



JULY & AUGUST 2010

# NEWS & VIEWS

IÚIL & LÚNASA 2010

## Tá an Scoil Nua ar oscailte;

### A new beginning for Scoil na Naomh Uilig

The countdown began three years ago. The date was 3rd September 2007. Scoil na Naomh Uilig had arrived in Newbridge! Six teachers guided sixty-three children onto temporary prefabricated buildings on the grounds of the V.E.C. on Station Road for the first day in their new school. Three years on and the school community, which has quadrupled in size, celebrates another milestone in its history. It has moved from the prefabs on Station Road to a brand new state-of-the-art building in Rickardstown. The new building boasts of the latest cutting edge teaching tools and sporting facilities including two basketball courts, an extensive play area and a green area to cater for the wide range of sports and after-school activities on offer at Scoil na Naomh Uilig. From September all classrooms will be kitted out with interactive whiteboards. The building has a sensory garden, sensory integration room, library and kitchen/science room. There are sixteen classrooms in the complex.

Scoil na Naomh Uilig is a fully-inclusive school and operates proudly under the Catholic ethos. Children of all abilities, including children with severe/profound and moderate general learning disabilities, children with A.S.D. as well as gifted children are all valued members of the school community. Children from the A.S.D. unit and the Severe and Profound unit are integrated wherever possible into their age-equivalent mainstream classroom. The work of the school is underpinned by the school motto 'Uile le Chéile' – meaning 'all together.' The motto was truly exemplified, in particular, during the school move when parents, staff and friends of the school all worked together to move furniture and all of the contents of the prefabs to the new building. The school thanks everyone involved for their support.

On Tuesday 1st June the school was blessed and prayers were said on the playground by Parish Priest, Very Rev.



*Seamus Mullooly, Brother Pat O'Neill and Noreen Duggan*

Fr. Joe McDermott before children entered the new school. Speaking at the ceremony Chairperson of the Board of Management, Mr. Séamus Mullooly thanked staff and parents for their help with the move. Before the ribbon was cut Deputy Principal, Valerie Kavanagh presented the Principal Noreen Duggan with a bouquet of flowers on behalf of staff. Paying tribute to Ms. Duggan, Mrs. Kavanagh thanked her "for your hard-work, leadership, vision and forward planning...we wouldn't be here without you".



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### CEMETERY MASS:

*The annual Cemetery Mass will take place in St. Conleth's Cemetery on Monday July 5th at 7.30pm.*

### CARAGHS CEMETERY MASS:

*Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July  
Barretstown on Sunday July 11<sup>th</sup>*

### BAPTISM MEETINGS:

*Monday July 12<sup>th</sup> & July 26<sup>th</sup>,  
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in the Parish Centre.*

### FR JOE STAYING PUT



*Parishoners were alarmed recently when a report on KFM stated that Fr Joe McDermott was the new Parish Priest of Caragh. Many thought that we were losing Fr Joe to another parish. But thankfully that is not true. While he was appointed Parish Priest of Caragh last September he maintains his position here in Newbridge. The two parishes remain separate but are administered from Newbridge.*

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This issue of News and Views seems to have developed a youth theme which is very welcome. We are always delighted to have input from the younger generation. On page 7, our young writer -in -residence Sean Reid discusses multiculturalism in Newbridge, while on page 5 our new correspondent, Mairin O' Grady, describes her initial impressions of

New Yoik! Mairin, from Roseberry, graduated with an M.Phil in Creative Writing from Trinity College. She was shortlisted for the Over the Edge New Writer of the Year award in 2008 and her play Forest was staged in the Project Arts Centre, Temple Bar last December. I think you will enjoy her zany perspective on life in New York. Then on page 11, Niall McDonnell of the Parish Youth Group explains what went on behind the scenes as they planned their hosting of the Parish Novena on the evening of May 24th. The evening included the commissioning of 12 members to take part in the John Paul 11 Awards.

