

Shanagolden's honours John for his work with poor

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rights.

"The medal isn't just given
to me as a priest. It is given to
the people of my parish. It is
given to people who have cam-
paigned alongside me, and I
think, too, to the people of
Shanagolden and my own fam-
ily. After all, where you are
brought up and the vision of
life you get is vital, and I got
that from the people of
Shanagolden. If it wasn't for
that, I wouldn't be in Brazil
today," he said.

In accepting the honour, he
added, he wanted his fellow
Oblates and fellow priests to
be involved also.

The straight-talking
Shanagolden man has been
working in Brazil since 1962,
first in the state of Goias and,
since 1966, in Rio, where he
has been tireless in spreading
the Oblate message of hope
which emphasises the build-
ing of strong supportive com-
munities, of people standing
together and of standing up

for themselves.

"We have to hope one day
that the people of Brazil will
win over all the evils, the
injustice, the corruption and
the violence," said Fr John.

He gave the statistic that, in
Rio alone, there were 7,423
assassinations a year. "That is
worse than Baghdad."

In his parish, a mixed parish
which also includes eight fave-
las or shanty towns, every day
there are stray bullets. And he
admits he has been held up at
gunpoint a few times. "That is
part of the violence."

Despite this, despite the fact
that the people of his parish
don't even have proper sewer-
age and have to rise at 5am or
6am to get to work in the
city—"if they are working
because unemployment is
huge"—he refuses steadfastly
to give up on hope.

"You have to believe they
will win. You can't just bow
down."

It is, he said, about getting
people to feel their dignity, to
be conscious of their rights, to

be conscious that this type of
society is far, far away from
God's will.

"If you believe in a loving
God, you have to recognise
that a society with so many
injustices, so many discrimi-
nations, can't be God's will."

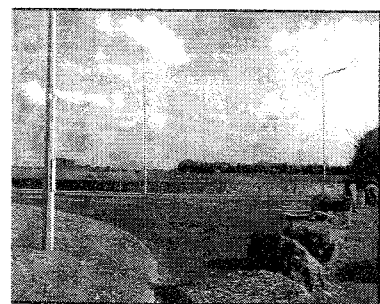
Religion, he said, was not
something to be confined to
the four walls of a church.

"It has to be made present in
the structures of our commu-
nities. The reality of what we
have is a complete contradic-
tion of God's will where the
riches are concentrated in the
hands of the few. It is unneces-
sary suffering of the people of
Brazil which is such a rich
country in resources."

Next Monday's ceremony
will take place, not in the par-
liament, but fittingly, in the
parish hall of Sao Jose, and
the medal will be presented by
Brazilian Deputy Alessandro
Mohon.

Visitors to the parish in the
past have included President
Mary McAleese and the
Taoiseach, Bertie Ahern.

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is Park: Deputy Dan Neville told
in a constituency crying out for

Natural Gas. This project is current-
ly at planning stage, which could
take up to two years to complete, and
it is likely that it will be 2011 before
the first liquid gas is shipped in.

Regarding the Askeaton site, Mr
Larkin said there had been a num-
ber of visits by industrialists to the
site, but he did not specify what kind
of projects they were contemplating.

In any event, he said, nothing con-
crete had emerged. However, he
added, they remained hopeful that a
suitable project would be found.

In his reply to Deputy Neville ear-
lier this month, the Minister for
Enterprise, Trade and Employment,
Micheal Martin, said it was an
"operational matter for the relevant
development agencies", Shannon
Development, IDA Ireland and
Enterprise Ireland.

Glin ballroom is to become luxury apartment complex

By MARTIN BYRNES

ONE of the Shannon
estuary's most iconic
buildings, which holds
fond memories for
thousands, is receiv-
ing a new lease of life.

Glin's Oisín ball-
room is being convert-
ed into a block of luxu-
ry apartments.

Built over 60 years
ago as a cinema and
ballroom, the hall
immediately became
the entertainment
centre for a wide dis-
trict, attracting
dancers from as far
away as Newcastle
West. Its location on
the N69, overlooking
the park and estuary,
added to its attractive-
ness.

Even when the
showing of films end-
ed not long after the
advent of television,
the hall continued to
function as a dance
venue.

Its present owner
and current developer,
John Costello and his
wife, Carole, fondly

remember the hey-
day of the Oisín.

"On a Saturday
night, the town
would be full of peo-
ple from all over,
preparing to go to
the dance," he said.

The hall was not
large enough to host
the really big-name
showbands, as was
Newcastle West's
Olympic Ballroom,
but popular acts
were always there,
he said. One of its
memorable features
was the suspended
mirrored ball which
shone flecks of light
throughout the hall.

But times changed
and the nightclub
scene put paid to
most of the more
traditional dance-
halls; the Oisín
closed its doors over
20 years ago. The
succeeding years
gave it a somewhat
run-down appear-
ance.

But the Costellos
have now acquired
the building and
work is well

advanced in convert-
ing it into eight apart-
ments.

"We're using tradi-
tional materials," said
Mr Costello, "includ-
ing putting in timber-
frame windows, but
everything will be to
top standard."

Adequate parking
has also been
acquired, and the
whole project is cost-
ing in the region of
€1m.

Lands Preserved

Take notice that the lands
at: Ballycahane,
Drominacarra, Castle
Quarter, Ballyea, Poultaillon,
Kilcaskin, Garyeallan are
strictly preserved from all
hunting. Signed: Maurice
Corridon, Tim Corridon,
Gerard Hannon, Peter
Collins, Conor Kennedy,
Bobby Kennedy.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CERTIFIC

DISTRICT COURT AREA OF RATHKEALE

APPLICANT: Tom Doherty as Receiver of K
Receivership) of Messrs. Deloitte & Touche,
Touche House, Charlotte Quay, Limerick.

TAKE NOTICE that Tom Doherty as Receiver
Receivership) of Messrs. Deloitte & Touche, I
Quay, in the City of Limerick intends to apply
Court in Rathkeale sitting at Newcastle West
22nd day of November, 2007 at 11.00 a.m. fo
the licence attached to the premises known
Pallaskerry, in the County of Limerick in the
heretofore in the name of Kilcormán House I
Pallaskerry, in the County of Limerick.

Dated this 19th day of October, 2007.

Signed:

Holmes O'Mall
Solicitors for A
Bishopsgate,
Henry Street,
Limerick.
Ref: HPB/DS/L

To:

Whom it may concern.

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TAKE NOTICE that it is the inter
Richmond Park, Corbally, Limerick
Annual Licensing District Court to
Merchant's Quay, in the City of
Limerick, on Thursday, 15th Novem
a Certificate of Confirmation o
Publican's Licence in respect of the
as Tom & Gerry's, 3 Lower Glin
Limerick previously held by Gerar
Dated the 15th Day of October, 200
Signed: Brophy & Hills,
Solicitors,
Abbey House,
7 Bank Place,
Limerick
To: District Court,
Courthouse,
Merchant's Quay,
Limerick
Chief Fire Officer,
Limerick City Council
Fire Station,
Mulgrave Street, Limerick
Superintendent,
Garda Síochána,
Henry Street, Limerick

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