

# KNOCKLYON NEWS

ST. COLMCILLE'S PARISH

JUNE 2002



*Parish Week 2002*

COLLAGE BY HELEN CAHILL

# Parish Week 2002

June 9th – the feast of St. Colmcille – marked the end of Parish Week 2002. For the Social Events Group and their many helpers it was time to relax after five consecutive days co-ordinating and running the various events which are now established favourites with children and adults in Knocklyon.

Our front cover shows the range of events which attracted participants – from Bingo on Tuesday up to and including pet competitions and sports on Saturday 8th. Between these two fixtures came the Talent Competition for children, which drew a full house in the Community Centre on Wednesday 5th. This date will be remembered by some as the one on which their Junior/Leaving Cert exams commenced, and by others as the one which, in the second minute of injury time, Robbie Keane's goal, sent the entire country into a spin of euphoria! For the assembled audience in the hall that night (many wearing their World Cup gear) they were intent on extending the celebratory mood which had erupted hours earlier by supporting the children and enjoying the 22 acts. The evening was compered by Patsy Anne O'Connell, and adjudicated by Eva Coffey. From the range of singers, dancers, comedians, and musicians five prize-winners were chosen. The overall winning act was the dancing duo of Daniel Alwell and Sophie Ryan of Castlefield Court who brought everyone to their feet. On Thursday evening sports were the order of the day on Idrone Green where children from the Senior School competed for the various trophies. Great excitement was generated, and the weather obliged to allow a full programme of races.

The Table Quiz has always been a popular event and this year saw 26 tables competing for prizes. The winners were the Lynch family – Patricia, Fiona and Pio who were joined by Fr. David. The participants had the added bonus of viewing a performance of the winning act from Wednesday's Talent Show.

Saturday saw Idrone Green alive with sports. This time

the competitors were from the Junior and Community Schools. The competition was keen and great fun was had by all.

Meanwhile pony rides were a big hit with the younger children, and a Pet Show ensured there was something for everyone to enjoy on this special day.

On behalf of everyone who enjoyed these events, we would like to convey a sincere 'thank you' to the Social Events Group – Declan, Maria, Patsy-Anne, Gerry and Anne for all their work in putting together such an enjoyable week for the whole community and to all who assisted them in this project.

The Social Events Group have asked us to convey their appreciation to all the children who attended the talent show for their co-operation on the night – the behaviour of this 500 plus audience was exemplary. They also wish to acknowledge the support of Ballycullen Equestrian Centre who provided the ponies on Saturday afternoon without charge. Readers may be interested to learn that the Equestrian Centre will operate a Summer Camp during July and August.

## EDITORIAL TEAM NOTE

As you will see from Page 23, the Newsletter team will now take a break and be back in production again in September. This month's issue reflects the fact that May and early June have been very busy months in Knocklyon with First Communion (pages 12 and 13), the Mini World Cup tournament (pages 6 and 7), Parish Week, the Gaelscoil's new premises (page 8), to mention some of the news items contained herein. The results of our Art and Story Competition also appear (pages 16 and 17), plus an account of a very important event in Irish Church history which took place in Dublin 70 years ago this month. We hope you enjoy your read, and we look forward to bringing you details of what's happening at Parish and community level in Knocklyon again in September.

Any news, articles/photos which you would like considered for publication in our next issue may be left at the Iona Centre or Presbytery.



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# Knocklyon Youth Group Heading for Toronto

As many of you will now be aware, a group of 10 young people will be travelling to Toronto for the forthcoming World Youth Day. Our group will be representing Knocklyon Parish along with around 400 young Irish people as part of the Pilgrimage with CYC (Catholic Youth Care) in late July. The idea of holding an international pilgrimage for young people was conceived by Pope John Paul II in 1984 and has since become a truly festive celebration of our faith, spanning every continent.

The theme for World Youth Day this year is: "You are the salt of the earth. . . . You are the light of the world" (Mt. 5, 13.14). This pilgrimage gives us the opportunity not only to deepen our own faith personally, but also to share that faith with young people from all over the world.

In preparation for the pilgrimage, the group has met with many other young people from the Dublin Diocese for prayerful gatherings under the direction of the CYC. We have also met up as a group for several social events and we are all very much looking forward to flying out together on the 19th of July.

The trip would not be possible without the generous financial support from Sancta Maria School, St. Colmcille's School and the Parish, the main sponsor of the trip. We would also like to extend our heart-felt gratitude for the overwhelming response to the outdoor collection in early June – many thanks to everyone.

On Thursday the 11th of July, we will be holding a fund-raising evening of live music and raffles. The venue is Catalonia in Terenure village from 8 p.m. and everyone is invited along for a great night out. We look forward to seeing you all!

Many thanks again and we look forward to reporting back to the Parish on a great trip to Toronto after World Youth Day, 2002.

– Ed Kellett

## NOTICE TO PARENTS

We would like to draw attention to the following notice, which will be displayed in areas around the Iona Centre. As some young people have been climbing onto the roof, it has been found necessary to take this action in an effort to prevent serious injury.

– Management Committee, Iona Centre

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## DARGLE WOOD MONTESSORI SCHOOL



Children from Dargle Wood Montessori School with a wall hanging which was part of an exhibition in Dublin Zoo to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Dr. Maria Montessori. The children drew pictures of themselves at school for the centre piece and worked at home with their parents on the squares which made up the hanging.



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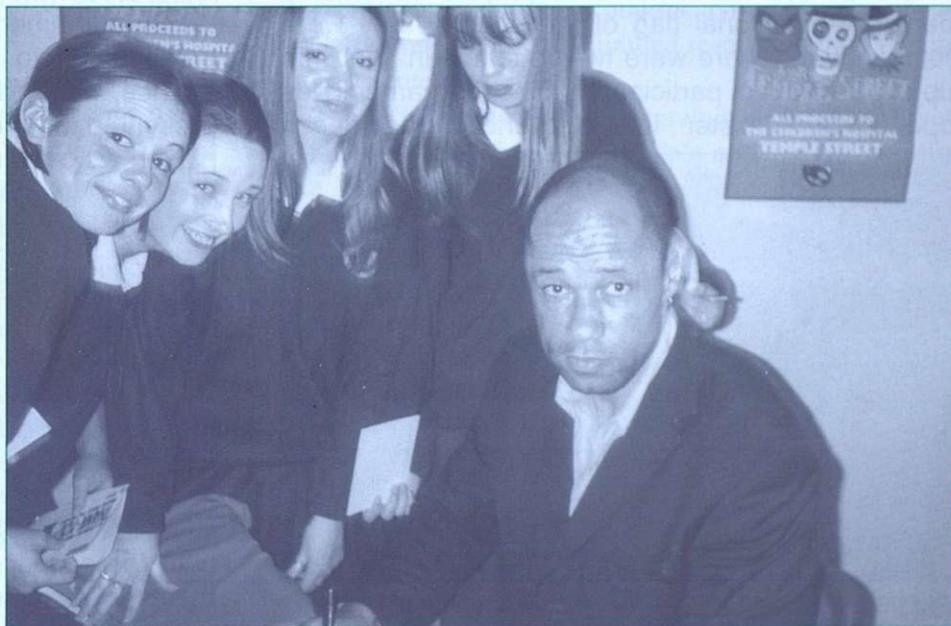
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Details of further Courses and Lectures will appear in the September Issue of the Newsletter.

