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Parish Registers:

Holy Matrimony:

On Saturday 19th July 2008 Ms Louise Tilson and Mr James McGhie. We wish Louise and Jamie every happiness in their married life together in New Zealand.

Holy Baptism:

Sunday 29th June 2008, Georgia Doreen, daughter of Adam Lewis and Helen Kenny

Sunday 6th July, 2008, Rebekah Pamela, daughter of Gerard and Pamela Murphy.

Sunday 27th July 2008, Emily Elizabeth Niamh O'Farrell, daughter of Oisín O'Farrell and Sandra Kerr.

Sunday 7th September 2008, Juno Solstice Pearl Tennyson-Dockeray, daughter of Anthony Tennyson and Anna Dockeray.

Sunday 21st September 2008, Amelia Kristen Knuttel, daughter of Jonathan and Fiona Knuttel.

As we welcome these children into the fellowship of Christ's kingdom we pray for God's blessing on them and their families.

Condolences.

We extend prayerful sympathy to Mrs. Hillie Madden on the death of her distinguished brother Robin Lewis-Crosby, Lay Canon of the Church of Ireland and to David Roe, and his family, on the death of his sister.

We also remember in our prayers Peter Lee and his family on the death of his mother, followed so closely by the sudden death of his brother.

We pray that we may know the consolation of God's love with us in our times of loss and sadness.

Dr Helen Watson-McKelvie, 1918 -2008

Having graduated from Trinity College Dublin, Dr Helen enjoyed a distinguished career in medicine. She offered first to serve with the Church Missionary Society in Nigeria and the Gold Coast, often working on her own performing general surgery and improvising as necessary to assist patients and save life.

On her return to Ireland in 1946 she joined the staff of the Adelaide Hospital where she became anaesthetist. Those years and some thirty years attached to Monkstown Hospital were among Helen's happiest. Other important parts of Helen's medical career were general practise in the Terenure area, obstetrics and a long association with Miss Carr's Home where she was attending medical practitioner and a member of the committee. In the St. John Ambulance Brigade of Ireland, Helen found further fulfilment and responsibility. In the Brigade she attained the high office of Assistant Commissioner and Chief Superintendent and she was honoured the title Dame of Grace of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem. She attended Brigade functions and activities to the very end and liked nothing better than to be of service at some event - the parish fête, a city activity or a sporting event where, working happily alongside a new recruit or young officers she was always ready to share her knowledge and skills and to encourage those around her.

Through the help of her family, friends and carers, Helen was able to remain in her lovely home until the very end. She enjoyed the garden - the flowers, shrubs and vegetable plot and found endless enjoyment in watching the birds gathered at the bird table. However, it was her beloved dogs which gave her so much companionship and joy.

Following Helen's funeral service in the Parish Church of Kiltiernan on Wednesday 17th September 2008, she was laid to rest in the family plot in the Friends Burial Ground, Temple Hill, Blackrock. We express our sympathy to her cousin Grainne, to her nephews and nieces in Ireland and overseas, and to her neighbours, friends and colleagues.

"Well done, good and faithful servant; enter into the joy of your Master". Matthew 25:21

Mervyn Kennedy 1941-2008.

Having lived in the village all his life, Mervyn was one of the characters of Stepside. Although working in the area, first in the pub trade and later with the Council, Mervyn had an active and keen mind.

He was fascinated by motor-bikes and by the image and personality of Formula One racing - especially in the person of Schumacher. He had an involvement with Fine Gael and could be seen on the canvas trail at local and general election times. He was well informed about the goings on of the village and about the ongoing development and the opportunities and possibilities now on offer - especially for Kennedy's shop and Post Office! Occasionally he holidayed in Northern Ireland and would sometimes express a desire to move there to live but Mervyn stayed in Stepside, where in the embrace of his family he was secure, and where he was able to play a valuable role helping in many ways in the shop. Mervyn's illness, becoming apparent in June 2008 allowed the family and friends to support him and express their love in his time in hospital. We thank God for the kindness and love shown to him in both St. Vincent's Hospital and the Blackrock Hospice.

We pray that Mervyn's family, his sister Noleen, his brothers Tom, Ernie, Vivian and Des, and his nephews and nieces will be comforted in their loss and that they may cast their sorrows on the abundance of God's generous love and mercy.

O Lord support us all the day of this troublous life
until the shades lengthen and evening comes,
and the busy world is hushed,
the fever of life is over,
and our work is done.

Then, Lord, in your mercy grant us safe lodging,
a holy rest, and peace at the last;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Kiltiernan Church of Ireland National School - big changes!

It has been a joy to see children and their parents, including a new Junior Infant intake, coming to Kiltiernan Church of Ireland National School at the start of the new academic year. It is almost incredible that the school should now have a full classroom intake in each class up to 4th, with only 5th and 6th being combined - a far cry from just a few years ago.

