

DURROW PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Fr. Jackie Robinson's OUTLOOK

OUR LADY

"It has been my custom to make pilgrimages to the shrine of Our Lady all over the world starting with my earliest youth in my own country. I made such pilgrimages also as Bishop and Cardinal."

Those were the opening words of John Paul to the people at Knock Shrine when he came to our country. Here we have possibly the most influential, the most popular, most powerful man in the world proclaiming his complete devotion to Our Lady, the Mother of God.

It's a well known fact that the Pope has great devotion to Our Lady and we know that he says a rosary every day. In fact one of the main reasons why he came to Ireland at all was because of the celebration of the Centenary of Knock Shrine.

Possibly of all the friends that Jesus had with him, Mary was the one that was closest to Him. And yet Mary being a mother was a very practical woman, the sort you would like to have as a neighbour. Whenever you were in trouble or difficulty or needed help, she would be there - Elizabeth her cousin knew that.

Mary was careful not to cause embarrassment to anyone when she knew they were in difficulty - the young couple who ran out of wine knew that.

She had the wonderful capacity of compassionate silent comfort - her son knew that on the way to Calvary and throughout his passion and death.

She was a woman of great quiet prayer, she pondered all these things in her heart and she accepted in faith and obedience what God had in store for her. 'Thy will be done'.

Yes Mary was a very ordinary human woman who faced the everyday problems that all ladies have to face - such as what will I give them for dinner today. The same kind of worries and fears that you have about your children - Mary had them too. So we know she was a very understanding compassionate woman. In Ireland we have had a great tradition of devotion to Our Lady in our homes. No matter what road you drive on you will see a statue to Our Lady or some Grotto.

Thousands of families in Ireland have said the Rosary down through the years. Since the new year has started I have come across a number of families who have started a decade of the Rosary daily and have kept it up.

In fact as late as last week, I was visiting a family on my rounds and the mother asked me would I join them in their night prayers - and their prayers consisted in each child and teenager in the family saying two Hail Marys for the family's intentions. The father started the decade and the mother finished it. Why don't you start a decade in your home, Mary won't let you down - remember the family that prays together, stays together.

SYMPATHY is extended to the Gilligan family, Erkindale Drive, on their recent bereavement.

SYMPATHY is extended to the Brennan family, Tinweir, on their recent bereavement.

SCOUT NEWS

The Troop had a successful Activity Day in Tinnaaslatty Forest, Co. Kilkenny on Sunday last. Twenty people approx. were involved in the exercise which was an orienteering course thro' the forest with activity stops which included Map and Compass, Hand Axe Safety and Care, Morse Code with flags and First Aid. The activity was co-organised by Amy Walsh as part of her Chief Scout's Award. This weekend the Senior Scouts embark on some of their own personal challenges.

The Leaders would like to thank the following for their help and assistance with the Activity Day; Mary O'Sullivan, Bobby Campion, Mary Walsh, Tony Clancy, John O'Regan and friends, Sean Clancy. Again thanks for the help, otherwise it would be virtually impossible to hold these events.

SOCCKER NEWS

The Lions U/14 Soccer team are playing the U/14 Cup Final on Whit Monday 3rd June at 7.00p.m. in Dermidus, Kilkenny. The team qualified by defeating St. Anthony's by 4 - 1. Scorers; Colin Lawlor 2, Harry Stone 1, Fergal Brophy.

The Panel: Sean Woods, Mark Donohue, Padraic Woods, Colin Lawlor, Raymond Campion, Richard O'Connell, James Shortall, Brendan Casey, Seamus Coffey, Fergal Brophy, Harry Stone, Thomas Dowe, Pat Walsh, Pat Kells and Cian Prendergast.

Manager: Martin Lawlor, Ass. Manager: Harold Lawlor.

The support of Parents and Soccer Lovers would be very much appreciated.

DURROW & DISTRICT ANGLERS

On Sunday next 2nd June the club will hold a Trout Fishing competition for the O'Duinn Cup Senior Competition. There is also a Junior Trout Competition. Both competitions will start at 10.00a.m. Weigh-in 6.00p.m. No Trout will be accepted by weigh master after 6.00p.m. T.V. time. Juniors please note.

