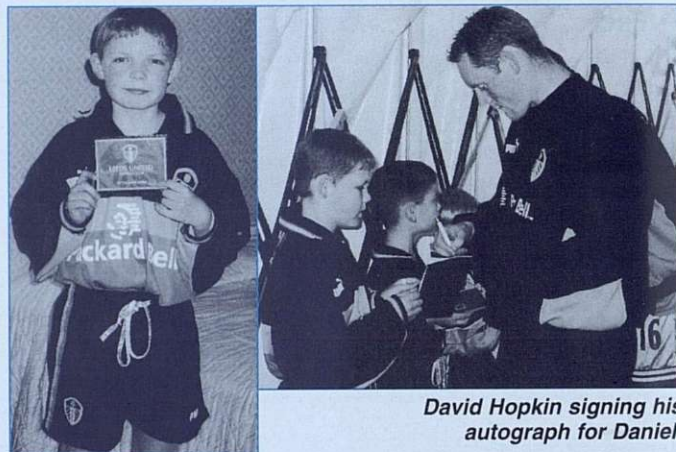
– Gerry O'Sullivan, Telephone: 087-207 5017.

DOUBLE CHAMPIONS



Ciara Lucey (ex-St. Colmcille's), captain of the 1999 Under-14 All-Ireland Féile na nGael and Championship-winning team, with Anne Marie Corrigan who captained the Under-12 camogie team to championship success.

A Lucky Mascot!



David Hopkin signing his autograph for Daniel.

Daniel O'Carroll's dream came true when he was selected as a mascot for Leeds United v. Arsenal on 16th April at Elland Road.

The official matchday programme featured a small article on Daniel which listed his hobbies and the fact that he attended St. Colmcille's N.S. in Knocklyon.

The highlights of the day were when Daniel led the team out onto the pitch with Gary Kelly (captain for the day) and taking shots at Nigel Martyn before the kick-off.

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EASTER IN ST. COLMCILLE'S

– A Parishioner's View

Holy Week in the Parish of St. Colmcille commenced on Passion Sunday, with the blessing of the palm to commemorate Our Lord's entry into Jerusalem.

On the following evening, 17th April, the CONNECT Group invited us to join them for a time of prayer on the theme, *UNITED IN HURT, UNITED IN HOPE, UNITED IN HEALING*. This was a very moving spiritual occasion.

Morning Prayer of the Church is recited every weekday throughout the year. During Holy Week on the Thursday, Friday and Saturday members of the choir make it very special by their singing. This year three very thought-provoking reflections were given by Fr. Philip Brennan.

The Celebration of the Last Supper on Holy Thursday included a symbolic washing of the feet. The Offertory Procession brought gifts of bread and wine together with oils of catechumens (Baptism), chrism (Confirmation) and of the sick. Earlier in the day these had been blessed by Archbishop Desmond Connell in St. Mary's Pro-cathedral. Two lighted candles symbolised the sacrament of marriage. This year the Blessed Sacrament was taken in procession at the end of Mass from the Church to the Altar of Repose in the "quiet room" in the Iona Centre. It was a beautiful calm, dry evening which added to the solemnity of the occasion.

Stations of the Cross at midday on Good Friday were conducted by Fr. David Weakliam, our Parish Priest. He created a very moving, prayerful atmosphere with an inspiring commentary. A measure of the effect it had on the congregation was the way everyone left at the end in complete silence. At three o'clock we were gathered again for the celebration of Our Lord's Passion. At this ceremony the true love that Jesus has for all becomes very real when His sufferings are so vividly brought home to us.

In the evening Ruth Kelly directed and provided the musical accompaniment to a splendid musical presentation of the Passion. This year it was better than ever. One could hear a pin drop in the packed Church as the story unfolded.

For me Holy Saturday was a very long, empty and lonely day. When I arrived at the Church for the celebration of the Resurrection it was wonderful to see the boy scouts erecting and preparing the Paschal Fire. There was an atmosphere of expectation and excitement within the

Church building. The Art and Environment Group had been busy all afternoon hanging up their own artwork and that of the Junior School pupils. Seven hundred and twenty children, aged between four and eight, aided by their teachers, each provided his or her idea of Easter, with their drawings. The massed choirs of the parish provided the music. As the ceremony progressed one could feel the cloud of depression and dejection dispersing. The readings, the white vestments worn by the priests, the joyous hymns, the reception of Holy Communion and the prayerful atmosphere of joy gave a feeling of Hope. Our prayers at the beginning of the week had been answered at last. People left the Church with pep in their step to the tune of Handel's Hallelujah.

