

ST. COLMCILLE'S PARISH, KNOCKLYON, DUBLIN 16

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Work on the M50 extension between the Firhouse Road and Scholarstown Road is nearing completion. The view above shows the new bridge on the Firhouse Road.



The lower view shows the continuation of the M50 towards the Knocklyon Road. Both photographs were taken from the pedestrian bridge over the motorway at Castlefield. See page 4 for report.



# A NOTE FROM THE EDITORIAL TEAM

This month's issue includes contributions from our usual news sources – schools, sports groups, community council, presbytery etc., plus some appeals for help, feature items and details of our forthcoming Christmas Fair and car raffle.

We have also included an updated Directory of Parish and Community Groups and Services which has proved popular with readers in the past – it appears on the centre page spread (pages 8 and 9), so you can pull out and keep it for easy reference.

If you are newly arrived in our Parish we extend to you a warm welcome, and hope you enjoy being introduced to some aspects of life in Knocklyon.

Comments and views on the Newsletter are always welcomed – drop a line to the Editorial Team, Knocklyon News, Presbytery, Idrone Avenue, Dublin 16.



*Parish helpers in a party mood at the Iona Centre.*



*Fr. Philip being presented with the painting of Glendalough.*

## Social for Parish Helpers

Friday 13th October was certainly not unlucky for the large group of Church collectors who gathered in the Iona Centre to celebrate together the passing of another year. The evening was co-ordinated by our Social Events Group, and the Centre was looking delightful, with flowers, candles and balloons galore providing a warm welcome for the assembled guests of the Parish. A beautiful meal started the proceedings and music provided an opportunity for the revellers to dance the night away if they wished.

The formula was repeated the following night for the remainder of Parish helpers, who were just as enthusiastic in their enjoyment of the occasion as their counterparts on Friday. Towards the end of the evening Fr. Philip, recently appointed to Beaumont Parish, arrived to a warm welcome, and was presented with a beautiful painting of Glendalough, on behalf of the Parish by Kevin O'Brien, Chairman of the Parish Council. The painting was a specially commissioned watercolour by Limerick artist Barbara Hartigan, and the chosen theme was a souvenir of Fr. Philip's participation at the Jubilee 2000 open air Mass at the monastic site on Easter Sunday.

The weekend was another success story for the Social Events Group! Thanks to one and all.

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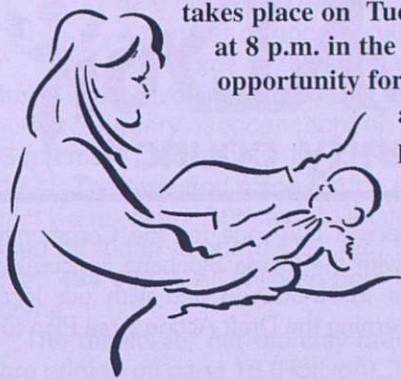
# BATES' PHARMACY *has been transformed*

Bates' Pharmacy in the Superquinn Knocklyon Shopping Centre is now one of a group of Irish-owned pharmacies around the country which are trading under the name Unicare. Following its recent refurbishment, the local pharmacy now offers customers and patients a wider range of products displayed in a very attractive layout. Furthermore, specialised training is being provided for the staff so that they can provide a better service. A consultation area now exists where health care needs can be discussed in private.

At the official opening of Unicare Bates on Friday 6th October the staff welcomed customers with refreshments. The lovely music was provided by a delightful string quartet which includes local girl Christine Meehan.

## Pre-Natal Blessing

Our regular bi-annual Pre-Natal Blessing Service takes place on Tuesday, 5th December, at 8 p.m. in the Church. This is an opportunity for expectant mothers



and their families to pray together for the health of the mother and baby during pregnancy and for a safe delivery.

We look forward to meeting you then.



Exterior view of new pharmacy.



Maureen (Bates), Gay (Unicare) and Barbara (Bates) pictured at the recent opening.



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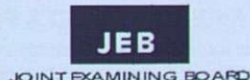
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# Knocklyon community council

This past month has been a busy one for the Community Council. We have met with the Garda Síochána concerning the anti-social behaviour in Knocklyon and with our local County Councillors concerning the Draft Action Area Plan for the area.

The meeting with the Gardai took place in the Community Centre on Tuesday, September 26th. The meeting had been called to discuss the level of crime and anti-social behaviour in the community and the steps the residents can take to improve things. Statistics show that there were 3 muggings recently and 58 cars have been stolen with only 23 eventually returned to their owners. Loutishness, under-age drinking and drugs are major problems in the Knocklyon area. One youth from the area is awaiting prosecution on a drug-related offence.

