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Dear Parishioners

The Bazaar held on the occasion of the Feast of our Lady of the Assumption on the 14th & 15th of August was a great success. Although numbers on the Saturday were less than encouraging a considerable amount of food was consumed and sold, however the business activity around the stalls was almost no existent. But on Sunday, the attendance was very encouraging and virtually all points of sales did reasonably well. Children had lots of fun on the Jumping castle, the chocolate wheel was pretty busy and all stalls, food and otherwise did reasonably well.

This was achieved, of course, through the hard work of all the organisers and the generous nature of our community and friends. The Marquis, the Jumping castle, chocolate wheel, Kebab meat, drinks, some manufactured items on the food stalls and all the prizes for the major lottery and games, were donations. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our community members and friends who have contributed in any way to make the day a great success. This has been a great eye opener for the Church and we hope this experience will help us organise future events in a more successful and organised fashion.

The major Lottery, 18 carat gold Armenian khatchkar, donated by the KGS Group was drawn, as announced previously, late on Sunday afternoon. We are happy to announce that it was won by Mr and Mrs Levon Khatchadour. Good luck to them and we hope to see more of them in the future. Other activities have also taken place during the festive week: On Tuesday we saw the screening of the historical and heroic Armenian film of 40 day's of Musa Dagh, many parishioners were present and they have enjoyed it immensely.

Thursday night was "Bingo night" many turned up and we had a socially very entertaining evening. Of course we would have liked to see more of our parishioners on the night but we appreciate the fact many have businesses and other social commitments.

Annual Ball held 21st August 2004

The week long festivities from August 14th to 21st culminated with the Annual Dinner Dance at the “Nilla” reception lounge in Liverpool St Ashfield .The response from our community was very pleasing despite the clash of other Armenian functions and activities on that night. After a very short welcoming speech by the president of the Church Council and the official blessing of Fr Basil, the party commenced as stated on time and the night went into full swing. The atmosphere was very pleasant and every one seemed to be having great fun. It gives us great pleasure to mention the fact that Mr. George Shad and his family and many of their friends joined us in this celebration and their contribution in making the evening a great success has been fantastic. It is also worth mentioning the fact that we were entertained by the Arax Band who did a great job in entertaining us by taking us through the nostalgic memory lane. Their enthusiastic music kept everyone of their seats and many danced right through the night. We also would like to praise the Nilla lounge for their presentation and quality of the food. Apart from some minor shortcomings in their service staff, which we have in no uncertain way pointed it out to Management, we would like to congratulate them for their otherwise fantastic efforts on the evening. We can only feel sorry for all those community members who for whatever reason missed out on the night. The “Evening” Ball was a memorable one, and it proved to be a great success, it was free of incidents and as far as entertainment goes it was a fabulous evening.

And it was also a great success in financial terms, since combined with the festive week’s proceeds the Church made a profit of almost \$15,000.00. It would be interesting to note that the Auction, which was conducted by Mr. George Shad, fetched \$6000.00. Naturally this income will go a long way in reducing the financial obligations of the parish.

Once again we would like to thank all our community members and friends since without their support, be it moral or financial; this would not have been made possible. It is our hope that all our future functions would receive the full support of the parish and community, without their support our Church will stagnate and perish. It is not enough to say we love our Church, we must show our love in deed and in action. This is why we have a Parish Council and a Ladies Auxiliary Group, but that does not mean we don’t need your involvement, on the contrary, we need all the people we can get, and if anyone feels that he or she has the time and capacity to use some of their talents for the benefit of their church we will receive them with open arms. All you have to do is give us a call.

Our Special Thanks go to:

Mr. & Mrs. George Shad for donating the photo copying machine and also for providing the Marquis and some of the Auction items.

Mr. & Mrs. A. Halwagy for providing the Jumping Castle.

Mr. & Mrs. G. & C. Tcherkezian for the Gold Khatchkar.

Mrs. Barekhan and Sons for the Kebab meat and the Showerma Machine.

Mr. & Mrs. Bedros Sinian for the diamond ring for the Raffle prize.

Mr. Harout Boladian for organising and building the chocolate wheel.

Mr. & Mrs. Peter Boladian for donating 30 woollen jumpers.

The Kverian Brothers for donating a gold Garnet ring.

Father's day

The ladies Auxiliary as usual have organised a special Fathers day Function in the church Hall; All the tickets were pre sold to ensure its success. We apologise to all those who have missed out on this occasion. The function was extremely successful and we wish to congratulate our Ladies for their tremendous effort for making "Fathers Day" a memorable day for all the fathers within our parish. We wish to thank all the volunteers who took part in the preparation of the delicious food.

First Holy Communion

We wish to remind our parishioners that the instructions to the children have begun in earnest; almost 10 children are being prepared by Fr basil. It is not too late to include your children if they are at the right age. The first Holy Communion ceremony will take place sometime in November.

Weekly Envelopes

Again we appeal to our dear parishioners. Your financial commitment through the envelopes is vital to the proper financial planning of the affairs of our Church and it is through this commitment we can confidently predict and chart the course of our destiny. It is the sacred duty of every parishioner to make some commitment no matter how small. We need to understand that our church has a big financial commitment. We the community, are its only source of income. So, having read this article, we appeal to you to make a conscious decision and make that commitment to your community and church.

September Programme

Friday 10th: Bingo Night at 7.30 PM

Friday 17th: Seniors Club at 10.30 AM

Friday 24th: Movie Night at 7.30PM. The Final episode of the Lord of the Ring (the Return of the King)

Funerals and burials

Naiima Hallak on the 3rd of August 2004

Joseph and Marian Kaheel on the 14th August 2004

Baptisms

Isabella Eliza, Daughter of Avedis and Nicola Majarian on the 8.8.04

Christian, Son of Hanna and Vartine Hijzein on the 8.8.04

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