We also welcome new staff members - Mrs. Louise MacMahon, teacher in 3rd class, and Ms. Rachel Plummer, 4th class teacher. It is lovely to both teachers settling in well.

The growing numbers attending the school, with associated traffic of people and vehicles, requires constant vigilance in respect of

1. Security of children and of personal effects in the school.
2. Awareness of pedestrians and other users in the car parks.

These issues must be to the forefront of our minds as we seek to provide a happy, safe environment for the whole school community.

Parents, guardians and minders are reminded that the traffic flow associated with the school is **IN** through the main school gate off Glebe Road, and on **OUT** through the paddock. We are fortunate to this facility available to the school.

N.B. No school traffic should enter or leave through the church grounds, or use the car park beside the tennis courts. It needs to be said that if we do not comply with the traffic flow, or if people persist in entering from the Enniskerry Road through the paddock, the facility of its use may have to be withdrawn!

Cars And Pedestrians Within The Church Grounds.

It is lovely to see people stand and chat outside church after services. It expresses the fellowship of the parish, information is exchanged, and sometimes people are "volunteered" for little tasks!

There is, however one difficulty. It is the need for those who park their cars in the immediate vicinity of the church to exercise extreme caution when driving away after services - sometimes through or by the edge of those standing around. This could lead to someone young or old, being struck by a car. **To avoid such a mishap those parking in the Church Close i.e. in front of the parish hall and in the spaces for those with disability should reverse into their parking space.** This gives greater visibility and car control as drivers exit their parking space and the car park. It would be good if similar practises were established throughout the car parking areas and, of course, drivers are asked to proceed slowly and with caution at all times.

Many thanks for your support in this important health and safety issue.

David

Change Of Address For The Rectory

Normally notification of change of address is given when one moves home. In this case, however, there is a need to change the address of the rectory without any relocation of the rector or his spouse!

With the building of the new residential development "The Rectory, Enniskerry Road Stepside", there has been a clash or duplication of addresses with The Rectory, Enniskerry Road, Kiltarnan. This has caused difficulty for the sorting office of An Post and mail has been misdirected, returned to sender and lost altogether. The parish did make representation to Albany Homes before their marketing of the new development, but to no avail. As a consequence it has been decided to change forthwith the address of the rectory to: **Kiltarnan Parish Rectory, Kiltarnan, Dublin 18.** Hopefully this will forestall any further difficulties.

New offices opened for The Leprosy Mission Ireland

at Suite 14, The Cube Offices, Beacon South Quarter, Sandyford, Dublin 18.

"Most Reverend Dr. John Neill, Archbishop of Dublin opens the new offices and with Fr. Ciaran O'Connell, representing Archbishop Diarmuid Martin, gives a joint blessing on the new offices and the work of The Leprosy Mission" Picture 2 as per other e-mail

The Leprosy Mission Ireland is grateful to the people who contributed to their funds. We have received receipts for €17.53 and €71.00 for July 2008.

Rector's Goat Comes Good - Winning Champion Of The Show!

Anglo-Nubian goat "Priscilla" bred by the rector won champion of the Royal Meath Show in Trim on Sunday 7th September 2008. Over the last number of years Priscilla's progeny have been sent to

Tanzania through Bóthar. She has also featured on Bóthar and Dublin Bus advertisements and the broadcaster and presenter Donacha O'Dulaing has visited the rectory to run a feature on the goats for Bóthar.

Both Priscilla and her full sister Aquilla were transferred to Mrs. Iris Douglas of County Meath in October 2007. Mrs. Douglas was delighted with her win at the Royal Meath. The rector's last goat and mother of both Priscilla and Aquilla, Drumbawn Lilly was passed to Mrs. Douglas on 14th September 2008 to continue the breeding line and the spirit of Bóthar.

THE RECTOR WRITES

Summer Holidays. The weather was not what one might have expected for July or August, however, every cloud has a silver lining! The inclement weather gave more time to reflect, to read, to make a jig-saw puzzle and simply to enjoy all that is around us. When there was a break in the rain it was gardening, walking and swimming. Summer is also a time to meet with friends not seen during the rest of the year. Consequently, summer and holidays does us a power of good and we are revitalised, ready for the new season of church, school and parish life.

Being away is lovely, but still contact is maintained as loved ones are carried in prayers, the church in other places welcomes us and the beauty and power of sea, land and sky remind us of God's imminence and his transcendence.

The difficulties experienced by the farming community in hay-making and harvesting were very real and will be felt by all as the price of foodstuffs escalates further. We were also conscious of the terrible damage, injury and loss of life caused by dreadful rainfall and hurricanes.... what must it be like to be faced with floods such as have been experienced in Bihar, India or the recurring storms and hurricanes in the Caribbean islands and the southern states of the U.S.A. ? EVEN England has fared worse than Ireland. It puts our situation in a different light!

