

DURROW PARISH NEWSLETTER

COMPILED BY THE DURROW SCOUTS

Fr. Jackie Robinson's OUTLOOK

COMPASSION

"Peacemakers sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness"

Not so long ago I confronted a friend of mine and reproached him for something he had done in a moment of weakness. It was hardly surprising that he didn't speak to me for a week. Then came a curt note with just one question - "do you think you are God that you can judge and condemn?".

I felt very small indeed. My friend didn't need to be judged and condemned for his failure. He knew only too well of his weakness.

What he needed was a friend to stand with him in his pain, to encourage and to lift him up. In other words, he needed a little bit of COMPASSION.

New compassion is totally different from pity. It's easy to say "life is tough" or "I'm sorry for your troubles".

But compassion demands understanding and love. It means feeling or suffering with the person you are helping.

Some of the great Saints like St. Francis of Assisi were outstanding examples of compassion. But you don't have to be a great saint to show compassion. We all have it within ourselves to be compassionate. Sometimes it may require no more than listening to another person or sharing a friend's suffering in silence.

One woman told me about a priest - she said he was marvellous the night her little lad was taken to hospital and it wasn't anything he said - he just sat there with us for four hours while the operation was going on. That priest gave his time suffering with that woman.

During his mission on Earth Jesus Christ never judged or condemned any man for his mistakes on the contrary he forgave them, healed them and encouraged them to sin no more.

Even in the midst of his own agony on the Cross, He was ready to show compassion. He reached out and provided the thief with the greatest haul of his career - a touch of God's compassion.

"SON THIS DAY YOU WILL BE WITH ME IN PARADISE" and like Christ - a compassionate man will never condemn anybody because he realises he knows nothing of the hidden tragic factors which are too delicate to be revealed.

The passion of Jesus is ended but his compassion will never end - we must live likewise.

DURROW & DISTRICT ANGLERS

The Pike fishing competition for the Christy Finnegan Cup will not take place on Sunday due to the Harps U/21 team playing in the County Final. Members will be informed of new date for the competition.

Eamon Muldowney, Kilkenny has qualified to fish in the All Ireland Pike fishing competition to be held later in the year. Eamon qualified on Sunday last when he caught two fine pike on the River Suck at Ballyforan Bridge, Co. Roscommon. The next qualifier in the All Ireland series is on Sunday 4th November in Keady, Northern Ireland.

A great night is to be had on Saturday night at the Durrow Inn for 12th annual Bar-Be-Que.

HOLY FAMILY BOYS N.S.

Congratulations to the quiz team from the Holy Family Boys' School who have now qualified for the 3rd stage of the Credit Union Quiz, in Thurles. Having come first in the Durrow Quiz they then came 4th out of a total of 22 teams in the Kilkenny Quiz, on 18th October. The quiz team is; Paul Shortall, Brian Shortall, Brian Aonghus Campion, Tony Dempsey.

Congratulations to the 7 - a - side who took part in the Furling Blitz, organised by Cumann na mBunscoileanna, in Fortlaxis on Saturday 13th October.

The Holy Family Boys' School will be holding an American Tea Party on 16th November in the C.Y.M.S. Hall.

DURROW FOROIGE CLUB

The A.G.M. of the Bishops Foroige Club Durrow took place on Friday 19th October.

The following were elected;

Chairman Damien Clooney,	vice-Chairman Finian Dempsey,
Secretary Sean Delahunty,	assistant Secretary Julie Sheppers,
Treasurer James McGeough,	P.R.O. John Clooney.

Meetings are on every Monday night in the small C.Y.M.S. Hall at 8.00p.m. The club will hold a bonfire on Tuesday 30th there will also be a party on the following Thursday night.

HEYWOOD COMMUNITY SCHOOL

U/16 Soccer at Heywood Community School.

Spirits were high in Heywood last week after the U/16 soccer team's second outing. Mountmellick Community School had provided the opposition in round one. It was the turn of Patrician College, Ballyfin, last Wednesday. By a coincidence the scoreline was the same on both occasions --- 7-1. This is the third year running that a school from South Laois has won the county soccer title (U/14 level in 1988). H.C.S. meet a Kildare team in the semi-final. All eyes are again on the Midland League title, won in January this year by St. Pinter's College.

Five of last year's team are still eligible. Add in five strong former Salesian College players and one from Abbeyleix V.S. and one comes up with a strong squad. Some of the subs won U/14 Midland League medals with Salesian College, Ballinakill last year. The team has a good mix of experience, physique, skill and teamwork. Add in a tight back-line, high-scoring forwards and long-distance kick-outs from goalkeeper Kieran Shortall and one gets an insight into the high spirits. Don't worry - we won't fall foul of the overconfidence syndrome. If we get to the final Patrician College, Newbridge, will be no push-over. Anyway, we will keep in touch.

Team; A. Townsend, F. Dempsey, P. Dooley, C. Murphy, J. McEvoy, O. Bergin, D. O'Flanagan, D. O'Donovan, S. Delahunty, K. Gorman, K. Shortall.

FOR SALE: New Ladies Clothes, ex-factory.  
Below cost price.  
At Laois Cleaners, Abbeyleix. Phone; 31249.

Dr. Tony McGuane has commenced General Practice at The Square, Durrow (above The Stores). Phone 056-33468.

Hours are as follows;

Mon. 3.30p.m. to 5.00p.m.  
Tue. 10.30a.m. to 12.00a.m.  
Wed. Ballyragget only 9.30a.m. to 11.30a.m.  
Thur. 10.30a.m. to 12.00a.m.  
Fri. 3.30p.m. to 5.00p.m. Sat. 10.00a.m. to 11.30a.m.

