OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

Parish Feast Day on Saturday

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2000

THINGS are humming around the parish now that the summer break is over and life is back to

normal once more. The parish Feast Day on Saturday, October 7, was celebrated in a fitting manner. Two events took

On Friday Mass of the Feast Day was celebrated by Fr. Oswald Gill, O.F.M. in his homily the 83-year-old Friar traced the history of the Feast. As well as the connection with the Franciscan Order founded in 1205 AD, and the Dominicans founded in 1216 AD. This was the time of the Albigensian heresy in South-ern France and the recitation of the Rosary prompted by both those orders was the major factor in the suppression of the heresy down the years since then the practice of the recitation of the Rosary has been urged by Our Lady in her apparitions, and has also been recommended by a number of popes.

Bishop's Mass

On Sunday, October 8, Bishop Donal Murray celebrated the 12.15 p.m. Mass in the Parish Church, attended by a large congregation. The Bishop spoke on the Rosary, and was listened to eagerly by all present. He subsequently joined clergy and the parishioners in a cuppa and chat at the adjoining JFK meeting room. Particularge number of young people who attended.

Millennium raffle

The schools in the parish have also taken up their customary activi-ties. The John F. Kennedy Memorial Kennedy Memorial School is particularly busy. The school roll has reached approx. 300 pupils brought to this figure by approx 60 new pupils. The school is in full swing. Activities such as speech and dra-ma, chess, music, French for the senior classes are taking up the attention of

teachers and pupils. The management and staff are very proud that all last year's 6th class

first choice second level school and are going from strength to strength i n their new environment. They also want to acknowledge the generosity and readings to con-tribute of various business firms in the Limer-

ness firms in the Limerick region.
High on the agenda of
the management is the
intention to provide a
computer laboratory in
the school, and they are endeavouring to establish endeavouring to establish the feasibility of establishing it. They are also seeking a general physical redevelopment of the school. To this end an application for co-operation in doing this has been made to the Depart. been made to the Department of Education and Science. For this purpose also the school is proceed-ing apace with its Millennium raffle. The draw will take place on December. Parents of pupils, past pupils, friends of the school, and anybody con-nected with this project are requested to have returns of all sales of tickets made by late November. The headmaster and those running the draw would like to take this opportunity to thank all who have helped and are continuing to help in this huge project. They are still asking for support from businesses in the Limerick region in order to make this fundraiser the success it deserves to be, and thereby enable

development. Prizes for the raffle are only breathtaking. Top of the list is 1st prize, a span new Nissan Almira. Prizes of holidays abroad valued at £5,000, £3,000 and £2,000. There are many other prizes which make it a must for any of our readers to get their tickets as soon as possi-

them to carry out this

Extra classrooms are vitally necessary for the school. Success for the pupils and for future children can only be achieved if the school programme set out above is carried out. The school staff would like to extend congratulations to all past pupils who distinguished both themselves, and their schools with their academic perfor-

Anybody who has a query regarding the fundraising in the school, pal of JFK, Mr Liam O'Ri-

Angela's Ashes tour a bigger draw than ever

THE phenomenal worldwide success of Angela's Ashes is still creating waves in the city of Frank McCourt and the guided tour of places. featured in the book has had its busiest vear vet.

Now in its third year, the tour, under the auspices of St Mary's Integrated Development Programme, is still attracting walkers daily despite the off sea-

son in tourism.
Guide Michael
O'Donnell, whose
genial and good humoured personality has played no small part in the success of the tour, is absolutely thrilled with the continuing success of the venture. "It has exceeded all our expec-tations and is going from strength to strength," he said.

An interested walker with the tour during the summer was Malachy McCourt who complimented the guide on his handling of the tour. "Malachy claimed that Angela's Ashes, the sales of which stands at seven million, has now been read by up to fifty million people," said

Michael, who lives in the heart of the Parish in St Mary's whom we meet regu-Park, has had some larly in Henry Street, interesting experi- invariably comes



Angela's Ashes tour guide Michael O'Donnell as depicted by Los Angeles Times artist

us outside Leamy's with writer Mike Mey School saying that he er waxing lyrical hoped I was telling the about the walk. "I was truth. He claimed it surprised by the was even worse than wealth or architecture, McCourt told it." He told the enthralled tourists, as he pointed towards Leamy's, that ted from McCourt's he had attended the school in his bare feet. "Another character

Lorena Iniquez.

monuments and neigh; bourhoods we walked through, details omitnarrative which made

which helped give me confidence in running the tour ," said Michael.

Like most Limerick-men, Michael at some stage was involved in sport and was a keen amateur wrestler in

He played rugby with Thomond but

ular Corbally resident for a long number of years and was also prominent in the painting business, being part of the successful company of John W. Alien, guint, in company of

ing contrators.

Joe had a huge interest in all things local, wasteland," wrote with Thomond but particularly Shannon RFC, whose for tunately had story-feller, this Michael O'Donnell is, and I suggest has stovounger days he affairs to

CHRIST THE KING

Fundraising for Salesian Missions

MISSION Week: During the coming week, the children from the girls' school will be busy fundraising for the Salesian Missions and also to help the Christina Noble Street Children Appeal.

The excitement and enthusiasm and creativi-ty of the children will be great as usual and the generosity and co-opera-tion of the parents is

always appreciated.

Next Sunday will be reminded of the mission aspect of our faith. The symbols presented at Masses next weekend will relate to the various examples of 'Mission', including parishioners presently working in the Third World.

Jubilee

As part of the Jubilee Year celebrations attention is being focused on each of the seven Sacraments at weekend Mass-

This week the Sacrament of the anointing of the sick is being dealt with and a communal celebration of anointing of the sick takes place at Mass this Saturday at 2 p.m. in the church.

This will be followed by a cup of tea and a chat in the girls' school hall. Family members and neighbours are asked to arrange transport to the church for the sick and church for the sick and elderly for this celebration. It would be nice if some of the parishioners residing in nursing homes could also attend. So, do invite them and arrange to have them present, if possible if is haved to have members of the isoling professions present at the common present at the common present at the common above the isoling a new paster at execution a sequence of the isoling a new paster at execution is sequence.

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Deaths

Sympathy has been expressed to Niall O'Brien on the death of his mother, Ita O'Brien, Main St., Hospital; Tom O'Connor, 12 Willow Avenue, on the death of his brother, Vincent, Kildysart, Co. Clare; Kathleen McCabe, Walnut Drive, on the death of her brother, Don Galvin, Ballybunion.

Credit Union

This is credit union week (October 16 to 21). You are invited to the local office in Redgate this Thursday where served throughout the day and there will be a raffle for various prizes. All members call to the office during the week can participate in a draw being held by credit unions in the Limerick area for over £1000 in prizes. There will be prizes of £500, £300 and £200. To enter just fill in the entry form available at the office in Redgate.

Poster time is also with us again and an entry form can be collected at the local school or at the

credit union.
Sport: The footballers of Christ the King are in winning form again. The u 11 1/2s beat St. John's 4u-11 1/2s beat St. John's 4-5 to 3-1. Impressive were Killian Collins, John Joe Ryan, Kleran Fieming, John Howard and Ian O'Doncwan. The u-lis had a 4-a to 4-a victory uner Corram Christi, Bri-st hisamoon, Mark Con-mote, Darragh O'Nelli, Oavid O'Gorman and Sance Rerne mil timele a blance Rerne mil timele a