The global economic crisis has raised serious and ongoing financial concerns in the relatively wealthy west. Stock markets and financial institutions have been adversely affected. This has tightened fiscal policies within banks and the lending institutions. In Ireland the difficulty mainly centres around the fiscal imbalance due to the downturn in the overheated construction and allied trades and the exposure of financial institutions to this readjustment. The effects of this are felt right down the line and are reflected in difficult national wage negotiations, business enterprise, consumer prices and inevitable job losses. Again it is those on low incomes who will be most affected. And, again, it is the poorest of the poor who will inevitably suffer the greatest - as powerful wealthy countries look to their own needs and troubles, resulting in a reduction of financial aid to developing countries.

All of these issues are very real for people here and elsewhere. However, in 2 Corinthians 4:16 following we are reminded of the psalmist's courage and faithfulness in the midst of trouble (Ps. 116:10).

"So we do not lose heart. Though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed every day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, because we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen; for the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal."

To be back in the rectory, among the people of the parish, the school and the wider community, reminds us again of what is really important to us all - our loved ones, health and happiness, and, as we pray in the *General Thanksgiving*, the hope we have "above all in God's inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory."

As we live life in that hope we are moved to respond to the needs of others and again to go forward in faith and hope, trusting ultimately only in God's goodness and love.

God bless and keep you all.

David

The Church of Ireland Bishops' Appeal at Harvest Thanksgiving time

Alison Rooke, a fortnightly columnist in the *Church of Ireland Gazette*, in the issue of 12th September 2008 paints a picture all of us can relate to - that of prices going up in the shops, even over a few weeks substantial increases can be seen!

The clever (or tight) person will tell you to shop around. The price is less in so and so's. Truth to tell our money is not going as far as it used to! But then we need to keep it all in perspective, to realise the relative values. Despite the real cost increases we do not have to scrimp and save as we did twenty and thirty years ago - not to mention the war years. Still we need to be careful with the pennies.

To quote from Alison in the *Gazette*

"Listening to a radio programme the other day brought me back to earth, however, and I realised that our moans and credit squeeze are relative. Aid workers from Papua New Guinea and Cambodia were discussing the situations in their respective work places, and their accounts of hunger, self sacrifice, disease and poor medical provision stopped me in my tracks. In the face of real suffering, how shallow and guilty we feel; how humble we must be when confronted by those who are actually doing something practical to alleviate unimaginable suffering and hardship. Our frugality is almost obscene by comparison. Oh yes, we probably all do need to prune our spending but we do well to remember the good fortune that is ours, where none of us is actually going hungry; and where we have shelter, safe water and medical support. One must hope too that the very charities themselves are not the victims, as the wealthy west decides to prioritise its spending. The definition of the word "harvest" is "the product of any labour or act" as well as the "gathering in of the crops." Let's ensure this year's harvest is appreciated, not just for its precious bounty, but also for a growing awareness of the plight of misfortune of those who really have something to complain about."

I hope every family in the parish will be able to give generously to the Church of Ireland Bishops' Appeal this harvest-time. An envelope is provided that can be returned on the church plate over the next few Sundays or posted to the rectory. The giving of the parish should not be left to the faithful few. €5 from each person in the parish, from every person in the household, would amount to circa €3,750 - in reality loose change/pocket money, and many of us could do much more - go on, you will, you will, you will - support the Church of Ireland Bishops' Appeal as it seeks to minister to those in need both at home and overseas.

David

Joint Open-Air Service With Tullow Parish

Was it the oasis of sunshine in the midst of one of the wettest summers on record; was it the "new" rector's presence; was it a building on the experiences of past years; or was it something else that brought a record attendance to this occasion? Our 3rd annual open-air service held jointly with Tullow Parish on Sunday 7th September was a most joyous occasion, worshipping and giving thanks to God with the beauty of his creation all around us. Rathmichael parishioners who shared this event with us in the past two years had planned their annual fête for the day before and we were sorry to miss their company this year.

The venue as usual was the beautiful setting of Newgrange, Kiltarnan, by kind invitation of Mr. Frank Johnson. Attempting to set up tenting on the previous Saturday afternoon in the wind and rain we wondered if we were mad to be even contemplating going ahead. But faith is a wonderful thing and Sunday morning dawned bright, clear sunny and actually warm!

Rev. John Tanner led the service, his first joint outdoor event with us since becoming rector of Tullow Parish last year. We were delighted to be able to include a baptism within the service of worship which also added to the occasion. Canon David celebrated the sacrament of Holy baptism at which Juno Pearl was welcomed into the fellowship of the Christian family of the Church. The preacher was Terry Lilburn.

Members of the Johnson family and friends were on hand to welcome visitors with dishes of cocktail sausages before and after the service which was followed by a BBQ and picnic. Throughout the afternoon we sat and marveled at the weather whilst the children were kept entertained with rides in the tractor-trailer and games.

Our thanks go to Frank for his hospitality and hard work and also to our musicians, Ann Keary and her son Fiachra; to those who ferried chairs, put up marquees, assembled BBQs and did all the other jobs that made this such an enjoyable occasion.

