

# THE BEAUMONT NEWS

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### BRA SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS PARTY



Lords, Ladies, Santa and Clergy join Revelers at the Christmas Party

The BRA Senior Citizens Christmas Party on 1st December in the Artane Beaumont Family Recreation Centre, was one of the largest attended for many years. The senior boys and girls of Beaumont braved the very cold blustery night to part take in what is now the premier Christmas Party in the area. A fleet of buses and cars ferried the revelers from their homes to the venue and returned them home after the party.

Michael Maher was M.C., Classic Gold provided the music and Santa Clause dropped in with presents for everyone in the audience. Fr. Frank O'Gara and Fr. Donal O'Byrne made their appearance and mingled with the guests and heard a few mini-confessions. Community Gardai from Santry and Clontarf Stations attended. Santry station provided a mini-bus to assist with transport.

Gust of Honour; Lord Mayor of Dublin, Councillor Paddy Bourke was made very welcome and shook hundreds of hands as he toured the great hall.

It is a hectic and busy night for the BRA Committee and Helpers but well worth the effort when the turnout is so good and the

enjoyment so great. The party is free for the senior citizens –thanks to the generosity and help of many individuals and businesses.

Sincere thanks to all who helped on the night, Businesses for their donations, Dublin City Council, Beaumont House for the hot food and to all who contributed in any way to making the night such an enjoyable occasion for our Senior Citizens. A special thanks to the many young helpers. The event is a shining example of real cooperation and good community spirit in action. There will be a more detailed report on the party in the next issue of The Beaumont News. Photographs of the night will be on display in the Beaumont House window.

 **Merry Christmas**  
**to all our**  
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Feliz Navidad  
Maligayang Pasko  
Suksan Christmas  
Nadolig Llawen 

### SANTA'S VISIT Ho, Ho, Ho!!

Sunday 16th December 2007

Santa will visit the Children of  
Beaumont Residents Association Members on  
Sunday, 16th December, 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm.  
in Lorcan Community Hall

(Lorcan Villas, opposite SuperValu)

Children under 10 years of age only.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.



 Entertainment will include:

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Bonny Baby Competitions for Babies:

0 - 12 months and 13 - 36 months.

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This event is for BRA Members children only.

## A Parish Birthday

By Fr. Frank O'Gara

We all respect family birthdays. It would be strange not to. This year the parish of Beaumont celebrates its 30th. As parishioners we have made a journey of importance and want to say it's been a great journey. Celebration for a parish means that we are grateful for past graces and look forward to the future and what it will bring. Not to celebrate would indicate that we are not concerned about the journey so far and have no vision for the future.



When a parish is established it means a community of people are gathering to live out their Christian lives together. A parish is the combination of priest and people working together for the good of all. Even if you had a church and a school and other amenities but no community, it would not be a living parish. It's the people who make up the community. Married and single, the elderly, young families, children and youth, the sick and newcomers, all are part of the community we call parish.

I read a contribution in an old parish newsletter recently which provided a glimpse of life in Beaumont in the 70s. The writer remembers walking to the church in Whitehall until our Church was built. Her only contact with past friends was the post box on Beaumont Road. She gives the impression of the loneliness of life till the young families arrived into the newly built houses all around her. As part of a loving community the loneliness left her.

Frs. Ryan, Colreavy and Malone were the first priests into the fledgling parish. They undertook the building of the Church of the Nativity. A school was then built (St Fiacra's) which is one of the largest and best schools in north Dublin. The Carmelites arrived in the early '80s and have given service since then. The building of the parish pastoral centre in '97 was inspired and provided a meeting place for everyone. It has also helped us extend a welcome to our newly arrived immigrants.

The parish newsletters also provide the history of how the parish grew through the years. The youth have been served by groups like the Scouts, Brigins, and the summer camps (elbeau). Traditional parish organisations such as the St Vincent De Paul, The Legion of Mary and the Pioneer Assoc. still working away, are joined by many new social groups (citizen's information, active retirement and elderly associations, ceoltas, dance and women's groups). The administration and funding of the parish is looked after by elected boards and committees. The recently initiated pastoral council is a further sign of priests and people working together.