## LIONS SOCCER CLUB

The Lions maintained their unbeaten run in the League and were unlucky not to get both points in their away game with Bagnelstown. The score was 1-1 draw. R. Dempsey scored and maintained his goal a game record.

The previous Sunday 14th October the Lions won 3-2 at home to Bridge United. The scorers were R. Dempsey 2, B. Woods 1.

The Lions hold a Cabaret in the Durrrow Inn on Saturday 3rd November. Music by Express. Tickets are now on sale from any of the committee members.

Training: Schoolboys in C.Y.M.S. Hall on Tuesday nights from 7.00p.m. to 9.30p.m.  
Juniors on Thursday nights at the Cork Road at 8.00p.m.

The Lions play Ormondville at home on Monday 29th October at 2.30p.m. Support would be welcome.

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## HARPS G.A.A. CLUB

All roads will lead to Rathdowney on Sunday when the Harps play Rosenallis in the U/21 county hurling final at 1.00p.m. Having beaten Castletown with a brilliant display of hurling in the semi-final the Harps must be strong favourites on paper to bring home the cup, but they would do well to remember that success in hurling can only be achieved on the field of play. Should the Harps be successful on this occasion it will be just reward for this particular bunch of lads who have won every championship available to them in the County since their juvenile days.

To ensure that all people, young and old, can come and support the Harps on Sunday, a bus will leave the square at 12.15p.m. and call at Cullohill at 12.30p.m. Fare for adults is £1. and 50p. for children under 16. The trip will be fully supervised.

The first draw in the Lacin Co. Board raffle will take place on Monday night in Portlacin. All tickets should be returned to John Phelan before Sunday night.

The Harps have decided to withdraw from the Lacin minor hurling Winter league which commenced recently. This decision was reached having given due consideration to the fact that these young lads have been in constant competition and training since March of this year, in addition to their involvement in other sporting activities over the Winter months. The club therefore were of the opinion that these young lads were in danger of over-exposure to competitive competition.

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## SCOUT NEWS

The Scouts have now resumed their Friday night Troop meetings in the Convent Hall from 8.00p.m. to 9.30p.m. Over the year the meetings will consist of instruction in First-Aid, Pioneering, Map and Compass, Morse Code, Survival techniques, knotting and other related Scout activities plus plenty of fun and games. At the last Troop meeting there was an attendance of 19 Scouts, which after a relatively quiet Scouting year shows that the interest is still very much there. During the meeting we held an open forum during which the direction the Troop should take for the coming year was discussed. It was decided against splitting the Troop into Junior and Senior sections as had been envisaged, the majority felt that the loss of the experienced older Scouts would be a negative factor. It was also felt that we should go back to the one outdoor activity each month as this was the type of work which brought the Troop to its placing of 6th in Ireland in the 1986/87 National Scouting Competition. Other activities discussed were - more camps with Troops from Slieve Bloon and other Districts - trips to Dublin, Summer Camp with other Scouts. So hopefully 90/91 will be a good year for Scouting in Durrrow.

The Insurance premium £7-50. for the coming year is now due. This must be paid before Christmas, we have begun collecting £1. each week so that we can reach this target on time. We would be grateful if these payments could be kept up.

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SYMPATHY is extended to the Hennessy family, Swan Road on their recent bereavement.

Since my last snippet Thank God the scene in the World has changed, conflict of war has been averted. By the response to my letter on war year's memories let us still stay with those memorable years. Fuel for the fire was very scarce, no coal and just a small amount of turf as the Government of the day was very wise in preparing for a long war. Anyone who had a lorry was given a ration of petrol to draw turf and wood to a huge dump in Dublin. The late Joe Brophy was one of the men from Durrow and he often told me great stories of the adventure it was with with bad tyres, there was always a great joy on reaching the city. After the war was over the huge dumps were sold.

There was funny sides to war years inspite of everything being so scarce. Government inspectors would call to check on shops to ensure the "Black Market" as it was called was kept at bay, but in spite of this it still went on. Bicycle tyres £1 each, tea £1 per lb., cigarettts 1p each, foreign cigarettts 2/8 per pkt. of 10 they were named "White Rolls", "White Horse", "Dominoes", and "Canol". Doctors were busy treating smokers with chest trouble.

One day a fellow came around selling "Black Market" tea and many shops risked the inspectors visit to make a few handy shillings. The tea was packed in neat little boxes so each shop bought a box but alas when it came to opening the box it was just dried white thorn leaves

One shop in town sold tea and cigarettts to the rich people only, forgetting the customers he had before the war and when the war was over the rich left his shop and the old customers never returned. As a result the shop went out of business. I hope I didn't ramble along to far this time, more next issue.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

from 29th October to Friday 2nd November.

Fire Station will be open to the public on Wednesday 31st October at 8.10p.m. All are welcome.

There will be a film on Fire Prevention and a talk.

DURROW COMMUNITY COUNCIL:

There will be a Church Gate Collection on Thursday 1st November to raise funds to erect a Christmas Tree in the Square. Your support would be appreciated.

POWER NITE RESULTS

Tuesday 16th results;

1st. Jack Murphy,  
2nd. Jas. Ryan,  
Elsie Stewart,  
Margo McKenzie,  
Billy Lawlor,  
Tony Doran.

Tuesday 23rd results;

1st. Noel Meade,  
2nd. Kieran Scanes,  
Martin Meade,  
Elsie Stewart,  
John Woods,  
Neil Dollard.

CRAFT CLASSES are being held every Thursday night at 8.30p.m. All are welcome. The classes are in the I.C.A. Hall, Patrick Street.

SYMPATHY is extended to the Parkinson Family, Mary Street on their recent bereavement.

SYMPATHY is extended to the Alley Family, The Square on their recent bereavement.

SYMPATHY is extended to Mrs K. Sheehy and family, Kilkenny on their recent bereavement.

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