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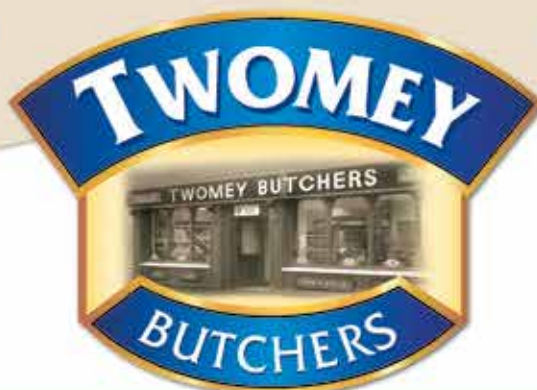
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# CORK VIKINGS AFLW – EUROPEAN CHAMPS

The Cork Vikings have been crowned AFL Europe Champions League winners for the fourth consecutive year, solidifying their place as one of the most dominant sides in European Australian Rules Football. Representing Ireland as the reigning premiers of the AFL Ireland League, the Vikings travelled to the Lyon, France Saturday 12th April to face the top club teams from across Europe. In the group stages, they secured impressive wins over the Nottingham Scorpions (England) and the ALFA Lions (France). They booked their place in the semi-final where, they faced the Arasta Swans (Sweden) in a competitive game with their win sending them to a Grand Final showdown where they would once again meet the Nottingham Scorpions.

The final proved to be a thrilling contest. Trailing at halftime, the Vikings had to dig deep for a second-half response. With determination and resilience, they turned the game around, producing a strong comeback to clinch the victory and retain their European crown. This remarkable achievement marks their fourth Champions League title in a row, a feat that reflects the strength of the squad and the continued growth of the sport in Cork.



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A special congratulations goes to Grace Oldham (Ballincollig), Sorcha Herlihy (Inchigeela), and Shauna Buckley (Kilmichael) for their outstanding contributions throughout the tournament. Their

performances were instrumental in Vikings success. The Cork Vikings continue to set the standard for Australian Rules Football in Europe, and their latest triumph only adds to an already remarkable legacy.



A Macroom Biogas Concern Group highlighted their concerns about an Industrial Gas Plant amongst Residential homes. Their Float took part in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Ballinagrove.



Some of the Donoughmore Active Retirement Singers seen here with their grandchildren after taking part in the Donoughmore Active Retirement Singers Variety Show.. Pic. Peter Scanlan

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## 7 HIGH STREET, MACROOM, CO. CORK, P12 NE28

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BER: G3 GUIDE PRICE: €175,000



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## MACROOM GIRL GUIDES

# Ardilaun Guides attended National Youth Council of Ireland's STEAM in Youth Work Expo 2025

Ardilaun Guide Unit were invited to attend the STEAM in Youth Work Expo 2025, hosted by the National Youth Council of Ireland (NYCI) at the Communications Workers Union. The event celebrated Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Maths (STEAM) in youth work and provided engaging, hands-on learning experiences for young people.

Upon arrival, attendees were greeted by "Science on Stilts"—a lively performer on stilts carrying quirky science experiments for everyone to try. The day began with youth groups showcasing their STEAM projects. Ardilaun Guides proudly displayed their STEAM-related badges from the Guide programme, including Engineering, Arts & Crafts, Chocolate, Aviation, and Car Care.

Other youth groups displayed their creative projects—from 3d-printing innovations to a self-produced film and even a community frog pond restoration. Engineers Ireland and NYCI provided interactive activities and helpful resources for youth leaders and participants. The rest of the day involved four different workshops.

## Coding and Circuits (with Kinia)

Participants learned basic coding using Scratch by designing custom avatars and programming them to move and change costumes. They then advanced to using a Makey-Makey, a simple circuit board, connecting everyday items like fruit, Play-Doh, and gummy bears to play virtual instruments such as a banjo or piano. It was a fun and imaginative way to explore circuitry and programming.

## Zero-Waste Fashion Engineering (with Change Clothes)

Finding a way to repurpose old or unwanted clothes was the goal of this workshop. The young participants were shown how to make a tote bag from an old T-shirt and actively Thanks to the clear instructions from the facilitators, everyone had the opportunity to create a tote bag while generating little waste. Depending on the original t-shirt, some of the bags turned out quite stylish, but there is always room to add a personal touch with beads, embroidery and gems. This session served as an introduction to upcycling clothes to reduce waste and prevent garments from ending up in landfills.

## Music Creation (with Damien Lynch)

A crash course in making electronic music awaited the workshop participants. Damien was an enthusiastic facilitator, eager to share his knowledge with anyone who would listen. He provided a high-level overview of using a Rhythm Composer, working with loops, manipulating recordings, and utilising a mixing console and a MIDI keyboard. He made the years he spent perfecting his craft appear easy, although the reality is far from it. The group then had a chance to create their own trap/house beat!

## Creative Engineering (with Lindsay Deely)

The final workshop of the day involved some out-of-the-box thinking. The young people had to devise a carrier or container to prevent an egg from cracking after being dropped from the ceiling. The use of Sellotape was unlimited, but the components, all of which were recycled materials, were restricted. They worked in pairs to create and build their designs within a brief time



Ardilaun Guides at "Tímeall an Domhain" Regional Finals



Ladybirds "draw an engineer" activity on March 31st

limit. Some developed well-padded boxes for the egg, while others opted to create parachutes. This workshop generated much tension and excitement as each team took their turn, assessing whether their craft saved the egg from fracture. It was a thrilling way to end the day, blending problem-solving with teamwork and creativity.

The Expo was a resounding success and a valuable experience for all involved. The Ardilaun Guides returned home inspired and full of ideas to continue their STEAM journey.

Áine describes her experiences of her day as follows: We boarded the 7:00 am train to Dublin so we had an early start. When we arrived at the Expo we had a chance to look at other exhibits and present our own one. Later, we took part in lots of different workshops, my 2 favorites workshops were on learning how to upcycle an old T-shirt into a stylish tote bag and making an electronic hip hop beat track. We also got a chance to do some coding which I had not done before and in physics we tested the strength of eggs with some fun experiments. Overall, it was an incredibly fun day. Thank you to our Leaders and NYCI.

Abi reports that the entire day of our visit to the STEAM in Youth Work Expo 2025 was a wonderful experience, from the travelling together, the workshops, meeting others and learning many new skills. I learnt a lot more about coding and music from what I knew previously and am now more knowledgeable on both these topics. The coding was definitely the newest thing that I learnt; it was funny to see the results of the characters that we made. The parts that I enjoyed most was making bags out of old tee shirts, learning how to use technical instruments for music, and making our safe egg carrier so that the egg would survive being dropped from ceiling height.



MacEgan SB attending Ladybird Diva Weekend on April 12th and 13th



Ardilaun Guides at "Tímeall an Domhain" Regional Finals



Ardilaun Guides attending NYCI's STEAM Expo in CWU.

## MacEgan Senior Branch

Ladybird Diva Weekend - By Gráinne Russell  
On the 12th and 13th of April I attended the Ladybird Diva weekend where we took part in various activities to earn the complete 20 ladybird badges (which is all the badges available!). This collection consisted of badges like healthy body, healthy mind and even ones like healthy friendship. We did many badges about nature and lots about well-being and diverse cultures. I would highly recommend sending your child to ladybirds (from ages 5-7) because ladybirds teaches people valuable life experiences and allows you to learn about yourself and other people in fun and interesting ways! This Diva Weekend was for Senior Branch members in the South West region of Ireland, so I met girls that I had never worked with before. This weekend helped me make an abundance of new friends and I have stayed connected with them since and I hope to meet up with them soon. A massive thank you to Dara Russell from MacEgan SB and Hannah Walsh from Boherbue SB, both girls are Regional Senior Branch Representatives, assisted by President of IGG, Deirdre Henley and Regional Commissioner, Mary H O'Connor (also a former member of MacEgan SB) who organised and ran this weekend.

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## Limited time to steer Ireland towards a renewables-powered future - MEP Kelleher

Fianna Fáil MEP Billy Kelleher has said that Ireland risks failing to capitalise on its potential as a possible renewable energy superpower because of a lack of grid capacity and interconnectors to mainland Europe. Kelleher was commenting after an internal government analysis, as reported by Extra.ie, gave Ireland a 10% chance of meeting its Offshore Renewable Energy (ORE) targets by 2030. Experts are now predicting that just 1.4 GW of ORE will be installed by 2030.

"A failure to hit our targets will result in Ireland facing massive fines from the European Commission.

"Progress has been made in recent years. For example, one third of all electricity produced in the Republic last year came from onshore wind farms, and we have finally agreed to build an LNG facility.

"Ultimately, however, we are still highly dependent on imported fossil fuels, mainly gas, to power our economy. To make matters worse, we are highly dependent on one gas line from Scotland to provide us with a significant proportion of our gas needs.

"Furthermore, when we finally electrify our transport networks and roll out heat pumps in our homes, the



demand for electricity will go through the roof.

"If Ireland actually achieved all of its renewable targets, we would end up dumping a lot of the electricity due to a lack of storage and a lack of interconnectors to mainland Europe where it could be sold.

"Ireland must therefore invest in battery storage and in green hydrogen production to enable us to store or transport our excess energy. To do otherwise would be a major error.


"We need an urgent plan to increase our base load generation capacity as well as a commitment to build new interconnectors to mainland Europe and Great Britain.

"While the Celtic Interconnector is soon to become operational, it holds nowhere near enough capacity to meet our future needs.

"For too long, there was an attempt among certain decision makers in Ireland to force us to choose between economic growth and energy consumption. We can and must do both, and fully realise our renewable energy potential," concluded Kelleher.

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# ST MARY'S NEWS

## 1st Yr Camogie

Our 1st year camogie team is having a super season so far this year. The girls played Malloy recently where they fell short on the day, but captained by Lily Hoare, they put on an amazing display. Thank you to Ms McSweeney and Liam Slattery for all their time, devotion and dedication to camogie in St Mary's. The future of St Mary's camogie is bright!

## TY Italy Trip

"This year our TY cultural trip took place in Italy! It was a jam-packed trip, a perfect mix of culture and adventure. So here's what we got up to: First after a smooth flight featuring The Alps, we arrived in Sirmione, a beautiful town situated next to Lake Garda. We soaked up the sun and explored the quaint town, finishing off the day with a speed boat tour around the lake itself which was definitely a highlight of the trip. The next day we were up bright and early for our day in Venice. We hopped on a water taxi into Venice then received an interesting and historical walking tour of the city. We then indulged in some rich Italian cuisine for lunch before rounding off our day in the city with a tour of the spectacular Murano Glass Factory. On our way back to our hotel that evening, we stopped for a game of competitive bowling! On our last day we went to Gardaland which was so much fun. We went on many rides and explored around the vibrant park. Our last stop was the beautiful city of Verona where we saw the Arena di Verona and Juliet's Balcony which were both beautiful. Overall we had an amazing time and are so grateful for the opportunity and the work put into the trip by all our teachers." Report by Aisling Lehane, TY Promo Team. Thank you to Mrs Lehane, Mr McLaughlin and Ms Foley for the organisation of the trip, and thank you to Ms Kerrigan, Mr Galvin and Mr Quill for also traveling on the trip and providing the entertainment!

## YEA Awards

Congratulations to Transition Years, Cara and Éabha who are finalists in the Young Environmentalist Awards. The girls, and Ms Foley, will travel to Dublin next week to the convention centre to display their project and go through more judging sessions. Wishing you the very best of luck girls!

## PE Expo

Well done to Áine O'Leary, 2nd year, who represented St Mary's at the PE Xpo in the National Indoor Arena just before Easter. She presented her young scientist projects to a panel of judges on the day. Áine says "The competition showcased an array of fantastic projects all centred around aspects of both physical and mental health and well-being. Throughout the day there were also many activities and workshops to do to encourage more participation in sports especially for teenagers." Well done Áine and Ms O'Keeffe!

## Sports Roadshow

On the 14th of March, the well-being Committee comprising both students and teachers organised a roadshow for junior students to encourage participation in sport. They had the chance to hear from some very experienced women in sport about their careers so far and how sport benefits them in their everyday lives. We heard from Mrs O'Leary about her football career with Naomh Ában where she won an All Ireland at intermediate level and then got called up to the Cork panel where she won a further 2 All Irelands. Caoimhe O'Brien spoke about her experience with Cork City soccer and how she had to overcome



Transition Year students on their trip to Italy in front of the Verona Arena.



Ms Eimear O'Leary, Erika O'Shea, Grace Kelleher and Caoimhe O'Brien who all spoke at our Junior Sports Roadshow encouraging participation in sport.



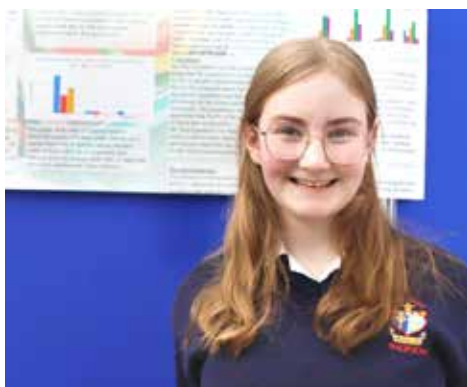
TY's Pia, Leanora, Elizabeth and Gira at Lake Garda



Mr. Quill, Ms Lehane, Ms. Foley, Mr. Galvin, Mr. McLaughlin and Ms. Kerrigan on the TY Trip to Italy.



TY's, Róise, Hannah, Rachel, Ellie, Chloe, Aisling, Lillie, Daimhín and Amy enjoying their TY Trip to Italy.



2nd year, Áine, who represented St Mary's at the PE Xpo in Dublin before the Easter Holidays.

injury but encouraged the girls to persevere and to be resilient. Grace Kelleher the captain of the senior camogie All Ireland winning team spoke to the girls about how important sport is in everybody's life. She also spoke about how enjoyable school sport is, as you get to make new friends with people in different years and people from different areas and clubs. Erika O'Shea spoke about her journey so far as an inter county footballer and as an AWFL player in Australia. She gave the girls great advice about how to manage sport and

school and maintaining high standards in both. She also spoke about her setbacks in her career to date and how, instead of giving up she was determined to keep going every time. Ms De La Cour, unassuming and modest, also spoke to the students and surprised many of them when she revealed that she is a world kickboxing champion at both minor and senior level. Ms De La Cour's hard work and endless travelling up and down the country for training camps, and also all around the world for international competitions have made her all the more determined to achieve big things in life. All in all, the junior students of the school were given a great insight into the sporting lives of the people in their school and community which should really encourage them to keep playing or take up sport. Many thanks to Mrs. O'Leary, Caoimhe O'Brien, Ms. De La Cour, Grace Kelleher and Erika O'Shea for giving up their time to give the junior students this opportunity.

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## MACROOM SCHOOLS/YOUTHREACH HISTORY EXHIBITION 2025

Three Macroom schools and Youthreach exhibited projects in the third Macroom History Annual Exhibition. In the Castle Hotel, Macroom, twenty-two students from St. Mary's, De La Salle, McEgan, and Youthreach displayed works that covered a wide range of topics mostly local but with some from farther afield. Subjects covered included War of Independence material, sport, aviation, the Codrum House Murder/Malachy Duggan, the Spike Island escape, Macroom Mountain Dew Festival, Polish ancestry and so on. All the students invested much thought, time and effort into their work. Students had the option of speaking, and the five who did so were excellent.

