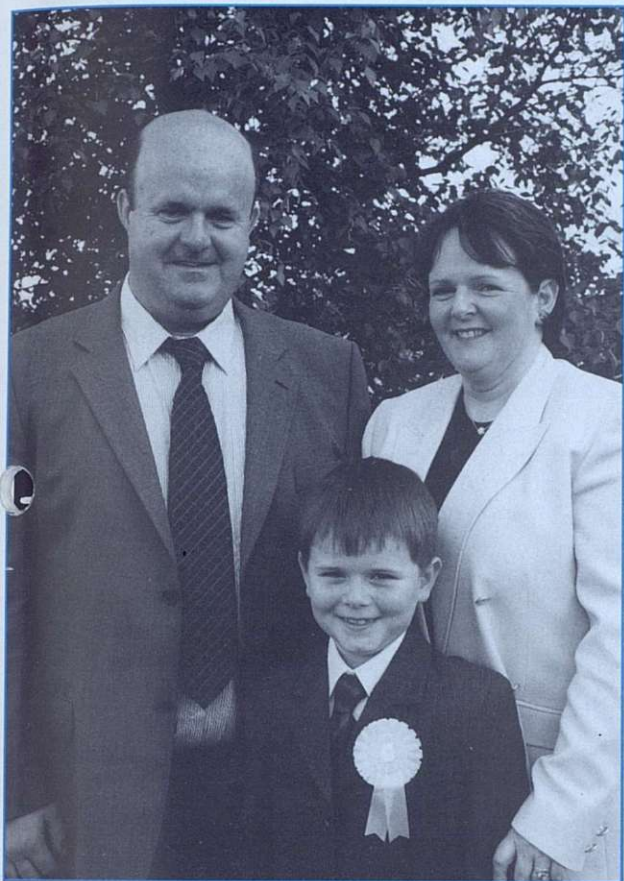


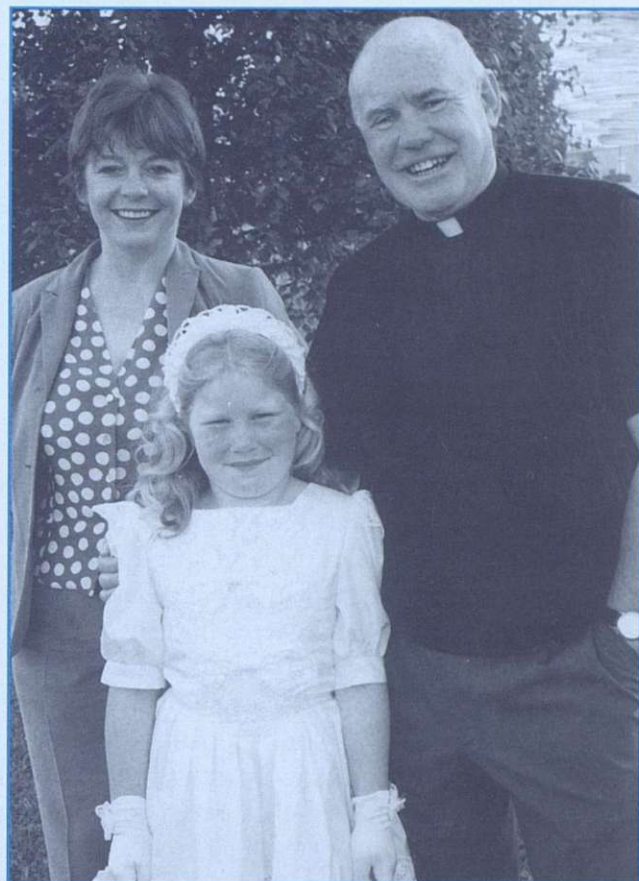
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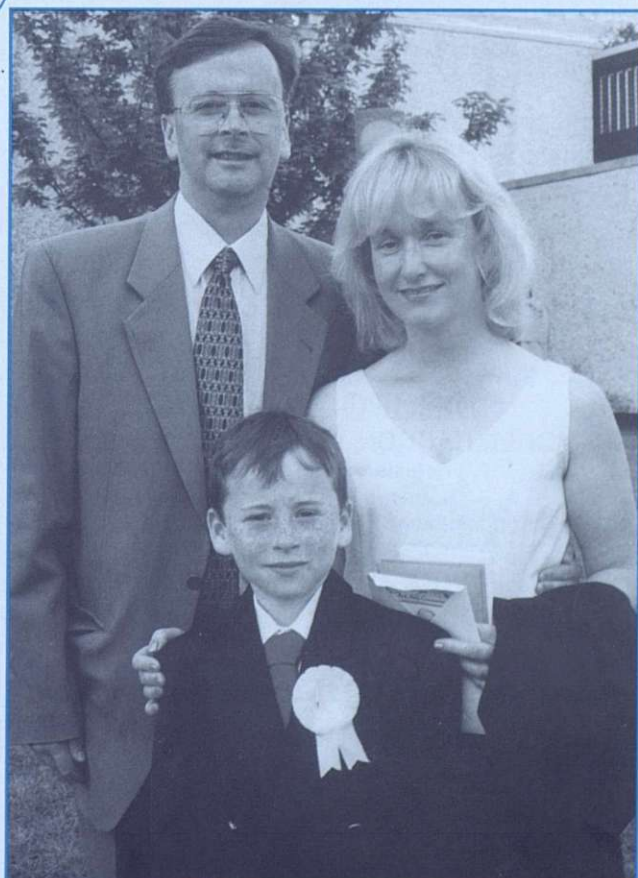
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▲ Brian Dempsey, Glenvara Park, with his parents, John and Susan.
▼ Laura Peters, Woodstown Abbey, with her parents, Conor and Catherine.



▲ Caitriona Bush, Castlefield, with her mother, Fiona, and Fr. Tony.
▼ Peter O'Donnell, Glenlyon, with his parents, John and Dervla.



MEET MR. BOYLE

John Boyle was appointed Principal of St. Colmcille's Junior Primary School on 1st September last year. I met him recently, a charming man who is full of ideas and enthusiasm for the future of his students.

It was quite early when I entered the school and there was a distinct air of excitement in the big hall. There were at least 50 tiny tots, boys and girls, who gathered around an enormous circle of fabric painted in psychedelic design. The little ones were shaking this huge circle up and down and giving shrieks of delight as the vivid colours seemed to dance in the morning light. The whole scene was happiness personified. The activity I later discovered was a 'parachute game'.

John was born in Mullaghduff, a little town in the heart of the Rosses, amid the blue hills and magnificent cliffs of Donegal, an idyllic place to spend one's childhood. Irish was of course, the native tongue and it was in these surroundings that he discovered his love of Gaelic sports. Eldest of nine children (six sisters and two brothers), he attended the local primary school and then went on to Post Primary, Pobalscoil Chloich, Cheannfhaola, in Falcarragh twenty miles away. It was there, that the Vice Principal Fr. Gallagher encouraged him to take up a career in primary school teaching, a career which he dearly loves.

After the Leaving Cert, John came to Dublin to train at St. Patrick's College, Drumcondra. It was there that he met Carmel, now his wife, who is also a teacher. In 1984, he became Committee Secretary for the Centenary G.A.A. celebrations in his home Parish.

He is involved in many organisations. As a teacher in Ballyboden Primary School, where he spent 14 years, taught all classes and organised many events, he became Home School Community Liaison Co-ordinator – a scheme which promotes parental involvement in education. Rainbows was another 'help' organisation to which John gave his time. This programme helps children



through the trauma of bereavement and separation of parents, among other problems. Another group which John has an active involvement with is Cumann na mBunscoil – the teacher's group which organises Gaelic games in Dublin primary schools. He was also Chairperson of District 8 Committee of I.N.T.O. and Chairman of Wanderers G.A.A. Club.

