

DURROW PARISH NEWSLETTER

COMPILED BY THE DURROW SCOUTS

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

If you are loved by someone, be grateful and be glad. Fling off every mood that tends to make you glum or sad. You are Fortune's darling and richer than a king, having the greatest blessing that life can ever bring. Love is a tender flower, so keep it fresh and fair. Water it with kindness and cherish it with care. Hold it if you have it, for its God's own gift to you. A wonderful possession is a love that's warm and true. If you are loved, speak softly. Let gentle things be said. No bitter word be spoken, to spoil the years ahead.

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Within yourself you have the power to be what you desire. Within your soul there is the goal to which your thoughts aspire. Not in the outside world, but in yourself potentially. You are the kind of person that you really wish to be.

DURROW PARISH LOTTO RESULTS

Monday 27th September: No Jackpot winner. Nos. 4-12-17.
£20 won by Walter Foyle, Patrick St., Durrow &
Kevin Dollard, Bishopswood, Durrow.
£10 Mairead Phelan, The Bridge, Durrow.

Monday the October: No Jackpot winner. Nos. 5-23-28.
£20 won by Jack Butler, Erkindale Dr., Durrow &
Dolly Phelan, The Bridge, Durrow.
£10 Eileen Sheppard, St Fintan's Tce., Durrow.

Next draw in Peadar's Bar, Mary St., Durrow on Monday 11th October.
Jackpot £700.

JUBILEE 2000 The Parish of Durrow will join with its five neighbouring parishes to go on pilgrimage to one of our ancient historical Christian sites: Aghaboe monastery, on Palm Sunday weekend 2000.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE 2000 A ten day pilgrimage to the Holy Land from the 14th-23rd October to celebrate the Jubilee Year 2000. It is essential to book immediately, 086-2401278 for booking forms.

OCTOBER STATIONS: The October Stations, for the financial support of priests, was taken up in Durrow and Cullohill churches at the First Friday Masses and last-weekend.

We, the priests, sincerely thank our parishioners who, yet again, have contributed so generously. While we are fully conscious of the heavy demands that are being made on your family's budgets in these times, we would ask that all 'incomed' & wage earners, young and old alike, would respond to the six collections for the priests to the best of your financial ability. The outstanding offerings will be most welcome at any time.

Thanks to the pupils of Our Lady's Meadow, Scoil Tighearnach and others for delivering the envelopes.

CONGRATULATIONS to Fiona Mahony, Chapel Street, Durrow and Martin Costello, Mayo, on their recent marriage.

THE LORD MAYOR'S FANCY DRESS BALL will be held in the Castle Arms Hotel on Saturday 30th October. Music by the Smithereens.

Durrow Cullohill Community Alert

Keep the intruder out

A burglar may be deterred from entering your home by the proper use of locks and bolts.

Windows form a popular entry point for burglars. Windows at the rear or to the side of the building are the most vulnerable. If window locks are fitted the burglar's task is made more difficult. Various types of window locks are available such as the Dual screw lock and the Casement stay screw. You should choose a lock, which is suitable to your window, whether it is a sash window, a french window, or whether it is wooden or metal framed. It is important also not to leave the keys to window locks where they can be seen or reached from the outside.

Doors, particularly those at the side and rear of the dwelling, are also entry points for the burglar. It is important therefore, that these receive special attention. Better quality locks will give extra protection against attacks from jemmys', crowbars, hand-drills and picks-some of the burglar's favourite tools. In addition it is important that any door which gives access to the back or rear doors should be protected. It is recommended that as a minimum precaution, all external doors be fitted with a five-lever mortice lock as it is superior to the rim lock, commonly found on external doors. The door leaf should be at least 44mm in thickness to allow adequate strength after the mortice lock is fitted. Mortice security bolts can also be used to add to existing security arrangements. The quality of the door and the materials used will also effect its strength against attack. There is no point putting high security locks on a door of weak design. Hollow doors are not suitable for external purposes and should only be used internally. Door chains and door limiters provide additional security by enabling you to identify a caller without having to open the door.

THANK YOU

Margaret Guilfoyle (and her family) wish to extend a most sincere thank you to all the people of Durrow and environs for their outpouring of love and good wishes in the celebration of her 100th Birthday.

It was an overwhelming show of respect and celebration by a caring community for a life well lived, and one which will never be forgotten by any of us. We are proud to be a part of this community and again offer our sincere thanks.

DURROW LADIES CLUB

The A.G.M. of the Durrow Ladies Club was held on the 5th October. Officers elected were as follows:

President	Marie Young	Chairperson	Mary Kelly
Secretary	Eileen Keenan	Treasurer	Liz Brennan
P.R.O./LOTTO	Kathleen Stapleton.		

We would like to thank last years committee: Bernie Healy, Marie Clooney and Marie Young for all their hard work.

