

St. Joseph's Foundation



Newsletter Summer 2011

St. Joseph's Foundation celebrate their 4th Green Flag, for Travel, at Thomond Park, Limerick



Greyhound Benefit Meeting at the New Limerick Greyhound Stadium on Friday Night, 8th July 2011, at 8 p.m. for a great night out!





CHANGE OF VENUE FOR GREYHOUND BENEFIT MEETING 2011



The Greyhound Benefit Meeting Committee has come together once again and is now preparing for the 24th Annual Greyhound Benefit Meeting. This year, the event takes place in the **NEW GREYHOUND STADIUM AT DOCK ROAD, LIMERICK. ON FRIDAY, JULY 8th AT 8 P.M.**

There will be twelve sponsored races on the night and we are very grateful to the loyal sponsors of this event each year. Raffle tickets are now in circulation for four, very valuable, raffle prizes and again, sincere thanks to our prize sponsors,

Tickets will also be sold on the Main St., Charleville on Friday, July 1st. If anyone is free/not working on this day we would appreciate your help. There will always be two or more ticket sellers together so you won't be on your own!

If you would like to help with this event, we would love to hear from you at (063) 21679 or email mtwomey@stjosephsfoundation.ie

We would encourage all our supporters to come and enjoy a night out in the New Limerick Stadium on July 8th.



Kathleen Lynch TD



Kathleen Lynch TD, Minister of State, with responsibility for Disability, Older People, Equality and Mental Health, visited St. Joseph's Foundation recently.



Green Committee News

We were awarded our fourth Green Flag for Travel at a presentation of Green Schools Awards organised by An Taisce, in Thomond Park on May 20th. Carmel Hynes and Therése Clifford represented St. Joseph's Foundation and our Green Committee on the day. We will continue our Green Committee work over the Summer months working on:

- Creating awareness around the Foundation on Travel by reminding everyone to use their bus passes to travel on public transport.
- Encouraging everyone to walk uptown and to use our local park more.
- Continuing to work with the Charleville Tidy Towns group.

**GOT SOMEONE TO MEET, TRAVEL
WITH YOUR FEET**

The Green Committee

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL GRADUATION 2011



Back l. to r.: Brian Roche, Sean O’Keeffe, Jamie Leahy, Sean McShera, Anthony Lopez.
Front l. to r.: Marsha O’Driscoll, Eric Mackessy and Caroline Doyle.

THANKS

Sincere thanks to the families, friends, pupils and staff who gave of their time and generously supported the development of a beautiful Sensory Garden in the Holy Family School.



The Holy Family School Choir performing at the graduation celebrations.



Owen Mangan and Ken Wheeler at the Graduation in the Charleville Park Hotel. Thanks for the great music!



Pupils from the Holy Family School and Mitchelstown C.B.S. celebrate after their hurling match.



The Holy Family School competing against Mitchelstown CBS in a Tug-o-War.

Centre Spread

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TESS NEWS



Well done to Mairead Forde and Sophia Giraldi who graduated from Mary Immaculate College, Limerick on May 25th after completing the Contemporary Living Programme 2010/2011.

Congratulations also to all the TESS learners whose portfolio work passed the FETAC External Examiner's assessment on May 19th, the group includes Joe, Mairead, Sophia, Karen, Sean, Emma, Mary, Deborah, Peter and Andy.

Well done also to our golfers who represented us so well at the Regional Special Olympics Competition on May 23rd in Ennis, winning gold, silver and bronze medals

The group includes Pamela, Clara, Betty, Liam, Joe, William and Paul.

Wishing Pamela every success in the Special Olympic Games in Athens during the Summer.



Active Retirement Group



June has seen the expansion of the Active Retirement Group from two to five days per week. The group will meet in St. Michael's in Ballyagran each Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and on Wednesdays in Ballylanders Retirement Home.

Existing members would like to extend a warm welcome to new members who have recently joined. We had a picnic in Doneraile Park to celebrate with them. Thanks to the Canteen for preparing the picnic and to the group members who baked cookies. It was a great day.

The group will be joining the Ballylanders Active Retirement Group each Wednesday, we have heard they have a great social life! We plan to join with the Community Active Retirement Group in Ballyagran in September when it returns from its summer break.

