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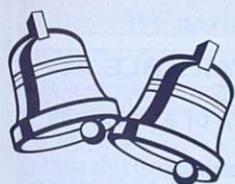
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Remembering Fr. Arthur

As a community we were all deeply saddened to learn of the death of Fr. Arthur on 23rd September. Having served in the Parish for 23 years, six of those as Parish Priest. Fr. Arthur was very well known, admired and held in great affection by his fellow Carmelites and parishioners. We all experienced a deep sense of loss at his passing, and his very many friends in Knocklyon felt that loss acutely. We asked one of those many friends to share with us her memories of him.



Where can I begin? I first met Fr. Arthur in 1979 when we moved from Sutton to Knocklyon. St. Colmcille's, as we know it today didn't exist, our Church back then was a small prefab building. On our first Sunday attending Mass, I remember meeting Arthur who was standing outside at the end of Mass, chatting to his parishioners. He welcomed us to the Parish, and promised he would call to see us over the next few days. True to his word, the very next Friday evening he arrived. Little did I know then that was to be the first of many Friday evenings during the next 22 years of our friendship that we would enjoy his company. He would call in for a chat, and more often than not, a laugh.

One of my strongest memories of Arthur is one Wednesday afternoon back in 1981 when he called in for a cup of coffee and a chat, or so I thought! Halfway through our chat, Arthur piped up and said, "Gaye, I have a favour to ask of you and you can't say no." He asked me to become a Eucharistic Minister in the Parish. All I wanted to say was "no", but Arthur being Arthur I couldn't refuse. I went on to serve as a Eucharistic Minister in the Parish for over seven years.

Arthur had many qualities and attributes. He was kind, generous, caring and most of all he was everyone's friend. You knew you could call on him at any time, day or night. I know we all hold a special place in our hearts for Arthur and he will be missed by each and every one of us. There are very few of us in this life who are given the chance to have someone as special as Arthur be a part of their life, and I am grateful that myself and my family were privileged to have known such a wonderful person as him.

Gone, but never forgotten. May he rest in peace.

- Gaye Hession

PARISH ASSEMBLY

Over fifty people attended our Parish Assembly on October 20th. The assembly was called to communicate more fully the concept of a proposed new "Parish Team", and to convey and discuss the results of the questionnaire completed by parishioners at Masses on 6th and 7th October.

The morning session was facilitated by Donal Harrington (who has written extensively on Parish development). He reported that 91% of those surveyed were in favour of the Parish Team concept, 7% undecided, and 2% not in favour. Donal encouraged a very full discussion on how the proposed team might operate. The positive elements identified by those present were explored, as were the fears and concerns expressed. It was agreed that the advantages of the concept far outweighed the concerns, but that these concerns nonetheless needed to be addressed. Possible methods of selection were also debated, and a draft document intended for circulation throughout the Parish was examined. Some amendments were suggested and the revised leaflet is now enclosed with your Newsletter. We would ask you to please take some time to read the information contained in the leaflet, and if interested, to return the form on or before the date specified.

The favourable and unfavourable comments made by respondents on the questionnaire continue to be looked at, and we hope to give you feedback on these matters in our forthcoming editions.



Donal Harrington, back row centre, pictured with some of those attending the assembly.

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St. Colmcille's Primary School Parents' Association

The first term of the new school year is well under-way and we hope that all pupils, new and old, have settled in and are enjoying school life!

Following this year's Parents Association's Annual General Meeting, a new committee was formed and is now up and running! A list of the committee can be found on the school notice boards in both the Senior and Junior school. If you would like to contact a member of the committee please feel free to do so.

The Parents Association would like to congratulate and thank Mr. Boyle and his team for all their hard work and commitment in refurbishing the main building of the Junior School over the summer break. I'm sure you will agree a great job has been done!

We would also like to wish Mrs. Donnelly all the very best on her retirement, and thank her for the contribution she made to the school.

Once again we would like to remind all children and parents about the importance of safety when going to, and coming from the school. Please stick to the footpaths at all times and those driving please be considerate to your fellow drivers!

P.R.O., The Parents Association

The Iona Centre

NOVEMBER LECTURE

Ireland Today – A Society Changed For Better Or Worse?

Wednesday, 28th November

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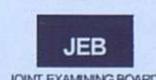
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Mad Science Workshops

These workshops are designed to show children the fun and wonder of science. So if you are a budding Einstein make a booking for any or all of the workshops which will take place at 2 p.m. on 10th, 17th and 24th of November.



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FLOWER FESTIVAL

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Friday 30th Nov. 2001 10am - 9pm

Saturday 1st Dec. 2001 10am - 9pm

Sunday 2nd Dec. 2001 10am - 6pm

ENTRANCE £4 - Proceeds in aid of The Harcourt Home for the Elderly, Harcourt Terrace, and The Millennium Side Chapel in Rathfarnham Parish Church.