For the Junior Certificate pupils do Class-Based Assignments (CBAs), and, in the case of history, the schools' exhibits are these. Youthreach does a collective effort and this year its subject was Macroom Town Hall. St Mary's had thirteen participants, and DLS and McEgan four each. Ms Nessa Bonner, Ms Paula Gray, Ms Gemma Hurley and Mr Colm Walsh, Ms Michelle Healy & Mr Raymond Murphy were the key teachers involved with strong support, including finance, from their schools/institution. The projects were on display for other students and attendees to peruse and query



Guest of Honour, Deputy County Mayor Martin Coughlan presenting a certificate to Amy Claire O'Callaghan, St Mary's, at the History Exhibition, 2025. (C.Kelleher).

the authors on their work, why they picked that topic and so on. The hotel's main dining room was a lovely backdrop and some students did slide presentations. MC Brendan O'Brien introduced the participants and their teachers at the end and some spoke. Mr Martin Coughlan, Deputy Cork County Mayor was the guest of honour, spoke wisely and well and presented the certificates. Brendan emphasised the importance of history, doing projects and displaying their results.

Further education and work is going in this direction. Mick Walsh did great work in organizing the event - this involved co-ordinating the venue and the schools via meetings, texts, phones and emails; he did this expertly and diplomatically and the schools and YR were very co-operative. Douglas Kidd ably assisted him and other Macroom History Group members also helped. Brendan's skill added greatly to the smooth-running and enjoyment of the occasion. A voluntary collection was made to help defray costs.

Afterwards, the students enjoyed a meal and students from the various groups mixed and chatted to each other. This is perhaps the only (or one of very few) occasion(s) where students from the different schools and YR interact. After all, they are young, have much in common and the future is theirs. After the exhibition, the participants will know more of their town and surrounds, and of the wider world.

We thanks the schools and organizers for supporting and participating, but the bright, able and industrious students who exhibited were the stars of the night. Well done all.

*Con Kelleher, Chair, Macroom History Group.*



St Mary's students at the History Exhibition, 2025. (C.Kelleher).



Macroom team parading before the 1949 county football final. The team is led by Ned 'Togher' Casey (carrying his son Billy in his arms) and followed by Dan O'Callaghan, Frank Murphy, Michael Corrigan, Christy O'Reilly, Dermot O'Sullivan etc.

Ned Casey, with son Billy in his arms, leading Macroom before the 1949 senior football final. (Macroom lost in a replay). {Barry O'Brien's, Macroom GAA'S Club History}



The Chocolate Swappers String Quartet - Sophia Corkery, Conan Clery, Aine Lucey and Leila Foley, from Macroom, who came first in the Intermediate Chamber Music Competition in The Cork ETB School of Music.



Pupils from Ballinagree N.S. performed in the City Hall recently at the Cór Fhéile music festival.

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**Dog Fouling.** We continue to see incidents of doggie poo in public places and in parks where owners allow their pets to run free. Is it time to name and shame? A new Doggie Poo bin has been installed in the Fairy Garden and we ask that people use it as required, for dog poo and not other general litter. It is not a litter bin, These doggie poo bins around town and in Castle Demesne, Town Park and Tom Creedon Park must be emptied by a couple of Tidy Towns volunteers as the Council take no responsibility for emptying these. A big thanks to Richard Manning who backbones this work and if there are any of our readers out there out there that might help on this, please let us know. Cork County Council Anti-Litter Competition has commenced and the chosen estate for the first period is the Glenties, so residents there are asked to ensure the estate is litter free. Some unknown part of the town centre or school area will also be judged each week. As part of the judging, selected stretches on Main Street, Laneways and the Town Square will be checked, with the focus been on litter, down to cigarette butts. These pieces of litter and cigarette butts will be counted and marks lost accordingly. St Colman's Park Amenity/Biodiversity Area. As we head into the longer evenings, it is worth a visit to see



Póirsín Dorcha.

the work done here and the two display boards. One of these Display Boards is within Colman's Park and the other at Póirsín Dorcha entrance to the park from lower Cork Street, at the entrance to the park under the old railway arch. The display boards highlight the variety of planting that has been done and some of the existing mature trees. 1) Nut Orchard – Hazelnuts, Cob Nuts, Sweet Chestnut, 2) Wildflower Plot. 3) Cherry Grove, 4) Fruit Orchard – Apple, Pear and Plum, 5) Biodiversity Hedgerow – Italian Alder, Whitethorn, Guelder Rose, Holly Spindle and Crab Apple, 6) Spindle Grove, 7) Alder Grove, 8) Riverside Boundary – Blackthorn, Sitka Spruce, Elm, Oak, Beech, Bramble, Ivy, Sycamore, Ash and Polar, 9) Silver Birch Grove. In addition to all of the trees planted there are other individual mature tree species which include Sycamore, Cherry, Lime, Black



The New Doggie Poo Bin in the Fairy Garden

Alder, Silver Birch, Whitethorn, Oak Mountain Ash and Damson Plum.

Spring Clean was held every Saturday in April, a big thanks to everyone that contributed and did any work in their local area. The public response was poor. And only a few showed up.

Volunteers have been busy over the last few weeks with Litter Picking, Cutting Green Areas in Housing Estates, keeping on top of the usual work, Fairy Garden maintenance work and Biodiversity planting of trees and shrubs.

Come and join us some Saturday Morning at 9am at our base in Masseytown, we are always open to new people joining in and helping with the work. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Lisa at 087-1434770.

## EASTER ROWING CAMP A SPLASHING SUCCESS AT LEE VALLEY

From April 15th to 17th, Lee Valley's local rowing club—proud club of two Rowing Ireland crew in the recent Paris Olympics—hosted a Rowing Easter camp for children from across the area. The three-day event gave young participants a chance to try out rowing, enjoy the outdoors, and make new friends in a fun and welcoming environment.

Children from several surrounding parishes took part, making the camp a wonderful opportunity for community connection and active engagement. The strong turnout reflected the growing local interest in rowing and the club's commitment to introducing the sport to the next generation.



Danjoe Mullane and Eddie Buckley on the harmonica at the Donoughmore Active Retirement Singers Variety Show. Pic. Peter Scanlan



DLS pupils at the History Exhibition, 2025. (C.Kelleher).



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Macroom Sacristan Ted Sheehan was awarded the Papal Benemerenti Certificate and gold medal by Pope Francis for his outstanding service to Macroom Parish for 27 years. Most Rev. William Crean D.D. made the presentation at the Confirmation Ceremony Mass on the 3rd of April.

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Macroom Sacristan Ted Sheehan was presented with the Papal Benemerenti Certificate and gold medal by Most Rev. William Crean D.D. L-R; Mons. O'Donnell, Canon Roberts, Ivor Sheehan (Son) Una Sheehan (Daughter) Ted Sheehan, Bishop Crean, Gerd Berghof (Son In law) Pic. Peter Scanlan

## COACHFORD UPDATES

### *Coachford Players sell out Briery Gap*

The Coachford Players production of 'Wake in the West' at The Briery Gap theatre was a tremendous success selling out the theatre last Friday and Saturday. The Coachford based drama group performed a hilarious play which had audiences in stitches. "We were delighted to have been invited to perform in the Briery Gap, it is a beautiful theatre and the acoustics there are amazing and we were made so welcome and it was great to bring 'Wake in the West' to Macroom after four performances in Coachford earlier in the month", siad Gráinne.Donovan of Coachford Players.

### *Aghabullogue Darkness into Light walk*

The annual 'Darkness into Light' walk in aid of Pieta House will take place in Aghabullogue on the morning

of Saturday, May 10th. People are asked to meet at the Hall at 4.15am. All funds raised will help fund Pieta House's work in providing counselling services to those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts or have been bereaved by suicide.

### *Coachford's Boathouse Café opens in Dripsey*

Kiera and John Buckley have expanded their very successful Boathouse Cafe business and have opened a second, much larger Café and restaurant at Griffins in Dripsey. The new premises is already a huge success and the first three days of business saw a very busy restaurant with many there experiencing an expanded menu with the same attention to high quality food and coffee that the Boathouse is now famous for.

### *Lee Valley Rowing Club ambitious plans*

The Lee Valley Rowing Club have applied for planning permission for a new and exciting development for the club. They are looking to relocate from their shared premises and facilities at Farran Woods to a new headquarters on the northern bank of the river near the Coachford Greenway. The new development will consist of new boat sheds, launching pontoons and other facilities. It will involve moving the entrance of the Greenway and adding additional car park spaces for walkers. The club wants to create the very best facilities for their ever growing membership as the sport becomes more popular each year and people of all ages are enjoying taking up rowing and enjoying it.



The Coachford Players production of 'Wake in the West' at The Briery Gap theatre was a tremendous success selling out the theatre last Friday and Saturday



Lee Valley Rowing Club plans

Macroom Bridge Club presented a cheque to Macroom GAA. This was the President, Anne Cronin (left) chosen charity. In the photo is Claire Creedon, secretary of the Juvenile division (middle) & Orla Kelleher, (right) secretary of Macroom GAA.



WCHSA Committee members and speakers at the Emigration Conference. (C. Kelleher).



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
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## COONEYS INVER DONATION TO SOCCER CLUB

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Presentation of funding to Coachford AFC from Cooney's Inver Filling Station Coachford; included in the picture are - Fred Cooney, Sarah O'Riordan, Conor O'Riordan, Olive Ronan and Jennifer Tarrant along with Ronan Cooney and Joe Ronan.

## CLONDROHID NEWS

### ALZHEIMER'S TEADAYS:

These days are being held in Macroom this week, to raise awareness of Alzheimers and to raise funds for same. There will be one at Killian Lynch Auctioneers from 10am to 2pm on Thursday May 1, and another at Macroom GAA Castle Grounds hosted by Aindrias and Gobnait Moynihan from 10.30am to 1.30pm on Friday May 2. Pop in and have a cuppa and a chat. Everyone welcome.

### BEALTINE FESTIVAL:

Some events that are happening locally for this Duhallow Festival, and would be well worth a call. Everyone welcome.

Mushera Tea Dance in Ballinagree village, at the back of Laine Bar on Sunday May 4 from 3pm to 5.30pm. Music by PJ Murrihy and Jerome Coakley  
Donoughmore ARA on Sunday night May 4, dancing to Dermot Lyons from 9pm to 11.30pm in Community Hall. Admission €10  
Millstreet ARA Tea Dance in GAA Hall near the Funeral

Home and car park. Music by Lee Sound 2.30pm to 5.30pm on Sunday May 11. Admission €10

### CLONDROHID COMMUNITY HALL:

The next session of dancing will be Friday night May 16 from 9pm to 11.30 ish. Admission €10. Tea and biscuits included.. Please support if you can

### SCORAI OCHT IN COMMUNITY HALL:

Please remember the date Friday night May 23, great night of entertainment ,music, singing, dancing, recitation etc. etc. A night to enjoy, commencing at 8pm. This annual event is being organised by Clondrohid Parish Active Retired, everyone welcome including members and non members. It is run in conjunction with the Bealtine Festival Discover Duhallow A day of the Region. There is no Entry Charge, but there will be Donation Buckets in Hall, proceeds to Droichidin ASD Classrooms Clondrohid Nat School (Autism Awareness) and Clondrohid Active Retired. Refreshments will be served free of charge. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

### SINGING IN THE TAVERN:

This lovely sing a long group or tell a story group meet every second Monday night in The Tavern from 9pm. The next session is Monday May 12 They would love to see you there.

### BLOOD TRANSFUSION:

Just a reminder, the next visit to Clondrohid Community Hall will be Monday June 9 and Tues June 10

BINGO: As mentioned before, The Community Hall is delighted that Bingo is back with a Bang, and continues every wed night at 8.30pm.Come along and enjoy the fun and the 'flutter'

### LOTTO:

Results for April 23, Jackpot €1,600. €70 Margaret O'Brien Coolehane. €20 Willie Neville Dromree, Dan Joe Spillane Ballinagree, Patrick Lynch Ardnacrusha, Jackie Spillane Moulnahorna.

## BALLINAGREE VINTAGE

On Friday 25th of April members of Ballinagree vintage travelled to Cork University Hospital to present a cheque to the Dunmanway day care unit within the oncology department.

We were warmly welcomed by the unit's managers and nursing staff, who expressed heartfelt appreciation for our efforts.

A total of €17,570 was handed over the proceeds from our fundraiser day in Ballinagree. The event featured a car and tractor run, a raffle, and was capped off by a very successful auction.

The incredible support from the community made this achievement possible and we are proud to contribute to such an important cause that touches so many lives.

The funds will be used to purchase new reclining chairs for the day unit providing great comfort for patients during their treatment.

Ballinagree vintage extends sincere thanks to everyone who participated, donated and supported the event in any way. Together we have made a meaningful contribution to improving patient care.



Members of Ballinagree vintage making a cheque presentation to the staff of Dunmanway day care unit CUH.

*Looking Back  
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2007: Crookstown Walk For Guide Dogs.  
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# MERCY HOSPITAL FOUNDATION FUNDS NEW CEILING-MOUNTED HOISTS

## TO IMPROVE PATIENT TRANSFERS IN CT DEPARTMENT

The Mercy University Hospital has welcomed the introduction of two ceiling-mounted, motorised hoists, designed for the safe and efficient transfer of patients in the CT Department.

Funded by the Mercy Hospital Foundation at a cost of €15,000, the Arjo Maxi Sky 2 Hoists ensure that patients are transferred safely and comfortably to and from the CT scanner, whilst also reducing the need for physical effort by healthcare staff. Integrated into an overhead track system, each hoist glides seamlessly between locations, minimising the need for manual lifting, addressing a common issue in healthcare settings.

The hoists will primarily assist patients with limited mobility, including older people, patients with neurological or musculoskeletal conditions, and those recovering from injuries. The hoists are also useful for patients needing help to sit up after a scan.

Previously, transferring patients required equipment to be sourced from other parts of the hospital, involving multiple steps such as moving the patient onto a trolley outside the CT suite. Now, with hoists permanently installed in the department, transfers are quicker, safer, and less disruptive. Additionally, the hoist slings are compatible with other hoists used throughout the hospital, meaning inpatients can arrive at the CT suite with their sling already in place, making transfers even smoother and reducing handling time. Healthcare staff, particularly radiographers, will also benefit from the new hoists. By eliminating manual lifting, the risk of workplace injuries and staff fatigue is reduced. Additionally, comprehensive training ensures that staff can operate the hoists with confidence and efficiency.



Acknowledging the new additions to the CT Department, Jane Horan, CT Clinical Specialist Radiographer, Radiology Department, Mercy University Hospital, said "The team in the CT Department is extremely grateful to the Foundation for funding these ceiling-mounted hoists. They will significantly improve patient comfort and safety, while also protecting staff from the physical demands of manual transfers. With this equipment now in place, we can provide faster, safer transfers, eliminating the delays caused by sourcing equipment from different areas of the hospital; and ensuring that patients are

moved safely with dignity and care."

Speaking on behalf of the Mercy Hospital Foundation, Rachel Stevenson, CEO added "Funding the purchase and installation of these hoists reflects the Foundation's commitment to investing in technology that enhances both patient and staff experience at 'The Mercy'. We're deeply grateful to our donors, whose generosity makes these improvements possible."

*For more information on this, and other projects funded by the Mercy Hospital Foundation, visit [www.mercyhospitalfoundation.ie](http://www.mercyhospitalfoundation.ie).*

## Looking Back in Time

2003: Billy Crowley, Timmy Joe Leary, Paddy Ring, Building Contractor, Richard Hinchion and Mary Down at the signing of the contract for the building of Kilmurry GAA Hall.  
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## Kilmurry Active Retirement

### Land, Water and Sky

Do you ever wonder why we find it difficult to deal successfully with some environmental problems, whether affecting land, water, or sky?

