

Focal id' Chluais.



A Word in your ear. May '09.

May 30th: Feast Day of St. Joan of Arc.

Joan was born in 1412. Her hometown was Domremy, a little village in France. Jacques, her father, was a hard working farmer. Her mother was gentle and loving. She taught Joan many practical things. "I can sew and spin as well as any woman," she once said. Joan loved to pray, especially at the shrines of Our Blessed Mother. This honest little peasant girl was to become a heroine. One day while she was watching her sheep, St. Michael the Archangel, the patron of her country, told her, "Daughter of God, go save France!" For three years she heard the voices of saints calling her to action. When she was sixteen, she began her mission.

At that time, there was a war going on between France and England. It was called the Hundred Years' War. England had won so much French land that the king of England called himself the king of France, too. The real French king was weak and fun-loving. He thought the French armies would never be able to save the country.

With his permission, St. Joan led an army into the city of Orleans, which the English had almost captured. In her white, shining armor, this young heroine rode with her banner flying above her. On it were the names of JESUS and MARY. She was hit by an arrow in the great battle of Orleans, but she kept on urging her men to victory. At last they won! St. Joan and her army won more and more battles. The English armies had to retreat.

After the victories, Joan's time of suffering began. She was captured by the enemy. The ungrateful French king did not even try to save her. She was put in prison and after an unfair trial, was burned at the stake. Joan was not even twenty. She had a great horror of fire. Yet she went bravely to her death on May 29, 1431. Her last word was "Jesus." Four hundred and eighty-nine years later, on May 16, 1920, Pope Benedict XV proclaimed Joan a saint.

Warmer Homes Scheme

The help available through this scheme includes:

- **Attic Insulation,**
- **Cavity Wall Insulation,**
- **Hot Water Cylinder Jacket and Pipe Lagging,**
- **Low Energy Light Bulbs**
- **Energy Advice.**

Subsidised rates are available and priority is given to people in receipt of Social Welfare Payments. The program is being run by West Cork Development Partnership, and MFG Meitheal Mhúscraí will take the names of those interested in benefiting. Please contact 026 - 45661 for more information.

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Cois Cille, Cill na Martra 026-40999.

Lunch Mon, Tues, Wed, & Friday 12.30pm.

Lunch must be booked in advance.

The Art Students who have attended art classes in Cois Cille over the last two years will have an exhibition of their work on Tuesday the **19th** from 2.30 to 5pm. Pauline Dodds will be giving an art demonstration followed by light refreshments. All are welcome.

Chiropodist, May 19th by appointment.

Transport available at 026-45661.

Cuan Barra, Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh.

Lunch, Mondays & Fridays 12.30pm.

To book call Siobhán/Lucy 087 1378099.

Aisling Ní Laoire Beauty Therapist.

Thurs. **21st** May, 087 6579894 for appointment.

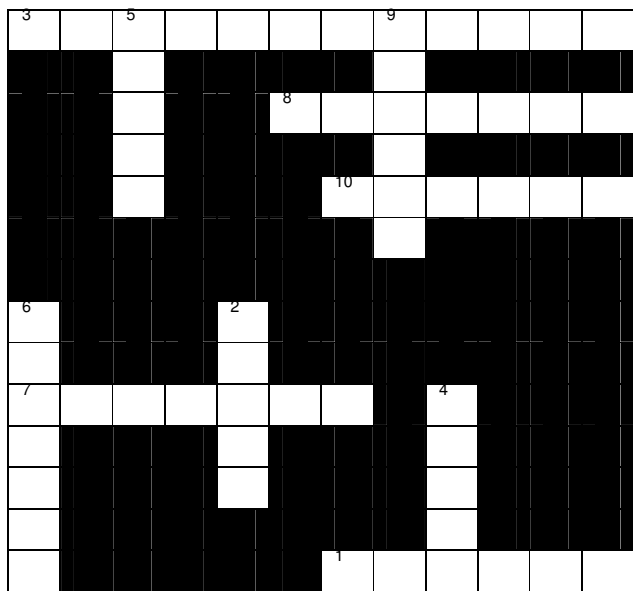
The Art Students who have attended art classes in Cuan Barra over the last two years will have an exhibition of their work on Monday the **18th** from 2.00 to 4.00pm. Pauline Dodds will be giving an art demonstration followed by light refreshments. All are welcome.

Dr Ken Harte each Wednesday 12.00 – 1.00pm.

45' Card Drive each Thursday at 9.00pm.

All are welcome.

Crossword. The Capitals of the 10 most visited Countries are the clues given. For example if the clue is Athens the answer is Greece. The clues are given in order of most visited Countries.



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| 1. Paris (across) | 6. London (down) |
| 2. Madrid (down) | 7. Berlin (across) |
| 3. Washington D.C (across) | 8. Kiev (across) |
| 4. Beijing (down) | 9. Ankara (down) |
| 5. Rome (down) | 10. Mexico City. (across) |

Blessed Be Your Purity.

Blessed be your purity,
May it be blessed forever,
For no less than God takes delight,
In such exalted beauty.
To you, heavenly Princess,
Holy Virgin Mary,
I offer on this day

My whole heart, life and soul.
Look upon me with compassion,
Do not leave me, my Mother.

Amen

Scoraíocht an Déardaoin.

Thursday 21st May 2.30-5.00 pm.

The scoraíocht for the month of May will be held in **The Ionad Cultúrtha Baile Mhúirne**. Ger Wolfe will perform a collection of songs from his work as Resident Singer. Also 'Tacaiois' – Seniors Art Exhibition. Transport available, ring early 026-45661.

Féile Bealtaine.

We have been kindly invited by Macroom Senior Citizens Club to a **Social Evening** on the 27th of May in the Fr Ryan Hall. Music, Song and light refreshments. The Luas and the Bus Dearg will be going. To book your place call 026 – 45661.

Upcoming Events during the summer months our scoraíocht will be in Milstreet Country Park, there will be a trip to Kinsale and West Cork and a trip to the Dog Track. Full details in next months Focal id' Chluais.

Answers to last months puzzles.

Brain Boggler: Karen has 9 cards, Jeff has 15 and Chris has 18.

Scheme of Community Support for Older People.

Pobal ar Aire regret they cannot accept any further applications at present.

Brain Boggler. It is weightless, you can see it and if you put it in a barrel it will make the barrel lighter. What is it?