The biggest challenge for John in his post as Principal of St. Colmcille's Junior School, is the fact that it is the largest Junior Primary School in Ireland with 735 pupils and 32 teachers. It is a very big challenge, but John has great faith in his staff.

Deputy Principal, Ita Corduff, and three assistants, Ita McDonald, Miriam Mulkerrin and Carol Doody form an excellent senior management team. He is grateful to Fr. David and the Board of Management who have been most helpful during his first year.

He is very concerned about the capacity of the building to cater for the school needs. John and Pádraig O'Neill, (Principal of the Senior School) have been working together making joint applications for additional facilities such as a general purpose hall, and school library. Mr. Boyle is delighted that the Dept. of Education and Science has given a commitment to renovate the Junior School.

In September there will be a revised curriculum for English and Visual Arts, and a lot more emphasis on the child's environment. Another exciting event is the school partnership with Superquinn in connection with computers.

John is also very involved in information and communication technology at primary school level. He also favours promoting and helping this community to develop a greater appreciation of a healthy lifestyle.

There is a lot of work ahead in so many projects. We wish John success in all his ventures and every happiness for the future.

– Eileen Casey

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To maintain a vibrant and committed group of readers, we are appealing to all interested parties to come and join us.

At present the commitment is one monthly meeting with a reading at the Sunday Mass, of your choice, approximately once every six weeks throughout the year.

If interested please contact any of the committee below who will be very pleased to hear from you.

Stephanie Sadlier (494 3179)

Ann Pouch (493 3738)

and Noeleen Kelly (494 1165)

MASS ANNOUNCEMENT

A Mass for past, present and deceased members of the Readers Group will be held in St. Colmcille's Church on **Thursday, 28th June, at 7.30 p.m.** A reception will be held after Mass in The Iona Centre.

KNOCKLYON GOLF SOCIETY



The President Colm O'Brien's Prize will take place in Castlewarden Golf Club on Friday 13th July, 2001. The timesheet for this outing will be placed in the Church porch from Friday 29th June to Sunday 1st July.

Results from the outing to Nuremore G.C. on Saturday 19th May were as follows:
 Winner, John Grier (7-2) 34 points;
 Second, Jim Farrell (13) 33 points;
 Class 1, James Scully (9) 33 points;
 Gerry Diggans (13) 31 points;
 Class 2, Seamus Doherty (18) 30 points;
 Terry Mangan (18) 30 points;
 Class 3, Bill Gorman (23) 31 points;
 David Hickey (21) 26 points;
 Front 9, Dave Torrains (9) 18 points;
 Second 9, Michael Coleman (18) 17 points;
 Visitor, Stephen Carroll (10) 30 points.

Membership is open to golfers living in the Parish of Knocklyon and new members are always welcome. Contact David Hickey, 493 7731 or Joseph Winters, 493 9344.

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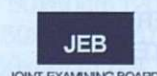
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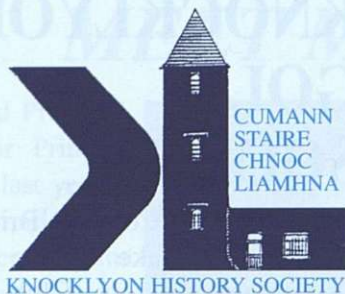
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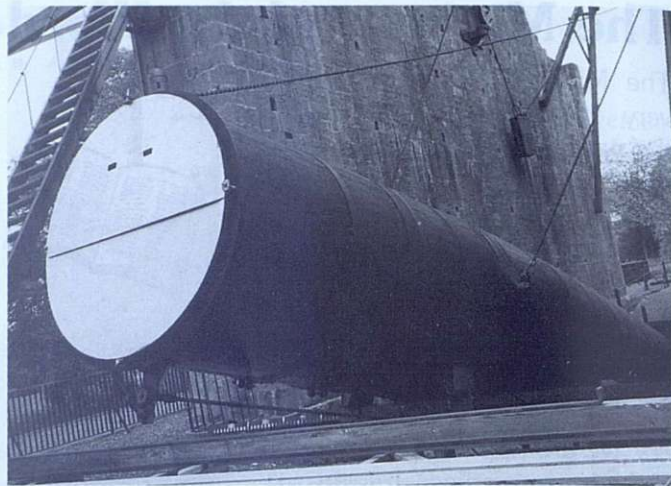
Annual Outing on 19th May, 2001



Leaving Knocklyon on a pleasant May morning the bus carrying some 30 members of the society and their guests headed for Kildare town for the first stop. Behind the main street, so familiar to us from traffic delays as we pass through, we visited one of the oldest cathedral sites in Ireland - St Brigid's Cathedral and Round Tower. The view from the top of the Tower was spectacular for those brave enough to climb all the way up. On terra firma, the beauty and history of the restored cathedral gave us a wonderful insight into the importance of this site.

Travelling on to Birr we detoured to Kinnity Castle to inspect the ninth century cross standing on the site of the glamorous Castle Hotel. We reached Birr at lunchtime and were very impressed with the beautiful streetscapes so wisely preserved for coming generations.

Birr Castle Demesne with its Great Telescope was the focus of our day's tour. After a short group introduction we made our own way through the Historic Science Centre where the pioneering achievements of the Parsons family and other great Irish scientists in the fields of astronomy, photography, engineering and horticulture are very well displayed. Strolling



The Great Telescope at Birr Castle Demesne.

around the grounds and gardens of the demesne there was so much to see and enjoy. The Great Telescope towering above us was, of course, the highlight. We wandered through the Millennium Gardens, noted the dramatic box hedges, admired the shell well and fernery and walked around the lake. The ice house, the old suspension bridge and other novelties all intrigued us.

We finished our day in Birr with a very satisfying meal in the pleasant ambience of the Stables Restaurant. "Well fed and watered" we enjoyed our journey home through Roscrea and by the N7, giving thanks for our lovely countryside and for a wonderful day out.

- Eleanor O'Brien

KNOCKLYON COMMUNITY GAMES



The athletics trials for the Community Games took place in Cherryfield on Monday, 21st May. There was a very large turnout and it was a very successful and enjoyable evening.

A large number of the competitors qualified to represent Knocklyon in the Dublin athletics finals which will take place in Santry Stadium on the 24th and 30th June and 1st July. A letter will be delivered to all competitors giving more details.

The Committee would like to thank everyone who helped out at the athletics trials in Cherryfield which enabled the event to run smoothly.

BASKETBALL

Congratulations to the Under-13 Knocklyon North Boys basketball team which came third in the Dublin finals. Many thanks to Alan Moody for all his hard work. Alan has coached the basketball teams over the last number of years and

has had a lot of success.

We were very limited in the number of events we could enter this year as we just did not have enough people on the committee. Anyone interested in helping out with the Community Games next year please contact any of the following: Maureen Coffey, 494 2512; Finian Hyland, 493 2979; Owen Burke, 494.1985.

