

Kiltiernan Klips

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The Rector Writes

Dear Friends,

As this edition of Kiltiernan Klips issues a "new season" of church and school have commenced in the parish and much is afoot!

I hope you have enjoyed the summer despite the wet weather, and that you are refreshed and ready again to pick up all that life offers in school and church and in daily lives at home and at work.

Perhaps this autumn, with the imminent introduction of NAMA, the second Lisbon Treaty referendum, the threat of H1N1 pandemic and as the economic downturn makes itself felt throughout society, we have more than usual to concern us

- class and teacher numbers in our schools;
- the difficulties of cash flow and credit facilities in business;
- those who have been made redundant or threatened with loss of employment;
- the burden of commitments on top of our usual daily anxieties.

Even as we reflect on these and other issues we are hopeful that the way forward will become clearer and a course can be plotted for sustainable recovery. The U.S. and some E.U. countries have suggested that early signs of a recovery are evident. Here in Ireland, however, we recognise that due to our unique fiscal situation recovery may take longer. Nevertheless we are hopeful. Hopeful of better days ahead again - becoming more used to our new situations and adapting to them; recognising renewed possibilities ahead for students as they keep to their courses; working for a recovery of stability in the financial sector that will offer stability to all our lives.

In the midst of all of this - uncertainty and hope side by side - we are again called to turn to God, creator and sustainer, that he may be our strength in times of need or trouble. We hear the words of Jesus in Matthew's gospel, "*Come to me all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and holy in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.*" Matthew 11: 29, 30.

As we return to Church and school for this new season we are encouraged to be involved in activities offered and to lend your support and assistance. In doing so we fulfil the Law of the Lord in bearing one another's burdens.

Yours in Christ

David

Members Wanted:

Tullow Parish Indoor Bowling Club meets in the parish hall on **Tuesdays from 7.30pm - 9.30pm**. New members would be welcome and if anyone is interested please contact Joan Darling at 285 5021.

Just for October, introductory sessions to encourage potential bowlers from 2.30pm - 4.00pm

Rambling With Geoffrey

Is anyone interested in stretching their legs on Sunday afternoons? If so please meet next Sunday, September 20th at 1.50pm in the church grounds so we are ready to leave at 2pm. We hope to start off the season with a gentle walk around Ballycorus taking in the Leadmines Chimney and "Catty". Please bring suitable walking shoes/boots and raingear. Hoping to have a good turnout next Sunday. For further information please contact Geoffrey Willis at 086 374 5586.

Harvest Thanksgiving Services

This year our harvest thanksgiving services are as follows;

Friday 9th October at 8.00pm - Community Ecumenical Service when we welcome our brothers and sisters in Christ from Sandyford Parish. Fr. Eamann Cahill will be the special preacher on this occasion. Refreshments will be served in the parish hall immediately after the service.

Sunday 11th October at 8.30am and 10.30am

Sarah Marry, ordinand in the Church of Ireland Theological Institute and currently resident with her family in the Church Cottage, will be the special preacher at the 10.30am service

Gifts of fruit, vegetables flowers and non -perishable goods will be welcomed as will any offers of help to decorate the church on Friday morning. If you would be willing to assist with packing the foodstuffs into bags and boxes on the Monday morning following our services Isabel would be very grateful. These will be brought to Bray Women's Refuge.

Parish Discussion/Study/Healer Prayer Group is being revitalised. Starting Wednesday 30th September it will meet monthly from 8.00pm - 9.30pm in the Parish Hall

Health And Safety At Work Act

A First Aid course under the auspices of St. John Ambulance Brigade started on Thursday 10th and runs for eight consecutive weeks. On satisfactory completion of the course individuals and the parish will receive certification. Each parish organisation should have two representatives on this course. Notwithstanding the requirements under the Act, this is a valuable knowledge and skill to have for ordinary life situations.