Emerging into the world from UCD in 1979 after studying Agricultural Science, I, like most of my classmates, ended up with several temporary jobs. My mother was happy when I got a 'permanent' pensionable job in the civil service. I had been appointed as a Land Commission Inspector and she thought that was important, having lived her life in an area of small farms as we have in the border counties where I was to both work and live. The job entailed buying and distributing land so that we could end up establishing and maintaining the maximum number of sustainable family farms in the country as is in our Constitution. It was a satisfying job, though we disappointed more than we could please. There was a push on too at the time to divide commonages. It was well known and could be easily seen that (agricultural) productivity increased with private ownership. Land that was heather purple on the hillsides supporting sheep, goats, snipe, and grouse soon turned green and was supporting calves and weanlings. Not all permanent jobs are permanent, even then. In 1985 the announcement came that the Land Commission was to be abolished. I was with the last group in, so I suspected that I would be on the move. We had taken over the farm and had built a new house on it. My mother living alone in the old house feared that I might end up in Donegal or even Cork. And so, after what my young wife thought was endless uncertainty, with stints in Navan and Drogheda, and family arrangement Mark II, we moved to Cork, I, to manage the South Western Fisheries Board, headquartered in Macroom.

We are unusual in that the State owns most fisheries in Ireland. It was policy that when the Land Commission was buying land, we would commonly buy the inland fisheries too but would retain those fisheries when dividing the land. This followed an early decision of our first government, our fisheries and water resources would remain in public ownership, the opposite of the policy on land. The species considered most valuable then was salmon. The State had neither the money nor the inclination to buy some of the more valuable private salmon net fisheries in the harbours. As an alternative our State greatly increased licenced salmon drift net fishing at sea. As time went by, rod angling for salmon became more popular, and consequently more lucrative for tourist providers too. So, as fishing technology and interest increased, we had multiple interests in pursuit of a common limited resource, and it was declining. These interests were in competition with each other and with each in their own group

too. While we had lots of enforcement powers, it proved contentious and difficult to police laws that were perceived by some as limiting their wellbeing. Such resentment led to too many illegal actors, and too often this resulted in violence. Managing fisheries was, I believed, within my competency, both land and fisheries are natural resources, and can be managed utilising accumulated social experience and modern biological science, but trying to manage the disparate users of public fisheries was a different challenge entirely.

Struggling for answers, eventually, I came to a 1968 paper by US ecologist, Garrett Hardin. Hardin's paper used a term which has become well known in public resource management 'The Tragedy of the Commons'. His argument, (and Aristotle's too), was that any resource held in public ownership, will become either over utilised and degraded or underutilised and neglected. It is in the public interest to use the resource to the optimum sustainable extent, but this often conflicts with individuals' interests to seek maximum personal advantage. As an example, say a commonage, used by four farmers, can sustain four hundred sheep. But because it is commonage, each can put on as many sheep as they wish. One who is 'go ahead' with a young family to keep, sees that it is to her advantage to put out one hundred and fifty sheep. One copies, two continue as previously. There are now five hundred sheep grazing, the food supply is over utilised leading to habitat collapse to the detriment of all and no food produced for the public. Had the land been improved and fertilised, it may then have sustainably carried five hundred sheep, but who is going to do that when others can take the benefit?

And now to sky, while we may choose to privatise land, or our fishery and water rights, it is not easy to divide up air, and particularly our climate. Human generated global warming is another 'Tragedy of the Commons' problem. Scientists have told us what is the carrying capacity of global warming gases in the atmosphere. We know that if we emit above that level, we all, and other species too, will suffer the consequences. Unjustly many of those that will suffer most are among the smallest contributors. Some find Hardin's analysis as very depressing. However, many choose to see the positive. They cite examples saying that where there was discussion and engagement in advance, trust can be built leading to an 'I will, if you will' agreement. Rather our learning should be, that optimal management of publicly owned assets and resources in the public interest most often requires a more inclusive management style and that entails engagement with affected communities; and now what community will be unaffected by global warming?

We know, or should know, that if we approach global warming looking to our individual personal interests

rather than the common interest, we are gambling with way too much. The consequences will be of an entirely different order than losing the agricultural productivity of a section of land, or a species of fish, unworthy of us as that is. Many billions are invested in fossil fuel extraction infrastructure and many of us still need to use fossil fuel. Personal interest can so easily blind any of us; we tend not to see realities that we do not want to see. Some choose denial. While this is surely understandable, we should not follow them into blindness, and we should not use them as justification for despondency or as an excuse for our own complacency. So, let's get involved; our first public meeting on climate on Tuesday 29th will have passed by the time you are reading this. We started by enquiring what collaboration opportunities we could have with those who care for most of our land. An agricultural and a forestry expert are addressing us, followed by the opportunity for discussion. More public meetings will follow and everyone is most welcome.

In other news, next Monday being a public holiday we will have no activities. But then we are back in full swing. Courtesy of Coachford ARA we have bowls at 10.30am Monday mornings. We have Keep fit both in Crookstown at 5.30pm, and in Kilmurry at 7pm, on Monday evenings. While the course on Buff bones finished before Easter, (it was great, thanks Mary), now on Tuesdays we have Rose, with 'Dance to music' Tea, and Pilates (on the floor) 2-4pm in Kilmurry. Aqua Aerobics courtesy of the Castle Hotel is on Wednesdays at 10am, and Arts and Crafts is on Wednesdays in Kilmurry 2-4pm, and Zumba Wednesdays at 18.15pm in Crookstown. (You are welcome to try out the Zumba class; to see would you like it for the Autumn session). On Fridays 2-4pm Rose will be leading another class of 'Dance to music' and Pilates (chair/standing) in Kilmurry 2-4pm. We have a cluster meeting organised by the Southern Region of Active Retirement Ireland on the 1st of May in Kilmurry. A cluster meeting brings a group of associations together to share so we can learn from each other.

Our association is open to all, and our membership fee is just €20/calendar year or €30 for a couple. Our philosophy is that age makes no difference, but health does. We try to do what we can to keep healthy and challenged in body and in mind, and together that is easier. You will be just as busy as you choose to be and positively engaged in your community. We think you will enjoy it. There are several active retirement associations in the Lee valley. If you are interested in finding out more, we can put you in contact with the right contact for your locality, or if you are interested in starting one up there is support for that too.

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### AISLING O'DONOVAN, WINNER OF ALL IRELAND SHOTOHAN KARATE INTERVARSITIES

Munster Technological University is proud to announce that Aisling O'Donovan, a first-year student from Crookstown in Cork has won the gold medal at the All-Ireland Shotokan Karate Intervarsities. The competition was held earlier this month at Maynooth University.

Aisling, a BSc in Agri-Biosciences student, made quite an impression on her peers and competitors alike with her remarkable performance. This is her first ever gold in an intervarsities competition and her win reflects years of commitment, dedication and drive to the sport.

Speaking about the win, Miriam Deasy, MTU's Sports

Officer, said: "Winning gold at the intervarsities is an excellent achievement but achieving this goal as a first-year student is truly remarkable. Aisling is no stranger to high performance, as she has represented Ireland in karate since the age of 13. We at MTU offer our continued support and were proud to award her with a Sports Scholarship. We congratulate her on this well deserved success and wish her the very best as she prepares to represent MTU at the upcoming Karate Euros in Greece." The intervarsity win is just the beginning for Aisling as she will represent MTU and Ireland by competing in the Karate Euros Greece.



Aisling O'Donovan, Crookstown, winner of the All Ireland Shotokan Karate Intervarsities.



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Cork student, Donnacha Buckley Moloney (age 5), a pupil at Dromleigh National School, Kilmichael, is a winner in this year's 70th Texaco Children's Art Competition. He is pictured with his prize-winning work entitled 'The Titanic' with his mum, Brigid. The picture was taken at a function to announce the top winners held in Dublin.



Cork student, Hazel O'Brien (age 8), from Ovens National School, is a winner in this year's 71st Texaco Children's Art Competition. She is pictured with her prize-winning work entitled 'Me, My Selfie and I'. The picture was taken at a function to announce the top winners held in Dublin.



Ballinagree Vintage Group accepting their award for the Best Float in the Macroom St. Patrick's Day Parade 2025. Left to right: Peter Lane, Eilish Kelleher, Pat O Connell Lee Valley Enterprise Board, Joanne O'Riordan Mayor of Ballinagree, Billy O'Connell, Florence O'Driscoll, Annmarie O'Connell, John O'Sullivan. Front row Niamh & Aimee O'Driscoll.



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## THE IRON AGE

Hi! Chris Barrett here learning more from my good friend, the archaeologist Tony Miller who is continuing by adding to the wonderful information on the Bronze Age which he has already shared with us.

Tony starts by telling me that from about 500BC Ireland enters the Iron Age with the use of the new metal first developed in the Near East. This is the period which is often thought of as the time of the great myths and legends of Queen Maeve and Cú Chulainn and sagas such as The Cattle Raid of Cooley, all part of a 'Celtic' migration into this country. However, archaeology tells another story, finding no evidence for such a migration of new peoples. There is rather a continuation and gradual adoption of new Iron Age cultures from Europe, especially those known as Hallstatt and La Tene.

The beginning of the iron age also marks the start of what many archaeologists call a new 'dark age'. Evidence for burials, settlements and other monuments are hard to find and even the use of pottery appears to have gone out of fashion, not to become important again until the arrival of the Normans.

Society does not seem to have radically changed during this process. Bronze was still important and used for an array of decorative and high status pieces (for example the magnificent bronze trumpets found placed in bogs as offerings or the horns on display in Cork Museum) but was replaced by iron for tools, agricultural implements and weapons. Iron was a more useful metal in that it was readily available with the ores found in stream beds and bogs. It could be produced on a small scale, without the need for alloying with another metal, and the finished tools could be sharpened and repaired in a way not possible with bronze, making it a cheaper and more useful product.

There is evidence found for a deteriorating climate bringing cooler and wetter conditions evidenced by the spread of forests and bogs. Population numbers appear to have fallen and farming became even more focused on the keeping of cattle. Typical finds from this period include bowl furnaces, where iron ore was refined, and small charcoal pit kilns where the charcoal was produced needed for iron smelting. In addition there are the finds made in the bogs, many presumed to be religious offerings, of bronze and gold jewellery. This period also saw the consolidation of kingdoms and tribal territories which can be seen in the



Ogham stones from St. Olan's, Aghabulloge.



Ogham stones from St. Abban's, Ballymakeery.

development of extensive 'royal' sites, such as Tara (Meath), Cruachain (Roscommon), Emain Macha (South Armagh) and Dun Ailinne (Kildare) as well as hill forts and linear earthworks. One such large earthwork found in Cork is the 22km long earthwork known as the Cladh Dubh or 'Black Dyke'. It runs between the Ballyhoura and Nagle Mountains and could have been built and as a territorial marker and to protect the rich lands of the Golden Vale from cattle raiding.

By the 1st Century BC great changes were happening in Europe with the growth of the Roman Empire which from 43 AD, included much of the lands of Britain. At one stage plans were also drawn up for an invasion of Ireland but they were never carried through. Instead, the Irish began a lucrative and long lasting period of trading with the Empire. This country was especially valued for its supplies of leather, hunting dogs and slaves. The Ptolemy Map created in the 2nd Century AD gave an accurate outline of Ireland with headlands and river mouths indicated. It also recorded the tribal names showing here in the southwest as being dominated by the Iverni. Coastal trading must have become increasingly important as shown by the large

number of promontory forts constructed along the coast to both control and encourage trade.

These early centuries of the 1st Millennium AD saw a steady improvement in both the economy and, most importantly, the climate. Farming once again began to expand with tillage becoming more important, based on wheat and barley but with oats increasingly grown. Centralised control of the Roman Empire began to fragment in the later 2nd Century AD and the borders became more porous. The Irish, known as the Scotti at this time, continued trading and raiding along the west coast of Britain but also began to settle in these western lands. The Irish Sea became a unifying factor and close contacts were kept on both sides. As a result roman influence increased especially in the eastern half of Ireland. Two very important developments happened around this time- the growth of Christianity and the beginnings of literacy.

St. Patrick is remembered as the founder of Christianity in Ireland beginning in 432 AD. However, the Pope had already sent a bishop, Palladius, to this country a year earlier to serve the Christian communities already existing here. There is strong tradition in the southwest of teachers arriving from Gaul in a time well before Patrick, such as St. Declan from Ardmore and St. Ciarán from Cape Clear.

The other innovation was the beginning of writing in the form of ogham, a script which survives as a system of lines caved into the corners of monumental stones, read from bottom to top. A large number of these stones survive the majority of which are here in Cork and Kerry, with one cluster to the south of the Boggeragh Mountains. This includes the early church site of Aghabulloge dedicated to St. Olan.

The Iron Age has been a difficult period to describe as there is so little evidence from which to build a clear picture. It was very much a 'dark age' but it does provide the important basis for the next step from prehistory and into the medieval age. From c.400 AD we enter the Early Medieval Period and the start of a particularly rich time for which there is abundant evidence here in the Lee Valley.

I am very grateful to Tony for sharing his knowledge with us, and look forward to hearing about the next stage of our history.

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## The Poets Corner

## Spring Dawn By Patrick Twomey

*We brought her home in the brittle light of winter,  
her small hands clutching the air like questions,  
her eyes dark pools, reflecting a world we couldn't yet  
see. She was a sapling, uprooted from distant soil,  
her roots still clinging to the earth of her birth,  
her branches trembling in the wind of our unfamiliar  
love.*

*At first, she was a puzzle, a language we didn't speak,  
her cries a foreign alphabet we strained to decode.  
We fumbled with the grammar of her needs,  
the syntax of her fears, the rhythm of her sleep.  
But slowly, like the turning of the seasons,  
she began to trust the sound of our voices,  
the warmth of our hands, the constancy of our care.*

*There were days when the weight of it all pressed down,  
when the questions of others felt like stones in our  
pockets:*

*"Where is she from?" "What happened to her parents?"  
"Do you think she'll ever really be yours?"*

*We carried those stones, but we didn't let them sink us.  
Instead, we built a cairn, a marker of where we'd been,  
a testament to the journey we were on together.*

*And oh, the joys—the first time she called me "Dad,"  
her voice a small bell ringing in the quiet of the house;  
the way she laughed, a sound so pure it could mend  
cracks  
in the hardest heart; the way she danced, her feet  
tapping out a rhythm that was all her own,  
a melody that wove itself into the fabric of our days.*

*She brought us gifts we didn't know we needed:  
a new way of seeing, a deeper kind of love,  
a reminder that family is not just blood,  
but the bonds we choose to forge, the stories we choose  
to tell.*

*She taught us patience, resilience, the art of letting go,  
and in her face, we saw the face of the Creator,  
who adopts us all, who calls us each by name.*

*Now, as I watch her run through the fields,  
her hair a banner in the wind, her laughter trailing  
behind her,  
I think of how far we've come, how much we've grown.  
She is ours, and we are hers, not by chance, but by  
choice,  
by the slow, steady work of love,  
by the grace that stitches us together,  
thread by thread, until we are whole.*

*And in her, I see the truth: that we are all adopted,  
all of us grafted into a family not our own,  
all of us learning to trust the hands that hold us,  
the voices that call us home.*



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# NED 'TOGHER' CASEY, MACROOM'S SOLE ALL-IRELAND MEDALLIST

## 1911-1990, CELTIC CROSS IN 1945: HIS LIFE AND TIMES

Ned 'Togher' Casey won an All-Ireland Senior Football medal with Cork in 1945. He was the first Macroom player to do so since 1911 and it took another forty-four years before another Macroomian, Colman Corrigan gained the next in 1989. Fintan Goold won a Celtic Cross in 2010. Altogether, nine Macroom players have won Celtic Crosses - the earlier medals were won by Macroom players in Cork's 1911 victory. Ned came from a modest background but rich in football ability and interest. This is a short account of his life, times and achievements.