As you can see our front page is taken up with the opening of Scoil Na Naomh Uilig in June. We were all amazed at the speed at which this building was erected. Every deadline was met and the school was handed over on the exact date specified by the builder, marvellous! What was also marvellous was the Meitheal effect in action again. When confronted with a very large quote from a Removal Firm to move the contents of the school from Station Road to Rickardstown, a call for help went out to parents who turned up in droves to

lend a hand. The move was completed in one day. As I said last month I love to see Meitheal in action. People helping people; it's coming back folks, I can feel it...

Before I go and let you get on with your Summer... I just wanted to say a big Thank You to everyone involved with *News and Views* for their help over the past year. You may not realise it but there is huge behind the scenes effort involved in getting *News & Views* to your door each month. It starts with our little editorial committee; Margarita, Fr Willie, Lorcan, Joe and myself. We try and come up with fresh ideas for each edition. Marie and Marian in the parish office filter items to us and organise the advertisements. Then it's over to Fionnuala in Donovan Printing who designs each issue, and doesn't resort to pulling out her hair - or mine - when I move articles around or miss deadlines. Once printed and delivered to the Parish Centre, Margie holds the fort as Breffni and Mary take the best part of a day to sort the 8000 copies into manageable bundles for collection by Rose Johnson and her large team of distributors. It's a remarkable process, the sorting and distribution system, developed by Breff, Mary and Rose, would give An Post a run for their money and all of it is carried out by voluntary effort. Without them we would not be able to continue. Go raibh mile maith agaibh go léir.

***That's all for now see you in September!***

***P.S.: As we get ready to go to press we have just learned with sadness of the death of one of our long time distributors, Tommy O'Hanlon, Pairce Muire. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dilis".***

## St Conleths Parish Newbridge Annual Golf Classic

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# St. Conleth's Community Games competitors celebrate record medal haul

St. Conleth's brought back 32 All Ireland medals (7 gold, 18 silver, 6 bronze and 1 4th place) from the All Ireland finals which were held in Athlone in May. They received gold in Culture Corner which is a first for Kildare and we would like to congratulate Paula Conlan Manager and the team: Aimee McGrath, Sinead Browne, Sean Dempsey, Kayleigh Tobin, Christopher Ward and Mark Freeman. They also won gold in the U14 Boys Art and that all Ireland title went to Liam Browne. Silver was achieved in the U16 Boys Art and the honour went to Conor Mulpeter. They also received silver in the U16 Choir and we congratulate Ger Sweeney McCabe and Deirdre Kinahan who managed the team: Sarah Kinahan, Niamh Conlan, Katie Conlan, Shannon Boyle, Aoife Brown, Aimee Donnelly, Jessica Farrelly, Jenny Fleming, Rachel Foran, Molly Herrity, Lucy King, Sarah Kokyova, Chloe Pearson, Sinead Freeman, Leah Halford, Amy Monahan and Shauna McCormack. The bronze medal went to the Music Group. The group's average age is 10 and they had to beat off very stiff competition (21 in all) to secure the bronze. The team which was managed by Deci Conlan are: Sean Conlan, Lucy Byrne, Cian McQuillan, Stacey Monahan, Elliott Nolan and Briona Byrne. They also received 4th place in the Mixed Distance Relay U14 Girls and this was achieved by Gemma Harnett. Congratulations to our U16 Boys Project team: James Murray, Kevin Lynch and TJ Carroll who put on a very fine display. Also well done to the cross country



*St. Conleth's Community Games competitors celebrating their achievements in Athlone in May.*

competitors: Colm Harnett, Ronan Kelly, Mark Glynn and Caoimhe Murphy. Many thanks to our Youth; Phil Jennings, Sé Sweeney McCabe, Eoin Hartnett, Rhiannon Hoey and Myrren Bedding who travelled to Athlone to help out with National. Congratulations to all the children who not only did themselves proud but also their parents, their schools, their parish and St. Conleth's Community Games.