The Polish poet, Cyprian Norwid, expressed the ultimate meaning of the Christian Life in these words, "Not with the Cross of the Saviour behind you, but with your own cross behind the Saviour."

– Anna Brioscú

Rejoice and be glad



ALLELUIA

Pre-Natal Blessing

Our now regular bi-annual Pre-Natal Blessing Service will take place on Wednesday, 24th May, at 7.30 p.m. in the Church.

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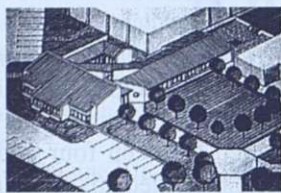
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Iona Centre News

At the moment we are putting together our Autumn Programme. In the next issue we hope to give full details of courses we will be offering but, in the meantime, we thought you might like to know what is in the pipeline to date.

1. Parish Ministry Course
(1 evening weekly October-May)
2. Parenting Plus Programme
(1 evening weekly – 6 sessions)
3. God in a “dot.com” Age
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4. Aspects of Natural Healing
(1 morning weekly – 6/7 sessions)
5. Myers Briggs Personality Types and Spirituality
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If you have any suggestions of themes for courses, or once-off lectures, which you think would appeal to a number of people, please send your suggestions to Brid O’Connell, Director, The Iona Centre, Idrone Avenue, Knocklyon, Dublin 16.

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REFLECTION

Who is a happy person?

“One who has no resources and no hopes, and doesn’t desire any!”

From time immemorial, saints and gurus and spiritual masters, across the boundaries of religion and culture, have insisted on this same truth. Detachment is the secret of happiness. Blessed, happy are the poor. The love of money is the root of all evil. Give and you will receive. (Give, that is, your goods, your time, your talents and you will make room for what alone can satisfy – freedom and inner peace.)

None of this detachment stems from negativity or from a pessimistic approach to the world we live in. On the contrary, good things are to be enjoyed. But never to be grasped with sticky fingers! Embrace everything, but cling to nothing! To be, at all times, able to let go of talents and things, of energy and people, of life itself, this is to know peace, both here and hereafter.

The Gospel sees the world as dangerously seductive. Prosperity needs to be greeted with caution. It easily fosters acquisitive attitudes. We seek satisfaction where it cannot be found. We cultivate distraction. We go shopping for an extra something, either to relieve boredom or to give us a bit of a lift; but the lift never lasts and so we must go again! It all seems very harmless, but little by little, we are adding stone to stone until we have built a pile of lifeless rubble that blocks both our spiritual vision, and the light of eternity.

Let go and let God! (Stay awhile with the phrase if you will. . .)

.. – Fr. David

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SCHOOLS NEWS

JUNIOR

Now that the summer weather is here, the extra curricular focus switches outdoors to the Green, where 2nd Class hurlers and camogie players will once more be beheading the daisies with Mr. Sweeney and Miss Cosgrove. Hopefully the weather will remain with us for our 4 sports days in June.



Congratulations to Bryan Mooney in Room 13 (left). He won a merit prize in the Texaco Art Competition. Well done Bryan.

Congratulations also to Ms. Greeley (resource teacher 1st Class) who got married before Easter.

A reminder to parents of children starting school in September to please return enrolment forms to the office without delay.

SENIOR

Congratulations to Janine Ryan, Louise Carey, Cathal Gearty and Michael O'Sullivan who came runners-up in the Junior Section of the Inter-School Credit Union Quiz recently.

St. Vincent De Paul Colours Day

The pupils of the school donated the sum of £757.50 to the Society of St. Vincent De Paul Knocklyon, following a Colours Day. Well done!



Pupils who raised funds for SVP.

Due to lack of space we are unable to include all news received. See Page 14 for report on 'Bothar'.

CAMOGIE

Well done to the senior camogie team who have qualified for the Division 1 final for the fourth year in a row. As we go to print we await the results of this final.



The senior camogie team.

