

# Fr. Peter Dunne (1934 - 2002)

- AN APPRECIATION

It was with deep sadness that the people of Tinryland learned of the death of their beloved parish priest Fr. Peter on Monday morning the 16th September 2002. Fr. Peter had been quite ill for some time and had retired from his position as Parish Priest of Tinryland in August 2002. However he had planned to continue to live among his parishioners and was about to move into his new home on the Moate hill. Alas it was not to be.

Fr. Peter's parishioners from every corner of the parish will remember him fondly. He was a quiet man in some ways but he always had a word, a smile or a touch for everyone. Over the years he often spoke critically of himself but in doing so he showed how human he was and this enabled him to empathise and relate with young and old alike. He was a very kind, thoughtful and understanding person who seemed to understand so well the problems that people were going through.

In his earlier years as Parish Priest, before he became ill, he was very actively involved in all aspects of the community and gave great support to every club and society in the parish. He was to be found at GAA matches, or down the Cross County course supporting local participants or dancing at the Senior Citizens Christmas Party. More typically if you were looking for him he was to be found out on the land surrounding the parochial house tending to his sheep and lambs from which he got great enjoyment. One of the annual events that he will be remembered particularly for is the Good Friday Stations of the Cross ceremony, which he held along the Priest's House Avenue. This was always well attended and in his own inimitable style he made the occasion relevant to all. For anyone who attended Lourdes with him they will also recall the lovely manner in which he performed the Stations of the Cross ceremony there. Other good memories are of him step dancing at local parties and socials, walking daily to the shop for his paper and fags where on the way to and fro he would stop for a chat, and his enjoyment of a cup of coffee.

Fr. Peter was born in May 1934, son of John Dunne and Margaret (Carroll) Dunne of Boley, Abbeyleix in the Shanahoe area of Raheen Parish, Co. Laois. Following his secondary education at Ballyfin College, he entered the seminary at Maynooth College and was ordained in June 1960. He served as curate in Clonegal Parish from 1960-1975, as curate in Portarlinton Parish from 1975-1981 and as curate in Killeigh Parish from 1981-1984 before being appointed Administrator of Tullow Parish where he served from 1984 to 1989. He was appointed Parish Priest of Tinryland in 1989 following Fr. Denis Doyle's move as Chaplain to Naas Hospital.

The impact he made in all of the places he served was borne out by the large crowds that attended his funeral both at the reception of his remains and at the Requiem concelebrated Mass, which was presided over by the new



bishop of Kildare and Leighlin, Bishop Jim Moriarty. Rev. Tommy O'Shea, PP Aries and Rev Francis McNamara, PP Mountmellick who were Fr. Dunne's classmates in Maynooth and also ordained in 1960 gave the homilies on Tuesday and Wednesday. Over 70 priests concelebrated the Requiem Mass with Bishop Moriarty including our new Parish Priest Fr. John McEvoy. On behalf of the parishioners Pat Hayden welcomed the Bishop, the many priests especially former Parish Priest of Tinryland Fr. Denis Doyle and local man Fr. pj Byrne who is now parish priest of Kilcock. After Communion, Nurse Geraldine O'Connor from the Holy Angels read the following beautiful tribute to Fr. Dunne who was chaplain to the Holy Angels for twelve years.

*As Holy Angels chaplain for many, many years  
You helped us through our losses and comforted our fears.  
Mass was extra special for you'd add your human touch  
With that magic twinkle in your eye we'd come to love so much.*

*To share a pot of tea with you was such a simple pleasure  
Your brilliant sense of humour was a trait we'd come to treasure  
The warmth and compassion you exuded was so rare  
It gave a piece of heaven to the children in our care.*

*Though sad we are to lose you, much from you we did gain  
Our fondest memories of you, will never ever wane.*

After Nurse O'Connor, John Browne of Ballinacarrig read the following poem, which he wrote as a tribute to the life and work of a priest.

*So many years have passed since ordination,  
So many souls encouraged on their way, So many joys and sorrows shared with people,  
A lifetime's work of giving - night and day.*

*"I baptise thee", so often said to babies, "Do you take X?" to couples who were wed, "Go sin no more" to those who showed repentance,  
"May Angels lead thee" to departing dead.*

*For them, no early age to reach retirement, "Retirement" does not mean they get a rest. It simply means they do their former duty, As heretofore, though lacking former zest.*

*And think of all the times they helped in sadness, At times of crisis how their words held sway, At times of tiredness, how they rallied quickly,  
No Peter Gilligans - they led the way.*

*In changing times they carried out their duty;  
Were criticised, perhaps by those who "know", With certitude how God is really thinking, Yet priests must listen to both friend and foe.*

*So God will surely honour their devotion, And show appreciation for work done,  
By telling them, in words of kindest feeling, "You served me well, step in, my faithful son".*

The local choir backed up by organist Mary Hennessy-O'Neill and soloist Josie Kelly provided the beautiful music. Members of Tinryland GFC carried Fr. Dunne's coffin from the church to the grave located in the adjoining cemetery. The schoolchildren from Tinryland NS provided a guard of honour at the entrance to the church on both days. Fr. John McEvoy PP thanked the many Tinryland people who helped out at the ceremonies. There was a special word of thanks to Fr. Dunne's carers in particular his devoted housekeeper Bridie Townsend and Sr. Clare Walshe.

Prior to Fr. Peter's death a collection had been started in the parish to present him with a gift on the occasion of his retirement. Sadly he died before this could take place. It has since been decided to put any money already collected towards a new set of vestments for Tinryland church in Fr. Dunne's honour and to donate the remainder to the Holy Angels of which he was chaplain.

Ar dheis De go raibh a anam dilis.

# Welcome Fr. John

We extend a very warm welcome to Fr. John McEvoy who took up duty as Parish Priest of Tinryland on the last weekend of August this year, following the retirement of Fr. Peter Dunne. Fr. John was the final Parish Priest appointed in July 2002 by Bishop Laurence Ryan before his retirement.

Fr. John comes from Ballyroan, Co. Laois. He studied for the priesthood in Maynooth from 1969 and in Rome from 1972. He was ordained by Bishop Patrick Lennon in Ballyroan Church on 27th June 1976. He did postgraduate studies in Rome from 1976 to 1980. During those years he had summer appointments in Portlaoise (1976) and in Clonbullogue, Co. Offaly (1977). He

also spent summers in Germany. In 1980, he was appointed to teach moral theology in Carlow College. During the summer breaks from this post, he did parish work in the U.S., Germany and Melbourne. From 1986 he was College bursar and still is today! From 1989, with new developments in the College programmes, he became Registrar there. From Sept 1995 to Aug 2002, he was a weekend assistant priest in the parish of Emo, Co. Laois. Since 1996, he is also the Vice-President of the College.

We wish Fr. John every happiness and success in his new parish and home and look forward to getting to know him better over the coming months.

## Receiving the Baton

We draw close to the end of the first year of the Euro. The introduction of the new currency went very smoothly and people generally became used to it in a rather short time. We got the impression that we had a greater amount of cash in our hands - until we went shopping. Many commodities increased in price at the time of the changeover. There is now general agreement that there is less lasting in the Euro. The adaptation to the common currency (shared by several countries of Europe) will be long remembered as a very significant step.

I have been living in the Parochial House in Tinryland only since the end of September. It has become my new home. On my appointment I reflected on the awareness I had of this parish over the years. In secondary school, I benefited from the teaching and guidance of Fr Paddy Shine, a great son of Tinryland. Before entering Maynooth in 1969, I had the chance to discuss this step with Fr Denis Doyle (earlier a curate and later parish priest of Tinryland). While in Maynooth, I attended the first Mass of Fr. P.J. Byrne in St. Joseph's Church (in its pre-renovation arrangement) and clearly remember meeting the then 91 year old Fr. James Dunny, still PP of Tinryland. Little did I think that in 2002 I would be one of his successors. The year of my ordination was also the year of the division of

Tinryland and Bennekerry into two separate parishes and of the opening of Holy Family Church, Askea. During my twenty plus years in Carlow College I got to know a number of individuals and families from Tinryland.

Beginning as new Parish Priest of Tinryland at the end of August 2002, I had a strong sense of building on the foundations of the work of clergy who have fulfilled that role over the past two centuries. At the end of the Penal Law period (late 1700s), Tinryland parish area was cared for by clergy of Carlow parish. The first named Parish Priest of Tinryland and Bennekerry was Fr John O'Neill, who died in 1799 and is buried in Bennekerry. If we call him the first PP of Tinryland in modern times, I am the 20th PP in that sequence. Fr Peter Dunne (PP 1989-2002), who succeeded Fr Denis Doyle (now chaplain at Naas Hospital), in turn handed the baton to me as a result of his retirement for health reasons.

I join the parishioners in paying tribute to the memory of Fr. Peter Dunne, who exercised a very caring type of priestly ministry. It is clear that people of all ages admired and respected him for his style of leadership. In the all-too-short time during which I could speak to him and share with him he showed himself to have cultivated a ministry which was both very sensitive and very wise. I had hoped to have his company in the parish for a longer time. The Lord



knew better and wanted him to be relieved of his suffering and to enter into eternal life. We all now thank God for his peaceful death on 16th September, 2002. Ar dheis De go raibh a anam.

As I write I am almost three months among you and I am aware that it will take me much longer to have a full sense of the parish. But, as the saying goes, Rome was not built in a day.

I look forward to meeting many more people as the months go by (both parishioners and emigrants to other parts). May you and your families have a peaceful Christmas time and a happy and prosperous 2003.

Fr John McEvoy

# Carlow Deanery welcomes Bishop Jim Moriarty

By PAULINE CLEARY

**T**HE Carlow Deanery Pastoral Council celebration for our new Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin,

Bishop Jim Moriarty, was held on Monday, September 30th 2002 in Killeen Church, hosted by ArIes Parish.

Priests and parishioners from the seven parishes within the Deanery, ArIes, Askea, Bennekerry, Carlow, Doonane, Graiguecullen and Tinryland, together with representatives from Carlow College and Knockbeg College attended the celebration.

The evening began with Declan Mulhare extending a warm welcome to Bishop Jim and all those present. Declan asked us all to remember that through our Baptism we have been called to play an important part in our parishes.

Three young people from each of the seven Parishes participated in the Liturgy in a special way. Shane O'Neill, Aoife Murphy and Jillian McDonagh represented Tinryland parish. Shane carried the Tinryland banner in the opening procession. Aoife read a prayer for the dead, remembering Fr. Dunne in a special way while Jillian carried the crucifix symbolising the prayer.

Each of the seven parishes represented a theme throughout the celebration.

In his address Bishop Jim told us that



*. Shane O'Neill, Aoife Murphy and Jillian McDonagh with Fr. John McEvoy.*

this is a learning experience for him, an opportunity to get to know the people in his Diocese. He wants to spread the message of the Gospel and said he hopes he can live up to people's expectations of him. In the reflection, Mary McAuliffe said Bishop Jim has truly given of himself and shown a

great generosity of spirit. The very beautiful and uplifting music led by Margaret Brennan with choirs from ArIes, Ballylinan and Killeen together with the cup of tea and chat in the Parish Hall helped to make this a truly warm and celebratory night for all who attended.



*These ladies were setting off on a farmers outing from Milford Railway Station in 1929 left to right: Julia 'Babs' Connell, Eileen Cole, Lily Connell, Frances Dawson and Margaret Kelly.*

# *Curate to a Hill Country*

BY THE LATE FR. PETER DUNNE

The furrows deepened on his brow, furrows that made him look older than his years. The letter in his hand was formal. "Dear Father, I hereby appoint you curate to..... You shall take up duty on 7th November etc. What followed was the usual formality, which he scarcely saw. He was perplexed *by* the blank. Where was he to go? An air *of* expectancy around the room. This young fellow is unknown. How will he react to his appointment. It was the time when infallibility seeped down and stopped at parish priest level and he was surrounded *by* those on whom it had been bestowed. Meekly he handed his letter to the parish priest who quietly drew him to one side and said "Don't say a word, the Bishop has made a mistake. The Vicar General has told me you are to go to Clonegal". He was afraid to ask, "Where is that" and thereby display his ignorance *of* the diocese he had just been ordained for. In fact, he had never even met the Bishop or the Vicar General, who obviously did not know his home address and so had sent his appointment, third party as it were, to his parish priest.

So armed with a road map and his blank appointment he set forth, excited and a little nervous about what he was to find. Hills and valleys were his first impression, fields standing on their ends and yet so many tilled, contrasting sharply with his more level pastured homelands. A warm welcome from the aged parish priest, with his crooked pipe, ash plant and hobnailed boots, set him at ease. "You will be alright here young lad. Keep your picture out *of* the papers and don't start dances.". Advice that was soon forgotten. "You are the twelfth curate I've had and I don't want anymore". So the young man set up home, amongst the hills, curate to a hill country.

It would scarcely be accurate to say that the new curate's house was spartan. There were a few square yards *of* plaster missing from his bedroom walls. The boarded floor was bare and the ceiling cracked in craggy patterns. The brown earthenware sink and metal range in the kitchen were *of* another era and later in his years there, the kitchen ceiling finally gave up the ghost and came crashing down on the table. Still it was a home *of* joy and laughter and at times the scene *of* some funny situations. He can still recall and see the fat lady who got wedged *try-*ing to come through the split hall door.

Only one half was ever opened and when she got stuck there was more laughter ringing than effort made to move the rusty bolts and hinges to release her. The friendship and the "crack" made it a joyful place to live. He was scarcely conscious *of* its shortcomings and was surprised indeed when he got ill and was asked by the doctor if the room was like it was, because *of* his asceticism.

Life as a curate had begun. Mass, confessions, marriages, baptisms, funerals, the daily routine work that somehow never is routine. On his first Sunday he went driving around the parish and then he had his first encounter with Kildavin Football Club. Strangely enough it was hurling they were playing, practising for a junior final in the Big Meadow. He stopped at the Spellman Hall and jumped the wall. Silently he watched them play - backs and forwards. Then someone asked if he'd like to join. Yes. He had hurled before and considered he could hold his own. Carlow Junior could hardly compare with Laois Senior standard. Fools rush in with coat *off* and borrowed hurley. Great respect was being given to one particular forward whom no one seemed to challenge. He did and did so strongly. He had the advantage *of* the unexpected. The forward fell but rose with fire in his eyes, the hurl going back to strike an angry blow but checked when he saw who had gave the heavy shoulder. The anger left his face but not the challenge, which was accepted. The game continued, no favours asked and no favours given. He survived and by the time the game was finished a bond *of* friendship and respect had grown. The new curate could swing a hurley and for a thin fellow packed a hefty shoulder. He had learned *of* their fierce determination, their will to win and even the temper that was likely to spill over. So began his association with the club. Other pages tell of the football events *of* the years that followed, the championships won and lost and even the final that was never played. Football was then a force within the parish. It brought the community together and united them.

There is no other parish in the diocese where a priest could see so much *of* his parish from his bedroom window or the chapel door. The many vantage points enabled him to know almost who owned each field as he watched them working through the seasons. He was no millionaire for the money was not great but he

got *by*. So much came in kind and a round *of* the invalids was a sure way *of* replenishing the larder. A dozen eggs here, a bag *of* spuds there, a chicken or a few heads *of* cabbage in the boot helped with any shortfall. *Of* course, at times, there could be a danger with the eggs. When the hens were not laying well they could be saved up for a month and might not be the freshest. One good and kindly lady assured him, when her hens stopped laying one winter, that she had "Six yellow legged pullets coming on and a person in Shillelagh had promised her a cochoo cock". It seems that was a combination guaranteed to give a plentiful supply *of* eggs in Spring. *Of* course travelling on the un tarred pot-holed lanes was no joyride. One occasion he remembers led to a miniature disaster. It was January and it had been raining heavily for a week or more. The house was at the end *of* a long and narrow lane and even at the best *of* times it was difficult to turn at the end *of* it. The visit over, the priest was accompanied to his car. The rain had made the ground a quagmire. He proposed he'd back out all the way rather than chance the soggy yard. Then he realised that proposal was a downright insult. Was he saying the man had not a yard fit to turn a car in? "I'll direct you Father". So no alternative but to obey. It happened as he knew it would, slip, slide, spin, with gutter flying twenty yards behind the car. Nothing for it but out in his shoes into the muck and ask for a shovel and scrape it from in front *of* the wheels. At the second scrape *of* the shovel 'Snap'. "Ah, Father, you broke the handle *of* me shovel, the handle me father put in it". There is an ad on the telly about Sheba the dog coming home from the pond and bringing most *of* the pond with her. The priest returned eventually to the presbytery much as that dog did, with what seemed like half *of* Ballyredmond on him.