The context is that Cork All-Ireland football successes are rare - seven since 1884 - in 1890, 1911, '45/'73, '89, '90 and 2010. That equates to 1 title about every 19 years - a poor return for a county with so many football clubs and players. Macroom players were involved in five of the victories. Life was harsh, especially for working men in that period.

1945 was a fateful year for Ned. WWII ended, he won an All-Ireland medal and he married Alice Bluett, and they settled-down in Macroom. The War/Emergency years in Ireland saw shortages and the GAA championships helped the country to keep spirits high. It was 'V' for the Allies' victory and for Cork's football win. Ned's brother, Seamas, a fine footballer and a Macroom county medallist in 1935, lost his life with the British Army in Italy in 1943. Ned worked at a variety of jobs - in O'Shea's Mineral Waters with his father, as a building labourer and he spent short periods in England during the war and in the 1950s. During The Emergency he served in the Reserve Army as did many other inter-county players. The high standard of army matches sharpened his skills and competitive instincts.

To capture the 1945 All-Ireland Cork won four knockout games; arguably, their toughest game was their first against Tipperary in Dungarvan. Behind for long periods of the match and well into the second half, the team eked out a victory. (Cork Examiner 25 June 1945). 'Togher's' three first-half points were invaluable. Tipperary had been tipped to win and Cork was relieved to reach another Munster final. The score was: Cork 1-7, Tipperary 1-6. Cork played very well against Kerry in the final and should have won by more than 1-11 to 1-6. 'Togher' performed well and Jack Lynch, at right corner forward, was prominent.

Munster Football Championship, 1945.

The Cork-Galway semi-final was played on 12 August in Croke Park and, in a fine game, Cork won by 2-12 to 2-8. The winners started well and raced into a six-point lead, but Galway levelled. Nine minutes into the second half Cork were ahead by 2-6 to 2-3. However, Galway were again ar comh scór with ten minutes to go but Cork's late flurry of points won the day, perhaps due to superior fitness. (Cork Exam., 13 August 1945). 'Togher's' clever play was a noticeable feature. Cork was in its first football final since 1911.

Cavan was the opponent in the final and in the 1940s period, it had possibly its best-ever side. 'Togher' started at right-half forward. A first half Mick Tubridy goal gave Cork a cushion. Cavan rallied but a second Cork goal in the second period by Derry Beckett was the crucial score: despite unrelenting late pressure, the Cork backs excelled and the Leesiders won by 2-5 to 0-7. Unfortunately, 'Togher' was injured and replaced in the game - up to then he had played well but Cavan's half-back line was good. The team celebrated in Clery's Restaurant and the players were welcomed home as heroes.



Seamas Casey and his wife (name not known) c. 1942. Seamas was Ned's brother and was killed in WWII in Italy, 1943. (David Casey's private collection).



Ned Casey and Alice Bluett, married in 1945. (David Casey's private collection).

It was Cork's first football win in thirty-four years, the final's crowd was 67,329 and Derry Beckett and Jack Lynch had now won hurling and football senior All-Ireland medals; it was Lynch's fourth (of five) consecutive All-Ireland medals. Eamon Young's and Beckett's fathers had won All-Ireland football medal in 1911. Clonakilty supplied eight members of the panel. It was not until 1973, twenty-eight years later, that Sam Maguire returned to Cork. There was tremendous jubilation in the county, and especially Clonakilty, but Macroom had a more muted reaction, explained by 'Togher' playing with Clonakilty that year.

Cork's Munster and All-Ireland wins were surprising but there were good omens from its 1943's victory in a replay win over Kerry in a Munster semi-final. The score was 2-3 to 0-9 the first day; but for wayward shooting, Cork should have won easily. The second match was again in the Cork Athletic Grounds and refereed by a Mitchelstown man. Cork won a tight finish by 1-5 to 1-4. 'Togher' was the star as he scored 1-3 - all of Cork's total - in the second half including a Cork free when time was almost up. (Irish Independent 12 July 1943). It was Cork's first win in Munster since 1926. The general opinion was that Cork should have won by more. In the All-Ireland semi-final, Cork led Cavan by 1-5 to 0-3 at halftime. However, a Cavan rally and faulty Rebel shooting saw Cavan win by 1-8 to 1-7.

Ned's background story captures what life was like for many young men during the 1930-1960s, armed only with a primary school education. He was lucky that he was a gifted footballer. Ned was born in Delaney's Lane, New Street. His parents Bill and Dora had nine children. Bill worked in O'Shea's Mineral Waters and had a fiery temperament and was wont to get hot over politics. Dora inherited a forge and shop from her sister and brother-in-law in Railway View, where the Railway View Pharmacy is now situated. Their shop was closed within a few years. Ned was the youngest of six boys, and he had three sisters. His brothers were Willie Bell, Denis, Jeremiah (Scottie),

Seamas and Jack and his sisters, Mary, Hannah Maria and Peggy. Born in 1917 into interesting but fraught times, Ned was the second youngest in the family. He attended national school in Macroom and at fourteen, went working. Unfortunately, there was no facility for boys' secondary education in Macroom until the De La Salle Boys' Secondary opened in '33 and McEgan in '34. For many years after in Ireland, only a small percentage of Irish teenagers attended secondary school beyond the age of fourteen. The 1930s saw a global recession, and the Irish-British Economic War made a bad situation worse. It also saw the formation and rise of the Blueshirts, Ireland's version of fascism. Civil War bitterness was still sharp and caustic. Work was scarce and wages poor for ordinary workers, and emigration was common. A saviour for Ned was his football ability. 1935 was a glorious year for Macroom football. The seniors won the senior county for the seventh time and Denis (Den-i), Jerh (Scottie) and Seamas were playing and Ned was a substitute. Ned had the honour of captaining Macroom's minor team that year which also won the county. In addition, the juniors, led by Michael (Buckeen) O'Sullivan, won the Duggan Cup a Mid-Cork Junior competition. Seamas, Ned's son reminded me that seven county medals were won by three families from Delaney's Lane - the Casey (4), the Healy (2) and the O'Reilly (1) families. (Seamas Casey, Ned's son, interview 26 February 2025). However, Macroom lost in early rounds in '36-'39. Fortunes improved after 1943 but mostly for financial reasons, the club did not enter a senior team in 1945. Several factors explain the decline. Times were tough and goods were scarce during the Emergency years. Many young Irishmen enlisted in the British army - because of unemployment and a wish for adventure and money. Seamas, Ned's brother, was one and he perished in Italy at Montecassino where he was buried. David Casey, his nephew, has located and visited his grave. Seamas too was a very fine footballer. Other reasons such as lack of application and financial woes are cited. The club did not recover and re-graded to junior in 1945. Ned was 'released' to play senior football with Clonakilty (Clon) - a common practice at the time. Clon then had a great team and won several senior counties around that period and back-boned the the successful 1945 All-Ireland winning Cork team. Clon reached a county final in 1945 but lost. (Barry O'Brien, Macroom GAA Club History, 1987) Macroom Senior Footballers' Record 1936 - '44.

	1936	'37	'38	'39	'40	'41	'42	'43	'44
R1	W, Lees	R1, L, Beare	L, Clon (R'py)	L, M'st.	L, L, St Nick's		W, Dr't	W, M'st.	W, Dr't
R2	L, Clon'ty						W, UCC	L, Duh't	L, Duh't
R3							W, M'st; lost on objection		

'Togher' transferred back to Macroom in 1946. After a stormy AGM, the club re-graded to senior status; however the Army beat them, with Ned at centre-forward, 2-9 to 0-4 in the first round (R1). In '47, Beare overcame Macroom, 2-8 to 1-6, but Macroom played reasonably well. The following year, St. Finbarr's beat Macroom, 1-11 to 1-6. (Barry O'Brien, Macroom GAA Club History). 'Togher' led the forwards well but defensive errors and some poor play led to an avoidable loss. Another positive was Niall Fitzgerald's performance. Captained by 'Togher' for a second successive year in '49, Macroom had a great campaign. Macroom beat Duhallow, 3-7 to 0-3, Castlemagner in a



Macroom Fire Brigade, c 1960s. Ned is fourth from left. (Dennis Dinneen).

gruelling and exciting game, 4-5 to 2-5, and St. Nick's in the semi-final in Clonakilty by 0-8 to 1-4. Before a large crowd and in a fluctuating match, Tommy Daly kicked a late winning point. The club was in its first senior final for fourteen years. Macroom drew with Collin's/The Army 1-6 to 0-9, foiled by a late point. Collins, with a transformed team, easily won the replay. Macroom had four minors playing and were ably led by Ned throughout the campaign. The football outlook was sunny.

On the field Ned was a leader but off it, life was tough. He was a working man, married with two young children; work was scarce, wages low, social welfare was not available and emigration was high.

Professor John A. Murphy summarised pithily the social order in Macroom at the time: 'There was no class distinction in Macroom ... but everyone knew their place'. For a working man, injury was a nightmare. The senior team lost R1 matches to St. Nick's and St. Finbarr's in '50 and '51; Ned played in the latter and set-up Seánie McCarthy for a great goal. The following year he played in Macroom's victory over Beara but the side went down to Carbery in R2. After a replay win over Castlemagner in '53, UCC overcame Macroom in R2. Ned joined the committee that year. 1954 was a good year for Macroom. With Ned as a selector and player, it overcame Carbery, St. Finbarr's and Seandun to reach a semi-final. In a low-scoring game, Clonakilty won by 1-5 to 1-2; unfortunately, 'the Macroom forwards did everything but score'. (O'Brien, Macroom GAA Club History, p. 236.). Ned's last games for Macroom seems to be Macroom's win over Carbery, (reported on 10/4/'54). During the 1950s, he was persuaded to play in a match, was injured and unable to work; his wife, Alice, needed financial help from a club member.

In the 1950s Ireland's economy was in the doldrums when over 500,000 people emigrated, often as young as fourteen, mostly to Britain where they were frequently met with signs such as 'No Irish, No Blacks and No dogs' need apply when seeking accommodation. For many the pub was the only refuge and that created further problems. Scarce work and poor wages persisted in Ireland but Ned, Alice and their three boys, Billy, Seamas and David, b. in 1946, '47 and '50. Indeed Ned carried Billy in the parade before the 1948 County Final. David told me that Alice's last pregnancy was difficult and that he and his mother were lucky to emerge alive. (Interview with David Casey, March 2025). Ned continued to take an interest in sport and trained Aghinagh footballers for a number of years. Though performances improved, Aghinagh did not win its Holy Grail of winning a first Mid-Cork Junior A title until 2021. Seamas, Ned's second son, accompanied him there for training and played underage football with them. He was quite a good player and also played with Aubane in the Duhallow Division. Billy, the eldest, had little interest in football and David, the youngest was a very good forward and won a Country County medal with Macroom in 1969. He was a left-legged forward and his unusual style befuddled many backs. In 1969, Macroom played Millstreet in R1 of the county in Ballyvourney. The great John Coleman was Millstreet's centre-back and was dominating in his position. David was switched to centre-forward and made a notable contribution to Macroom's victory. The late Jimmy Deasy was mentor on that team and it was he who told Davey how good his father was and that he had won an All-Ireland medal in 1945. Ned did not speak of his football achievements at home. David played U-21, junior and senior championship for Macroom.

Apart from football, Ned was a long-term member of Macroom Fire Brigade and served with people such as Dónal Lehan, Con 'Knockie' Cronin, Pat Coughlan, Christy Leahy, Billy Lynch and Martin McCarthy. He also enjoyed a pint and Dinneen's and Bridie's were his favourite haunts. There are lovely photos recording him in both settings - the serious and the social.

Ned's gifts as a player were speed, fearlessness, a good fielder for a moderate-sized man - he could field a ball with one arm-, football intelligence and accuracy. He was dedicated to his football craft and took the sport seriously. He won minor and senior county medals with Macroom, two Munster Senior and one All-Ireland senior medals with Cork and played with Munster. He was for many years an automatic first choice with Cork. He showed great loyalty to Macroom and was unlucky not to lead it to county senior honours in 1949. Always modest, he returned to life and worked hard for his family all his life. Unfortunately he suffered arthritis in his later years, with impaired mobility, a sad contrast to his youthful years as a flying and successful forward for Macroom and Cork.

Barry O'Brien and Brendan Kenneally wrote lovely pieces on Ned. For me, he is a forgotten hero who deserves more recognition and acclamation for his football exploits for his club and county.



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## ST JAMES GAELS/AN CAISLEÁN GAA CLUB, WALKINSTOWN TRIP TO MACROOM

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## MUNSTER GAA CHAMPIONSHIPS 2025

### SENIOR HURLING

**Clare 3-21 Cork 2-24**

The Munster hurling championship got off to a brilliant start at Ennis, when All Ireland champions Clare, and recently crowned Allianz National League champions Cork, played out a thrilling draw in a sensational game of hurling.

Cork led by 12 points at half time, conceded two goals to Clare in the opening seven minutes of the second half, went back up to lead by nine points, 2-21 to 2-12, then lost Shane Barrett to a red card. When Clare took the lead by a point in injury time it looked like the Rebels were going under. A last second 78th minute free yielded a point from Declan Dalton and so both teams settled for the draw with Cork the more relieved side at the final whistle.

Ennis is a difficult venue for any visiting team. Cork knew what was in store for them and tore into the Banner in the first half, scored two goals and should have had two more. Crucially Robert Downey got a knee injury before half time and was unable to run properly after the half time break and the Cork defence, so masterful in the first half, got opened up twice before the Cork captain was withdrawn. The damage was done, Clare were back in contention backed by their very fervent supporters and when Shane Barrett got red carded the fat was in the fire. Amazingly, Barrett was the only player to get a red card in a game when regularly there were three or four bouts of entanglements occurring simultaneously all over the field. The referee had an impossible task and Shane Barrett was the sacrificial offering on the altar of law and order. He was not the worst offender on the day and had come in for some heavy treatment prior to his relatively minor misdemeanour.

How to deal with naked aggression all over the park while not losing a man or two to a red card is a problem for a Cork team which previously was being mocked as being 'soft'.

To get a point in Ennis, where Cork have never won, is not a disaster but Cork were favourites and looked likely winners for a long time. Once again, the difference between league and championship hurling

was so obvious but Cork will learn from this near calamity and there are three games to go before the group stage is resolved.

Cork: P Horgan 0-9 (0-6 f, 0-1 65), B Hayes 2-2, A Connolly, D Fitzgibbon 0-3 each, T O'Mahony, S Barrett 0-2 each, B Roche, S Harnedy, D Dalton (0-1 f) 0-1 each. Cork: P Collins; N O'Leary, E Downey, Seán O'Donoghue (Inniscarra); C Joyce, R Downey, Mark Coleman (Blarney); T O'Mahony, E Twomey; Shane Barrett (Blarney), D Fitzgibbon, S Harnedy; P Horgan, A Connolly, B Hayes. Subs: G Millerick for R Downey (45, injured), D Dalton for Harnedy (48), B Roche for Twomey (55), S Kingston for Horgan (60), D Healy for Connolly (64).