Ordinands Update.

Ordinands on the run hasn't got quite the same catchiness to it as nuns on the run does and in fairness neither of our two ordinands, Ruth Elmes and Terry Lilburn are in fact running. They have in fact been "placed" in other parishes as part of their ministerial training. Ruth has now entered her final year and spent three weeks in parishes in Canada during the summer. She is now on placement under Rev. Gillian Wharton in Booterstown Parish until December. Terry Lilburn enters his second year (NSM) and has been seconded to Whitechurch Parish where he will be under the watchful eye of Canon Horace McKinley. We pray for God's blessing on Ruth and Terry as they continue their training for ministry.

M.U. Kiltarnan branch will host an area open meeting on Wednesday 15th October. The venue will be the parish hall, time 7.30pm and the guest speaker will be Ms. Lisa Holt.

Service of Wholeness and Healing: To mark St. Luke's-tide, the 10.30am service on Sunday 19th October will be a service of wholeness and healing.

Summer Holidays

Thank you to visiting clergy - Rev. Canon Professor Adrian Empey and Rev. Kevin Dalton, and to Ruth Elmes and Terry Lilburn who led services during August. Derek Higgins kindly led some Wednesday services and we are grateful to him for this.

That parish activities and worship in particular continues in the rector's absence is a sign of the parish's maturity and vitality. Although numbers attending are reduced during the summer holidays it is good to see so many out in church through August, and to see numbers filling again in September - for that is the primary responsibility of Christian people, to give God the glory as we worship in the fellowship of the Church.

Rector To Take A Sabbatical

Over the past year the rector has deliberated on whether or not to take a sabbatical- what value would it have for him and for the parish?

Ordained in 1986, some twenty-two years ago, the rector is a product of an era in the Church of Ireland - of training in the Church of Ireland Theological College and of a style of ministry relating to a certain period. Day to day ministry offers little time or opportunity for serious reading or reflection which might give renewal to the life of a parish or to a rector's approach, or spirituality.

Prompted by the delay in progressing the proposed Community Resource Centre in the parish, as we seek planning permission and await sale of lands, and Ivan's marriage in New Zealand in February 2009, with the Archbishop's consent and the approval of the Select Vestry, the rector will take a sabbatical from 1st January to 3rd April 2009.

Aware that "secrets" are impossible in the Church of Ireland, it is right that the parish should know of this intention at this early stage. The following arrangements have been made to "cover" the period of his sabbatical.

Pastoral charge and care will be in the capable hands of Rev. Canon Fred Appelbe, Rector of Rathmichael. Worship will be led by Rev. Canon Professor Adrian Empey, with input from others from time to time. Administration in the hands of the Select Vestry and Mr Terry Lilburn.

Life in the parish will continue with one exception - there will be no preparation for 2009 confirmation in Kiltiernan Parish. Those who have a definite desire to be confirmed in 2009 should contact Canon Fred Appelbe in Rathmichael Parish or Rev. John Tanner in Tullow Parish in order to join in their preparations. If young people are prepared to defer and be confirmed in 2010 this would mean we would have quite a group which in itself would be good.

The rector's sabbatical will not "cost" the parish. Diocesan arrangements for sabbaticals require stipends to be paid, however, locomotory allowance is withheld, and this, for the parish, covers any payments to clergy in charge.

An early outline of the rector's itinerary for sabbatical is as follows:

1. January: Travel through south, east and north-west of India to visit projects led by The Leprosy Mission Ireland (TLMI), Dublin University Mission to Chota Nagpur (DUMCN) and the United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel Ireland (USPGI). In Nepal to attend a world launch of a community-based psychological educational treatment project sponsored by TLMI and funded by Irish aid.
2. February: Contact with churches of the Nelson Diocese and with Christ Church cathedral in Christ Church, South Island.
3. March: Experiencing native churches, particularly adult education, in churches in western United States of America, and churches with community outreach in New York.
4. Please remember the rector and his wife Isabel in prayer as they make preparations for this sabbatical.

Friends of Sabeel - The situation on the ground in Palestine

Rev. Canon Richard (Dick) Toll - co-ordinator of Friends of Sabeel North America was our special preacher in Kiltiernan on Sunday 28th August 2008.

Canon Toll, a retired priest of the Episcopal Church of America, has worked as a volunteer supporter and coordinator of FOSNA for the past seven years. Sabeel is an international peace movement initiated by Palestinian Christians in the Holy Land who seek a just peace based on two states - Israel and Palestine - as defined by international law and existing United Nations resolutions. Sabeel promotes theological, moral and legal principles for peace as outlined in the Jerusalem Sabeel document.

The rector gave a short PowerPoint presentation on prevailing circumstances adversely affecting the lives of Palestinians - Christian and Muslim - the difficulties of travel through checkpoints manned by Israeli military; the Separation Wall dividing communities and preventing people from farming their lands or getting to school, work or market; the control of water, so necessary for everyday life, by the Israelis and the continuing settlement of Israelis in Palestinian territories.