Those are the thoughts that flash across his memory as he looks back at his early years. Years *of* happiness and learning. He recalls the day he left, looking back at those hills and valleys as lovely but more dear to him now than when first he saw them. They now contained and held a multitude *of* his friends. Sadness in his heart at leaving but gratitude and thanks giving well up, to the people who had been kind and good to him. He was fortunate. He had been fifteen years Curate to a Hill Country.

# Letter from Zambia

by FR. EAMONN HAYDEN

**G**REETINGS from Lusaka. I send my warm good wishes to all the parishioners of Tinryland, especially those among you whom I know well. I will soon be back four months in my parish after my holiday with my family earlier this year. It was while I was in Ireland in July and August that the Southern Region of Africa became a focus for a lot of the world's media. The media in Ireland directed a great deal of attention to the happenings and events in Southern Africa as it reported on the looming catastrophe in Malawi, Zambia and Zimbabwe due to drought, poverty, hunger and the AIDS pandemic. These regular reports brought sad stories of the plight of many thousands of people in the region of Southern Africa.

Of course I was not unaware of the social and economic problems of Zambia. For some years now the people of Zambia have suffered greatly due to the breakdown of the economy, which in turn affected the education and health services of the whole country. Over the past ten years only ten percent of the work force is in formal employment and it is easy to imagine the negative implications of this reality when it is aggravated by severe drought. With the collapse of the education and health services the people have been asked to carry a heavy cross. This year the Zambian Government spent more money on servicing the National Debt owed to the International Monetary Institutions than it could put into education and health care. In the absence of permanent employment many people were forced to set up little businesses where they were able to invest in some commodities - generally food items. With a very modest investment the people were generally able to source enough money to feed themselves and their families for one day: In this way they eked out an existence. It is into this scenario that the HIV / AIDS pandemic has to be assessed. The already painful realities that I have mentioned above have crucified many people in Zambia who now are infected or affected by this sickness or the predicaments they are placed in when a husband/wife or teenager or even newly born babies are diagnosed with HIV or full-blown AIDS. There are indeed many consequences to this AIDS pandemic and perhaps the most poignant of them is the plight of so many orphans who are now



passed from one relative to another in the hope of shelter and food. Very often grandmothers and teenagers are the only ones left in the extended family and these have to respond in some way to the orphaned brothers and sisters and to their grandchildren. So it is at times a case of orphans looking after orphans!

I give this rather mournful background to what I wish to be the main focus of my letter - namely appreciation and gratitude to you, the parishioners of Tinryland and indeed to many other friends who responded to the call of Josie Kelly and her cell of helpers who were struck by the sad reports on poverty and sickness emanating from Zambia and decided to organise a fund-raising event to help me in my missionary work. Because of the interest, support and concern of many people in Tinryland and its environs a very successful project was launched and I was the recipient of monies that I have been using since I returned, to reach out to those in need. I will now list some of the ways I have been using the monies to bring home to you the value of your donations.

I have been able to buy drugs, different kinds of medication, for our Parish Home Based Care programme where we have over four hundred people registered. Adults, men and women as well as teenagers are among those registered. Their presenting conditions are often T.E. but the underlying condition is the collapse of their immune system and they quickly pass into AIDS. Without the medication that we can provide they would die much earlier. The medication gives remission and a longer life span. For some in

the early stages of T.B. their life span is greatly lengthened.

I have been able to assist orphans and their carers with food and monies to pay rents. In a few cases I was able to assist a few young men to start a modest business enterprise from which they are able to make a livelihood for their families. They even try to make a small return on the monies that they have borrowed so that, others might follow a similar course. I have been able to assist a few families who were being evicted because of their inability to pay even modest rents.

One of the education projects, which our Parish is involved in, is a programme called Zambia Open Community Schools. This programme caters for children who are ten years old and upwards but who have never gone to school. The programme is organised on what we call a "Four Level System". When the children who are taught by untrained teachers reach the fourth level they are able to sit for the State's Primary Examination. We have nearly six hundred children in this programme - ninety percent of them are orphans. The Government does not support this programme financially since it is already failing to find the money for its own State Schools. So again the support of generous people makes it possible to give some basic education skills to the children who otherwise would never go to school. Only last week one hundred and twenty of these children sat their Primary Examination and we hope several of them will eventually enter secondary schools. The pupils who sat their examinations earlier this month were given a modest party of Coca Cola and biscuits to mark this significant milestone in their lives.

I will conclude these rambling comments with a renewal of my thanks and appreciation to all who supported me publicly and privately to carry on my missionary work here in St. Peter's Parish in Garden Compound, Lusaka. There is still a long way to travel before many of the people I have been describing will be sure of work, schooling or health services. However, every step forward gives them hope and the source of this hope can be traced to the generosity of the parishioners of Tinryland who opened their hearts to some of the oppressed people of the world.

May the Lord Jesus bring you all many blessings as we commemorate his birth.

# Local landmark soon to close

DEANE'S shop in Tinryland in its current location is soon to close when local shopkeeper Jim Deane Junior relocates to a brand new purpose built premises on the other side of the road, in the field known as "The Slang". The new shop overlooks the pump and the school at the front and at the rear it has fine views over the fields to Castletown.

Jim's father Jim Senior came to Tinryland in October 1941 to live with his Aunt Brigid Deane. Brigid had inherited the house from Ms. Maria Gilltrap whom she had helped to nurse. Jim Senior opened the shop in 1946 after the war. He delayed the opening for a day in order to sell items that he had purchased for the shop at the Kellistown Races. At that time the shop was located at the front of the house. However in 1967/68 the shop changed to its present location when the house was extended.

We wish Jim all the best in his new location.



. Jim Deane outside the shop.



. Deane's Shop in 1946, the year Jim Snr. opened. In the background are Mrs. O'Neill's house and the ball-alley.



. Deane's Shop in 2002, prior to moving.

## Tidy Towns 2002

by TRUDI SHANNON

2002 saw the beginnings of a wider interest in the enhancement of Tinryland village. A new committee was formed with 10 members, with Brendan Farrell as Chairman and Jim Deane as Secretary. The first task was to enter the village in Carlow's Floral Pride competition. Work started immediately, weeding the various areas, planting tubs and highlighting the lovely granite wall with flowers. Schoolchildren took part in floral art competitions, and kept the school grounds clean and tidy. A community competition was organised for the best garden, best window box and best hanging basket. The winners were as follows:

Best Garden: 1st Bridget Guidera, 19 St. Joseph's Tee; 2nd Dan & Kathleen Lawlor, 1 Lime Grove; 3rd Tom Moore, Rathcrogue.

Best Window Box: Joint 1st: Ann Proctor, 5 St. Martin's Ave and Pat & Joan Curran, 23 St. Joseph's Tee. 2nd Jamie Curran, 5 Lime Grove.

Best Hanging Basket: 1st Kay Scully, 2 St. Joseph's Tee; 2nd Paddy & Ann Delaney, Tinryland; 3rd Amy Moore, 11 St. Martin's Ave.

Following a meeting with engineers from Carlow Co. Council new signs into the village were erected, a grassy area at McArdle's was developed, and new paths and paving in the centre of the village are well underway. No parking signs outside the school were put in place.

The Tidy Towns committee are very grateful to all the sponsors who gave donations during the year. A total of 2000 was donated, and this was used to buy flowers and also a new lawnmower to keep the greens tidy. The windows and door in the old hall were replaced and painted, and the church railings were given a new look. The village came 2nd in the 200-400 population category, and the school won 3rd. prize.

### Targets for next year are as follows:

- Keep the village litter free.
- Put new seating in the village square.
- Paint the Church.
- Plaster and paint the ball alley.
- Continue planting window boxes, hanging baskets and tubs.

We hope to upgrade our marks from 171/200 and win the best village for 2003.



# Remembering my Days as an Altar Boy

by MICHAEL PENDER

I suppose when one thinks back on various events *from* their childhood, it is very difficult to single out anyone event or a number of events which stand out over and above any other.

So when I was asked to write an article *for* the Tinryland Parish Magazine Emigrants' Letter I decided on writing about my memories of my time as an altar boy.

Why you might ask? Mainly, because most boys were allowed - or some might argue forced - to serve Mass at the time when I went to primary school in the 1960's (no girls were allowed), long before the era of equality and political correctness came on the scene. Anyone that I know who has done a period of serving Mass has clear memories of their experiences that remain with them right throughout their lives. Furthermore, given the recent publicity in relation to the church and its relationship with young boys, I think it is only fair to highlight (a) that not everyone should be "tarnished with the same brush" and (b) how fortunate we were growing up in Tinryland during the 1960's to have the support of the priests who ministered there, namely Father J.I. Dunny P.P and Father Gary Doyle C.c. It is *for* these reasons that I would like to share some of my experiences, in the hope that mine will prompt some fond memories on the part of readers who in their time did their "sentence" as an altar boy.

I began my period as an altar boy when I went into 4th Class in Tinryland Primary School in September 1967. In all, I served Mass *for* three years until I finished Primary School in *June* 1969 and went on to Secondary school in Carlow CBS in September 1969.

I can recall the day when Mr. Colm O' Quigley (R.I.P.) the Principal of the school picked *out* a number of us to serve Mass and we were sent across to Father Gary Doyle C.C. (R.I.P.) to the vestry behind the Church *for* practice sessions. After a period of training we were "put into action".

The first time I served Mass was at the second Mass on a Sunday at 11.00 o'clock. It would have been around the end of September 1967. At that time, Masses on Sundays had just begun to be said in English, following *on from* the changeover from the traditional Latin Mass as a result of the Vatican II Congress of the mid-1960's.

There were two Masses on Sundays - at 8.00 a.m. and 11.00 a.m. The latter Mass was invariably full, as there were no evening Masses *on* either Saturday or Sunday (as at present) and *for* many, the 8.00 o'clock Mass was that bit too early - probably after a good Saturday night!

Against that background of knowing that the Church would be packed with people, I was understandably a bag of nerves on that first morning. In all the excitement on the part of my mother and father and the rest of the family in getting me "spruced up" *for* the big event - I was in total fear of what might happen on the day! I couldn't eat anything that morning. My father took a photograph of me that shows me with a large scowl *on* my face with my brother Ollie trying to hold my chin up *for* the picture. I didn't want the picture taken as I felt that the long black robe was

like a girl's dress! Anyway, the picture was taken against my wishes and I was sure that things would only get worse *from* there *on*.

When I arrived to serve the Mass, I was given the two jobs of bringing the water and wine up to Father Gary Doyle immediately after the Prayers of The Faithful and also after Holy Communion. I can almost still hear the clattering of the two little water and wine glasses against each other in their square glassholder, *from* my nerves. The Mass seemed to go on forever and I was totally convinced that the whole Church had their eyes fixed permanently on me *for* the duration of the Mass. When I got home, I was totally exhausted and starving. When my mother wasn't looking, I cut a thick slice of bread to ease the pangs of hunger, despite the fact my dinner was ready less than a half an hour later.

Anyways, I was over the first hurdle and things surely, could only get better!

In many ways they did, but *for* a long period I served Second Mass *on* Sundays. As usual, this Mass was always packed which made me nervous. However, little by little, I became more confident.

But there was one job as a server I always tried to avoid and that was the job of bringing the big red Altar Missal *from* the right side to the left side of the altar, just before the priest would read the Gospel. The task involved lifting up the Missal which was placed on a golden ornate book holder with a long stem protruding underneath; carrying it down the three steps on the altar; genuflecting (yes, genuflecting on to *one* knee - we should have been in the circus!) and at the same time, trying to keep the Missal balanced on the holder and finally, bringing it up to the left side of the altar.

## NEARLY PASSED OUT

I had avoided the task *for* a long period, until one Sunday, I was assigned the job in the vestry before Mass. I nearly passed *out* with the shock and of course, became more nervous than normal. I was quite small in size compared with the *other* lads so lifting this big heavy book and keeping it balanced was, to me, almost next to impossible because *of* my nerves. As the Mass commenced, I kept thinking to myself "it will slide *off* the holder when I genuflect. What will I do? The whole Church will be looking at me and I'll be the laughing stock". As the moment got closer I was ready to explode with nerves.

The moment arrived .... and I had a brainwave!

I went up to the right side of the altar and picked up the holder with the book on it. The priest - Father Dunny P.P. (RIP) - as was the normal practice at this point in the Mass, would always say some prayers in silence with his back to the congregation, while the Missal was being transferred to the left side *of* the altar. Quick as a flash, I shot around behind his back, without bothering to go down the three steps and genuflecting and promptly placed the Missal on the left side of the altar! Well, when I got

home you should have heard what my mother and father thought of my brainwave!

To be fair, not all the jobs were as bad as the one just described. One job I always loved when serving Mass, was that of holding the paten under a person's chin when they received Holy Communion to ensure that the Host did not fall onto the ground.

I liked this job because you could see all the people up close - particularly the young girls, who for some strange reason (which I didn't understand at the time) became of greater interest to me particularly, when I was in Sixth Class! You also got occasions when some members of the congregation who were standing immediately behind the people receiving Communion would start winking at me or making funny faces to try to break my concentration and put me off my job. I always got a laugh from these pranks, but of course, you had to keep the laughter locked in, which wasn't always easy. To avoid the possibility of any such pranks I used always look to the next person kneeling to receive Holy Communion as most 'people kept their eyes closed in reverent expectation until the priest uttered the words "the Body of Christ". It also ensured that I didn't have to look straight into the persons' mouth and check the number of teeth he/she had!

#### FASTER MASS

As I said earlier, I generally served Second Mass. However, I think it was when I went into Sixth Class that I began serving the 8.00 a.m. Mass. I enjoyed this Mass because there weren't as many people attending it. It was a faster Mass than the 11.00 a.m. Second Mass as the priest sometimes didn't give a sermon. It usually finished around 8.30 a.m. and I was back home in my

own house before 9.00 a.m. and free to do whatever I wanted for the remainder of the morning.

However I will always remember one such early Mass - not for the Mass itself - but for what happened after it. It occurred during the summer holidays (I think in 1968). When Mass had finished, Father Dunny sent me over to Deane's Shop to buy the Sunday Press. When I came back with the newspaper to Father Dunny he began reading the headlines. Suddenly, he let out a loud gasp/cum shriek and began what I think were prayers in Latin! I became very nervous, wondering what had agitated and upset him so much.

#### CHARLES MANSON

I only discovered when I got home, what the fuss was all about. The big news story of the day was that American actress Sharon Tate, had been murdered by Charles Manson in an occult type ritual murder. It was the nature (and I presume the viciousness) of this murder that had upset Father Dunny so much.

I mentioned earlier, that the weekday Masses were said in Latin. As part of our training, we had to learn the Mass in Latin for those early morning weekday Masses. These Masses were normally served by the boys living closest to the School such as, Sean and Patrick O'Neill, Ned Deane or Tom Nolan. On a few occasions, I had to do it - but I don't recall why I had to do so. These Masses were attended by a few hardy souls - with perhaps no more than five to ten people in the congregation. I am sure that anybody who has served Mass said in Latin, can remember learning the "I Confess" or "Confiteor" as it was called in Latin. The classic of course, is the line "mea culpa, mea culpa, mea maxima culpa". Many's the altar boy that would murmur under



. Tinryland N.S. group with teacher Denis Shannon at the 1972 Children's Drama Finals in the Town Hall, Carlow. included in picture are: Back Row: Mary Clarke, Caroline Reid, Jacinta Nolan, Julie Foley, Teresa Deane and Noeleen Costello. Middle Row: Katie Farrell- Olive Moore, Geraldine Cole, Catherine Butler, Teresa Townsend, Martina Doyle and Pascal Doran. Front Row: Cora O'Reilly, Brian O'Quigley and Michael Murphy.



his breath, the immortal line "me a cowboy, me a cowboy, me a Mexican cowboy"!