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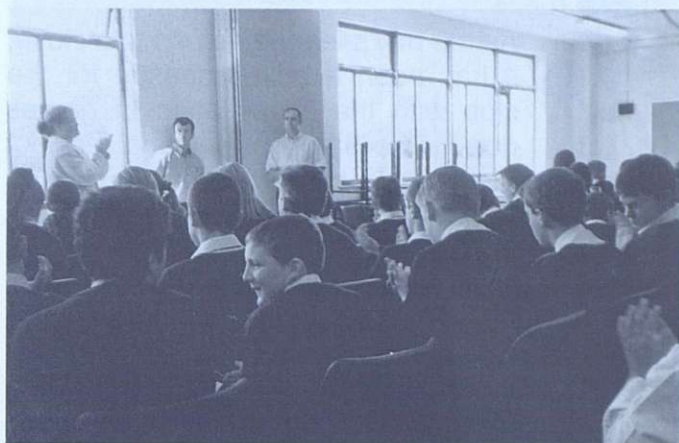


NEWS FROM CONNECT

On Monday 14th May, Gerry Cooney and Ultan – Coogan, from the Rutland Centre, visited St. Colmcille's Community School at the invitation of Connect Group. This was the first visit of Connect to the Community School. Many of the students assembled to hear the speakers, had previously been visited in St. Colmcille's primary school, by Connect members and other speakers and heard and seen drama presentations on the subject of alcohol and drug abuse.

The morning's proceedings commenced with a drama presentation from students of the Coffey School of Drama. This was a very powerful piece of work which focussed on how destructive alcohol and drug abuse can be in the lives of young people – how quickly dependency can set in, and how much of life's opportunities and relationships are lost in trying to combat that dependency. The young actors involved had recently won the Summit Cup for this drama at the Feis Maitiú.

Gerry Cooney, Addiction Counsellor for the Rutland Centre, then spoke to the 120 students about the issues highlighted in the drama, and dealt with the



Ruth Kelly (teacher) and the pupils of the Community School applaud Ultan Coogan and Gerry Cooney after their talk.

questions which these students had asked to be addressed when the visit was being prepared for by their teacher Ruth Kelly. A very lively question and answer session followed, with students showing a keen interest in the subject and posing very relevant thought-provoking questions.

The problem of alcohol abuse, particularly by young teenagers, was given considerable time, as statistics would confirm that this is a very big and growing problem currently, especially among young girls. The long-term effects of cannabis use were also discussed and Gerry refused to accept its description as a "soft drug", describing it as a "gateway drug" with serious long-term consequences.

The concepts of individual responsibility, discussing problems, intervening when a friend/relative has a problem were all covered, and the importance of not waiting until someone reaches "rock bottom" was highlighted. Both Gerry and Ultan stressed that advice is always available from the Rutland Centre and other treatment facilities and mentioned the 'open meetings' for families affected by addiction, held fortnightly at the Rutland Centre. (Telephone: 494 6538.)

Ger Hackett thanked the Connect Group for arranging the visit which both students and teachers found very informative.



Left to right: Ger Hackett (Vice Principal, St. Colmcille's Community School) pictured with members of the Coffey School of Drama – Craig Carey, Olivia Cusack, Aoife Doyle, Hazel Leahy and their teacher, Eva Coffey, during their visit with the Connect Group.

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As the boy's league comes to a close, it has been a mixed season for the club with the cancellation of games due to the bad weather and the foot and mouth disease. At this stage of the season the league is normally finished but some teams still have many games left to play. A number of our teams are in line for success. The U-12 Premier, managed by Sean Moran and Paul Massey had a terrific win against Cabinteely to clinch top place. The U-12 Div. 3 managed by Hugh O'Neill and Kevin Maguire took second place in a very tough league. Our U-8E, U-13 Premier and the U-16 all have a great chance in finishing 1st or 2nd in their respective leagues. We wish them success in bringing the trophies back to Knocklyon.

It has been a busy year with the club having been represented by 21 boys teams and the soccer nursery. We also had a very successful trip to Holland where the club was represented by 6 teams and 141 people from Knocklyon. The U-16 were successful in winning their tournament. We have also been busy in obtaining our new facilities on the Ballycullen Road from South Dublin County Council. This will form the new base for the club in its ambitions for the future. We would like to thank South Dublin County Council, Ascon and Councillors John Lahart, John Hannon and Senator Ann Ormonde for their help in this matter. A number of other proposals are now being implemented.

GIRL'S FOOTBALL

One of the club's main plans was the introduction of a number of girl's teams to cater for the girls in the area who have expressed a keen interest in soccer. We have recently registered with the Dublin Women's Soccer League and were delighted with the response from the girls in the area. We now have 3 teams up and running i.e. U-10, U-12 and U-14. The teams played their first games on 19th May and they all had great success. The U-10 managed by Nessa McKiernan

drew 1-1, the U-12 managed by Gillian Kennedy and Leanne Cullen won 7-0 and the U-14 managed by Lisa Martin won 4-1. It is great to see the girls involved and we wish them every success and enjoyment for the rest of the season.

SPECIAL LEAGUE

At present we are in the process of organising a mini-football competition in conjunction with the Down's Syndrome Association. It is hoped that boys and girls aged from 8 to 12 will participate. The teams will be a mixture of children from the Down's Syndrome Association and Knocklyon United. The type of competition will depend on the level of interest from the Association. Further details will be available at a later date.

PRESENTATIONS

The club hopes to organise its annual presentations in September and it will include all of the Knocklyon players and managers. We will let managers and players know in due course.

TRIALS

Trials for the U-8, U-9, U-10 will take place in June. All 11-a-side trials will take place on different dates in July. Details will be posted in the Parish centre, the Church and the shopping centre.

THANK YOU

As it is near the end of the boys season we would like to thank all the managers and players for their hard work during the year. Without people helping out, the club would not be able to cater for the boys and girls, which will exceed 400 players next year. We would also like to thank all our sponsors for their contributions.

– Mick Kennedy, P.R.O., Knocklyon United.
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For the third year in a row – the senior camogie team has captured the championship title. Irene Kirwan has the distinction of captaining all three sides. The team was managed by John Kirwan with Ciara Conway, Eamonn O'Sullivan and Liz O'Neill. The U-14 Camogie team, thanks to a brilliant Anne Griffin goal with almost the last puck of the game, captured the Féile na nGael title and will now go forward to represent Dublin in the National Finals in Cork from 22/23 June. Management team is Bernie Corrigan, Orna Lucey and Grace O'Neill.

The U-14 ladies football team made it a double when they won the football title – manager Colin Pope with assistance from Bernie Corrigan. Congratulations also to Fiona Merriman who played on the Dublin team which won the Leinster Football Championship.

Congratulations to former ladies footballer and camogie player Caitriona Daly who was married to Paul Nash recently.

The U-16 hurlers captained by Michael Griffin (who scored 1-8 in the final) retained the championship



The Blue Haven in Ballyroan Road has renewed its sponsorship of the Ballyboden St. Endas U-21 Hurling Team. The proprietor Tom O'Malley is seen here with the team and mentors.

title with a deserved win over Craobh Chiarain. Among the panel were former St. Colmcille's N.S. pupils – Michael Griffin, Brian Kennedy, Andrew Hickey, Brian O'Connor, Daragh Ahearne, John McCormack (who was named the Kennedy Plastering Player of the Championship), James Duffy, Graham Ward and John McKiernan. Well done to the management team of Martin Donohue, Oliver Hickey and coach David Curtin.

Work has started on the reinstatement of the clubhouse after the fire of March 2000. The club would once again like to thank all who have supported us and look forward to their continued help. Well done to St. Colmcille's N.S. on Cumann na mBunscoil successes. **- Gerry O'Sullivan**

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The Motorway is due to open to Ballinteer in August. The Engineers' priority is to complete the road and have as much landscaping as possible in place by that time. The landscaping season is either Autumn or Spring, and so the next planting can commence in September. Much landscaping remains to be done and there are areas within estates such as Beverly Court, Orlagh Park, Orlagh Grove and Knockfield Manor where remaining works need to be carried out.

PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT SUPERQUINN (Knocklyon Road and Idrone Junction)

I have received numerous complaints about the way this junction has been designed from a pedestrian point of view, and particularly from the point of view of children. I have complained to the Roads Department and the Roads Engineer has informed me that the Pedestrian Crossing will be returned to its former location here as soon as possible.

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

The Council is in the process of introducing Bye-Laws in the County prohibiting the consumption of alcohol in public places. The first draft has been brought before Councillors. I have enquired with the Garda in Rathfarnham as to whether the introduction of such Bye-Laws will be of benefit to them. They have confirmed that they will assist considerably in the reduction of anti-social behaviour. Since the refurbishment of the Garda Station last year, over three hundred young people have been detained for anti-social behaviour activities.

TRAFFIC STUDY GROUP

The Council's Traffic Study Group have recommended the following measures: A barrier at the footbridge between **Knockfield Manor** and **Castlefield Manor** estates. Finger post signs indicating **pedestrian crossing** at the same location. Two 'Schoolchildren Crossing' signs at **Idrone Avenue** in the vicinity of **St. Colmcille's National Schools**. Recommended stop sign on filter lane for westbound traffic onto **Scholarstown Road** and 3 pedestrian signs on each road approaching the junction of **Stocking Lane/Scholarstown Road**.

– Councillor John Lahart
E-mail: jlahart@sdblincoco.ie
Tel: 493 9608 (h); 676 4819 (w)

Glenvara Resident is Ordained



Patrick Comerford, Glenvara Park, is to be ordained Priest by Most Rev. Walton Empey, Archbishop of Dublin and Bishop of Glendalough, in Christ Church Cathedral on Sunday, June 24. He will serve in Whitechurch Parish.

The photograph above was taken last year when he was ordained Deacon. With Bishop Empey are Patrick and his wife, Barbara, together with their sons, Jamie and Joey.

We wish Patrick every happiness in his ministry.

Presentation for Regina Coeli



Ann Walsh, Concert organiser with Fr. Ned Ward, Director of the Regina Coeli Mission, Zimbabwe, at a recent gathering in the Presbytery, to present a cheque for funds raised from the Concert and Church door collections last March and the sale of roses during the visit of the Relics of St. Thérèse. Fr. Ned was delighted with the donation of almost £10,000 and expressed his gratitude to all who subscribed. It is hoped to continue raising awareness in the Parish of our twin Parish in Zimbabwe, and to arrange other fund-raising events next year.

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Review of "The Hot Mikado"

One thousand one hundred people attended this recent production in the Civic Theatre, Tallaght, and of this a sizeable number travelled from Knocklyon.

One of the principal reasons for the large Knocklyon presence was the opportunity to see Helen Kelly from Knocklyon playing a leading role in the show.

Helen is the daughter of Noeleen and Joe Kelly and sister of Lisa and Joanne of Idrone.

Spotted in the audience were members of the Church Choirs including Sylvia Doyle and Sheila O'Shea. Helen, of course, is a member of the Folk Group.

The show was an outstanding success. The curtain opened to display a spectacular Japanese scene of colourfully costumed dancers with the seven-piece orchestra high above the stage. This innovative location of the orchestra contributed enormously to the sense of fun throughout this musical comedy. At one point one of the musicians was thrown down on to the stage – it turned out to be a dinner jacketed dummy!

The Emperor of Japan (The Mikado) disapproves of lots of things, particularly flirting and has appointed the Lord High Executioner to see that people behave themselves. The Mikado's son is in love with Yum Yum but is betrothed to Katisha and the Lord High Everything Else eventually sorts things out to ensure a happy ending.

Yum Yum, as the name implies, is a beautiful girl sweet enough to eat and Helen Kelly is perfect for the role. Her natural beauty, lovely voice, dramatic and dancing ability combined to captivate the audience.

The Lord High Executioner is played by Damian Douglas who is an experienced comic. Austin Powers came to mind during his performance. His version of 'Tit Willow' with the sultry songstress Katisha (Linda Nolan) was one of the highlights of the show.

Dave Supple plays the 'Lord High Everything Else' and as usual his performance was first class. Dave and Eric Maher have acted in major roles for the Knocklyon Variety Group during the past four years.

A cast of twenty-nine, an orchestra of seven, eight pit singers, expert musical director, choreographer, sound and lighting specialists and a good venue resulted in an excellent production of a very entertaining show.

Congratulations to musical director Colin Sloan and his Blackout Productions.

This Mikado certainly did take the biscuit!

– Teresa Hogan

ST. COLMCILLE'S PARISH Maintenance & Development Fund

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We publish below a breakdown of Parish finances for the interest of our readers.

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Shrines	9,212
Fund-raising	32,708
Carmelite Community	102,000
Bequests	34,516
	339,545

Payments	£
Building, Repairs, Maintenance (Church) . . .	17,027
Salaries/Wages	6,338
Altar Supplies	12,321
Light/Heat	5,187
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Office Equipment	3,205
Iona Centre Development	248,500
Sundry Parish Provisions	2,560
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	327,965

Balance (Cr.) £11,580

Iona Centre Development Debt

The above analysis does not take into account the debt entered into by the Parish to complete the Iona Centre, namely a Ten-year Term Loan of £450,000 from June 2000. Repayments commenced in July at £4,990 per month.

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FIRST COMMUNION DAYS



Above: David Farrelly, Scholarstown Park, with his parents Rory and Anne, siblings Joseph, Conor and Deirdre.