LOCAL LIBRARY EVENTS

In addition to the November events (listed opposite) which are taking place in Tallaght Library, our local library in Ballyroan, also hosts special events between now and Christmas. Below we list some of these, plus a reminder of the regular activities offered on a weekly basis, and a very special service for those less able to get to the library in person. Opening hours etc. appear on Page 15 where we have listed services at Ballyroan for children and young people.

NOVEMBER:

- Libraries in Action – An Exhibition from Dublin Corporation Libraries
- Loreto Abbey Exhibition – Original Exhibition by Ballyroan Library
- Literary Series – author visits – Dermot Bolger, Kate Thompson and Steve Dunford

5th DECEMBER:

- Flower Arranging for Christmas

12th DECEMBER:

Christmas Carol Service

REGULAR GROUPS

- Writers' Group Thursdays, 10.30 a.m.
- German Conversation Group, Tuesdays, 11.00 a.m.
- Readers' Group (check day at Library).
- Irish Conversation Group, Wednesdays, 10.30 a.m.
- French Conversation Group, Thursdays, 7.00 p.m.

*All of the above are open to the public – you are welcome to come along and join any of the groups.

— BOOKS ON WHEELS —

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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 Thursday, 15th 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.

All are welcome.

COPING WITH GRIEF

If you are widowed, separated or divorced then *Beginning Experience* may be for you.

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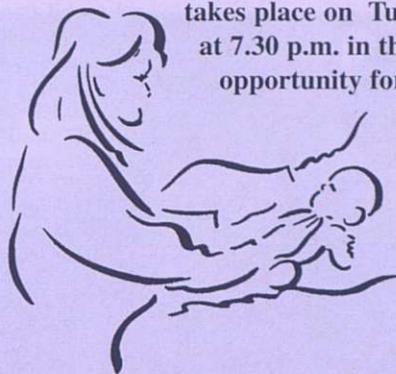
Residential (weekend) and coping programmes take place during the year.

For more details contact:

Beginning Experience at - Tel: 01-679 0556.

Pre-Natal Blessing

Our regular bi-annual Pre-Natal Blessing Service takes place on Tuesday, 4th December, at 7.30 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.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The wife and family of the late Gerry Kiernan wish to thank all those who sympathised with us in our recent sad loss. Our heartfelt thanks to all our relatives and friends. Thanks to Fr. Weakliam and the priests of the Parish, the singers who sang so beautifully for both services and our neighbours for the kindness and care they have shown to us during this difficult time. We extend our gratitude to all those who attended the removal, funeral, those who sent Mass Cards, letters, cards of sympathy and floral tributes.

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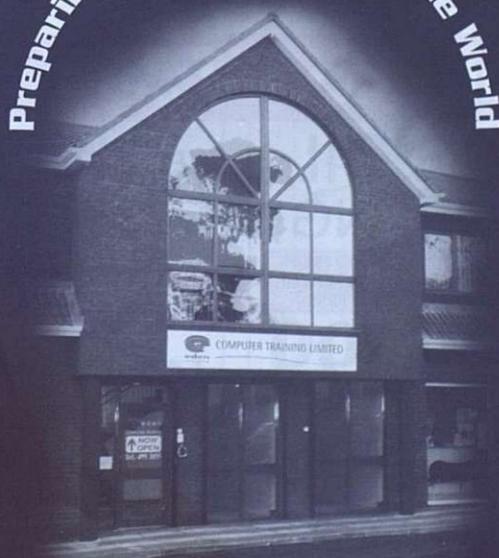
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Mrs. Ita McDonald, Assistant Principal (right), with Mrs. Mary Donnelly on the occasion of Mary's retirement.

The first two months of the school year have been very eventful. The news of Fr. Arthur's death stunned everyone. He was held in the highest esteem by our teachers. There was a large representation from the staff at his funeral Mass. Fr. Arthur did Trojan work as Chairman of our Management Board for nine years. Go ndéana Dia trócaire ar a anam dílis.

The dinner at the Old Dublin Restaurant to mark the retirement of some of our most experienced teachers was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The staff and Board of Management paid tribute to the five senior teachers who departed after completing nearly a century of service between them. Mary Donnelly who retired at the end of September was presented with a holiday voucher by Geraldine Kavanagh treasurer of the Board of Management. Mrs. Donnelly's friend and fellow teacher of Junior Infants, Ita McDonald, spoke glowingly about Mary's wonderful contribution to the school before presenting her with a gift from her colleagues. Yvonne Mullan, Mairéad Ni Chiaruain, Clare Sweeney and Mary Mullany also received gifts from fellow staff members.

Our three new teachers Kieran Tierney, Olivia Boland and Helen Dore have settled in well. Mr. Tierney has already begun coaching Hurling and Camogie. Enda McNulty the new Ballyboden St. Endas Games Promotions Officer has taught Gaelic Football skills to our six second classes during October. He will organise a lunchtime Indoor Hurling League during the winter months. Gymnastics and Swimming lessons have begun for the senior classes. Every child in first and second class will receive ten lessons this year.