### Munster SHC: Cork 4-27 Tipperary 0-24

Cork hurlers are top of the Munster championship group after this facile win over Tipperary at Páirc Uí Chaoimh. Cork must have been slightly rattled after losing a 12 point lead in Ennis the previous week and when the teams lined up for the start the same behaviour as was so common in Ennis was again in evidence with players bashing into one another in several areas of the field before a whistle had been blown. Once again one player went too far and made contact with a Cork player with his hurley, got spotted and was red carded without hesitation – a decision which ruined the match as a contest but was inevitable if referees are to be in charge.

Cork made full use of the extra man and quickly got on top and the outcome was never in doubt to the finish. After a very torrid affair in Clare, Cork will benefit from the relative ease with which they controlled this game and will be fresh for the Limerick challenge in May.

Cork have three points accumulated from their opening two Munster bouts, but face tough games away to Limerick and at home to Waterford. Their form is such that they will be very disappointed if they fail to emerge out of Munster for the All Ireland series but they can get very sloppy at times as was evidenced once again against Tipperary. The supporters love them however and the players will not want to let such loyalty be unrewarded.

The opening goal arrived on six minutes. Mark Coleman to Alan Connolly to Tim O'Mahony. O'Mahony provided the assist for their second seven minutes later. It began with Rob Downey playing a short pass out to him which he delivered inside to Patrick Horgan. One glorious sidestep later and Cork were 2-3 to 0-2 in front. In the 17th minute another goal after Darragh Fitzgibbon's penetrating run, offloaded to Connolly-3-6 to 0-2 – game effectively over.

The sole Cork negative of the opening half was Rob Downey's knee injury, Ger Millerick coming on at wing back as Mark Coleman went in to entre back.

Patrick Horgan, Declan Dalton and Seamus Harnedy will have happy memories of this game. Tipperary will recall the game in nightmares.

Scorers for Cork: P Horgan 1-9 (0-6 f); D Dalton 1-6 (0-2 f); S Harnedy 0-5; T O'Mahony, A Connolly 1-0 each; D Fitzgibbon, B Hayes, R O'Flynn 0-2 each; T O'Connell 0-1.

Cork: P Collins; Seán O'Donoghue, E Downey, N O'Leary; C Joyce, R Downey, Mark Coleman; T O'Mahony, E Twomey; D Dalton, D Fitzgibbon, S Harnedy; P Horgan, B Hayes, A Connolly. Subs: G Millerick for R Downey (20, inj); L Meade for Twomey (47); B Roche for Connolly (52); R O'Flynn for O'Mahony (57); T O'Connell for Joyce (66).

Clare 3-21 Cork 2-24

Tipperary 2-23 Limerick 2-23

Waterford 2-23 Clare 0-21

Cork 4-27 Tipperary 0-24

**Waterford 2 v Limerick 1, in Walsh Park, Saturday May 3rd 6pm.**

May 10th: Clare 1 v Tipperary 2

May 18th: Limerick v Cork 3, Tipp v Waterford

May 25th: Cork v Waterford; Limerick v Clare

Saturday June 7th: Munster Hurling Final 6pm

## SENIOR FOOTBALL

Limerick 0-13 Cork 0-24

Tipperary 1-22 Waterford 1-19

Semi Finals:

Cork 1-25 (28) Kerry 3-21 (30)

Clare 2-18 Tipperary 1-15

Munster Football Final:

Kerry v Clare, Sunday May 4th at 1.45pm in Killarney

## Munster SFC Semi-Final

**Kerry 3-21 Cork 1-25 aet**

Cork footballers lost their Munster semi final to Kerry at Supervalu Páirc Uí Chaoimh in a great game of football that went to extra time before being decided. Not for the first time, Cork showed they can rise to an occasion but the problem remains – can they achieve a reasonable level of consistency and give a repeat of this level of performance in the All Ireland Qualifiers to come? The Kingdom were hot favourites to record a fifth championship victory in a row over Cork, were comfortable enough for much of the game but Cork made a stirring comeback and led by a point after 63 minutes. Kerry responded and it required an Eoghan McSweeney point to send the game to extra time.

Kerry were down to 14 players after 59 minutes after a straight red card for Paudie Clifford but Cork lost Sean Brady to a red card four minutes into extra time and wasted some good scoring opportunities in that extra period when they shot nine wides!

Kerry's third goal five minutes from time was decisive and left Cork as second best once again.

Kerry kicked the first score after just 26 seconds before Cork drew level when Mark Cronin was set up for a fine point. Chris Óg Jones matched a Kerry point before Kerry kicked over five in a row to lead 0-7 to 0-2 after 12 minutes.

An O'Driscoll two-pointer was followed by two more Kerry points and they led by 0-11 to 0-5 with 10 minutes to the break. Cork's Brian O'Driscoll kicked a point and then his second two-pointer left just three points in it, a 45 from Cronin cut the gap to two, and Kerry held a two-point advantage at half-time, 0-11 to 0-9.

A Brian Hurley two-pointer from a free drew the sides level two minutes into the new half, but Kerry had the composure to move away from Cork again with two points, the teams swapped points and Kerry went three clear three points clear, 0-15 to 0-12 after 48 minutes. Thirteen minutes from time, a Kerry goal made it 1-17 to 0-13, Paudie Clifford then got a straight red for a high challenge before two two-pointers from sub Cathail O'Mahony and Seán McDonnell left a goal in it and Iveleary's Chris Óg brought Cork level with a great goal on 61, score 1-17 each.

Ruairí Deane kicked Cork into the lead but they then conceded a second goal, Seán O'Shea running nine steps in possession before scoring!

Cronin from a free with three minutes left and sub Eoghan McSweeney scored to bring Cork level and send the game into extra time, 1-20 to 2-17, Cork with an extra man. The referee erred when issuing Brady with a red card to make the numbers equal, Kerry went a goal clear, 2-20 to 1-20. A Jones free left just two points in it going into the second period of extra time, Jones and McSweeney with a two-pointer put Cork back in front by the minimum with eight minutes remaining. The teams swapped points before Kerry's third goal with five minutes left, 3-21 to 1-25, Cork wasted three great opportunities and Kerry advanced to the final against Clare.

Scorers for Cork: C Óg Jones 1-3, B O'Driscoll 0-5 (2x2pt), M Cronin (0-1 f, 0-1 45), E McSweeney (1x 2pt), S McDonnell (1x2pt), B Hurley (1x 2pt f) 0-3 each, C O'Mahony 0-2 (1x2pt), I Maguire, C Cahalane, R Deane



Carrigaline, Frank Hurley, O'Donovan Rossa, Trevor Kiely, Mallow, Ben O'Connell, Ballincollig, Gearóid Kearney, Kinsale, Darragh Gough, Clonakilty, Micheál Maguire, Castlehaven.

0-1 each.

Cork: M A Martin; S Brady, D O'Mahony, T Walsh; B O'Driscoll, R Maguire, M Taylor; I Maguire, Colm O'Callaghan (Éire Óg); P Walsh, S Powter, S McDonnell; M Cronin, B Hurley (c), Chris Óg Jones (Iveleary). Subs: M Shanley for T Walsh (14), R Deane for S Powter (47), E McSweeney for P Walsh (52), C O'Mahony for B Hurley (59), Neil Lordan (Ballinora) for M Shanley (65), S Walsh for I Maguire (75), C Cahalane for S McDonnell (77), H O'Connor for M Cronin (80), D Cashman for R Deane (83, inj).

## O'NEILLS.COM MUNSTER U20 HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

**Next up: Cork U20 at home to Waterford (April 30th), Limerick v Clare.**

Tipperary 3-21 Clare 0-21

Tipperary 1-24 Waterford 2-14

Limerick 1-20 Cork 1-22

**Standings:**

Tipperary P4 Won 3 -6pts,

Cork, Limerick and Clare, P3 W1 Drew 1 each – 3pts each,

Waterford P3 W0 D1 L2 – 1 pt.

**Limerick 1-20 Cork 1-22**

Cork U20s edged past Limerick at TUS Gaelic Grounds in oneills.com Munster U20HC clash. Cork led 1-13 to 1-8 at half time having recovered from a first minute Limerick goal. Wing back Timmy Wilk of Cobh got the Cork goal, a smashing effort. Cork sub Finn O'Brien land a point in the 44th minute, putting the Rebels ahead by 1-16 to 1-12, but then Limerick took over and eventually went in front only for Cork to level from Barry Walsh with his tenth point and after an exchange of scores Walsh put Cork back in front with a free from his own 65. Fired up sub Adam O'Sullivan added a point, Limerick matched this before Barry Walsh had another point to ensure victory for the young Rebels.

A Cork win at home to Waterford will guarantee them a provincial semi-final spot.

Scorers for Cork: Barry Walsh 0-12 (0-10 f), T Wilk 1-2 (0-1 sideline), B O'Flynn 0-2, P O'Shea, R O'Sullivan, M O'Brien, F O'Brien, A O'Sullivan, D O'Connell (0-1 f) 0-1 each.

Cork: D O'Connell (Dromina); David O'Leary (Ballincollig), J O'Brien (Fermoy), D Cashman (Bride Rovers); E Guinane (Valley Rovers), D Murnane (Carrigtwohill), T Wilk (Cobh); Ben Walsh (Killeagh), P O'Shea (Erin's Own); John Murphy (Mallow), Barry Walsh (Killeagh), R Deasy (Ballymartle); B O'Flynn (Erin's Own), R O'Sullivan (Na Piarsaigh), J Wigginton Barrett (St Finbarr's).

Subs: A O'Sullivan (Ballinhassig) for J O'Brien (36), M O'Brien (Douglas) for Wigginton Barrett (40), F O'Brien (Erin's Own) for R O'Sullivan (41), Johnnie Murphy (Dromina) for O'Shea (51), D McCarthy (Killeagh) for John Murphy (57). Cork Manager Noel Furlong: "The

game came down to the last five minutes, and when the plays were there to be made, all the lads stood up, made them, scored four of the last five points.

"The subs that came on all contributed and that's what it needed, it needed a 20-man effort to be able to come out with a result like that, because it looked like all the momentum was against us.

"I think there was a minute left on the clock and we were a point down – we needed players to make some big plays and, by God, did they stand up and make some big plays."

## MUNSTER U20 FOOTBALL

**Cork 1-11 Tipperary 0-14**

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**Cork 1-10 Kerry 2-15**

Trailing Kerry by 0-6 to 0-2 in the 25th minute at Páirc Uí Chaoimh, Cork were clearly straining to remain in contention with the super confident Kerry men at this stage. Points were then exchanged to maintain the four point gap before Kerry were gifted a goal in the 28th minute when a Cork forward, helping out back in defence, was too nonchalant in his own goal mouth, lost possession and the ball was bundled over the line to the net. Kerry added a point and led by 1-8 to 0-3 at the short whistle, game over to all intents and purposes now.

Two minutes into the second half, a Kerry forward punched a loose ball in the Cork goalmouth to the net to really finish the game off as a contest. Both sides ran in the subs in the remaining stages, Cork to try and improve matters, Kerry to give the panel a run, and there was little change until very late in the game when Colm Clifford got a good goal for Cork and with a few converted frees the scoreboard looked better at the end than earlier.

Cork: Billy Curtin, Valley Rovers; Niall O'Shea, Urhan, Colin Molloy, Nemo Rangers, Captain, Colm Clifford, Éire Óg; Matthew Woods, Valley Rovers, Gearóid Daly, Mallow, Seán O'Leary, Kilmurry; Darragh Clifford, Éire Óg, Colm Gillespie, Aghabullogue; Danny Miskella, Ballincollig, Dara Sheedy, Bantry Blues, Aaron O'Sullivan, Aghabullogue; Bryan Hayes, Nemo Rangers, Edward Myers, Naomh Aban, Dylan O'Neill, Carbery Rangers. Subs: Dylan Harrington, Clonakilty, Joshua Woods, Valley Rovers, Kieran McCarthy,

## ELECTRIC IRELAND MUNSTER MINOR HURLING

### Cork 1-21 Waterford 1-15

Cork secured a place in the Electric Ireland Munster MHC final with a game to spare after defeating hitherto unbeaten Waterford at Páirc Uí Rinn.

With 21 minutes left, Cork led by 1-10 to 0-12, preserving their one-point half-time lead, but Shane Power's second levelled again and then the visitors scored a goal, 1-10 to 1-13.

Cork's response to the goal showed great character, six straight points put them three ahead before Waterford scored again, with Cormac Deane to the fore.

Waterford made it a one-point game with eight minutes left before Cork pushed on again.

Deane reeling off three to bring his tally to eight, matching that of Craig O'Sullivan, who sent over another free. That left it 1-20 to 1-15 with two minutes remaining, O'Sullivan got his ninth of the night to confirm the win. Waterford v Clare is now a semi-final to decide who will meet Cork in the final.

Scorers for Cork: C O'Sullivan 0-9 (0-8 f, 0-1 65), C Deane 0-8, C Garde 1-0, R Donovan 0-2, E O'Shea, J Counihan 0-1 each.

Cork: TC Walsh (Aghada); D Heavin (Russell Rovers), D Fitzgerald (Bride Rovers), C Lawton (Midleton); MT Brosnan (Glen Rovers), B Carroll (Dromina), C Garde (Lisgool); TA Walsh (Carrigtwohill), J Counihan (Aghada); R Dineen (Érin's Own), C Deane (Killeagh), R Donovan (Fermoy); E O'Shea (Ballinhassig), C Coffey (Na Piarasigh), C O'Sullivan (Na Piarasigh). Subs: S Coughlan (Passage) for Dineen, S Ring (Carrigtwohill) for Coffey (both 41), C Hanratty (Carrigaline) for Donovan (53), E Connolly (Dungourney) for Counihan (60+1).

Eoghan Hogan (Éire Óg) is the sole Mid Cork hurler on the Cork minor panel.

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## MUNSTER U20 FINAL:

### CORK KERRY

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Additional Panel Members:

Luke Shorten, Tadhg MacCárthaigh. Tomás O'Keeffe, St Finbarr's. Alan O'Connell, Kilshannig. Neville O'Shea, Nemo Rangers. Odhran Foley, Bishopstown. Timmy Cullinane, Carbery Rangers.

## MUNSTER MINOR FOOTBALL

Cork v Kerry May 5th in P Uí Rinn — quarter final. Both teams advance to opposite semi finals!

## LGFA LADIES FOOTBALL

### Munster Senior LGFA Championship

#### Cork 0-10 Kerry 1-13

Cork recently promoted from Div 2 in the National League came up against the Div 1 winners and reigning All Ireland champions Kerry at Cloughduv in the Munster championship opening group game and it is clear that there is a gap in standards to be made up before the Rebels can seriously challenge the Kingdom ladies.

A totally dominant first half display from wind-assisted Kerry saw the champions lead by 1-11 to 0-3 at half time and gallantly as they tried, and they did give it everything, the Cork girls were never going to rein in that kind of lead. With 10 minutes gone they were 1-3 to no score up, Lydia McDonagh got Cork off the mark, but Kerry kept driving forward and they went 1-7 to 0-1 in front. Katie Quirke got Cork's second point from a free, with O'Shea replying at the other end and a great run from Melissa Duggan saw her score Cork's third point, with O'Shea again replying for the visitors. Kerry were well in control at the break, and leading by 1-11 to 0-03 and two second half frees were enough for the Kingdom to maintain their grip on proceedings as Cork added seven points to their half time tally.