## Trick or Treat for Temple Street Hospital

Laura Priestly, Ciara Keegan, Nikki Doran and Emma Finnegan, from Sancta Maria College, pictured recently after they had been presented with their certificates by soccer legend Paul McGrath for helping with the "Trick or Treat" national badge campaign which raised €70,000 for Temple Street Children's Hospital.

Well done to all involved!



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# KNOCKLYON UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB

## Knocklyon/Ballyboden Mini World Cup Tournament



Minister Tom Kitt and Cathaoirleach Comhairle Councillor Cait Keane, who opened the tournament.

Knocklyon United's season closed with a bang on the June Bank Holiday weekend as the club together with local G.A.A. club Ballyboden St. Enda's and the Dublin Down Syndrome Association organised a mini world cup tournament. The event was a great success and extremely well attended with up to 70 players from the Down Syndrome Association, and 60 players from Knocklyon United and Ballyboden. Both clubs were thrilled with the amount of support we received.

The tournament itself began on the Saturday where all the managers and players assembled behind the national flag of the country they were representing. There were twelve teams in total with up to 130 players participating. The tournament was opened by Minister Tom Kitt and Cathaoirleach



Special guests 'Bob the Builder' and 'Barney' with children Conor and Leona Deane enjoying the day.

Comhairle Councillor Cait Keane. The teams were then led by 'Bob the Builder' and 'Barney' with help from Knocklyon Concert Band. It was a terrific sight to see all the players mingled together marching behind their flags to the music from the band. The Gardai were also on hand to direct the traffic and were very attentive to the players throughout the tournament.

The games began at 12.30 p.m. and were ably refereed by officials from the club. While the players were not participating in matches there was plenty of entertainment provided, e.g. jumping castles, face painting, penalty competitions, basketball games, etc. Refreshments were also provided throughout the day.

On the Sunday, day two of the tournament, fine weather was an answer to prayer. This day began with the Championship league where teams played Gaelic football representing the County teams. The players were well coached by the managers from Ballyboden St. Enda's, and they thoroughly enjoyed the day.

Throughout both days a huge amount of work was carried on by our volunteers in providing sandwiches and a barbecue for all those involved. The burgers must have been popular as up to 800 burgers were consumed over the two days!

The tournament finished off on the Sunday with a presentation to the players of medals, tee-shirts, torches, pens, etc. 'Bob the Builder' and 'Barney' presented the medals to the delighted players. (Any players who did not receive a medal please contact myself or John Archbold.)

The final event of the weekend was a disco in Ballyboden St. Enda's where all the children had a ball. It lasted from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. and was attended by Michael Jackson (alias Jonathan Sadler) who gave a great dancing display. The children loved it.

Anyone who was present at the events of this weekend will always remember the delight on the player's faces when they scored a goal, or simply took part. The mixture of players from the 3 groups involved worked extremely well. The players from both the soccer and G.A.A. clubs were a credit to themselves, their families and their clubs in the way

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## Knocklyon United Football Club

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they helped and supported the children.

In order to organise an event like this, a huge amount of hard work and preparation was necessary. We needed many volunteers, and in this case there was a queue of people willing to help out. The clubs would like to thank Fr. David Weakliam for his help, and support towards the event.

Both clubs are also extremely grateful to the following for their sponsorship: Davy Stockbrokers, St. Colmcille's Parish, Wilson Brothers from Rathfarnham Shopping Centre for supplying the burgers, Rathfarnham Hire, Brady Catering for the barbecue, Nevilles Bakery, HB for supplying the ice cream, Declan Brady for supplying the jumping castles, Zenith Entertainment for the disco, Hugh McEvoy for the torches and spot prizes, Gardai and St. John's Ambulance.

We would further like to thank the Downs Syndrome Association, all the managers and players. Our thanks to the ladies committee for organising the food and to all the volunteers who gave up their free weekend to make a lot of children very happy.

I would also especially like to thank John Archbold and Rita Archbold from Ballyboden St. Enda's for working closely with me, Noel Gaughran, Jimmy Pakenham from Knocklyon United, and Rory O'Connor from the Downs Syndrome Association for making this a special event.

– **Mick Kennedy, P.R.O., Knocklyon United.**  
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*"The whole world in his hands. . . ." One of the many children who participated in the Mini World Cup tournament.*

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community council

**KNOCKLYON  
COMMUNITY  
COUNCIL**

The Knocklyon Community Council would like to offer its congratulations to all the successful candidates for Dublin South in the recent General Election. We look forward to working with them all over the period of the next Dáil. The KCC has always had a very good working relationship with all our elected representatives and no doubt this will continue.

On the planning permission front, permission has been granted to Rossmore for development of apartments close to the Rookery. A decision is still pending concerning the development at the Knocklyon-Scholarstown Road Junction.

Recently a total of 30 caravans of 'commercial travellers' camped on a small green patch between Delaford and the Firhouse Road. Immediate contact was made with the relevant authorities. The Gardai were unable to do anything as the new legislation was not in the statute books prior to the dissolution of the last Dail. However, as we go to print South Dublin Co. Council has served an injunction for their removal and provided there is no counter injunction this illegal campsite should be sorted out.

South Dublin Co. Council have an extensive re-housing programme underway and incursions like the one at Delaford only deflect the limited resources from solving a very acute problem.

The KCC would like to congratulate both Knocklyon United and Ballyboden St. Enda's on a very successful weekend with the Downs Syndrome Association. Everyone had, by all accounts, great fun.

On this note could we remind the residents of Knocklyon to participate in next year's Special Olympics by participating in the 'Host A Family Programme'. (See last month's issue of the Knocklyon News.) The KCC have 'Expression of Interest' forms if required, so do not hesitate to contact any committee member and we will gladly forward one on.