Several points made by the Gardai need to be stressed strongly. They are:

- No matter is 'too trivial'. Telephone the Gardai no matter how 'unimportant' you may think your complaint is. Let them decide whether or not it's trivial. The Rathfarnham Gardai are undermanned but will do their utmost to respond as soon as possible. All calls are recorded and statistics appear to be important to senior officers when allocating manpower to an area.
- Ladies, either conceal your handbags or do not carry them at all. It has to be said that the less success thieves have in a particular area, the more likely it is that they will move on to greener pastures.
- Do not leave valuables visible in your car. Tools, phones, cheque books, etc. lying on the seat of your car while it's parked is an open invitation to thieves.
- Rathfarnham Gardai have written to hundreds of parents in the Knocklyon area to warn them that their children are associating with individuals of 'questionable character', they have received *one* response from a parent to date. It is our angels. We can no longer deny that the problem is 'not from this area'. Know where your children are at all times and please support the Gardai in what they are trying to do.

- Denise Murphy (Secretary)

**Editor's Note:** A report on the meeting with local councillors to re-inforce the Community Council's response to the Draft Action Plan will, because of space restrictions, appear in next month's Newsletter.

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# CONNECT

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*"We no longer feel safe to walk our neighbourhood."*

**WHY?**

*"Our children are more and more at risk."*

**WHY?**

What role does drink/drug abuse play in these issues and more?

**Connect** invite you to join us and guest speakers from the Rutland Centre on Tuesday 21 November, 2000, at 8 p.m. in the Iona Centre, Knocklyon, to discuss these topics.

## LOCAL ROAD WORKS

Correspondence from local TDs Alan Shatter and Olivia Mitchell indicates that the Southern Cross motorway to Scholarstown is on target for a pre-Christmas opening.

However, Deputy Mitchell says that progress on ancillary roads, which must be constructed or upgraded prior to the opening of the motorway itself, may effect this timetable.

These projects include:

- The completion of the bridge over the Dodder to the Spawell roundabout.
- The realignment of the Firhouse Road over the motorway.
- The improvement of the Scholarstown Road in the vicinity of the new Knocklyon School and the Orlagh interchange.
- Improvements to the Knocklyon Road at the Superquinn junction with Scholarstown Road.
- The completion of the approach road from Old Bawn across Ballycullen Road to the motorway.

Deputy Mitchell maintains that the opening of the Scholarstown interchange will instantly and dramatically change the pattern of traffic right throughout south Co. Dublin. "There will be immediate relief in the Knocklyon area but approach roads to the Scholarstown interchange, such as Ballyboden Road and Taylors Lane/Grange Road, will experience even greater levels of congestion until the next interchange, at Ballinteer, is opened to traffic in mid-2001."

Deputy Mitchell can be contacted at 618 3088 or e-mail [olivia.mitchell@oireachtas.irlgov.ie](mailto:olivia.mitchell@oireachtas.irlgov.ie)

Deputy Shatter can be contacted at 613 0051.

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If you attend 11 a.m. Mass on Sundays you will be familiar with our choir. Believe it or not we are going 20 years, which we are pleased about, as it was rumoured at the time of our debut we would not last 6 weeks. At that time we had a membership of 60.

Recently, membership has become static, so we are looking for new members urgently (former members welcome back too!). There is no age limit and you do not have to be a Pavarotti or Lesley Garrett (no relation to Eoin, our musical director).

We will have an **Open Night on Wednesday 15 November at 9 p.m. for new members**. Please come, you might be pleasantly surprised to find we are a very sociable bunch. When we finish our practice we have a chat and laugh with a 'cuppa' and biscuit. We have an occasional Social Evening during the year. We take a summer break – July to September. On our return in September we arrange a house Mass in one of our homes and after the Mass we have 'the Party' when everyone brings a little something (some people's specialities are scrumptious, worth joining us for!).

Practices are on Wednesday night at 8 p.m. in the Iona Centre. Please come to our Open Night on the 15th (at 9 p.m.). We need you. If you want any further information, ring Eoin at 494 1568.

– Ena Hughes

# KNOCKLYON UNITED F.C.



The new season is now up and running and to date our young teams are doing extremely well. A number of good results have been achieved and some of these matches have been featured in the Evening Herald and the Daily Star.

Our nursery soccer school began on the 17th September and caters for children born in 1993 and 1994. The time and place for the nursery is from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. every Sunday at Delaford Park and is organised by Aidan Leonard (Tel. 493 5482) and Peter White (Tel. 494 1323). All children born in these years are welcome.

The results for our monthly draw since June are printed on page 15 (Hotlyon). The draw is of vital importance for the future ambitions of the club and for those parents not yet participating please contact your team manager for further details. Any person wishing to join the draw should contact me at the details below.



