

DURROW PARISH NEWSLETTER

COMPILED BY THE DURROW SCOUTS



THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

THESE THINGS REMEMBER...

Days that were sunny and dreams that came true. Years that were happy and skies that were blue. The good things, the bright things, the best things of all. These things remember when life's shadows fall. Hold to the thoughts that are dearest to you. Keep the high hope of the future in view. Friends that were faithful and hearts that were kind. Keep the sweet memories stored in the mind, cherished with gratitude, treasured in love. Forget not these things when the storms break above. In the remembrance of all that was best - You will be comforted, strengthened and blessed.

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Life without love is a meaningless story.  
Love is the answer, the power and the glory.  
Love is the lamp on the untrodden road,  
Lighting the way to the heart's true abode.

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DURROW CREDIT UNION

The Annual General Meeting of Durrow Credit Union will be held on Thursday 2nd December at 8.30p.m. in Presentation Centre, Durrow.

A FREE DRAW will be held on the night with £400 in Cash Prizes for members attending the meeting.

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HEYWOOD C.S. SCHOOL MUSICAL

The musical "Joseph & His Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat" is being presented this weekend in the school Gym. Saturday and Sunday are the final nights. Tickets available at the door. Curtain at 8.00p.m. each night. Admission £5. Your support of this event will be much appreciated.

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DURROW PARISH LOTTO RESULTS

Monday 8th November: Jackpot of £1,100 won by Joe Glennon, c/o Phelan's Hardware, Durrow. Nos. 22-25-29.

Monday 15th November: No Jackpot winner. Nos. 1-15-28.  
£20 won by Rachel Tobin, Mary St., Durrow & Trish Gaughan, The Durrow Inn.  
£10 Aonghus Campion, Cork Road, Durrow.

Next draw on Monday 22nd November in Phelan's Bar. Jackpot £600.

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NATIONAL CHILDMINDING ASSOCIATION OF IRELAND

Are you a child minder? Could you use some helpful ideas? For interesting craft items from everyday materials come along to our meeting in the Prison Officers Club, Portlaois on Tuesday 23rd November at 8.15p.m.  
For information contact: Carol at 0502-23484 or Rosemarie at 086-8058039.

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SYMPATHY is extended to the Clancy family, Carrigan Street, Durrow on the death of Mrs Mary Clancy.

## CULLOHILL COMMUNITY CENTRE

### PROGRESSIVE 25 RESULTS:

Sunday 7th November - 1st Madge Brennan & Peter Coffey  
2nd Paddy Holland & Margaret Phelan  
3rd Bride Brophy & Noreen Ryan.

Other winners: Jim Duggan & Watt Delahunty, Paddy Mooney & Edward  
Dooley, Pat Bowden & Jack Phelan.

Raffle winners: 1st Pat O'Sullivan, 2nd Martin Gorman, 3rd Catherine  
Brennan, 4th Joe Shiels.

Sunday 14th November - 1st Pat Bowden & Ned Duggan  
Joint 2nd Patty & Ann Fitzpatrick, Peter Kinnane &  
Ml. Fitzpatrick, Jim Duggan & Watt Delahunty,  
Ted Maher & Sean Kealy, Una Holohan & Vera  
Brennan, Eamon Fitzpatrick & Liam Dunphy.

Other winners: Madge Brennan & Bridie, John Mooney & Martin Gorman,  
Joe Fanning & Mick McLoughlin.

Raffle winners: 1st Paddy Delaney, 2nd Willie Tone, 3rd Patty Fitzpatrick,  
4th Madge Brennan.

Progressive 25 Card Game continues every Sunday night at 8.30p.m. sharp  
in the Community Centre. Jackpot on Sunday 21st November is £150.

## CULLOHILL I.C.A. NEWS

Cullohill I.C.A. members please note next meeting on Tuesday 30th  
November so as to arrange for attendance at Christmas Party in Montague  
Hotel on December 9th. Anyone wishing to join us will be welcome.  
Thanks to all who attended the Mass for deceased members last Saturday  
evening.

RETREAT - A day retreat to prepare for the Millennium will be held at  
Peace in Christ on November 28th, 10.00a.m. to 4.30p.m.  
Spiritual director will be Fr. Martin Delaney. Cost of day  
£12 inc. all meals. Mass at 4.00p.m.  
Contact: Durrow - Sheila Walshe or Nancy Mahony.  
Cullohill - Sheila Delaney or Mary Walsh.

CONGRATULATIONS to Martin Walsh, Mary Street, Durrow and Angela Dunphy,  
Bunlacken, Cullohill on their recent marriage.

CONGRATULATIONS to Liam Kelly, Graiguevoice, Cullohill on his engagement  
to Eithne Lennon, Keenagh, Co. Longford.

