



Ecstatic ATTIC members pictured on stage at The Helix having just won the Permanent TSB Foroige Top Teens of Ireland.

Full and Active Year at The Temperance Hall

This past year has once again seen The Main Hall and other rooms alive to the sound of young and old enjoying various activities, music and laughter. We've had a busy and successful year in the Temperance Hall which started off with our Pobal employment scheme being renewed and ended with us winning the Tidy Towns "Best Civic Building 2011". Both awards are testament to the community spirit and pride that is alive and well in the Hall! Many people comment on how well the Temperance Hall looks and the warm welcome they receive when they visit; this is down to the tremendous staff working there. Donal, Jason and Jack care for the Hall as if it was their own home while Michelle and Carol, the first people you meet, greet all hall visitors with a friendly face and an extremely helpful attitude.

We congratulate the Attic on their huge achievements this year and in particular on becoming "Ireland's Top Teens". High above on

the hall stage is the motto "Temperance Hall- At the heart of the Community" and so it is very heartening to see this community spirit being fostered in all of the Attics activities; the award they won was for a business discount card.

This is their way of encouraging their friends to shop local and inspiring them to support local businesses in the present economic climate. In this they are leaders and here the students have become our teachers. The ATTIC continues to go from strength to strength and we, the Temperance Hall management committee, are proud to be associated with such a positive initiative for the young people of our community.

The Parish Review for 2011 presents what is best about our community and it celebrates the successes of so many voluntary and community groups who work tirelessly in our parish. Many of those groups meet in the Temperance Hall weekly and we thank them for adding to the life and vibrancy of our facility.

A special word of thanks to the dedicated Temperance Hall Management Committee for their management of the building and its facilities on behalf of the parish community. It is not easy to run and finance a building of its size while trying to keep costs down for its users and behind the scenes they quietly beaver about doing just that. This year we secured a Heritage grant from LCRL to replace some of the windows and work will commence on that project in early 2012. And so 2012 promises to be yet another exciting and busy year for the Temperance Hall, Longford!.

Sacraments – 2012

FIRST CONFESSIONS -

St. Mel's College Chapel		
Gaelscoil	Monday March 5 th	6.15 p.m.
Stonepark	Tuesday March 6 th	7.00 p.m. (Curry Church)
Melview	Tuesday March 6 th	6.15 p.m.
St. Emer's	Wednesday March 7 th	6.15 p.m.
St. Michael's	Thursday March 8 th	6.15 p.m.
St. Joseph's	Monday March 12 th	6.15 p.m.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS

Cathedral Centre		
Gaelscoil	Saturday April 28 th	11.00 a.m.
Melview	Saturday April 28 th	2.00 p.m.
Stonepark	Saturday May 12 th	11.00 a.m.
St. Michael's	Saturday May 12 th	2.00 p.m.
St. Emer's	Saturday May 19 th	11.00 a.m.
St. Joseph's	Saturday May 19 th	2.00 p.m.

CONFIRMATION - Cathedral Centre

Stonepark	Saturday March 3 rd	11.00 a.m.
St. Joseph's	Saturday March 3 rd	11.00 a.m.
Melview	Saturday March 3 rd	3.00 p.m.
St. Michael's	Saturday March 3 rd	3.00 p.m.
St. Emer's	Sunday March 4 th	3.00 p.m.
Gaelscoil	Sunday March 4 th	3.00 p.m.

Commitment Ceremonies - Cathedral Centre

Melview	Sat January 14 th	7.30 p.m.
Gaelscoil	Sun January 15 th	10.00 a.m.
Stonepark	Sat January 21 st	7.30 p.m.
St. Michael's	Sun January 22 nd	10.00 a.m.
St. Joseph's	Sat January 28 th	7.30 p.m.
St. Emer's	Sun January 29 th	10.00 a.m.

Services of Light - St. Mel's College Chapel

Gaelscoil	Tues February 7 th	6.30 p.m.
Melview	Tues February 7 th	8.00 p.m.
St. Emer's	Wed February 8 th	6.30 p.m.
St. Michael's	Wed February 8 th	8.00 p.m.
St. Joseph's	Thurs February 9 th	6.30 p.m.
Stonepark	Thurs February 9 th	7.00 p.m. (Curry Church)

The Cathedral Silver Circle Draw 2011

As the final draw of year twenty eleven of the Cathedral Silver Circle draws nigh and at the conclusion of the awarding the 510 prizes, Christmas turkeys and sweet cakes, we say Thank you to all who supported the draw each week, during the year by writing your name and giving a Euro per line.

During the year we lost one of the team, Fr Merlyn Kenny who was in charge of the Presbytery each Monday night or evening during his time as curate in Templemichael parish, due to his appointment to Carrick on Shannon parish. We wish Fr Merlyn well in his new appointment and hope that he will enjoy working with his former colleague Fr Garvey - they were teachers together in St Mel's college many years ago.

We can easily speculate that one of Fr Merlyn's homily stories from Templemichael will be of his memory of the great fire that engulfed the Cathedral on Christmas morning, 2009 and the black carbon footprints it left on the newly extended and refurbished Presbytery in the days that followed.

One of our founding members is Micheál McCreanor ... a man who has given decades of faithful service to the Draw on all his Monday nights collecting the tickets from the shops down the years. Micheál now arrives to the draw with a new friend his 'Walking-Stick' and looking rather aristocratic. We wish Micheál with his new friend many years of companionship so that he will continue to lead us each night in the new year. Micheál can reflect now on his agile years and all the Tuesday mornings when he collected the Monday night's draw takings and deposited the bag of notes and coins to the bank and returned the deposit slip for the records.



Micheál McCreanor

We congratulate Alex Jones, one of our constant supporters and a winner in many Silver Circle draws by purchasing his lines in Hughie Doyle's and Monaghan's Butcher shop. Alex graduated to RTE to spin the wheel a few Saturday nights ago and won a handsome prize from its circumference. Alex a Leitrim man is very well known in Longford town where he was a student in the Vocational school.

We are also looking forward to the coming year as the first 'New Column' has been fitted in the Cathedral heralding the commencement of the long road to restoration.

Now that we are on the eve of the 50th anniversary of the Silver Circle or its Golden Jubilee (it was set up in February 1962) your continued support is very much appreciated, especially from the older members who have supported the DRAW for the last fifty years. Stay in to win!

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