

Durrow Parish Newsletter

Compiled by the Durrow Scouts

Fr. Jackie Robinson's OUTLOOK

THE HAPPY GARAGE-MAN

Jesus was a great man to tell a story. Much of his teaching - in fact, almost all of His teaching took the form of short stories or parables. We're all familiar with the Prodigal Son, The Good Samaritan and the parable of the Ten Lepers.

The following is a little story or parable which Jesus might well have told if He were around today. For want of a better name, let's call it: The Happy Garage-man.

A very successful business man pulled into a country garage with two flat tyres. He was amazed to find the place closed at only three o'clock in the afternoon. Eventually, he located the owner and straight away asked him why he was closed so early in the day.

"I'm closed" said the garage owner, "because I've made enough money for today".

"But, why don't you work longer and make even more money?" asked the business man.

"And what would I do with the money?" asked the garage owner.

"Why, you could build a bigger and better garage", replied the business man. "Then you would do even more business. Soon you would have enough money to build two garages - maybe even a group of garages. Why, in no time, at all, you would be a wealthy, successful business man, like me".

"Then what would I do?" asked the garage owner.

"Then," said the rich business man, "you could relax and really enjoy life".

"But sure that's exactly what I'm doing right now", replied the happy garage-man.

Durrow Tidy Town's

IMPORTANT NOTICE

A very important Public Meeting of all persons, young and old (school children and adults) who have the interest of the Durrow Tidy Town at heart will take place on Thursday 9th June at 3.00 p.m. sharp in the Castle Arms Hotel. The Committee appeal to one and all to show their support and community spirit by coming out in large numbers to this meeting.

The Committee wish to thank all those who have helped so diligently during the past few weeks - we earnestly appeal to all to keep up the good work and we are now into the months when the judging will take place - so please do that little bit extra. We also request that the children report to the Leaders in their areas each week for instructions re weeding etc. Now that the Secondary School pupils have their holidays we would request that they give a few hours each week helping in the campaign - ask any of the Committee members and they will be only too pleased to avail of your kind gesture

Ballyouskill Hall Renovation Draw

The second monthly draw was held on Friday, May 27th and the winners are as follows:-

- £500 Mr. C. McEvoy, Manager, Ballinakill Castle Mart.
- £200 Mr. John Tynan, Rath, Dunmore
- £100 Mrs. Charlotte Walsh, Ballykealy, Durrow.
- £ 50 Mrs. Gertie Kenna, Ballymartin.
- Mrs. Eileen Walsh, The Square, Ballinakill.
- £ 25 Mr. James Glennon, Ballyouskill.
- Mrs. Anne Walsh, Lowhill, Ballinakill.
- Mr. Paddy McDonnell, Ralish, Abbeyleix.
- Mr. Dick Conway, Bennettsbridge.

The organisers wish to thank all supporters, "Go meadai Dia bhur Stor".

Harps G.A.A. CLUB

Pride of place this week must go to the Under 14 Hurlers who beat Portlaoise by a large margin to win the County final of Feile na Gael. Great credit is due to Martin Brophy (Coach) and his juvenile committee led by Chairman Jimmy Fogarty who give their valuable time in the interest of juvenile hurling in this Parish. They now look forward to the All Ireland, Feile na Gael, when the Parish will host the Galway champions.

The Intermediate hurlers made it three wins in a row when they beat Colt 2-11 to 2-5 in the League on Saturday last. This win puts them top of the League, and with the marked improvement in training, things are looking good for a successful championship campaign.

The Harps send heartiest congratulations to local referee Martin Lawlor who has been chosen to referee the All Ireland Feile na Gael final for the Christy Ring Memorial Trophy in Birr on June 26th. This is just reward for a dedicated and committed official.

Coaching for the Minor hurlers will commence on Sunday June 12th from 12.00 to 1.00 p.m. All Minor hurlers should make a special effort to attend.

Congratulations to Sean T. Kelly who won £20 in the Laoise County Board monthly draw. Many thanks to all who again supported the Harps in this £10 monthly draw. Hopefully the star prize - car - will be won in the parish next month.

Durrow P.T.A.A.

Durrow P.T.A.A. are having their annual pilgrimage to Knock on June 19th, leaving the Square at 8.00 a.m. Sunday morning. Please contact:

Michael Fitzpatrick or Timothy Ryan.

Durrow I.C.A.

The A.G.M. of the Durrow I.C.A. Guild was held on Tuesday May 10th. Mrs. Noreen Byrne NCO Ballacolla attended. A warm welcome was given to Mrs. Hassett and the President wishes her good health. The Laoise Federation meeting will take place in the Castle Arms Hotel on June 21st. The following Officers were elected:

President	Mrs. K. Flynn	Committee:	Mrs. Sheeran
Vice-President	Mrs. S. Grogan	Miss Deasy	Mrs. Fahy
Secretary	Mrs. B. O'Brien	Mrs. Bergin	Mrs. Kenna
Treasurer	Mrs. R. Casey	Mrs. Dempsey	Mrs. Walsh
		Mrs. Mooney	

Competition winner was Sr. Marie Therese. Raffle winners were Mrs. Dooley, Mrs. Byrne and Mrs. Hassett.

The monthly Whist Drive will be held on Tuesday June 7th and the next meeting on June 14th.

Cullohill I.C.A.

