

THE IRISH CENTRE, 52 CAMDEN SQUARE, LONDON, N.W.1.

MAY, 1968.

- 1st Banquet to honour the Mayor of Camden.
- 2nd Ulster Dance.
- 4th Dublin Association Jumble Sale (Afternoon)
- 4th Cork Association Dinner.
- 5th Kerry Association Associal (Afternoon) Mass at 5.30 p.m.
- 6th Killinkere )  
Baillieborough ) (Co.Cavan) Parish Reunion.  
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- 7th Crean School of Dancing A.G.M.
- 9th Sean McDermott's Club Dance.
- 11th Meath Association Dance.
- 14th Sale of Work.
- 16th Benefit Dance
- 18th Offaly Association Dinner & Dance.
- 20th Benefit Dance.
- 23rd Garryowen Club Social.
- 27th Monamolin (Wexford) Parish Reunion.
- 28th Benefit Dance.
- 30th Wicklow Association Dance.

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There is something special to every month here at the Centre. The "something special" for the month of April was without doubt Holy Week. The attendance at the Holy Thursday and Good Friday ceremonies was very good, but the most beautiful sight of all was the number of people who received Holy Communion on Easter Sunday.

In the past month we had visits from two Irish Bishops. The Donegal Association had Bishop McFeeley over to a social evening in the Centre. It was a most informal occasion and for that reason all the more wonderful. Bishop McFeeley is of course a perfect gentleman and there he was going around speaking to everyone with the interest of a father to a son. It was a real Donegal night, and that is only another way of saying a perfect Irish night.

On the same night, His Lordship, Bishop McCormac of Meath was at a Dinner given by the Westmeath Association at the Gresham Ballroom. This was a wonderful social occasion too. On the following night he came to meet the parishioners of Mountnugent, Co. Cavan, at the Centre. Again this was an informal occasion and most enjoyable. All the people from Mountnugent who turned up were more than pleased with the night. It is hoped that more and more of these events will take place in the future and we here at the Centre will be only too pleased to help in every way we can.

These parish reunions are becoming very popular. Mountmellick (Laois) had a large attendance at their reunion. Olliver Flanagan, T.D., came over specially for this occasion. We took him on a complete tour of the Centre and I think he was as impressed by the work being done here as we were by him.

Clare and Sligo met in the final of the Quiz competition and once again Sligo came out on top. A good crowd turned up for the final and there was nothing but praise for both teams.

It is only a matter of weeks now until the Wembley Games will be on. In case you don't know, they take place on Saturday the 1st June. As usual the Irish Centre will be there with their collecting boxes. We want all the girls we can get to sell Flags for the Centre, so if you would like to lend a hand ring us up and we will give you all the details.

The new extension is coming along nicely. We will be using this for our Summer Fair as well as the John F. Kennedy Hall. A bumper crowd is expected this year. There will be everything for someone and something for everyone at this year's Fair, so come early and avoid the rush on 15th June at 2.00 p.m.

The Tipperary Association had a Sunday afternoon for Parents and Children, when they entertained them to a film of President Kennedy's tour of Ireland and many of the great All Ireland Football and Hurling Finals. We could not say too many turned up but we can say this was a great idea. The parents had a chance to be out with their children for the afternoon and show them a bit of Irish culture.

You may have seen a lot of painting activity around here a couple of weeks ago. Father Hackett, before his going over to Ireland, gave Mr. Tom O'Shea the go-ahead to paint the Hostel. Mr. O'Shea with Father Malone got the boys staying here to do the redecorating and repairs under their leadership and also with the invaluable help of the Kingdom Club. The lads from the Kingdom came here every night for about two weeks and worked as only Kerry men can. The transformation of the Green Room is evidence of their skill. We now take this opportunity of thanking the Hostel boys and the Kingdom Club and especially Mr. O'Shea for their great work. It is a job well done.

Monsignor Lane of Kerry will be here on Sunday the 5th May to meet his county men and will celebrate Mass at 5.30 p.m.

To all our members we wish you a very happy Summer holiday, good health and God's Blessing.