## *Non-Violence As A Way To Peace*

*"But I say to you: Offer the wicked man no resistance"*

*Fr. Willie*

Since 1988 Burma's opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi has been an international symbol of non-violent peaceful resistance in her native country. Since returning to Burma in 1988 she has endured many years of house arrest and oppression by the ruling military. Her efforts to promote democracy in Burma in a peaceful non-violent way won her the Nobel Peace Prize in 1991. She once said ***"that the democratic process provides for political and social change without violence"***

In St Matthews Gospel (Mt 5:38-42) Jesus

makes it clear that he is against us using violence as a means of dealing with people who are violent towards us. If we respond aggressively with violence to overcome violent aggression then we create an endless cycle of violence. Jesus discounts the idea that aggression is the best and only way to solve problems. Violence harms our unity, setting one person against another and making cooperation impossible.

The lives of non-violent reformers such as Martin Luther King and Mahatma Gandhi are proof that non-violence works. Both of

these men have been successful in bringing about political and social change that has been lasting and meaningful, without weapons and violence. This is what Aung San Suu Kyi has been trying to do in Burma. We should support people and organisations around the world who seek an alternative and peaceful approach in dealing with political tensions.

The words of Jesus encourage us to believe that love and grace have the power to overcome oppression and to break down the barriers of suspicion and hatred that can divide people for centuries.



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# New Yoik! New Yoik!

## Work/Experience

It is my first time in the states so the whole thing was I strange. My friend Niall who was flying with me a few seats back, said it looked like I was trying to escape out the window, my face was so pressed to the glass of the airplane.

**Niall:** (*Seasoned traveller, bemused*) "Your face'll be mashed when you get off, relax".

But for some reason when everyone at home in Newbridge was asking me was I excited to be going to spend the summer in New York, I couldn't really say yes. I didn't actually have the ability to imagine it, New York. And in the heat of barbeques on the June bank holiday, I almost didn't want to leave.

It was flying in, when I started to make out land beneath us, that it hit me. Suddenly I was bent double trying to catch a glimpse of the Empire State Building, or the Statue of Liberty, or Barack Obama out the side of the plane. Not realising of course that JFK is practically in a swamp outside the city, and we'd need to be on the train for forty five minutes before we got into Brooklyn.

We're staying in Brooklyn. Williamsburg. All six of us. Myself, a poor writer, and five poor architects looking for work experience. And where else would you find experience but New York? How much of it will relate to work though,

I'll let you know at a later date. And poor we are to remain, as most of these internships come unpaid.

My first day here, yesterday, I spent alone. The architects had had a hard night. Two of them remained AWOL, and the one on the couch could only whisper short sentences. I left the casualties behind me and found Manhattan. Times Square, Fifth Avenue, Lexington

Avenue, Madison Avenue, Third, Sixth, and Eighth Avenue. The smell of money money money everywhere. After Fifth it'll be hard to settle for Henry Street, Dublin on the 8th of December.

Every single street in Manhattan is planned, beautiful, complex. My first morning – as one of the architects says goodbye on his way to work.

**The Architect:** (*Ignoring my anxiety, making for the door*) "Enjoy the city now today. Head into Manhattan sure"

**Myself:** (*Anxious*) "Will I be able to get around by myself like?"

**The Architect:** (*Matter of factly*) "Yes". (*Pause, pointedly*) "More than anywhere this city is built to get around"

After one day I saw that like the people here, the city is mish mashed and loud and crazy, but there's a comprehensible logic behind it. The city itself is friendly. It wants you to be here.

I'd absentmindedly watched Alice in Wonderland on the plane over. But when I walked into Central Park, here I was, Alice in her ginormous, surreal garden. Ponds and ducks and sunbathers and buskers and bums and elegant women and the giant skyscrapers lurching over for a spy in at us. Exhausted from walking I fell asleep in the sunshine and dreamed large colourful dreams. You can see how it all could have happened if it was Central Park where she took her forty winks.

Leaving all the lads in Kildare, I feared I'd rue the long summer of barbeques, and nights out, and weekends down in Kerry. (I've also left the poor sister in charge of the father.) And as the flowers were swelling in colour in the garden it was becoming almost impossible to leave Roseberry. But here, now, in surreal New York, I feel I'm developing the age old condition of the emigrated Irish.

**My Father:** (*Sorrowful French accent*) "How will they settle on the farm at all, now that they've seen Paree"

I'm in New York. And this is what life is all about. Work and experience. Excitement.