Architect Louis Burke has completed a feasibility study at the Junior and Senior Schools. The results of the study

show how all pupils and teachers at St. Colmcille's can be accommodated in two permanent buildings. There are rumblings from the Department of Education and Science that they will only fund priority schools from next year's School Building budget. We are depending on the people of Knocklyon to ensure our elected representatives put better school facilities for our children at the top of their agenda in the lead up to the General Election. Surely it is not appropriate for over 500 pupils and 21 teachers to have to endure prefabricated classrooms in the 21st Century. We await good news later in the winter.

Our second classes enjoyed very interesting field trips to St. Enda's Park, Museum and Nature Room. The great facility donated to the State by the Pearse family, is right on our doorstep and is not visited often enough by local people. This type of Curriculum Workshop will become much more common in the next few years. Second classes have also begun to prepare for receiving the sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist. Their parents have met the teachers and priests. All 180 children will formally enrol at the Sunday Masses at the beginning of Advent.

The teachers have begun to implement the Revised Visual Arts and English curricula with outstanding results. We are now planning ahead for the introduction of Gaelige, S.P.H.E. and Mathematics. The first Inservice Training Days will be held in the school on 23rd and 26th November. We will also have Parent-Teacher meetings in late November.

Ms. Mulkerrin has organised work for eight transition year students and three teacher-training students. The latter will arrive from Slippery Rock, U.S.A. this month. Now that all of our ancillary staff have left these students provide much needed back-up to our teachers. We wish to thank Paul Callan and Orla O'Reilly who spent the last year with us. Their supervisor Máirín Spain and the management committee of St. Colmcille's Community Employment Scheme have been a great support to the school. We will be at a loss without the help provided by our C.E. workers.

All of the classes which received new furniture are delighted with the more comfortable and colourful learning environment. Many classes have planted Spring Bulbs which will hopefully blossom in our new school garden adjacent to the front entrance. All of the external doors have been fitted with a new security system in the interests of children's safety. Trudagh our secretary, will gladly open the front door for visitors.

On behalf of the Junior School Community, Principal teacher Mr. John Boyle wishes to thank Ministers Brennan, Kitt and O'Donnell, Deputy Shatter, Senator Ormonde and Councillor Lahart who have convinced the Department of Education and Science of the need for better Primary School facilities in Knocklyon.

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October has been a busy month with activity on many fronts.

SPORT

The school Junior Team has just completed its series of games in the Corn an Chéid competition. This skillful group of players just missed out on progressing to the play-off stages. The following boys made up the panel: Ciaran Byrne, Gary Lawlor, Ross Callaghan, Conor Bobbit, James Keating, Ian Kearney, Jonathan Bealin, Cian Durkin, Laurence Redmond, Darren Hilliard, Alan O'Connor, Robert Gibbons, Killian Greville, Mark Jackson, Sam Johnston, Eric Seery, Steven O'Connor, Conall Foynes, Graham Leavy, Marty Robbins, Daragh Geoghegan and Thomas Sweeney.

Senior Footballers

It was always going to be a hard act to follow the achievement of last year's senior football team and so it proved. Despite our best attempts, we failed to make the play-off stages of this year's competition.

However, we can look forward to better times next year as eight of this year's team are eligible again next year. Among those who tried their best were Andrew Lawlor, Kevin Timmins, Eoin O'Reilly, Hugh Ruddy, Brian Coffey, Brian Duffy, Seamus Keane and David Kennedy.

Girls Football

Our Senior Girls' footballers have started the year very brightly winning their first 5 games. This qualifies them for a semi-final. Maith sibh a chailfiní.

Third Class Boys Hurling League

Players to note here are Brian McCarthy, Niall Ryan, Stephen Jordan, Eoghan O'Neill, Fiachra Sudway and David Garry.

Other Activities

We have also had much activity internally. Mr. P. Ryan has been running a 5th and 6th Class hurling league, Ms. Martin and Ms. Ní Reachtabhra a 5th and 6th Class camogie league. Fourth Class boys and girls have been busy with Ms. M. Roche and Mr. Murphy while Mr. P. Ó Néill and Mr. Murphy have put 3rd Class boys and girls through their paces. Our thanks to David Curtin and Martin Nolan who have provided superb G.A.A. coaching during and after school, agus buíochas freisin to Ballyboden/St. Endas for their generous funding of this initiative for the month of September.

Educational Visits – A Report From One Young Participant

On the 17th October Mr. Ruddy's and Mr. Kearney's classes went on a school trip to the Modern Art Museum and Kilmainham Gaol. Mr. Ruddy's class visited the Art Museum first. They split in to two groups, one going to the West wing and one going to the East wing. The museum actually used to be a hospital for soldiers coming back from war. The group that went to the East wing first saw many conceptual modern paintings. They then switched over to the West wing to see a moving exhibition. Mr. Ruddy's class then went to Kilmainham Gaol where they first saw a short film about the history of the Gaol. They then went on a tour of the Gaol starting with the brightly lit Victorian part of the Gaol and then going to the small chapel where Joseph Plunket married Grace Gifford a few hours before he was executed. They saw many cells of people like Countess Markievicz, Joseph Plunket and Thomas MacDonagh. They also passed Charles Stuart Parnell's cell which was more like a sitting room than a cell. Next they went out into the execution yard where two crosses marked the place where the 1916 leaders were shot. This trip was enjoyed very much, and hopefully, we will have another of these educational experiences soon.

