

DURROW PARISH NEWSLETTER

COMPILED BY THE DURROW SCOUTS

Fr. Jackie Robinson's OUTLOOK

COMMANDMENTS & NEIGHBOURS

There's a thing I've noticed throughout the years and that is the different emphasis that people put on different sins. I might even say that people have a favourite sin for which they have no problem in forgiving themselves.

I've heard a man saying about his wife, "You could never satisfy that woman, I don't drink or smoke or go with other women, but she's still not happy". He conveniently forgets to take into account that he is a very selfish arrogant man, who expects complete submission from his wife and six children. He's so bad-tempered at home that they'd all be quite relieved if he did take himself off to some pub. I've heard a woman who's a daily communicant and proud of it, spread the most malicious gossip about a friend some friend. Another woman I know, regularly contributes generously to the famine funds for Ethiopia and Sudan, yet she heads a rather militant committee which is trying to stop a proposed halting site for travellers near her home.

I've met another man who uses every possible loophole to pay his staff as little as possible, who uses creative accounting to avoid taxes of every kind and who would be horrified if you accused him of dishonesty. I know a few highly respectable family men who consider themselves entitled to have "a bit on the side".

I've seen young people who were lovingly educated to a high level by hard working parents, turn against their parents when they are old and feeble. Christianity doesn't work like that. God gave us the Commandments but He doesn't say "Pick any six of these you fancy, and you can ignore the rest". Neither does He say "You can love your attractive and charming neighbours and it's ok. to hate the wonos and misfits and the travellers. Oh! no-He's not the least ambiguous on that subject, He said "Whatever you do to the least of my children.. you do it to me".

If you want to live the Christian way you'll have to remember, You can't choose your Commandments, and you can't choose your neighbours.....

LIONS SOCCER

Two schoolboy Soccer players received extra awards during the week. Conor Murphy has been chosen as U-16 Player of the Year for the Kilkenny & District League and Colin Lawlor has been chosen as Player of the Year for U-14 in the Kilkenny & District League. Colin shared this award with Michael Clifford, Evergreen.

Well done to both boys for awards well deserved. The Lions Soccer Club, in particular the U-14 and U-16 panels are invited to the presentation of Cup Medals at the annual schoolboys presentation in the Carlton Ballroom, Kilkenny on Thursday, 25th July. Both teams will receive their cup medals and Conor and Colin will receive their Player of the Year awards.

The Lions U-14 cup winning team of 1991 have been invited to play in a challenge game against Evergreen for a pre-season friendly for Kilkenny City. Kilkenny City have lined up top English Clubs for pre-season friendlys and it is a great credit to the U-14 team that they are invited to play a vital part in a big game.

HARPS G.A.A. CLUB

The Club would like to congratulate the U/14's on an impressive victory over Borris-in-Ossary to win the U/14 championship. The team showed their grit and determination to come from behind going into the second half and eventually come out winners. The panel was T. Foley, J. Dollard, F. Phelan, B. Ryan, L. Mahony, J. Shortall, A. Kavanagh, S. Woods, C. Lawlor, T. Bowe, M. Donchue, F. Brophy, R. Campion, R. O'Connell, F. Shortall.
Subs; L. Dunne, P. Walsh, D. Phelan, S. Dunphy, J. Holland.

Congratulations to the Junior B team on winning the first round of the championship against Clonaslee in Canross. The score was Harps 2 - 7 Clonaslee 1 - 5. They now meet Castletown in the quarter finals.

The Harps Senior team are playing Portlaois next Wednesday in Rathdowney in the quarter final of the championship.

SOLO RUN COMPETITION:

In conjunction with the recent solo run the Harps had an Internal Draw for those who bought a line from one of the solo runners. The winners of the prizes were Peter Phelan, Tubberboe £30. Seamus Kenna, Swan Road £20. James Kelly, Ballykealy £10.

DURROW TIDY TOWNS NEWS

With the launch of a new FAS Scheme the Committee appeals to the people of Durrow to assist in every way to keep Durrow clean and tidy. It is important that no weeds or rubbish or litter become evident in our lovely town.

The Tidy Towns would like to wish Fr. Jackie Robinson every success in his new appointment as C.C. in Castlecomer. Fr. Jackie has been "the real leader" in the revival of Durrow Tidy Towns and he has done trojan work to make Durrow a better place to live in.

YOUNG DURROW SINGERS

The Young Durrow Singers who qualified for the Community Games Finals in Mosney in early September are holding a raffle to help defray the costs. The tickets are 20p each or a book for £1. Prizes are £100, £50, and a bottle of whiskey. Please support by buying some tickets, they are available from all Choir members.