However, the real biggie when it came to serving Mass was the Easter Ceremonies.

These were held on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Saturday nights at 8.00 p.m. The Church was always overflowing with people. Priests from across the diocese of Kildare & Leighlin assisted Fathers Dunny and Doyle over the three nights. In addition, Deacons (students in their final year of study for the priesthood) from Saint Patrick's Seminary in Carlow town also assisted. I think that at some of the ceremonies the then Bishop of Kildare & Leighlin, Dr. Patrick Lennon even attended - but I stand to be corrected on that.

#### NOT THE TALLEST

In my first year serving the Easter Ceremonies, I was given the task of lighting the candles on the main and two side-altars. I wasn't the tallest of chaps by any means and given the huge congregation in attendance, I was my usual bag of nerves, thinking the whole church was looking at me. I can clearly remember, struggling with a shaking hand, starting to light the candles on the side-altar first. I started with the lowest, working my way up to the highest ones. Unfortunately, I could barely reach the highest candles and had to stand on my tiptoes to reach them. From nowhere, a hand rested on my arm, which made the shaking somewhat less. When I looked round it was Father Gary Doyle who had just completed hearing Confessions and was on his way into the vestry to get ready for the Ceremonies. He obviously took pity on me when he saw my plight and came over to help me. I would probably be still there only for him!

The Easter Ceremonies usually lasted about two hours (or maybe it just felt like that at the time). They involved a number of rituals/practices including the "Kissing of the Cross" on Good Friday and the "Blessing of the Holy Water" on Easter Saturday. All the altar boys had to attend Tinryland Church at 3 o'clock each day to rehearse for the evening ceremony.

I will always remember on one occasion the rehearsal for the "Blessing of the Holy Water". This Holy Water once blessed was used in the Church throughout the year for all the various religious ceremonies. A large golden bowl of holy water was carried from the back of the Church to the altar. The priest would stop on three or four occasions on the way up to the altar and sprinkle the holy water over the congregation. This meant that the two boys carrying the large bowl would have to stand still for about thirty seconds while the priest would sprinkle the people nearest to him. By the time, the priest and the altar boys actually reached the altar their arms would be like lead with tiredness from the weight of the bowl.

This same process was gone through when the rehearsals took place earlier in the afternoon. Luckily for everyone involved, what happened during the rehearsals happened when it did! After about four "pit-stops" when Father Doyle would bless the (non-existent) congregation, one of the altar boys tripped and hit against the bowl. Water went all over the place. Luckily there wasn't too much water in the bowl. But rehearsals had to stop for a short period while the water was mopped up. Fortunately, despite all our worries of a possible repeat performance later that night, everything subsequently was "all right on the night".

"Kissing the Cross" involved all the congregation coming up to the altar and kissing Our Lord's feet on the Crucifix. The priest would wipe the feet with a cloth and the next person would then kiss the cross. This went on until the whole congregation had kissed the cross. I would guess that it took well over half an hour to complete. The altar boy standing beside the priest had to hold the cross during all this time and was invariably exhausted by

that stage.

The hardest job during the Easter Ceremonies was that of holding the thurible. The thurible was used to hold burning incense, which would be "topped-up" by the priest throughout the Ceremonies. This process involved pulling up one of the two chains to open it and then releasing the second chain when the priest had put incense into the thurible. To ensure that the incense continued burning, the altar boy would have to continuously rock the thurible back and forth throughout the ceremonies.

I was given this job in my last year as an altar boy and although it was hard work I really enjoyed it as you went everywhere the priest went throughout the ceremonies. It meant a lot of standing but it was compensated by the fact that for most of the ceremonies particularly on Easter Saturday night, I was facing the congregation and had lots of time to look around and see people's reactions to proceedings particularly, on the back gallery of the Church. The back gallery of the church in Tinryland is no longer there, but has been the subject of many stories that have gone into Tinryland folklore. Suffice for me to say, I am not going to add another chapter to that folklore! But ..... who knows!

There were of course the happy and sad sides to being an altar boy. The happy side was that of serving a wedding - a job I never did - because, as I said earlier, they were usually given to the boys who lived nearest the Church. The servers invariably got a few bob (known in Dublin as "grushie") from the groom or best man for their endeavours, which compensated for all the other times when they got nothing.

The only time I ever got any money was when Father Brendan Carberry said his first Mass in Tinryland church. He had previously assisted at the Easter Ceremonies when a deacon at Saint Patrick's in Carlow. I will always remember with great fondness when he gave me a ten-shilling note for serving that Mass. Father Carberry was a very popular priest, particularly with the youth of Carlow. Tragically he was killed in a car crash on the Carlow-Portlaoise road a few years later (early 70's).

#### SAD OCCASIONS

The sad occasions invariably were serving at funeral Masses. The toughest part was after the Mass at the graveside. The altar boy always stood beside the grave either holding a lighted candle or the holy water. I hated (and still do) to see the coffin being lowered into the grave. I particularly hated when the gravediggers would start to fill in the grave and the sound of clay and stones hitting the coffin used to send shivers up my spine. Fortunately, nowadays, the graves are filled in after the mourners have departed.

I suppose there are many other stories from those days that should be put down on paper. Hopefully, my reminiscences will bring a smile to people's faces as they read this article and hopefully, jog a few further individual memories for people. All in all, looking back on those times, there was no doubt about it - perhaps it was innocence as a young boy; perhaps these were different times than today - but serving Mass really taught me a lot of things and I firmly believe others also. Values such as respect for the clergy and for other people as well as how to stand on our own two feet and make decisions - some of them mistakes - and learn from them. But I suppose the greatest one of all from my perspective is the friendship and camaraderie that developed amongst that group of 10 to 12 year old boys from the parish of Tinryland who would later go their separate ways into secondary school.

But the bottom line is they were great, great days!

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5th & 6th CLASS - Back Row from Left to Right: Darren Murphy, Christopher Costello, Aaron Hempenstall, Conor Byrne, Stephen Chubb, *Joey* Ryan, Cormac Walshe. Third Row: Eadaoin Carthy, Conor Carthy, Eileen Moore, Paula Murphy, Deborah Fields, T.J. Curran, Lisa Deane. Second Row: Aoife Glancy, Robert Stynes, Shauna Doyle, Maria Lawler, Jacqueline Nolan, Jamie Curran, Ciara Fitzpatrick. Front Row: Dean Farrell, Padraic Whelan, Niall Farrell, Cillian Townsend, Wayne Farrell. Teacher/Principal: Denis Shannon.

## School Review 2002

by DENIS SHANNON NT, *Principal*

WHILE it is always necessary to improve facilities and conditions for staff and pupils, sometimes it is good to reflect on the life of both teacher and student at the turn of the century. I will conclude this article with a few facts re life in the girls school 90 years ago.

Back to 2002 our school as usual was a hive of activity. The change of 1st Class Holy Communion to 2nd Class meant that our late P.P. Fr. Dunne was denied the special event. His death on September 16th was a shattering blow to staff and pupils. The response for a Guard of Honour at his funeral by senior pupils was willingly undertaken. We welcome Fr. John as our Manager and hope that he will have a long and fruitful association with us.

### NEW STAFF

Regretfully Mrs. Martina Gibbons returned to Baltinglass in September to her base town. Mrs. Norma Crowe, our Resource teacher took up a position as a mainstream teacher. Life goes on and we welcome Ms. Madeleine Scully (Resource) and Ms. Maureen Dunne, teacher of 4th & 5th Class.

### FUNDRAISING

Great credit to our newly formed Ladies Fundraising Committee who raised E6000 with a sample of activities such as Mini Marathon, Quiz, Karaoke Nite, 60's, 70's & 80's Dance. The money is most welcome for a range of material needed over the next few years to implement New Curriculums especially with the present Department cutbacks.

### School Environs

The work being carried out with regard to window boxes, flower beds, new trees etc., was recognised again this year when the school was placed 2nd in the E.s.B. Environmental Competition and 3rd in

the Carlow Schools Floral Pride. Prize money to the value of E800 accrued. Thanks to a 90% Grant from the Board of Works 35 school windows were replaced during the summer and the interior of the old school section was tastefully painted. We hope to complete the infant section and P.E. room in 2003. Great credit is due to Nicholas for the great display of window boxes during the summer.

### SPORT AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

Tinryland G.F.c. Chairman Ned Deane is to be congratulated for keeping our school field cut with Michael Murphy (River) during the Summer. We hope to have new goalposts erected soon. G.A.A. coaching under Mick Murphy will commence after Christmas. The school boys team had fine wins over Borris, Leighlinbridge, Rathvilly, and Ballon this year only to lose to a stronger Bennekerry team in the final. Our girls team beat Leighlinbridge and narrowly lost 3 other games. Hope for the future! Andrew Melville continues to train the senior pupils in Tag Rugby. Handballers are being coached by Cecil Whelan. The majority of our lads are registered with St. Joseph's soccer team and enjoy plenty of activity from October to April. As reported elsewhere Padraig Townsend was a gold medal winner in Mosney UI4 hurdles, while Conor Byrne and Darren Murphy were part of the winning Relay UI12 team in Mosney. Recently Gregg Murphy took a British UI10 Karate Title. Few Parishes can offer such a variety of activities!

During the year Mrs. Clare McNeill took all classes for Drama, Mary O'Neill - Tin Whistle and Mary O'Donoghue - Dancing.

Forthcoming events include our Christmas Concert, Santa on December 20th and Swimming for all classes after Christmas to Easter.

### THIRD WORLD CHARITY

E500 was raised from a Jumble Sale towards Chemobyl. We also welcomed and entertained 30 visitors from Belarus in June.

Here's to a successful 2003 for pupils, parents & Staff.

### SCHOOL LIFE IN 1912

Looking at some old records I unearthed a few facts on the girls school c. 1912. The room was the present Ball Alley. The pupil enrolment was between 60-65. The school year was 193 days compared to the 183 today. However, due to weather conditions and transport the average attendance was about 50% as opposed to today where its almost 100%.

The Principal's salary was E96 per annum with the Assistant receiving E68. The annual Capitation Grant for heat/light/cleaning etc was E 17 with E5 for cookery fees. How 60 children from Infants to 7th Class were managed in such a small room by 2 teachers makes the mind boggle.

### WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

To answer some questions often asked regarding former teachers, here are a few details:

Hugh Ryan: (1971-1984) - Now Principal in Gneevgullia, Co. Kerry.

Freda Bourke: (1975-1998) - Now retired, living in Thurles.

Pauline Bolger (nee Marlborough 1973-75) - A Resource Teacher in Hacketstown, (mother of Tony Rathvilly GAA and Ronan - Carlow Rugby Club).

Brigid Curtis (1964-1967)

Recently retired from Bennekerry N.S. after 30 years service, living in Tinryland.

Did you know that Mr. Begley, father in law of Liam Mulvihill (G.A.A. supreme) taught in Tinryland during the 40's!

# The Card School

by PEADAR McMORROUGH

THE Master was fairly fond of a good game of cards and the game of Solo was his forte. He would play Nap, Spoil Fifteen or 25s but for some reason unknown detested 45s and Whist. Dick Hayden lived below our house on the cross in the lower semi-detached portion of Ned Hayden's abode. Dick in my time as a child, lived on his own and his kitchen was a great venue for card playing throughout the winter months. The cross itself provided an alternative venue during the summer under the sycamore tree on Dowling's fence. Pat Sheehan's house in Ballinacarrig was the mecca for poker players. Whist drives were in vogue at that time and were held in the Girls school at the chapel, which became the parish hall on completion of the new school in '33 or '34.

The Schools Inspector was also an avid card player and during his twice yearly visit when he stayed a night or two in our house, would be found playing with the locals at Dick Hayden's. His visits were enjoyed by the card players as he was a big Kerryman and kept the conversation moving with his yams during play. Nap, fifteens and twenty fives were the more popular games at Dick's. On one occasion the Schools Inspector voiced the possibility of a game of Solo and was informed that such would be no problem except that it would have to be arranged. It must be noted that the Master avoided the card school while the Inspector was doing his rounds for obvious reasons coupled with the fact that the school mistress who was the Master's wife frowned on such sociality as Dick would put it. In arranging a game of Solo it was necessary to include the Master, which was no problem, except that the Inspector would be joining in, so Dick undertook to broach the matter with the Master. The Inspector of course was not aware of the interplay his presence at the card school was causing.

After Mass on Sunday Dick brought the matter up with the Master, pointing out to him that as he was the best Solo player in the parish, his participation was paramount. This placed the Master in a fix. He would have no problem with a game of Solo, his problem was his wife and the Inspector. He requested Dick to leave the matter with him and would confirm one way or the other in due course. The Inspector's next visitation would be in the New Year so there was no rush on the matter. The Master mulled the matter over and over in his mind and the more he

considered it, the better he realised that the Inspector was the least of his worry. He would turn up and show surprise at the presence of the Inspector, the greater barrier would be the wife. When she would learn that the Inspector would be present at the card school she would be up in arms. As he thought further about it, he got a flash of genius. Why tell her at all, she need know nothing about the matter. He told Dick his plan, arrange the game, invite the players and say nothing to anybody else about it.

The week before the game, the Master set his plan in motion. He brought home role books, files of paper, students' copy-books etc. and heaped them up on the sitting room table. Turning the room into a school office would best describe it. When the mistress saw the state of the sitting room table she asked the Master what was going on. The Schools Inspector is due next Monday and Tuesday and I have to get things in order, was his response. You never did this before says she who must be obeyed. There is a first time for everything he retorted and I can tell you with all these new regulations it's going to get worse. He settled down about 8pm to fiddle with the papers and records, setting the scene as it were for his stroke. He avoided the table on Saturday and Sunday but on Monday evening after his tea he busied himself, as everything had to be moving smoothly because the Solo game was set for 9pm on Tuesday night. He asked his wife if she had a couple of spare candles as he would need same when she took the oil lamp upstairs when retiring for the night. You're not going to be at it all night, says she. Oh I am and tomorrow night too, for I want to send the Inspector on his way on Wednesday morning a very happy man, in the knowledge that our school (note the 'our school') is "very much on the ball" as Peenie Whelan would say.

She went up to bed about 10 pm and he followed up an hour later, being careful not to overact the part. Next evening after tea he advised his wife that he would be up all night as a result of his day with the Inspector. Lots of fiddly things needed attention so he would appreciate no interruption until he got through with his work. She busied herself in the kitchen but after a while decided she might as well be in bed with a book, so going into the sitting room she bid him goodnight and advised him to come to bed as soon as he could. He pretended he was so busy as not to have heard her and gave quite a

start when she repeated her admonishments about letting work interfere with his sleep. Glancing at his watch and noting it was 8.35pm he busied himself with organising the chaos on the table and at 8.50pm he slipped out the back door, mounted his bicycle and was lifting the latch of Dick's door with two minutes to spare.

Expressing surprise at seeing the Inspector, who did likewise with the Master, they soon settled down into the cards. Ned Moore went six and barely got them. Dick himself went abundance and was caught by the Inspector, and so game followed game until the Master called a "spread misear". He played his lowest card and laying his hand of cards face up on the table proved it to be unbeatable. It was now 11 pm and the Master excused himself as he had some unfinished work to do at home.

It was 11.15pm when the Master eased himself back through the kitchen and on into the sitting room. The big candle was hitting water level in the big jam pot where he had placed it for safety sake. He lighted another candle in a sconce and set about to tidy up the balance of his charade on the table. He re-kindled his pipe and sitting back in his chair recalled the enjoyment of the cards. All good Solo players he mused but he still held the edge on them. He thought he heard a movement overhead. He listened. Yes, movement was apparent and then the click of the bedroom door. He waited in the knowledge that he was safe and heard her call his name. Pat, Pat, pause, Pat are you there, are you coming up to bed? Lifting

the sconce he moved to the room door, which was ajar so that some faint light would drift out towards the foot of the stairs. Drawing the room door inwards he edged out into the hall and with his spectacles high on his forehead looked up towards his wife standing on the top landing. Pat, she said, what is keeping you down there? Will you come up to bed, what good are you doing down there at all and it after midnight? Placing his hand on the newel post of the stairs and raising the sconce above his head and feeling like "Stout Cortez on Darien" he replied "The heights that great men reached and kept, were not attained by sudden flight, for they, who, while others slept, kept toiling onwards through the night" and mounting the stairs he felt a surge of happiness at the smile of admiration that was creeping over his wife's face.