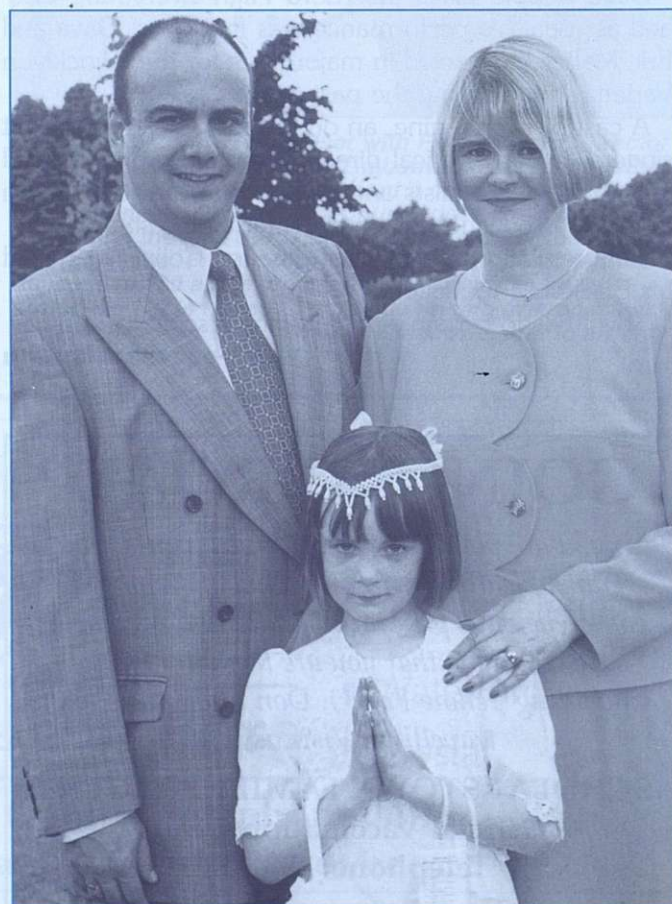


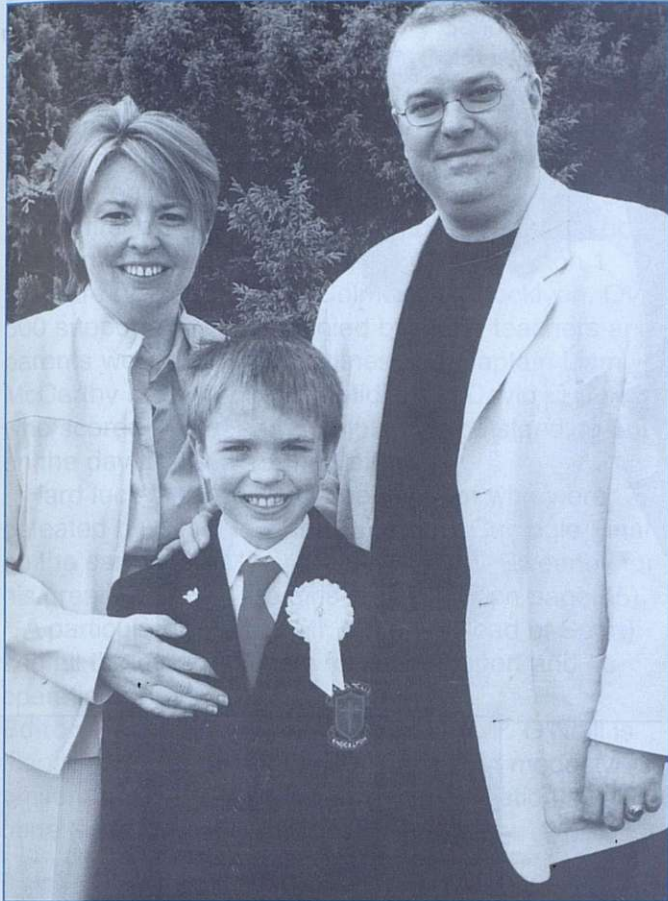
Above: Robert Redmond, Beverly Crescent, with his parents, Tina and Des.

Below: Maeve O'Neill, Woodfield, with (from left) Anne Swords, grandmother, Lisa O'Neill, mother and Carmel O'Neill, grandmother.

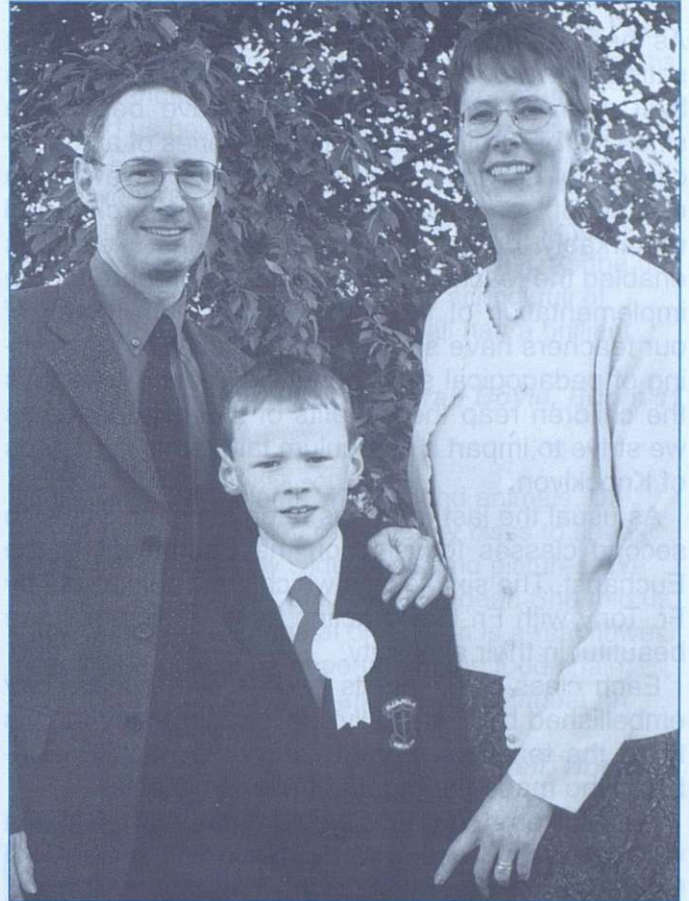


Below: Katy Anna Copland, Templeroan Avenue, with her parents, Neil and Carol Ann.



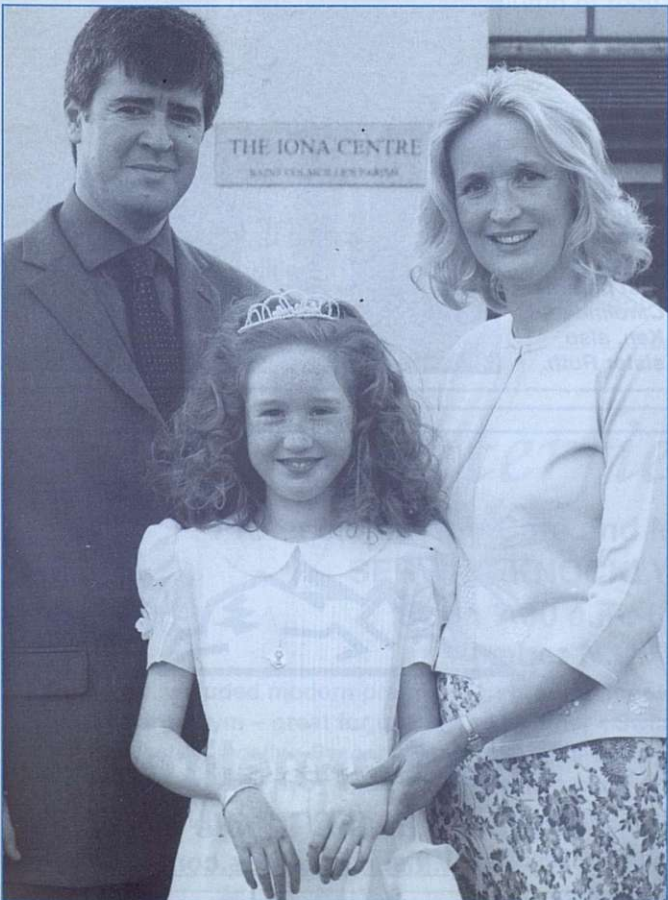


Above: Darragh Meehan, Dargle Wood, with his parents, Christine and Eoin.



Above: Kevin Cardiff, Delaford Avenue, with his parents, Adrian and Catherine.

Below: Niamh O'Gara, Westbourne Road, with her parents, Ciarán and Annemarie.



Below: Susan Palmer, Woodfield, with her parents, Hugh and Fiona.



JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

As the year draws to a close we look back with great satisfaction on the 25 years since the school was built. Many of the teachers who have been here since the beginning have fond memories of a quarter century of service to the community. However, the nature of teaching and learning has changed remarkably during that time. The last year has enabled the teachers to upskill as we prepare for the implementation of the revised curriculum. Many of our teachers have shown great initiative in the refining of pedagogical skills down the years. Nowadays the children reap the benefits of this experience as we strive to impart a curriculum tailored to the needs of Knocklyon.

As usual the last term has been full of activity with second classes focusing on the Sacrament of the Eucharist. The six Masses which were celebrated by Fr. Tony with Fr. David acting as co-ordinator, were beautiful in their simplicity.

Each class of 35 pupils had its own special day embellished by Ruth Kelly's folk choir. Many thanks to all the teachers, parents and other family members who made the month of May so special.

Ms. Mulkerrin, our music co-ordinator, organised a very successful outing to the National Concert Hall for the Irish Times Music in the Classroom Concert. The event proved so popular that we have already booked for next year.

Mr. Sweeney, Ms. Cosgrave and Mr. Boyle have coached second class pupils Gaelic Games after school throughout May and June. There are some potentially great players graduating to the Senior School next year.

The meetings for parents of incoming Junior Infants were very well attended. New pupils will visit their classrooms on 28th June.