Saturday Morning Markets continue every week in the Presentation Centre from 10.30a.m.

If any new members wish to join please contact any of the committee.

SYMPATHY is extended to Mrs Nell Sullivan, Cullohill, on the death of her sister Ciss Downing (nee Moylan) at Fair View Nursing Home.

CONGRATULATIONS to Eimear Duggan, Lakefield, on her appointment to the Radiography staff at Beaumont Hospital, Dublin.

HEYWOOD COMMUNITY SCHOOL

To mark the opening of the new Canteen a special night is being organised for Friday, 29th October. The famous band "THE CONQUERORS" will be playing in Heywood C.S. This is an opportunity for you to come and see the project for yourselves. A great night of dancing is assured at a modest price of £6. Bar facilities will be provided.

SILVER CIRCLE RESULTS:

DRAW 3 - £200 Yvonne Palmer, Castlemarket, Ballinakill.
£100 Tom Coady, Old Road, Castlecomer.
£75 Stephen McDonnell, c/o Owen O'Brien.
£50 Bernie Swayne, c/o H.C.S. Staff room.
DRAW 4 - £200 David Sheppard, Mill Road, Durrow.
£100 Jonathan Stapleton, Erkindale Dr., Durrow.
£75 Martin Purcell, Coole, Ballyragget.
£50 George Dalton Jnr., Colt, Portlaois.
DRAW 5 - £200 Ann Marie Nash, The Swan. £100 Ml. Lalor, Abbeyleix.
£75 John Gleeson, Lucan, Co. Dublin. £50 Jim Ring, Abbeyleix.
DRAW 6 - £200 Ciara Morrison, Heywood C.S. £100 Joe McHugh, Abbeyleix.
£75 J.J. Lalor, Ironmillis, Ballinakill. £50 Ger Dunphy, H.C.S.

We would like to thank all those participating in this fundraising venture. The proceeds of this raffle will be used to offset some of the canteen building costs.

FOR SALE: Jack Russell Pups (small breed) 8 weeks old. Nearly ready to leave mother. Contact: 0502-36419.

THANK YOU Durrow St. Vincent DePaul wish to thank all those who subscribed to their September collection. Total was £181.79.

PROGRESSIVE 25 RESULTS

Sunday 26th September: Joint 1st - Jack Phelan & Ned Delaney,
Joe Shiel & Paddy Lalor.
Joint 2nd - Ned Duggan & Larry Mahony,
Frances D'Arcy & Percy Phelan.
Other winners: Willie Tone & Henry O'Grady, Peter Coffey & Martin Dooley,
Rita McEvoy & Molly Dollard.
Raffle winners: 1st Paddy Lalor, 2nd Anna Burke, 3rd Julie Ferns.
Sunday 3rd October: Pat Bowden & Paddy Delaney, Kieran McNeill & Dick
Heffernan, Liam Dunphy & Eamon Fitzpatrick,
Other winners: Tom & Julia Ferns, Paddy Mooney & Ed. Dooley, Percy Phelan
& Michael Fitzpatrick.
Raffle winners: 1st Patty Fitzpatrick, 2nd Bill Walsh, 3rd Peadar Duggan.
Jackpot on Sunday 10th October is £125.

CONFIRMATION 2000 ? There is a proposal (please note it is a **proposal**) that Confirmation will be celebrated in all 42 parishes in the diocese, on the same day, Pentecost Sunday, June 11th 2000. The sacrament will be administered by the parish clergy. The Bishop will visit all parishes on an appointed evening, prior to confirmation, to meet parents, sponsors and children. All preparation will be as other years and the quality of the Confirmation Mass is to be the same high standard as though the Bishop is physically present. Since this is a proposal and only a 'once off' event (2001 will revert to the traditional way) we need the consensus of the parents / children. In order to consult the parents a parish meeting will be held of all parents of our present 5th classess in Our Lady's Meadow on 14th October @ 8.30 p.m. sharp.

Thursday

COUNTING one, two, three.... ALL are invited to the banquet: R.S.V.P. Mass attendance at the 42 parishes in the Diocese of Ossory will be recorded this week-end. The Bishop requested the number of faithful at our Masses, so as to complete his report due to be sent to the Vatican.

CULLOHILL I.C.A.

The Cullohill I.C.A. Guild met at the Community Centre on Tuesday 5th October. There was a good attendance. Votes of sympathy were passed with Mrs Nell Sullivan on the death of her sister and to the family of Molly Delahunty and Paddy Duggan who have relatives in the area. A report on Federation meeting in Ballylinan was read.

A very interesting Cookery Demonstration was given by Dolores Roberts. In a short time she served up to 10 dishes - all delicious. Thanks to Dolores and her helpers.

Three members will take part in Laois Co. Council survey scheme on Domestic Waste. They will be supplied with bins during the week. Mary Quinn and Mary Dollard won the raffle. Mary Bergin won the competition.