# Fatima: Faith Seeking Understanding

by FR. P. J. BYRNE, P.P. KILCOCK, CO. KILDARE

I was Spiritual Director on a parish pilgrimage to Fatima from September 21st till October 3rd this year. This was my first trip to Fatima. Fatima is one and half hours from the capital city of Lisbon in Portugal. Some pilgrims prefer Lourdes, others find Fatima attractively quiet and somewhat less commercialised.

## QUESTIONS - FIRST THINGS FIRST!!!!

What was the weather like? It was grand, pleasantly warm with just one night's rain. The food was grand - plenty of everything and the hotel was comfortable and central. Their resident accordionist (Sean Browne) was an accomplished musician who could play every tune in the book and he did!!

## PURPOSE

Our pilgrimage was an experience of prayer, penance, healing and shopping!!

Prayer: We had ample opportunity for personal and public prayer. Everyone of us had our own cares and concerns, which we brought to our lovely public Masses, processions, Stations, visits, tours etc. Privately we prayed in the Church of Adoration and shared in the Rosary in the Chapel of Apparitions (Capelino).

## PENANCE

About a dozen of us bravely and courageously participated in a penitential exercise, which involved a not inconsiderable journey on our knees. (It reminded me of when we used to thin beet). This was a difficult exercise, combining prayer and penance. The feeling was one of achievement - a bit like doing the marathon but it was really a journey of faith. I have described our pilgrimage as a journey of prayer, penance, healing and shopping!!! We all shared

in our ceremonies of prayer, penance, and healing and we certainly all did some shopping. Pilgrims are people of faith who are seeking understanding. While we all had personal cares and concerns we were coming to Fatima seeking an understanding about the mystery of life and all that happens on the journey of life. In Fatima we were privileged to hear afresh the call of the message of Jesus Christ. This same invitation was proclaimed by Mary in her apparitions.

## SEERS

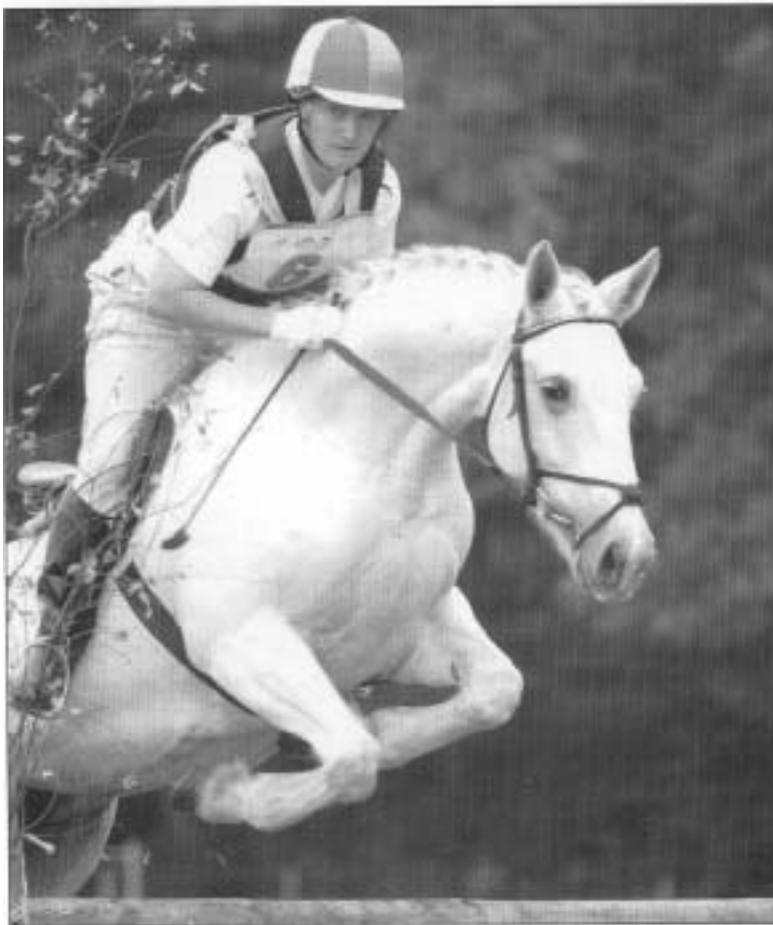
Three people are known as the Seers of Fatima. They are Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta. Lucia (94) is now a Carmelite nun living in'

Coimbra. We celebrated Mass in her convent. Francisco Marto was born in 1908 in Aljustrel near Fatima. Aljustrel was one of the first places we visited including their ancestral houses and the Holy Well. We visited his parish church, baptistery and cemetery. His remains, together with those of Jacinta, now lie in the Basilica of Fatima where we had our final pilgrimage Mass.

Jacinta - a good Irish name!!! - was a sister of Francisco and a cousin of Lucia. The Marto family donated the land around Fatima for the Sanctuary - the area of which is three times the size of St. Peter's Square. Francisco and Jacinta were declared Blessed by Pope John Paul II on the occasion of his 3rd visit to Fatima on May 13th 2000.

In Fatima you are invited to keep silence.....to meditate .....and to pray especially the Rosary. We visited the Museum which houses a beautiful Irish monstrance and the bullet used in the assassination attempt on Pope John Paul II.

The present Pope is a big fan of Fatima. Following my first visit I am too.



## Local Success in the Irish Draughts and Connemaras

The inaugural running of the Native Challenge for Irish Draught horses and Connemara ponies was held in Co. Tyrone in September 2002. The event attracted great interest and competitors travelled from all over Ireland to take part in this unique event. The Irish Draught Horse Society deserves credit for coming up with this concept which proved a great success, with over 80 competitors and a total of 300 classes of show jumping, hunters, dressage and cross country being contested by Irish Draughts and Connemaras.

Tom Kennedy of Ballycrogue rode his own pure bred Draught horse Silver to claim the Open Cross Country class. Horse and rider were in tremendous form over rustic fences to win the event.

Joan and Martin (Scrapper) Byrne of Kellistown also had success on the day when their Connemara pony Flo Mo ridden by Amy McCarthy had a fine win in the Connemara Show Jumping Class.

Congratulations and Well Done to all involved.

. Tom Kennedy and Silver.

# The Sporting Year 2002

by EAMONN BYRNE

**I**N years to come 2002 will be remembered as a very successful year for Tinryland on the sporting scene. Sports people from the area made an impact at local and national level throughout the year in Gaelic Football, Soccer and Athletics, while local Sports Clubs hosted some very important events during 2002.

Tinryland GFC enjoyed a very successful year particularly at under age level. The UI2 team served notice that they will be a team for the future by completing the County Championship and John Finn Cup double. During the year this team played 20 matches and ended with a statistic of played 20, won 18, drew 1 and lost 1. That solitary loss came in their second outing against Mount Leinster Rangers who were subsequently beaten by the lads in a thrilling UI2 (A) Championship Final in Dr. Cullen Park in mid July. This UI2 team also played challenge games against the subsequent County Champions of Kildare, Wicklow and Laois and were successful on all occasions.

Tinryland UI6 team was equally successful in winning the County (A) Championship. This team was involved in some of the best underage matches seen in the county during the year and big crowds watched the semi-final against Rathvilly and the final with Eire Og both of which went to replays. The UI6 team was expertly coached by Paddy Townsend and Sean Barrett, who have guided their charges since they were UIO.

A number of the UI6 squad formed part of the youthful Tinryland Minor team that exceeded all expectations in reaching the County Minor final. After a



. Competitors set out in the 2002 Rockford Roof Tile road race at Tinryland.

good first half, the team were overwhelmed by Eire Og in the second half, but considering the age profile of the squad, hopes are high that this team can finally land a County Minor title next year.

Tinryland's last chance of landing an adult championship in 2002 lay with the Junior team when they reached the County (B) final against our neighbours Palatine. After an evenly contested first half Tinryland were outplayed by a much fitter Palatine outfit in the second period and so the wait goes on for the first title to be won since 1988.

Tinryland GFC played a major role in the successful staging by Carlow of the 21st Feile Peile na Nog from 5th to 7th July. Hosting Westmeath club St. Loman's, Tinryland GFC under the leadership of Juvenile Chairman Paddy Townsend organised the Feile weekend

in early July to perfection. The pre Feile fixture with New York was also a memorable occasion with the New York team subsequently winning their division of Feile.

Off the field of play Tinryland GFC are carrying out a major redevelopment plan and Phase One was completed in September with the opening of the new Lounge Bar, toilets and improved storage facilities. There is a great new vibrancy in Tinryland GFC in recent times with many new families and coaches becoming involved and hopefully it will not be too long before the blue and white hoops are back in the forefront of senior football in Carlow.

The sport of Athletics enjoyed a very fruitful year during 2002 with Tinryland athletes to the fore at both senior and juvenile level. At Community Games level our area won the overall award for Athletics at the County Community Games while many of our athletes qualified for the National Finals in Mosney in late August. Sunday 25th August will stay in this writer's memory for a long time. At approx 12 noon I witnessed an outstanding performance by Ballyloo's Padraig Townsend to take gold in the 100 metres hurdles UI4 Final, defeating 7 of Ireland's best in that age group. Later in the afternoon that feat was matched by the UI2 Boys Relay squad of Darren Murphy, Conor Byrne, Brian Deane, Jeff Sutton and Ciaran Williamson who won gold for Carlow against Ireland's best.

On the organisational front Tinryland hosted a number of top athletic fixtures



. The Tinryland u-12 team, winners of the Carlow Co. Championship in 2002.

during the year. Due to flooding in Knockbeg College the prestigious Nestle All Ireland Schools CrossCountry Championship was staged in Tinryland during March and went off without a hitch on an excellent course. Carlow runner Kevin Lawlor won the Junior Boys event and local runner Andrew Murphy performed very well in the Intermediate Boys race.

Tinryland also hosted the Leinster Senior Cross-Country Championships in January with Bennekerry's Geraldine Hendricken winning the Senior Women's race. Little did we know then that 2002 would see Geraldine make phenomenal strides through the ranks to become one of the world's best 1500 metre runners. Her season's best time of 4.01 ranks her among the top ten on the world stage and has opened many new doors for her in her athletics career. Maybe in 2003 we will be toasting a

World Championship success by an athlete who competed in the Community Games for our area.

The Dan Morrissey sponsored Rockford Roof Tile Road Race was held for the 23rd time in mid September with victory in a high class line up going to Dubliner Noel Berkeley and Tullamore's Pauline Curley with Tinryland retaining the Men's team event for the Paddy Byrne memorial trophy. Athletes like Pat Byrne, PJ Byrne, Sean Doyle, Tommy Payne and Dwayne Farrell kept the Tinryland AC flag flying during the year and the club is going as strong as ever as it approaches its 33rd birthday.

St. Josephs Soccer Club continued to progress during the year with the club currently catering for over 100 young players spread over 5 teams. One of the highlights of the year was the trip to the Blackpool Easter tournament. 25 young players and 27 adults travelled to the

event and a very enjoyable time was had by all. The U12 team even managed to bring back some silverware when they finished runners up in the plate. St. Josephs are a breath of fresh air to our parish with many youngsters now able to partake in healthy exercise during the winter months.

Tinryland Handball Club and Bennekerry-Tinryland Ladies Football Club are other organisations that made an impact on the sporting scene during 2002. Detailed reports of these clubs are included elsewhere in this magazine.

Great credit is due to the adult coaches in all our sports clubs who give up their time to ensure that our youngsters can partake in organised sport. An invitation is extended to any adult who is interested in helping any of our sporting organisations in the coming year.

Here's to an even better sporting year in 2003.



■ The Tinryland u-16 team, winners of the Carlow Co. Championship in 2002.

# Tinryland Area Development Association '02

by *MICHAEL KEYES*

THE year 2002 commenced with a meeting of the Development Group to plan the year's activities for the Tinryland area.

The Group propose to restore the parish hall in Tinryland and have sourced a grant of €7000 for the project from the Ireland Fund. The Handball Alley at present is in a state of disrepair. This has hampered the village in attaining higher marks in the "Built Environment" section of the Tidy Towns competition so a refurbishment of this is also proposed.

Records of Tinryland and Linkardstown cemeteries are in the process of being published with the financial assistance of Carlow Leader. A brochure to be used in conjunction with the trailfinder map erected in the village indicating sites of historical interest will also be published as an aid to locals and tourists who wish to follow the trail. Carlow Leader is also funding this project with the involvement of Carlow Tourism.

Carlow Local Authority has commenced Phase Three of the Urban and Village Renewal Project in Tinryland village with the provision of

new paved paths with safety bollards and car parking areas. The Development Group has been involved in the Village Renewal project over the last three years and substantial improvements have been made in the village as a result.

The success of the Tidy Towns Group during the past year in which they were awarded 2nd prize in the Carlow Floral Pride competition was due to the matching efforts of the Tidy Towns Committee with support from the Development Group and local residents.

The Carlow Litter League is in full swing with the village attaining high marks due in no small part to the children of Tinryland NS who are supervised in litter collection by members of the committee. The cooperation of all in this environmental project is appreciated.

The Student Job Scheme has been of great benefit to the area with the production of a database of local historical interest carried out under the supervision of Development Group members.

A First Aid course funded by CANDO (Carlow Area Development Organisation) was held in the GAA Centre and fifteen parishioners were awarded certificates.

In conclusion plans are afoot for a new project in 2003 where young members will conduct interviews with senior members of Tinryland community with a view to recording local folklore and traditions. A tape will be produced of these recordings, which the group hope to have available in 2003. Funding for this project is being sourced at the moment. In all the above projects the Tinryland Area Development Association are happy to be working in partnership with the Local Authority and the Agencies.



# MICHAEL WHELAN

*'As young as you feel'*

by LIAM BYRNE

A central part of any parish community is the character or characters that are associated with it.

Whenever or wherever this writer travels throughout Leinster and informs people he is from Tinryland, the immediate question is "How is Mickey Whelan?" If ever the parish had needed a roving ambassador who could articulate well with an eloquent verbal dexterity in any company he would certainly have filled the bill. To me he has always had a lighthearted approach to life that enjoys a quick wit, rich sense of humour and great oratorical skills. One has often visualised him giving a virtuoso performance as co-host with Leonard Sachs on the Old Time Music Hall TV programme "The Good Old Days". I am convinced he would have given a scintillating par excellence presentation. But what do you know of this great Tinryland man with 82 years experience? (You are as young as you feel he reminds me). In order to try and fill you in I called to Mickey at his home in Staplestown where his life story flowed with remarkable recall. I might add the hospitality and welcome was exemplary from such a genial host.

## EARLY YEARS

He was born on 23rd February 1920 in Staplestown where he still lives. His parents were Michael Whelan and Ellen Walsh. There were eight in family including himself, namely Paddy, Peenie, Linda, Eileen, Christina, Theresa and Pauline. Michael is the sole surviving family member. He went to school in Tinryland NS where his teachers were Mr. Brophy, Mill Lane Rathcroogue, Mr. & Mrs Shine Tinryland and Miss Kenny. Shanks mare to school was the transport method in those days in their barefeet in the fine weather. After completion of National School in Tinryland both he and his sister Pauline attended the Technical School in Carlow for four years. They walked the eight



*Mickey Whelan - a true gentleman.*

mile return journey daily. The teachers recalled there were Dermot O' Connell, Nicholas Toibin (Neil Toibin's father), Mr. Merne, and Mr. Cleary with Barnie O'Neill as C.E.O. Having completed his secondary education a job he had been appointed to did not materialise due to the outbreak of war. He then worked on the home farm for a period. He proudly recalls following horses ploughing, opening drills, sowing the crops, cutting the meadow, making hay and saving the harvest. During this period he also did a number of campaigns at the local Beet Factory in Carlow where he worked on the diffusion batteries and the beet slicing machines.

## FIRST FULL-TIME JOB

His first full-time job was as an Insurance Sales Representative with

New Ireland Insurance Company. He started in 1946 and retired in 1991 after 45 years service with twenty years spent travelling from door to door by bicycle collecting the money. No direct debits or electronic transfers in those times! He is now enjoying a well-deserved retirement after a lengthy period of dedicated service to his vast array of satisfied clients.