Canon Toll spoke simply of his experiences in visiting the Holy Land and of the very real sense in which both Israeli and Palestinian are victims of the present hostilities. He encouraged us to be aware of the difficulties experienced by our brothers and sisters in Christ in Israel/Palestine where numbers of Christians have reduced to 2% of the population. He asked that we support Friends of Sabeel Ireland in our prayers and through financial support. Friends of Sabeel Ireland leaflets were distributed and the rector would be delighted to hear from those wishing to support.

Note: Friends of Sabeel Ireland was the promoting body which encouraged the four church leaders from Ireland to visit the Holy Land in May 2008. Following that visit considerable initiatives for peace, education and cross-cultural co-operation have been undertaken.

Recommended reading:

"The Resting Place of the Moon" by Felicity Heathcote - Preface by Jeff Helper, Nobel Peace Prize Nominee. 2006. Published by THE OTHERWORLD PRESS, ISBN 0 9546150 2 6

The Resting Place of the Moon is a modern quest for truth. Set on Jerusalem's fabled Mount of Olives, the story of this conference of all the birds of the air is narrated by the Hoopoe bird. It is a tale of such raw pain and deep hurt that its meaning is perhaps more poignant and its healing power stronger when the words are spoken by birds rather than humans. Hoopoe Bird's conference aspires to inform, but also to awaken a sleeping world to the daily lives of people under the shadows of military checkpoints and the notorious "Separation Wall". The whole world knows the horror of suicide bombings which bring shame to the voices of freedom, but the underlying injustice so often cited as a reason for terror too seldom impinges on the conscience of the free. As this tale reveals, such injustice brings shame too on all who believe in human dignity and freedom but who do nothing. (Quotation from fly-leaf)

Diary dates

Friday 10th October - Ecumenical Community Harvest Service 8PM

Sunday 12th October - Parish Harvest Service 10.30AM

Sunday 19th October - Service of Wholeness and Healing 10.30AM

Sunday 9th November - Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 30th November - 1st Sunday of Advent

Harvest Thanksgiving Services

Our two annual **Harvest Thanksgiving Services** will be held on **Friday 10th October at 8.00pm** and on **Sunday 12th October at 10.30am**. On the Friday we invite our neighbours from St. Mary's Sandyford to join with us for an ecumenical, community celebration. We hope that many of you will

take the opportunity to reach out and give them a warm welcome as we give thanks for the blessing of the abundance that we enjoy.

The special preacher at this service will be Ms Alice Leahy, Director of TRUST the organisation she founded to give medical and other assistance to the homeless of Dublin. All are welcome and refreshments will be served in the parish hall after the service. On Sunday morning there is the parish Family Harvest Service at the usual time and all are most welcome.

Gifts of fruit, vegetables and non perishable goods (with good best before dates!) will be gratefully accepted for decorating the church.

As usual these will be delivered to Bray Women's Refuge and others after the service on Sunday. Please contact Isabel at the rectory to arrange deliveries of donations or if you would like to help with decorating the church.

Senior Moments

LOST

An elderly lady called 911 on her cell phone to report that her car has been broken into. She is hysterical as she explains her situation to the dispatcher: "They've stolen the stereo, the steering wheel, the brake pedal and even the accelerator!" she cried. The dispatcher said, "Stay calm. An officer is on the way." A few minutes later, the officer radios in. "Disregard." He says. "She got in the back-seat by mistake."

FAMILY

Three sisters, ages 92, 94 and 96, live in a house together. One night the 96-year-old draws a bath. She puts her foot in and pauses. She yells to the other sisters, "Was I getting in or out of the bath?" The 94-year-old yells back, "I don't know. I'll come up and see." She starts up the stairs and pauses "Was I going up the stairs or down?" The 92-year-old is sitting at the kitchen table having tea listening to her sisters. She shakes her head and says, "I sure hope I never get that forgetful, knock on wood." She then yells, "I'll come up and help both of you as soon as I see who's at the door."

HEARING

Three retirees, each with a hearing loss, were playing golf one fine March day. One remarked to the other, "Windy, isn't it?" "No," the second man replied, "It's Thursday." And the third man chimed in, "So am I. Let's have a beer."

SOUP

A little old lady was rushing up and down the halls in a nursing home. As she walked, she would flip up the hem of her nightgown and say "Supersex." She walked up to an elderly man in a wheelchair. Flipping her gown at him, she said, "Supersex." He sat silently for a moment or two and finally answered, "I'll take the soup."

FRIENDS

Two elderly ladies had been friends for many decades. Over the years, they had shared all kinds of activities and adventures. Lately, their activities had been limited to meeting a few times a week to play cards. One day, they were playing cards when one looked at the other and said, "Now don't get mad at me, I know we've been friends for a long time, but I just can't think of your name! I've thought and thought, but I can't remember it. Please tell me what your name is." For at least three minutes her friend just stared and glared at her. Finally she said, "How soon do you need to know?"

