

# RST Newsletter

Rathfeigh • Skryne • Tara

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## MASSES & CELEBRATIONS

Our parish of Skryne and Rathfeigh has been in a state of unusual musical dedication and eventual participation since one Sunday in October our Parish Priest Fr. Gleeson announced that a meeting would take place in Dalgan Park College with a view to drawing up a programme of musical celebration for the forthcoming Millennium. Many choirs from all over the Diocese of Meath met and were introduced for the first time to Fr. Liam Lawton - composer of Church music and hymns. He guided us through the various parts and hymns of his music and gave us ideas on how each Parish choir could draw up a programme suitable for the occasion. Having become acquainted with the music, our enthusiasm grew and the outcome was a happy joining together of all three choirs from Skryne and Rathfeigh. Under the direction of Rita O'Reilly hymns were chosen and many evenings of practice followed. On that day in Dalgan Fr. Lawton suggested with the numbers present we could form a Meath Diocesan Choir and so it became a reality. Catherine Lynch became our Director and this led to an invitation of this new choir to join Kildare and Leighlin choirs in a Millennium Mass in Maynooth College on 2nd January 2000. This was the first televised Mass on RTE of the new century and we were highly honoured. All together we numbered over 200 and those from our parish who joined and participated found it a lovely experience.

Now back to New Year's Eve 1999 when

at the early hour of 6.00 p.m. our Mass of Light commenced. The motto was "Jesus Christ - Yesterday, Today & Forever". It was celebrated in song and dance. Representatives of all organisations, clubs, trades, professions and community figureheads of the parish laid tools of their trade at the altar. One of our senior citizens spoke of parish and customs in older times. A young mother spoke of her pleasurable experience in teaching her young children to pray at home, and a girl barely left her teen years spoke of her dreams and ambitions for the future at the beginning of the new Millennium.

Rita O'Reilly had brought our three choirs to a hitherto unknown degree of perfection and with the aid of Jimmy Gray and supporting guitarists added a great feeling of happiness and camaraderie to us all. And so our celebration of the Millennium in our Parish began. Afterwards when Mass was over all the parishioners adjourned to our local hall to partake of refreshments and so as a community enjoyed the spirit of the occasion.

But another surprise awaited us all. An invitation from RTE came to Fr. Gleeson to televise the Sunday Mass from our Church. February 6th was the day chosen and this was also the Children's Mass. Parents make a special effort on this day throughout the year to bring their children of all ages along. So once again the choirs gathered and practised and practised! Suddenly our parish was alive again in anticipation. Vans,

generators, spot lights and cameras were everywhere as the preparations for the broadcast began. Altar boys and girls were brought to a degree of perfection in Mass Serving. New red collared cassocks were provided and Fr. Gleeson wore a lovely new dark green vestment for the occasion. Our altar was tastefully adorned in red and white flower arrangements and our Church was a joy to behold. When the great day arrived the choirs assembled and gave of their best. The children as participants provided a unique contribution to the occasion. Far away friends and past parishioners were notified to be on the look out for the photography of the parish and its surrounds when it appeared with the televising of our Mass. So we had another lovely experience and modern technology has provided us with the means to record and store these memories. We hope that all who could not participate by being present were brought back mentally and nostalgically to their parish and that they will always find it a welcoming place to return to.

A big thanks to Fr. Gleeson, Rita O'Reilly, Jimmy Gray and the guitarists, members of Skryne and Rathfeigh choirs, Margaret and Ann for work around the altar and lovely flower arrangements. Jimmy & Mrs. Farnan, all the children and their parents and all who contributed to these memorable events in our parish in the year 2000.

An old parishioner - **Rose Clarke.**

## SKRYNE'S ASSOCIATION WITH EUROSONG 2000

**Popular Dunshaughlin based singer Eamonn Toal will perform Song A**

**"Millennium of Love" in Eurosong 2000 live on RTE this Sunday at 9.15 p.m.**

*Eamonn who is originally from Castleblaney, has lived in Dunshaughlin for the past seven years and is lead singer in a local band "Gem". He is brother of Sean Toal who resides in Skryne. Tune in on Sunday and if you like*

*Eamonn's song why not give him your vote.*

**To vote for Eamonn phone 1520 715 101**

**Land lines only. No mobiles. Voting time 5 mins. only.**

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## SKRYNE BEAVER & CUB INVESTITURE

On Saturday evening 19th February at 5.30 p.m. Skryne will have its first investiture of Beavers and Cubs into the Scout movement. As this is a big event for the Beavers and Cubs all parents are asked to attend (with camera in hand) to make this a memorable occasion for all. The leaders of both groups would like to extend their congratulations to all children and wish them a good scouting year.

## THE LATE MRS. PATRICIA HANSON

The late Mrs. Patricia Hanson of Gerardstown Stud will be remembered and honoured this summer when the Side Saddle Association of Ireland host the Patricia Hanson Memorial Show at Marguerite Lodge on Sunday 14th June. This is a very fitting tribute to a lady who was so involved in all things equestrian during her lifetime.