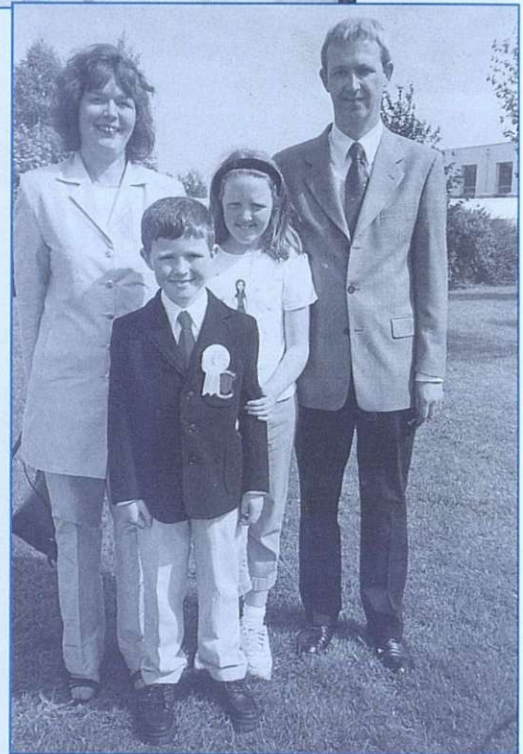
All in all the last term has been hectic. This scribe will spend a few restful weeks in the Costa Del Donegal. Sincere gratitude to all in the school community who helped me to settle in so well since last September.

Adh mór don samhradh.

– John Boyle



Clara Donohue (left) of Idrone and Alice Creedon of Knocklyon Heights.



Stephen Stewart, Woodfield, with parents Caroline and Ken, also sister Ruth.

“The zeal of a Carmelite embraces the whole world.”

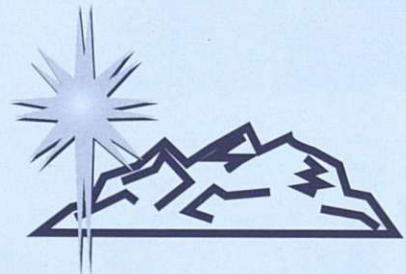
– From the writings of St. Thérèse of Lisieux

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HERALD CUP HURLING TRIUMPH FOR ST. COLMCILLE'S

The 'Herald Cup', Dublin's Primary Schools top hurling trophy has finally come to St. Colmcille's S.N.S. Knocklyon when a superb performance in Parnell Park on Friday 8th June the boys of St. Colmcille's defeated our arch-rivals Marino C.B.S., Griffith Avenue, on a scoreline of 2-13 to 3-1.

This first ever Herald Cup triumph means that both the Senior Football and Senior Hurling Division 1 titles are now held by St. Colmcille's Knocklyon. Over 500 supporters, accompanied by many teachers and parents were on hand to witness our captain Liam McCarthy raise the trophy. Midfielder David O'Connor who scored 1 goal and 8 points was outstanding but on the day it was a 15-man effort.

Hard luck to our girls' Camogie team who were defeated by 2 points in the Division 1 Camogie Final on the same day. Many thanks to Mr. T. Sweeney for his great work with the girls (see photo on page 15).

A particular thanks to Mr. Murphy (Head of Sport) and all the other teachers for their support and co-operation.

Editor's Note: We understand that Mr. P. O'Neill is manager of the winning hurling team but modesty prevented him from giving us this information! Well done to all.)

ENVIRONMENT NEWS

Boscaí athchírsála are now in each classroom. The pupils of Room 3 composed a tune to remind children of the recyclable items – Dry Paper, Cans and Card. When the tune is played on the intercom, the boscaí are emptied into our oxygen bins. The response has been positive. We have increased our volume of recycling from three full bins per month to eight full bins.

Thank you to everyone for their co-operation.

VISITS TO THE SCHOOL

Some of the pupils share with us news on nature and the environment:

On Tuesday May 22nd a local historian Tomás Maher brought Mrs. Broderick's 5th Class on a heritage walk around Knocklyon. He started the day with a brilliant

slide-show showing Knocklyon Castle, Orlagh House and the Hell Fire Club, giving a talk on each. He explained how the stones used to build the Hell Fire Club were once tombs and told us of the many myths and mysterious happenings that occur around it.

He told us how the monks built the weir on the Dodder River at the Firhouse Bridge. The sun shone as we went on our walk through Knocklyon, first visiting Knocklyon Castle. We had lunch on the green in Monalea before moving on to see the weir. As the day came to an end we returned to the school full of knowledge about the locality. We all had a brilliant day and we thoroughly enjoyed it.

– Emma Duffy, Ciaran Boyle, Room 11

NATURE

Nature is flowers, plants, insects and animals. Dr. Dwyer, an Ornithologist, came to my class to speak about nature. We saw slideshows and pictures. We held bones and skulls of sheep and deer. She told us some facts, like each petal on a stem is a real flower. Insects and plants are important in the food chain, e.g. an insect eats a plant and a bird might eat an insect.

– Lisa Barnwell, Room 17

VICTORIOUS HURLERS



Front, left to right: Ciarán Brennan, Liam McCarthy, Aidan Horgan, Kevin Timmons, Paul Garry, Niall MacMorrow, David O'Connor. Back, left to right: Colin Hyland, Neal Farrell, Stephen Ryan, Eoin O'Reilly, Kevin Brennan, Alan Carter, Killian Carrow, Andrew Kiernan.

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It is really hard to believe that we have already come to the end of our first year in St. Colmcille's Community School. It seems such a short time ago since that memorable morning when students, staff and parents gathered in the car-park outside the school for the very first time and yet so much has happened since.

One can hardly reflect on these busy nine months without calling to mind the great successes of our football, soccer, hurling and camogie teams. To have reached three semi-finals with all these students underage again next year is surely a wonderful achievement. I am reminded too of the many clubs that have formed including chess, drama, dance, guitar and electronics, all of which provide our students with enjoyment and recreation both at lunchtime and after school. The highlight of the year was undoubtedly our School Musical, 'Joseph', which brought together a wide range of talents both on and off the stage. This proved to be a wonderful example of community working and celebrating together.

I am delighted with the progress the students have made in their subjects. They each have a very broad curriculum to follow and the standards of work and achievement they have set, both for themselves and those to follow are very high indeed.

As we come to the close of this, our first academic year, I would very much like to acknowledge the work and support of our Board of Management and Parent's Association. They have worked tirelessly throughout the year on the school's behalf. I feel privileged to work with such a professional, committed and gifted team of teachers here in St. Colmcille's C.S. and I look forward to an equally talented group of students and teachers joining us here in September.

Le gach dea ghúí.

— **John McKennedy**

Sports Day

We had our first Sports Day on Thursday 31st May. We used our Sports Hall for the first time as a school and played basketball, uni-hoc and volleyball. Classes played against each other and there was a very healthy competitive spirit flowing! We then played the camogie, hurling, gaelic and soccer outside. Then the penalty shoot-outs, puc fada, rounders and the relay races followed. The teachers took part in penalty shoot-outs and a 100m race. Enough about that! Well done to Mr. O'Brien for his excellent organisation. A great day was had by all!

End of Year Awards

We had our End of Year Awards on the last day of term. These included academic, sports, drama, music and chess. Congratulations to all the winners.

Science Awards

During the year we did lots of projects and our Science Projects did not go unnoticed by the Dublin Institute of Technology in Tallaght. Earlier in the term Mr. Kevin Nolan gave us a lecture on astronomy and then returned to the school to judge our Earth Science Projects. DIT sponsored a Perpetual Cup for the winning project, a year long subscription to the Planetary Society and smaller prizes of shields and book tokens for the runners-up. Many thanks to Kevin Nolan, the Department of Applied Science and Mr. Smith.