Cork started without their dual players, but the introduction of Aoife Healy and Libby Coppinger after 24 minutes helped as they came back at Kerry after half-time.

Libby Coppinger had a goal chance denied by Kerry goalkeeper Mary Ellen Bolger and Aoife Healy had strong penalty claims waved away. Quirke finished with six points, but Cork were unable to close the gap. The challenges of Tipperary and Waterford must now be dealt with if Cork hope to make the Munster final.

Scorers for Cork: K Quirke 0-06 (5f), L McDonagh, M Duggan, A Ring, E Cleary 0-01 each.

Cork: S Murphy; D Kiniry, S Kelly, M Duggan; Erika O'Shea (Macroom), S Cronin, Rosie Corkery (N Abán); A O'Mahony, S McGoldrick (Éire Óg); A Corcoran, L O'Mahony, Emma Cleary (Éire Óg) (captain); A Ring, Lydia McDonagh (N Abán), K Quirke.

Substitutes: A Healy for S McGoldrick (26); L Coppinger for A Corcoran (26); L Hallihan for L McDonagh (40); C O'Shea for R Corkery (52); H Looney for L O'Mahony (52).

## MUNSTER B CHAMPIONSHIP

### Kerry 1-3 Cork 2-12 at Killarney Legion

Kerry and Cork also met in the Munster Senior B competition.

Both counties use this tournament for development purposes, with the chance presenting itself to run the rule over second string outfits. Cork will be at home to both Clare and Limerick in later rounds.

Cork: C Moore; E Murphy, A McKennedy, R Sheehan; R Shanley, E Cooney, A O'Sullivan; A McTaggart, K O'Donovan; A Moloney, G Ni Mhurchú, H Fitzgerald; S Pattwell, A Hurley, R O'Regan.

## CAMOGIE

### Munster Senior Camogie Championship semi-final Clare 0-10 Cork 2-22

All-Ireland champions Cork, recently crowned National League winners as well, were favoured to win this Munster senior camogie championship semi-final played as a curtain raiser to the SHC game and the Cork ladies duly delivered. Despite the absence

of injured duo Laura Hayes and Katrina Mackey, and Siorcha McCartan with a fractured ankle, they were still a class above their hosts.

Cork led 1-10 to 0-3 at the break with Clodagh Finn the finisher for an 11th minute goal after being put through by Saoirse McCarthy.

Cork continued to pile on the pressure in the second-half finishing with nine different scorers including sub Millie Condon's 57th minute goal, while Clare sub Aisling Cooney landed four for her side.

The final against either Tipperary/Limerick or Waterford will be another double-header and will be played ahead of the Clare v Tipperary SHC on Saturday May 10 in Zimmer Biomet Páirc Chíosóg, throw-in at 3.30pm.

Scorers for Cork: C Finn (1-3), S McCarthy (0-6, 0-2 frees), M Condon (1-1), A O'Connor (0-4, 0-2 45s, 0-2 frees), O Cahalane (0-3), E Murphy (0-2), A Thompson, H Looney and A Fitzgerald (0-1 each).

Cork: A Lee; P Mackey, L Coppinger, Maebh Murphy (Ballinora); M Cahalane (Capt), L Treacy, A Healy; A Thompson, H Looney; E Murphy, S McCarthy, Cliona Healy (Aghabullogue); C Finn, A O'Connor, O Cahalane. Subs: K Wall for C Healy, C O'Sullivan for H Looney (both 36), N O'Leary for L Coppinger, R Harty for A Healy (both 41), A O'Neill for M Murphy, O Mullins for C Finn (both 44), A Fitzgerald for E Murphy, M Condon for A O'Connor (both 50).

## CORK GAA COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP DRAWS 2025

The championships commence on week end of July 25th-27th 2025

### Premier Senior Hurling

Group 1: Fr O'Neill's, Sarsfields, Erin's Own, Glen Rovers  
Group 2: Newtownshandrum, Midleton, Charleville, Newcestown

Group 3: Blackrock, Kanturk, Douglas, St Finbarr's Senior A Hurling

Group 1: Killeagh, Na Piarasigh, Carrigtwohill, Fermoy  
Group 2: Castlelyons, Bishopstown, Inniscarra, Ballyhea  
Group 3: Blarney, Bride Rovers, Watergrasshill, Courcey Rovers

### Premier Intermediate Hurling

Group 1: Carrigaline, Cloyne, Éire Óg, Ballymartle  
Group 2: Ballincollig, Ballinhassig, Castlemartyr, Kilworth

Group 3: Mallow, Dungourney, Lisgool, Valley Rovers Intermediate A Hurling

Group 1: Midleton, Mayfield, Bandon, Russell Rovers  
Group 2: Aghabullogue, Blackrock, Sarsfields, Youghal  
Group 3: Ballygiblin, Erin's Own, Aghada, Kildorrery

### Premier Junior Hurling

Group 1: Glen Rovers, St Catherine's, Meelin, St Finbarr's  
Group 2: Cloughduv, Nemo Rangers, Barryroe Kilbrittain

Group 3: Ballygarvan, Milford, Tracton, Argideen Rangers

### Football

#### Premier Senior Football

Group 1: Castlehaven, Mallow, Newcestown, Valley Rovers

Group 2: St Finbarr's, Clonakilty, Carbery Rangers, Carrigaline

Group 3: Nemo Rangers, Ballincollig, Douglas, St Michael's

#### Senior A Football

Group 1: Éire Óg, Kanturk, Kilshannig, Newmarket

Group 2: Knocknagree, Cill na Marta, Clyda Rovers, Fermoy

Group 3: Bishopstown, Dohenys, Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh, O'Donovan Rossa



Cill na Martra team v Clonakilty 27.4.25

### Premier Intermediate Football

#### Group 1: Aghabullogue, Bantry Blues, Aghada, Nemo Rangers

Group 2: Rockchapel, Naomh Abán, Bandon, Glanmire  
Group 3: Kiskeam, Iveleary, Castletownbere, Macroom  
Intermediate A Football

Group 1: Adrigole, Glanworth, Ballinora, St Finbarr's  
Group 2: Gabriel Rangers, Mitchelstown, Dromtariffe, Kildorrery

Group 3: Ilan Rovers, Boherbue, Kilmurry, St Vincent's  
Premier Junior Football

Group 1: Urhan, Canovee, Ballydesmond, St Nick's

Group 2: Na Piarasigh, Kinsale, Cobh, Cullen

Group 3: Buttevant, Glenville, Inniscarra, Millstreet

## CORK COUNTY LEAGUES FOR 2025

### McCarthy Insurance Group County Senior Football Leagues

#### Division 1

Clonakilty 8, St. Finbarr's 8, Nemo Rangers 6, Newcestown 4, Cill Na Martra 4, Douglas 4, Castlehaven 2, St. Michael's 2, Éire Óg 2, Carrigaline 0

#### Cill na Martra 1-12 Clonakilty 1-15

Top of the table Clonakilty maintained their 100% record in the league when they visited Cill na Martra. A bright start from the home team saw them lead 0-3 to 0-1 with Shane Ó Duinnín, Ciarán Ó Duinnín and Danny Ó Conaill all scoring from play. Clonakilty - with former Cork players Mark and Seán White, Thomas Clancy and Liam O'Donovan in their ranks - then showed their quality, scoring 1-3 without reply and taking a lead which they would not relinquish. A lovely 2-point score from Micheál Ó Deasúna brought Cill na Martra to within a point after 24 minutes but a black card for full back Tadhg Ó Corcora soon after had them on the back foot. Clonakilty took full advantage of their extra player and scored five unanswered points in that ten-minute period either side of half time. By the 40-minute mark Cill na Martra trailed 0-7 to 1-11 but a well-worked goal finished by Maidhcí Ó Duinnín brought them back into contention. They couldn't bridge the gap, however, as the teams traded scores during the final quarter, adding four points apiece to leave Clonakilty victorious by a 3-point margin.

Scorers for Cill na Martra: S Ó Duinnín 1-3, M Ó Deasúna 0-3 (1x 2pt), J Mac Carthaigh 0-2 f, C Ó Duinnín 0-2, D Ó Conaill, G Ó Goilléidh 0-1 each

Cill na Martra: Dean Mac Carthaigh, Danny Ó Conaill (0-1), Tadhg Ó Corcora, Finéin Ó Faoláin, Cianie Ó Foirréidh, Seán Ó Foirréidh, Adam Ó Duinnín, Micheál

Ó Deasúna (0-2), Gearóid Ó Goillidhe (0-1), Eoin Ó Conaill, Jason Mac Carthaigh (0-3f), Antaine Ó Loingsigh, Ciarán Ó Duinnín (0-2), Maidhcí Ó Duinnín (1-1), Shane Ó Duinnín (0-2). Subs used: Jack Ó Loingsigh, Arrán Ó hUidhir, Donagh Ó Buachalla. Referee: David Murnane (Macroom).

St Michael's 1-14 (3-3-5) Éire Óg 3-13 (2-2-9)

Daniel Goulding scored five late points that included a pair of two-pointers as Éire Óg beat St Michael's in the McCarthy Insurance Division 1 Football League at Mahon, thus registering their first win of the season. After a slow start from both sides, St Michael's took the lead, with Jerome Kelleher levelling for Éire Óg. Although playing against a stiff wind Éire Óg looked impressive going forward and in the ninth minute the Ovens side were rewarded when Dan Healy struck for a super goal. The home side were punished further in the 22nd minute when Rian O'Flynn drilled an unstoppable shot to the Michael's net.

Conor McGoldrick had the final say of the half for Éire Óg with his second white flag that saw them go in at the break commanding a 2-5 to 0-9 lead.

Éire Óg stayed focused and they were awarded a penalty in the 35th minute that Conor McGoldrick executed with ease. The sides were level in the 48th minute but the introduction of Daniel Goulding proved a math winner for the Ovens men. Three wonderful scores from Goulding gave them breathing space and Éire Óg kept control of the ball to the finish. Scorers for Éire Óg: C McGoldrick 1-2 (1-0 pen), D Goulding 0-5 (1 2pt f, 1 2pt), R O'Flynn 1-1, D Healy 1-1, D Kelly 0-3, J Kelleher 0-1 f. Éire Óg: C Kelly; M Corkery, J Mullins, D Dineen; D McCarthy, H Murphy, A McCarthy; M Griffin, R O'Toole; J Murphy, R O'Flynn, C McGoldrick; D Healy, J Kelleher, D Foley.

#### Div 2

Carbery Rgrs 10, Knocknagree 8, Ballincollig 7, Dohenys 6, O'Donovan Rossa 6, Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh 5, Valley Rovers 4, Kanturk 2, Castletownbere 2, Fermoy 0,

O'D Rossa 1-18 Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh 3-10

Fermoy 0-7 Ballincollig 3-13

#### Div 3

Uiabh Laoire 9, Bishopstown 7, Clyda Rovers 6, Newmarket 6, Kilshannig 5, Mallow 4, Naomh Abán 4, Kiskeam 3, Rockchapel 2, Aghada 0.

#### Uiabh Laoire 3-15 Aghada 0-6

Iveleary are top of the Div 3 league table and had little difficulty seeing off the challenge of Aghada, still without a win, at Inchigeela as the league passes the

half way mark. There was a strong wind blowing and Iveleary fully availed of its benefit in the first half and led by 3-6 to 0-2 at half time, Ian Jones with two goals and the other coming from Aaron O'Donovan. Aghada with the wind did better in the second half but the result was never in doubt.

Iveleary: Joe Creedon: Barry Murphy, Daniel O'Donovan, Adrian O'Dea: Kevin Manning, Ciarán O'Riordan, Ciarán Galvin: Barry O'Leary, Conor O'Leary: Aaron O'Donovan, Cathal Vaughan, Seán O'Riordan: Brian Cronin, Ian Jones, Sam Pickering. Subs used: Liam Kearney, Kevin Jones, Shane Galvin.

#### Naomh Abán 2-9 Bishopstown 1-17

No shortage of scores in the first half at Páirc Íosagáin. Bishopstown had a goal in the first minute, N Abán in the 7th, 1-3 each after only 8 minutes play. A second goal for N Abán put the home side in front but The 'Town had drawn level by half time, 2-5 to 1-8 the score. On the resumption, the visitors kicked two points to take the lead, N Aban responded with a two-pointer, 2-7 to 1-10 still level in the 41st minute. Bishopstown now took over and had 1-16 on the board without further reply by the 50th minute and controlled the final stages despite the pressure from the home side.

#### Div 4

Buttevant 8, Bandon 7, Boherbue 6, Aghabullogue 5, Adrigole 5, Macroom 5, Glanmire 4, Nemo Rngs 2, Bantry Blues 2, St. Vincent's 0

#### Nemo Rangers 0-12 Aghabullogue 0-12

A wet evening at Trabeg made conditions difficult for both sides. Aghabullogue led by 0-6 to 0-4 at half time but on the resumption, Nemo scored four points without reply to go in front. Aghabullogue rallied and a strong finish earned the visitors a share of the spoils against a strong Nemo outfit.

Aghabullogue: John Buckley: Conor Smith, Michael Dennehy, Daniel O'Leary: Oisín O'Connell, Shane Tarrant, Adam Murphy: Brian Dineen, Dhani Merrick: Odhran O'Connell, John Corkery, James Lee: Mathew Bradley, Evan O'Sullivan, David Thompson. Subs used: Paul Ring, Luke Casey, Cialan O'Sullivan.

#### Adrigole 0-17 Macroom 3-7

Macroom made the long trek west to Adrigole and came home with a share of the league points after a tight encounter. Two goals from Patrick Lucey and a third from Cillian O'Donovan had Macroom in the lead but the home side finished strongly and earned their reward.



**Macroon:** Caleb Dinneen: Paul O'Farrell, Rory Buckley, Don Creedon: Mark Condon, Mark Corrigan, Ryan Sabas: Cillian O'Donovan, Tony Dineen: Eolan O'Leary, Alan Quinn, Shane Meaney: Michael Cronin, Patrick Lucey, Oisín O'Sullivan. Subs: Dylan Twomey, Mark Hunt.

## Div 5

Kilmurphy 10, Gabriel Rgs 10, Ilan Rovers 8, Kinsale 6, Ballinora 4, Glenville 2, Mitchelstown 2, Ballydesmond 2, Millstreet, Glanworth 0

## Kilmurphy 2-17 Glenville 0-7

Kilmurphy intermediates had a good win over Glenville in the league mid week. It was a good all round performance once again and maintains the sides' unbeaten league record. Kilmurphy will not meet fellow table-toppers Gabriel Rangers until the final round of the league in June.

## Millstreet 2-6 Ballinora 2-16

## Div 6

Canovee 8, Kildorrery 8, St. Nick's 8, Cobh 8, Aghinagh 6, Cullen 5, Dromtariffe 3, St. Michael's 2, Mayfield 2, Na Piarasigh 0

## Aghinagh 2-5 Canovee 4-13

A local derby at Rusheen produced a clear winner with Canovee leading 1-3 to 0-2 at the end of the first quarter and out of sight by half time leading 3-7 to 0-4, the three Canovee goals coming from Daire McMahon with Jack Kelleher supplying most of the points. The 4th goal in the 37th minute came from Jack Kelleher and in the final quarter Aghinagh got through for two goals from Diarmuid Crowley which improved the final scoreline.