## DOWN MEMORY LANE

He recalls ten parish priests in Tinryland - Fr. Gorry, Fr. Burbage, Fr. Ryan, Fr. Cullen, Fr. Dunny, Fr. McDonald, Fr. Broe, Fr. Denis Doyle, Fr. Dunne, and Fr. McEvoy. The Curates were - Fr. Gleeson, Fr. Kerrigan, Fr. Donegan, Fr. Doran, and Fr. Gary Doyle. One of his earliest church memories is of walking to serve 8 o'clock Mass on the First Friday with Mrs. Shine singing the Latin hymns and playing the harmonium at Benediction. The family travelled to Mass by pony and trap with the pony being tied to the steel rings still in the church wall opposite Susan Nolan's house.

## NEIGHBOURS AND CUSTOMS

His neighbours while growing up in Staplestown were the Weirs, Sullivans, Connors, Nolans, Holdens, and Lawlers who were all small farmers who helped each other like a family unit. Visiting regularly from house to house was the norm with the door always open. The shopping trip to Carlow again by pony and trap was the eventful highlight of the week. The grocery shops of the period were - Lawlers of the Plough, Doyles of the Shamrock, McDermotts, Reddys, The Atlantic Tea Company, Liptons, Leverett & Frye and Shevlins. The local shops were Sextons at Walls Forge which was recently demolished and McMorroughs at Tinryland Cross Roads. This shop was purchased by the late Jack McArdle, another noted Tinryland citizen, in 1943.

## FORMS OF ENJOYMENT

The main forms of enjoyment then were playing skittles on the road, swimming in the Burrin, fishing, shooting and hunting. The visits to the weir at Milford on the Barrow in the company of the Merne brothers added to the variety of locations. The most vivid recollection is of people having picnics on Pigeon Hill on the banks of the Burrin near his home where the flowing river used to carry the sound of music from their battery radio sets. For the uninitiated Pigeon Hill was part of Roches farm where the locals and townspeople came to relax by the river and is now part of the Morrissey concrete plant at Ballycrogue. One of his favourite forms of social entertainment was ballroom dancing at such venues as the Town Hall, Ritz Ballroom, St. Fiaccs Hall Graiguecullen and Dreamland Athy. An essential prerequisite was a wellglazed maple floor where one could glide gracefully around to the impromptu sounds of bands such as the Clipper Carlton, Mick Delahunty, Maurice Mulcahy and Ralph Sylvester. To complete the ideal scenario the female partner must have poise and grace and Fred Astaire was like poetry in motion.

## PERSONAL

I asked had he ever considered getting married or had the opportunity to do so. He said he never had an express wish to get married, as it is good to have one's liberty and be able to enjoy it. He added that he had met some provocatively alluring women who were so irresistible that you would have had to be carved out of wood to resist them. His life long friends would have included Tom Doyle, Kevin Jordan, Harry Harvey, Gus Merne, Phil Merne, George Merne, John Brady, John Kennedy, Petie Walsh and his brother Peenie. He feels he has enjoyed a good fulfilled life, a healthy lifestyle, worked hard, is in good health and is happy with his life and lot. He is a regular Mass goer and Holy Communicant, which he believes, gives him a great Christian outlook and strength in his daily life. Another major source of pride and satisfaction to him is the role his family has played in curing the serious sickness of jaundice. His father got the cure from a Dr. Fishbourne of Vancouver and his mother cured with it for years. She passed it on to Pauline and Mickey who carried on the family cure to people from all over Kildare, Laois and Carlow. They were also called on to heal people in hospital as the doctors found jaundice difficult to heal. What greater Christian way is there

to help people in their suffering?

## TINRYLAND'S GOLDEN YEARS

He first played Minor football for Tinryland in 1936 and was on the losing Senior Championship final team in 1954. He played in the number 11 and 12 of his favourite blue and white and was the ultimate loyal committed clubman. He won six Carlow Senior Football Championship medals in 1943, 44, 46, 48, 49 and 50 and Senior League medals in 1942, 43, 46, 48 and 51. While County and Provincial honours came his way, for which he was both privileged and honoured to play, his first love was for his local club. He was a key part of Tinryland's golden era of the 40s and quotes the legendary John Doyle on that team. John proudly stated that it was not just a team but a family unit as well. Jim Deane, John Mc Grath, Paddy Murphy, Paddy Sullivan and Mickey are the surviving members of the last Senior Championship winning team of that era in 1950, which brought an end to the golden period for the club.

## THE COUNTY COLOURS

He played National League and Championship games for Carlow from 1945 to 1955. He should have been part of the famous Carlow team of 1944 (Leinster Champions). He was selected to play in the first round against Wexford but was unable to travel. Carlow went on to win out in Leinster and were considered unlucky to lose to Kerry in the All-Ireland Semi-Final in Croke Park on a score of 3-3 to 0-10. Who's to say that had Mickey been playing with his flair for scoring goals, Carlow could have won and gone on to win the All-Ireland. Among his memories playing for Carlow was beating Kerry in the National League in 1954 before being beaten by Mayo. He also played in the Leinster championship in 1955, being beaten by a good Dublin team, which went on to contest the All-Ireland final against Kerry. I asked him to recall the day Carlow played the All-Ireland Semi-Final in Croke Park. He attended 7.30 a.m. Mass in the Cathedral in Carlow (no Saturday evening Mass then). Then with John Moore, Gus Merne, George Merne and Phil Merne he cycled on his racing bike to Croke Park, which took four hours. They parked their bikes at a bicycle shop near by (there was no need to lock them at that time). He only carried a saddlebag with a change of shirt and trousers. After the game the Carlow contingent met at the Ormond Hotel to discuss the game

and what might have been. They stayed over in the Ormond Hotel for a nominal sum that night and cycled home to Carlow the next day. There were some cars around then but shortly after the war there was not a lot of petrol to be had.

## THE GREEN JERSEY OF LEINSTER

In 1949 he had the honour of being selected to play for Leinster against Ulster in the Railway Cup at Clones, following the tradition of his brother Peenie who had captained Leinster to win the Railway Cup in 1945. He fondly recalls players of his Leinster era as Peter McDermott and Paddy O'Brien (Meath), Frankie Fagan (Louth), Kevin Heffernan (Dublin), Gerry O'Reilly (Wicklow) and Willie Goodison (Wexford). Pride of place at his home is a special gold medal in a wood surround presented to him at a function in Dublin in 1999. It took place to mark the 50th Anniversary of Michael O'Muircheartaigh's first radio commentary, which was the Leinster v Ulster game that Mickey had played in. There was a reunion of both teams from 50 years ago with Tom Doyle and Brendan Hayden accompanying him. The late Andy Murphy another Tinryland star player was on that team as well and his wife Ter and daughter Helen represented him. It was a brilliant reunion and a very memorable occasion meeting the players again after all those years.

## MEMORIES

The other outstanding memento I spotted on his mantelpiece was the Cuchulainn Trophy awarded to him at the Carlow Sport Stars Awards banquet in 1988 for the Hall of Fame category. Also he takes a special pride in the plaque presented to him in 1966 for his contribution to the Carlow charities of Saint Vincent de Paul as a member of the Jimmy Magee All Stars team. Asked who was the best footballer he had ever seen he immediately replied, "Fr. Paddy Shine was the fastest and most complete footballer I ever saw". He said the late Eddie O'Brien and Jimma Rea of the O' Hanrahans were of the same opinion. His other outstanding memory is of a celebration ceili dance in the Old School Hall on the Square in 1945 at which there were five cups on display. They were the Derrig Cup, Hughes Cup, Haughney Cup, Leinster Cup and the Railway Cup. His secret in training and keeping fit in his playing days was taking glucose in milk with

battered eggs mixed in with a drop of Winters Tale. It was used for building up energy levels to keep going and a great tonic for the wind. No creatine or drug tests needed in those days. He did not drink or smoke and was noted for his speed both in getting the ball and getting out of the way of more physical, robust opponents.

#### MENTOR

After his playing days were over he felt it would be appropriate that he should give something back to the club he had so loyally served for so long on the playing field. He took an administrative role and acted in the role of Chairman, Trainer, Selector, Committee,

Masseur and was actively involved in bringing back Championship success to Tinryland at under 21 level in 1967 and 69. Further Carlow Senior Championship success followed in 1971, 72, 75, 79, and 81 and Tinryland were back on top in Carlow football again, thanks in no small way to his organisational and motivational skills. Since 1981 a barren period has taken place again, similar to what happened after 1950 but Mickey is greatly encouraged by the promise and success of the under age teams of the club. He attended the recent County Minor Final against Eire Og and thinks it is only a matter of time before more Championship success returns to his beloved Tinryland.

#### SUMMARY

Mickey is a humble unassuming man with a brilliant grasp of the English vocabulary. His fond caring for his late mother and sister Pauline and his Christian attitude to other people stood out to this writer. He is a gentleman on and off the sports field and a brilliant ambassador for both the parish of Tinryland and Tinryland Football Club. It is fitting that we now pay tribute to him and wish him many more years of health and happiness.

Michael I now wish to present to you, one of our own, in the 2002 edition of Tinryland's "Reaching Out" magazine "This is Your Life."

## PERSONAL PROFILE

Name : MICHAEL WHELAN

Address: Staplestown

Status: Eligible Bachelor

Work: Retired Insurance Official

Q1 If you were starting out in life again would you do anything different?

A No. I have had a happy fulfilled life

Q2 What are your hobbies/ pastimes?

A Gardening, reading Westerns anything by Zane Grey, Edgar Wallace

Q3 Favourite Teams/ Sports Stars?

A Tinryland, Carlow, Wexford/ Paddy Shine, Willie Goodison, Nicky Rackard, Gerry O'Reilly

Q4 What is it about people that annoy you most? People trying to act like someone else

A (His personal philosophy is to thine own self be true)

Q5 How do you relax?

A Listen to classical music/ reading/ watching sport

Q6 What is your favourite holiday destination?

A Kerry - Killarney, Killorglin, Ballybunion

Q7 What are your best childhood memories?

A Going up the river to catch pike with a snare on the end of a pole and playing tig in the laurels at Lawler's

Q8 Name your favourite film? \

A The Balalaika with Nelson. Eddy and Jeannette McDonald

Q9 What is your favourite restaurant?

A Bon-Bon formerly in Tullow Street Carlow run by Tinryland player Evan McDonald

Q10 What is your favourite type of music?

A Classical, light operatic, tenor, soprano

Q11 What books do you read?

A Westerns, Sports, Detective

Q12 Who in the world do you admire the most?

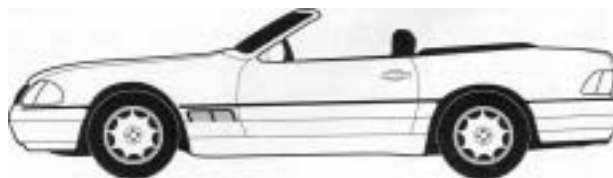
A The parents of years ago including my own who worked hard, reared big families on very limited resources and were always in good humour

Q13 What would you do if you won the Lotto? Be charitable to people in need.

A

Q14 Do you have a dream car?

A A Maserati racing car so that I could scorch around Tinryland Square and rouse Jim Deane from his restful slumbers



Q15 If you were Minister for Finance what would you do?

A Take pensioners out of the tax net. After working all their lives, it is criminal to be paying tax on meagre pensions I

Q16 What is your favourite TV programme?

A The Sunday Game all Sports programmes

Q17 What is your favourite tippie?

A Glass of Guinness / port wine

Q18 How would you like to be remembered?

-A As someone who had a sense of consideration for other people especially those in need.





**JUNIOR INFANTS - Back Row from Left to Right:** Peter Hennessey, Tara Murphy, Emma Murphy, Conor McGrath, Roisin Hayden, Killian Maher, Jamie Noctar. **Middle Row:** Megan Fields, Aoife Maher, Rachel Buchs, Niall Scully, Bradleigh Nolan, Megan Curran, Selina Fitzpatrick, Katie Farrell. **Front Row:** Shannen Fields, Brendan Foley, Shauna Nolan, Eamon Murphy, Roisin O'Brien, Sean Regan, Laura Burke. **Teacher:** Ita Finnerty.



**SENIOR INFANTS & 1st CLASS - Back Row from Left to Right:** Fiach Byrne, Dylan Moore, Shakira Aylward, Adam Murphy, Diarraí Walshe, Lydia McNally, Jason Curran, Cathal Costello. **Third Row:** Mark Lawlor, Ciaran Townsend, Martin Murphy, Erica Dowling, Shauna Curran, Ian McGrath, Conar Nolan, Daniel Cumiskey. **SecOhd Row:** Adam Nolan, Brendan Farrell, Teresa Farrell, Ashleigh Farrell, Dylan Reamsbottom, James Murphy, Niamh Farrell, Roisin Byrne. **Front Row:** Shannen Farrell, Pierce Hosey, Aoife Maddock, Eoin Fields, Aoife Hayden. **Teacher:** Maire Foster.

# Storytelling

by PEADAR McMORROUGH

STORYTELLING played a large part in the social life of the parish while I was growing up. Wirelesses were scarce and only 2RN was on air. My grandfather would tell stories and recite poetry for hours at a time. He had a prodigious memory and would recite "Babes in the Wood", "Lochinvar", "Little Children when you tread", "A chieftain to highlands bound" and many, many other poems to us as we sat beside him at the foot of a haycock in the newly cut meadow. Tom Cummins would drop into our house on the cross during the dark nights of winter and tell ghost stories that had us frightened out of our wits until at the end of his story he would restore our comfort by saying "Ah sure I only dreamt about it". Matt

Anthony was another I recall had a fund of yarns while Dan (Sailor) Carney recounted tales of epic voyages round the horn aboard three and four masted clippers as well as the ports along the coasts of South America, Africa and India. Master Brophy introduced us to the Latin and Greek classics in his own inimitable clipped fonnat and while I never studied Greek I recognised his sources of the Latin epics as I coursed through secondary school. I should say here that my discourses with Master Brophy occurred when our paths came together as I cycled to and from the Brothers in Carlow and he was teaching in the Tech after he left Tinryland N.S. Jack

Murphy was another great recounter of threshing day stories around the parish, such as the one I now recall.

The parish curate was going on holidays and Fr. Tom had got a locum from St. Patrick's college in Carlow town. A recently ordained young man from Clogh or Coon who was doing further studies and would cycle out from town for the two Sundays he was acting curate. The young priest was nervous. when he arrived on the first Sunday in time to prepare for the 11am mass. Fr. Tom had read the early mass and was already gone to Bennekerry for the IOam. He had met the curate during the week and had shown him the church and its surroundings. "Don't be afraid, they are grand people and so long as you give them a bit of a sennon all will go well", said Fr. Tom by way of allaying the young priest's nerves.

The schoolmaster had the altar boys marshalled and Mrs. Neill was tolling the mass bell while the curate robed himself for Mass. I don't know what to give the sermon on remarked the Curate to the Master. "Oh, just be yourself", said the Master, just be yourself. "Myself" said the curate. "Just be myself". What words of wisdom, sure who knows me better than myself, said he to himself as with a

smile on his face he followed six altar boys out of the sacristy to the foot of the altar where handing his biretta to the right hand server he ascended the steps. Genuflecting before the tabernacle he withdrew the "Prayers before Mass" board from its slot and turning faced his congregation. He read all the prayers before Mass and then descended to join the mass servers where turning to face the altar and genuflecting in unison with them intoned "Introibo ad altare Dei" and so commenced the reading of Mass.

Having finished the first gospel he kissed the missal and turned to face the people, his congregation. The church was full, both aisles, both side aisles, both side galleries and the choir gallery to the back. The whole atmosphere was riveting. Every eye in the congregation was on him, all waiting with rural curiosity to hear what he was going to say.