– **David Hickey, Chairperson, 493 7731**  
**Kevin Geoghegan, Secretary, 493 6862**

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Tá an-áthas orainn i nGaelscoil Chnoc Liamhna a bheith ar ár suíomh buan. The school opened, on our new site on Monday the 13th of May. We are delighted with our new classrooms, yard and office areas. Tá ard-mholadh tuillte ag an mBord Bainistíochta, ag an gCoiste Airgid, ag tuismitheoiri agus ag foireann na scoile as an obair go léir atá déanta chun an méid seo bhaint amach.

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*An Príomhoide, Tresa Ní Chinnéide, taobh amuigh de cheann de na seomraí nua ranga.*

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# GAELSCOIL CHNOC LIAMHNA

Ghlac daltaí Rang a 2 an Chéad Chomaoineach ar an 27ú lá de mhí Aibreán i Séipéal Naomh Colmille. The choir sang beautifully on the day and the children from 4th Class provided instrumental music for the occasion. The Church was packed to capacity for the Mass concelebrated by An t-Athair Pádraig Ó Cochláin, An t-Athair Gearóid agus an t-Athair Basquel.

After the Church celebrations the children, parents and relatives returned to the school where they celebrated this great day. Míle buíochas le tuismitheoirí Rang a hAon a d'eagraigh an cóisir dóibh.

We went on our annual school tour on Monday the 27th of May. This year we were in Lullymore Heritage Centre in Co. Kildare. Bhí lá iontach againn. Slán go fóill.

## Woodfield Residents Association



Woodfield Residents Association has recommenced business with a new committee, and a clean-up day was held on May 25th to tidy up all the green areas of the estate. Plans are in hand to make this a twice-yearly event, as well as to hold a family fun day later in the year. Pictured below are some of the junior helpers, who did sterling work on the day!



## FEIS MAITIÚ WINNERS 2002

Charleville Primary School, Knocklyon, recently won 1st, 2nd, 3rd and highly commended places in the Feis Maitiu Solo Verse Speaking Competitions. Prize-winners (back row, left to right): Cara Tiernan, Jane Keogh, Kyle Walshe, Fabian Gittins; (middle row, left to right) Leah Tiernan, Sheena Walshe, Daena Walshe, Laura Dunne, Aoife Behan, Adam Gittins; (front row, left to right) John McGarry, Conor Devlin, Graham Burke, Ben Richardson, Luke Murphy.

## CONTACT AND COMMUNICATIONS GROUP

Since September of last year members of this group have visited and invited parishioners from eight different estates to a social evening in the Iona Centre. The response to our invitation has been positive and many people availed of the opportunity to participate in a social evening to meet their neighbours and have a closer look at the Iona Centre facilities.

The aim of our group is (a) to promote a better sense of community in the parish, (b) to introduce individuals and families to the various groups and activities available, and (c) to provide a supportive network to parishioners in times of trauma.

The intention is to create a two-way link between parishioners and the presbytery. Hopefully from September next we will continue to visit areas that we have not yet reached.

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– Fr. Tony

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# SCOUT ENCAMPMENT KNOCKLYON ROAD



The Scouts recently took advantage of a fine summer day to leave their den and pitch their tents on the grass patch alongside the Knocklyon Road in preparation for the Regional Shield Competition. The enthusiasm with which they undertook this operation was an example to all.



## A NAME THAT RINGS A BELL

In recent times some developers have chosen to call new housing estates by all sorts of fanciful names that have no connection with the locality in which the houses are built. In our local area the name *Glen Lyon/Gleann Lin* may possibly have been inspired by two local place-names, Glenvara and Knocklyon. However a more valid reason for the choice of name might be that the modern housing estate is situated close to St. Colmcille's Well (on the Ballycullen Road). *Glen Lyon* is also the name of an area (immediately north of the Tay in Perthshire, Scotland) which has associations with Irish monks from Iona, possibly including Colmcille.

An interesting piece of information about our name-sake in Scotland is to be found in Cormac Bourke's book, *Studies In The Cult Of St. Columba*, (Four Courts Press 1997) where he mentions that nowhere is the presence of three ancient hand bells attested in such close proximity as in *Glen Lyon*. One of these bells, belonging to St. Adamnán (who wrote the biography of St. Colmcille), is exhibited in the local church (in Scotland). Examples of the hand bells used by Irish monks in the monasteries in Ireland and Scotland can be seen in the National Museum.

Certainly a lot to ponder in this local estate name!

- A.B.



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## NEW STAFF

We welcome four new staff members – Suzanne Beattie Spillane, and Darina Brennan who take up resource teaching positions together with Paula Gorby and Marguerite Tyson who will work as classroom assistants. This brings the teaching staff to 33 with nine ancillary staff.

## SCHOOL TOURS

All classes have gone on educational trips during the last month. These excursions always create excitement in the school. Junior Infants visited Morell Farm, Senior Infants went to Pine Forest Arts Centre, First Class went to Dublin Zoo and Second Class enjoyed the Millennium Maze.

## NEXT YEAR'S CLASSES

Junior Infants starting in September will meet their new teachers in their classrooms on Thursday June 27th at 1 p.m. All other classes will visit their new classrooms at that time. All classes have now been filled for next year. In fact, it appears that a lot of places in next year's Junior Infant classes will be filled by children who become four this summer. Please complete an enrolment application form in the school office if you intend starting a child in Junior Infants between 2003 and 2006.

## UNIFORMS AND BOOKS

The office staff, Trudagh and Orlagh, have worked tirelessly with book and uniform sales since Easter. We will not be in a position to sell these items during the summer holidays this year as there will be some renovations taking place in the school.

## COMPUTERS

Pupils in Second Class have begun to use the new computers and printers provided after the Sponsored Walk. They are ideal teaching and learning tools.

## SCHOOL CARPARK AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Planning permission has been granted. We hope to complete the work during the summer holidays. The new system should make life easier for everyone in the school community.

*Wishing our staff, pupils and their families, a happy and safe summer break.*



*Children from Ms Matthews' class singing 'His Banner Over Me', the final hymn at their First Communion Mass.*

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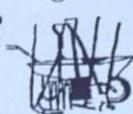
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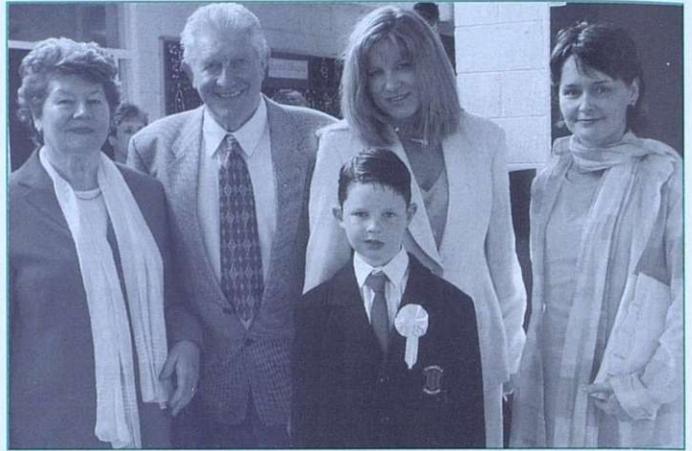


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# First Holy Communion Days



Left to right: Laura Harris, Beverley; Anna Stafford, Scholarstown Park; Joanne Mahon, Castlefield Lawn; Sarah Trainor, Woodfield; Amy Simmons, Glenvara.



