

Durrow Parish Newsletter

Compiled by the Durrow Scouts

Fr. Jackie Robinson's OUTLOOK

THE LORD IS ALIVE

I was watching the T.V. News the other night with a friend. There was racial violence, a fatal car crash, a bank robbery and a man shot dead in front of his children. "May God help them all" I said. "I think God must be dead" my friend replied "or He's never allow all those dreadful things to happen".

I thought about his words on my way home. We are indeed living in a sad time, but we can't blame God. He gave us the gifts of intelligence and free-will, and this is how we are using, or maybe 'abusing' them. Some of those tragedies are caused by greed, some by desire for power, and more are caused by fear.

Surely there's something terribly wrong with our priorities when we spend countless millions stockpiling nuclear bombs. We already have enough to blow our lovely world to bits, still we have thousands of scientists working away, thinking of bigger, and better and quicker ways to destroy the 'possible' enemy. He in the meantime is spending his countless millions stockpiling, and inventing better bombs to destroy us.

The really tragic part is this, while all that big big spending is going on, there are thousands of children dying every day, dying from hunger, thirst, and from a lack of the most fundamental medical aid.

And where do you leave religious wars? Some of us are killing our neighbours, in the name of Him, who told us to love our neighbours as ourselves!

Look around you, His love surrounds us, the poet sees His face in every flower. I see Him in eyes, all eyes, especially childrens eyes. Who could listen to Mother Theresa of Calcutta, and look at her wonderful loving face, and still say that God is dead?

Oh! no, God is not dead, God is alive, alive and well and living in you and me and He can do so much for this world if we would only allow Him to work through us.

Durrow Community Council

The January meeting of the Durrow Community Council will take place on Monday night, January 9th at 8.30 p.m. sharp in the Durrow Inn. All members are asked to attend.

Poker Club

Winners of the last Poker Nite were:-

J. Murphy	£40
M. Cody	£15
O. O'Reilly	£ 5
C. Murphy	£ 5
F. Clancy	£ 5
J. Woods	£ 5

SYMPATHY is extended to Mrs. Tynan on her recent bereavement
SYMPATHY is extended to the Campion family, Cork Road on their recent bereavement.
SYMPATHY is extended to the Palmer family on their recent bereavement.
SYMPATHY is extended to the Donohue family, Erkindale drive on their recent bereavement.

Lions Christmas Hamper Draw

- 1st. Bertie Bradish, Patrick St. Durrrow
- 2nd Sean Murphy, Woodview, Durrrow
- 3rd John Cahill, Ballyouskill Attanagh
- 4th Noreen Shields, Coolnacritta, Cullohill
- 5th William O'Brien, Urlingford, Co. Kilkenny
- 6th O'Hara Family, Ballyraggett, Co. Kilkenny
- 7th Hugh Sheppard, Swan Road, Durrrow
- 8th Ellie Kenna, Swan Road, Durrrow
- 9th Teresa Lalor, Cork Road, Durrrow
- 10th Kelly Family, Knockroe, Ballyraggett, Co. Kilkenny
- 11th Brian Woods, Carrigan St. Durrrow
- 12th Michael Kells, Cullohill
- 13th Richard Dempsey, Swan Road, Durrrow.

The Lions would like to thank everyone who sponsored items for the draw. Without these generous sponsorships the club would find it hard to survive.

On the field the Club were not so successful over the Christmas period. On December 18th the Lions played away to Deen Celtic and were beaten 2-4. Scorers: R. Dempsey (?)

Then on December 26th St. Stephen's Day we got our last result a 1-1 draw away to Clover United. Scorers: T. Dunne.

Then on Sunday 1st, New Year's Day we were beaten 1-3 at home to Continentals. Scorer: M. Lanigan

On Sunday 8th January we play away to Ormondavilla at 11.00 a.m.

Cub Scouts

The results of a Christmas Card Competition held in December were:-

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| 1st | Owen Byrne |
| 2nd | Ian Kelly |
| 3rd | Natasha Kenna |

The standard of the competition was very high and our congratulations to the winners.

This weekend an outing has been arranged to see the Pantomime "Babes in the Wood" in Dublin. A number of Cub Scouts are attending and a great time is expected to be had by all.

We would like to thank the Parents & Friends Committee for paying for the bus and also for subsidising the cost of the admission to the Panto.

As the Scout Association is a uniformed group all sections of the Scouts (Beavers, Cubs and Scouts) must wear their uniform at meetings and all Scout related activities. Uniform consists of Scout Jumper, Scarf and woggle and Scout Trousers. The trousers need only be worn at Leaders discretion.

New and partly used Uniforms and accessories are available at the Scout distribution Centre, Bennetsbridge Road, Kilkenny.

Tuesday	7.00 p.m.	9.00 p.m.
Thursday	7.00 p.m.	9.00 p.m.
Friday	7.00 p.m.	9.00 p.m.
Saturday	10.00 a.m.	12.00 a.m.

Some uniforms are still available from A. Drennan, 14 Erkindale Drive.

