

DURROW PARISH NEWSLETTER

COMPILED BY THE DURROW SCOUTS

THE MINISTRY OF READER

Reading in Church is not a task it is a Ministry. Here in Durrow we have every right to be proud of ourselves since so many parishioners have taken on this Ministry and also the special Ministry of distributing Holy Communion.

Let us this week take a look at the Ministry of Reader. Like all ministries it needs to be worked at, for it is no easy thing to be a good reader. When reading at Mass we are caught up in the business of bringing the Living WORD OF GOD to his people. This is an awesome thing and carries with it much responsibility. But as well as responsibility it carries with it a special privilege. The person who proclaims God's word becomes the mouth piece of God. Through the reader God may touch the hearts of people listening in a way that we might never realise. To be part of this is a great privilege for any person. So privilege and responsibility are part of being a reader.

Over the years people in Durrow have faithfully prepared their readings and have been so generous in their time and commitment. For this we thank them sincerely. There is no doubt but that God has touched hearts through your work as reader. Although we have many readers there are always vacancies - place for many more. Could we now invite more people to come forward and share in this active Ministry within the church.

HARPS G.A.A.

With the early exit of the Laois Senior Hurlers the door is now open for the start of the County Championship.

Already the Junior B Hurlers have begun their year with a draw against Mountrath. The replay for this match is uncertain. Check Leinster Express fixtures for update.

The Senior and Intermediate hurlers will have played their first round matches this weekend and hopefully will get off to flying starts.

Congratulations to Thomas Kenna who played in goals for the Laois U.21's recently when they beat Meath in their first round.

The Harps are continually trying to raise funds to keep the club afloat. The next major event to be staged is a Gala Race Night in the not too distant future. Further details to be issued as the event progresses.

There are still some Piltown tickets available in the club for the remaining draws. If you require one please contact any Committee member of the Harps. Congratulations to Hughie Sheppard who won £200 worth of Tipperary Crystal in the first Piltown draw and to Liam Deegan of Cullohill also who won £100.

SYMPATHY is extended to the Conroy family of Mary Street on their recent bereavement.

SYMPATHY is extended to the Doyle family of Swan Road on their recent bereavement.

OUR LADY'S MEADOW P.S.

The final School draw will take place on Thursday June 25th at 3.00 p.m. in the G.P. room. All cards must be back on Tuesday. We would like to thank you most sincerely for your continuous support of the draw.

The Parents Council will organise the collection of school books on Monday next 22nd June. We would ask you to check that your child's books are ready and in order.

All children are asked to come in school uniform for the Corpus Christi procession on Sunday morning 11.00 a.m. Mass and kneel together at the front of the Church. First Communicants in their communion clothes.

We have still a number of books on offer which can be seen at anytime up to next Wednesday 23rd June. They are as follows:-

Thomas The Tank Engine & Friends (4 books)	£5.99
Household Hints & Tips	£5.99
Flower Arranging	£5.99
Container Gardening	£7.99
The Book of Pot Pourri	£4.99
Nature Facts Birds	£3.99
Nature Facts Mammals	£3.99
Nature Facts Rocks & Minerals	£3.99
Nature Facts Fishes	£3.99
Summer Cooking	£4.99

DURROW PIPE BAND

The Annual General Meeting of the Rory O'Moore Pipe Band was held recently and was very well attended.

The following officers were elected:

Chairman	John Cashin,	Vice-Chairman	Eamon Rafter,
Hon. Secretary	Mary Dunphy,	Hon. Treasurer	Marian Phelan,
Committee, Jack Phelan, Helen Dunphy, Joe Murphy, Vincent O'Brien,			
Vera Kelly, Joe Doyle, Stella Dwyer, Mrs Conroy, Willie Dunne, John			
Dunne, Henry Joyce, Joe O'Leary and Eugene Murphy.			

The Band committee are running a ~~grand~~ prize raffle with draw taking place on 26th July. You are asked to support this draw as funds are urgently needed to keep the band on the road.

LIONS SOCCER CLUB

The Annual General Meeting of the Lions A.F.C. was postponed as a mark of respect to the family of the late Sean Conroy. The club offers their sincerest sympathy to the Conroy family on this sad occasion. No new date has been set for the A.G.M.

CONGRATULATIONS TO Julie McGree who celebrates her 21st birthday this weekend.