Máirín O'Grady



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# Be careful how you act; you may be the only Bible that someone will ever read!

R.L. Stevenson.

Mahatma Gandhi famously remarked once, 'I like your Christ; I do not like your Christians.' A young man he had gone to work in South Africa. While there he studied the Christian scriptures. He was so inspired by what he read that he decided on Sunday to attend a Christian Church and join in the worship of the people.

As soon as he entered the building he was confronted by a sign which read, 'whites to the left; negroes and coloureds to the right.' He was so infuriated by the obvious affront to the message of Christ in a Christian place of worship that he never returned.

Christ poses a challenging question to his followers in Saint Luke's Gospel - *Who do you say I am?* And the world continues to pose that question to those of us who would claim to be His followers. Despite all the negativity which has surrounded the Church people still have a fascination with Christ. They want to know about Him; they seek to encounter Him.

Pope Paul VI said that the world has more need of witnesses than of teachers. He meant that the Gospel is

most effectively preached by actions rather than words.

Over the past few months much has been written about renewal in the Church. People has spoken about the need for more effective modes of communication. Others have spoken of the need to look at our structures. And while all of these are valid comments I suspect that the Church will only really be renewed when the lives of Christians begin to mirror the life of Christ.

Like it or not we proclaim to the world who we think Christ is by the way we choose to live our lives. It is a daunting thought that people will seek to know Christ in and through the actions of his followers. When we are brash, impatient or unkind, we distort the face of Christ for others.

Robert Louis Stevenson wrote: *be careful how you act; you may be the only Bible that someone will ever read!*

Christ's question in Luke's Gospel is a challenge not so much to what I say, but to the quality of my actions. *But you, who do you say I am?*

Fr. Ruairí

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Hello all once again and welcome to this months edition of Teen Talk! By the time you read this the World Cup should be wrapping up and reaching the final. Judging by what I have watched so far this years games have been some of the most exciting in recent history and has lead to a lot more discussion and debate than previous tournaments. One thing I always find great about the World Cup is that it crosses all cultures and is one thing that seems to unite so many people from different backgrounds within our community. Certain other events and goings on seem to leave others out in the dark simply because of cultural differences. But even people who never seem to watch football take an interest in the beautiful game every four years, and it really is a great sight to see.

But why can we not let this carry on all year round? Newbridge as a town has changed so much over the past few years it's shocking. If I even go as far as to think back to when I did my Leaving Cert in 2005 there are so many major changes that I cannot even think of them all! The Whitewater opened up, the bridge has been re-done, the park has been given a make-over, the Riverbank went through a complete shift in power and attitude several times, Kildare Youth Theatre moved to its own place, many business have come and gone and the town has seen more estates pop up than the eye can see, and with them more and more people have come into our community. It's impossible not to notice that Newbridge has evolved into an extremely multi-cultural town over

the previous five years, yet many people unfortunately still carry a mentality that resembles something from The League of Gentlemen and a "local shop for local people" attitude towards community growth.

The truth is we should all learn to embrace new cultural ideas and backgrounds. The amount a person can learn just from talking to someone from a different nation can be astounding, and the culture shocks can be both brilliant and sometimes life-altering. This years St. Patricks Day parade, not only at home but across the country, was a perfect



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example of how embracing different cultures within our community can have a positive effect on us all. Seeing the different backgrounds being celebrated was brilliant and to be honest I found it more interesting than seeing the same stuff year in and year out. Instead of being afraid of change, we should learn to embrace it and take attitudes and outlooks on life that will enhance our own and make them more enjoyable. Newbridge in the year 2010 is extremely different than Newbridge 2005, but I think it has been for the better, and the rise in people from different nations making Newbridge their home has been one of the most positive changes.