DURROW DEVELOPMENT FORUM are in the process of organising New Year's  
Eve/Millennium celebrations to be held in the town.  
Further details later.

CULLOHILL/DURROW FLOWER & GARDENING CLUB will present a GALA  
CHRISTMAS FLOWER DEMONSTRATION by Eva Holmes in Cullohill Community  
Centre on Monday 6th December, commencing at 8.00p.m.  
Mulled Wine & Mince Pies will be served. Admission £5. Tickets on  
sale from all club members. Proceeds in aid of the Flower & Gardening  
Club and Abbeyleix District Hospital.

## NEW DRAMA GROUP IN DURROW

The members of the newly formed "White Lady" Drama Group in Durrow are busy in rehearsal for their upcoming Night of Theatre in the Castle Arms Hotel, Durrow for two nights only - Wednesday 24th & Thursday 25th November. This new drama group is a very welcome new venture for this active community and all the locals are anxiously awaiting the outcome of the hard work being put in. Of course, drama is not an entirely new pastime in Durrow as back in the 50's and 60's there was a very active drama scene here.

The Night of Theatre will consist of three one act plays - "Bar & Ger" by Geraldine Aron, with two local up and coming thespians taking the title roles notably Enda Carroll as the feisty Bar and Sarah Gaughan as his sister Ger. If there are any talent scouts out there, you might be advised to come along if for no other reason than to sign up either of these two potential stars. Second up is "A Galway Girl" by the same author. The characters are Dermot and Maisie, the two halves of a jaded marriage and the title roles are played with panache by Eamon Duggan and Stephanie Phelan. The final play will be the hilarious "Last of the Last of the Mohicans" by Hugh Leonard. Be prepared for some side splitting performances by such familiar names as Bobby Champion, Gerry Murphy, Michael Creagh, Brioda Kelly and Anne Conroy.

At the helm in the Director's chair is the inimitable Dickie Bradish - a very familiar and respected name in Laois Drama circles. Dickie's love for drama and all that surrounds it, shines through in these performances. This coupled with the enthusiasm and commitment of the cast of all three plays ensures a great night's entertainment.

The White Lady Drama Group's Night of Theatre will run for 2 nights only on Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th November at 8.00p.m. sharp. Late arrivals will only be admitted between plays. Tickets are available by calling 0502-36608 or 36670. Adults £5, OAP & Students £3.

## CUB SCOUT NEWS

Our Cubs have resumed their meetings recently. Our new Cubs, who have just moved up from Beavers, are working towards gaining their tenderfoot badges and for investiture into cubs in the near future. The Halloween Party was very enjoyable, our DJ Seamus Clancy got everyone dancing. A great effort was made by those who came in fancy dress and best dressed went to Pieran Monahan and Susan Campion.

## CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS

In addition to Autumn Hand Crafted Irish Pottery Castlewood EQ Centre are now selling Irish Hand Made Exclusive Candles. Prices range from £3.50 to £13, also a selection of Irish Made Christmas Crackers by Krakajack, Loughrea Price range - £4 to £8. Also available - Millennium Mugs by Autumn Pottery. Display in Durrow Saturday Market on morning of November 27th, December 4th Abbeyleix Dove House on December 5th.

THE APASTOLIC SOCIETY are holding a Coffee Morning & Sale of Work in the Presentation Centre, Durrow on Saturday evening 27th and Sunday morning 28th November, after Masses.

## LIONS SOCCER CLUB

The Lions Soccer Club had two winners in the South East Draw, they were: Michael Walsh, Erkindale Drive, Durrow who won a 28" Colour TV and Bryan Aylward, Rath, Durrow who won £50. Congratulations to them both.

The club wishes to thank everyone who supported them in this draw. We look forward to the December draw and hopefully more local winners.

## CULLOHILL COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Annual General Meeting of Cullohill Community Centre was held recently.

Officers elected as follows:-

President:	Fr. Martin Tobin, C.C.
Chairperson:	Ciara McEvoy
Vice Chairperson:	Eamonn Fitzpatrick
Secretary/PRO:	Mary Teresa Delaney
Assistant Secretary:	Sean Kelly
Treasurer:	John Dollard
Assistant Treasurer:	Kieran McEvoy
Other Committee Members:	Michael Fitzpatrick, Kevin Galvin, Noel Delaney, Tony Dunne, Anne Dunphy

Many thanks to all who have paid their membership for the coming year. If anyone else would like to join you can contact any committee member.