SCOUT NEWS

The Troops last outdoor activity was a dusk to dawn hike on Friday/Saturday last 5th/6th June. 18 Scouts took part in this activity which consisted of leaving Durrow at 11.00 p.m. on the Friday night and hiking through the night over the Ballagh through Capponellan Wood, on to Ballykealy, Aharney and returning to the town as dawn broke. Along the way a campfire was held to help pass the hours, the object of the exercise was to witness the transformation of night into day through a safe controlled exercise. This was achieved even though there was the odd occasional grumble along the way - sample - "My God what are we doing out here in the woods at 4.00 in the morning?" but at the end of the hike everyone seemed to enjoy the night because at the very least it was different.

The troop would like to thank everyone who supported their Cabaret of Friday night, this Cabaret helped raise much needed funds for the troop.

DURROW & DISTRICT CAMERA CLUB

The Clubs last meeting before the Summer break was held on Monday 15th June and consisted of a colour competition on our recent outing to Commemara. There was a sizeable entry with a good number of high quality prints and slides in the running. The results were:-

1st Martin Walsh 2nd Eugene Meegan
3rd Joe Donohue

The last Club activity before the break is an outing to the Rock of Dunamais which is being held on Sunday 26th June. Departure is from the Club premises at 2.00 p.m. Members who intend to travel should inform the committee as soon as possible as it is important that we know beforehand so that we may finalise travel arrangements. A social gathering will be held that night.

F.B. Membership is now due.

DURROW & DISTRICT ANGLERS

The next Competition is a pike fishing competition for the Brendan Sheeran Memorial Cup and will be fished on Sunday July 19th. Usual rules apply.

The second heath in the all Ireland Pike fishing series was fished on the River Suck in Co. Roscommon on Sunday 14th June. 122 anglers fished the competition decided on the heaviest bag. One specimen Pike was caught on the day, weighing 27 lbs.

The top five anglers go through to the All-Ireland later this year.

The results were:-

1st	John Harvey	Ballinasloe	4 Pike	38lb 8 ozs.
2nd	Des Keagherny	Ballinasloe	4 Pike	22 lb 15 ozs
3rd	Oliver Reilly	Deleek	5 Pike	21 lb 01 ozs
4th	Mick O'Rourke	Durrow	4 Pike	17 lb 15 ozs
5th	Val Brady	Dublin	4 Pike	16 lb 15 ozs

Jack Russell Pup to good home contact A. Drennan, Erkindale Drive.

DURROW COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The last meeting of Durrow Community Council was adjourned as a mark of respect to our former Chairman the late Jimmy Moore.

A decision was taken regarding the pollution of the river at the Bridge where children bathe. A letter has been sent to the I.F.A. informing them, that some farmers have been seen washing slurry tanks and sprayers at this point.

The Community Council are erecting a small tomb stone in memory of Charlie Evans late of Derry Road, who died on the 18th January, 1933. He was the first person to be buried in the new cemetery in Durrow.

A garden bench is being sponsored by the Community Council to be situated at the green area on the River Bank at the Bridge.

DEVELOPMENT OF LOCAL AMENITIES & TOURISM

It is not a Gaeltacht, it does not have high mountains or sandy beaches, it is however a very scenic and attractive place to live.

The Durrow/Cullochill area has great potential and a meeting to discuss the development of the local amenities with a view to attracting tourism, agriculture etc. will take place in The Castle Arms Hotel on Tuesday 23rd June at 9.00 p.m. ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

DURROW C.Y.M.S. BILLARDS

Kieran Soanes -150 beat Morgan Kelly -150 in the Quarter Final of the Quinn Cup in The Snooker Club in Kilkenny during the week. Kieran is now waiting to play the winner of the other quarter final.

Mrs. Bridget Newman wishes to thank everyone who sponsored her in the Mini-Marathon. The amount raised was £1,060 towards the Laois Hospice. Grateful thanks to everyone.

THE PARENTS & FRIENDS Committee of the Durrow Scout Group wish to thank everyone who supported their Cabaret in the Castle Arms on Friday last and everyone who sponsored prizes for the raffle.

CONGRATULATIONS to Martina Moore who celebrates her 21st birthday this weekend.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr and Mrs Connie Cashin who celebrate their 40th Wedding Anniversary this weekend.