Our presentations and player of the year awards took place on Saturday 4th November at the Dublin Postal Social Club, Kiltipper Road.

At present the club caters for 21 teams and the nursery school. We will be expanding the club next year with the introduction of a number of girl teams during the summer. There is a very successful girl's league run from June until the end of the summer and we hope that Knocklyon will be represented in a number of leagues. Details have yet to be finalised and will be announced in due course.



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## JUNIOR

The start of the first school year of the millennium has brought great excitement to the Junior School.

First and Second Classes have already been involved in a huge variety of activities inside and outside school. Between swimming, basketball, gymnastics and hurling the sporty types have been well catered for. 120 pupils and 20 parents watched Ireland play Australia in Croke Park and really enjoyed the outing. Many thanks to Irish star and past pupil Colin Moran who signed autographs for all.

Our 210 pupils have been enrolled for their Sacramental preparation classes, and their parents have given their commitment to the 'Alive-O' programme at a series of meetings. Many thanks to Fr Weakliam, parents, Margaret Whelan and Bridget O'Connor who helped our dedicated team of teachers so much.



Irish star Colin Moran from Delaford with pupils from Second Class in Croke Park.

## New Board of Management

The new Board of Management members, John Boyle, Gabriel Cuddy, Quentin Nea, Eithne Rynne, Liam Cleere, and Fr. David have already met to consider a school development plan.

A large number of parents have volunteered to tidy the school inside and out in preparation for painting. The new Parents Association has been formed and parent-teacher meetings will be held on November 17th and 18th.

The teachers have already enjoyed two social events to mark the opening of our new staff room and to bid farewell to Deirdre O'Donoghue who moved to Cork during the summer.

Many thanks to Ms. Mulkerrin who co-ordinated the Beginning of Year Prayer Service.

Well done to Ross Smith, Alison Plant and Laura Bonar who won Texaco Children's Art Awards.

## SENIOR

### November by Thomas Hood

"No sun – no moon

No morn – no moon

No fruits, no flowers, no leaves, no birds,  
November!"

Not so in the Senior School, we are full of activity!

### BAKING TIME IN 5th/6th CLASS

One of the highlights of the school year so far has been the week long visit of the Odlums Baking Advisor to 5th/6th classes. Each class group participated in a very enjoyable baking session and the aroma of freshly baked bread, filled the entire school. Boys and Girls were equally proficient at the baking and all thoroughly enjoyed the experience.



Emmanuel Nkussi,  
Saoirse Davies and  
Catherine Leyden of  
Odlums.

### ST. COLMCILLE'S P.E. ON THE NEWS

On Wednesday, 27th September, St. Colmcille's S.N.S. was featured on the R.T.E. News at 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. Mr. J. Murphy (Head of P.E.) was interviewed and pupils from 3rd classes were featured participating in P.E. lessons. The piece was filmed in conjunction with a report on Ireland's performance at the Olympics, and the school was selected on account of the emphasis placed on P.E. within our school.

### READATHON

A Readathon, with the two-fold objective of motivating the children to read and reducing the bank debt on the Computer Room is planned for the month of November. A series of book-related events are planned for the duration of the Readathon.

### MUSIC COURSE

Sixteen of the teachers from St. Colmcille's S.N.S. are undertaking an evening course in the teaching of Music, over the coming month. They are all looking forward to sampling the exotic musical instruments which Mr. Gearty and Ms. Woods recently purchased for the school.

### LISTENING TO MUSIC

The new curriculum emphasises the importance of listening to music. It is definitely a peaceful and calming start to the day. The teachers and pupils are enjoying this magical musical experience. Maith thú arís, Mr. Gearty.

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## SENIOR SPORTS NEWS

### MR. RUDDY'S PANEL

Great praise is due to the junior football panel for their unsuccessful efforts to make it to the latter stages of their competition. They came up against stiffer opposition but always played to their full potential. They lost their star player Niall McMorroo due to a collarbone injury early on but with players like Kevin Timmons, Sean Gibbons, Andrew Lawlor and young Ian Carney the future looks good.

### MR. MCGABHANN REPORTS ON THE SENIOR FOOTBALLERS

Our senior footballers have managed to qualify for the semi-final of Division 1 of the Cumman na mBunscoil leagues.

Four successive victories over Drimnagh Castle, SFX, Castleknock and Bishop Galvin have earned us our position in the last four. We don't know who our opponents will be but we are keenly looking forward to the big day.