That's me for this month, I hope you all enjoy the rest of the summer break, and when exam results time rolls around I hope it goes well for you all. And if things don't go according to plan, it's only an exam; don't let it dominate your life because it won't change the kind of person you are. Oh, and one final thing (cheap pop for myself coming here!) Some of you might be aware that I have begun to be published in Fighting Spirit Magazine, Europe's leading magazine for professional wrestling and mixed martial arts. Well from this I have launched my own site based around the same topics which features a weekly podcast with some fellow Irish-based fans and if you got the chance to check it out I'd love to hear from you! You can find me at [www.thebostoncrab.net](http://www.thebostoncrab.net) and it should be live by the time you read this. See y'all next month!

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# More on our Parish Child Protection Policy

*Last month we introduced our Parish Child Protection Policy. In this edition of News & Views we bring you the remaining sections of the policy covering Definitions of Child Abuse, Code of Conduct for Children/Young People, Code of Conduct for Adult Leaders, Methods of Handling a Disclosure, Recruitment Procedures and Reporting of Concerns. This policy and all Child Protection procedures currently in place in the parish will be reviewed during the summer. When children/young people return to their group activities in September parents/guardians will once again be asked to complete the appropriate consent forms.*

## Definitions of Child Abuse

Child Abuse occurs when the behaviour of someone in a position of greater power than a young person, abuses that power and causes harm to that young person. The main types of abuse that children/young people may be subjected to are as follows:

**Neglect** is the persistent failure to meet a child's basic physical and/or psychological needs.

**Physical Abuse** is where a child is assaulted or injured in some way that is deliberate.

**Emotional Abuse** occurs when a child's need for affection, approval, consistency and security are not met.

**Sexual Abuse** occurs when a child/young person is used by another person for his/her gratification or sexual arousal or for that of others.

Indirect abuse of young people occurs where young people have been photographed, videotaped or filmed for pornographic purposes or subjected to gross and obscene language or indecent images.

## Other Forms of Abusive Behaviour

**Verbal Abuse** can include name-calling, sarcasm and criticism, making reference to some physical

characteristic, destructive criticism, derogatory remarks and gestures.

**Unwelcome Behaviour** can include favouritism, exclusion, sexual harassment and sexual innuendo, humiliating and embarrassing others, deprivation of basic rights and harsh disciplinary regimes.

Bullying behaviour can be defined as repeated verbal, psychological or physical aggression that is conducted by an individual or group against others.

As we can see, the term Abuse covers a wide spectrum of activities, not just sexual abuse.

## Code of Conduct for Children/Young People

1. Treat each other with respect and kindness.
2. Treat leaders and adults with respect.
3. Be fair and do not tell lies about others or adults.
4. Respect the house of God by showing good behaviour.
5. Do not shout at, fight with or bully other children.
6. Children must not keep secrets, especially if secrets are harmful.
7. Do not use violent behaviour towards others.
8. Talk to the leader of your group if you have a problem of any kind.

## Code of Conduct for Adult Leaders

1. All leaders will undertake appropriate training as offered, including Child Protection training.
2. All children and young people will be treated with courtesy, respect and dignity.
3. Always respect the physical integrity of children and young people and never engage in inappropriate physical contact or conversation. Never do anything for a child that he or she is capable of doing for him/herself.
4. Refrain from showing favouritism towards any individual and maintain appropriate boundaries when dealing with children/young people in your care.

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5. Ensure that consent has been received from a parent/guardian before a child/young person takes part in any activity. Parental Consent Forms apply to all those under 18 years of age and include contact details, medical and other relevant information. All written consent forms are considered confidential documents and will be stored securely. Only Group Leaders and where necessary, the Parish Designated Persons, will have access to confidential information.
6. Ensure that adequate and gender appropriate supervision is in place for any youth activity. All activities must have at least two named adult supervisors in attendance at all times. The ratio of leaders to young people will be 1-8. If an emergency situation arises, leaders will notify parents/guardians by telephone of the need to bring a child/young person to a doctor or hospital and telephone to verify arrival at doctor/hospital.
7. Always keep an attendance record for each child/young person participating in parish activities. These records are always deemed confidential.
8. Have a duty roster of leaders to ensure adequate supervision. Leaders will sign in for each session of the group activity.
9. Accurate records must be kept of any accident or incident that gives rise to any type of concern regarding a child or young person. Incident forms will be provided to all group leaders.
10. Only age appropriate language, media products (such as camera phones, internet, and video) and activities should be used when working with young people.
11. Leaders will not work alone or travel alone with individual children/young people who are participating in parish activities.
12. Under no circumstances should Church personnel give alcohol, tobacco or drugs to a young person.
13. Alcohol, tobacco or drugs must not be used by personnel who are supervising or working with young people.