Confirmation 2010

A number of young people have already expressed their wish to be confirmed in 2010. Any others wishing to be confirmed should get in touch with the rector as soon as possible (Tel. 295 2643). The Archbishop's office has asked to be informed of names and numbers by September 30th at the latest and this will determine when and where the service will take place.

The initial meeting of the confirmation group will be held on Sunday 20th September 2009, immediately following the 10.30am service. Please bring your parents with you to this important meeting - adults wishing to be confirmed are also welcome at the meeting

Diary Dates

Thursday 24th September - Coffee Morning in the Parish Centre

Wednesday 30th September - Parish Discussion Group in the Parish Centre

Wednesday 7th October - Alpha Course begins

Friday 9th October - Ecumenical Community Harvest Service

Sunday 11th October - Parish Harvest Services

Friday 27th November - Christmas Bazaar in the Parish Centre

Sunday 13th December - Ecumenical Community Carol Service

Sunday 20th December - Parish Carol Service

H1N1

The following advice has been issued from the office of the Archbishop and in the interests of health and safety Kiltiernan Parish is implementing these measures and procedures for the time being. Please note that there is no reason to change your normal routine and normal hygiene practices should be sufficient. There is no need to discontinue attending church services and advice on receiving communion is given below.

LITURGICAL ISSUES

- a. Provide an alcohol based antiseptic hand wash in the sanctuary area and those preparing the Eucharistic elements should use the wash before the preparation of the table. Ministers of the Eucharist should come into the sanctuary at this point and also use the wash.
- b. Communicants may choose to receive Holy Communion in one kind only. Both elements will be offered in the usual way and it is up to the individual communicant to receive in one kind only. Intinction is NOT advised as this may increase the risk of infection if fingers are unintentionally dipped in the wine.
- c. It is advisable not to lay hands on the heads of children or adults when they come to the altar rails for a blessing.
- d. It may be advisable (where this happens) to cease having an offertory procession during the period of high risk of infection.
- e. Similarly, it is appropriate to refrain from physically sharing the Peace during this period.
- f. It is also suggested that the collection be taken as people leave the service to avoid passing the plate from person to person in the normal way.
- g. It should be stressed that it is quite possible to greet people either during or following worship without actually shaking hands!

PASTORAL ISSUES

The parish needs to be aware that pastoral contact by the clergy may need to be curtailed to avoid the transfer of infection. This may affect such things as:

1. Hospital calls by parish clergy. The appropriate chaplain should be advised, especially in the case of serious illness.
2. Only conducting one house communion per session.
3. Extra care to ensure no infection is carried to elderly or high risk people in nursing homes etc.
4. Avoid contact with households where there is either a current infection or a recent incidence of infection.
5. It is advisable to contact all homes by phone before visitation.
6. Where clergy themselves are in a high risk category (Heart conditions, Asthma, or other illness), they should arrange for another colleague to undertake essential visits to the sick and dying.

Kiltiernan Parish will implement the advice set out above insofar as it may be practicable.

UNISON IN BLACK

Towards the bottom of our garden, a triangular bird feed hangs
Filled from time to time with peanuts, and frequented by feathered gangs
A grey squirrel came and stretched full length, hanging by tail and toes
And despite the attention of magpies, sated its need before it rose.
Big birds landing on a triangular side tended to make it tilt
Making it difficult to stay there by reason of muscular wilt.
Two jackdaws looked at the problem. and then with one accord
As one flew onto one side, the other to the other side soared
Thus mounted, the feeder stood, fairly level and still
Enabling perching long enough, to successfully get their fill.