CONGRATULATIONS to Joe Glennon, Castle St. Durrrow on his recent win in the Millennium Draw.

Harps G.A.A.

At the recently held A.G.M. of the Harps G.A.A. the following people were elected to serve the Club for the coming year:-

President	Sean Cashin
Vice Presidents	Canon T. Marnell, Fr. J. Robinson and Fr. J. Purcell
Chairman	H. Sheppard
Vice Chairman	B. McEvoy
Secretary	D. Deegan
Ass. Secretary	P. Monnelly with responsibility for football
Joint Treasurers	J. Phelan, J. Dollard
P.R.O.	P. Monnelly

Committee: P. Kelly, M. Dunphy, G. Brophy, S. Duggan, L. Phelan,
P. Hennessy, B. White, S. Brophy, T. Thornton, J. Dunphy,
M. Carroll, T. Walsh, M. Brophy, J. Donoghue, J. Forgarty.

The meeting was poorly attended which reflected on the years gone by.
The selections of selectors was left over until first Committee meeting.

Selectors: Senior and Intermediate Hurlers

B. McEvoy, M. Brophy

Junior B. Hurlers

P. Kelly, D. Deegan, J. Phelan.

Under 21 Hurlers

M. Dunphy, D. Deegan

Minor Hurlers

L. Phelan, J. Donoghue

Junior "A" Football

T. Walsh, P. Monnelly, B. White

Under 21 Football and Minor "B" Football

T. Walsh, P. Monnelly, B. White

Hurling Trainer - Sean Doherty

Football Trainer - Mick Carroll

Also at the meeting the Committee was divided into sub-committees:-

Social Committee:

P. Monnelly, T. Walsh, H. Sheppard, P. Kelly,
S. Duggan, M. Dunphy

Field Committee

(Durrow)

J. Donoghue, J. Dunphy, G. Brophy, T. Thornton

Field Committee

(Cullohill)

D. Deegan, S. Brophy, L. Phelan, B. White

Jersey Maintenance

P. Hennessy

Football Officer

M. Carroll

Accident Claims Officer

B. McEvoy

Finance Committee

J. Phelan, J. Dollard, D. Deegan, B. McEvoy

Juvenile Committee

M. Brophy, J. Forgarty, and 4 other people

The next Committee meeting to be held in Cullohill Community Centre on
Wednesday 18th January.

St. Fintan's College former home of the Ashbrooks

When you enter the house there are two stained glass windows, one on either side of the hall door and a masterpiece done on the large window at the top of the first flight of stairs. The artist that did them was Louis Flower who was born in 1870. All of them depict scenes from Shakespear and were executed in 1895. Some of the faces in the scenes were copies of local faces. Those in Durrow who knew Miss O'Rourke the artist could verify that the face of Lady Katriona in the window to the right of the hall door is hers. As an artist Louis would surely have been acquainted with a person of similar ability in town.

The large window on the stairs is a masterpiece in stained glass. It depicts the seven ages of man (as found in King Henry IV) as a side panel. In the centre you find at the top the family crest of the Ashbrooks. Below and around the crest you have the emblem of the three Kingdoms:- The Rose - England, the Thistle - Scotland and the Shamrock -- Ireland. Further down you find the monogram A.M. being Augusta Marton (A Lankashire Lady) and W.F. William Flower. These were husband and wife and grandparents of Louis.

The present Viscount Ashbrook the 10th left here in 1922. When Canon Carrigan heard of their leaving he said it was a sad day for Durrow seeing that they were here for almost three hundred years. He returned now and then. At his last visit the then Rev. Mother Sr. Mary Bowe invited my wife and myself up to the Convent to have a cup of coffee with Viscount Ashbrook and his wife. We found them a pleasant pair. He told us that he regretted that his family didn't take more notice of the local people when they were here.

When he went to England he married a very wealthy lady with a big estate. Their house is a show piece and is open to the public. His eldest son Michael manages the estate. He will be the next Viscount. He married a Catholic and their children are being brought up as Catholics.

No tour of Durrow would be complete without a visit to our two lovely housing estates, Erkindale Drive and St. Fintan's Terrace where that beautiful Grotto in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes can be seen. Both of these estates are kept picturesque and tidy all the year round, a credit to the residents. Before the Tidy Towns took on the importance it has to-day in Durrow these good people had formed a Residents Association and showed what can be achieved by good Community spirit.

In praising these people we must not omit to give credit to the people living on the approach roads for the wonderful work they have done.

Durrow is also a good trading town. We are very well catered for with a great variety of business premises, a fact appreciated by residents and visitors alike. The town is ideally situated on the main Dublin to Cork road and our traders benefit greatly from passing trade, as many travellers like to stop awhile to admire and avail of our many amenities.

Sadly my tour of Durrow is now complete. I hope you derived some pleasure and some little more knowledge of our beautiful town than you had previously. It is a town of which young and old can be justly proud.

Anois guim gach Beannacht O Dhia agus o a Mhathair Naofa ar mhuintir Dharmaigh Ua nDuach i gconai.