Christopher McConnell with mother Carmel, grandparents Jim and Joan McConnell, Wood Dale, and teacher Davnet Ni Bhroin.



First Communicant Tim Madigan from Glenvara with, from left, aunt Monica, grandfather Donal Slevin, mother Patricia, grandmother Frances Slevin and brother Simon.



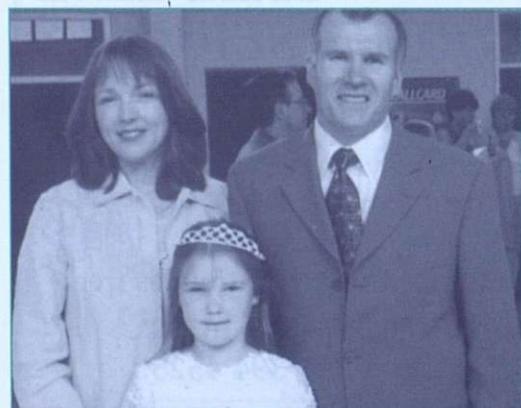
From Miss Matthews class, left to right: Julie Rowan, Orlagh; Aideen McCormack, Orlagh; Jessica Reilly, Orlagh; Jessica Moran, Orlagh.



Left to right: Conor Bolger, Churchtown; Robert Styles, Knocklyon Close; Alan Kelly, Castlefield Park; Alan Flood, Beverley Avenue; Karl Corbett, Glenvara Park; Sean Farrelly, Dargle Wood; David Young, Glenvara.



Niamh Cregan, Castlefield Manor, with her mother, grandmother and cousins.



Julie O'Driscoll, Orlagh, with parents Declan and Barbara.



Katie Greene, Glenlyon, with family (l-r): Paul Greene, Emma Greene (sister), Barry Flanagan, Kit Greene, Barbara Greene, mother, Niall Greene (brother), Vivienne Flanagan, Nessa Greene.



Liam and Eadaoin Fleury, Templeroan Avenue, with their daughter Rebecca.



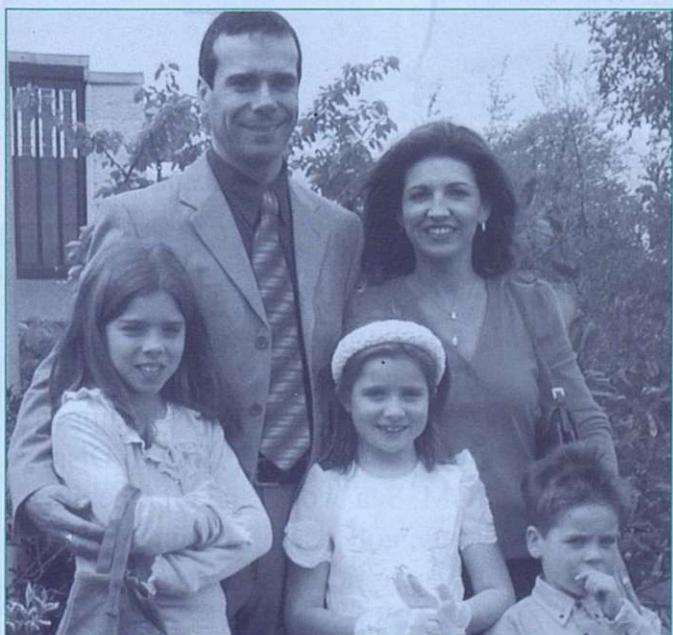
Conor Fitzpatrick, Orlagh Lodge, with mother Barbara, father Alan, sister Emma and brother Mark.



Alan Flood with his family.



Emma McLoughlin, Idrone, with father Simon and mother Joanne.



Sophie Collins, Knockaire, with father Peter, mother Leonie, sister Grace and brother Rory.



Aislinn Dunne, Cremorne, with mother Maria, sister Bronagh, brother Conor and father Padraigh.

# BALLYBODEN ST. ENDA'S

During the month of May the Club excelled itself by completing a treble in Division One in the Féile (U14) Competition and taking the Division 8 title in football.

Pictured right are representatives of the 3 'Féile' teams involved at a reception with their respective sponsors.

Applications are now being taken for this season's Summer Camps which are being sponsored for the next three years by Rathfarnham and District Credit Union. An Irish language option is also on offer for the last two weeks in July. Contact P. J. Donohue at 087-662 3589.

Members and friends are asked to continue to support the club's lotto which has over €100,000 in prizes as well as holidays in the Caribbean and Disneyland U.S.A.

- Gerry O'Sullivan

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At the reception (l-r): Dermot Byrne (Connacht Court Group), David Byrne, Brendan Treacy and Cathal McCarthy (McCarthy Auctioneers & Estate Agents).

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At the reception (l-r): Catherine Pope, Lorna Curtis, Gary Lee and Declan Brooks of Brooks & Lee Solicitors, Anne Griffin and Clíodhna McNamara.

### Yellow House Restaurant, Rathfarnham, back Ballyboden St. Enda's U14 Hurling Team for All-Ireland Féile Final



At the reception (l-r): Frank O'Connor, Liam Carter, Vinny Bradley, Declan Carey, Denis Carey (Yellow House Restaurant), Gerry O'Sullivan, Club Chairman and Eamonn Treacy.

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# A Tribute to a Friend

*"Don't ever try to understand everything – some things will never make sense!"*

I was inspired by the words above (by Laine Farsons) when I was writing a tribute to my friend Ann Lawlor, who died almost a year ago.

Ann was a wonderful person, she lives on through her boys, John, Paul and Thomas. Ann, never stopped loving, never stopped believing, and most of all never stopped dreaming her dreams.

The pain of missing her is my reminder of the loss of a wife for Kevin and a mother for the boys.