The community now celebrates all these signs of growth. Every parishioner has helped make our parish what it is, a caring community. We thank God for the graces received over that period of time and look forward to the future with hope. Let the journey continue and may there be many wonderful surprises awaiting us on the road ahead.

### Main Birthday Events.

1. Liturgy for all involved in any form of parish service Fri. Nov 23rd 7.30pm
2. Buffet and Dance night in Croke Park C.C. Friday Nov 30th 8.30 pm.
3. Archbishop Martin celebrates Mass on Sunday Dec 9th 10.30 and 11.30 a.m

## Foods to avoid this Christmas

By: Susie Boland

Do you look at the price of food first?

Are you drawn to 2 for the price of 1?

Would you know what ingredients to look for?

Do you feel you must over stock as you never know who might drop in and you must have plenty of everything, sweets, cakes, biscuits, savory foods and fizzy drinks etc.

But what about our health!! Who cares, I DO....And I'm sure you do

This Christmas you can eat healthy and not miss out!

Some foods contain Artificial substances that you should avoid.

Think natural

Aspartame the Artificial Sweetener that contains Aspartate found in processed foods and diet drinks, these have no place in the body as research has proved it can contribute to learning disorders in children, headaches, seizures, Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and Huntington's disease.

Alternatives: freshly made smoothies, apples (organic is best) chopped with some almonds, stewed pear with sultanas and a dollop of bio yogurt (good for digestion).

You are what you eat digest and absorb

Monosodium Glutamate (MSG) a Flavor Enhancer found in soups, sauces, and Chinese take away can cause brain cell damage.

Alternative make your own soups or choose fresh soups from the supermarket. You could make up your own sauce from a few fresh ingredients or stir fry some tasty fresh vegetables and fresh meat from your local butcher!

Being aware will improve your quality of life.

Hydrogenated fats and oils is a preservative, a man made food substance that we shouldn't be putting it into our bodies. It is a dangerous fat that some studies have shown to cause cancers, diabetes and cardiovascular disease. Synthetic fats or trans fats also contribute to weight gain and slow down the metabolism. Watch out for these in sweets, biscuits, crackers, hard margarine, spreads, and ice cream.

Alternatives: crackers (no hydrogenated fats) and tuna topped with tomato and cucumber

Hard boiled egg mashed with a little organic mayonnaise.

Smoked salmon with fresh lemon and fresh chives.

Hydrogenation is banned in several countries America, Canada, Denmark and a leading food retailer (so far)!

The shops are closed for 2 days! It's not the end of the world!

Don't panic! Shop sensibly! Be fussy! Because at the end of the day it's your health that matters. Your worth it!

Susie Boland is a qualified and accredited Fitness and Nutrition Consultant with over 25 years experience. Susie works as a Personal Trainer from her studio in Beaumont or in your home, contact no. 086-8580500 or 01-8318011



### INVITATION TO BADMINTON



Want to learn to play badminton? Places are now available for boys and girls, beginners and improvers age 10+. ABC Junior Badminton Club meets every Sat from 2pm to 5pm in Artane Beaumont Recreation Centre. Enquiries: 087 684 3745 or 087 972 1484.

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# THE MEN IN BLACK

Beaumont Parish Celebrated its 30th Birthday with a 'bash' held in Croake Park on 30th November. Less than 200 Parishioners attended from a parish of a few thousand, which was more than a little disappointing. Many felt that the €50 cost per ticket excluding transport, was a little steep. The lateness in the year with its dark evenings militated against many older people from traveling outside the area for the event.



BEAUMONT PRIESTS REUNION.

L to R: Fr Donal, Fr Ned, Fr Frank, Fr Paddy, Fr Charlie, Fr Joe, Fr Dermot and Fr Eanna

It was a most enjoyable occasion for the lucky people who did attend. Nice hot buffet food and a good live band meant everyone present had a great night. A number of Priests who served in the Parish over the years turned up for the celebration and a reunion.



## St Paul's Special School Christmas Raffle

In aid of a school bus

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize – Set of Stainless Steel Pots & Christmas hamper
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## Memories of a Childhood Christmas

By: Trish Doyle

While out in a busy Shopping Centre lately I took the time to watch the faces of the small children as they gazed in wonder at the decorations and lights. Isn't it lovely that no matter how things change the magic and wonder of Christmas is still there for generation after generation of children.