The A.G.M. of Cullohill I.C.A. Guild will take place on Tuesday 7th June at 8.30 p.m. at the Community Room in the Centre.

Angela Campion NCO for the area will attend. A new committee will be elected at this meeting.

Congratulations to Mrs. Breda Dunphy, Cullohill Mountains on winning the Gardening Competition with the Farmers Journal. Well done Breda.

Congratulations to Mick McEvoy on his win the the Laoise G.A.A. draw.

Congratulations to Mrs. Ann Mary Dollard of Ballynevin on the Ordination of her brother Martin Covey in Killasno, Co. Mayo on Sunday 5th June.

Martin was a student at Maynooth Seminary but has been offered the privilege of been ordained in his home Church.

All hands from Parknahown are requested to be at the Church on Monday evening to begin their duty for the month of June on the up keep of the Church

The lovely iron railings outside the Church of the Holy Trinity, Durrow were given as a present by Lord Ashbrook. They once were situated where the limestone wall stands opposite Fr. Robinson's residence. When Fr. Matthew was on his way to Dublin he preached a Sermon on the Abuse of Alcohol in the ~~in the~~ Square in front of those railings, he also enrolled people in the Fr. Matthew Pledge. Lord Ashbrook also gave a present of the site for the old hall, now demolished.

Cub Scouts

Congratulations to the Durrow Cubs who beat Rathdowney in the final of the District Soccer Tournament on Friday 20th May in Durrow. The team and subs are as follows:

Raymond Campion (Captain), Pat Walsh, Sean Woods, Mark Donoghue, Jamie Dunne, Ian Kelly, Clive O'Sullivan, Seamus Stanleton, Aidan Lawlor, Barry McGree, Aonghus Campion, Seamus Doyle, Eoin Byrne, Paul Tynan, Graham Kells, Padraigh Avlward, Billy Kelly, Patrick Byrne, Conor Hyland and Pat Kells.

The plaque was presented by Breda Payne, Mountmellick A.D.C. for Cubs. We would like to take this opportunity of thanking Francis Campion for training the Cubs, the Lions Soccer Club for the use of the soccer pitch and Kevin Kelly for refereeing the final. Medals were presented to the Cubs at the weekly Cub Scout meeting on Friday 27th May.

Durrow Scout News

3rd Laoise (Durrow) Scout Troop held their Public Relations Day on the Green last Sunday 29th May.

A large number of adults and children visited the site over the day and discussed various aspects of Scouting with the Leaders and Senior Scouts.

The Leaders of the Scout Section feel that the event achieved its objective which was to make people, especially those not involved in the movement more aware of Scouts.

The troop would like to thank the following for their assistance in making the day a success.

Ger Alley and Billy Lawlor - for the use of their premises from which to display our material.
Sean Healy - for transporting equipment etc.
Tim and Rita Cleary - for storing spares and poles.
The Community Council - for their 100% co-operation.

Congratulations are extended to the Cub Team and their Trainer, Francis Campion on their recent victory in the Slieve Bloom District Soccer Tournament.

The Troop recently took part in the Slieve Bloom District Activity Day which was held in the grounds of the Salesian College, Ballinakill (22nd May)

This consisted of an orienteering course through the grounds and adjoining woodland. Some of the activities included, sisal course, initiative tests, first-aid, pioneering etc. Mountmellick, Rathdowney and Abbeyleix Troops also took part.

At a meeting of the Slieve Bloom District Council which was held in Mountrath on the 26th May, Noeleen Dunphy and Dermot Woods were elected on to the District Team (the Team has overall responsibility for the development of Scouting in the District). Their positions are:

Noeleen - Assistant District Commissioner (Ventures)
Dermot - Assistant District Commissioner (Training)

Dermot's position is unique in that he is one of the few people in the country who has progressed from being a Scout right through to an A.D.C.

They join two other members of the District Team from Durrow - Maura Rafferty - District Treasurer and Martin Walsh A.D.C. (Scouts)

Best wishes to the following Scouts who are doing their exams.

Leaving Cert. Karen Drennan, Maureen Walsh and Eileen Brophy

Inter Cert. David Kenna and Vincent Walsh.

Accountancy in Carlow - Dermot Woods

To Air of Teddy O'Neill

It's right well I remember that little thatch cabin,
Where I first saw the light on a bright Summer morning.
It stands on a hill side in view of a valley,
And under that same roof my father was born.

Chorus:

I care not what 'ere through this wild world I wonder,
I don't care a farthing for their Palaces or Halls.
There's no home as dear unto me as my old home,
That little thatch cabin best home of them all.

I ploughed for my father, mowed hay in yon meadow,
Cut turf in the bog on a long Summer's day.
The larks in the havens were singing so sweetly,
They seem to drive sorrow and dull care away.
But now I have grown older, hard fortune shines on me,
When ere I look back it's with a feeling of pain.
I'd give the whole wide world and all it possesses,
if I only could bring back my boyhood again.

Chorus: I care not

Written by the late J. Kenna R.I.P. 1934 after joining
the army.

CONGRATULATIONS to Angelo and Veronica Dunne, Erkindale Drive on the birth
of a son.

CONGRATULATIONS to Chris and Marie Rafter, Foulksrath, on the birth of a son.

WANTED: To buy or on loan 2 or 3 bicycle bags. Urgent. Telephone 36223

WANTED: Child's folding push chair. Contact, Helena Dunphy, Erkindale Drive