## SKRYNE G.F.C.

The competitive season started on Sunday 6th February with a senior League Match v Dunboyne.

The match resulted in a draw - Skryne 1-4 Dunboyne 0-8.

The team and scorers were:

**Philip Kinsella, Sean Lynch, Gordon Geraghty, Martin Mulvaney, James Gibbons, Ronan Mulvany, Allan Carty, John McDermott, Brian Smyth, Trevor Giles, Mick O'Dowd (1-2), Chris Cunningham, Felim O'Rourke, Declan Browne (0-1), Ciaran Murphy. Subs: Shane Cunningham, Cyril Carty, Andrew Murphy**

Last Sunday the seniors played Blackhall Gaels in a very competitive friendly.

Next Sunday the League continues with an away match versus Summerhill at 12 noon. All supporters would be very welcome and a big help to the players.

London trip goes ahead on St. Patrick's Weekend.

Membership fees are now due.

## SKRYNE/RATHFEIGH COMMUNITY GAMES

**QUIZ:** The area quiz was held in Skryne Hall on Friday 4th February. Three teams will represent this area at the County Finals to be held in Summerhill on Friday 25th February at 7.30 p.m.

**Team 1:** Brian Gallagher, Michelle Duffy, Cillian O'Donoghue, Louis McAuley.

**Team 2:** Carmel Moore, Brid O'Kane, Alan Tuite, Louis Gilsenan.

**Team 3:** Hazel Gallagher, James Hegarty, Peter Tolan, Patrick O'Rourke.

We wish them all well.

**CROSS COUNTRY:** This years Cross Country will be held in Enfield at the G.A.A. Grounds on Sunday 5th March at 1.00 .m.

**PROJECTS:** All projects are to be completed by Monday 13th March. Hopefully there will be lots of entries this year as the topics are of great interest. If anybody has not started one yet and requires information please contact Helen at (041)9825431 or Teresa at (046)26015.

## BLOTTO

Sunday 6th February 2000

Numbers drawn: 4 - 14 - 3 - 12

Jackpot not won - £25 each to:

Tommy Cassidy, Olivia McCabe,  
Colm O'Rourke, The McAvinneys.

Sunday 13th February 2000

Numbers drawn: 14 - 1 - 9 - 3

Jackpot not won - £25 each to:

Lynch, Richard Wogan, Michael  
O'Shea, David McNerney.

**NEXT WEEKS JACKPOT**

**£4,700**

Thank You for your Support

## SKRYNE BRIDGE CLUB

26th January

1st: Margaret Hayes & Phil Lynch

2nd Joan Keogh & Gertie Kavanagh

3rd: Mary geraghty & Niall Collier

4th: Rosalind Molloy & Aidan O'Brien.

2nd February

N-S

1st: Una Rourke & Mary Curran

2nd: Dolores Farrell & Leo Darby

3rd: Anne Finnegan & Alma Leonard

E-W

1st: Mary Geraghty & Ita Swan

2nd Daphne Harris & Sheila Gogan

3rd Sheila Murray & Joan Collier.

## SKRYNE LADIES GAA CLUB

We would like to thank all the people who supported our Table Quiz in Swan's last weekend. Special thanks to Maurice Daly, the quizmaster and to Trevor Giles who presented the awards to the winning team members. Congratulations to Trevor who has won the Meath Personality of the Year. The Tara Mines Trophy will be presented by the Royal Meath Association (Dublin) to Trevor at a function in the Newgrange Hotel on Friday 3rd March.



## NOTICES

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### TARA ATHLETIC CLUB

The Annual General Meeting takes place in the clubhouse on Thursday 24th February at 8.30 p.m. All those interested are requested to attend.

### OLD TIME DANCING

*in Skryne Hall*

on Saturday 26th February

Music by: Brendan Brophy

10 – 1 a.m.

**Admission £4 including supper**

### ASHBOURNE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

## RACE NIGHT

*in Ashbourne Rugby Club*

on Friday 3rd March at 8.30 p.m.

## CELINA CLYNCH'S RECORD LAUNCH

in aid of Beaumont Hospital Organ  
Donor Unit

in Banjo Sherlock's, Navan

on Monday 28th February

**Tickets £6**

(includes CD and light refreshments)

Music by: THE SHUFFLE

and many other guest bands

Tickets on sale at Banjo Sherlocks,  
Hartens and other usual outlets

## TARA GIRL GUIDES

*Parents of our Girl Guides are invited  
to a Meeting on Thursday 24th*

*February at 7.30 p.m. in Skryne Hall.*

*Parents of girls interested in Girl  
Guides are also invited to come along.*

## NEXT ISSUES

St. Patrick's Day  
Saturday 11th March, 2000

All articles to be submitted before  
Wednesday March 8th

Ring John Scanlon at  
(046)25092 (evenings).

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## COMMUNITY ALERT GROUP

The next meeting of the community alert group will take place in Skryne Hall at 8.30 p.m. on Monday 28th February 2000. The provision of socially monitored alarms from current funding will be finalised so it is vital that any contact personnel with nominations to make, attend this meeting.