I can still vividly remember the excitement and terror of my Childhood Christmases in the 1960's. Both emotions would give you a pain in your stomach they were so intense. The excitement about what you were expecting Santa to bring and the terror that he might forget you.

I remember being given a day off school to be taken into Dublin to see Santy in Clerys. Now when you consider I lived 8 miles from O'Connell St you can imagine how rare this trip was when everyone where I lived still classed it as going to Dublin. There was a big long queue outside the shop and I was so afraid that there would be no presents left when we eventually got to the top of the queue – but of course there were. And to be so close to Santy and have him tell me he would do his best to bring what I asked for but if he couldn't he would bring me something equally nice. That was good enough for me. I told him I would leave out Christmas pudding and a glass of whiskey (No penalty points in them days). By the time my own children came along we had changed this tradition to leaving a carrot and a bowl of water in the garden for Rudolph. I can tell you there was many a Christmas morning in Beaumont when their Dad had to run out early to make sure Rudolph had remembered to eat his carrot!!!!

But back to my childhood Christmas. I don't ever remember having an advent calendar but we always knew it was nearly Christmas Eve when Mam and Dad went off for the day to tell Santy what we wanted. We had to have our letters written by then as Santy needed them before Christmas Eve so he could make sure he had everything packed on the sleigh when he left the North Pole. I could never figure if Mam and Dad had to go to the North Pole to see Santy or where they met him. I used to imagine a big queue like the one at Clerys but it was only for Mam's and Dad's to hand in the letters. I remember thinking if we brought the letters to Clerys they wouldn't have to queue again but because none of the Mams and Dads thought of that I reckoned it must have been a bad idea.

Then all of a sudden it would be Christmas Eve and the excitement would have reached fever pitch. We all had to have our baths and get to bed really early because we never knew where Ireland would be on the list and if Santy came before we were asleep that would be a disaster. Once we heard the man on the radio saying Santy had left the North Pole that was it. There would be a mad scramble up the stairs. Looking back that was probably on the 6 o'clock RTE radio news but sure it was dark so we knew no better.

I can vividly remember lying there under the blankets with my eyes squeezed tightly shut absolutely terrified that I would not get asleep on time and would get nothing. Every noise or thump heard would strike terror in my heart in case it was Santy and I was not asleep. For some strange reason there was always funny bumps and thumps on Christmas Eve night as if someone was dragging stuff out of cupboards etc. I never worked that one out either.

There were 3 days in the year when you always woke up with a huge feeling of excitement in your tummy and for a few seconds you didn't know why you had that feeling. They were your birthday, your school tour day and of course Christmas Day. And at last it was here

Santy always left our presents in the front room and there is no other feeling in the world will ever match the feeling as the door opens and you creep in to see what he left. You are afraid to hope you got what you asked for and when inevitably you did you just can't believe that you are such a lucky child and that Santy was so good to you. We always used to get our Christmas clothes from Santy as well as toys and I used to be amazed how he always knew what would fit us. I used to feel so sorry for my friends whose Mams and Dads had to buy their clothes instead of Santy bringing them but then my Mam explained to me one year that Mam's and Dad's had to pay Santy for the presents. I think that was my first lesson in economics and it taught me you get nothing for nothing in this life!!!!

I can't remember now what exactly I got any year but I know every year there was an Annual (graduating over the years from Twinkle up to Judy or Mandy and finally on to Jackie. The boys always got something like the Beano, the Dandy or Roy of the Rovers) and of course there was always a Cadburys Selection box. A couple of the things I do remember getting were Spirograph and a pair of Roller Skates.

When I look back now I realise what a sacrifice my parents made to ensure we always had a very special Christmas and I hope in years to come, today's children will treasure their Christmas memories like I do mine. I wish you all a Happy, Healthy and Peaceful Christmas and hope you make some memories to treasure for years to come.