### Handling a Disclosure

If a child discloses a case of abuse to you as leader, the following procedure should be followed:

- *Stay calm. Do not panic. Listen and hear.*
- *Let the child know that you cannot promise to keep what has been said secret, but you will only tell those people who need to know.*
- *Give the child the opportunity to say what actually occurred in his/her own words.*
- *Do not put words into his/her mouth.*
- *Ensure that the child knows that there is help available and that you will support him/her as much as possible.*
- *As soon as possible after the disclosure has been made, make a written report, detailing all that has taken place.*
- *Refrain from giving your own personal views; instead use the child's own language, making sure the details given are correct. Sign and date the document.*
- *Contact the Parish Designated Child Protection Person immediately. If he/she is unavailable, contact the Duty Social Worker in the Health Service Executive or the Gardai and follow their instructions.*
- *A full guarantee cannot be given that information received in relation to a suspicion or concern of child abuse will be kept absolutely confidential.*
- *Support and pastoral care will be provided for the person who receives a disclosure.*



Fr. Joe McDermott



Margarita Bedding

### Safe Recruitment and Selection Procedures

To date, all priests, parish team members, sacristans and other parish staff with access to children/young people have completed the Garda Vetting process.

All those who have contact with children or young people in parish activities will be asked to fill in an application form which will include a declaration of suitability and references. These will be treated as confidential and will be stored with appropriate security measures.

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### Reporting of Concerns

The Parish Designated Persons must be notified of all incidents that are recorded. These records must then be retained in case there is a need for future reference to them. All records will be confidential and will be stored with appropriate security measures.

If there is any type of incident, this will not be discussed with anyone other than the Designated Person or the Parish Priest. This is to protect confidentiality for the children and young people and for those in leadership roles. No leader will promise that they will "keep a secret".

Parents will be notified and concerns discussed with them in all situations except those which the Designated Person feels might cause risk to the safety or welfare of the child concerned.

Anyone who has a concern regarding Child Protection issues can contact the **HSE at 045-882400** during office hours or the Gardai in an emergency situation.

This Child Protection Policy for the Parish of Newbridge is effective from September 1st 2009.

**Telephone numbers for Newbridge Child Protection Officers: 045-431741 / 087-6107528.**

## 1960's Hop

On Friday the 9th of July a 60s themed Hop will take place in Hotel Keadeen. The event in which 60's dress is optional (but expected) will consist of live music from a newly constituted group called The Backwater Crooners under the direction of Cora Coffey who will regale those present with Summer Sizzling Hits of the 60's followed by Liam Kett, D.J. extraordinaire. Proceeds from the evening will go to local charities.

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## The Young Teacher in the Temple

I will never forget that Passover  
It took place in Jerusalem, as  
usual  
At the end of the festivities  
A few of us teachers met in the  
temple  
To consider the scriptures

A young boy appeared, about  
twelve years old  
He sat among us, silent at first  
Then he began to ask questions  
About Moses and the prophets  
He was wise beyond his years

Seemed to know more than  
ourselves  
I had studied all the scriptures all  
my life  
This child had the insight of a  
sage

Hours passed; it was almost dusk  
A couple rushed towards us  
And scolded the boy  
They were frantic  
Why did he leave them?  
His answer was most surprising  
That he must be about his father's

business  
Surely the man standing there  
was his father?

I am an old man now  
Twenty-one years have passed  
And they have crucified the  
Christ

And I wonder  
Could it be..?