"My dear people. I come as a stranger amongst you and so I will introduce myself. I am Fr. Jack Brennan from Agharue near Coon in the colliery country of northwest Carlow. My family have a small farm on 35 acres of poor land on which my mother and father, two sisters and three brothers reside and of which I am the youngest. The land is poor, mainly grazing with a small area of arable land between the confluence of the Coolcullen and Dinin rivers. It's no easy matter raising a family of six in such an area but we got by with good husbandry and hard work. We all went to school at the Butts N.S. except for one sister who attended Bilboa N.S. Two brothers work in the collieries. The other is a shop assistant in Castlecomer, as is one sister, while the remaining sister works at home on the fann. I was the only one to go off to secondary school in old Leighlin and it was the Master at the Butts N.S. who persuaded my parents that it would be a shame not to give me the benefit of same. After about three years at secondary school I felt I had a vocation for the priesthood and I went as a boarder to Knockbeg College where I completed my secondary education. Then after a lot of heart searching and advice I was sent on to Maynooth. I spent seven years except for holidays in Maynooth and was ordained for the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin last June and referred to St. Patrick's College for further studies.

The period of time since I left the National School at the Butts until I was ordained amounts to 13 years and while I enjoyed my diocesan studies it nevertheless cost my parents and the rest of my family an amount of hardship and sacrifice to put me before you on this altar today. This is an aspect of the priesthood

not fully appreciated by the laity and to put it in monetary terms I reckon it cost my family about £8,000 to provide this congregation with a curate today. May God bless you all".

He completed reading the Mass and returning to the sacristy, dismissed his servers with a blessing and disrobed. He prayed silently for some moments before making his way to the front of the church yard where knots of men and women were gathered separately here and there, exchanging gossip and he suspected talking about him. As he approached the groups fell silent. Some broke up and departed, others turned aside out of shyness. One group of men was engaged in gregarious conversation while lighting pipes or cigarettes, so he made his way towards them. His arrival startled them somewhat. Some kicked the gravel with a nervous twitch of a foot, another burned the tip of his index finger on his pipe fire, while yet another searched his pockets for something or other. "Hello men", he said, by way of soothing things down. "Not a bad day, Thank God", he added. One pipe smoker drew on his pipe with exaggerated effort and lifting his face towards the sky exclaimed while releasing a blast of smoke, that it was indeed a good day.

A cigarette smoker cradling the fag inwards towards his reversed palm welcomed the curate and in doing so released the initial unease of his arrival. The curate noted the change of attitude and observed, while gazing around at the departing congregation, "A big crowd at Mass men!" "Much the same as any Sunday", one of the group responded. "Like a day out Father", another observed. The curate anxious to sound their reaction to the presence of a strange priest amongst them, asked the group rather boldly what they thought of his homily and leamed to his delight that they had been discussing it amongst themselves before he joined them. One character offered the fact that the nearest he ever got to Coon was when he collected a load. of sea coal from Rossmore for the harvest threshing and winter fires. "Great now, great", said the curate and "what was the consensus of opinion on the subject of his sermon", he asked. Well now Father said one of the group, as the rest, raising hats and caps took their departure, "we felt we could have done with a cheaper man".

*Peadar McMorrough lived for part of his childhood in his grandfather shouse (now McArdle s) at Tinryland Cross and attended Tinryland NS . He is now retired and living in Galway.*



# A Little Local History

by JIM DEANE JNR.

**T**HE Tinryland Area is rich in heritage and culture, with its own trove of treasures most of which have been discovered and recorded down through the centuries.

The early records show that people lived here around 3,700BC, that's 5,700 years ago. These people would have been the first "farming type" people of the Neolithic period (New Stone Age) and probably the first people to settle in the area. They farmed the land, domesticated cattle, sheep and goats, wove textiles and made pottery. Evidence of these people was found at the ancient site in Linkardstown in 1947.

Some evidence exists about how the first inhabitants of Ireland lived. These were the people before our farmer friends of the Neolithic period. Before this period, families crossed the Irish Sea from Scotland and were in the Mesolithic phase of development or the Middle Stone Age i.e. their stone tools and weapons were relatively advanced. These people were hunter-gatherers, living on what they could catch or pick. Their way of life kept them on the move. Traces of dwellings made of wattle (branches) have been found which suggest that at times they were able to settle and subsist on a diet of fish, birds, berries and nuts. Sites have also been identified where they manufactured arrows, hand



. The ruins of Ballyloo Castle 2002.

axes, and spears, Moving on many years through a huge gap in time from the first dwellings of the branches of the Middle Stone Age takes us up to the time of the Tower House Castles and another period of living. There are 5 castles in total in the Tinryland area, Castletown Castle at which Mrs Amy Monaghan resides, Graiguenaspidoque, Graiguealug, Park and Ballyloo.

Ballyloo Castle was built around the 1390s or early 1400s by Art Og Cavanagh of Pulmonty, King of Leinster, who died in 1417. The castle was surrounded by bawn walls enclosing a compound covering several acres. Ballyloo gets its name from Baile Lughaidh "The town of Lugh". Ballyloo Castle was occupied by Art Mor Cavanagh, son of Murrugh, son of Murtagh, son of Donal who became King of Leinster in 1417. Following the death of Art Og of Pulmonty, the Kavanagh's of Ballyloo were controlling chiefs of the land from Ballon to Carlow. The castle was the centre for the Kavanagh's of Ballyloo until the arrival of Cromwell 200 years later. The castle at Ballyloo was a structure of four stories high, with a view of the countryside in all directions. The present ground level is what was originally near the third floor.

The castle at Park was occupied by Morris Cavanagh, with farmlands between Ballyloo and Carlow. The records show that in 1654 Morris Cavanagh and his mother Mary forfeited 232 acres and were transplanted from their Park lands to Co. Mayo.

Graiguenaspideog Castle was another early Kavanagh home built in the early 1400s and was similar to Ballyloo. It is reported that Graiguenaspidoque Castle had a party of musical ghosts. Locals often heard a woman singing and laughing. Those near the old ruins of the castle claimed that on some nights you could hear music, laughter, singing and the clinking of crystal glasses very clearly.

From the Stone Age settlers to the Kings of the Castles, Tinryland holds a unique and precious history for us to enjoy and protect and to pass on to generations who will also live where we once did.



. (Clockwise): Mrs. Lillis, Mrs. 'Babs' Kelly, Mrs. Rita Hayes, Mrs. T. Hayes, Mrs. Elsie Cummins, Mrs. Maud Dowling, Mrs. Betty Cole, (next woman unknown) and Mrs. Lily Kelly at an ICA party.



**2nd & 3rd CLASS** - Back Row from Left to Right: Steven Curran, Shannen Tynan-Townsend, Mark Deane, Michael Mannion, Sarah Maher, Clodagh McGrath, Donal Curran. Third Row: Craig Farrell, Christophe Chall, Michael Delaney, Deborah Howard, Eoin Maddock, Susan Chubb. Second Row: Harry Hennessey, Collette Murphy, Mark Curran, Aoife Farrell, Niall Fitzpatrick, Caoimhe McCreanor, Aaron Doyle. Front Row: Cathal Whelan, Cian Lawlor, Gary Scully, Shane Kavanagh, Colin Townsend, Adam Dowling, Jonathan Brennan. Teacher: Renee Flynn.



**4th & 5th CLASS** - Back Row from Left to Right: Michael Foley, James Murphy, Maggie Doyle, Tracy Deane, Jason Noctor, Kate Morgan. Third Row: Niamh Walshe, Shauna Fitzpatrick, Adam Doyle, Paul Costello, Zoe Curran, Niamh Redmond. Second Row: Gregg Murphy, Martin Farrell, Caoimhe Townsend, Aoife Byrne, Rebecca Fields, Gary Finnerty, Declan Ryan. Front Row: Darragh Townsend, Neil Byrne, David Townsend, Martin Deane, Colm Curran, Kevin Chubb. Teacher: Maureen Dunne.

# *Bennekerry-Tinryland Ladies GFC*

by ANNE BYRNE P.R.O.

ONE of the sporting success stories in our area in recent times has been the great progress made by Bennekerry-Tinryland Ladies Gaelic Football Club. Formed by Pat McArdle and Fran Mullins in 1993 this progressive club has never looked back since winning the County U14 title in 1994. Since then players such as Donna Mullins, Pamela O'Donoghue and Jenny Kelly have represented the Club on County teams while Club Officers have been very involved in the Carlow Ladies Football Association.

From the beginning Bennekerry-Tinryland has been to the forefront of the women's game in Carlow. During 2002 all expectations were exceeded with the club winning 3 of the 4 County finals contested. Pride of place must go to the Junior and Minor teams that won the first adult titles for the Club. The members of the history making Junior squad that defeated Mount Leinster Rangers were Jenny Holmes Captain, Claire Farrell, Enid McCreanor, Karen Doyle, Niamh O'Regan, Antoinette Farrell, Roisin Cleary, Michelle Galway-Ryan, Karen

Mullins, Amy Doyle, Caoimhe Whelan, Louise McArdle, Julie Ann Farrell, Simone Kelly, Eilis Murphy, Aishlinn Whelan and Laura Murphy.

The Minor team that won the TSB Bank Perpetual Cup defeating Ballinkillen-New Town in the final included Catherine Dempsey who scored 2-2, Donna Mullins the captain, Roisin Cleary, Sinead Lyons, Gloria Nolan, Leah Mullins, Eilis Murphy, Tara Burke, Karen Doyle, Amy Doyle, Caoimhe Whelan, Niamh O'Regan, Clare Farrell, Susan Quigley, Eileen Cullen, Louise Costello, Josephine Farrell, Aideen Byrne, Sinead Doyle, Aislinn Byrne, Antoinette Farrell, Simone Kelly, Laura O'Farrell, Laura Murphy and Laura Kennedy.

The Club also made a little bit of history when winning the first ever Co. Carlow U12 Girls Championship by defeating Mount Leinster Rangers in the final.

Bennekerry- Tinryland Ladies Club played a big part in Feile Peile na Nog 2002 which was staged in Carlow in early July. The girls and their mentors

looked magnificent in the spectacular opening parade kitted out in brand new gear generously sponsored by committee member Martin Doyle and his wife Madeline. On the field of play at the Feile the girls U14 team were pitted against St. Lomans of Westmeath, Drumcollogher of Limerick and Rathvilly and despite winning only one game the Feile experience was a huge success.

As the Ladies Club completes its first decade in existence an invitation is extended to more parents and adults to get involved in order to ensure the continuity of the work begun by Fran Mullins and Pat McArdle in 1993.

Present Officers and Committee Chairperson Bernie Whelan, Vice Chairperson Paddy Farrell, Secretary Pat McArdle, Asst. Secretary Lily O'Regan, Treasurer Pauline Dillon-Cleary, P.R.O. Anne Byrne, Coach Fran Mullins.

Committee: Kathleen Mullins, Ann Lyons, Tommy Lyons, Martin Doyle, Madeline Doyle, Jacinta Doyle, Mary Dwyer, Natasha Lyons.



. Bennekerry-Tinryland girls minor team, winners of the TSB Bank Perpetual Cup.

# Advanced Driving Test

ANOTHER FIRST FOR TINRYLAND

L IAM Byrne, Tinryland who is employed as a Shift Manager at the Irish Sugar Beet Processing plant in Carlow was one of the first eighteen people who attended the inaugural Carlow County Council Advanced Driving Course held on 4th May in association with the Waterford Group of the Institute of Advanced Motorists. The former Tinryland and Carlow footballer joined with participants who travelled from Naas, Wexford and Mountmellick to take part in this unique innovative programme. The Advanced Driving Test took place on the 18th & 19th May for this group of students. The seventeen who passed are now members of the Institute of Advanced Motorists.

The group included:

- \* The first applicant in Ireland tested in a fire appliance
- \* The first Irish driver with a disability tested
- \* The first Irish DOE Driver Tester tested and they were all successful!

What does the Course consist of?

The Course and Test consist of the following:

1. Theory Lecture and Assessment in Carlow County Council Office of 4 hours duration. 2. Assessment drives by Course Tutor on actual test route.

3. Advanced Driving Test conducted by Gardai who hold the Police Advanced Driving Certification and have experience in Traffic Control Work.

## TINRYLAND PARISH ROADS

The actual test route was a triangular tour of town and country driving with the country part of it consisting of the roads encircling Tinryland parish. Carlow Council Offices are the starting point driving down Dublin Street, Burrin Street turning right on to the Kilkenny Road. It continues on through Mortarstown, Cloughna, Ballybannion, Milford turning left at Milford Cross. Driving on up through Garryhundon, Clonmelsh, Ballybar, Ballyloo, Linkardstown, Knockbower, Graiguenaspidogue. It then turns left at Glynn's Cross on through Leagh, Kyleballyhue, Castletown, Rathcrogue, Kilmeaney, Ballinacarrig, Chapelstown, Tullow Road, right across Askea, left at Ezzo roundabout, down the Cannery Road and left down the Athy Road back to the Council Offices. So much for the luck of the draw and knowing the local roads!

John McDarby who is the Carlow County Council Road Safety Officer introduced the programme to Carlow.

Paddy Finn of Bus Eireann in Waterford is the Course Tutor. Paddy is an Advanced Driving Consultant and Chairman of the Waterford Group of the Institute of Advanced Motorists - the only Irish branch of the successful U.K. Group started in the 1950's.

The Advanced Testers were Sergeant Michael Hogan from Templemore Driving Test Centre and Sergeant Stuart O'Sullivan who is a Public Service Vehicle (P.S.v.) Tester from Wexford. They state that the Advanced Test is 25% higher standard than the Department of the Environment Driving Test and is within the reach of most drivers.

The ever-increasing number of road accidents and the need to up skill drivers to higher levels of driving competence are the reasons for its implementation. You often hear of people giving out about bad drivers but never hear anyone admitting to being one of them.

## WHAT ARE THE TARGETS? .

Improving driving standards. .  
Promoting road safety.

## WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

- . Drivers will improve their driving skill and road safety.
- . They will apply skill, control and forward thinking on the road.
- . They concentrate properly, avoiding distractions, reading the road, and anticipating potential hazards in good time to deal with them in a planned systematic way.
- . They are less stressed and take pleasure in applying the learned skills.



John McDarby, Carlow Co. Council Road Safety Officer presenting Liam Byrne with his Advanced Driving Certificate.

- . Advanced drivers are considered less likely to have a serious accident.
- . They qualify for a 20% discount from a leading Insurance Company on their yearly insurance premium.

The Advanced Motorist Association is based in the UK. and is now catering for the Republic of Ireland. Whether you are an emigrant or a parishioner, you can now help to make the roads in England, Ireland, Carlow or Tinryland a safer place to drive.

Considering that a car must have a test every two years, it would seem a logical step for its driver's skills to be checked and upgraded as well. Also in view of the new penalty points system introduced recently, the skills learned at the Advanced Driving Course could help people to hold on to their driving licence.

The moral of the story is you are never too young or too old to learn and improve your road safety skills and at the same time reduce your insurance premium. As Liam says "If a man of 50 years + VAT can learn and pass, then anyone can". A young person from Tinryland whom I Liam recently encouraged to undergo the test has since passed and saved €800 on his insurance premium.

A Tinryland Parish Group Scheme of 18-20 people would be a great idea to foster community awareness of road safety and contribute to the reduction of accidents. Liam would be very pleased to assist, encourage and organise the setting up of such a group. Will you join him? Go on - go on - go on. You will - you will - you will.

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# Operation Hope XIX

by MICHAEL AYLWARD

ADI Roche founded the Chernobyl Children's Project in 1991. To date it has developed 16 Aid Programmes that aim to help those affected by the tragedy of the Chernobyl disaster, which took place on April 26th 1986 at a Nuclear Power Plant in the Ukraine. The programmes are as follows: Rest & Recuperation, Medical & Humanitarian Aid, Ambulances/Spare Parts, Adoptions, Life Saving Operations, Building for the Future, Hospice Programmes, Haemophiliac Programme.

The Carlow Out Reach group have been involved in the R&R programme where children from the contaminated zones enjoy a months holiday with families. To date 8,500 children have visited Ireland. Carlow Out Reach is also involved in the Medical & Humanitarian Aid programme. This involves collecting items outside shops and through schools. 26 million worth of aid has been delivered directly to hospitals, orphanages and villages. 2001 and 2002 saw an ambulance sent to the Chernobyl region, thanks to the people of Carlow and the employees of Lapple Ireland Ltd, Carlow.