DRIVING 1

As a senior citizen was driving down the freeway, his car phone rang. Answering, he heard his wife's voice urgently warning him, "Herman, I just heard on the news that there's a car going the wrong way on Interstate 77. Please be careful!" "Heck," said Herman, "It's not just one car. It's hundreds of them!"

DRIVING 2

Two elderly women were out driving in a large car - both could barely see over the dashboard. As they were cruising along, they came to an intersection. The stoplight was red, but they just went on through. The woman in the passenger seat thought to herself "I must be losing it. I could have sworn we just went through a red light." After a few more minutes, they came to another intersection and the light was red again. Again, they went right through. The woman in the passenger seat was almost sure that the light had been red but was really concerned that she was losing it. She was getting nervous. At the next intersection, sure enough, the light was red and they went on through. So, she turned to the other woman and said, "Mildred, did you know that we just ran through three red lights in a row? You could have killed us both!" Mildred turned to her and said, "Oh, crap, have I been driving?"

TELL ME THIS WON'T HAPPEN TO US !!!!

When I Preach

When I preach there are some who say,
They could listen to me all day.
Others think I preach too long,
And some think I go about it wrong.
Some say my sermon is much too deep,
To others, it's shallow and they go to sleep.
Some report I hold them spell bound,
While others squirm, and look around.
Some speak of me as an orator,
But others feel I'm a perfect bore.
Some believe I have no light,
And others think I preach just right.
Some affirm that I'm too bold,
Others wink and say I'm cold.
Some used to say I was much too young,
But others declare my spring has sprung!
Some folks tell me I have met success,
Others think my work is a mess.
Some have said my pay is too low
When they discover the pace I go.
Still others say it's above the peak,
"Why he only works three hours a week."
From all this, 'tis plain to see,
That as a preacher, I'm up a tree.
Condemned if I do, condemned if I don't,
Criticised if I will, criticised if I won't.
I can't please men of such discord,
So I'll just keep trying to please my Lord.

GARDEN CLUB UPDATE - SEPTEMBER -DECEMBER

Despite the very wet summer many enthusiastic members of the Garden Club continued with the Garden Visits on the programme! We had a wonderful day-out in June to Co. Carlow; the sun shone (honestly!) for the whole day, we were so lucky to see three gardens under perfect conditions. We went to Duckett's Grove, Hardymount and Stonewell Cottage, all very different but quite lovely and full of summer colour. There were 40 of us altogether which was a great turn out. We visited two local gardens in July, "Old Bawn" in Bray, and "The Garden House" in Kilmacanogue and Huntingbrook Lodge, Jimi Blake's garden near Blessington on Saturday 13th September.

PROGRAMME DATES:

Saturday, 27th September 2.30pm. ANNUAL PLANT SALE/ SWOP at KNOCKROSE, home of Tom and Patricia Farrell (entrance opposite the old Sport Hotel on main Enniskerry Road)

Monday, 20th October 8.00pm. GARDEN CLUB A.G.M.

Monday 24th November 8.00pm. Mr. Donald Pratt from **AVOCA HANDWEAVERS** is coming to tell us about "AVOCA, its origins and the developments of the gardens"

Thursday, 4th December 8.00pm. ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY with Enniskerry Garden Club in Enniskerry Parish Hall.

Looking forward to seeing you at the above,

Sarah Tilson

Youth Network Club

A warm welcome back and we hope that you enjoyed your summer break. The Network Youth Club will resume on **Monday 29th September** in the Parish Centre from 7.00pm- 8.30pm. All our leaders, including Rev. Canon David Moynan, will be in attendance.

The youth club meets every second Monday at this time and the children from 4th, 5th and 6th class are invited to join us. We would welcome new members to join in and enjoy our fun filled nights. We are also looking for youth club leaders and if you are interested in giving an hour and a half of your time to this well-needed activity, please contact me at 087 6817240 anytime.

We look forward to seeing many of you on Monday 29th September.

Elaine Moran

TUESDAY CLUB

The Club had its outing in July to Cork, Fota Island and Cobh and we were blessed with good weather due, no doubt, to the prayers of Rev. David in church the Sunday before. We visited the Wild Life Park on Fota Island as well as the Garden and Arboretum there. Thence to Cobh where we had a lovely dinner and overnight stay at the Commodore Hotel. The next morning we visited the Heritage Centre and roamed around Cobh before catching our train back to Cork and Dublin to complete what was a very enjoyable outing.

On 29th July members of the club brought sandwiches, buns, pastries and sweets to St. Joseph's House for Adult Deaf and Deaf Blind in Brewery Road for their tea. The August outing was to Powerscourt House where members met around midday on the twelfth. There was sporadic rain but it did not mar the enjoyment of the unusual but lovely lunches which they serve there. Later we roamed around the shops within the building and the garden centre before leaving for home.