Mary O'Rourke

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# PARISH YOUTH GROUP - NOVENA

*Niall McDonnell;*

Newbridge Parish Youth Group hosted the Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help on the 24th May this year. This is most certainly our biggest project each year. Many months ago we started our preparations for our Novena Mass. Our first task was to source a speaker that we felt would be most suited around us and the ideal that tonight is hosted by the youth of the parish. As we sat around brain-storming somebody said "What about Damo", this of course is Mr. Damien Lynch, a Seminarian in Maynooth who spent a pastoral year in our parish last year. He was most important to our group as we were in our first year and looking for direction and guidance. We all instantly had our minds made up... Damien was going to be the speaker at the Novena; I don't think any of us even thought that he may not be available. We were just so excited. Again, I would like to thank Damien for his talk; I speak on behalf of the whole group when I say we found it very insightful and took away some very significant statements, as I'm sure the congregation did also. Our group facilitators are Sr. Kate and Fr.'s Pat & Ruairí, we meet every Thursday in the Holy Family Convent. They give up so much of their free time for the benefit of the group members and the community.

Our mass had a special theme, it was of strength and self-belief, words which can easily be associated with the main theme of this year's Novena "nothing can separate us from the love of god". We had representatives from each of the four secondary Schools in Newbridge. During the offertory precession, a picture of their school crest was brought to the altar and placed in a 'sacred space' along with a candle. This candle represented the hope of the students in the school, and the prayer which were being offered up to them.

During the ceremony 12 of our members were commissioned by the Parish of St. Conleth to take part in the JPPII Award (see photograph). This is the John Paul the 2nd award and it is one which was introduced to commemorate the late Pope John Paul II and his belief in Youth. Through this award young people are encouraged to take an active part in the life of their Church, in the life of their community and society, and also become more aware of the teaching and role of the Catholic Church in the world. This will enable young people to engage at a deep level with Christ, whose body the Church is. It encourages and fosters involvement in Parish Life and Social Awareness among young people in this age group, and acknowledges this with the presentation of the award when the criteria are met. There is of course three level's for first time candidates. Bronze, silver and Gold, and I'm glad to



tell you that all of the Newbridge people are going for gold. All of our group are involved within the church community in many different ways, in both St. Conleths Church and Chill Mhuire. Involvement in Eucharistic Ministry, Basket Collection, Reading, Choirs, and many more along with helping the sacristans prepare the church for mass. Across the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin over 170 young people have registered for the award.

Our music on the night would not have been possible if not for the hard work of Ms. Emer O' Brien & Ms. Emer Dempsey, both teachers within the Holy Family School; Ms. Dempsey is also in St. Conleths Vocational school. Each time we, the youth group, begin to plan a mass or other activity we hit a stumbling block, MUSIC... MUSICAL DIRECTION to be more precise, we as a group are openly appealing for anybody who plays music and directs music, or indeed, knows of somebody who would be interested in helping us out to contact our group facilitators or if they know any members of the group to contact them. We of course greatly appreciate the help of the two Emer's in preparing for our Novena mass, and many others over the past year; they do tremendous work as preparation is always very late. We would ask for anybody who could work with us on a continual basis... and to thank members of the Holy Family choir who helped us on the night.

We have taken a few weeks off from our meetings during the time of exams but we will be meeting again on 15th July. We meet every Thursday night @ 8pm in The Holy Family Convent. We are always looking for new members between the age of 16(or younger if in transition year) and 25 and I would like to invite anybody to come along and find out. I would also like to thank the Sisters of the Holy Family for allowing us the use of their gorgeous building and Chapel.

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The verses below reportedly were written on the wall of Mother Teresa's home for children in Calcutta, India, and are widely attributed to her. They are purported to be based on a composition written originally by Kent Keith, but changed slightly and re-written in a more spiritual way. In any case,

their association with Mother Teresa and her Missionaries of Charity has made them popular worldwide, expressing as they do, the spirit in which they lived their lives.



*People are often unreasonable, illogical and self centered;*

**Forgive them anyway.**

*If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives;*

**Be kind anyway.**

*If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true enemies;*

**Succeed anyway.**

*If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you;*

**Be honest and frank anyway.**

*What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight;*

**Build anyway.**

*If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous;*

**Be happy anyway.**

*The good you do today, people will*

*often forget tomorrow;*

**Do good anyway.**

*Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough;*

**Give the world the best you've got anyway.**

*You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and your God;*

**It was never between you and them anyway.**

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The person solemnising the marriage must be on the **Register of Solemnisers**. This lists both marriage registrars and the members of the various religious bodies who have been nominated by the bodies as solemnisers. You can inspect this at your local registration office or on the General Register Office website ([www.gro.ie](http://www.gro.ie)).