## BONNY BABY COMPETITION!

Will take place during Santa's Visit on Sunday  
16th December in Lorcan Community Hall

### Category 1:

Babies ages 12 months and under @ 3.00 pm

### Category 2:

Babies aged 13 – 36 months @ 3.15 pm

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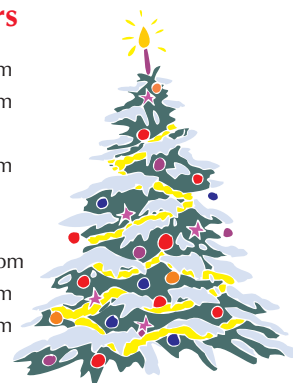
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<b>Wednesday 26th</b>	<b>Closed</b>
Thursday 27th	10.00 am – 2.00 pm
Friday 28th	9.00 am – 6.00 pm
Saturday 29th	9.00 am – 6.00 pm
<b>Sunday 30th</b>	<b>Closed</b>
Monday 31st	9.00 am – 5.00 pm
<b>Tuesday 1st</b>	<b>Closed</b>
Wednesday 2nd	9.00 am – 8.00 pm



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## WINNING LETTER

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### 16A Bus

Can I bring to your attention the difficulties being encountered recently by people trying to board a 16a bus in Beaumont on a Friday evening or Saturday morning.

Because the 16a now comes from the Airport it is always packed on a Friday evening and Saturday morning with people travelling from the Airport to the City Centre. Obviously because they have luggage also the bus fills up at the Airport and there is no room to pick up passengers along the route. I know they also run express buses straight to the City Centre but I presume the fare on these is more expensive so the majority of people coming over will opt for the 16a and the cheaper fare. What is wrong with Dublin Bus that they cannot react to the demand at these times and put on extra buses for the people who live along the route.? The people of Santry and Beaumont are entitled to their bus service and should not be treated as second class citizens by a semi-state body who can not be bothered to fulfill their obligations to their fare paying passengers. We are entitled to our bus service and I would be interested to hear what our local elected representatives think of the situation. Thank you.

BRA Member. Name with Editor

### TWO LITTLE THOUGHTS TO PONDER

1. Now that it's the time of year for catching coughs and colds does it not occur to people that if they covered their mouths when they cough, the spreading of germs might not be as rampant as it is. Ask anyone who has the misfortune to travel on a bus or dart with all the windows closed and people coughing and spluttering for the entire journey and I am sure most of them would agree. Likewise if parents taught their children this basic courtesy we would all be healthier.
2. When people take their dogs on a car journey with them, do they ever stop to think the injury that would be caused if they were in a crash and the dog was thrown around the car from the impact. That's when the family pet would quickly turn into a lethal weapon.

### Spice up your Beef this Christmas With a traditional Kerry recipe.

(For approx 3lbs of Silverside)

- 2 tsps Ground Cloves
- 2 tsps Ground Mace
- ½ tsp Black Pepper
- 2 tsps All Spice
- 4 Tbs Brown Sugar

Coat meat and cover for approx 3 days.

The only liquid is what leaks out of meat.

#### Cooking Guidelines

Place the meat in a deep close fitting pan and cover with cold water. Lightly cover and bring to the boil, lower heat and simmer for 35 minutes per lb or 75 minutes per kilo plus 30 minutes over. If wished a bottle of stout can be added during last hour of cooking. When beef is cooked, remove from heat and allow to cool in liquid.

### IN PRAISE OF CRAFTSMANSHIP

By Barry Doyle

IN an age of consumerism it is great to think that if one has an item of broken jewellery all is not lost it can be brought back to its original glory with skilful hands.

The first time I had an item fixed was when my brother gave me an old wedding ring that belonged to our father, he had tried to get it repaired but nobody would do it for him. I left it in a drawer for years and then decided that it was a shame to leave it like that and decided to take the bull by the horns and try get it repaired myself. When I approached the jeweller he said he would do his best, but because of the great temperatures that would be needed to fix it the stone might split, which is why nobody else would take it. I took the chance and he was able to fix it perfectly, and I wear it to this day.

Armed with the knowledge of the skills of this particular jewellery shop when an employer of my wife couldn't get a gold watch strap repaired I suggested "my" jeweller and sure enough he made a special part for the locking mechanism on the watch and it was made perfect again, she was delighted.

On another occasion after a holiday in Capri where my wife purchased a beautiful glass pendant from a factory shop outlet, where we watched them being made, having tried the pendant on when we went back to the hotel room, and placing it upon the bed, then sat at the other end of the bed, and lo and behold the other end of the bed sprang and the pendant bounced off onto the ceramic tiled floor and "smashed". The part of the pendant for holding the chain was made of glass and had shattered into a thousand pieces. But we did not despair or get upset because we knew when we got home there would be a place to bring it to have it fixed. Sure enough the sharp edges were ground down and a metal part was made and bonded to the back of the pendant and now it looks like it should have been made that way.