### MR. KEARNEY'S GIRLS FOOTBALL

The following girls made up the Senior Girls Panel this year: Noelle Brogan, Fiona Lawlor, Karla Clancy, Rhoda Wickstone, Sinéad Fitzgerald, Ciara Curtis, Catherine Pope, Caoilfhionn O'Neill, Sarah Alwell, Jennifer Byrne, Michelle Breegan, Niamh Scanlon, Lucy Donovan.

These girls represented the school with pride and just missed out in qualification from a very competitive section.

Many thanks to Mr. Kearney, Mr. Ruddy and Mr. McGabhann for their hard work.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Mr. P. O'Neill who managed the Irish Team who defeated Scotland in the Hurling Shinty in Croke Park recently.

### GREEN SCHOOLS

The Senior School has registered with An Taisce for the Green Schools Project. The aim of Green Schools is to promote environmental action in the school and community. This year we will focus on litter elimination and waste reduction. If the criteria of Green Schools are met, we will be awarded a prestigious green flag.

### WELL DONE EILEEN!

As part of the Children's Book Festival, South Dublin Libraries, in conjunction with South Dublin County Council, recently ran a Calendar Art Competition. Children were invited to depict a character scene from their favourite book.

The overall winner, whose work will feature on the cover of the South Dublin County Council calendar for 2001, is Eileen O'Brien, a fourth class pupil in our school. Four other pupils from St. Colmcille's S.N.S. will have their work featured as monthly inserts in the calendar: Ronan Quinn, Rebecca Tyson, David Roche and Nicola Sisk. Comhghairdeas daoibh go léir!

## Turais Oideachasúla

On October 10th Rooms 3 and 6 visited Kilmainham Gaol and the Irish Museum of Modern Art at the Royal Hospital in Kilmainham. The children 'lived' history within the cold walls of the prison.

Eoin Delaney, Room 3, describes his experience.

*"As I entered the great metal doors of Kilmainham Gaol, arched by 'inviting' carvings of serpents, I felt a shiver run down my back.*

*The glass-roofed Victorian hall was fascinating. There were two metal flights of stairs. The spiral flight was used by prisoners so they could not escape with ease. The building design meant that a guard could stand in one place and view all ninety-six cells at once. The feeling was special as I explored the cells where the politicians who helped shape Ireland were held.*

*The 1916 corridor is in the darker, old damp section of the prison. This is where the leaders of the unsuccessful 1916 Rising were kept. We also visited the high walled courtyard where James Connolly and Pearse etc. were executed. Black crosses mark the sad spot.*

*The bright sparkling staircase of the Museum of Modern Art was a welcome contrast to the gloom of the Gaol. The 320-year-old building was originally used as a hospital for retired soldiers. It was first used as an art gallery in 1991.*

*We enjoyed a guided tour of the McClelland collection of Irish art, which includes paintings, sculpture and glass. Afterwards we sketched out our favourite works. I drew 'Red Head' by Saturio Alonzo. My favourite picture was a tapestry 'Travellers' by Louis le Brocquy.*

*It was a most enjoyable and educational day."*

Many thanks to the parents who gave us such valuable assistance on the day. On Sunday afternoons the gallery has a family programme of art activities relating to the works on show. It is free of charge. You can drop in any time between 2-5 p.m. A visit is highly recommended. The restored walled garden in the grounds is also a delight. The abundance of 'conkers' is another fun attraction! Go. Go. Go!!!

Mrs. Corcoran's class, Room 1, visited Áras an Uachtarán. They greatly enjoyed a well-presented tour of the Áras.

### ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS

Recycling bins for light card, paper and cans will be placed in each classroom. Our song 'Scoil Glas' encourages our green activity. Children have been informed how to make compost. Our own composting bin is in situ outside the 3rd class prefabs. Did you know that:

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Why not start a compost heap at home. A pile of autumn leaves is a very good start. Ask your child for advice!

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### YOUNG ADULT BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

A programme for young adults who have experienced parental death, separation or divorce.  
Contact: (after 6 p.m.) Olive 451 9237; Jean 846 0723.

### H.O.P.E

This group visits the elderly and lonely.  
For details contact Marie O'Donnell, 494 5678.

### KNOCKLYON PARISH COUNCIL

Meets on third Monday of month in the Iona Centre at 8 p.m. It is comprised of the Carmelite team plus parishioners representing a large number of parish-based groups and interests.  
Contact: Kevin O'Brien (Chairman) 494 5323; Aoife O'Tierney (Secretary) 494 1312.

### LITURGY AND SPIRITUALITY GROUP

This group was set up to promote meaningful, participative and varied celebration of Masses, Sacraments, prayer and worship.  
Contact: Amelia Llewellyn (Chairperson) 494 1258; Joan Goodwin 494 7997.