In the first All Ireland qualifier fished on the river Suck, Co. Roscommon Michael Walsh had a great Pike of 18lbs-8ozs but failed to get into the top five. With nine qualifiers still to be fished it is hoped that the club will have at least four anglers in the All Ireland later in the year.

Results of the Brendan Sheeran Cup fished last Sunday was first Michael Walsh 9 - 00, second Michael O'Rourke 8 - 00, third John Paul Buckley 7 - 8.

HEYWOOD COMMUNITY SCHOOL UNIFORM for September 1991.

Fitting at Alley's Drarey from Tuesday 4th to Saturday 8th June
from 9.30a.m. to 7.00p.m.

To insure uniform for September fitting is essential.

CONGRATULATIONS to Emer Lemon who celebrated her 21st birthday recently.

CUMANN NA mEUNSCOILEANNA

Teams of athletes from all over Laois, both boys and girls, over 600 primary school children from 30 schools took part in the Cumann na mEunSCOILEANNA meeting.

A special feature of the evening was the presence of Anne Keenan-Duckley, the Portlaoise-based member of the Irish Olympic squad, who presented the successful participants with their medals.

The following are the successful participants from the two schools in Durrow;

1st in Boy's u/12, 100m	Brian Feehan,
3rd in Girls u/12, 100m	Lorraine Lalor,
1st in Boy's u/12, 800m	Brian Feehan,
3rd Foot Dribble, Boys	Deolan Murphy,
3rd Long Kick, Girls	Natasha Kenny.

Congratulations to all the winners.

MUSINGS ON GOODNESS

Good depends not on things but the use we make of them, and goodness is the only investment that never fails.

"You are writing a gospel,
A chapter each day,
By deeds that you do
By words that you say,
Men read what you write,
Whether faithless or true,
Say, what is the gospel according to you?"

To every man there opens a highway and a low and every man decides the way that he shall go. The world is slowly learning that because two men think differently neither need be wicked.
Life is not the wick or the candle but the burning - so

"Do all the good you can
By all the means you can
In all the ways you can
In all the places you can
At all the times you can
To all the people you can
As long as ever you can".

KEENAN'S LOUNGE

Saturday 1st June

Music by SOUNDZPROOF. Admission £1.

Great night assured.

CONGRATULATIONS to Breda and Paddy Dunne on the birth of a son.

HARPS G.A.A. CLUB

This week it was the U/17's and U/14's who gained the honours for the Club. With the U/17's becoming the Laois champions with an impressive display of skill to win the match in which they led from start to finish. It was a game in which the challengers, Castletown, were rebost and led to a free for all. But fortunately it was the Harps who put the scores on the board. It was then the turn of U/14's who were in the final of the Laois Feile. Not to be out done by the achievement of the U/17's, these young lads displayed a performance which left nobody in doubt but that they will go far in this year's Feile competition, for they held their opponents scoreless for the full match. The two victorious teams are as follows;

U/17 K. Cooney, R. Fogarty, K. Barry, K. Shortall, P. Treacy, I. Dowling,
M. Monaghan, S. Kenna, C. Murphy, J. Murphy, J. McEvoy, T. Brophy,
A. Muldowney, M. Kirby, A. Sheppard, A. Townsend, B. Treacy.

U/14 T. Foley, J. Dollard, P. Phelan, P. Shortall, L. Mahony, J. Shortall,
A. Kavanagh, C. Lawlor, S. Woods, R. O'Connell, M. Donohue, F. Brophy,
R. Campion, T. Dowe, B. Ryan, P. Walsh, D. Phelan, A. Dwyer.

Harps Solo Run;

This Sunday June 2nd the Harps are organising a solo run from Cullohill to Durrow where the trainers of each team will participate in the solo run to collect money for the club. It will be then followed by a challenge match between the Harps senior team and Glenmore's senior team. This match will start at 7.30p.m. sharp. All are welcome.

DURROW & DISTRICT CAMERA CLUB

At the club meeting on Monday last 27th May there was a photographic competition, the theme was 'people'. The winners were as follows;

1st. Eugene Meegan, 2nd. Sean Healy and Liam Donohue,
3rd. Sean Healy, 4th. Martin Walsh.

Membership is now overdue and deposits for the Club outing to The Durren is now due. The outing is on 30th June and the deposit is £5. to be paid to Martin Walsh as soon as possible.

CONGRATULATIONS to Vincent O'Brien and Helen Phelan on their recent marriage.