GOLFING SOCIETY

The Nore Nets Golfing Society are holding their President (Mr Michael Carroll) Prize on Wednesday 24th July in the Abbeyleix Golf Club. Time sheet available in Nore Nets. Visitors welcome.

More details available from Committee members Nore Nets Golfing Society.

CONGRATULATIONS to Marycarmen Delaney and Gabriel Rafter on their recent marriage.

CONGRATULATIONS to Eleanor and Bill Mooney on the birth of a son.

CONGRATULATIONS to Ian Drennan and Kathleen Keating on their recent engagement.

Angela's son.

Cllr. Eamon Rafter wishes to take this opportunity to thank sincerely all those in the Parish who supported him in the recent local elections.

SCOUT NEWS

The Troop played their part in the Tidy Towns effort when they cleaned the heavy weed growth which was fast becoming a very ugly sight at the bridge. Most Scouts and Leaders turned out for this very worthwhile project which also helped Ray O'Sullivan as he strives to achieve his Chief Scout Award.

The Senior Scouts take part in a 100km. cycle this weekend which will be part of Vicky Walsh's, Niamh Drennan's and David O'Flanagan's C.S. targets.

The venue for this years Summer Camp will be Turlough Outdoor Education Centre which is situated in the heart of the Durren, Co. Clare. Parents have been informed of the developments, any additional information can be got from Maura Rafferty or Martin Walsh.

The Troop learned with regret the departure of Fr. Robinson from Durrow to Castlecomer. Fr. Jackie was a staunch supporter of the Scouts and we are grateful for his help and assistance in getting the Scouts Newsletter up and running. His weekly contribution to the newsletter will be greatly missed. We would like to take this opportunity to wish him every success in his new appointment and hope that he will always follow the progress of Durrow Scouts with great interest.

DURROW & DISTRICT CAMERA CLUB

The Club had a very successful trip to the Durren in Co. Clare recently. While there we marvelled at the lunar like landscape of the area - 100sq. miles of limestone rock. We also visited the Aillwee Caves and rounded off the day on the Cliffs of Moher. 18 people took part in the trip.

OUR LADY'S MEADOW P.S.

Congratulations to Orlaith Cleary, 6th class, who was presented with a Certificate of Merit for full-attendance in her eighth years at Our Lady's Meadow P.S.

The following are the results of our final school draw which took place on 26th June:

1st prize of	£100.	Mrs M. Hutchinson, Moyne, Durrow.
2nd "	£50.	Zoe Foley, Barnhill, Durrow.
3rd "	£10.	Brendan Casey, Derry Road, Durrow.
4th "	£10.	John Lawless, Kyle, Durrow.
5th "	£10.	Paddy Flynn, Carrigan, St. Durrow.
6th "	£10.	John O'Regan, Chapel Street, Durrow.
7th. "	£10.	Sr. Oliver, Presentation Convent, Durrow.

FOR SALE Turf delivered in trailer loads or bagged.
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SYMPATHY is extended to the Lawless family on their recent bereavement.

FARM AND WATER SAFETY

The annual summer holidays from school bring a sharp increase in the number of accidents on farms and in the water. A third of all fatal accidents occur to young people. Accident levels peak during the summer months. On the farm the majority of accidents involve tractors and farm machinery.

What we can do;

- (a) Warn of the dangers that exist on the farm.
- (b) Decide on areas from which children should be excluded.
- (c) Make sure dangerous machines are properly guarded.
- (d) Make sure pits are properly fenced.
- (e) Make children aware of the hazardous areas, operations and activities from which they should stay clear.

Everyday Safety;

1. Drive at a safe speed.
2. Never leave the starting key in an unattended vehicle.
3. When handling dangerous chemicals such as pesticides, etc., make sure that they are safely locked away after use.
4. Always be on the look out for children, particularly when starting or driving vehicles or machinery.
5. Do not allow children to drive.
6. Do not carry children on machinery.

Water Safety;

1. NEVER swim alone.
2. Do NOT swim after eating. Wait at least one hour.
3. Do NOT go out of your depth.
4. Only swim in water you are familiar with.
5. If at the sea always ask the lifeguard where it is safe to swim.

RATHDOENEY INVITATION BILLIARD TOURNAMENT results;

Tom Woods scratch	beat	W. Abbott plus 50
John Carter plus 50	lost to by 11 points	L. Drennan scratch
L. Drennan is current Irish Champion.		
Kieran Scames plus 50	lost to by 11 points	P. Sullivan scratch.

CONGRATULATIONS to Padraig Walsh, Bishopswood who is county finalist representing Laois in the 1991 National Creamery Milk Supplier Competition in the over 30,000 gallon category.

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