Student of the Year Award

Our first Student of the Year Award went to Michelle Glynn. Well done Michelle on a great start in St. Colmcille's School.

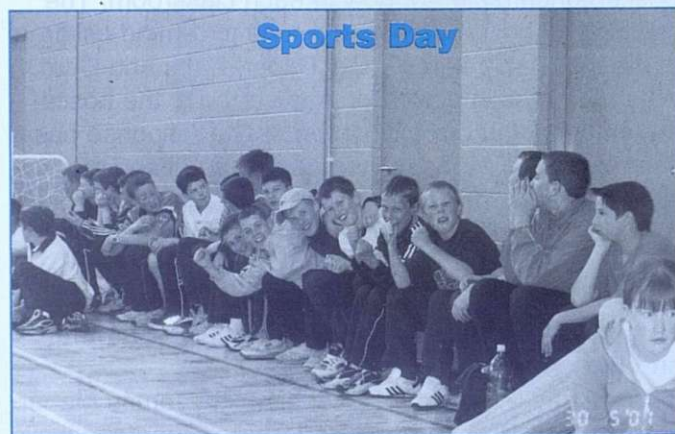
We would like to thank the Parents Association who sponsored all our school awards this year and who gave us such great support throughout the year.

St. Colmcille's Community School Enrolment Policy

The Board of Management has finalised its current policy on enrolment, which will be subject to review in accordance with the school's Development Plan.

The policy in essence favours children living in the area and in the event of there being more than the maximum of 120 applicants priority will be given in order of the date of application.

Application forms and further details are available from the school. Children must be attending a primary school before applications will be accepted.



Students waiting the call-up to take part in their chosen events in the sports hall.

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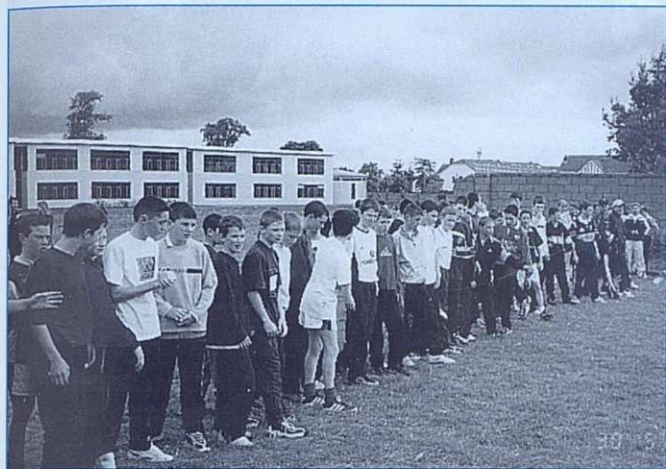
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Back, left to right: Mr. T. Sweeney, Claire Farrell, Elaine Keogh, Jennifer Byrne, Gillian Ryder, Lisa Ward, Niamh Scallan, Lucy Donovan, Niamh O'Driscoll, Claire Kiernan, Fiona Nea. Front, left to right: Laura Coffey, Gemma McRam, Sarah Noonan, Emer Maher, Catherine Pope, Carlfhionn O'Neill, Sharon Glynn, Noelle Brogan, Natalia Hyland, Emma Duke.

PARISH WEEK 2001



A beautifully costumed group of Irish dancers waiting to take part in the talent show in the community centre on Thurs. 7th June. Left to right: Claire Kiernan, Rosemary Cooney and Deirdre Malone. (See photos and report on Parish Week on Page 16.)

SUMMER SCHOOL OF DANCE 2001

Boys and Girls – 4-15 Years

- Salsa • Hiphop • Tap • Ballet • Irish Dancing •
- Line Dancing • Jazz Ballet • Waltz •

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- 4-6 Year-olds – £45 • 7-15 Year-olds – £50 •

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Application Forms available in Knocklyon Community Centre.

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Standards: Separate groups for total beginners, intermediate and advanced players. Children are also grouped re: their ages, friends, etc.

When: Commencing Monday, July 2nd. Weekly during July and August, 2001.

Time: Monday to Friday inc. – 2.30-4.30 p.m.

Content: Fun way to learn and develop tennis skills inc. 1 1/2 hours daily instruction and 1/2 hour fitness and co-ordination routines, i.e. Rounders, Unihoc, Soccer, etc.

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Parish Week 2001



The traditional and very popular game of 'Bingo' was the first item on the programme for this year's Parish Week, which began on June 6th. An enthusiastic audience of approx 200 attended – including several family groups and many went home with prizes. All had a good night's entertainment.

It was "standing room only" in the Community Centre on the following night when over 500 children and adults packed the hall for the Children's Talent Show. The evening was compered by Joe Kelly and adjudicated by Catherine Coffey. From a line-up of 39 acts, musicians, dancers, singers and one comedian, there were five prize-winners, and all participants provided great entertainment. The overall winning act was 'Celtic Cailíní' – Caitriona, Síobhán, Sarah and Niamh, who together played tin whistle, fiddle, and performed Irish dancing. In joint second place were soloist Ruth Murray, and trio Sinéad Murphy, Claire Bentham and Clare Watson. Joint third prizes went to two singing duos – Erica Pouch and Ruth Johnston; and Shauna Carrigan and Eimear Deane – the latter duo performing their own composition. Congratulations to all who took part.

On Friday evening the Table Quiz got underway with 30 tables competing for prizes. The winners were Catherine Cummins, her husband John, son Brian and Tom Chambers.

Saturday afternoon saw the Idrone Green alive with 9 finals of School Sports Competitions. An atmosphere of friendly rivalry pervaded, and participants and specta-

tors were equally excited. In addition to the sport competitions, the 'Pet Show' was also in progress and attracted much interest. Pony rides added to the fun, and a great afternoon's entertainment was packed in before the rain finally brought a halt to proceedings.

The 12 o'clock Mass on Sunday 10th was the liturgical celebration of Parish Week, and as such was specially prepared for. The chief celebrant was Fr. Ned Ward, Director of the Regina Coeli Mission in Zimbabwe which is twinned with our Parish – his concelebrants were Fr. David, Fr. Tony and Fr. Martin.

The procession of some of this year's First Communicants and flag-bearing children gave this Mass a truly celebratory feel from the very beginning. The Church walls were decorated with the names of the twenty-six estates which comprise the Parish. The combined choir, drawn from the children's, 11 o'clock, folk and Gospel choirs, was in great voice. A "ribbon dance" preceded the Gospel reading, and after the homily by Fr. Ned a group of First Communicants mimed the story of Noah's ark – to the narration from Fr. David. The Offertory Procession included symbols of Parish life in its fullness and brokenness.

In his homily Fr. Ned expressed gratitude to all who contributed to the recent fund-raising efforts for Regina Coeli and explained some of the needs being experienced there. The Mass ended with the singing of 'Love Changes Everything' – an apt message to mark the end of a week which had been an expression of "love in action" at community level.



The Iona Centre

Preliminary Autumn Programme

Living the "Little Way" of St. Thérèse Course 1



There are many spiritual roads and gospel paths within the Christian tradition. In the present age, the "Little Way" of St. Thérèse can lay claim to primacy of place among them. This is witnessed by the providential signs and miracles wrought through the intercession of the saint, together with the explicit endorsement of her doctrine by every Pope from Saint Pius X to John Paul II.

This course will stay close to St. Thérèse's own recorded words, through input and sharing. It will savour her life's story, her experiences, her insights, her sense of mission. It's aim is to increase both knowledge and appreciation of her "little way of love and confidence in God our Father".