### CONNECT

This group works to raise public awareness of drug and alcohol related issues. It has organised public lectures, parent-to-parent courses, and used creative means to highlight problems related to the abuse of alcohol and drugs to our young people and parents. This group can be contacted via the Presbytery, 494 1204.

### FINANCE

This group oversees Parish funding and accounting. It reports on Parish finances at least annually.  
Contact: Michael O'Brien, 494 1110.

### CONTACT AND COMMUNICATIONS GROUP

This group is involved in visiting areas in the parish, providing face to face contact on behalf of the priests and community.  
Contact: Presbytery, 494 1204.

### PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP

This group meets every Wednesday morning between 10.30 and 12.30 in the Iona Centre. This is a great opportunity for parents with pre-school children to meet each other while the children play. New parents always welcome.  
Contact: Teresa Trainor, 493 8406.

### K.A.P.E.

Knocklyon Active Parenting Endeavour is a voluntary group set up to promote and organise community based initiatives in support of the family. K.A.P.E. runs a series of Parenting Courses catering for children of all ages.  
For further information please contact: Anne Gillen, 493 9424; Anne Whyte 494 5743.

### NURSES CLINIC

A Nurses Clinic is open every Tuesday and Thursday morning 9.30-11.00 a.m. in the Iona Centre. It is specifically geared to the needs of 0-3 year-old children.  
For further information contact Rathfarnham Health Centre, 493 3431.

### IRISH CHILDBIRTH TRUST

Is a mother to mother, non-professional community based support group. It welcomes expectant mothers, new mothers and experienced mothers.  
Further information can be had from Shirley Fitzgerald, 494 5435.

### FAITH & LIGHT

Faith & Light communities bring together people with a disability, their families and people who would like to be their friends. The Knocklyon Group meets on the third Sunday of every month in the Iona Centre from 3-5 p.m. New families always welcome.  
Contact: Anne Farrelly, 493 5143.

### KNOCKLYON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

An umbrella organisation which comprises of representatives from the various residents' associations, groups and individuals within the Parish.  
Contact: Denise Murphy (Secretary), 495 2089; David Hickey (Chairman), 493 7731.

### KNOCKLYON CREDIT UNION

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### LA LECHE LEAGUE

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### ST. COLMCILLE'S PARENTS ASSOCIATION

A group of interested parents who liaise with school authorities. A.G.M. 10th October, 2000. New Committee awaited.  
Contact: Joe McCarron, 493 6946.

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

Non-denominational. Meet Monday, 7.30-9.00 p.m. in the Iona Centre.  
Contact: Marie Lewis, 494 1074.

### THE LEGION OF MARY

Senior group meet Wednesday 8.15 p.m. Junior group 7 p.m. in the Iona Centre.  
Contact: Vera, 494 1444.

### KNOCKLYON YOUTH - COMMUNITY CENTRE

For bookings contact Phyllis Russell, 494 1166 (home) or 494 3991 (centre).

## SPORTS, SOCIAL AND EDUCATIONAL

### KARA

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Contact? Máire Ní Ghormáin (Secretary), 451 7568; or Lyla Kennedy, 494 2830.

### BADMINTON

**Knocklyon Badminton Club** (league) meets Tuesday and Thursday in the Community Centre.  
For details contact Phyllis Russell at 494 1166.  
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Contact: Aine Kelly, 493 1764.

## **KNOCKLYON UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB**

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Contact Mick Kennedy, 494 6536.

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## **COMMUNITY GAMES**

Contact: Bernadette Ryan, 494 7415.

## **BRIDGE CLUB**

Meets every Monday at 7.30 p.m. All levels welcome.  
Contact: Ann Reville, 494 3255.

## **KNOCKLYON HISTORY GROUP**

The group meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month and arranges outings to places of historical interest from time to time.  
Contact Number: 494 1312.

## **I.C.A.**

Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 8.30 p.m. in the Community Centre.  
Contact: Peggie Lynch, 493 1954.

## **MUSIC, DRAMA AND COMMUNICATIONS**

### **ADULT CHOIR - 11 a.m. Mass**

Practice takes place Wednesday evenings at 8 p.m.  
Contact: Eoin Garrett, 494 1568.

### **THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR - 10 a.m. Mass**

Practice takes place weekly in the Church.  
All children having received their First Holy Communion are welcome to join.  
Contact: Ruth Kelly, 493 4495.

### **THE FOLK GROUP**

The Folk Group which sings at the 12 o'clock Mass on Sundays is open to anyone 13 or over.  
Contact: Joe Kelly, 494 1165.

## **THE GOSPEL SINGERS**

A Gospel singing group has been established in association with the 1 o'clock Mass. Practice takes place on Tuesday evenings at 8 p.m. in the Church. New faces always welcome.  
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## **THE CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP**

Function: To prepare the meaningful liturgy for the 10 o'clock weekly Children's Mass, through music and drama.  
For information contact Eva Coffey, 494 1715 or Bernie Dudley, 493 2892.

