

Parish Fete and Fun Day

Sunday, 8th June 2003

On Sunday 8th June the parishioners of Halston Street and Church Street parish enjoyed a beautiful sunny afternoon at a Parish Fete and Sports Day at the Temple, Constitution Hill. The entire day was conceived and brought about with local involvement. It began with the parish pastoral team of Halston Street and Church Street deciding that they could make a real contribution to the life of the parish by organising community-based social events. They began by organising social events such as displays and exhibitions in the Sacred Heart Hall in Church Street. These exhibitions put on show the talents of parishioners from the arts and crafts groups and from the school children of the area. In the hope of good weather coming in the month of June they decided to go ahead with the organisation of a larger event at a venue within the area of the parish.

The local response was both positive and encouraging. The Kings Inns kindly made their grounds available at the Temple; the parish primary schools of George's Hill and the Brunner both helped in the preparation stages of inviting children to enter events; the staff at MACRO helped promote the day by word of mouth and by inserting a poster advertising the event in the MACRO Newsletter; the recently opened Londis shop at the corner of Church Street gave generous sponsorship and provided a mobile shop on the day; the Hercules Athletic Club erected an outdoor boxing ring and put on a fine display of boxing and kick-boxing; the Order of Malta provided an ambulance and first aid team for the day; the Gardai were present for the day and provided barriers and megaphones - both the mounted unit and cycle units put in an appearance; members and organisers of St. Anthony's Football team co-ordinated penalty shoot-out and 4-aside competitions for different age groups; volunteers from the Capuchin Day Centre helped steward a wide selection of races including **Sackrace, Spud & Spoon, 3-legged Race, Horse n' Jockey, Wheelbarrow Race. Of course, there was also a Fancy Dress competition and a selection of bouncy castles and an inflatable supaslide which were very popular. All in all the day was a real community event in terms both of those who helped make it happen and of those who attended.**

The parish pastoral team who would like to sincerely thank everyone involved for helping to make this contribution to the building of community in the parish