Ailbhe Brazel – Room 6

Arts Education

As part of the schools programme to foster an awareness of language, literature, and appreciation of stories and plays, a group of children recently went to see a production at the Civic Theatre of the well known fairy tales of Oscar Wilde e.g. The Star-Child, The Happy Prince and The Selfish Giant. The show, through drama, story-telling, music and puppetry, was spectacular and awe-inspiring.

A Day In The Life Of An Archaeologist – Another Young Reporter Tells The Tale!

On the tenth of October, an archaeologist came to visit our class. On that day we had to bring in wellies, gloves and a raincoat. We needed them because it was really wet and mucky outside. Erin Gibbons was the archaeologist's name and she brought us out to the back of the school. She told us all about her work and showed us how to dig something carefully out of the ground so that it would not get damaged. Erin then gave us a trowel and a spade and we started our own archaeological dig. What we didn't know was that she had hidden some objects in the ground. These were reproduction artefacts made available by the National Museum of Ireland. We were amazed when we dug up brooches, bones, axes and swords. We had a very interesting day. It was a pity nobody found some gold coins!

Julie Fitzgerald – Room 15

Coiste Uaithne

The Coiste Uaithne is a hard-working committee representing pupils from 3rd-6th Class. Our aim is to make St. Colmcille's and the wider Knocklyon Community more environmentally aware and active. Each week the committee members have action points. We have concentrated on recycling, composting, promotion of plant life within the school, the collection of used stamps, and battery recycling this term. Families can help make St. Colmcille's a green school by:

1. Giving your child a re-usable bottle rather than a disposable drink carton for lunch thereby reducing waste and saving money.
2. Saving paper and envelopes by writing routine notes in homework journals.
3. Using the "Bring Centre" at Superquinn regularly.
4. Collecting stamps and batteries for recycling at school.
5. Donating a plant that requires more T.L.C. to St. Colmcille's Plant Project.

Ar aghaidh linn go dtí an Brat Uaithne.

Seasonal Spirit!

The Senior School celebrated the Hallowe'en season in style. Mrs. Broderick's writing board was WICKED. Ms. Roche's Art Display was suitably SCARY. SPELL-DONE to all the children whose creative works were exhibited!!! Other DEVILISH DELIGHTS included a visit from a Magician for 3rd-5th Classes and a Special Hallowe'en Radio Cholmcille broadcast. Indeed, the spirit of Samhain is alive and well in St. Colmcille's!

Finally

We warmly welcome Mr. Neal Johnston to the staff (Room 7). We wish Ms. Flanagan every happiness in Wexford.

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The children didn't seem to mind the rain as they got their faces painted, watched Lumpy the Clown and got ready for the afternoon races. All ages were represented and they all competed for medals in the Potato and Spoon, and Sprint races. We also had a Frizzbee Throwing contest. Even the adults joined in for a "sort of sprint" to end the afternoon!

The evening saw the summer weather at its best – wind and more driving rain, but even this did not deter the residents and the children from enjoying the barbecue. It was sort of indoors (under gazebos actually)! Our dee-jay for the day played the music just loud enough to drown out the sound of the rain belting against the roof. Everyone really enjoyed the day and the weather actually helped to make the day a memorable event. Thanks to one and all.

A big Thank You to our sponsors: Ellier Developments, Spar Woodstown, Mark Ellis Pharmacy, Clio's Hair Salon and Fortune Restaurant.

Anyone like to sponsor the sunshine next year?

– Paul Moran,

Woodstown Village Residents Association

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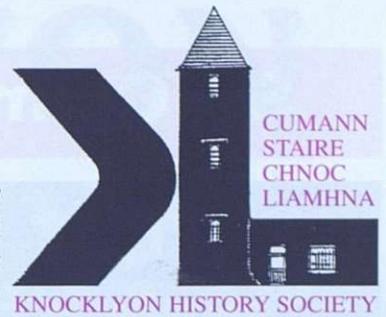


Eleanor O'Brien (left) who introduced the speaker, Maureen Kiely (right) at the Knocklyon History Society meeting in Scoil Eanna, Rathfarnham.



Anne Devlin's grave in Glasnevin Cemetery.

Anne Devlin - 1780-1851



Knocklyon History Society commemorated the 150th Anniversary of the death of Anne Devlin (18-9-1851) at the Pearse Museum on Saturday, 22nd September 2001. Her harrowing story of suffering in Kilmainham Jail and Dublin Castle were recounted for us by Maureen Kiely.