GARDEN CLUB UPDATE

Despite the wet summer, the Garden Club has been out and about and we have been blessed with good weather on all our trips! We had our Annual day-out in June and went North of the river this year. We started in Howth where we visited "*Medina*", a privately owned garden full of lush, tropical plants, tree ferns, palms, woodland shrubs and with a wonderful elevated deck overlooking the garden. We had coffee there and then headed onto *Ardgillan Demesne* where we had a guided tour of the Walled Garden. It is a beautiful place with the grounds running down to the sea. After lunch in the cafe there, we made our way to *Tully Nurseries*, an enormous wholesale garden centre. I think the manager thought all his Sundays had come at once when he saw 40 ladies (and one gentleman!) descend from the coach! As usual, we didn't find it hard to part with a few Euro (no such thing a recession in the Garden Club) and within half an hour the boot of the coach was filled with plants! It was worth the rather roundabout detour! Onto Ardee to visit a beautiful "*old world*" garden - "*Rockfield*", which was a gem with an abundance of wonderful herbaceous plants, climbing roses and full of character. Either side of the garden sloped down to a stream with the vegetable beds on one side; it also had a fantastic green-house full of very healthy tomato plants, vines, and a peach tree. The owners were an inspiration and we found it hard to drag ourselves away! We got back to base after 7pm; it was a long day but a good one and we all enjoyed ourselves!

On **Friday, 26th June** a group went to visit Lambay Island, this being a follow-up to the fascinating talk we were given by Matthew Jebb earlier in the year on the Botanical History of the Island. The weather came up trumps thankfully and the group really enjoyed the whole experience. The group were taken around the garden and parts of the house by Margaret Kelly who is a niece of the late Lord Revelstoke. She and her husband live on the island for most of the year and look after the gardens. I hope we might be able to organise another group next year as the tour is limited to 12 people.

On **Monday, 8th July**, we visited a private garden in Rathfarnham belonging to Noelle-Anne Curran, This is an award winning garden and those who went to see it, will understand why! Noelle-Anne is coming to give us a talk in the Autumn.

Dates for the Diary

Saturday, 5th September Visit to 3, *Glenamuck Cottages*, belonging to Frans and Jean Van der Lee. Take the first right turn on *Glenamuck Road* and the house is 3rd on the right.

Monday, 19th October A.G.M. at 8.00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Monday, 23rd November, 8.00 p.m. Noelle-Anne Curran is giving us a talk on "*A Tale of Two Cities*" from a gardening point of view in the Parish Hall.

Thursday, 3rd December 8.00 p.m. Annual Christmas Party with Enniskerry Garden Club

If you have any enquiries or would like to join the Garden Club, please contact me.

Sarah Tilson (295 5583)

Tuesday Club

Eleven participated in the July outing to Athlone, all availing of the great free travel facilities. It was a day of dark clouds, rain and occasional sunshine. A lovely train bound for Galway took us west from platform 5 at Heuston Station. Some members pressed for time had to forego getting tickets beforehand. Arriving 12.45pm we ambled to town and had a carvery lunch at the Prince of Wales Hotel in Church Street. In our rambles around later, there was much to see including the Shannon and its eel weir

and lock, the Civic Centre, the Franciscan Church and the castle, an extremely short main street - probably the shortest in the country - which boasted Sean's Bar (reputedly the oldest pub in the U.K. and Ireland). It appeared to have been the Inn of Luain from which Athlone got its name "Ath Luain" - the ford of Luain.

We were fairly fortunate with the weather and avoided a drenching. After rambling and some shopping we made our way back to rail station for the 4.06pm return trip to Dublin. All appeared to enjoy the visit and I think it was my first walkabout in Athlone.

Our outing in September was to the Boyne Valley. Thankfully, the club had a fairly full bus on 8 September and had to turn down some late applicants for the trip. Gosh!

It was a wild mild day with rain at times. Near Slane, we visited the poet Francis Ledwidge's cottage. Originally his home, it is now a museum in his memory. The lady caretaker there was not expecting us but happily let us roam around the 4 room cottage and also gave us an interesting talk on the poet's life. He was killed in 1917 in the 1st World War at the age of thirty.