It was a most unpromising start for our outing to Lullymore Heritage and Discovery Park, Co Kildare on 9th September. Windy and wet at 6.30am, it was still raining when we boarded the alpine coach at Kilternan at 10am. Leaving at 10.15 we were surprised to see a large rainbow at 10.45 and shortly afterwards the sun appeared. Reaching Hotel Keadeen at Newbridge at 11.15 some went walking until lunch at 12.30. This was a lovely meal in a separate room of the hotel.

Departing at 2.15pm we arrived at Lullymore at 3pm. Here, Ray greeted us and led a tour of the woods pointing out things of ecological interest - old style dwellings, native and other trees and bogland. Emerging from the wood the rain recommenced and we repaired to the café for tasty scones, tea and coffee. Later we took an Italian train trip from the Centre to the bog area past clamps of turf and back again. Finishing our tour by a visit to two period buildings featuring 1798 uprising data, we left Lullymore at 5pm and Peter had us back in Kilternan by 6.30 after an interesting and enjoyable time.

Plans for October are in the melting pot. Maybe a theatre visit or a lecture? Ring Lydia at 286 7572 later.

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THE RECTOR

David Moynan, rector Kiltiernan
Is a lively leader of men.
He shirks not work, is not all talk
God bless him again and again

He leads his flock in a prayerful way
In religious views quite broad
Blessed with useful talents
This reverent man of God

Has climbed high ladders and sawn down trees
Can work up a bit of a sweat
Toils away with a cheerful word
Shows not fear or fret

Can reverse a trailer without a glitch
Has a very good way with words
Leads by example patiently
And seldom crosses swords

Chairs many meetings, airs his views
Seeks and listens to those of others
Lack of support occasionally
Could be a thing that bothers

To soldier on in apathy's face
Requires great devotion
But imbued with a great belief in God
He continues forward motion

May these few words not embarrass him
Or make him feel too proud
May he go forth with Isobel
With the grace of God endowed.

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SUFFERING

Oh! I don't know how I managed to let go
Of a piece of wood I was carrying
A dense four by four, half an inch thick
With my foot in the wrong place tarrying

It chopped down along the line of my toes
With the big one taking the brunt
And I wearing sandals with no protection
To my pride, a terrible affront

I danced a jig and swore to myself
And rubbed it to ease the pain
Then carried on as best I could
But no fault belonging to Ian

He had been holding the other end
And we were putting it in place

When somehow, stupidly I let go
Causing me loss of face

It is not often I suffer for God
But am making a contribution
For the many sins that I've committed
It's not much of a retribution.

We were working in the Parochial Hall
Getting ready for chairs arriving
Shifting pieces of furniture about
And in making space, conniving.

The work was done, the chairs came
Then we tidied up and left
Returning to our respective cars
I hobbling, Ian deft.

When all your parts are working
You don't really give a thought
To getting into clothes or getting about
And doing what you ought.

But when deprived of a digit
Or a cut or a wound brings you low
You realise how crippled you can be
As on with your life you go

"Your health is your wealth", the saying goes
And no doubt, it's largely true
We should really appreciate it when it's good
And daily give thanks anew.

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HARVEST HYMN

We spray the fields and scatter
The poison on the ground
So that no wicked wild flowers
Upon our farm be found
We like whatever helps us
To line our purse with pence;
The twenty-four-hour broiler-house
And neat electric fence.

All concrete sheds around us
And Jaguars in the yard,
The telly lounge and deep-freeze
Are ours from working hard.

We fire the fields for harvest,
The hedges swell the flame,
The oak trees and the cottages
From which our fathers came.
We give no compensation,
The earth is ours today,

And if we lose on arable,
Then bungalows will pay.

All concrete sheds around us
And Jaguars in the yard,
The telly lounge and deep-freeze
Are ours from working hard.

John Betjeman
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PHILIP WYER

Philip Wyer, a past pupil of KNS has found great success writing and performing the score for a short film that was shown at this year's Cannes Film Festival. He has had a varied career but his first love has always been music, in particular acoustic guitar. Currently he is working on another film score for a film, partly funded by the Irish Film Board and with costumes designed by John Rocha, to be shot on location in Ireland in 2009.

Philip lives in Higate, London and is manager of a guitar shop in Denmark Street.

CHAIRS FOR PARISH CENTRE

As it may be some time before work can commence on the proposed new Parish Centre, the Select Vestry has decided to redecorate and improve the facilities in the existing Centre. Redecoration is in progress and new curtains have been purchased, all with the view to giving the Centre a more 'homely' feeling for members and other functions that take place there.

It is proposed to purchase new, more comfortable chairs. A quotation has been obtained for upholstered chairs on stacking racks, working out at approximately €50.00 each. To help defray the cost, some parishioners might be willing to sponsor one or more of these chairs. As these are now about to be ordered, the Vestry would be grateful to receive such sponsorship as soon as possible. It would only need about 50 parishioners to sponsor one chair each to cover the entire cost. The Rector would be grateful to hear from you as soon as possible.