Anne will always be remembered for her bravery and loyalty to Robert Emmet both in the house he had rented on Butterfield Lane to prepare for the Rising of 1803, and in the jail afterwards. She never divulged any information, no matter how she was tortured. She was half hanged on the back of a cart in the Butterfield Lane premises, and spent 3 years in solitary confinement later in Kilmainham Jail. Most of her family also perished in the jail. Anne was in her twenties.

Anne later became Mrs. Campbell, living in extreme poverty as a washerwoman in Little Elbow Lane in The Coombe. She was buried in a pauper's grave but later the historian of the United Irishmen, R.R. Madden, had her re-interred close to many of Ireland's patriots in Glasnevin Cemetery.

Solas na bhflaitheas uirthí.

- A. O'T.

HOSPICE COFFEE NIGHT

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St. Colmcille's Community School



Junior Girls Athletics Team with coaches John Bentham and Julia Brent Byrne.

The students, teachers and parents of St. Colmcille's Community School have been extremely busy during the past two months setting up new clubs and activities, as well as continuing with successes from those established last year. Every advantage is being taken of the newly completed building, and sports hall in particular. Basketball has proved to be most popular among both boys and girls, and teams are being prepared, and coached, for their respective leagues by both parents and teachers. Such co-operation between parents and teachers is a most welcome development and has already brought notable success to the athletics



'Life in the Universe' project group winners and their teacher with Mr. Noel Treacy, T.D., Minister for Science and Technology.

teams who competed for the first time at the recently held race meetings in St. Columba's college. Other successes include three comprehensive wins for the U-14 GAA teams, and an excellent start to the season by both the first year and junior camogie teams. There has also been great interest in the new table tennis club, and teams are preparing for their respective leagues.

The Music & Drama Club attracted huge numbers of students for auditions for this year's school musical 'Oliver'. Rehearsals are well under way and we look forward to the production later in the year.

Three Second Year students, Andrew McCutcheon, Mark Ibbotson and Ruairi Geraghty presented their project under the guidance of their Science teacher, Mr. Smith, at the 'Life in the Universe' competition held in the RDS recently. They were group winners and now have the opportunity to further develop their project for entry at further stages (see photo below left).

An evening study programme has commenced for all students after school Monday-Thursday. This has proved to be a wonderful resource for both students and indeed parents, as those involved have the opportunity to complete all homework in a well organised environment.

STARS OF THE FUTURE

As we go to press the Irish rugby team are doing us proud. Recently we learned of two young Knocklyon rugby players who are doing their schools proud.

Bernard Donohoe (Idrone) and James Donnelly (Delaforde) were chosen to play with the Leinster Schools rugby team which had a three week trip to Argentina during the summer. The Irish lads played and won five games and were presented with their awards recently at a function in Donnybrook.

Bernard, who is a Leaving Cert student in Templeogue College is unfortunately two weeks too old for next year's team, and James currently has an injury which prevents him also from participation.

However, we congratulate Bernard and James on their achievement and we have no doubt that these two young men are names to look out for in rugby circles.

Contact And Communications Group

We have now resumed visitation after the summer break and plan to invite the residents of Woodfield to the Iona Centre on Tuesday 13th November for the next social evening. We hope to call to many homes in the coming months.

This group also provides a support network to individuals and families in times of trauma and connects them with appropriate help. We can be contacted by phoning the Presbytery at 494 1204.

— Fr. Tony McDonald

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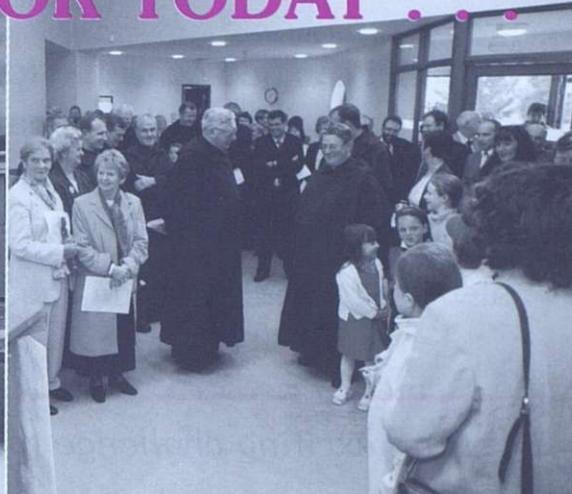
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Knocklyon has changed – everywhere around us we see signs of development and progress.

Our Society, too, has changed – and profoundly!

Driving the many positive changes and developments in our Society are GROUPS and INDIVIDUALS of ABILITY, ENERGY and IMAGINATION. They are the shapers of the future.

Many of these changes are welcome, but handling change positively is difficult!

Not all organisations are coping well in this time of change. Some, which flourished in the past, are struggling to keep connected with people today.

THE CHURCH IS ONE SUCH ORGANISATION!

Everywhere people are becoming less involved with the Church and the Faith it stands for, losing a sense of Faith that offers meaning and direction to our lives.