*I cannot describe how I feel today,  
The thought of our friendship gone so far away,  
You're still such a special friend of mine,  
The one thing I'll never say is Goodbye!  
You were always my friend in good times and bad,  
You made me happy even when I was sad,  
For as long as I live I will always be glad,  
For the wonderful friend I was lucky to have,  
I'll treasure our memories,  
I'll always feel blessed,  
Because the friend that I had Ann,  
was really the best.*

Dedicated to a Friend who may be gone, but will never be forgotten!

– Linda Fair, 54 Knocklyon Green

# USED POSTAGE STAMPS

You may know from notices in the Church that we are always looking for used postage stamps, and you may wonder what we do with them.

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The Active Retirement Group, and Phyllis and Felix do the preparing and the sorting and we generally send a consignment every three months.

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– Fr. Tony

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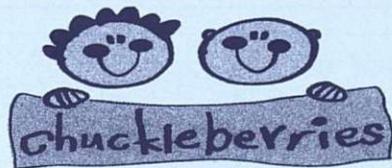
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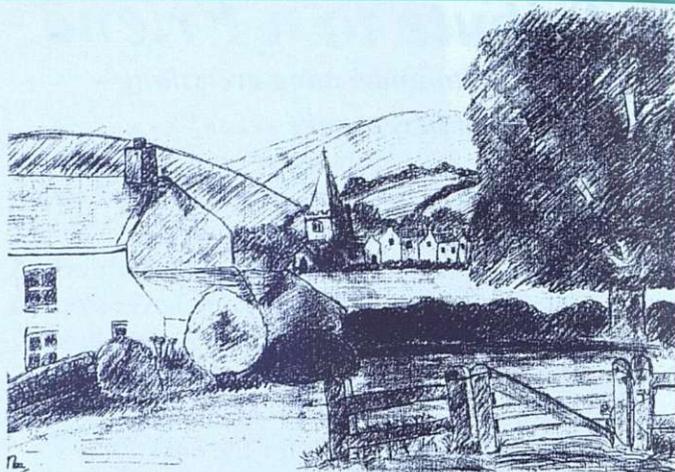
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**THE WILD FLOWER GIRL**  
by Emma Walsh, 5th Class

**WINNERS**

**1st Prize:**  
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**2nd Prize:**  
Simon Madigan

**3rd Prize:**  
Fiona Nea

**Commended:**  
Emma Walsh  
(5th Class) and  
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the other pupils  
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# SHORT STORY COMPETITION

We received over sixty entries in our Short Story Competition and asked Sarah Nolan, past pupil of St. Colmcille's Schools, and an English graduate, to choose the winning entries. Sarah agreed that the standard was high and it was difficult to pick the winners.

However, the following pupils are our prizewinners on this occasion:

**1st**, Gift Token €25, Aishling Cunningham, 6th Class.

**2nd**, Gift Token €20, Catherine Cummins, 6th Class.

**3rd**, Gift Token €15, Stephen O'Connell, 6th Class.

### Highly Commended:

Gift Token €10, Darragh McHugh, 6th Class.

Gift Token €10, Amy McSherry, 6th Class.

Well done to all our entrants and keep writing!



Some of our  
First  
Communicants.

## THE WINNING STORY

### *It Was A Most Unusual Day . . . .*

*It was a most unusual day for me a proud salmon. I was swimming quietly in the azure sea when suddenly I felt a strong vibration and saw an enormous black shadow across the dark ocean floor. I knew this meant trouble.*

*My instinct was that it was the dreaded whale. But I wasn't too sure. However, it wasn't a whale but a pristine white fishing boat. What should I do? I was about to be caught!*

*I swam as fast as a hungry cheetah to my favourite hiding place, my crusty rock. There were two other salmon lurking there, they had also seen the boat.*

*Unfortunately, there was not enough room for me.*

*Frantically, I swam about, but I was too late! The skilled fisherman had thrown the nylon net overboard mercilessly. I was caught in between the cords. I wasted all my energy struggling and squirming trying to escape. But to no avail.*

*Almost immediately after, the strong fisherman pulled up the loaded net. One of them picked me up. He measured and weighed me. I was not at all comfortable with this as my silver gills were starting to dry up in the scorching sun.*

*A fierce man in a long green jacket ambled towards me. He shouted in a greedy voice, "This fish will be a grand meal tonight." These words hit me like a slap in the gills.*

*That night I was placed on a sizzling frying pan. It was as hot as an out of control fire. My poor scales hissed, crackled and blistered in the bubbling oil. Cruelly, all my fluids were absorbed and I dried up like a raisin. A storm of emotions broke out inside of me. I surrendered.*

*I knew it was the end.*

– Aisling Cunningham

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# St. Colmcille's Community School

## Students of the Year



Left to right, Michelle Glynn, 2001, Trevor O'Connell, 2002, Lauren Boggan, 2002.

## CHANGES TO ENROLMENT PROCEDURES

### Enrolment Procedures

We are delighted with the level of interest in our school. At present, the demand for places exceeds the capacity of the school (650 pupils). This means that it is necessary to prioritise amongst the applicants. In broad terms priority is generally given to children with a brother or sister in the school, then to other children from the catchment area. Within those priorities, the date of receipt of application is used to further prioritise the applications. Early application is therefore advisable. A copy of our detailed enrolment procedures is available on request from the school. If you call in, our school secretary, Ms. Mareta Byrne, will be happy to assist you. Alternatively, you may like to make your request in writing to Ms. M. Byrne, Secretary, St. Colmcille's Community School, Scholarstown Road, Knocklyon, Dublin 16.

### When Can I Apply?

At present applications for entry into First Year are accepted only in respect of children who are in a primary school. However, with effect from **Saturday, 9th November, 2002**, we will be accepting applications in respect of any child from the date of his/her birth. The school will open on that date between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. to facilitate same.

### My Child is Starting Junior Infants this September

If your child is starting in Junior Infants in September 2002 and you wish to make an application for him/her to attend the Community School, an enrolment morning will be held at the school on **Saturday, 7th September, 2002**, between **9 a.m. and 1 p.m.** Application forms will be distributed on a first come first served basis and will be numbered in the order in which they are issued. You will have until the following Thursday, 12th September, to complete the form and return it to the school. Note: no applications will be received for First Year 2010 before this date.