The ambulance left Tinryland on April 6th 2002 and over the following two weeks covered 4,182km. The drivers, Michael Aylward (Ballyloo) and Jim Deane (Tinryland) experienced an arduous but rewarding trip across 8 countries witnessing the different lifestyles enjoyed across Europe and then the reality of what is Chernobyl. They experienced some harrowing and moving moments with evacuees, people who should have been evacuees and others for whom it's too late. People told them their stories and in doing so gave great insight into what it was really like and continues to be like for the victims of Chernobyl. They were entertained by young dancers in traditional costume and welcomed by generous hearts, offering the best in the house from the little they had. The 2002 convoy delivered 2.5 million worth of aid in 14 articulated trucks to 55 destinations. Over half of this aid will be divided among 800 villages in rural Belarus. In addition 20 ambulances and minibuses were donated to hospitals and orphanages. At each delivery the drivers would be surrounded by scores of children and like children all over the world their main interest was in the lollies and soft toys each ambulance carried. Some cry with excitement when given a sweet and toy. The aid delivered, there were 3 days left to do a familiarisation tour which brought the volunteers to the Ukrainian border at the closest point possible to Chernobyl itself. This area is a desolate and unforgiving lonely place. People are still forced to live here in the heart of the most radioactive place on earth, known as Death Valley. To visit this area you must obtain police permission and an escort and the maximum stay possible is 2 hours. The drivers returned with mixed feelings, tearful memories, a sense of achievement and pride in the people that donate funds and goods that make the convoy possible.

Spasiba bolsoi - a million thanks!!

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Jim Deane (left) and Michael Aylward with the ambulance in Tinryland Square before departing for Chernobyl.

## Tinryland Handball Club Report 2002

by MARTIN CLANCY

TINRYLAND Handball Club continues to achieve a high level of success particularly at juvenile level. Our young players have regular training sessions and compete in County and Leinster competitions. The adult players also compete in County, Leinster and All Ireland Championships and tournaments. Our weakness at the moment is the small number of adults playing. We are getting new members every year and last year two of our new members contested the County Novice B Final. The success of our juveniles also assures a good future for the club.

During the year the Handball Committee organised a very successful 12 hour Handball Marathon to raise funds for the Club. Members painted the alley on a voluntary basis and repairs were carried out to the floor. The court is now a top class facility. The Club plans to play a Doubles Tournament at the beginning of the 2003 season. We look forward to another good year in 2003.

### ADULT WINNERS:

County 40x20 Novice B Singles: Winner: Edward Townsend, Runner-up: Noel Brady

County 40x20 Senior Doubles: Winners: Kenneth Kane (Garryhill) & Mick Nolan (Tinryland)

Monavea (Co. Laois) Tournament: Winner: Martin Clancy

Monavea (Co. Laois) Tournament Plate Runner-up: Mick Nolan

### JUVENILE WINNERS

#### County 40x20

U10 Singles Winner: David Townsend

U14 A Singles Winner: Cian Clancy Runner-up: Padraic Townsend

U14 B Singles Winner: Ian Scully Runner-up: Ambrose Doran

U16 Singles: Runner-up: Peter Doran

U14 Doubles: Winners: Cian Clancy & David Donovan

#### County 60x30

U14 Singles Winner: Padraic Townsend Runner-up: Cian Clancy

U14 Doubles: Winners: Padraic Townsend & Colm Nolan. Runners-up: Cian Clancy & David Donovan

#### Leinster 40x20

U14 Singles Runner-up: Padraic Townsend

U15 Singles Runner-up: Peter Doran

Carlow's U14/U15 Team of 6 were Runners Up in Leinster with 5 of the 6 players coming from Tinryland Handball Club. The players were Padraic Townsend, Colm Delaney, Cian Clancy, David Donovan & Peter Doran



## NATIONAL GOLD FOR PADRAIG AND RELAY TEAM

# Bennekerry & Tinryland Community Games 2002 Report

by ANNE CONDRON

Once again Bennekerry/Tinryland had a very successful year in the Community Games. Hundreds of young participants competed in many different activities. The highlights of the year were the Hosey Cup victory for Best Area in Athletics and the winning of National Gold medals by Padraig Townsend (Boys U14 hurdles) and the Boys U12 Relay squad of Darren Murphy, Jeff Sutton, Brian Deane, Ciaran Williamson and Conor Byrne.

Thanks is due to the committee for their dedication and support throughout the year. A special word of thanks to Tommy Lyons, elected Vice-Chairman, who took over as Chairman when Tommy Doyle stepped down. Great credit must also go to Denis Shannon and Eddie Corcoran who promote Community Games through the schools and give so much of their time. Many thanks to relay managers, team managers, parents and to everyone who helped out during the year. Most of all congratulations to all our young people on their achievements. We are also very grateful to our sponsors and to Palatine and Tinryland GAA Clubs for the use of their facilities throughout the year. Finally at the County AGM of the Community Games recently, Eddie Dawson the County PRO, presented his perpetual trophy for the Club PRO of the year, which this year was awarded to Bennekerry/Tinryland. This was an inaugural award and along with the trophy the Nationalist Office presented a Waterford crystal clock. The award will go to Mark Shannon who has done an outstanding job as PRO for the Bennekerry/Tinryland Area. Well done Mark.

### TEAM GAMES:

- Basketball u 13 girls and boys
- Basketball u 16 girls and boys
- Indoor Soccer u13 girls and boys.
- Soccer u 12 girls
- Soccer u12 boys.
- Gaelic Football u10 boys.
- Handball u13 and u15 boys
- Quiz u14 mixed
- Variety
- Skills Weekend

### INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

Art, Gymnastics, Swimming, Athletics

**Basketball u-13 Girls:** The girls reached the County Final and played against Bagenalstown in a very exciting game. Bagenalstown emerged winners with a score of 18 pts to 9pts. Well done girls.

**Team:** Deirdre Doyle, Rachel Moore, Aishling Kinsella, Amanda Cassidy, Evelyn Whitney, Alison Hanley, Mona Mullins and Ciara Jeaney. Coach: Eddie Corcoran.

**Basketball u-13 Boys:** The boys also made it to the County Final. They played Ballon/Rathoe and this was a very close game throughout. On the final minute Ballon/Rathoe scored the winning basket to emerge winners on a score of 18-16. Well done on a great performance. **Team:** Shane Redmond, Philip Condron, Nicholas Byrne, Colm Nolan, Jeff Sutton, Luke Doyle, Brian Farrell, Noel Broderick and Patrick Kelly. Coach: Karen Matthews.

**Basketball u-16 Boys:** In the opening round of the Boys u16 Basketball Bennekerry/Tinryland were defeated by a strong Graiguecullen side. **Team:** Philip Mullins, Colm Cushen, David Kinsella, Jason Kelly, Peter Doran and Anthony Mannion. Coach: Karen Matthews.

**Basketball u-16 Girls:** The girls advanced to the County Final after two convincing victories over Ballon/Rathoe and Bagenalstown. They played Borris in the final and retained their u 16 County title with a score of 30- 20. At Leinster level a very strong Piltown side defeated them. This group of girls are now overage for Community Games and they are wished all the best for the future. The team has played many good games of basketball and have won many County titles. Thanks are due to the girls and their coach Eddie Corcoran. **Team:** Karen Doyle, Karen McGrath, Rachel Condron, Maria Connolly, Ella Brennan, Lydia Canning and Michelle Rooney.

**Indoor Soccer u-13 Boys:** In the opening round Bennekerry/Tinryland played Askea. The game went to extra time, penalties and sudden death. Askea were lucky to score and progressed to the next round. **Team:** Luke Doyle, Ryan Curran, Michael Pender, Alan Kirwan, Michael Murphy, Colm Nolan and Brian Farrell. Coaches: Tommy Lyons and Cora Townsend.

**Indoor Soccer u-13 Girls:** The girls were defeated in the first round by Bagenalstown. **Team:** Paula Murphy, Ciara Jeaney, Rachel Moore, Rebecca Fields, Tina Walker and Emma Murphy. Coaches: Cora



• *Padraig Townsend on his way to winning gold in the u-14 hurdles at the ESB Community Games in Mosney.*

Townsend and Tommy Lyons.

**Soccer u-12 Boys:** The Boys reached the Final and played a very exciting game against Hacketstown. This game was made special by the fact that it was twenty-five years since the two areas met in a County final, but Hacketstown proved too strong on the night and emerged winners. **Team:** Patrick Gillman, Gary Finnerty, Darren Murphy, Paul Costello, Sean Farrell, David Townsend, Ciaran Williamson, Karl Rennick, Conor Byrne, Kevin Barrett, Robert Stynes, Rory Keenan and Patrick Brennan. Coach: John Maddock.

**Soccer u-12 Girls:** This was a fantastic game of soccer. At the full time whistle the teams were level. It went to penalties and eventually Bennekerry/Tinryland emerged victorious by the smallest of margins, 4 goals to 3 goals. This win put the team through to the first round of the Leinsters but unfortunately we could not field a team on that particular date and had to forfeit the game. **Team:** Deirdre Doyle, Amanda Cassidy, Rachel Moore, Jamie Lee Doyle, Ciara Butler, Zoe Curran, Paula Murphy, Mona Mullins, Sara Doyle, Bernice Morrissey, Alison Hanley, Amanda Kinsella and Aishling Kinsella. Coaches: Eddie Corcoran and John Maddock.

**Gaelic Football u-10 Boys:** The Boys played a great game of football in the first round against Graiguecullen but were edged out for a place in the next round by a stronger side. **Team:** Brian Byrne, Edward Byrne, Thomas Byrne, Eric Bates, Martin Deane, Michael Delaney, Jimmy Kinsella, Barry Kennedy, Michael Lawlor, James Murphy, Jack Nolan, Graig Sutton, Cathal O'Toole and Cathal Nolan. Coaches: Tom Kennedy and John Maddock.

**Handball u-13 Boys:** The boys won gold in the County Final but were defeated in Leinster. **Team:** Shane Redmond, Colm Nolan, Matthew O'Toole, Cormac Walshe and Brian Farrell. Thanks to coach Michael Nolan.

**Handball u-15 Boys:** The boys retained their County title but lost out to Kilkenny in the 1st round of the Leinsters. **Team:** Padraig Townsend, Ambrose Doran, Colm Delaney, Ian Scully and Christopher Townsend. Coach: Michael Nolan.

**Quiz u-14 Mixed:** This year we had two teams entered in the Quiz. Thirty teams took part. Both teams from Area II finished in the top 10. **Team A:** Ruairi Doyle, Diarmuid Glynn, David Kavanagh and Peter Morgan. **Team B:** Mary Barrett, Anthony Buckley, Roisin Walshe, Emmett Jordan and David Flanagan. Thanks to Eddie Corcoran and Denis Shannon for organising the teams.

**Variety:** The Variety group had no competition at County level.



Unfortunately they could not take part in the Leinster Final as one child pulled out and there was no substitute to replace him. Thanks to Robert O'Neill for his time and dedication. Team: Orla Glancy, Aoife Glancy, Aideen Byrne, Caoimhe Whelan, Noreen Farrell, Carrie Lawlor, Mary Barrett, Andrea Jeaney, Ciara Jeaney, Deborah Fields and Adam Doyle.

SKILLS WEEKEND: One competitor went to Mosney for the Skills Weekend in May. Deirdre Doyle was a member of the Carlow Cross Country Team. Well done to Deirdre.



. Boys u-12 relay team who won gold in Mosney 2002 - (front 1-5): Brian Deane, Jeff Sutton, Darren Murphy, Ciaran Williamson, Conor Byrne. At back: Pat McArdle (left) and Chris Cleary.

#### INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

Art		
u10	Gold	Stacey Doyle
u10	Bronze	Jimmy Kinsella
u14	Certificate	Jonathan Curran
u16	Silver	Doireann Burke
u16	Certificate	Rachel Condron
Gymnastics		
u10	Gold	Brendan Hutton
u14	Gold	Mary Barrett
Swimming		
u8 Freestyle	Silver	Mark Rennick
u 10 Freestyle	Bronze	Sarah Rennick
u10 Freestyle	Certificate	Eoin Maddock
u10 Backstroke	Certificate	Barry Kennedy
u12 Freestyle	Silver	Simon Breheny
u 14 Breaststroke	Silver	Aishling Doyle
Squad	Certificate	Roisin Nolan, Aishling Doyle, Lauren Stewart, Alison O'Neill and Aisling Kinsella

Thanks to Jacinta Doyle and Mary Gaule for co-ordinating the swimming.

ATHLETICS: The County Finals were held in Ardattin and despite bad weather conditions, the venue was ideal. Bennekerry/Tinryland enjoyed great success and won back the Hosey Cup. Bennekerry/Tinryland 103pts. Bagnalstown 74pts. BallonlRathoe 64pts.

#### Gold Medal Girls

u12	100m	Amanda Cassidy
u12	600m	Deirdre Doyle
u14	BMX	Emma Murphy
u16	1500m	Orla Delaney
u17	Marathon	Nollaig Delaney
u10	Relay	Niamh Redmond, Niamh Walshe, Jemima Kirwan, Aoife Byrne, Caoimhe Townsend.
u12	Relay	Deirdre Doyle, Amanda Cassidy, Alison Hanley, Paula Murphy, Zoe Curran
u14	Relay	Sinead Lyons, Lisa McGuill, Christine Scully, Rachel Mannion, Tina Walker
u17	Relay	Rachel Condron, Karen Doyle, Laura Murphy, Niarnh Daly, Leah Mullins

#### Gold Medal Boys

u6	60m	Sean Kirwan
u12	L.P.	Ciaran Williamson
u14	Hurdles	Padraig Townsend
u12	Relay	Darren Murphy, Jeff Sutton, Brian Deane, Ciaran Williamson, Conor Byrne

#### Silver Medal Girls

u10	100m	Niamh Walshe
u14	LJ.	Sinead Lyons
u14	100m	Lisa McGuill
u16	100m	Laura Murphy
u8	Relay	Philippa Kirwan, Fae Galway, Vicky Lawlor, Aoife Maddock, Aishling Kelly

#### Silver Medal Boys

u10	200m	Eric Bates
u12	100m	Jeff Sutton
u14	BMX	Sean Ryan
u14	Relay	Padraig Townsend, Philip Condron, Shane Redmond, Michael Murphy, Alan Kirwan

#### Bronze Medal Girls

u6	60m	Roisin Byrne
u10	200m	Aoife Byrne
u14	Hurdles	Tina Walker

#### Bronze Medal Boys

u6	60m	Jason Curran
u10	Hurdles	Michael Lawlor
u14	Hurdles	Michael Murphy
u17	Marathon	Andrew Murphy
u10	Relay	Eric Bates, Michael Lawlor, Brian Byrne, James Murphy, Edward Byrne

#### Certificate Girls

u10	Hurdles	Sarah Rennick
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U10	100m	Jemima Kirwan
u14	100m	Christine Scully
u6	Relay	Roisin Byrne, Ashley Farrell, Theresa Farrell, Shannon Farrell, Megan Fields

#### Certificate Boys

u8	60m	Colin Townsend
u10	Hurdles	Edward Byrne
u12	600m	Joey Ryan
u14	100m	Philip Condron
u8	Relay	Christopher Chall, Ciaran Townsend, Colin Townsend, Gary Scully, Michael Calvey

Total amount of medals won at County level was 62. 34 Gold, 17 Silver, 11 Bronze and 17 Certificates.

#### MOSNEY 2002

We had 31 competitors representing our Area at the National Finals over the two weekends. Our winning streak continued in Mosney with Gold for Boys u12 relay, Gold Boys u14 Hurdles, Silver for Boys u17 Marathon and Certificate for Girls u 12 100m.

Boys u14 Hurdles: After showing great form in the heats and semi-final Padraig Townsend ran the race of his life to win the gold medal in the final. Padraig's achievement was described by many as the outstanding performance by a Carlow competitor at this year's National Community Games Finals.

Boys u12 Relay: After coming 1st in their heat and semi final the boys ran a super race in the final to take the Gold. Congratulations Boys.

Team: Darren Murphy, Jeff Sutton, Brian Deane, Ciaran Williamson and Conor Byrne. Coaches: Chris Cleary and Pat McArdle.