The members have decided that they would like to rename the group. Please forward any suggestions you may have to Brenda Gilroy.



TESS group enjoying themselves at a recent visit to Funderland in Limerick city.

CHARLEVILLE FAITH & LIGHT LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2011



Our trip to Lourdes is fast approaching, July 6th - 11th 2011. As part of our celebration, the Charleville Community have the honour of organising the closing ceremony. To this end the "Sending off ceremony" will be a celebration of unity with our international families. At the moment Marie McClean and John O'Shea are making props for our sending off ceremony. We would like to thank them for their creativity and support.

Our choir is very busy rehearsing four songs which we will sing and mime using a combination of Lámh signs, ISL and gestures. Our chosen songs are "You Raise Me Up", "Let IT Be", "Love Shine a Light" and finally "St. Theresa's Prayer". These rehearsals have created a festive mood and a focal point for discussion around the workshop. We would like to thank; Ann Marie O'Reilly for her musical genius at rehearsals, Martina Carroll whose nimble hands are busy making our choir costumes, David Doyle and all the Supervisors for giving the choir the opportunity to practice at work.

The commitment and enthusiasm shown by everyone involved will truly make our trip to Lourdes one to remember.

Bernadette Ryan.

Best Wishes to Sheila O'Keeffe



Sheila retires as Principal of The Holy Family School on August 30th 2011 and we would like to wish her a very happy retirement.



Rebecca Bourke, Seamus Brown and Jeremy Brosnan who made a giant "Cake" for the Charleville Cheese Festival celebrating the 350th birthday of Charleville town.

Ross House Opens



We are delighted to have moved our base in Mallow to Ross House on the Cork Road. It will be used by Children's Services, in particular those who are part of the Early Intervention, Mainstream and ASD Teams. Sessions have already commenced and the various members of the Multidisciplinary Teams are looking forward to working from there.



Lions Club Holiday Project TRABOLGAN TRIP



On Friday 10th June, 2011, Emma Ryan, John Maunsell, Niamh Broderick and Tom Ryan travelled to Trabolgan with the local Lions Club Holiday Project. Catherine O'Flynn, Veronica Roche, Deborah Scanlon and Mary Kirby will also travel to Trabolgan at a later date. We would like to thank Charleville Lions Club for this very generous offer and acknowledge the huge effort and organisation that has been involved.



Lillian Carroll and Eileen Hanley held a Coffee Morning and raised €285 to purchase some toys for Padre Pio Preschool. Many thanks to all who contributed to the coffee morning.

Commings & Goings

Welcome to . . .

Tyrone Horne
 Jennifer Luby
 Paddy McHugh
 Grainne Histon
 Kieran Doherty
 Helen Cahill
 Orla Kelly
 Una Leonard
 Julie Sweeney
 Beatrice Koigi
 Eleanor Sweeney
 Jimmy Burke
 Sorcha Murphy
 Margaret Hourigan

Goodbye to . . .

Charl Pretorious
 Sethu Rengarajan
 Helen Lefebvre
 Margaret Ryan
 Sheba Abraham

Ballyhoura Community Radio 92.6 FM Saturdays & Sundays

Listen to D.J. Owen Mangan Sunday evening from 6.p.m to 6.30 p.m. Owen plays music and requests and promotes upcoming events.

Pamela Collins for Athens Games

Pamela Collins from the TESS Training Centre is going to Athens with the Special Olympics on Monday 20th June. She will be participating in the horse riding events. We would like to wish Pamela the best of luck from everyone.



DENIS TWOMEY R.I.P.

Denis Twomey started in St. Joseph's Foundation in 1968. He always did the Lotto and Telly Bingo in Centra in Drumcollogher. He was a big Munster fan and liked Limerick and liked his snuff. Denis, it was nice to have you as my best friend, you were a gentleman, you were the "Mayor of Drumcollogher". Denis loved to dance and his musical heroes were Elvis Presley, Michael Jackson and Shakin Stevens.

Your friend Sharon O'Brien.



Helen Lefebvre receiving a presentation as she leaves the Foundation. Helen spent almost eight years as a Chef/Supervisor in the Forge Restaurant and we would like to wish her well in the future.

L. to r.: David Doyle Manager of Adult Services, Dermot O'Dwyer, Michael Geary, Helen Lefebvre and Fidelma Dunlea.