**Fees are as follows:-**

<b>Family</b> .....	<b>£30</b>
<b>Single Member</b> .....	<b>£25</b>
<b>Student</b> .....	<b>£10</b>

Activities have now commenced in the Centre as follows:-

<b>Monday</b> .....	<b>Aerobics, 9 – 10 p.m.</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> .....	<b>Adult Indoor Soccer, 8 – 9.30 p.m.</b>
<b>Wednesday</b> .....	<b>Has been designated General Sports Activity evening. Activities include indoor soccer, pool, basketball, table tennis, squash, handball and raquetball. Coaches will be available:- Times as follows – 7 – 8 p.m. Primary School 8 – 10 p.m. Teenage Groups</b>
<b>Thursday</b> .....	<b>Harps Camogie</b>
<b>Friday</b> .....	<b>General Activities, 7.00 p.m. – 9.30 p.m.</b>
<b>Sunday</b> .....	<b>2 – 4 p.m. General Activities (Primary School) 4 – 6 p.m. General Activities (Teenage Groups) 8.30 p.m. Progressive 25 Card Game</b>

**All Members Welcome**

**EAST OF CHRIST THE KING** Today is the last Sunday of the Church's year. We show our loyalty, allegiance and devotion to Christ our Saviour and King by authentic participation in Mass today and every Sunday/weekend. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will continue after 10.00 a.m. Mass in Cullohill Church until 12 midday. Rosary will be recited at 11.30; prayers & benediction at 11.45. Church Services are transmitted daily from Durrow Church on the CB handset and from Cullohill Church on FM\*106.8

**ADVENT 2000** starts next Sunday 28/11/99. We are invited to be fully aware that the Millennium, Jubilee Year 2000 and Christmas are religious Christian feasts celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ, true God and true Man, Saviour of the whole world. You are invited to take your rightful place and your legitimate part in our parish churches as we prepare to celebrated the greatest event that will happen in our life-time.

**CONFIRMATION 2000** will be celebrated in the Parish of Durrow and all 42 parishes in the Diocese of Ossory on Pentecost Sunday June 11th 2000. Bishop Forristal will visit the parish prior to this occasion

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2000** Second Class pupils will receive their First Communion in the Church of the Holy Trinity, Durrow on Sunday 14th May 2000 @ 11.00 a.m. and in the St. Tighearnach's Church Cullohill on Sunday 14th May 2000 @ 10.00 a.m. Mass.

**OCTOBER STATIONS / NOVEMBER OFFERINGS** A gentle reminder to those who have forgotten: each and every contribution is crucial and very much appreciated. Your offering is needed and therefore welcome at any time. Thank you.

**MILLENNIUM CULLOHILL 2000** Exciting and interesting plans were being finalised at Wednesday nights Millennium Committee Meeting. A committee member will be calling to your door with a letter of explanation of the proposed plans. Your co-operation and support, true to the community spirit, will be appreciated. The next Committee Meeting is on **Tuesday 30th November @ 8.30 sharp.**

**CULLOHILL MACRA NA FEIRME** Congratulations to Pat Dunne and Toams Whyte on coming 2nd and 3rd in the Macra's Wedding Competiton in K.W.S. held recently. Hard luck to the Club on not winning the Leinster Round of the Club of the Year, as last year's All Ireland champions (Bree) Wexford retained the Leinster title. The Club are holding a Progressive 25 Card game in the Community Centre on 28th November. Your support is greatly needed. New members are always welcome. Anyone interested contact any member.

**HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE 2000** A Ten day pilgrimage to the Holy Land from the 29th October – 7th November 2000 to celebrate the Jubilee Year 2000. The price £795 is fully inclusive, with direct flight from Dublin, 3 & 4\* Hotels in Bethlehem & Tiberias, Half-board. Since this offer is based on "first come-first served" policy it is essential to book immediately. 086-2401278 for booking forms. An ideal Christmas present for someone special, especially if a few clubbed together to carry the expense.

**PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES** DIOCESE OF OSSORY LOURDES 2000 is from May 22nd – 27th 2000. For further detail contact Fr. P. O'Farrell, P.P. Lisdowney, Tel 056-33138, Fax 056- 33701 and for the Invalid Section contact Fr. R. Marnell, Chaplain, Stephens Bks, Kilkenny, Tel 056-61852

**OSSORY YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO TAIZE, FRANCE.** July 9th – 19th 2000. An opportunity to spend a week in the company of 5000 other young people with the Taize community in south eastern France. The pilgrimage also includes some time in Paris and London and is open to young people aged 15 years and over.

**WORLD YOUNG ADULT PILGRIMAGE TO ROME 2000** August 14th – 21st, Young people aged 18 – 35 + are invited to celebrate The Great Jubilee with the Pope in Rome this Summer along with 2 million young people from all over the world. You are invited to be one of 300 young people to share this once in a lifetime experience. For either Taize or Rome Pilgrimages 2000 contact Martin Ryan, Ossory Youth, Desert Hall, Kilkenny 056- 612000

**OSSORY DIRECTORY JUBILEE 2000** A book of dates/information regarding the Diocese of Ossory available from the priests of the parish, costing £3