AN GAELTACHT

Is é an am sin den bhliain arís, chun dul go dtí an Ghaeltacht. Following the success of previous years, groups of students from 5th and 6th classes will be travelling to Donegal to attend a Gaeltacht course. Accompanied by Mr. MacGabhan, Ms. Ward and Ms. Counihan, children will spend 5 days in Coláiste na Rosann, Angaire, Co. Dún na nGall. The children will take part in activities ranging from language classes, visiting places of interest to ceilí dances. Tá síúl againn go mbainfidh siad an sult as.

SCHOOL TOURS

School tours are currently being organised by all teachers and we are looking forward to exciting trips and picnics.

- The 3rd classes and teachers will be visiting Malahide Castle on June 13th, 14th and 15th.
- The 4th classes and teachers are going on an exciting trip to Baltinglass Education Centre on May 23rd, 26th and 31st.
- All the 5th classes will visit the Blessington Outdoor Pursuit Centre on May 30th.
- Meanwhile in the 6th classes – Room 1 and Room 6 – will be in Achill from June 25th-June 28th.
- Room 2, 3, 4, 5 will be in Blessington Outdoor Pursuit Centre on June 26th.

Nótaí Ceoil ó Rang a Trí

Third class children have been much involved in musical activities throughout the school year. At 'Córthéile na Scoileanna', we were proudly represented in the school choir, in the grúpa cheoil traidisiúnta and of course by our very own tin-whistle band. New members of the choir from third and fourth class have been warming up their vocal chords to Mr. Gearty's wonderful choice of songs. A special word of praise to all the boys and girls who sang out so beautifully at our school Mass before Easter.

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Well done to the fourth class pupils who took part in the colourful display using instruments made by themselves from plumbing materials.



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Young people as a group often receive very "bad press". We all know terrific young people who contribute hugely in positive ways to their schools, families and communities, mostly quietly and unnoticed. Such young people give great hope and inspiration to those around them, and the following story from one of our own young parishioners 19-year-old Lisa Glynn (Idrone), is one of many such "good news" episodes that all too infrequently make the headlines.

During the Easter break, I travelled as part of the IHCPT Pilgrimage to Lourdes. This was my fourth year to do so. I have been involved with the Trust since 1997, when I travelled as part of a school based youth group called Cairdeas. IHCPT was first introduced to the parish through Fr Joe Mothersill, who again travelled this year. The first IHCPT Pilgrimage took place back in 1972. That year 14 young people and adult helpers travelled. This year over five hundred young people with special needs travelled from the 32 counties of Ireland, meeting up with groups from England, Scotland, Wales, Slovak, the West Indies and the USA.

The pilgrimage is especially designed for children and caters for those with a physical and learning disability between 9-18 years. There is also a group especially designed for seriously ill children who are under nine, where a close relative or friend is invited to travel as well. All adult helpers pay their own fare and expenses and have to carry out a wide range of fund-raising activities in order to pay for the children. It costs approximately £500 to bring a child to Lourdes.

The pilgrimage is made up of small groups usually consisting of 12 children and 12 adult helpers. After a very early start on Easter Sunday morning we settled into the lovely warm weather of France. This year I was part of Group 65, who were involved in lots of activities that make this Lourdes trip so unique. Visits to the Grotto are really special, there is such a tranquil atmosphere especially at night that it can not be put into words. By the end of the week there was a lovely bond of friendship between us all.

I want to pay a special tribute to our Group Leader Declan Hogan, from Santry. He is a very special person with tremendous energy. Apart from the responsibility of the week in Lourdes, he is also the Chairman of the Eastern Region of the Trust, and he still finds time to carry out fund-raising activities throughout the year. I hope that I will be privileged to travel again next year and that more people will get the opportunity to travel to Lourdes on what is undoubtedly one of the most enriching experiences one can ever take.

– Lisa Glynn



Lisa Glynn (Idrone), centre front, with friends at Lourdes.

Perhaps there are some young adult parishioners reading this who would be interested in travelling next year as helpers, and or in helping to raise funds to send a child/children on the next pilgrimage. Enquiries to Lisa via the Presbytery at 494 1204.

We send Good Luck wishes to Claire McGonigle for her trip to Holland for the European Special Olympics on May 27th.

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We hope to run the following main events – so sharpen your pencils, start practicing your party piece, revise the quiz books, begin beautifying your pets – and get ready for the fun!

27th June

Bingo 7 13 22 88

28th and 29th June

Talent Show

Last year was a fantastic success. This year the number of participants will be limited so get your booking in now.