Archbishop of Dublin's Course in Theology 2008-2010

Course Aim

This course provides a programme of study, leading participants to a greater understanding of the Christian faith. It is open to everyone who wishes to explore the Christian faith at a deeper level. No previous study is necessary.

Course Content

The course addresses six main themes. Course participants will have an opportunity to engage in seminars and workshops led by experts. The course is assessed using a mixture of short essays and project work. Participants will have an opportunity to complete short, varied pieces of assessment between of the sessions.

Venue and Timing

This two-year course will be held on six Saturday mornings per year (9.30am-1pm) from October to May in the Church of Ireland Theological College, Braemor Park, Churchtown, Dublin 14.
Cost €175.00 per year.

If you are interested or want further information on this please contact the rector.

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL DUBLIN

VERGER REQUIRED

A vacancy has arisen for a Verger to assist in the day to day running of the Cathedral.
Important duties will include:

- Special responsibility for the cleaning and care of the Cathedral.
- Opening and closing the Cathedral.
- Working in the Cathedral and sharing with other Vergers in the internal maintenance and running of the Cathedral.
- The care and operation of specialist equipment (sound, cleaning, heating, security & alarm systems)
- Being available at the Cathedral for evening concerts, conferences and similar events.
- Keeping a vigilant eye on the Cathedral in relation to security and effectively to give a "presence" around the whole site.
- Welcoming visitors.
- Supporting the work of the Voluntary workers.
- Ensuring that all valuables and money are looked after according to current procedures.
- Seeing that conditions of work areas accessible to staff and the public are kept in safe order.
- Maintaining decorum in the Cathedral.

The person appointed will also assist in the liturgy and other events in the Cathedral. Candidates must be fit and enthusiastic. Regular working at weekends and in the evening on a rota or shift basis is an integral part of this position. The ability to communicate in at least one other European language would be advantageous. This is a full-time, 40 hours per week position.

The Cathedral is committed to the Church of Ireland Safe Guarding Trust policy.

Apply with full CV to: The Administrator, Mr. Michael Denton, Christ Church Cathedral, Christchurch Place, Dublin. Email: administrator@cccub.ie Fax: + 353 1 679 8991

The closing date for applications is 10th October 2008

SERIOUS WARNING: CAR JACKINGS

Notice on car (not a joke)

Just last weekend on Friday night we parked in a public parking area. As we drove away I noticed a sticker on the rear window of the car. When I took it off after I got home, it was a receipt for petrol. Luckily my friend told me not to stop as it could be someone waiting for me to get out of the car. Then we received this email yesterday:

Warning from police - beware of paper on the back window of your vehicle - NEW WAY TO DO CAR JACKINGS (NOT A JOKE)'

You walk across the car park, unlock your car and get inside. You start the engine and shift into reverse. When you look into the rearview mirror to back out of your parking space, you notice a piece of paper stuck to the middle of the rear window. So, you shift into neutral, unlock your doors, and jump out of your car to remove that paper (or whatever it is) that is obstructing your view. When you reach the back of your car, that is when the carjackers appear out of nowhere, jump into your car and take off. They practically mow you down as they speed off in your car. And guess what, ladies? I bet your handbag is still in the car. So now the carjacker has your car, your home address, your money, and your keys. Your home and your whole identity are now compromised!

BEWARE OF THIS NEW SCAM THAT IS NOW BEING USED.

If you see a piece of paper stuck to your back window, just drive away. Remove the paper later. I hope you will forward this to friends and family, especially to women. A handbag contains all kinds of personal information and identification documents, and you certainly do NOT want this to fall into the wrong hands.

The Centre of the Bible

Q: What is the shortest chapter in the Bible?

A: Psalms 117

Q: What is the longest chapter in the Bible?

A: Psalms 119

Q: Which chapter is in the centre of the Bible?

A: Psalms 118

Fact: There are 594 chapters before Psalms 118

Fact: There are 594 chapters after Psalms 118

Add these numbers up and you get 1188.

Q: What is the centre verse in the Bible?

A: Psalms 118:8

Q: Does this verse say something significant about God's perfect will for our lives?

The next time someone says they would like to find God's perfect will for their lives and that they want to be in the centre of His will, just send them to the centre of His Word!

Psalms 118:8

'It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man.'

Now isn't it odd how this worked out (or was God in the centre of it)?

Before sending this I said a prayer for you.

Got a minute? 60 seconds for God?

All you do is say a short prayer for the person who sent you this.....

'Father God bless my friend in whatever it is That you know he/she may be needing this day! And may his/her life be full of your Peace, Prosperity and Power as he/she seeks to have a closer relationship with You. Amen'

Then send it on to 10 other people.

Within hours 10 people have prayed for you, and you caused a multitude of people to pray to God for other people

Then sit back and watch the power

of God work in your life...

When things get tough,

Always remember...

Faith doesn't get you around trouble,

It gets you through it!!

God Bless You!