## END OF YEAR CEREMONY

A wonderful celebration of the students achievements throughout the year was held on the last day of term when medals, certificates, plaques, prizes, shields and cups were awarded in a wide range of categories in both curricular and extra curricular activities. Congratulations to all the students who contributed to such a successful year, with special mention going to the following:

### Sports –

**Overall sports:** Aoife Dillon and David O'Connor.

**Camogie:** Elaine Keogh.

**Basketball:** Fionn Prendergast and Stephanie Flynn.

**Soccer:** Colin Hyland.

**Gaelic:** Alan Carter.

**Hurler:** Brendan Treacy.

**Science Project:** Andrew Moran.

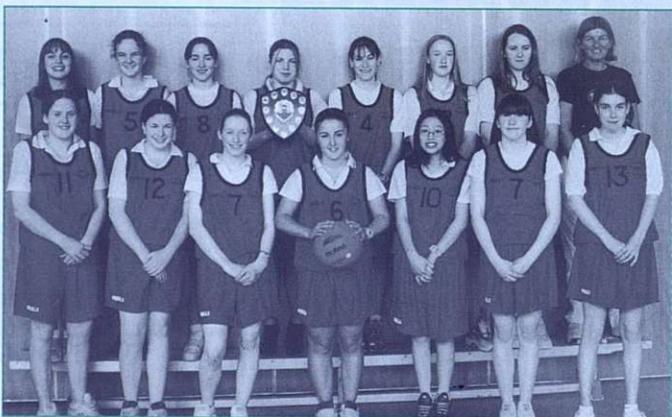
**Musical Prize:** Aoife Dillon, Karl Doran.

### Excellence in Academic Achievement



Left to right: Liam McCarthy and Garvan McEvoy.

### Second Year Girls Basketball



Second Year Girls Basketball – Dublin League Winners.

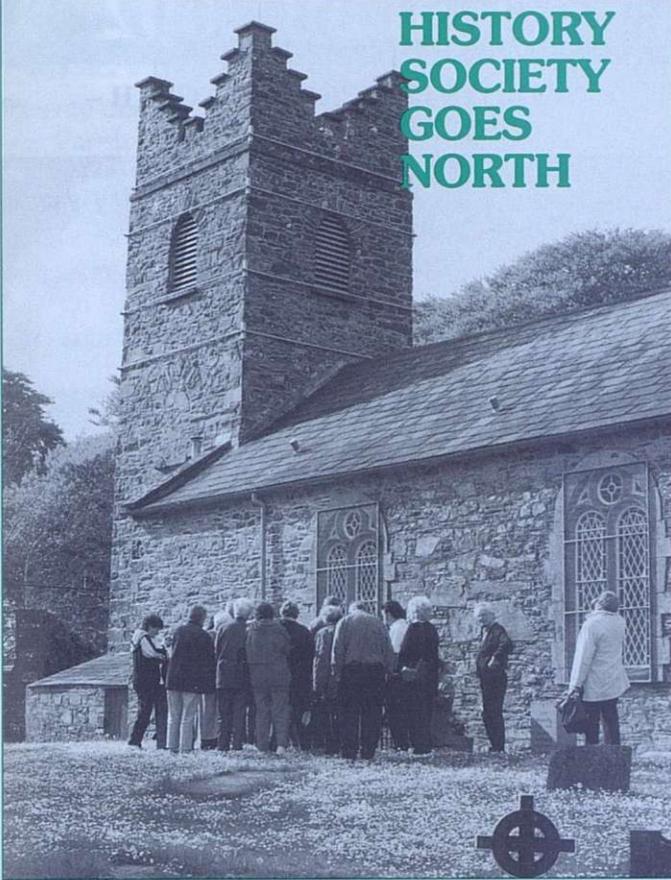
One of the highlights of the year was the Junior League Basketball final. Our Second Year girls, pictured here, had an excellent campaign and faced the girls from Sion Hill in the final on Saturday 11th May in Killiney. In a very tightly fought match the girls from St. Colmcille's edged in front in the last quarter to win a famous victory.

## OUTDOOR EDUCATION TRIPS

The Second Year students thoroughly enjoyed their overnight stay in the two adventure centres of Monaghan and Wexford while the First Year students had an activity-filled day in the Blessington Adventure Centre.

*As we sign off for the Summer, we wish all our Students, Staff and their families happy holidays.*

# HISTORY SOCIETY GOES NORTH



Members of Knocklyon Historical Society at the O'Neill vault in the graveyard at Creggan, South Armagh. Inside the Church of Ireland they were told about the Gaelic poets buried in An Creagán. The history group visited the Cardinal Tomás Ó Fiaich Heritage Centre in Cullyhanna (Coilleach Eanach). They had lunch in the Arts Centre and Museum (Teach na hÉigse), Newry, and attended an illustrated talk on the town.

FULLER REPORT IN NEXT ISSUE



The tour included a visit to the model village of Bessbrook which once had a thriving linen industry. The Knocklyon group were given a guided tour of the village. The picture above was taken at a typical mill worker's house which is now being restored. Members of the Knocklyon History Society broke their journey home to enjoy the view below where the "mountains of Mourne sweep down to the sea".



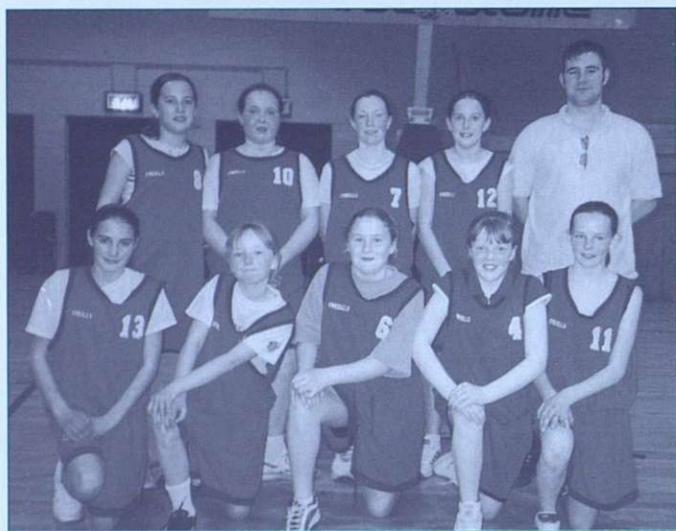
# Community Games Basketball 2002

After Easter basketball trials were held in the Community Centre and a record number of eight teams were formed to compete for Knocklyon North and South. The teams participating were U13 Boys and Girls, and U16 Boys and Girls. After a two week training period competitions began in the National Basketball Arena.

All eight teams played exceptionally well with spirit and enjoyed their experience. On Saturday 11th May the finals were held with three Knocklyon teams left to fight for Dublin medals. The U13 Girls North played an exciting game against St. Judes coming away victorious to win Dublin bronze medals. The next game was the U13 Boys North Final. Knocklyon once again came away with a medal – this time gold. After much celebrating it was back to winning ways when U16 Boys North beat Castleknock in a tough game to take the bronze.