Over the years we have brought many other items to be repaired and also bought many new items from the same outlet all to our satisfaction.



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# Great Pomp & Ceremony at the Mercy College Golden Jubilee

By: Des Maguire

Few if any can remember a day so glorious in the history of Mercy College than October 4th 2007. A beautiful sunny autumn afternoon is only fitting for the occasion. Everyone is on their best behaviour and each student knows what they have to do, know their place and is in it. Hundreds of girls are crammed into the main hall and the choir is assembled along the south wall, a Mercy College banner spans across the back of the stage and seven chairs on the stage await their VIP guests. Everyone appears to appreciate the enormity of the occasion and the students behave impeccably. The Principal Ms Lynch is buzzing around ensuring everyone is where he or she is supposed to be, nothing left to chance. We are only minutes away from President Mary McAleese arrival, all the months of meticulous planning is about to be tested. A call comes through; "the President is arriving in 3 minutes" an already tense atmosphere is ratcheted up another notch by the news. The welcoming party shuffles and straightens themselves, get into position in the entrance hall and stand to attention awaiting the arrival of Uachtarán na hÉireann. A voice from somewhere shouts; turn off all mobile phones! There is an urgent scramble by the men folk to retrieve mobiles from their pockets while many of the females try desperately to find the mobiles deep in the bowls of their cluttered over full handbags. She's here! Ssshhh! There is a lunge forward towards the front door; everybody wants a look, we can see Ms Lynch standing, waiting and pacing pensively in the yard Mr. O'Leary (vice Principal) is in close attendance and appears to be in a little less tense state. Two Garda outriders come through the open gate followed by the Presidents shining black Mercedes with a tricolour on the bonnet fluttering in the light breeze and bringing up the rear is the Presidents security car. The cavalcade slowly makes its way down the sloping driveway towards the front door. Trees as old as the school line one side of the driveway and well-manicured lawns on the other. All eyes are on the Presidents car everybody waiting for it to come to a halt to catch a glimpse of the 'first lady'. The car stops and there is a deafening silence for what feels like a few minutes but was actually only a few seconds. We can all now sense this is a huge momentous moment for Ms Lynch. The Presidents Aide-de Comp opens the rear door of the car and Mary McAleese gracefully alights from her state car dressed in a grey suit that could easily pass for the school uniform. Ms Lynch and Mr O'Leary greet her warmly; they exchange pleasantries before marching almost military style towards the front door of the school. Immediately inside, a welcoming party drawn from staff, board of management and students are waiting to shake the Presidents hand. She is full of smiles and warmly shakes the hands before stopping for photographs. The Presidents official Photographer organises the shoot and all the while her security detail maintains a discrete presence a few feet away from the President. She engages each student in conversation, it is clear Mrs. McAleese has a sincere and genuine interest in the students and in young

people in general. Ms Lynch tries steering the President to meet the Board members, Priests and Nuns present but the President engages with the girls every chance she gets –her previous career very much evident.

The President is taken on a tour of the classrooms by Ms Lynch and shown the projects and activities the students are involved with. All others are shepherded into the main hall where the main group of students is waiting anxiously. Mr. O'Leary addresses the audience from the podium and explains what will take place when the President enters the hall. His body language is cool, his beaming smile says he's happy, the show is unfolding as planned without a hitch and he is beginning to enjoy the occasion. The President accompanied by Ms Lynch appears at the main door at the back of the hall, everyone turns their heads around, gets on their feet and breaks into a tumultuous deafening applause as the pair negotiate their way to the stage up the long isle through a sea of grey uniforms soaked in golden shafts of autumn sunlight blazing through the windows. It was a remarkable sight and the importance of the occasion was not lost on the girls.