## **KNOCKLYON VARIETY GROUP**

Meet every Thursday at 8 p.m. in St. Colmcille's Junior School Hall.  
Contact: Teresa Hogan, 494 1021.

## **THE LITURGICAL ART AND ENVIRONMENT GROUP**

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## **PRAYER GROUPS**

### **LECTO DIVINA**

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## **THE IONA CENTRE**

Our newest building which includes Coffee Shop and Quiet Room also has various sized rooms for parish and community use. The interim Management Group comprises Deirdre Hanrahan, Michael Buckley, Gerry Pouch, Terri Erdpohl, Mary Prendergast, Fr. David Weakliam (P.P.) and Brid O'Connell.  
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## **SCHOOLS**

St. Colmcille's Junior Primary - Principal Mr. John Boyle, 494 7422.  
St. Colmcille's Senior Primary - Principal Mr. Paudí Neill, 494 2527.  
St. Colmcille's Community School - Principal Mr. John McKennedy, 495 2888.

## **PARISH OFFICE**

All enquiries, bookings, certificates, letters of freedom, Knocklyon News, etc.  
Contact Secretary Monday-Friday, 9.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m. Telephone: 494 1204. Fax: 494 2343.  
Arrangements for Baptisms and Marriages - contact Parish Office for appointment.



# CELTIC SOPRANOS



Ruth Cahill pictured on the night of the *Sancta Maria Debs*.

Over the years our readers have become aware of the musical talents of Ruth Cahill, a member of our Folk Group. Ruth, who lives in Glenvara, completed her Leaving Certificate this year and has been offered a place in The College of Music to study for a B.Mus. Performance Degree. However, she has deferred this place for the moment as an exciting opportunity has come her way.

During the summer Ruth became aware of auditions being held for young female singers, with a view to setting up a trio of sopranos. This project was set up by Willie Hughes/Chris Roche Productions (who are P.R.O. specialists for people like Michael Flatley!).

After many auditions and interviews Ruth was one of the girls selected to form the trio 'Celtic Sopranos' (the other two girls are from Kildare and Waterford).

To date the girls have been busy rehearsing and recording; and already performances are in demand. Indeed, on the night of Ruth's 'Debs' recently she had another important engagement. The girls were invited to perform at the Brown Thomas Fashion Show which was held at the residence of the British Ambassador. So before setting out with her friends to enjoy 'the Debs' Ruth entertained many prominent guests at a special social gathering.

The 'Sopranos' are building up a repertoire of Irish classical and contemporary songs which they hope will appeal to all age groups. They are preparing for the production of their first CD, and no doubt Ruth, Emily and Vanessa have a busy year ahead of them. Their immediate schedule includes radio interviews, television performances, and the girls are becoming accustomed to a cameraman recording their daily lives for a special documentary.

We congratulate Ruth on this great achievement and look forward to hearing more about 'Celtic Sopranos' in the near future.

## NOVEMBER LECTURE

At The Iona Centre

### "Why Do Bad Things Happen To Good People?"

Thursday, November 23rd, at 8 p.m.

by Dr. John O'Connell, P.P. Bray

Admission £4

## Knocklyon History Society



Members of the Knocklyon History Society on a guided tour of the Waterworks, Gleann na Smol, conducted by Michael Murphy.

### KNOCKLYON HISTORY SOCIETY

Wednesday, 8th November, 8 p.m.

#### 'The Antiquities of South County Dublin'

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Saturday, 9th December

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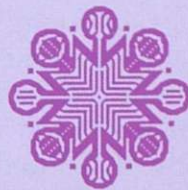




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# Time heals . . . or does it?

Grief is arguably the most universal of all painful, emotional experiences. Grief is our natural response, any and every time we suffer loss, whether big or small, real or imaginary, fleeting or abiding; from a baby's tantrum when his mother leaves the room – she knows she will be back in a minute, he may not! – through a parent's tears when an adult child first leaves home, to the utter devastation and near despair that follows on the death of a loved one. Grief can extend beyond physical loss to situations where one's deepest aspirations are frustrated or life's hopes and dreams are shattered.

Grief can bring about a plethora of emotions and responses. Denial and shock. Anger and guilt. Searching and bargaining. Depression and even despair. Some or all of these are present in every grief, but the degree can vary enormously from slight and passing to intense and traumatic, depending on the severity of the loss and the make up and personal history of the one bereaved. "Time will heal," we are assured by well-intentioned consolers. And yes, most often people do heal as time passes. But not automatically! If we do not handle our grief well, the suffering may actually intensify and we may become "stuck" in our grief.