We then motored to Donore mostly within sight of the Boyne River and dined well there in Daly's restaurant before moving on to the Battle of the Boyne site at Oldbridge. This is an informative heritage site and Raymond giving a talk on the battle in 1690, on the weapons and tactics used and also some data on Oldbridge House itself, now the Heritage Centre. After an audio visual show, tea was uppermost on the minds of most and a struggle ensued to divert them or most of them to Newgrange Heritage Centre which was also on the itinerary and on the way home. In hindsight it may have been better to have had the tea break at Oldbridge House and then hold a consensus whether to go to Newgrange Heritage Centre at all.

In the event, we went to N.H.C. and had the tea break there and, as many as wished to see the exhibits including an audio visual show, paid an extra 2 euro each. Back on the bus we left about 5.15p.m. and were back at the church around an hour later. It was a full day with much to see and do and Thank God for a café at Newgrange.

The next outing is earmarked for Newry on Oct 13th. We may be going by bus to Drogheda and by train from there but at time of writing I have no bus times and nothing is ruled out. Nearer the date contact Lydia at 286 7572.

William D

KNOCKROSE

It is the longest day and yet
What does such a day beget?
A query in two thousand and nine
Is this purposeful or asinine?

Tom and Patricia have sojourned here
Both worked the land that they revere
To sustain and improve this ancient place
While time evaporates apace.

Opened for charity this past seven years
Their beautiful garden evoked much praise
A mixture of the old and the new
A question to maintain / review.

Much history lingers on this hill.
Many traces discernible still.
In 1750 the house was erected.
How many secrets undetected?

Famine pots commissioned by Quakers

Famine victims, thankful takers.
Used for mixing lime and water,
Now a curious garden feature.

Medical members and the Judiciary
Formed a cycling club, late 19th century
Vagabond in name, but hardly needy,
Its secretary was R.J.McCready.

A Recreational Club for wounded men
Was set up in 1915 then.
In 1916 the Red Cross took over
Opening a hospital for the world war soldier.

The Red Cross put their own delph out
Including two handled cups complete with spout.
Storm and a burglary caused distress,
Hospital buildings remain but less.

Let imagination rise and soar
Back to medieval times and more.
A castle existed and a well was laid
Cistercian monks have farmed and prayed.

Unrest as families of O'Byrne and O'Toole
Skirmished against the British rule
Here voices rose in conflict and prayer
And wounded came to seek their care

Despite the troublous times that passed
Through centuries, and in these environs cast.
Peace and good energy can enfold
Touching visitors in heart and soul.

Stone mason skills were rightly renowned
For mushroom shaped granite stones were found.
Older still, Neolithic slabs lie
Like Ogham stones open to the sky.

For several millennia occupied
We, on this ancient ground abide
On this long day, imbibing history
Along with a quantum of humility.

William D

Taney Employment Centre

A new Diocesan Advice And Support Centre for those unemployed, facing unemployment or thinking of a change. There is no charge for use of the facilities, accessing materials, using laptops etc. Individual career interviews can be arranged with one of our panel of advisers and for this option there will be a charge with the proceeds going towards the centre's costs

Based in Taney Parish Centre, Dundrum
Open Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday afternoons 2 to 5.30pm
Starting Tuesday 1 September
Phone 298 4705 or just call in

Parish Development - A Vision Of What Can Be For The Mission Of The Parish

Sometimes our shortcomings spur us on to reflect so that we may look forward with hope to a renewed vision of something better. Perhaps that is one of the values of holidays; having spare time to reflect and to find the energy to plan ahead.

Over the last few years in Kiltiernan Parish as rector I have been caught up in several projects - the development of Kiltiernan Care Centre incorporating Glebe House and Alexandra Close; the extension and refurbishment of Kiltiernan Church of Ireland National School and in the planning and design of a new Community Resource Centre in the parish grounds.

In many ways these have been necessary if not vital projects, laying the foundation for ministry in the years ahead that will have far reaching benefit for people of the area young and old. The parish can be rightly proud of its achievements.