If you plan to get married in a religious ceremony you should contact the church in advance to plan the ceremony. If you plan to get married by civil ceremony and a different Registrar will be solemnising the marriage, you must also contact the Registrar's Office for the district where you intend getting married.

**Further information is available from:**

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Ronnie Coen	Pairst Mhuire	Bridget Phelan	Lakeside Park
Thomas (Stan) Cahill	Artillery Place	Edward (Ned) Freeman	Pairst Mhuire
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### George McDermott, Highfield Est Died 4th March 2010

The wife and family of the late George McDermott would like to thank sincerely all those who sympathised with them in their sad loss. A special word of thanks to our kind neighbours in Highfield Estate, thanks to all who called to our home, attended the removal, sent Mass cards, flowers and to those who phoned. A particular word of appreciation for all the staff on the Imaal Ward in Naas Hospital who looked after George so well. He was treated with such care and compassion during his stay there. In addition, we would like to thank Fr Jimmy Doyle who attended George in hospital. We would like to thank Fr Reynolds for the Mass, Siobhan Hurley for the

lovely singing, the U.N. Veterans for their guard of honour and the 3rd Battalion for their Pall Bearers. As it would be impossible to thank everyone personally we hope this acknowledgement will be accepted as a token of our sincere gratitude for all their care and support. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

### Nellie Pender (Nee Tidd)

#### Highfield Estate

### Died 8th March 2010

Nellie's partner Noel, her children, Patrick, Siobhan, Rosemary, daughter-in-law Janette, grandchildren, Sean, Niamh, Dayna, Sean and Róisín, her brothers, sisters and extended family wish to thank most sincerely all who

sympathised with them in their recent sad and sudden loss. Thanks to all those who phoned and called to the house, attended the removal and funeral Mass, sent sympathy cards, flowers and letters of condolence. A special thanks to all our wonderful neighbours, friends and family; your generosity and assistance will always be remembered. A sincere word of thanks goes to Fr Hughes for his very thoughtful, moving and heartfelt words of comfort and also Margaret Roche for her beautiful singing.

Those who die in grace go no further from us than God, and God is very near.

May we all walk in the light. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

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# SAINTS JOACHIM AND ANNE

**FEASTDAY: JULY 26**

By tradition Joachim and Anne are considered to be the names of the parents of Mary, the Mother of God. We have no historical evidence, however, of any elements of their lives, including their names. Any stories about Mary's father and mother come to us through legend and tradition.

We get the oldest story from a document called the Gospel of James, though in no way should this document be trusted to be factual, historical, or the Word of God. The legend told in this document says that after years of childlessness, an angel appeared to tell Anne and Joachim that they would have a child. Anne promised to dedicate this child to God (much the way that Samuel was dedicated by his mother Hannah - Anne - in 1 Kings).

For those who wonder what we can learn from people we know nothing about and how we can honour them, we must focus on why they are honoured by the church. Whatever their names or the facts of their lives, the truth



*St Anne with the Virgin and Child and St Joachim  
Musées Royaux des Beaux-Arts, Brussels  
Joos van Cleve.*

is that it was the parents of Mary who nurtured Mary, taught her, brought her up to be a worthy Mother of God. It was their teaching that led her to respond to God's request with faith, "Let it be done to me as you will." It was their example of parenting that Mary must have followed as she brought up her own son, Jesus. It was their faith that laid the foundation of courage and strength that allowed her to stand by the cross as her son was crucified and still believe.

Joachim and Anne, the parents of Mary, Mother of God, can be examples and models for all parents.

Anne (or Ann) is the patron saint of Christian mothers and of women in labour.

## Prayer

*Parents of Mary, pray for all parents that they may provide the loving home and faithful teaching that you provided your daughter. Amen*

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