The handling is everything! We need to talk and be listened to with compassion and understanding. We need a safe haven – person, place, situation – where we can allow our tears to flow and let out our feelings of anger. We need both courage and patience to be able to put up with these and other painful and unwanted feelings. Gradually the symptoms of grief lose their control over us and we move into acceptance.

In short, in order to be rid of the sufferings of grief, we must *go through* them and not try to *get over* them whether by denial, distraction or determination. Resist unwanted feelings and they will persist; go through them and in time they will evaporate! Our grief may leave a scar but it is no longer a gaping wound. *Acceptance of the head* that is the forced acquiescence we had tried brutally to

impose on ourselves from the outset of our loss in a vain attempt to "get back to normal" is now replaced by *acceptance of the heart* which alone can bring serenity and peace.

In a community such as ours, losses of all kinds are experienced and grief, of necessity, is widespread. There is much we can and should do in order to help the bereaved along the path of healing. The need is not so much for the expert or professional as for ordinary people of goodwill and kind heart to come together and learn how to become an effective support group or how to offer friendship with openness and sensitivity. And so . . . .

In order to set something in motion, an Open Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 16th, at 8 p.m. in the Iona Centre. Would you like to come along?

Do give it some thought. . . .

– Fr. David

## Remembering our Deceased

Our annual Mass for those who have died during the past year and for all who continue to experience grief will be held on Tuesday, 14th November, at 8 p.m.

The names of those to be remembered at this Mass may be entered on the list at the back of the Church.

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## NEWS FROM ST. COLMCILLE'S COMMUNITY SCHOOL

### U-14 Gaelic Football Team Semi-Finalists in South Dublin League



From left to right – back row, Joanne Gallagher, Diarmuid Callinan, Brian Kane, Martin Reape, Robert Coffey, Ben Murphy. Middle row, Mr. G. Munnelly, Colm O'Connor, John Dunford, David Gibbons, Stephen Fletcher, Frankie Brooks, Seamus O'Connor, Paul Boyle, Mr. S. O'Brien. Front row, Gavin White, Andrew McCutcheon, Brendan Treacy, Fionn Prendergast, Kieran Smyth, Stephen Murray, Kelly Smith.

### U-13 Soccer Team Through to League Knockout



From left to right – back row, Mr. G. Smith, Adnan Velic, Brian Kane, Robert Coffey, Martin Reape, Stephen Ronan, Rory Dunne, Dermot Callinan, Hugh Carroll. Front row, Paul Boyle, Conor Kenny, Ben Murphy, Rossa Miller, John Dunford, Garath Tarpey, Simon Brent Byrne, Rory Geraghty, David Gibbons.

## OBERAMMERGAU 2000

This year, Jubilee Year in the Church, has been described as a time of Blessing, Reconciliation, Sharing, Thanksgiving and Renewal. Many people worldwide have participated in pilgrimages or other spiritual journeys to mark this special time in the history of Christianity.

There is, however, one small village in Bavaria where Sharing, Thanksgiving and Renewal have marked its identity since the 17th Century, and where a large proportion of its population is included in the event that brings about that Sharing and Renewal. That village is Oberammergau, famous for its Passion Play. **Eileen Casey**, our features writer, fills us in on this unique place and its history.

Oberammergau is a picturesque village at the foothills of the Bavarian Alps, surrounded by Germany's second largest conservation area amid mountains, lakes, forests and streams.

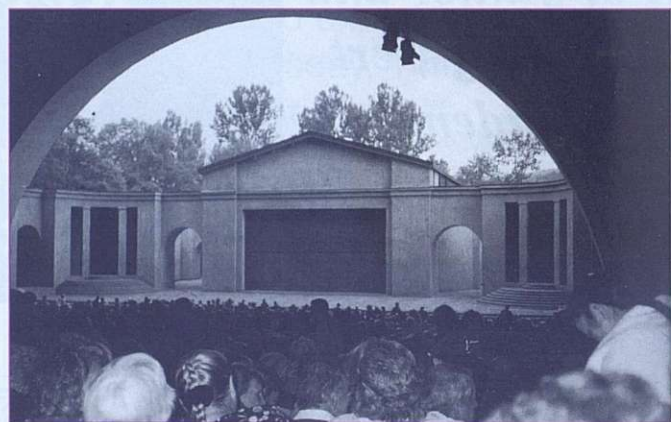
In the early days Oberammergau was described as a very healthy but poor place, because the land was not suitable for agriculture. Necessity being the mother of invention, people looked for work and found it in the art of woodcarving. Today, the woodcarvings from Oberammergau are the most sought-after in the world. No one knows when the skill appeared in the village, or who brought it there, but its arrival brought a new way to earn a living which changed the life of the village. Later on residents took up other handicrafts which included moulding wax figurines and 'behind glass paintings'.