Unfortunately the Community Resource Centre is on hold for the present. The ambitious plans to provide a resource centre which would be a facility for the parish and the wider community, granted planning permission by Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council has been referred to An Bord Pleannala. We await the outcome of the Bord's deliberations. The failure to sell part of the parish lands to finance the building of the proposed Community Resource Centre, and the current economic downturn resulting in delayed development of the Kiltiernan area, has raised further difficulties in relation to the project. We can but wait and see, however, we do so realising this, as all else, is in God's hands.

Over the past months, as reported at the Easter Vestry meeting, the Select Vestry has recognised that for several reasons the rectory, now almost 25 years old is in need of upgrading. Primarily the rectory being a "public place" means that access for people with disability is a requirement. This also raises the question of facilities within the house for those with disability. Furthermore, the siting of a parish office, with its limited space, within the rectory is no longer regarded as appropriate. In due course we hope that the parish office will be sited in the proposed Community Resource Centre. In the meantime an extension to the rectory, designed to be "an acceptable bedroom, en suite and rector's study", will be used as the parish office. As such it will be a self-contained unit capable of being closed off from the main rectory accommodation. This is considered important by diocesan authorities in the event of the parish needing to appoint a new rector. Tenders for the work to the rectory issued in mid September '09 and we hope work will commence in early October. Given a four month build period we look forward to the rectory being in full use again in late January or early February 2010. The finance for the work is available to the parish from the monies on deposit from the Representative Church Body (RCB), money which derived from the failed sale of land in 2006.

In 2009 the parish was fortunate to receive under the terms of the will of the late Dr. Helen Watson-McKelvie, the generous bequest of her house, *Oleandri*, near the Scalp on the Enniskerry Road. Work has been ongoing to upgrade the house - again resourced from the monies in the RCB. Initially while the rectory is being upgraded, *Oleandri* will be occupied the rector and his wife. The parish office will also be relocating here on a temporary basis.

In the longer term it is hoped to use the house in a way that will add to the ministry of the parish. Possibilities include - accommodation for a retired clergyperson who would assist in the parish; residence for a youth worker or a pastoral worker or team; or accommodation for a non-stipendiary minister, assisting priest or deacon. The parish should also have within its vision the appointment of a full-time curate. A sub-committee of the Select Vestry is currently considering the options available and the rector would appreciate input from parishioners.

Alpha Course

In beginning to write the article "Parish Development - A Vision Of What Can Be For The Mission Of The Parish" I referred to being "caught up in several projects." Perhaps the building projects have been part

of what I was called as rector to do in this parish. However, the building projects have impinged on time available for other matters.

"Routine" visiting of parishioners in various homes has been an impossibility - although I hope people who are sick or in need, or those preparing for baptism, confirmation or marriage and those who have been bereaved have not been neglected.

Another aspect of parish life that has slipped away was a vibrant discussion/study group which met through Advent and Lent and had a valuable ecumenical content. To revive this important part of parish life we will run an "Alpha Course" fortnightly on Wednesdays in the parish hall from 8.00pm to 9.30pm. This will commence on Wednesday 7th October. The Alpha course is an excellent way for people, new or established or coming new to the Church of Ireland, to develop their understanding of the Christian faith and to become more confident in "gossiping the faith" whether in our homes, in church and school or when we socialise with friends.

If this Alpha course is of interest to you, you might like to jot down the dates in your diary: **October 7th and 21st, November 4th and 18th, and December 2nd.**

Discussion group

Conscious that a parish is part of the community and that matters of general interest or need impinge on our daily lives, a parish discussion group will meet once a month on a Wednesday night to discuss matters of topical interest. You are invited to attend the opening discussion group on **Wednesday 30th September**.

Maybe you have a topic that you would like discussed or, indeed, you might offer your expertise in leading one of these sessions - now there's a thought!