A student takes to the podium and welcomes the President to Mercy College Beaumont. The President follows with a well-crafted, well-researched speech that knits together the history, the present and future expectations for the school and students. She

praises the Mercy Order for their foresight in establishing the school at a time when it was not popular or profitable to do so. She thanks in particular Sr. Bonaventure for her excellent contribution to the school; however, Sr. Bonaventure is nowhere to be seen and is indeed conspicuous by her absence. It is now Ms Lynch's turn to take the podium and she doesn't disappoint. She thanks the President and guests for their presence, thanks the Mercy Order for establishing and bringing the school to where it is today.

Two students present the President with flowers and a book commemorating 50 years of the Mercy College. She then sits and listens to an excellent performance by the school choir. The formalities over, the President and VIPs descend from the stage and the President makes her way towards the rear exit door of the hall but not before shaking hundreds of hands and brief chats along the way. She eventually arrives at her waiting car, shakes hands with Ms Lynch and waves goodbye to all before being whisked away with Garda escort.

It was a great occasion for the school and everyone associated with the school. The event was well planned and well executed. There were no obvious hitches and it was a job well done. Ms Lynch will be very happy with what was her first major event in charge –and so she should be.

## President McAleese Speech (Extracts from speech)

**Fifty years ago a lot of people believed that educating women was not worthwhile at all. Fifty years before that (100 years ago) women were not permitted past the doors of Trinity College because it was thought education was completely wasted on them. The boss of Trinity said 'women would enter the college over his dead body' - which was exactly what happened. Today the vast majority of students in Trinity College are young women.**

**For centuries; the thoughts, ideas, skills, gifts and the genius inside women's heads did not get a chance to flourish. Talk to your Grannies, they will tell you about all the dreams they had but they never got the chance to live them. So it was a mighty thing 50 years ago to set up a school that was about the business of saying to young women; we believe in you we believe in your potential and we know that education is the key to unlocking that potential. Still for a lot of women around the world, the chance to get education is their lottery win. It is a life transforming thing, it is the thing that changes your life, it gives you opportunities, options and choices. It gives you the dignity to choose the path you want to go in life and that what the Sisters of Mercy decided to offer young women way back 50 years ago. It's remarkable when you think about it; back there was no free second level education, it did not exist here and you had to wait another 10 years before the chance of free of education came along and really opened up this country to its own genius.**

**You've lived through great times in Ireland; Ireland is now known the world over for being such a clever place such a prosperous place such a great place to be. Here you are, the first generation that won't have to leave Ireland to go abroad to earn money and among many of your classmates are young people who have come to Ireland from all around the world because they see this as a country of opportunity. That's the first time that's ever happened in Ireland, always we were the people who went away. Now we have people coming to us and we must make them feel welcome –so this is a very different Ireland. Today young people can be whatever they want to be.**

**A big 'thank you' to the Sisters of Mercy and in particular to Sister Bonaventure who led the school here for half of its existence. Thanks to the Teachers, staff, Board of Management and the Community gathered around the school -the people who hold the school in faithfulness to the good work of the Sisters of Mercy.**

**No one can say to you; "You can't because you're a woman" -today you can and you will! We need more women in Politics, more women in Business and then we'll really see the very best Ireland emerge. It is going to be yours to create, the best Ireland yet I think and you are going to create it. Enjoy doing it, have fun doing it, we're sure going to have fun watching you.**



## Photos of Presidents Visit



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## Archbishop Deirmuid Martin's Visit to Beaumont

As part of the Mercy College Jubilee celebrations, Archbishop Martin celebrated a special Mass in the Church of the Nativity, Beaumont on Sunday 7th October at 3.00 pm. The Mass was well attended and most local political figures including the Lord Mayor Cllr. Paddy Bourke were to be seen. Bertie Ahern was represented by his Aid de Camp. The theme of the Archbishop's homily was; "Who am I". After Mass, he stood at the door of the Church and greeted everyone on the way out.

Ms Lynch, Principal of Mercy College, invited everyone back to the College after the Mass. A great spread of food and refreshments was laid on for the many hundreds in attendance. The classrooms were open to all who wished to tour the school and reminisce about their school days.





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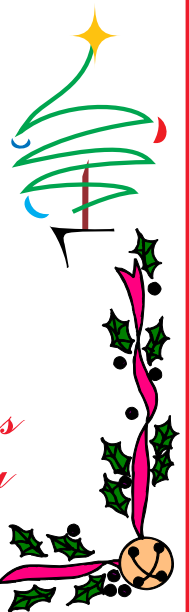
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# Noreen's News



## Dublin Neighbourhood Watch AGM

There was a wonderful turnout for the AGM on 3rd November 2007.