30th June

Adult Quiz ? ? ? ?
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1st July

Pet Show

Kids sports – lots of fun!



2nd July

Special Mass



Interested in taking part? Leave your name, address and contact phone number in the Presbytery and we will ring you.

Adults, we need help, mainly supervisory, just a couple of hours (especially for the Talent Show).

Please ring 494 1204 and leave your name if you

can help in any way.

Many thanks (Declan Cahill, Chairperson, Social Events Committee).

Detailed programme will be published in the June issue of the Newsletter.

RACE NIGHT CANCELLATION

Unfortunately we were forced to cancel the fund-raising Race Night for the Iona Centre planned for May 4th due to insufficient support.

We would like to thank all those who booked advertising in our Programme, and hope that you might be kind enough to support us again if we run another even later in the year.

All advertising revenue received should have been refunded to you by now. We apologise to all for any inconvenience caused.

*Declan Cahill, Chairman,
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Community School Progress Report

On behalf of the Board of Management of Knocklyon Community School, I would like to give you a short briefing on the developments regarding our new Community school which will open, as promised in September of this year.

As those of you who have occasion to wander up the Scholarstown Road will note, the building is well advanced and classrooms and facilities will be finished in time for the first historic intake of 1st Year pupils.

Since Christmas we have been on a roller-coaster of meetings and activities in order to convene a Board of Management, advertise for and appoint a Principal, and do the same for Deputy Principal and teachers. We had 54 appli-



cations for the post of Principal so the candidate chosen, Mr. John McKennedy (pictured here) is certainly well qualified for the tasks ahead. Over 60 people applied for the post of Deputy Principal, and there was a huge response likewise for the various teacher positions. The selection committee of the Board will shortly meet to interview the applicants.

Two weeks ago we held our first meeting with the parents of children wishing to be enrolled and we already have our quota for this year. So as you can see it's all good news after so many years of campaigning. The Board will soon establish a Parents Association who we know will play a strong role in making this school the best second level one in the country.

On a personal note, I wish to thank all the members of the Post Primary Committee and Action Committees who campaigned for so long for this day, and state that you can be assured that we will celebrate the opening in style. Thanks also to you, the people of Knocklyon who loyally stuck by us through thick and thin, the victory is yours.

On behalf of the Board of Management,

Dr. Vincent Kenny, Chairman.

First Communion Day for Gaelscoil Chnoc Liamhna



Left to right: Kiandra Twamley (Knocklyon Green), Olivia Ball (Kilnamanagh), Ashling Troy (Templeroan) and Aoife Gannon (Templeroan).



Daithí O Connail (Woodfield) with his parents, grandmother and sister.

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LOCAL ROADWORKS

Report from Sen. Ann Ormonde, M.C.C.

Knocklyon Road/Scholarstown Road Junction

The Council is examining the junction for the purpose of widening it to accommodate 2 traffic lanes (one going straight, and one turning right).

Scholarstown Interchange

The Council is now constructing a feeder road linking Scholarstown Road to the Southern Cross Route and over to Ballycullen Road and on to Old Bawn Bridge.

Scholarstown Road

The Council proposes to improve the section of the Scholarstown Road from the new Roundabout at Orlagh Grove to the Roundabout at Templeroan. This is a section of the Green Route and it is envisaged that works will be carried out this year.

Footpath at Beverly

Land acquisition is finalised. Therefore Council can take possession and footpath is being designed.

Spawell/Firhouse Road – Bridge

Contractor awaiting starting date.

All above are required before the Scholarstown Interchange is opened (official date is Spring 2001).

Green Route – from Taylors Lane to the Council Boundary at Eden Pub on Grange Road

Site surveys completed and being analysed. It is in the 5 year programme, but I am pressing to get the road started next year.

Any queries in relation to these issues or any other issue please contact me: (office) phone 618 3030; fax 618 4573 or (home) phone 260 1577; fax 260 5435.

South Dublin County Council News

Courtesy Councillor John Lahart

At the April meeting of the Council, Councillors were informed that additional monies had been made available to advance the necessary repairs to the road, footpath and public lighting infrastructure.

Since my election I have consistently highlighted the need for footpaths to connect some estates with others and also with services – such as on the Knocklyon and Scholarstown Roads. These have been included on the schedule for this year.

Footpath Repair Schedule

During the local elections last year and since then, I have been inundated with requests for footpath repair and improvements in particular areas of Knocklyon.