Girls u12 Relay: The girls had a good run in their heat and just lost out for a place in the semi-final. Well done girls.

Team: Deirdre Doyle, Amanda Cassidy, Alison Hanley, Paula Murphy, Zoe Curran. Coach: Eddie Corcoran and Pat McArdle.

Girls u14 Relay: The girls made it through their heat and semi final. They had a good run in the final but did not make it to the podium this year. This team won Gold in 1999 and 2000 and Silver in 2001. Well done girls.

Team: Sinead Lyons, Lisa McGuill, Christine Scully, Rachel Mannion and Tina Walker. Coach: Nicola Ryan.

Girls u17 Relay: Won their heat, 4th in the semi-final and 4th in the final. All the girls bar one are underage for next year but unfortunately for them it has been decided to pull out u17 competitors. Well done girls.

Team: Rachel Condron, Karen Doyle, Laura Murphy, Leah Mullins and Niamh Daly. Coach: Pat McArdle.

Girls u12 100m: Amanda Cassidy got through her heat and semi-final with ease. She came in 4th in the final. Congratulations on your certificate Amanda. Coach: Pat McArdle.

Girls u12 600m: Deirdre ran a great semi-final but things did not go her way in the final. Well done Deirdre for the hard work you put in. Coach: John Curran.

Boys u12 Long Puck: Ciaran Williamson did a great job with the hurley and sliotar. He didn't make the first four but he made up for it on the relay team.

Girls u14 BMX: Emma did very well to come 5th in the final. Great performance Emma.

Swimming: Two competitors qualified for the semi-finals. Karen Doyle u16 Backstroke and Laura Murphy Freestyle. Well done to all our swimmers.

The following put up a creditable performance:

Art	u10	Stacey Doyle
Gymnastics	u12	Mary Barrett
Swimming	u16 Butterfly	Elizabeth Gaule
Athletics	u16 1500m	Orla Delaney
	U17 Marathon	Nollaig Delaney

Bennekerry/Tinryland brought home 5 Gold, 1 Silver and 1 Certificate.

# St. Joseph's AFC Report 2002

by JIM MURPHY

St. Joseph's AFC is just two years old but has already achieved considerable success both on and off the field. The club is now recognised as a well-run club and has a very good reputation throughout the county. This has been achieved by the hard work of the coaches, the officers and most importantly the players and supporters. The good will shown to the club continues to increase due to the way everybody associated with the club behaves. A linesman in Blackpool who said "It is great to see a team like yours with so many supporters show everybody how the game can be played and enjoyed" best described SL Josephs.

## MAIN EVENTS.

The club in its second year had under 8s, 9s, 10s and 12s. All four teams represented the club with distinction. The under 12 team was unlucky to lose in the quarter final of the Cup when after a very exciting game they finished after extra time level at 5-5. For the second year in a row they lost on penalties to Hanover Harps who went on to win the Cup. The under 10s competing for the first time finished runners up in the League which was a great achievement. The under 8s and 9s provided many great days out for all their supporters.

**Presentation Night:** A great night out was held in Rathcrogue House with all players receiving commemorative trophies. The Bennekerry/Tinryland Variety Club led by Robert O'Neill provided great entertainment on the night.

**Christmas Party:** The annual Christmas party was held in the CBS gym and everybody had a great time. Each team played a fair amount of football but

more importantly had a lot of fun.

**Quiz Night:** A very successful quiz night was held in February and the club would like to say a big thank you to everyone who supported this. Eamonn Byrne as usual had a great set of questions and kept everybody interested throughout.

**Blackpool Draw:** This was a very well run draw with all the kids selling lots of tickets to help with the Blackpool Trip. Congratulations to all winners.

**Blackpool Trip:** The club arranged a trip to Blackpool for the under 12 team in April this year. The bunch of players were a credit to Tinryland, Carlow and Ireland. They played teams from Scotland, Wales and England. They played 8 matches in total and lost the final of the Cup to a team from Glasgow. This was a huge success with the squad and supporters behaving in such a way as to make it that it should be an annual event.

**Roisin Dubh:** A special thanks to Sean Byrne who gave us great enjoyment and much-needed funds. Also to Kelly's White Mills for the venue.

**Kennedy Cup:** This is the National Championship and Mikey Murphy represented SL Josephs on the Carlow team in Limerick, which was a first for the club.

**Sponsorship:** The club has been fortunate to have generous sponsors with the Under 14s sponsored by Enda Nolan Fun Sweets, Under 12s sponsored by Rathcrogue House, the Under 12s by Morrissey's Ltd and the Under 10s by John Noctor Building Construction.

**Ireland Trips:** In a year of great excitement with the World Cup it was a

good year for the club with members attending every qualifying game. The club also had two coaches full travel to see Ireland v Nigeria in their last friendly before the World Cup. This was another really good night for the club with everybody enjoying themselves and again behaving so well that it should happen again.

**Coaching Certificates:** The club has developed links with the FAI and has now got 6 people involved with the kids who have got coaching certificates.

The club is indebted to the late Fr. Dunne RIP who very generously allowed the club to use the field at McArdle's Cross for the benefit of the young people. Fr. Dunne was very interested in how the young people of the parish were doing and would always stop in the Square on a Saturday morning to ask the players where they were playing and how they expected to get on. He will be sadly missed.

**Alcohol and Drug Policy:** The club played an active role in developing this policy at County level and has signed up to ensure that our kids will not have bad examples set for them. Copies of this policy are available on request. Smoking and Drinking Alcohol in the presence of our kids is not permitted. We would ask for all our supporters to uphold this policy. The club abides by the FAI code of ethics.

The season 2001-2002 was a huge success for the club. The club would like to wish all its supporters both home and abroad a very Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.



• St. Joseph's AFC group on their trip to Blackpool.

# Highlights of 2002

## JANUARY

A calendar for 2002 entitled "Carlow Rural Gems" produced by Brother Tom Costello of Rathcroogue went on sale with the proceeds going to the Tinryland Area Development Association.

The Variety Group resumed practice for the Community Games competition.

Tinryland had over one thousand visitors who came to watch the Leinster Senior, Junior and Juvenile Cross Country Championships, which took place over the parish lands behind the school.

## FEBRUARY

Over 100 children availed of swimming classes in Graiguecullen Pool.

Tinryland GFC launched its premium ticket draw at a function in the GAA Clubhouse, Rathcroogue on February 25th.

The AGM of Tinryland-Bennekerry Girls GAA Club took place in the GAA Clubhouse, Rathcroogue.

## MARCH

Renowned children's author Cora Harrison paid a visit to Tinryland NS on Tuesday March 5th.

A table quiz organised by St. Joseph's AFC in aid of the Blackpool Trip for the Under 12 team took place in Tinryland Clubhouse. A night out at which Roisin Dubh played was also held in Kelly's White Mills Kilbride on the 22nd March to raise money to help defray the cost of the Blackpool trip.

Tinryland Area Development Association commenced planning to develop a Tinryland Village Website to include all information relevant to the area.

A Karaoke night in aid of Tinryland NS took place on March 23rd in the Tinryland GAA Centre, Rathcroogue.

The 33rd AGM of Tinryland AC was held in Tinryland GAA Centre, Rathcroogue.

As usual there was a large attendance at the Easter Ceremonies. The Stations of the Cross were again conducted along the Parochial Avenue on Good Friday.

## APRIL

Members of the Tinryland Area Development Association attended the official launch of the Carlow environmental video. The video includes a small piece on Tinryland. At the awards night of the litter league competition, Tinryland received 200 for having achieved "Litter-free" status, which is a mark of over 85%.

Best wishes were extended to Michael Aylward, Ballyloo and Jim Deane, Tinryland who departed for Belarus as part of a large Irish convoy with humanitarian

aid packages  
Saint Joseph's AFC travelled to Blackpool to take part in a major Tournament for under 12s.

Sixth Class pupils in Tinryland NS

organised a jumble sale in aid of the Chernobyl Children's Project.

Tinryland GFC staged the annual Kevin Jordan S.F Tournament between Carlow and Dublin.

22-year-old Industrial Purchasing Management student John McArdle, Tinryland, was elected as the new president of the Students Union for Carlow Regional College.

## MAY

On May 11th, the Tinryland NS Finance Committee organised a 60's, 70's and 80's "Nite-Out" in the GFC Centre. The prize for the most original and best-dressed couple went to Maire and Liam Foster with Liam looking a ringer for Bjorn Borg.

The Annual Tinryland Juvenile GFC Race Night was held in the GAA Clubhouse, Rathcroogue.

The first annual Tinryland GFC Golf Classic took place at Mount Wolseley and was a tremendous success.

Tinryland Area Development Association, with the assistance of Carlow County Council, erected the "Fauna and Flora" Chart at St. Joseph's Terrace. The chart identifies wild life, plants, birds and fish of the area, some of which are no longer to be found here.

The GAA President Sean McCague visited Tinryland NS to launch the Feile Peil na nag competition.

## JUNE

The annual Tinryland GFC Field Day took place on Sunday June 16th and despite the bad weather was once again a great success.

The St. Joseph's Young Priests Society Pilgrimage to Knock took place on Saturday June 22nd.

A group of local ladies took part in the Ladies Mini Marathon to raise much-needed funds for Tinryland NS.

## JULY

New York GAA Club were guests of Tinryland GFC on 4th July in a pre Feile Peil na nOg match and afterwards they were entertained in the Clubhouse in celebration of Independence Day.

Tinryland hosted Westmeath Club, St. Loman's for the duration of the Feile and all the visitors were given a great welcome when they stayed with families around the parish for the weekend.

As usual there was a large attendance at the annual Cemetery Mass, which took place outdoors on July 12th.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society held its annual pilgrimage to Our Lady's Island on July 21st.

There was much regret among parishioners when Fr. Peter Dunne, Parish Priest for the past 13 years, announced his resignation on health grounds.

## AUGUST

A new golfing society was formed in Tinryland GFC.

A very successful fundraising night for Fr. Eamonn Hayden's Zambian mission was held in the GAA Centre, Rathcroogue on Friday August 30th.

The new parish priest of Tinryland, Fr. John McEvoy took up his appointment on Friday, August 30th

The installation ceremony for Bishop Jim Moriarty took place in Carlow Cathedral on Saturday 31st August.

## SEPTEMBER

Our beloved Parish Priest Fr. Peter Dunne passed away on September 16th after a long illness.

The 23rd Annual Dan Morrissey sponsored Rockford RoofTile 4 Mile Race took place in Tinryland Village on Sunday 22nd September.

Tinryland Village received a mark of 174 (58%) in the National Tidy Towns Competition for 2002. This was 3 marks more than last year.

The newly formed Tinryland Golf Society had a very enjoyable outing in Gowran Park Golf Club.

## OCTOBER

Mrs. Brigid Curtis retired from her teaching position in Bennekerry NS after 30 years service

Tinryland Juvenile GFC travelled to the International Rules Game between Ireland and Australia in Croke Park.

Two projects submitted by the Tinryland Area Development Association were successful in their application for funding under the Leader II programme.

The Foroige Club continued to hold their weekly meetings for 12-18 year olds on Friday nights in the Clubhouse.

## NOVEMBER

The November meeting of the Tinryland ICA Group was held in the secretary Terry Turner's House, Ballybar Upper where a very successful and enjoyable cooking demonstration took place.

The hard work done by the Tinryland Development and Tidy Towns Committees was recognised by the judges of Carlow Floral Pride when the village finished 2nd to Clonegal in the (200-400) population category winning a prize of 500.

Mass for those on the Altar List of the Dead was celebrated on Friday 22nd November.

A Scripture Sharing Group for Advent commenced on Wednesday 27th November in the Parochial House.

Congratulations to Robert Stynes who was a prizewinner in the Carlow Art Week.

# Tinryland GFC loses Outstanding Volunteer

THE death took place in St. Luke's Hospital, Kilkenny in April after a short illness, in his 82nd year of Eddie Byrne, Tinypark.

He was born and reared within a stones throw of Tinryland NS which he attended with his great friends, the late John Dowling, John Doyle, Jimmy Foster, Paddy, Leo and Des Moore. He worked with Ned Moore, local farmer and livestock dealer. He became Moore's first driver and he transported sheep and cattle to marts in places such as Borris, Carnew and the Dublin Mart.

He was a great lover of sport with his first love being GAA. He was involved with Tinryland GFC for almost 70 years and

witnessed all 15 Championship victories by the club. He was very proud of all players from the club selected to play for County and Provincial teams and with his friends Christy Byrne, Seamus Hayden and the late Ned Feeney, travelled far and wide to support Carlow teams. His proudest moment however was in 1971 when he saw his son David receive the County Senior Football Cup as Club Captain after a lapse of 21 years. During the celebrations of that famous victory, the Byrne home in Tinypark was open to all Tinryland supporters that week.

When he retired after an operation at 60, he became involved as manager and caretaker of the Tinryland

GFC Clubhouse. In his tribute before the Requiem Mass, Tinryland legend Brendan Hayden described Ned as a plumber, electrician and carpenter all in one who was on hand whenever a crisis arose. He was described by Brendan as an unsung hero within the community. He always managed to sort out a problem in his own unique way and Tinryland GFC will be all the poorer for his passing. He was voted Clubman of the Year in 1997.

He was predeceased in 1970 by his wife Kathleen. There was a big representation from the defence forces at his funeral as his son Edward Jnr. has been a soldier for over 30 years. There was a huge turnout at the



removal and burial with a guard of honour provided by past, present and juvenile players of Tinryland GFC. The Tinryland GFC flag flew at half-mast.

He is survived by his sons David and Eddie, sister Pauline, David's partner Brigid, nephews, nieces, relatives and a wide circle of friends.

## BAPTISMS

(Dec 2001 - Nov 2002)

Ciara Teresa Hogan	Kilmeaney
Rowan Stephen Deane	Kellistown
Katie Elizabeth Hickey	Ballybar Upper
Aaron Thomas Cullen	Clane
Cormac Tomas O'Brien	Ballyloo
Kian Patrick Dooley	Carlow
Emma Suzanne Ryan	Ballybar
Patrick Michael Regan	Ballyloo
Neidin Anne Kennedy	Cloughna
Aideen Ruth Burke	Ballinacarrig
Emma Sarah Doyle	Rathcrogue
Jacinta Julie Byrne	Tinryland
Darragh Francis Brennan	Tinryland
Robyn Maria Kennedy	Kyle
Ross Mannion	Ballyloo
Desmond Michael McDonald	Graiguelug
Aongus Brian O'Se	Ballybar
Kelly May McNally	Tinryland
Pauric Noel Kenny	Ballybar Upper
Killian David Nolan	Tinryland
Adam John Fennelly	Ballycarney
Heilly James Fennelly	Ballycarney
John Lee Bono Mullins	Tinryland
Daryl Michael Nolan	Ballybar Upper
John David Brennan	Carlow

## MARRIAGES 2002

Philip Dooley & Susan Browne  
 Catherine Murphy & John Lynch  
 Richard McGrath & Patricia Kane  
 Gillian McGrath & Patrick J Nolan  
 Lisa Shannon & Arnaud Bonvarlet  
 Jennifer Galway & John McCullough  
 Ronan Dooley & Lorraine Dolan  
 Noel Watchorn & Catherine Tuite  
 Jennifer Kelly & Christopher O'Neill  
 Susan Byrne & Eoghan McDonald  
 Patricia Hayden & Niall Duggan

## DEATHS 2002

Matty Byrne	Ballybannon
Kieran Hosey	Primrose Hill
Mick Sutton	Graiguelug
Mrs Josie Hosey	Primrose Hill
Mrs Bridie Broughan	Milford
Billy Darcy	Dublin and formerly of Kilmeaney
Mrs Mary Lyons	Ballinacarrig
Edward Byrne	Tinypark
Paddy Foley	Ballinacarrig
Mrs Tess Aughney	Graiguelug
James Meaney	Rathcrogue.
Mrs Mina Foley	Tinryland
Mrs Doreen Neiland nee Cole	Dublin, formerly of Ballybar
Mick Ryan	Garryhundon
Paddy Doran	Tinryland
Eamonn Farrell	Moyle
Fr. Peter Dunne	Tinryland
Mrs Babs Kelly	Carlow, formerly Clonmelsh