HARPS G.A.A. CLUB - MONSTER AUCTION

The Harps G.A.A. Club will hold a MONSTER AUCTION on Sunday, October 17th, at 1.30p.m. in Durrow C.Y.M.S. Hall.

Due to ongoing development we are again looking for your support. We hope every household will support us in giving something to make this auction a success. Any items will be gratefully received, such as: furniture, books, pictures, farm produce, household goods, bicycles, electrical goods, firewood, toys, hardware, cakes, etc., etc., So empty your attic! Many Thanks - Harps G.A.A. Club.

CULLOHILL MILLENIUM COMMITTEE

A meeting of Cullohill Millennium Committee will take place in Cullohill Community Centre on Tuesday, 12th October, at 8:30p.m. All interested are asked to attend.

THE CARERS ASSOCIATION LTD., CO. LAOIS

FAS Community Employment Scheme

Vacancies for Homecare Assistants

Job Description

To help the fulltime carer with their care of any elderly, severely disabled or terminally ill relative or neighbour in their OWN HOMES. Give the fulltime carer a BREAK.

To Qualify

1. Be in receipt of (i) unemployment benefit, (ii) Unemployment assistance (iii) Lone parents allowance, (iv) disability allowance, (v) widows pension, for 3 years or more.
2. Be 35 years of age or over.
3. Be available to work for 19½ hours per week.
4. Use of car essential.

If interested contact: The Carers Association,
Kellyville Court, 1 Abbeylax Road, Portlaois,
Co. Laois. Phone: 0502-61112.

FOR SALE: Cabinet with glass front, in perfect condition.
Contact: 0502-36115.

FOR SALE: Large Press with glass centre door, suitable for sitting room.
Contact: 0502-36415.

Hereunder we give a rundown of the 1999 Tidy Towns Results, & Report. Our total marks for 1999 226 out of a possible 300. 1 mark up on 1998 mks. The marks are given under the following headings:

OVERALL DEVELOPMENT APPROACH received 40 marks out of possible 50.

The committee was commended on their valuable work to date. It was suggested we draw up a 3-5 year plan in order to identify priorities for the future and to help win further community support for our worthwhile efforts.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT received 32 marks out of possible 40, up 1 mark. The buildings around the Square give Durrow much of its unique character. The entrance to the Castle a most interesting feature. A number of buildings require attention. The Post Office and adjoining residence in Chapel Street were much admired as was Joyce's Shop. The derelict house beside the Health Centre detracts from the effect of the lovely stone bridge as you enter from Abbeyleix Road. A number of buildings on Cork Road hill in poor condition and needing painting.

LANDSCAPING received 35 marks out of possible 40.

The school and church grounds are well presented. The grass in the Square and picnic areas are neat and well maintained. The work carried out at corner of Mary Street a credit to the community with beautiful roses in bloom on day of inspection. Mature trees, shrubs and flower beds, as well as the newly planted trees add greatly to the overall environment of Durrow.

WILDLIFE & NATURAL AMENITIES received 16 marks out of possible 30.

The Erkina river is a very valuable amenity for the community of Durrow. There is huge potential here to develop riverside walks and nature reserves and to provide something of great worth to be enjoyed by future generations. Provision of a riverside trail would provide a peaceful haven away from the busy traffic of the main roads.

LITTER CONTROL received 26 marks out of possible 40, down 2 marks.

Unfortunately there was quite a lot of litter in evidence on the day of inspection even though the litter controller was seen hard at work. The picnic areas near the bridge, the river bank and laneway from Fire Station to the bridge were all heavily littered. This remains an area where constant vigilance is called for.

TIDINESS received 13 marks out of possible 20.

Durrow presented a generally tidy scene with its well kept greens, flower beds and new footpaths throughout the village. However, the presence of litter does detract from this.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS received 22 marks out of possible 30, up 1 mark.

The majority of houses and gardens in the village and on approach roads are presented to a high standard. The residential estate on Kilkenny Road is well maintained with some attractive gardens. Painting of some properties on the Cork Road would greatly enhance this approach.

ROADS, STREETS, BACK AREAS received 34 marks out of possible 40, up 1 mark.

All approach roads are presented to a good standard. The Abbeyleix and Kilkenny Roads stood out on the day of inspection because of their attractive landscaping and many fine residences.

GENERAL IMPRESSION received 8 marks out of possible 10.

Durrow is a charming village to visit and has wonderful resources which we look forward to seeing developed in the years ahead. Continue to concentrate on the basics, such as litter, in order to maintain the high standard we have now reached.

SECOND ADJUDICATION (10/08/'99)

While many buildings are clearly well cared for the effect is diminished somewhat by others which are shabby. There was a consistent high standard of grass cutting throughout the amenity areas and approach roads. The residential areas demonstrated great pride. Your co-operation with the Local Authority in relation to renovation works is most encouraging.