Over 145 people attended the event, all by people who are interested in their communities. What was very encouraging was the number of Gardai present:

A point mentioned by Asst Commissioner Al McHugh in his address.

He spoke of the tremendous work being done, and his commitment to overseeing change. The Garda Inspectorate: policing committees.

Drug offences were still a huge problem, as was alcohol related anti-social behaviour.

And the availability of alcohol in supermarkets, garages, etc.

He praised the Garda reserve; and although the numbers were small, the quality of the candidates was excellent.

He answered questions from the floor about the need for more Gardai on Mountain Bikes: Gangland Killings; and engaging with ethnic minorities.

There is to be a National Launch of Neighbourhood Watch in December.

A small presentation was made to Rosemary Tierney & Barney Crossan for all their work over their 25 years of service and dedication.

A very excellent presentation was made by Sgt. Dennis Beakey on Neighbourhood Watch strategy.

Maeve Lynnot gave the financial report:

Phil Smith the chair of the committee thanked all present for their efforts.

Phil Smith was re-elected as Chairman Paddy Morton. Was re-elected as Vice-Chairperson. Maeve Lynnot as Treasurer.

AGM concluded with lunch at 1pm

## Our Holidays in Croatia

On 5th October 2007 we set off for a twelve -day holiday to Croatia and we spent the first 5 days in Dubrovnik. Here we enjoyed the most amazing beauty of this intriguing area with its idyllic settling of turquoise water. We took a day's boat trip around three islands. After some days we took the bus into Dubrovnik and crossed the drawbridge into the old City of Dubrovnik, which is amazing and steep with history. Every corner of the city has a Church and a museum with lots of restaurants and shops. It also contains a 15th century Rector's Place. Behind the main Streets we found lots of interesting tiny narrow stepped streets that go up and up and never seem to end both right and left. We climbed the Old Medieval walls of the City, which entails climbing at least 100 steps. We

thought we would never get to the top but we managed it and its well worth the view of the city. The food is first class and very reasonable.

The Croatian people are very friendly and most helpful. We were taken on two trips through the goodness of the Manager of the Bar of the Hotel we were staying

.First one was a 3-day trip to Medjugorje. A Spiritual Experience we will never forget. We met some lovely Irish people and joined them as we climbed the Hill of Podbrdo the hill of the Apparitions. We got a great opportunity to meet Marianna, one of the Visionaries. She spoke to us for over an hour early one morning and answered many, many questions. My husband Michael asked her three questions and was very impressed with her. We saw the sun spinning and the sacred host coming out of the sun towards us. Present was an inner spiritual peace which we could not explain.

In Recent years an outside Altar known as the Dome was built to accommodate the increasing number of people who flock to Medjugorje every year. This is where we sat on the 2nd and 3rd evenings as the Church was overflowing with people. The evening ceremonies begin at 5pm with the Rosary, Mass and Healing prayers. At 5.40pm each evening the time of the Apparition, there is a break for silence and that's when we experience the Miracle Sun. A must if travelling to Medjugorje is the Medjugorje Handbook published by Dunlaoire Medjugorje Group .ISBN: 978-0-9556226-0-1

After arriving back in Dubrovnik we were taken on a trip one morning up the high mountain that overlooks the city of Dubrovnik. A Big Cross is erected at the top in memory of all the young men who were killed in the 1991 -1992 war. From the top of the mountain the city resembles a tiny dwarf city. Before the war a cable car operated to take people up to a restaurant at the top of the mountain. On the other side of the mountain is like pockets of flat plains, which would remind one of the scenery in the cowboy films. It was well worth a visit.

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## Christmas Lights - Caution

When visiting or even going to the local shop please unplug your Christmas Tree Lights and all other Christmas Electrical Novelties. It only takes a minute to do so and it also only takes a few minutes for your house to be destroyed by smoke or fire.

## Beaumont Parish celebrating 30 years

The Church of the Navity Beaumont



is celebrating its 30th Anniversary this December. Let's all put in an effort and make this a special time by taking part in all the celebrations prepared for us by the Pastoral Council.