Parishes today face the enormous challenge of developing a Faith that is *rich* and *deep*.

A **Faith** that can add quality to what is already good in our new society;
that can challenge what is harmful;
that can be a deep support for ourselves, our children and their children;
A **Faith** that can be part of who we are as a 21st century Christian people.

It is an exciting challenge that requires ability, energy, imagination and teamwork.

And of course, Faith.

Knocklyon Parish is attempting now to meet this challenge.

Parish Councils have been active in Knocklyon for years. They have made a huge contribution to the life of the Parish, mostly in the unseen background, by way of advice and practical support of groups, activities and ministries.

The present Council is now proposing a new two-tiered structure, comprising:

A NEW PARISH TEAM working alongside an enlarged and developed Parish Council, now to be called THE PARISH FORUM.



WHAT WILL THE NEW PARISH TEAM BE DOING?

- It will operate as a *partnership* of (2-4) Priests with (6-8) lay people.
- It will meet on a *weekly* basis.
- It will be the *main executive body* working by consensus to implement Parish policy and co-ordinate Parish activity.
- It will *identify key actions* that need to be taken in the Parish, from buildings to liturgy, from youth issues to support services.
- It will *serve, support and encourage* existing groups and activities and initiate new ones.

WHAT WILL THE NEW PARISH FORUM BE DOING?

- It will *represent* the Parish in terms of age, activities and place (and will consist of twenty-five or more individuals).
- It will meet *every two months*.
- It will seek to *identify matters* requiring attention.
- It will *develop policy* for the Parish.
- It will provide *information and feedback* to the Parish Team.
- It will introduce *ideas* to the Team on possible *new initiatives*.
- It will *evaluate actions/decisions* taken by the Team.

WHAT KIND OF PEOPLE DO WE NEED FOR THESE TWO GROUPS?

People with a spirit of humble service who:

- *care* about the needs of Knocklyon;
- have the *time and energy* to give;
- can *work in a team*, can listen, can learn;
- are willing to take *risks*.

People who are willing to put time into *planning* and *reviewing* their work.

People with useful/relevant skills.

People who are open to the *Spirit of God* and can make things happen.

Membership of both Team and Forum will be for at least one year with a maximum term of three years.

An orientation programme for those interested in joining either the Parish Team or Parish Forum will be held on a date to be decided.

Do you have the *time* and *some* of the *gifts* required for the new Parish Team or Parish Forum?

Do you know somebody whom you believe would be suitable?

If your answer is "yes" to either, please fill in the following and return to:

**The Secretary,
Parish Council,
c/o Presbytery,
Idrone Avenue,
Knocklyon**

by: Sunday, 18th November.

My name is:

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I am interested in becoming a member of the Parish Team

I am interested in nominating somebody for the Parish Team

I am interested in becoming a member of the Parish Forum

I am interested in nominating somebody for the Parish Forum

The person I nominate for the Parish Team is:

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**If you need any further information, please phone:
Aoife, 494 1312; Eleanor, 494 4109; Kevin, 494 5323.**

An Extraordinary Woman

How we deal with life's obstacles is often seen as the true test of character. Using that yardstick, one can only say that Parishioner Ena O'Sullivan has character in abundance. A determined and courageous person, Ena showed true grit when serious illness suddenly intruded her life three years ago. Eileen Casey, our reporter, recently met Ena to hear her remarkable story.



Ena O'Sullivan (Lansdowne) pictured with her husband Turlough and three sons on the occasion of her conferring last November.

Ena O'Sullivan is a tall blonde attractive lady. Born in Clonmel, she moved with her family at the age of 12 when her father was transferred to Dublin. She attended St. Joseph's School in Mountjoy Street (an all Irish school) and loved Dublin where she grew up and later met, and married, Turlough O'Sullivan. Having spent some years in Longford the couple and their three sons eventually returned to Dublin where Turlough is based as Director General of IBEC.

"I never really liked school when I was young," she said. "This was a disappointment to my father who had a great love of education and its values. It was only when the boys were working so hard at school that I began to realise what I had lost. My father's words from the past came back to me then, in fact, I couldn't get them out of my head. 'Knowledge is power,' he used to say and 'Education will take you anywhere in the world and will enrich your mind and give you a happy life.' Recalling this advice I made up my mind to go back to college."

Ena applied to N.C.I. in Ranelagh and was thrilled to be offered a place in the First Year B.A. Business course. "It couldn't have been a better choice," she said. "Despite the fact that I was the oldest in the class. I had a lot in common with the other students and I was totally accepted by them. I loved every minute of it. Two years flew by and I knew my father was right all those years ago."

Then at the end of her second year of studies, three years ago, Ena's life fell apart. She discovered a painful lump under her arm and the world changed for her. First there were visits to the doctor, then the specialist, then the mammogram and finally a full mastectomy to remove a tumour which had spread right across her breasts.

Ena says the worst part of all this was sheer fear, followed by the first four chemotherapy treatments. She underwent further treatments including radiotherapy. She also developed a number of infections along the way.