## TARA & DISTRICT CREDIT UNION

There has been much local activity in recent weeks. We held our local quiz recently in Skryne Hall. Six schools were involved at two age levels – under 11 and under 13. Rathfeigh school won 1st prize in both levels and Skryne won 2nd prize. Congratulations to all concerned. The two winning teams go on to the next round in Navan O'Mahony's pavilion on Friday 18th February.

On Wednesday last the Primary Schools Poster competition prizes were presented in Dunsany Hall. Again Rathfeigh were very successful in this competition. Aisling Bowens, Eva Tuite, Kate McConville, Amy Lee and Caitrlona Ginty all won prizes.

Congratulations to you all.

## SKRYNE GOLF SOCIETY

*Membership is now open for 2000 season.*

*Fee £30. New members welcome. Contact Sean Brennan at (046)25259.*

*The outings arranged are as follows:*

March 11th .....	Elmgreen Golf Club
April 15th .....	Headfort Golf Club
May 20th .....	Co. Cavan Golf Club
July 15th .....	Mount Temple Golf Club
August 25th .....	Hollystown Golf Club
September 30th .....	Esker Hills Golf Club

## SCOIL CHOLMCILLE

Earlier this week, 27 pupils from 1st to 6th class were the proud recipients of certificates and badges from the National Safety Council. Their awards were for swimming, having completed their tests at Trim Pool at the end of last term's swimming lessons. Congratulations and well done to them all.

NSC WATER SAFETY SWIM 1: Fintan Burke, Kevin Burke, Joseph Byrne, Neil Coakley, Hazel Duffy, Jordan Frayne, Serena Icton, Michael Kennedy, Stephen McKenna, Mark O'Brien, Farrell McManus, Conor Ryan, Laura Swan.

NSC WATER SAFETY SWIM 2: Christine Canavan, Niamh Greevy, Jeanna Mangan, Alicia Monerawella, Sean O'Boyle, Deirdre Rooney, Lara Jane Scarf.

NSC WATER SAFETY SWIM 3: John Hanley, Lauren Hill, Annie Ryan, David Ryan, Dermot Ryan, Paraic Walsh, Robert Whyte.

## RATHFEIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Best of luck to both our quiz teams who take part in the Credit Union Quiz finals in Navan on Friday night. If they go through they will have qualified for the All Ireland Finals.

**We wish Brian Gallagher, Louis McAuley, Louis Gilsenan & Carmel Moore our U.13 team; and Robert McAuley, Andrew Darragh, Sibéal Bird and Ryan McGlashan our U.11 team, every success.**

Congratulations to the following students who have won  
"Student of the Week" awards:

**Donal Bowens, Chloe O'Sullivan, Holly O'Brien, David Burke, Eoin Purfield, Rebecca Gallagher, Patrick Corr, Louis Gilsenan, Gillian O'Sullivan, Clare Morley.**

# Parish Corner

We extend our sympathy to the Crocock family on the death of Phyllis Crocock, Santry, also to John Morley, Loughanstown on the death of his sister.

The annual meeting of the envelope collectors will take place in the hall on Monday 21st February at 8.00 p.m. New collectors are required and will be welcome at the meeting.

**LOURDES:** If you would like to be included in a group from the parish in the Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage in September please **contact Fergal O'Reilly at (046)25014 immediately.**

Large numbers are expected to travel this Jubilee Year.

## WARD UNION HUNT BALL

The annual Ward Union Hunt Ball was held in the Newgrange Hotel, Navan on February 4th. As usual it was a great night with a huge attendance of both hunting people and farmers alike. Presentations were made on the night to two local men who play a big part in the hunting scene. They are pictured here with their wives – Con and Ann Kennedy and Pat and Deirdre Coyle.



## CONGRATULATIONS

*RST wish to congratulate Fr. Joe on his celebration of Mass on R.T.E. television.*

The Mass was a beautiful event which we are sure brought light to the lives of a lot of people who are ill and housebound. We also wish him well on the next Mass on LM/FM.

We were more than a little disappointed on reading the list of Oscar nominees. The name Gleeson never featured!!

## SKRYNE G.F.C. MEMBERSHIP

***Membership for 2000 is now due:***

Players .....	£20 .....	to Team Managers
Adults & Students .....	£10 .....	to any Committee Member
Underage: .....	£2 .....	to underage Team Manager

Have a voice in a Club which is going places. Also you might regret not being a member next September when Meath are in the All Ireland Final.

## PRESENTATION DINNER DANCE

in the Ardboyne Hotel on Friday 10th March, 2000. Music by The Kaye Twins

Tickets can be booked singly or in group tables of 12. Further information from Dolores Tobin at 01-825 6353 or Fergal Mooney at (087)2606832.

The Dinner Dance will see a unique combination of Trophies including Sam, Keegan Cup, International Rules Series, Club of the Year, Hurling Championship etc. and will be sold out – so book your tickets early.