Canovee: Ben Cheasty: Evan Cunningham, Eoin McNabola, Eoghan Lehane: Conor Dodd, Ryan Delaney, Shane Riordan: Aidan Murphy, Odhran O'Driscoll: Conor O'Neill, James Moynihan, Mark Healy: Daire McMahon, Jack Kelleher, Jason Riordan. Subs: Cian Cronin, Liam Kelleher, Sean O'Connor, Cillian Newman, Denis O'Sullivan.

Aghinagh: Anthony Kiely; Olan Cummins, Donagh O'Riordan, John Lynch; Eoghan McCarthy, Luke O'Leary, Dylan O'Riordan; Matthew McCarthy, Shane Corkery; Thomas Morgans, Con Buckley (0-1), David Kelleher; Luke Ring, Liam Twohig (0-4), Donal Corkery. Subs: Paul O'Sullivan, Diarmuid Crowley (2-0), Tom Buckley, Euan Coughlan, Seán O'Riordan, James Ambrose, James O'Connor, Aodh Twomey

## Div 7

Liscarroll/Churchtown Gaels 10, Argideen Rgrs 8, Kilmacabea 8, Inniscarra 6, St. James' 5, Ballygarvan 4, Castlemagner 3, Nemo Rangers 3, Urhan 3, Ballyhooly 0

## St James 1-11 Inniscarra 1-12

## Liscarroll 1-11 Inniscarra 1-10

Inniscarra (v St James): Dominick Kelleher: David Keane, John O'Callaghan, John Bushe: Jack O'Dwyer, Cormac Dineen, Jack O'Sullivan: David Coughlan, Seán Sheehan: Shane Buckley, Shay Dineen, Tim Murphy: Cameron Lynch, Podge Holland, Tadg Lyons.

## RED FM COUNTY SENIOR HURLING LEAGUES

### Division 1

Blackrock 6, Charleville 5, Fr. O'Neill's 5, Carrigtwohill 5, Glen Rovers 4, Sarsfields 4, Douglas 4, St. Finbarr's 3, Carrigaline 3, Kanturk 1

## Div 2

Midleton 8, Erin's Own 6, Ballincollig 5, Killeagh 4, Ballymartle 4, Newtownshandrum 4, Na Piarasigh 3, Valley Rvs 2, Éire Óg 2, Fermoy 0,

## Killeagh v Ballincollig

### Éire Óg 1-14 Na Piarasigh 1-19

Na Piarasigh were full value for their win in this hurling league clash against Éire Óg last Thursday. The first half was a tense affair with both sides finding it hard to adapt to the greasy conditions. Éire Óg were down a number of regulars but the free taking of David Casey and Oisín O'Shea kept the Mid-Cork men in touch. They entered half-time down 0-9 to 0-6. Na Piarasigh pushed on in the 2nd half and a well taken goal put them 9 points up on 21 minutes of the second half. However, Éire Óg fought back through a goal from Daniel Healy and a wonderful sideline cut by Keith O'Riordan. In the end, this late revival from Éire Óg was not enough as the home side finished as worthy winners.

E O'Shea: C Malone M Kelleher John Kelleher: D McCarthy C McGoldrick D Coakley: E Kelleher R O'Toole: Jerome Kelleher D Casey O O'Shea: D Healy D Foley B Thompson.

Sub: D Kirwan K O'Riordan

## Div 3

Newcestown 7, Blarney 7, Courcsey Rvs 5, Bride Rovers 5, Ballinhassig 4, Lisgoold 4, Russell Rvs 4, Blackrock 2, Mallow 2, Castlelyons 0.

## Ballinhassig 3-16 Blarney 3-22

## Div 4

Bandon 8, Tracton 5, Inniscarra 4, Bishopstown 4, Watergrasshill 4, Kilworth 4, St Catherine's 3, Cloughduv 2, Youghal 2, Kildorrery 2

## Cloughduv 2-13 Kilworth 3-17

## Inniscarra 2-17 Bishopstown 0-14

Goals from Cameron Lynch and Andrew McCarthy.

Inniscarra: Eoin O'Neill: Tadgh Lyons, Dave Keane, Jack O'Sullivan: Brian Daly, Con O'Leary, Sean Sheehan: Joe Enright, Cormac Dineen: Niall Buckley, Podge Holland, Jonny Keane: Cameron Lynch, Andrew McCarthy, Ardal O'Connell.

## Div 5

Aghabullogue 8, Ballyhea 6, Dungourney 5, Milford 5, Kilbrittain 4, Castlemartyr 3, Ballygarvan 3, Midleton 2, Erin's Own 2, Mayfield 0

## Aghabullogue 1-21 Midleton 1-18

## Div 6

Cloyne 8, Glen Rovers 8, Barryroe 5, Sarsfields 4, Ballygiblin 4, Ballinascorthy 4, Aghada 4, Argideen Rgs 2, Kinsale 1, Na Piarasigh 0

## Div 7

Killavullen 8, D Ó Mathúna's 5, Killeagh 5, Ballinora 5, St. Finbarr's 4, Nemo Rangers 4, Passage 4, Douglas 2, Meelin 1, Kilshannig 0

## Nemo Rangers 1-12 Ballinora 3-9

## COMING UP IN CORK IN MAY/JUNE

Fri, May 2nd @7pm Munster U17 H R5 Cork v Tipperary in Páirc Uí Rinn

May 2nd - 4th Confined JBHC R1 Confined Junior B Hurling Competition Round 1

Sat, May 3rd @5pm Confined JBHC G2 R1 Uibh Laoire v Ballyphehane in Coachford

Sat, May 3rd @5pm Confined JBHC G2 R1 Crosshaven v Laochra Óg in Ballymaw

Sun, May 4th @1.45pm Munster SFC Final Munster Senior Football Final

Sun, May 4th Club H League R5 Red FM Hurling League R5

Mon, May 5th @7pm Munster U17 F QF Cork v Kerry in Páirc Uí Rinn

Tues, May 6th @8pm Wed, May 7th @7.30pm Munster U20 H SF Munster U20 Hurling Semi-Final May 10th - 11th Tailteann Cup RR1 Tailteann Cup Round 1

May 9th - 11th Confined JBFC R2 Confined Junior B and C Football Competition Round 2

Sun, May 11th Club F League R6 McCarthy Insurance Group Football League R6

Mon, May 12th @7pm Munster U17 F SF Munster Minor Football Semi-Final

Wed, May 14th @7.30pm Munster U20 H Final Munster U20 Hurling Final

Fri, May 16th @7pm Munster U17 H Final Munster U17 Hurling Final

May 17th - 18th All-Ireland SFC RR1 All-Ireland Senior Football Round Robin Stage 1 (CSFC & MSFC Finalists)

May 17th - 18th (or 21st) All-Ireland U20 F Final All-Ireland U20 Football Final

May 17th - 18th Tailteann Cup RR2 Tailteann Cup Round 2

May 16th - 18th Confined JBHC R2 Confined Junior B Hurling Competition Round 2

Sat, May 17th @5pm Confined JBHC G2 R2 Uibh Laoire v Laochra Óg in Macroon

Sun, May 18th @4pm Munster SHC R4 Cork v Limerick in TUS Gaelic Grounds

Sun, May 18th Club H League R6 Red FM Hurling League R6

Mon, May 19th Fri, May 23rd @7.30pm Munster U17 F Final Munster Minor Football Final

May 23rd - 25th Confined JBFC R3 Confined Junior B and C Football Round 3

May 24th - 25th All-Ireland SFC Senior Football Round Robin Stage 1 (USFC & LSFC Finalists)

Sun, May 25th @4pm Munster SHC R5 Cork v Waterford in SuperValu Páirc Uí Chaoimh

Sun, May 25th Club F League R7 McCarthy Insurance Group Football League R7

Mon, May 26th May 30th - June 1st Confined JBHC R3 Sat, May 31st @5pm Confined JBHC G2 R3 Uibh Laoire v Crosshaven in Crosshaven

Sat, May 31st @5pm Confined JBHC G2 R3 Ballyphehane v Laochra Óg in Kilmurphy

May 30th - June 1st Comórtas N/A Comórtas Peile na Gaeltachta

May 30th - June 1st All-Ireland U20 H Final All-Ireland U20 Hurling Final

May 30th - June 1st All-Ireland SFC RR2 All-Ireland Senior Football Round Robin Stage 2

May 30th - June 1st Tailteann Cup RR3 Tailteann Cup Round 3

Sun, June 1st Club H League R7 Red FM Hurling League R7

Tues, June 3rd @8pm Thurs, June 5th @7.30pm Div/Col F (Unseeded) R1 Avondhu v Carbery in Ballincollig

Thurs, June 5th @7.30pm Div/Col F (Unseeded) R1 Beara v Duhallow in Ballingearry

June 6th - 8th JBFC QF Confined JBFC Quarter Finals June 6th - 8th JCFC QF Confined JCFC Quarter Finals

Sat, June 7th @6pm Munster SHC Final Munster Senior Hurling Final

Sun, June 8th Club F League R8 McCarthy Insurance Group Football League R8

Tues, June 10th @7.30pm Div/Col H (Unseeded) R1 Duhallow v Muskerry in Coachford

Tues, June 10th @7.30pm Div/Col H (Unseeded) R1 Avondhu v Carbery in Ballincollig

Thurs, June 12th @7.30pm Div/Col F (Unseeded) R2 Winner of A v Loser of B (Winner of A has home advantage)

Macroom Minor Div 4 team had a fine win vs Bishopstown tonight. Despite only having the bare 15, dug out a great 3pt win. FT 0-16 to 1-10



Macroom Premier 2 U16 League



Thurs, June 12th @7.30pm Div/Col F (Unseeded) R2 Winner of B v Loser of A (Winner of B has home advantage)

June 13th - 15th JBHC QF Confined JBHC Quarter Finals

June 14th - 15th All-Ireland SHC Prelim QF All-Ireland Senior Hurling Prelim Quarter Finals

June 14th - 15th All-Ireland SFC RR3 All-Ireland Senior Football Round Robin Stage 3

June 14th - 15th Tailteann Cup QF Tailteann Cup Quarter Finals

Sun, June 15th Club H League R8 Red FM Hurling League R8

June 20th - 22nd JBFC SF Confined JBFC JCFC Semi Finals

June 21st - 22nd All-Ireland SHC QF All-Ireland Senior Hurling Quarter Finals

June 21st - 22nd All-Ireland SFC Prelim QF All-Ireland Senior Football Prelim Quarter Finals

June 21st - 22nd Tailteann Cup SF Tailteann Cup Semi-Finals

June 20th - 22nd County JAHL QF Muskerry v

Carrighoun

Sun, June 22nd Club F League R9 McCarthy Insurance Group Football League R9

Tues, June 24th @7.30pm Div/Col H (Unseeded) R2 Winner of A v Loser of B (Winner of A has home advantage)

Tues, June 24th @7.30pm Div/Col H (Unseeded) R2 Winner of B v Loser of A (Winner of B at home)

Thurs, June 26th Div/Col F (Unseeded) R3 Divisions / Colleges Unseeded Football Cship (R3 may be required)

June 28th - 29th All-Ireland SFC QF All-Ireland Senior Football Quarter Finals

June 27th - 29th JBHC SF Confined JBHC Semi Finals

June 27th - 29th County JAFL SF Muskerry v Seandun / Duhallow

June 27th - 29th County JAFL SF Avondhu / Carrighoun v Imokilly / Carbery

## PROVINCIAL HURLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

### MUNSTER

Round 1 - April 19th-20th: Clare v Cork; Tipperary v Limerick

Round 2 - April 26th-27th: Cork v Tipperary; Waterford v Clare

Round 3A - May 3rd: Waterford v Limerick

Round 3B - May 10th-11th: Clare v Tipperary

Round 4 - May 17th-18th: Limerick v Cork; Tipperary v Waterford

Round 5 - May 24th-25th: Limerick v Clare; Cork v Waterford

Final - June 7th (Saturday): 1st Placed Team v 2nd Placed Team

## ALL-IRELAND HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

### Preliminary Quarter-Finals: June

#### 14th-15th (Saturday/Sunday):

Winner Joe McDonagh Cup v 3rd Placed Team Leinster Group; Runner-Up Joe McDonagh Cup v 3rd Placed Team Munster Group

Quarter-Finals: June 21st-22nd (Saturday/Sunday):

Munster Runner-Up v Winner Joe McDonagh Cup/3rd Placed Team Leinster Group; Leinster Runner-Up v Runner-Up Joe McDonagh Cup/3rd Placed Team Munster Group

Semi-Finals: July 5th (Saturday): Munster Provincial Winner v Quarter-Final Winner; July 6th (Sunday): Leinster Provincial Winner v Quarter-Final Winner

All-Ireland Final: July 20th (Sunday) - (Replay August 2nd (Saturday))

## PROVINCIAL FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

### MUNSTER

Quarter-Finals - April 5/6: Waterford v Tipperary; Limerick v Cork

Semi-Finals - April 19/20: Cork v Kerry; Tipperary v Clare Final - May 4 Kerry v Clare

#### All-Ireland SFC: Group Stage

Round 1: May 17th-18th (Saturday/Sunday) or May 24th-25th (Saturday/Sunday)

Round 2: May 31st-June 1st (Saturday/Sunday)

Round 3: June 14th-15th (Saturday/Sunday)

Preliminary Quarter-Finals: June 21st-22nd (Saturday/Sunday)

Quarter-Finals: June 28th-29th (Saturday/Sunday)

Semi-Finals: July 12th-13th (Saturday/Sunday)

All-Ireland Final: July 27th (Sunday) (Replay: August 9th (Saturday))

Tailteann Cup: For teams which fail to qualify for the All Ireland Senior Championship (Sam Maguire Cup) Group Stage

Round 1: May 10th-11th (Saturday/Sunday) or May 24th-25th (Saturday/Sunday)

Round 2: May 17th-May 18th (Saturday/Sunday)

Round 3: May 31st-June 1st (Saturday/Sunday)

Preliminary Quarter-Finals: June 7th-8th (Saturday/Sunday)



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Canovee U15 boys who played in Feilé Easter weekend. Well done to coaches and players for a super display of football skills and teamwork! Onward and upwards Canovee Abú



Kilmichael Pitch & Putt held their stroke play Competition; 2nd Nett Jim O'Callaghan, 2nd Gross Dan Kiely, 1st Nett Kay O'Keeffe, 1st Gross Kevin O'Donovan, Beginners Nett Ann Bradley.

## MUSKERRY GAA

Quarter-Finals: June 14th-15th (Saturday/Sunday)  
Final: July 12th (Saturday)

### Macroom Motors Mid Cork U21 Football Championship Finals

**U21 A Football: Final: Ballincollig v Éire Óg**  
**U21 B Football: Final: Donoughmore v Inniscarra**

**U21 C Football: Final: Blarney 1-8 Iveleary/ Dripsey 0-10**

### Muskerry EPH Controls Junior Football League Div 1 - 5 Rounds played

Éire Óg 9, Donoughmore 8, Grenagh 7, Ballincollig 7, Clondrohid 4, Kilmichael 3, Aghabullogue 2, Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh 0

Div 2 East: Donoughmore 6, Dripsey 2, Ballincollig 2, Blarney 2, Ballinora 2, Gleann na Laoi 2, Inniscarra 0

Div 2 West: Kilmurry 6, Canovee 5, Naomh Abán 2, Macroom 2, Aghinagh 2, Cill na Martra 1, Iveleary 0

Div 3 East: Lough Rovers 6, Éire Óg 6, Ballincollig 2, Kilmurry 2, Grenagh 0, Inniscarra 0

Div 3 West: Kilmichael 6, Naomh Abán 4, Clondrohid 4, Macroom 2, Canovee 0, Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh 0

Cumnor Construction Div One Junior Hurling League—4 played

Grenagh 8, Donoughmore 8, Éire Óg 6, Ballincollig 3, Kilmichael 2, Inniscarra 2, Blarney 2, Dripsey 1

### Erneside Engineering Div Two Hurling League

Cloughduv 6, Blarney 4, Inniscarra 4, Iveleary 4, Aghabullogue 4, Ballinora 2, Éire Óg 0, Grenagh 0

### 2025 Muskerry Division GAA Championship Draws

Ross Oil Junior A Football Championship

Group 1: A Donoughmore, B Ballincollig, C Blarney, D Dripsey

Group 2: Aghinagh, Grenagh, Clondrohid, Kilmichael  
Group 3: Éire Óg, Beal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh, Ballinora, Kilmichael

Two teams from each group to progress to play-off stages, top two to semi final stage and the other four to quarter final stage.