Ena says she would never have got through the aftermath of the operation at home without her neighbours. They were absolutely wonderful. Two people were always ready on call to help at any time. There was no question of enquiring about dates or times, they were there. "I will never be able to thank them for their kindness and I will never forget it."

My husband was wonderfully caring and the boys too. If they saw me attempting to do anything around the house they would say, 'We'll do it, Mum'." Ena's advice to anyone who has to face such a situation is: (1) Don't listen to people who tell you horrific tales about various operations; (2) Talk to other women; if you can, consult someone who knows how to deal with fears. "I was lucky to have talks with Marjorie Stokes, a psychiatrist who deals with helping patients handle the various emotions associated with such a serious illness."

Ena is a true fighter and decided that despite all she had gone through she would go back to college to finish her final year.

Back at college everyone was unbelievably kind. At the end of the year, having achieved her goal of a B.A. degree in Business, she visited Lourdes to give thanks for her recovery. "You know," she says, "the 'Hail Mary', properly said, must be the most emotional and perfect prayer in the world."

On her return home Ena decided to go back to college for a fourth year. Her goal this time was to work for a Masters Degree in Sociology which she was awarded with Second Class Honours. Last November she was presented with the 'President's Medal', a gold medal for her B.A. in Business.

After all this you could be forgiven for thinking Ena might stop to draw her breath and rest a while. But there is no stopping her now. Her next mountain to climb is to study for a Ph.D. at Maynooth College.

I'm sure her father would be very proud.

- Eileen Casey

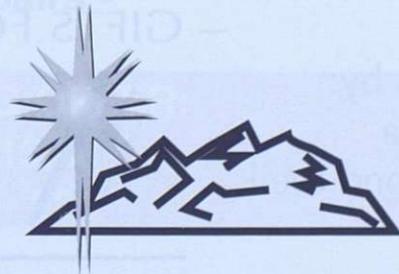
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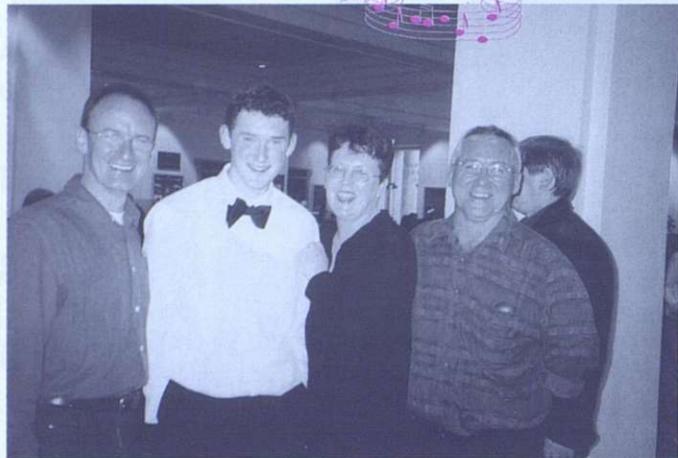


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KNOCKLYON CONCERT BAND



Robert Chester (left), Musical Director of Knocklyon Concert Band, pictured with John Cooper and John's parents, Geraldine and Paul, after John's performance at the National Concert Hall (John Field Room) on 23rd September.

KNOCKLYON CONCERT BAND



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Knocklyon United

Knocklyon United held its annual soccer presentation at the Dublin Postal Social Club on Saturday 20th October and it proved to be a great success with up to 400 people attending. The day itself began with a few songs from John Doyle together with refreshments for the players. A large number of guests were invited and we were pleased to have the Bohemians Chairman Gerry Cuffe and manager Pete Mahon who brought the F.A.I. and League cup with them.

We would like to thank the following guests for attending: Ministers Seamus Brennan and Tom Kitt, Cathaoirleach Comhairle Cait Keane, Councillors John Lahart and Stanley Laing, Chairman of the National League Michael Hyland, Chairman SDBFL Martin O'Hanlon, Hon. Secretary DDSL Fran Ray, Bobby Holland and Greg Smith from the local Community School. It was also great to welcome Pat Deans from Shamrock Rovers who had begun his football career playing for Knocklyon United. He presented the Player of the Year awards and co-incidentally had to present one to his younger brother Philip who plays for the U-17 team. He also has his sister Kelly playing for the girls' U-14 and his brother Cathal playing for the U-11.

Congratulations to all the Players of the Year.

With the presentations out of the way, the club will be concentrating on fund-raising. We will need all the support we can get as our future plans include an all-weather pitch with the new local Community School, a dressing-room for the younger players at Delaford Park, and the development of the pavilion and pitches at Knocklyon Park. There is currently a monthly draw in operation and we will require a lot more people participating if the club wishes to meet our ambitions.

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Bush called the crashes an act of war
Planes crashed, not three but four
Buildings have crumbled people have died
America is in shock but they will not put this aside.

By Cian Fitzgerald, Room 10

The twin towers were hit
America is in a fit
People are dying
Relations are crying.

