

Limerick Harriers

Meet at 11 a.m.:

December:
 Saturday 20: Castleroberts.
 Friday 26: Ballysheedy (12 noon).
 Monday 29: Athlaca.

January:
 Sunday, 4: Castletroy, 12 noon (children only).
 Sat. 3: Creora.
 Wed. 7: Bruff.
 Sat. 10: The Hamlet.
 Sat. 17: Four Lems.
 Sat. 24: Mungret.
 Wed. 28: Sheehans Cross.

February:
 Sunday 1: Meanus (12 noon).
 Saturday 7: Croom.
 Saturday 14: Fedamore.
 Saturday 21: Patrickswell.
 Saturday 28: Friarstown.

Limerick's little Clare gem

By TOM BROWNE

PARISHIONERS IN Sixmillebridge, Co. Clare — which straddles the diocese of Limerick and Killaloe — joined last Sunday for the rededication of "The Little Church", a stone's throw from the village centre but located in Cratloe parish.

The ceremony was performed by the Bishop of Limerick, Most Rev. Dr. Jeremiah Newman. The 128-year-old building has just undergone extensive refurbishment which includes new stained-glass windows.

Sixmillebridge with a population of about eight hundred is unique with two Catholic churches scarcely 300 yards apart.

Bishop Newman in his sermon, asked why this church of the Diocese of Limerick should have been built at Sixmillebridge, in 1858, when that of the Diocese of Killaloe, built around 1830, by Fr. Quinn, was already located only a couple of hundred yards away?

And he provided the answer (see page 6).

Bishop Newman described "The Little Church" as being now "the little gem".

The restoration work cost in the region of £15,000. Cratloe parish, with two churches, has a population of only 1,100. There is accommodation in "The Little Church" for 250.

Very Rev. Ronald Costello, P.P., Cratloe, thanked the community for their generous response.

Bishop Newman was the chief celebrant of the Mass with Canon Michael Lane, president of St. Munchin's College and Fr. Costello. Among the other clergy were Fr. T. Coughlan, P.P., Parteen; Fr. P. J. O'Donnell, P.P., Moyross; Fr. E. Looby, P.P., Kilmeeedy; Fr. B. Carey, P.P., Sixmillebridge, and Fr. A. Nix, C.C., Caherdavin.

Fr. John Leonard, C.C., Kilmallock, was Master of Ceremonies.

Sr. Joseph of the Good Shepherd convent was in charge of the choir and the soloist was Miss Marie Crowe.



At "The Little Church" (from left): Fr. John Leonard, C.C., Kilmallock; the Bishop of Limerick, Most Rev. Dr. Jeremiah Newman, chief celebrant of the Mass; Canon Michael Lane, C.C., Cratloe; Fr. Ronald Costello, P.P., Cratloe, and Fr. Bart Carey, P.P., Sixmillebridge.

'It's tough being black in Limerick'

By PATRICIA FEEHILY

A FORMER African student of the NIHE, who was one of the very few of his countrymen to settle down in Limerick and set up a business here, this week summed up his ten years experience in the city: "It's hard being a black man in Limerick".

Discrimination, says the young Nigerian—who, for the sake of his wife and young children, wishes to remain anonymous—is subtle "like it would have been for a woman walking into a pub against a sea of male faces".

"They don't even try to hide it", he said. "Can you imagine what it is like to have 20 faces look up at you as you enter?"

Hostility

But there has also been blatant hostility towards the Nigerian who stayed. Walking down O'Connell Street, he has been subjected to name-calling and verbal abuse by young adults.

"On a day following a TV programme you get a lot of reaction", he said.

He added that he had been barred from city pubs without reason. "In fact the

Glentworth Hotel is probably the only place where I've felt welcome", he told me.

He is now the managing director of a small company here and has found himself in business struggling against attitudes to his colour.

He lives in a working class estate but says that the subtle discrimination was even more distressing when he lived in Castletroy as a student and "mothers grabbed their kids", when they became curious about the colour of my skin".

Young children, he says, are the best in the world to accept explanations of situations as he has found himself when he had to explain the reactions of Limerick people to his own small children.

Missionaries

Nothing in his own life had prepared him for life in Limerick. "I had known

missionaries in Nigeria—a couple of them from Limerick. It was a great disappointment when I came here.

"At first everyone was very accommodating but everything quickly changed".