David

Who Is Alpha For?

Alpha is for everyone, especially:

- Those searching for meaning to life
- Those wanting a fresh understanding of Christianity
- Newcomers to the church
- Those looking to explore their faith

Alpha runs in every type of Christian church, including:

- Roman Catholic, Church of Ireland, Methodist, Presbyterian, Pentecostal, House Churches, Baptist, Salvation Army and the Messianic Jewish Church.

Alpha Course Dates

1. Wednesday 7th October
2. Wednesday 21st October
3. Wednesday 4th November
4. Wednesday 18th November
5. Wednesday 2nd December

The second half of this course will begin in January 2010

Discussion Group Dates

Wednesday 30th September

Wednesday 28th October
Wednesday 25th November

Enrolment For Schools In The Area - Primary And Secondary

Schools at both levels must have an enrolment policy which is both transparent accountable. Because of this and in order for the schools to have some indication of numbers enrolling it is important that parents make contact with the schools of choice at as early a date as possible - even immediately on birth!

Rector And People - Available To One Another!

Much has been said in this edition of Klips about buildings and development. None of this should detract from or preclude the rector's availability to the people of the parish - and it does not!

Should you wish to speak with the rector or wish for a visit from him or if housebound, or require Holy Communion please phone the rectory 01 - 295 2643 and your call will be returned.

Of course the rector is normally in church Sundays at 8.30am and 10.30am and on Wednesdays at 10.00am where any requests may also be made.

We are also conscious of the valuable and valued mutual ministry between neighbours and friends within the parish and community.

Junior Tennis Club

The Juniors at Kiltiernan Parish Lawn Tennis Club very much enjoyed their Summer activities again this year. We ran a one week camp in July and the usual "Tennis Wednesdays" throughout July and August. Despite generally disappointing weather, we were only rained off once! We have an increasing number of juniors participating each year from various schools in the community and all seem to appreciate the unique atmosphere and friendship surrounding the club!

Picture 1: Richard Dawson being presented a trophy by coach, John Michael Harkness.

Picture 2: Some of the children on court with the assistant coach

4th Annual Open-Air Service Held Jointly With Tullow Parish At Newgrange, Barnaslingan Lane, Kiltiernan

Well done to all who attended the open-air service held by kind invitation in Mr. Frank Johnson's lovely grounds at Barnaslingan Lane, on Sunday 6th September 2009. Those participating enjoyed a lovely warm service led by the rectors of Tullow and Kiltiernan, Reverend John Tanner and Canon David Moyan respectively, and by the joint choirs of the parishes led by Mr. Paul McNulty, choir director of Tullow Parish and Mr. John Swann on percussion.

"Open-air" might be pushing it! Two tents were in use "housing" the worship leaders in one and the congregation in the other. Other members of the congregation braved the elements standing under a nearby tree. Despite the rainfall all present enjoyed the lovely worship and the fellowship of the occasion. Following the service the tents "moved miraculously" to the barbecue area and gave welcome shelter for the eats.

Our thanks to all who made the effort to come along but more particularly to Mr. Frank Johnson for organising everything so well and for all the work he did before and after the event.

The first Sunday in September 2010 - keep it free and come along!

What makes one want to strive for Christ? What gives us the courage to be bold for his sake and to his glory?

Listening to conversations and commentaries surrounding the recent death of Senator Edward Kennedy many of the words and speeches of the late John F. and Robert F. Kennedy found new impetus. The courage of members of the Kennedy family, epitomised in Senator Edward Kennedy's brave stances in the face of opposition from within and outside his own political party in the United States and was seen supremely as he offered his support to Senator Barack Obama as he stood for Presidential nomination.

Further back we recognise words quoted by George Bernard Shaw and later by both John F. and Robert F. Kennedy as he stood for President in 1968. "Some men see things as they are and say, 'Why?' I dream of things that never were and say, 'Why not?'"