I have requested that a number of estates and roads in Knocklyon be included in the programme of footpath repair and re-instatement. Not all my requests have been met, but I am happy that the following list has been adopted for the coming year:

Delaford, Idrone, Woodstock, Dargle Wood, Coolamber, Cremorne and Lansdowne

If there are any particularly bad patches adjacent to your own home please contact me and I will do my utmost to have these sections included. The remaining areas will be listed for the next financial year.

I have organised for the provision of more dished footpaths for wheelchair users in certain areas following representations made to me and if you know of any other areas that could benefit from 'dishing' please let me know. The Council Roads Section tends to fast-track these items.

Litter

You will notice that more litter bins have been provided particularly in the vicinity of the Esso station on the Knocklyon Road. I have requested that this area be monitored by the litter warden following representations from local people.

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As part of their Lenten Commitment this year, the children from 5th and 6th Classes undertook to raise money for 'Bóthar'. The 6th class children very generously made contributions from their Confirmation money while the 5th classes embarked on a series of fund-raising events including raffles, bob-a-job, bring-and-buy sales, cake sales, etc. We were all amazed and delighted by the energy, imagination and enthusiasm of the children as they embraced this project. It was very instructive for us all to see the level of natural generosity in our young people.

On Tuesday, May 4th, David Moloney, a representative from 'Bóthar' attended the school and accepted Bank Drafts from the pupils to the value of £2,364.63. Quite a remarkable sum!

We in the Senior School are very proud of our pupils, and also very grateful to the parents, friends, neighbours and local shops – Superquinn, Bates Pharmacy, Knocklyon Hardware, Bookworld and News Extra – who so very generously supported the children in their efforts.

– 5th and 6th Class Teachers, Senior School.

A Quiet Time for Prayer

"Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am in their midst." (Mt. 18: 20)

Would you like an opportunity to spend a little time in quiet reflection in the presence of the Lord?

If so, you might like to come along to the Iona Centre on Wednesday evenings, 7.15-8.15 p.m. to share prayer with others or to simply sit in silent meditation.

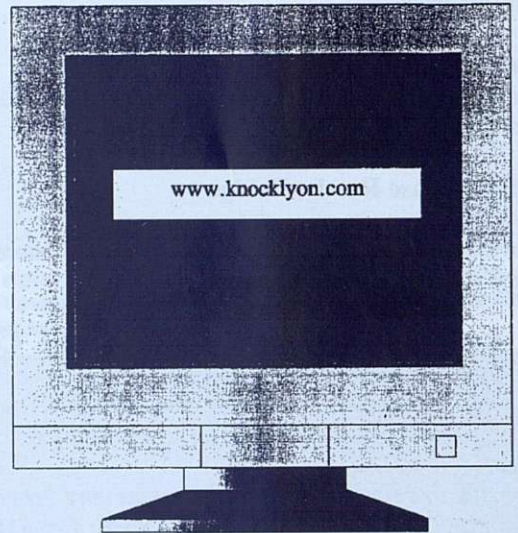
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Gaelscoil Chnoc Liamhna - First Communion Day



Ruth McCarthy (Templeroan View) with her parents and grandparents.



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CARMEL SINGERS!

On Easter Sunday morning, Fr. Philip was among a chorale of six Carmelite Friars who sang to the musical accompaniment of the Chieftains (no less!) during a televised Mass from Glendalough, Co. Wicklow.

The Mass was broadcast via R.T.E. to most of Europe and Canada.

Such was the reaction to their 'gig', that the Carmelites are now toying with ideas for what to call their chorale. Suggestions so far include: 'Friar-zone!', 'Carmel-life' and 'Riverchant'.

All ideas welcome!



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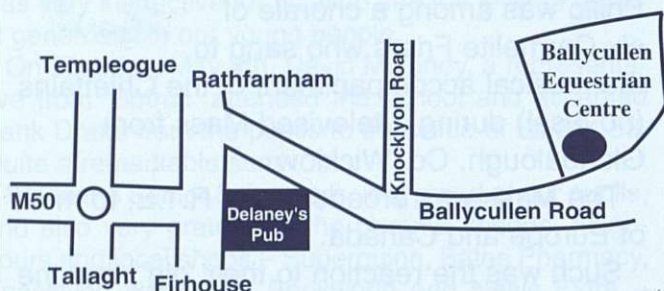
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