"When our student days were over, none of my friends stayed on here", he said.

NIHE's student counsellor says that they have a number of overseas students at the College but very few black people.

He had never heard any complaints of racism or discrimination from them and the college held a multi-cultural workshop each year which had proved very successful for all races.

A complaint by the former Nigerian student that there was discrimination even in exam marking against black students was vehemently denied: "We have found that their expectations are much different to ours".

DEATHS

DUFFY — December 16, 1986, at St. Camillus Hospital, George Duffy, 193 Hyde Road, Limerick. Deeply regretted by his loving son, Michael; daughter-in-law, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, relatives and friends. R.I.P. Removal from Thompson's Funeral Chapel, Thomas Street, to the Dominican Church this Thursday evening at 6.45 o'clock. Requiem Mass tomorrow (Friday) at 11 o'clock. Funeral afterwards to Mount St. Laurence Cemetery. (c)

MARKHAM — December 17, 1986, at St. Camillus Hospital, Mary, Summerhill, Meelick, Co. Clare. Widow of Patrick Markham. Deeply regretted by her loving sons, daughters, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, relatives and friends. R.I.P. Removal from Thompson's Funeral Chapel, Thomas Street, to Meelick Church tomorrow (Friday) evening at 7 o'clock. Requiem Mass on Saturday at 11 o'clock. Funeral afterwards to Mount St. Laurence Cemetery. (c)

O'BRIEN (nee Hehle) — December 16, 1986, in New York, Angela (wife of the late Gerry), formerly of Bishop Street, Limerick. Very deeply regretted by her loving sons, Kieran, Pat, Gerry; daughter, Mary; brother, George; sisters, Una and Frances; daughters-in-law, grandchildren brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law nephews, nieces, relatives and friends. R.I.P. Removal from Griffin's Funeral Home to St. Mary's Church this Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. Requiem Mass on Monday at 10 o'clock. Funeral afterwards to Mount St. Laurence Cemetery. (c)

MOORE — December 15, 1986 at St. Camillus Hospital, Mary Vizes Court, St. Joseph Street Limerick. Deeply regretted by her loving son, Kevin; daughter-in-law, Mary; grandchildren, relatives and friends. R.I.P. Removal from Thompson's Funeral Chapel Thomas Street, to St. Joseph's Church this Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. Requiem Mass tomorrow (Friday) at 2 o'clock. Funeral afterwards to Mount St. Laurence Cemetery. (c)

ROCHFORD — December 11 1986, at the Regional Hospital James, 32 Kilmurry Road, Garryowen (late of Shannon Foundry and Howmedica). Very deeply regretted by his loving wife Angela; daughters, Bernadette and Majella; brother, sister, uncles, nephews, nieces, grandchildren relatives and friends. May he rest in peace. Removal from Cross Funeral Home to St. John's Cathedral this Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. Requiem Mass tomorrow (Friday) at 2 o'clock. Funeral afterwards to Mount St. Oliver Cemetery. (c)

Less drinking and driving

The number of arrests for alleged drink-driving in Limerick since December 1 down almost 20 per cent of the same period last year, a Garda spokesman in Limerick disclosed this week.

He added that Gardaí had already stepped up their patrols and added that as usual extra vigilance will be shown this year. The patrols will be mounted round-the-clock. It is estimated that approximately 40 city drivers were convicted of drink-driving in Christmas.

two pay tax, Haslam

"I am certain that farmers will test this in the court and it is fair to assess that nothing will be paid until the matter is sorted out there," the Askeaton councillor said. Deputy Willie O'Brien, F.G., said that one could not assume that farmers would not pay the tax. "If they don't we will have to take a serious view of it," he added.

Cllr. Tom Cregan, F.F., said that using land as a vehicle to raise revenue for local government was not the best way forward. "What will they get out of it in Leitrim and Roscommon?" he asked.

Cllr. Jim Houlihan, F.G., said as far as he was aware there was a substantial body of farmers willing to pay the tax.

A stay?

Deputy Michael Noonan, F.F., said that the council should ask the Department to put a stay on any retention of the grant until the matter was sorted out.

Deputy O'Brien told the meeting that if it were assumed "in the public press that the money will not be paid, then it will not be paid."

Break-in

Gardaí at Henry Street are investigating a break-in, at Gerry's Menswear, Patrick Street, during the early hours of this Thursday morning, in which a number of leather jackets were stolen.

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