The course will be presented by David Weakliam O.Carm.

There is no fee, as such, but an offering of £20.00 for the Missions is requested on enrolment as a token of commitment to the course.

Date: Thursday, 4th October and five following Thursdays.
Time: 8 p.m.

Take Time Out for Yoga Course 2 a/b/c

Tutor: Margaret Birmingham, I.Y.A. Diploma.



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- (a) Monday 24th September, 10.15-11.30 a.m.
- (b) Thursday 27th September, 7.15-8.30 p.m.
- (c) Thursday 27th September, 8.45-9.30 p.m.

Fee: £35.00.

October Lecture

Communication – the Key to Healthy Family Relationships

Tuesday 2nd October 2001

Speaker: Carmel Wynne

Author of 'Sex And Young People – The Knowledge To Guide The Teenager In Your Life'

Time: 8 p.m.

Venue: The Iona Centre

Admission: £5.00



Early booking for courses is advisable and completed Application Forms should be returned to The Iona Centre, Idrone Avenue, Knocklyon, Dublin 16.

A Positive Approach to Teenagers



The main focus of this six-week course will be building up a positive relationship with your teenager, learning the skills of negotiation and the value of your teenager's strengths.

The six-week course will be presented by Anne McGrane, Child and Family Therapist.

Date: Tuesday, 9th October and five following Tuesdays.

Time: 8 p.m.

Fee: £40.00.



Ways to Prayer



This course offers experience of different approaches to prayer, and reflection on that experience, for those who wish to move from "saying prayers" to "praying" and for those who need to refresh their own experience.

This five-week course will be facilitated by Eoin Garrett.

Date: Tuesday, 25th September and five following Tuesdays.

Time: 10.30-12 noon.

Fee: £20.00.

The Enneagram



This course is an introduction to the popular personality typing system. The Enneagram can help us to understand ourselves better and to recognise the patterns and potential problems in our personal relationships and in our work. The nine different types, their strengths, weaknesses and potential, are outlined and analysed.

It will be presented by Sr. Barbara McNamara M.M.M. who has given the course in many different countries. She uses storytelling to present the personality types, and promises an intriguing and "fun" weekend for participants.

Date: Sat./Sun. 29-30 September, 2001.

Time: Commencing 10 a.m. Saturday.

Fee: £40.00.

APPLICATION FORM

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REFLECTION

Say 'Yes' When You Mean 'Yes', Say 'No' When You Mean 'No'!

So many sermons are about saying 'Yes' to our neighbour. The great Law of Love seems to demand it. Christ continually urges us to give. "Give," he says, "and gifts will be yours." The parable of the Final Judgment seems, in summary, to be telling us that the way to say 'Yes' to Christ is to say 'Yes' to "even the least of (his) brothers and sisters".

But not always! True love can, at times, demand that we say 'No'. Which, ironically, for most of us can be much harder! For most of us were brought up to believe that a good Christian never says 'No'; that loving parents always says 'Yes' to their children; that a good friend is one who always agrees with us. Not like Brutus, when he speaks to Cassius in Shakespeare's 'Julius Caesar'.

Brutus: "I do not like your faults."

Cassius: "A friendly eye could never see such faults."

Brutus: "A flatterer's would not."

Food for thought!

There's a mighty difference between 'giving' and 'giving in'. The one is a virtue; the other can be cowardice. We easily end up saying 'Yes' simply because we fear to say 'No'. And why? Because we want people to like us. We want people to think and speak well of us, but the price of their acceptance is too high. If we keep on saying 'Yes' when we really mean 'No', we gradually lose self-respect, we grow in anger but repress it and we can slowly spiral downwards into depression and self hatred.

This, I rather think, is the kind of thing the Apostle, James, had in mind when he wrote: "If you mean 'Yes', you must say 'Yes'; if you mean 'No' say 'No'. Otherwise you make yourselves liable to judgment." [Jas. 5:12]

- Fr. David

Mars Invades Knocklyon Concert Band!



Described as "one of the finest small college concert bands in America", the Mars Hill College Concert Band gave a thrilling performance with our own bands on Friday the 25th of May. **Dr. Danici Schmidt** (pictured above with our conductors, **Robert P. Chester** and **John Meehan**) presented a varied programme ranging from the Holst 'Suite in F', to an emotional performance of Percy Grainger's arrangement of 'Danny Boy'. The finale of the concert was a joint performance of Larry Clark's 'Convergence', which received a standing ovation. Mr. Clark, one of America's leading composers of wind band music, sent an E-mail message wishing Knocklyon Concert Bands well, and thanking us for performing his music.

The hosting of Mars Hill College Concert Band is a huge leap forward for the Society. Working with professional standard bands from other countries will be an on-going feature of our programme, and an invitation to join Mars Hill College Summer School has been extended to us for the year 2003.

Pictured here is Anna Doyle (trumpet) who was presented



with a trophy for Junior Band Member of the Year. Also presented with a trophy for Senior Band Member of the Year was Kevin O'Dwyer (trombone). We send these two outstanding music students, our congratulations, and wish them well for the coming musical year.

Our end of year programme finishes with the South of Ireland Band Championship in Clonakilty on the 6th-8th July. We hope all our band members are looking forward to competing in this event as much as the adults, who kindly volunteered to travel with us are looking forward to the experience!

- Robert Chester, Knocklyon Concert Band

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SCOUTS DRAW RESULTS

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£50: N.W. MacLachlan, 10 Knocklyon Heights
£25: Patrick Whelan, 1 Idrone Avenue

May 2001

£100: P. and E. Flood, 13 Orlagh Park
£50: John Small, 4 Delaford Lawns
£25: E. and V. Doherty, 51 Knockcullen Drive

ST. THÉRÈSE VISIT

Readers wishing to follow the last few days of the visit of St. Thérèse's Relics to Ireland can do so on the web at www.sttherese.com

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Katie Elizabeth Weir, 42 Woodstown Way

Alison Margaret Rose Dooney, 13 Beverly Rise

Orla Thérèse Kelly, 16 Glenlyon Park

Vanessa Ann Finnegan, 13 Templeroan Drive

Jack Brennan, 5 Orlagh Wood

Jessica Katie O'Connor, 89 Ashton Avenue

Saoirse Margaret Nuala Jago, 1 Coolamber Park

Niamh Catherine Hackett, 23 Templeroan Grove

Ben Jordan Healy, 27 Woodstown Abbey

Emily May McCarthy, 3 Castlefield Grove

Darragh Nugent, 4 Orlagh Pines

Dylan George Walsh, 9 Orlagh Downs

Caoimhe Áine Power, 29 Templeroan Close

Aisling Bernadette Byrne, 25 Templeroan Downs



PROMOTING ANNIE!

In the last issue of the Newsletter we featured Annie Sparrow who has just launched her first novel 'Said & Done'. We are delighted to hear that Easons have chosen Annie's book as one of their 'Summer Promotions' and they recommend it as a good "holiday read".

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS/CONTRIBUTORS

The Newsletter team will take a break now until September. We would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude to all our advertisers and contributors over the last season for their support. Our thanks also to the pupils of St. Colmcille's Senior School who have delivered the Newsletter since last September, and best wishes to those pupils who are moving on to second level in the new academic year. Special thanks to Andy Farren for his photographic work over the season, and to Helen Cahill for the collage compilations. Final thanks to Sheila Hughes of Lantz Printers for her continued support.

We wish all our readers "Happy Holidays" and safe travelling wherever you go.

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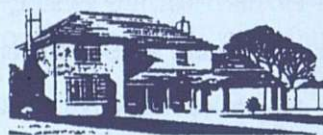
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