Well done to all participants and we hope to see everyone back next year. A big thank you to Alan Moody (coach) and Mary Pat Prendergast (assistant coach) for all their time and enthusiasm.  
 – Community Games Committee

## U13 GIRLS KNOCKLYON NORTH – BRONZE MEDAL WINNERS



Back, left to right: Niam Cunningham, Laura Philips, Lauren Coffey, Aisling Cunningham, Alan Moody (coach). Front, left to right: Emma Duffy, Laura Medbury, Gillian Jackson, Sarah Maher, Siobhan Stack.

## U16 GIRLS KNOCKLYON SOUTH



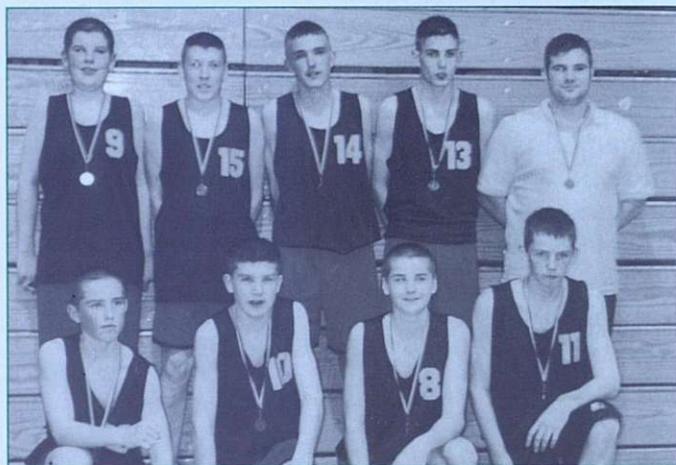
Back, left to right: Stephanie Flynn, Rachel Ruddy, Hannah Byrne, Sarah Bentham, Mary Pat Prendergast (assistant coach). Front, left to right: Mairead McMorow, Jenny Wong, Emma Farrelly.

## U13 BOYS KNOCKLYON NORTH – GOLD MEDAL WINNERS



Back, left to right: Mary Pat Prendergast (assistant coach), Michael Ryan, Adam Kiernan, Ross Williamson, Carlos Fernandez (captain), Eoin Foster, Alan Moody (coach). Front, left to right: Alan Fanning, Ciaran O'Sullivan, Brian Coffey, Cian Fitzgerald, Kevin Mahon.

## U16 BOYS KNOCKLYON NORTH – BRONZE MEDAL WINNERS



Back, left to right: John O'Neill, Brian Gartland, Robert Coffey, Matthew O'Sullivan, Alan Moody (coach). Front, left to right: Kevin Bonner, Fionn Prendergast, Mark Dunne, Sean Stack.

## U13 GIRLS KNOCKLYON SOUTH



Back, left to right: Alan Moody (coach), Tracy Hand, Niamh White, Mary Pat Prendergast (assistant coach). Front, left to right: Laura Molloy, Aimee O'Regan, Catherine Reilly (missing from photo Laura Dunne).

## NEWS FROM THE 'ELEVEN O'CLOCK CHOIR'

Twenty-one years of service to the ministry of music in our Parish was celebrated by the Eleven O'Clock Choir with a weekend trip for choir members to Tullow, Co. Carlow, from the 10th-12th May, 2002. The members of the original group who are still serving are Carmel and Donie O'Driscoll, Deirdre Malone, Michael (organist) and Pauline Sheedy, Aoife O'Tierney, Colm O'Kelly and Tom Lee. A presentation of certificates to mark this commitment and dedication was held on the Saturday night amid great hilarity and calls for 'speeches' etc.!

Our faithful organist, Michael, demonstrated his 'organising' skills by reserving 3 houses on the Mount Wolseley Hotel complex for us. He even managed to arrange brilliant sunshine and blue skies from the time we arrived to the time we left! All tastes and interests were catered for – from golfing, hill-walking, visiting garden centres and swimming to just lazy relaxation for the 'dossers' among us. Our entertainment ranged from good meals to quizzes, story-telling and, of course, sing-songs. The overall theme was 'laughter' – we had so much fun sharing everything from food to funny experiences.

Of course we also had another reason for making this a special occasion – a reason tinged with sadness for us. Eoin Garrett, our Director, is leaving us this summer. Eoin's commitment and dedication to providing music for Knocklyon church services over very many years has been a wonderful example to all of us who have served under his direction. The time he has given to preparing music appropriate for every season and event and his patience, skill and kindness in teaching us to perform that music as a choir cannot, I think, be fully appreciated even by us, the members. We are still reluctant to think about his departure. However, we also recognise that he deserves the freedom to undertake new challenges and we know that he will be just as committed to his new undertakings. We wish him every happiness and hope that he will come back regularly to sing with us.

**- Grateful members**

*The Newsletter Team would like to join with choir members in wishing Eoin every happiness in his new endeavours. Also on behalf of the 11 o'clock congregation particularly, to thank him for his dedication and commitment to providing music of the highest standard for all the liturgies in which he was involved during his term as Musical Director.*

## Celebrating 21 Years



**Members of the Eleven O'Clock Mass Choir pictured at their recent outing to celebrate the Choir's 21st birthday. Eoin Garrett, Musical Director, is pictured on the extreme right of second row.**

### MUSICAL DIRECTOR for the ELEVEN O'CLOCK CHOIR

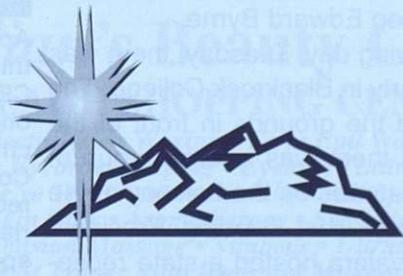
As you will see from the 'news' article (left) the Knocklyon Eleven O'Clock Choir is seeking a Musical Director – work to commence next September. Those who go to the 11 o'clock Mass will know that the choir sings a wide variety of music, including congregational, plain chant, and Irish pieces.

The new Director would need to have appropriate musical skills and an interest in liturgy. Assistance would be available to the new Director where and as required.

The Parish Team would be delighted to hear from any person interested and willing to give of their time, or who is aware of a suitable individual who might be approached. Those interested should please contact Fr. David Weakliam at the Presbytery, Tel: 494 1204 as soon as possible.