As a result of these newly acquired skills the inhabitants were no longer poor and for many years lived an idyllic life. Tragedy struck in the year 1633, when the plague which had killed more than 25 million people across Europe descended on Oberammergau. The villagers were distraught. They vowed that if the pestilence was taken away from them they would perform a Passion Play (popular in parts of Central Europe at that time) every ten years – depicting the suffering and death of Jesus. According to the Chronicle reports, the Village Councils of the Six and Ten made their vow, and from that time on not a single person more died from the Plague. The Gothic Cross before which the oath was taken in 1633 is today in the Cross Altar of the Parish Church.

In 1634 the Passion Play was performed for the first time in the graveyard in front of the Church. Since its first performance the play has been presented every ten years except for a few occasions when it was forbidden to do so. This year an amazing 98 performances have taken place, and in this century alone there have been 4 million spectators.

This year marks the 40th time the play will have been presented in Oberammergau. The outdoor theatre is vast. The cast alone involving over 2,000 residents of the village, includes 430 children. Preparations for this year's event have been taking place for more than two years. Although the play has been presented many times, each production must be fresh and related to the present time. Living the Passion is the challenge of each cast member.

Despite the natural beauty of the landscape and its wonderful art treasures it is the Passion Play of Oberammergau which will stay forever in the minds of all who have been fortunate enough to witness its performance.



The theatre with assembled audience.

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**The Knocklyon Guild of the I.C.A.**  
Are holding an Open Night in aid of Our  
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Tuesday, 21st November.  
Venue: Knocklyon Community Centre.  
Time: 8.30 p.m.  
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## KNOCKLYON UNITED F.C. DRAW RESULTS

JUNE	AUGUST
1st: K. Cannon, 11a.	1st: D. & N. McKiernan, 12b.
2nd: T. Hennessy, 10c.	2nd: M. & M. Whelan, 10b.
3rd: J. Fitzharris, 10d.	3rd: A. Gobl, 9b.
JULY	SEPTEMBER
1st: B. Millar, 10d.	1st: J. Hamilton, 12b.
2nd: Pat O'Donnell.	2nd: J. O'Donnell, 8a.
3rd: Tony Fitzpatrick, 17a.	3rd: C. Carr, 17a.

## COMMUNITY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

A 'Registration Day' for all students currently in 6th Class in Primary School who wish to attend St. Colmcille's Community School as first year students in September, 2001, will take place in the school on Saturday 11th November, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. For registration of your son/daughter on the day you will need to have: (a) your child's birth certificate; (b) proof of address (e.g. ESB or Telephone bill).

For further information contact the school at Phone: 495 2888 or Fax: 495 2887.

## Are you a Regular at the 11 o'clock Mass?

If your Mass of choice is the 11 o'clock, you will remember that prior to the demolition of the pre-fab to make way for the Iona Centre, a "Sunday Club" was run in conjunction with this particular Mass. The Club catered for children from 2½-7 years whose parents wished to attend Mass without the distraction of small children, in the knowledge that the little ones were being well cared for and receiving their own Sunday message. Unfortunately, our 2 leaders Marion (O'Cleirigh) and Joan (Goodwin) are no longer in a position to give a weekly commitment to this project. With the building of the Iona Centre we can accommodate the Club once again, but require a dedicated person to take responsibility for its running, and arranging rosters of assistants. Every support and assistance will be given to the person concerned, and we are confident that many of our previous volunteers, especially our invaluable teenagers, will be happy to help again, once a new leader is installed. Without a new project leader, regrettably this service cannot be re-established. Interested persons should contact Fr. David at the Presbytery, 494 1204.

## RECENT BAPTISMS

Ryan Anthony Henderson, 6 Templeroan Green  
Ciara McCormack, 34 Templeroan Grove  
Ellen Louise Giffney, 6 Beverly Lawns  
Luke Gaffney, 182 Glenvara Park  
Nathan Thomas Guinevan, 18 Idrone Park  
Claire Marie Kearney, 6 Coolamber Park  
James Ronald Peter Hanrahan, 34 Orlagh Grange  
Clodagh Margaret Eyles, 15 Woodstown Lane  
Sadhbh Bryson, 2 Castlefield Way  
Jack Paul Higgins, 63 Knockaire  
Sadhbh Joan Geoghegan, 19 Orlagh Way  
Maeve Ann Esther McDonald, 195 Glenvara Park  
Daniel Thomas Murphy, 32 Woodstown Heath



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