What a positive approach to life and all its issues.

As Christian people, followers of Jesus Christ, we are further encouraged to have a vision and to follow it courageously as we focus on the hope we have in the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. There is our hope, phrased in Jesus' words of the parable about the rich man entering the kingdom of heaven - "With God all things are possible." Matthew 19:26.

We should always be prepared to take on things and life itself and live them in the power and strength of God's Spirit present with us, enabling us to live to his honour and glory. David

From the parish registers

Holy Baptism: On Sunday 16th August, Charlie Patterson, son of Mark and Kerry Byrne We wish him God's every blessing as he begins his life within the family of Christ.

Holy Matrimony: Mel Cathcart and Colin Reed on Saturday 18th July. We wish them every happiness in this new phase of their life together

Condolences

Irwin Johnson on the death of his father in August.

The families of Mrs. Ann Mason and Mrs. Winnie Teskey residents of Glebe House who died in July and August

HEAVEN AND HELL

A holy man was having a conversation with God one day and said, '*God, I would like to know what Heaven and Hell are like.*' God led the holy man to two doors.

He opened one of the doors and the holy man looked in. In the middle of the room was a large round table. In the middle of the table was a large pot of stew, which smelled delicious and made the holy man's mouth water. The people sitting around the table were thin and sickly. They appeared to be famished. They were holding spoons with very long handles, that were strapped to their arms and each found it possible to reach into the pot of stew and take a spoonful. But because the handle was longer than their arms, they could not get the spoons back into their mouths. The holy man shuddered at the sight of their misery and suffering.

God said, '*You have seen Hell.*'

They went to the next room and opened the door. It was exactly the same as the first one. There was the large round table with the large pot of stew which made the holy man's mouth water. The people were equipped with the same long-handled spoons, but here the people were well nourished and plump, laughing and talking.

The holy man said, 'I don't understand.'

'It is simple,' said God. 'It requires but one skill. You see they have learned to feed each other, while the greedy think only of themselves.'

Friends are the family that we choose for ourselves.

Riddle of the Day

Arnold Schwarzenegger has a big one.

Michael J. Fox has a small one.

Madonna doesn't have one.

The Pope has one but doesn't use it.

Clinton uses his all the time.

Bush is one.

Mickey Mouse has an unusual one.

Liberace never used his on women.

Jerry Seinfeld is very, very proud of his.

Cher claims that she took on 3.

We never saw Lucy use Desi's.

What is it?

The answer is: 'A Last Name.'

Julie Andrews Turns 69

To commemorate her birthday, actress/vocalist, Julie Andrews made a special appearance at Manhattan's Radio City Music Hall for the benefit of the AARP. One of the musical numbers she performed was 'My Favorite Things' from the legendary movie 'Sound Of Music'. Here are the lyrics she used: (Sing It!) - If you sing it, it's especially hysterical!!!

Botox and nose drops and needles for knitting,
Walkers and handrails and new dental fittings,
Bundles of magazines tied up in string,
These are a few of my favorite things.
Cadillacs and cataracts, hearing aids and glasses,
Polident and Fixodent and false teeth in glasses,
Pacemakers, golf carts and porches with swings,
These are a few of my favorite things.
When the pipes leak, When the bones creak,
When the knees go bad,
I simply remember my favorite things,
And then I don't feel so bad.

Hot tea and crumpets and corn pads for bunions,
No spicy hot food or food cooked with onions,
Bathrobes and heating pads and hot meals they bring,
These are a few of my favorite things.
Back pain, confused brains and no need for sinning,
Thin bones and fractures and hair that is thinning,
And we won't mention our short shrunken frames,
When we remember our favorite things.
When the joints ache, When the hips break,
When the eyes grow dim,
Then I remember the great life I've had,
And then I don't feel so bad.

(Ms. Andrews received a standing ovation from the crowd that lasted over four minutes and repeated encores.)