The plane was hijacked
The pentagon was attacked
The firemen went to get the dead
But unfortunately the towers fell on their head.

We pray for the people on the plane
And the people who are in horrible pain
Lives have been lost
But who will pay the cost?

By Gary Lawler, Room 10

OFFICIAL OPENING



Coiste Uaithe Committee members present Mona with a chrysanthemum to officially open her new office.

NOVEMBER IN ORLAGH

Saturday, November 10: DAY FOR YOURSELF with Fr. John Byrne, OSA and Mary Kearney (10 a.m.-5.30 p.m.) – our monthly day of reflection, relaxation and prayer. (£20 including full dinner.)

Sunday, November 11: SCRIPTURE DAY – Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew, with Sean Goan (10 a.m.-5 p.m.). An introduction to the Gospel of St. Matthew which will be used during Cycle A for the Sundays of next year. (£24 including full dinner.)

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Class. There are 186 pupils attending our school and we have eight teachers on our staff. Since the school was established five years ago it has grown from strength to strength and we are now looking forward to moving onto our permanent site which is adjacent to our present location. Parents and children were pleased to see that work has commenced on our site already.

Mar is gnáth tá rudaí an-ghnóthach anseo sa scoil. Faoi láthair táimid ag réiteach do Chéiliúradh Oíche Shamhna. Beidh na páistí ag cur taispeánatas amhrán agus dánta ar siúl do na tuismitheoirí ar an lá sin agus beidh feistis gléasta ar siúl chomh maith. Beidh an Comhlacht Drámaíochta 'Down To Earth' ag teacht isteach ar an lá céanna chun léiriú den dráma nua atá acu 'The Round Tuit' a chur ar siúl do ghásúir na scoile. Ar ndóigh tá gach éinne ag tnúth go mór leis an ócáid seo.

Bhí cuairt againn le déanaí ó na Gardaí Síochana ó Ráthfearnáin, they came to the school to speak to the children about road safety, keeping safe at Hallowe'en and the work of the Garda Síochána. The children thoroughly enjoyed the visit and we now have a school full of budding Gardaí agus Bean Gardaí.

Irish dancing has resumed here in the school each Wednesday. Ranganna rince foirne (Set Dancing classes)

Gaeilscoil Chnoc Liamhna

for parents are also held each Monday evening. Extra-curricular violin lessons are held in the school each Wednesday and Thursday and Múinteoir Georgina teaches an Fheadóg Adhmaid and Múinteoir Chlár will start teaching an

Fheadóg Stáin to her class in the near future. I mbliana tá ranganna Francaoise ar siúl tar éis na scoile ag an Club Francais agus tá ranganna Drámaíochta ar siúl chomh maith. Tá súil againn go mbeidh ranganna peile agus iománaíochta ar siúl againn sa scoil go luath chomh maith. Tá ranganna Gaeilge ar siúl do thuismitheoirí gach seachtain agus tá ard-mholadh ag dul do thuismitheoirí na scoile as a ndíograis maidir le labhairt na Gaeilge.

Our first school event of the term for parents and friends will be a Céilí which will be held on Friday the 9th of November in Faugh's G.A.A. club Templeogue. Put on your dancing shoes agus fáilte romhat! Gach eolas ó 493 9262.

Más mian leat do pháiste a chlárú don scoil, ring Gearóidin (secretary) or Treasa (príomhoide) at 493 9262 idir 9 a.m. agus 3 p.m.

The Naíonra (or playschool), which is on the school grounds, is run by Aisling. There are two sessions each day, one beginning at 8.50 a.m. and another at 11.30 a.m. Gach eolas ó Aisling ag 087-236 8457.

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Hospice Coffee Morning at Iona Centre

Florence would like to convey her sincere thanks to all who attended and supported the Coffee Morning on Sept. 19th. You will be pleased to hear that a sum of £470 was raised, and a cheque for this amount has been sent to Our Lady's Hospice, Harolds Cross.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Ceramics Exhibition

at

Tallaght Community Arts Centre

Friday 30th November-Thursday 20th December

This exhibition is a culmination of a three month residency by South African Ceramic Artist Drury Brandt. While based in the Arts Centre, Brandt held a series of courses for both adults and children. The work of his students will be on exhibit alongside his own innovative pieces.

Hospice Coffee Evening

Once again your generosity was amazing. Your donations for the Hospice Coffee Evening, held 20th September, came to a fantastic £326. Many thanks to all.

– Bernie Rossney

TAKE ANOTHER LOOK AT THE LIBRARY!

As the weather begins to make outdoor leisure pursuits less possible – we take the opportunity to remind readers of the services available at our local library for children and young people.

JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

Visits by Montessori, play schools and school groups are always welcome, please contact library.

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Lauren Sophie Tyrrell, 200 Woodfield
Lauren Cathy Darcy, 20 Woodstown Place
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Keith William O'Leary, 32 Woodstown Abbey
Luke Griffin, 6 Woodstown Rise
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