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**St Clarets GFC: Come on down, the price is right**

## Donaghy damned by Vatican

### Daly's dating disaster

Claretian lothario Phil Daly was this week the victim of a cruel internet dating hoax.

The giant Cavan man had set up a date with a tall blonde who "liked to spend winter evenings in the park". Daly arranged to meet the lady, whose screen name was *Snow White* in a park close to his London home.



Big Phil likes what he sees.

Little did he know that Snow White was a snow woman.

Unruffled, Daly tried his hand anyway, saying afterwards: "A date's a date."



Daly tries his luck

Rumours are rife that highly placed officials within the Vatican are rapidly losing patience with Claretian stalwart Paddy Donaghy, after yet another successful attempt by the Tyrone man to influence practice within the Catholic Church.

With memories still fresh of his service altering antics at last year's club Mass, Donaghy has been on a Vatican watch-list for the past nine-months, amid concerns that he had a number of other ideas up his sleeve.

This week, following an undercover operation by a senior reporter from *The Claretian Echo*, we can exclusively reveal that last year Donaghy succeeded in leading an entire party of nuns astray over a weekend of most un-convent-like behaviour.

Having had a group of visiting nuns inexplicably entrusted into his guardianship for a weekend, Donaghy revealed in a secretly recorded interview with *The Echo* that: "No sooner had they landed, than I cracked open the vodka and all hell broke loose. By midnight they were dancing on the table and had young Tadhg's Twister game out and were



Partying hard: the seven who failed to return to the convent

throwing all sorts of shapes. It was wild craic. Pure madness".

Following their adventure to Hayes, seven of the nuns failed to return to their convent in Brentwood. Their whereabouts is still unknown, although Sister Geraldine is said to be currently working as a waitress in a cocktail bar in the West End.

Donaghy was unavailable for comment this week, as he was away on what appears to have been a rather dubious ski-ing holiday with his "close friend" and fellow Claretian,

father-of-one, Dan Keating.

An unnamed source in the Vatican revealed that Pope Benedict himself was watching the matter closely and said: "The one-stop wedding shop we could handle. The prayer changes were a push but we were prepared to turn a blind eye, but we can't afford to lose any nuns. No chance."

"Every time this Donaghy chap gets involved, it seems to turn out like an episode of Fr Ted."

## Gilmore's Derry dance with danger

Claretian good guy Thomas Gilmore this week revealed the details of the terrifying ordeal he suffered during a Christmas shopping trip to Derry.

Bargain-hunter Gilmore had travelled north with friends to check out the sales, when the group were held-up by a gang of youths wearing balaclavas and wheeling a hi-jacked canon.

The terrified party of Galwegians attempted to negotiate with the thugs but were unable to make themselves understood, due to their broad west of Ireland accents.

Mistaking them for a group of Polish tourists, the would-be assailants al-

lowed Gilmore and his friends a safe passage, and even took this

photo for them to show their friends back in Warsaw.



Gilmore and friends pose for a photo, kindly taken by their would-be assailants