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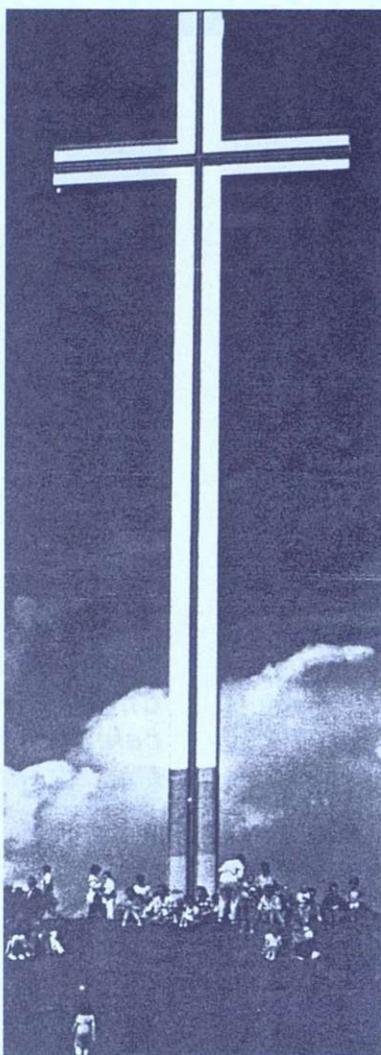
# EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS IN DUBLIN 70 YEARS AGO

The 31st International Eucharistic Congress was held in Dublin in June 1932. Preparations for this great religious occasion were already being made a couple of years earlier. In November 1930 the Papal Nuncio, Dr. Pascal Robinson, appointed by Pope Pius XI, arrived in Ireland. Committees were set up to make the necessary arrangements for the Congress. A detailed programme was planned which would involve the participation of people from all over Ireland and from all over the world.

It was decided that the main open-air ceremonies would take place in the Phoenix Park and on O'Connell Bridge. The architect John J. Robinson designed temporary monumental style structures for both locations. In the Phoenix Park there were long ornamental colonades on each side of the podium which supported the columnar domed structures.

The Papal Legate, Cardinal Lorenzo Lauri, arrived in Dún Laoghaire on Monday, June 20, 1932. Six aeroplanes from the Irish Air Corps flew in cross formation over the boat as it entered the harbour. Eamon de Valéra (then President of the Executive Council of the Irish Free State), welcomed the Legate who inspected a military guard of honour. He was driven in a horse-drawn coach to the city boundary on Merrion Road where a temporary castellated entrance gateway had been constructed. Here the Cardinal was welcomed by the Lord Mayor, Alfie Byrne. The Legate was greeted by thousands of citizens as he proceeded to St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral in Marlborough Street. The ceremonial coach used by Cardinal Lauri was the same one used by Daniel O'Connell when he was Lord Mayor of the capital city. After a short ceremony in the cathedral the Cardinal was brought to Drumcondra where he was received by Archbishop Edward Byrne.

The following day, Tuesday, there was a garden party in Blackrock College. The guests filled the grounds in front of the college and there was a large group of church dignitaries on the balcony at the main building. That evening President Eamon de Valéra hosted a state reception in St. Patrick's Hall, Dublin Castle. Guests included Cardinal Joseph McRory, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, and other members of the Hierarchy, also members of the Diplomatic Corps and



**The Papal Cross in the Phoenix Park commemorates the visit of Pope John Paul II to Ireland in 1979. It also marks the site of the Congress celebrations in 1932.**



**Aodhagán Brioscú (author of this article) and a pupil of the CBS Syngé Street in 1932, was one of those chosen for the children's choir at the Congress. Earlier this year he recounted some of his memories of the great occasion in a special Léargas program on RTÉ1 and TG4. In this article he describes some of the events of the Eucharistic Congress.**

distinguished visitors from various parts of Ireland and abroad.

On Wednesday, 22nd June, the opening ceremony of the Eucharistic Congress took place in the Pro-Cathedral. There was a capacity congregation within the building while outside thousands of others followed the ceremony on the public address system in Marlborough Street and in the adjoining streets.

On Thursday evening a quarter of a million men participated in the religious ceremonies in the Phoenix Park. The attendance included a large number of public representatives from Dáil Éireann as well as from local authorities throughout the country.

The following day women formed the congregation for the religious ceremonies in the Phoenix Park. For both occasions and for others throughout the Congress much attention had been given to the preparation of suitable music and hymns under the direction of Dr. Vincent O'Brien. On Saturday 80,000 children made their way to attend Pontifical High Mass in the Phoenix Park celebrated by Dr. Kelly, Archbishop of Sydney. The Papal Legate encouraged the children to remain faithful to the Church's teachings. The children's choir sang hymns in Irish before and after the Mass.

On Sunday a huge congregation of men attended Pontifical High Mass in the Phoenix Park celebrated by Cardinal McRory. Cardinals from Westminster, Boston, Philadelphia, New York, Paris, Palermo, Warsaw and Rome participated. At the Consecration the ancient bell of St. Patrick, on loan from the National Museum, was sounded. The internationally acclaimed Irish tenor, John Count McCormack, sang 'Panis Angelicus'.

After the Mass the Blessed Sacrament was brought in solemn procession from the Phoenix Park, along the quays on the north side of the Liffey, to O'Connell Bridge. It left the Phoenix Park about 3 p.m. and reached the bridge two-and-a-half hours later.

A public address system along the quays enabled those walking in the procession to join the choir in the hymn singing. About a quarter of a million people, including thousands of priests, took part. They crowded onto O'Connell Bridge and into the adjoining thorough-

fares for the Benediction which marked the closing of the momentous event.

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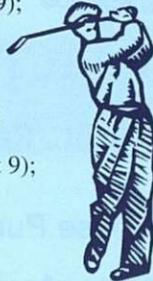


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**Overall:** 1st Colm O'Brien (17) 37 points (last 9);  
 2nd Fergus Egan (15) 37 points.  
**Class 1:** 1st Gerry Cash (12) 36 points;  
 2nd David Torrans (9) 35 points.  
**Class 2:** 1st Justin Lynch (17) 36 points (last 9);  
 2nd Jim Holland (14) 36 points (last hole).  
**Class 3:** 1st Vincent Traynor (20) 33 points (last 9);  
 2nd Peter O'Dowd (21) 33 points.  
**Visitor:** George Lambert (19) 36 points.  
**Front 9:** Gavin Fleet (4) 19 points.  
**Back 9:** Gary Davitt (16) 18 points.  
 Our President, Terry Mangan's prize will be at our outing to



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- Shane Patrick Timmons, 12 Orlagh Meadows
- Gavin Ross McConville, 8 Woodstown Way
- Lisa Ann Putt, 137 Woodfield
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- Grace Marie Peters, 39 Woodstown Abbey
- Laura Kate McDermott, 44 Coolamber Park
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- Ciara Fay Gorman, 16 Orlagh Close



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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. 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.

Deadline for September issue is Sunday 8th September. Delivery will be 25th September.

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