## Children's Christmas Party & Santa Visit

The Children's Christmas Party takes place on Sunday 16th December 2007 2pm -4pm at the Lorcan Community Hall, Lorcan Green. Santa will be present with lots of nice present for boys and girls. Coca the Clown will also be present to entertain the children from 0 - 10years of age. Lots of great prizes to be won. The Bonny Baby Competition will take place on the same day. So we are inviting all the Mums and Dads to come along with their Babies at 2.30pm. Look forward to seeing you all there.

Farmer's Market held every Sunday at St. Joseph's School for the Blind, Gracepark Road, Drumcondra.

Congratulations to 'Handi-Guys' Barry and Tony in their new venture. They are local guys and are well known to me and the BRA Committee. I can highly recommend them to do most repairs and decorating jobs. Most importantly, they are reliable and are very safe to let into your house. They are advertised in this newsletter.

**Sincere sympathy to:**  
**Frank O'Driscoll, Dromawling Road on**  
**the death of his sister Mary Concannon.**  
**Pappi Mulcahy and Family on the death**  
**of her father, David Wade.**  
**To all who lost loved ones recently.**  
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Monday 24th:	9.00 am - 5.00 pm

<b>Christmas Day:</b>	<b>Closed</b>
<b>St. Stephen's Day:</b>	<b>Closed</b>

Thursday 27th:	9.30am - 1.30 pm
Friday 28th :	9.00 am - 6.00 pm
Saturday 29th:	9.00 am - 6.00 pm
<b>Sunday 30th:</b>	<b>Closed</b>

Monday 31st (New Years Eve):	9.00 am - 5.00 pm
<b>New Years Day:</b>	<b>Closed</b>
Wednesday 2nd Jan:	9.00 am - 8.00 pm

### NORMAL OPENING HOURS

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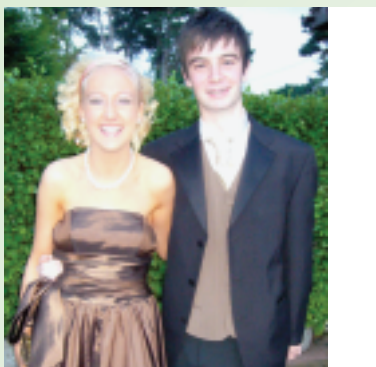
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# Photocall



*"Cool... boys" strutting their stuff on the occasion of their Debs!*

*Paul Maguire, David Noone and Karl Moore, all from Coolgreena Road celebrated their Debs in October. The boys looked really smart in their best tucks and boxers.*

*A large crowd of neighbours, family and friends gathered for the celebrations and to see lads off in two Hummers.*

*Their respective companions / girlfriends; Josie, Mary and Sharon were just stunning and added considerably to the glitz and glamour of the occasion.*

*While the Debonair crew boogied till day break somewhere in Co Meath, friends and neighbours reveled the night away in Coolgreena. A great night was had by all*



*David Doyle celebrated his Debs recently. Pictured with girlfriend Ciara Dunne before both were whisked away in a limousine to a secret location deep in the countryside. Family, neighbours and friends gathered to give the gorgeous couple a big 'send off'*



*Congratulations and best wishes to two local girls; Niamh Foy and Hazel Carolan who recently opened their new Beauty Salon on the Malahide Road, close to the Goblet pub. Their salon "True Beauty" offers a full range of treatments including: spray-tan, waxing, facials, massage, manicure and pedicure.*

*Call Hazel or Niamh for an appointment Tel: 8028523*



*Two girls photographed on Coolgreena Road at Halloween.*



*Captains show off their new jerseys and kit sponsored by Donnycarney Beaumont Credit Union. Pictured at the club is L to R: Cormac Ryan, Capt u14 football team. Laura Scully, Capt u14 camogie team. Marie McCarthy, Anne Phelan and Des Maguire, Directors of Donnycarney Beaumont Credit Union. Paul Clarke, former Dublin county footballer and 'all-star', winner of the Sam Maguire Cup in 1995 and currently a Dublin county selector. Ryan Lawless, Capt Colmcille festival winning team. Eanna Hoban, Capt u14 hurling team.*



*Congratulations to Stephen Doyle, Cooleen Avenue on graduating from Dublin City University with a B.Sc. in Computer Applications*

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