Sequence: Rd 1: A v B, C v D Rd 2: A v D, AB v C: Rd 3: A v C, B v D

### MJK Oils Junior A Hurling Championship

10 teams, 2 groups, top two in each to semi final stage.

Group 1:

A Ballincollig, B Inniscarra C Donoughmore D Blarney E Aghabullogue

Group 2:

A Ballinora B Grenagh C Dripsey D Éire Óg E Kilmichael

Rd 1: D v E, B v C - A a bye

Rd 2: E v C, D v A - B a bye

Rd 3: B v D, A v E - C a bye

Rd 4: C v A, E v B - D a bye

Rd 5: A v B, C v D - E a bye

### McCarthy Insurance Group County Football League Division 1

**Cill na Martra 1-12 Clonakilty 1-15**

Top of the table Clonakilty maintained their 100%

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Bua iontach inniu ag mná Naomh Abán.



Sraith Peile Chorcaí- Roinn 3

## COACHFORD AFC

### Coachford AFC Premier team into three Cup finals

Coachford AFC Premier team were crowned the 2024/25 Premier League Champions last week and have also qualified for three Cup Finals over the next 5 weeks. First up is the McCarthy Insurance Group Munster Junior Cup Final when Coachford take on

Pike Rovers from Limerick in the final at Turners Cross Stadium on this Sunday, May 4th at 2pm. This is a massive game for the lads, the club and Junior soccer in Cork. There is a huge crowd expected to get behind Coachford and hopefully the lads can bring the cup back to the village for the very first time in the club's 56 year history. The premier team will also contest the

prestigious AOH Cup final in May and the Mossie Linnane Cup final in June. We wish them the very best in their amazing season.

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## LAOCHRA ÓG NOTES

25th April 2025

Massive win today for our U12 hurlers in second round of league against Grenagh. Unbelievable stuff from the players some future for these lads with so many great skills developing with every game. Thanks to

the parents and team sponsors Mid Cork Pallets and Packaging.

25th April 2025

Well done to our U14 Hurlers this evening who played away to Lee Gales. The Lads got off to a good start, took beautiful scores that came from brilliant teamwork, and went into half-time with a convincing lead.

Lee Gales came into the game in the second half but our defence stood strong and we came away with the win. Well done to all the lads in tough wet conditions. Thanks to our sponsors M&J Kelleher Oils.



U12 Hurlers v Grenagh 26th April 2025



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## A Word of Victory

*"The Lord is good to all; He has compassion on all He has made.  
The Lord is Trustworthy in all He promises, and Faithful in all He does.  
The Lord upholds all who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down."  
(Psalm 145:9-14)*

Welcome back dear student, continuing on how God meets all our needs: the Scriptures revealed how Messiah would suffer in His Body - whipped, beaten, and crucified to redeem God's people from sickness and disease, sin, and death. Isaiah saw a vision of the Saviour's body upon the Cross - cursed, helpless, and broken for us to be set free. The freedom that Jesus paid for was for the forgiveness of our sins and the healing of our bodies: "But He was pierced for our sins, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed" (Isaiah 53:5). What Jesus endured was beyond harrowing. "His face was so disfigured that He hardly seemed human, from His appearance one would scarcely know that He was a man" (Isaiah 52:14). Jesus faced the full brunt of a battalion of soldiers let loose to beat, whip and humiliate Him. Yet, He never opened His mouth to retaliate - heartbreakingly, knowing full well that it was for these very men's Salvation that He was being sacrificed to bring God's plan to fulfilment (Isaiah 53:7-12).

"No one is really willing to die for an honest person, though someone might be willing to die for a truly good person. But God showed how much He loved us by having Christ die for us, even though we were sinful" (Romans 5:7-8 CEV). The lead Scripture above declares that the Lord 'is good to all'. Neither your nationality, your financial status, your gender, or your past matter in God's eyes - for He is good to all who will believe in His Son Jesus - those who repent and call upon His Name for Salvation. Praise the Lord - we cannot help but tell of His Goodness for all He has done! None of us deserve God's kindness or mercy, yet freely He gives it to whomever will receive (John 3:16).

All of us have different and unique experiences in life. But suffering, pain and grief all taste the same, regardless of the cup they're presented in. One day when Jesus was in the synagogue He spotted a woman who was bent in half. Picture the scene - hardly able to walk with pain and stiffness - unable to raise herself up. Probably aged prematurely from the effects of the infirmity that tormented her body. The Bible says that it was a demon that was crippling her. She couldn't stand up straight - she was oppressed and bowed down. The Lord Jesus called her over and declared 'Dear woman, you are loosed and healed from your sickness!' (Luke 13:10-13 NLT). Then He touched her, and she was instantly healed. How she praised God!


"But you, O Lord, are a Shield about me, my Glory, and the Lifter of my head" (Psalm 3:3). Imagine the freedom this lady experienced - pain gone, back straightened, and no more tension - completely delivered by one touch from Jesus. As a daughter of Abraham healing was her birthright in the Covenant of God's unfailing Love and Mercy with His people. Thanks to the Lord Jesus we now have a better Covenant with better promises because of His Blood that washed and cleansed us (Hebrews 8:6). Friend, you won't need Botox, fillers, or a facelift - but prepare to 'be radiant with joy over the goodness of the Lord'. As you grow to know Jesus, you will see His Goodness in the land of the living: Only Believe! (Jeremiah 31:12; Psalm 27:13).

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Ath. Seán Mac Cárthaigh,  
Baile Bhuirne / Cúil Aodha

### Reclaiming our lives - the things we used to do

My late mother like so many of her generation barely used her mobile phone. While handy in emergencies she relied instead on her house phone.

Her life and upbringing was what we might now call in the pre-digital era. Her childhood was 'during the war years' of World War Two and the years of ration coupons. As a consequence she would get very upset with me over wasting food and waste in general.

But I think her generation didn't waste TIME either.

Even in her senior years she kept herself almost continuously busy. Perhaps it was her upbringing where time was money, and before television, but even when sitting down she was always busy with her hands. I wonder - as so many of us sit idly with our mobile phones - are we losing out not only on skills and talents but in creativity and improving ourselves. I suspect that our mental health has suffered as we have left go of meaningful work and life-giving recreational activity. As I struggle to detach from my phone I use yet another alphabet as a checklist to figure out could I be making better use of my valuable time. These are some of the activities with which my mother used to put down her day, busy at the dining room table, minus the phone. I've added some of my own. Maybe it's time to switch off the phone and re-start enjoying life more without it.

Arts and crafts, Baking, Cooking Card games Crochet, Dusting  
Exploring the locality, Framing pictures Fruit picking and sorting Family conversation, Gardening Gadget repair, Hand-crafts, Ironing, Jigsaws, Keeping a diary or journal, Learning a language Library visits, Music, Needlework Newspaper clippings, Occupational therapy, Photo albums Puzzles Prayers Posting personal letters, Quiet time, Reading Reflecting Resting Recycling, Studying, Shopping, Tidying, To-do lists, Undertaking to write the family history, Visiting a sick person, Writing and sending "Thank you" cards

There's so much 'analog' living to be done!

And so much joy to living that we are missing out on which we can get back.

*God bless. Fr Seán*

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### NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART



Dear Heart of Jesus, in the past I have asked many favours. This time I ask you this special one, (mention favour). Take it dear heart of Jesus and place it within your heart where your father sees it. Then in his merciful eyes it will become your favour, not mine. Amen. Say this prayer three times for three days and your favour will be granted. Never known to fail. Must promise publication of prayer. **KW**

### NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL



O Most Beautiful Flower of Mt. Carmel, Fruitful Vine, Splendour of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist us in our necessity. O Star of the Sea, help us and show us the way. Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who turn to you. Holy Spirit, you who solve all problems, light all roads, so that we can attain our goal. You who gave us the divine gift to forgive and forget all evil against us, and who are with us in all instances in our lives, thank you for all things, as you confirm once again that we are never to be separated from you in eternal glory. Amen **KW**

# PRAYERS AND TEARS FOR POPE FRANCIS

Our Holy Father Pope Francis was born Jorge Mario Bergolio in Buenos Aires, December 17th 1936. An Irish nun and midwife delivered an infant Pope Francis at his home in Argentina. Sr. Olivia Maria formerly Susan Cusak who left Ireland to train as a nurse and midwife in Paris she was 20 years old and the daughter of a small farmer from the parish of Crosserlough Co. Cavan and could little know that among the many babies she would deliver as a missionary nun, one would be a future Pope Francis. Pope Francis tenure was characterized by humility and outspoken support of the world's poor and marginalised people. The Holy Father brought a lot of firsts to the Catholic Church. He was the first Latin American pope and the first Jesuit priest when he was elected pope. He flew to Rome via economy class and carried his own luggage. Pope Francis was a huge soccer fan; his favourite team was the San Lorenzo soccer club of Argentina. He was a peacemaker and his heart was broken by the wars in the Ukraine and Gaza. Pope Francis regularly phoned the Holy Family Church in Gaza every evening during the conflict, to check on the people and offer his support. Pope Francis knew Ireland well as he studied English at the Jesuit centre in the Milltown Institute of Theology and Philosophy located in Ranelagh Co. Dublin.

*Rest in Peace Holy Father Pope Francis. You were loving, gentle and an inspiring Pope whose beautiful smile lit up the whole world.*

**Mary O Callaghan – Hallissey**  
**Raleigh North, Macroom Co. Cork.**



A lovely smiling Pope Francis in happier times pictured with our very own Archbishop of Dublin and Primate of Ireland.

## 3RD ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**ABBIE  
O'DONOVAN**

**Clashanaffrin, Ovens**  
**Who Died 29th April 2022.**

*Deep in our hearts your memory is kept  
to love to cherish and never forget.*



Fondly remembered by  
your brother Donie

## NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT



O Holy Spirit, you who solve all problems, light all roads so that I can attain my goal. You gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget all evil against me and that in all instances of my life you are with me. I want in this short prayer to thank you for all things you have given me as you confirm once again that I never wanted to be separated from you in spite of all material illusions. I wish to be with you in Eternal Glory. Thank you for mercy towards me and mine.

This prayer must be said for three days, after three days the favour will be granted.

## 16TH ANNIVERSARY



An Eternal Memory Until We Meet Again

**JOHN (JACK)  
MCCARTHY**

**Upper Codrum, Macroom**  
**Who passed away on 2nd May 2009**

*Those Special memories of you  
will always bring a smile,  
If only I could have you back  
for just a little while.  
Then we could sit, talk and dance John  
just like we used to do.  
You always meant so very much  
and always will do too.  
The fact you're no longer here darling  
will always cause me deep pain  
but you're forever and always in my heart  
until we meet again.  
Our Lady of Lourdes pray for him*



Sadly missed and loved by  
your wife Helen, sisters in law Theresa  
and husband Tony, Lauren &  
godchild Kian and recently deceased  
brother in law John O'Hara.

Special Anniversary Mass for John will be  
celebrated on Saturday the 3rd May in St.  
Colmans Church Macroom at 10am.

## 31ST ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of a dear Mother,  
Grandmother, Great-Grandmother and  
wife of the late John Hoare

**MAURA HOARE**  
**Cools, Kilnamartyra, Co. Cork**  
**Who died on the 4th May 1994.**

*Just a prayer from the family  
Who loved you.  
Just a memory fond and true  
In our hearts you live forever,  
because we thought the world of you.*



Fondly remembered and sadly missed  
by family and friends. Our Lady Saint  
Gobnait, pray for Maura, her husband  
John, and their son Seamus.

## FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of

**MARY SHEEHAN**

**Aghabolligue & 16 Barrett Place,  
Macroom, Co. Cork**  
**Who died on 2nd May 2024**

*"Though you're gone, your spirit lives on  
in all the lives you touched.  
One year and always remembered."*

The family of the Late Mary Sheehan  
would like to thank most sincerely all  
those who sympathised with them on  
their great loss.

We offer our heartfelt thanks to the many  
relatives, friends and neighbours who  
attended the funeral services. We also  
thank those who travelled long distances,  
sent floral tributes, cards and messages of  
condolence, as well as those who made  
charitable donations.

To all the staff in CUH and in Macroom  
Community Hospital, who looked after  
Mary in her final days, we will be forever  
grateful for the exceptional care you  
provided.

Thank you to Monsignor James O'  
Donnell, Fr. Donal Roberts, Fr. Joe O'  
Mahony, Rev. Brian Williams & Fr. Marek  
for concelebrating the Funeral Mass for  
Mary and for all your support and spiritual  
guidance.

We would also like to thank the Choir for  
their beautiful performance at Mary's  
Funeral Mass.

Thank you to Bill and Martin Fitzgerald &  
everyone in Fitzgeralds Funeral Directors  
for their discrete and professional  
handling of all the arrangements on our  
behalf.

The family wishes to express their sincere  
gratitude to Margaret and Joane for their  
kindness, support and care shown to  
Mary.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be  
offered for your intention.



## FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of  
**MARY O'LEARY**  
Killarney Rd, Macroom  
Who died on the 24th April 2024.

As we lovingly remember Mary on her first anniversary, we her family Helen, Finbarr, Karen, Fionnuala, Ray and Jacinta, her sister Ina, grandchildren and extended family wish to thank all those who supported and sympathized with us on our sad bereavement.

We would like to sincerely thank all those who attended her funeral, sent floral tributes, mass cards, letters of sympathy, online condolences and heartfelt words. A special thank you to Monsignor O'Donnell, Canon Roberts and Fr. Joe for a beautiful funeral mass and prayers. Thank you to Teddy Sheehan, the Sacristan and to Michael Bradley and Mary McSweeney for the beautiful music.

Thank you to Mam's friends from Macroom Flower Club and Macroom Bridge Club for the very special Guard of Honour. To Gardaí Conor Kirwan, Pat Lawlor and Anthony McCarthy for the Garda Escort and traffic duty provided at her funeral.

Many thanks to our good neighbours and friends who called to offer food, support, hugs and good memories when we needed them most. To Mam's kind carers Helen, Anna, Ann and Georgina for the care, kindness and friendship you provided to Mam, we will forever be grateful. To Bernie and all the staff at Macroom Hospital, thank you for your excellent care, kindness and compassion you showed towards Mam during her time there.

Thank you to Billy Fitzgerald and staff at Fitzgerald's Funeral directors for their help, professionalism and kindness. Thank you to Eileen and staff at the Auld Triangle for the lovely meal afterwards.

We will forever be grateful to all those who helped and supported us during this sad time. As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgment as a token of our sincere gratitude. The Holy Sacrifice of the mass will be offered for your intentions.



Always remembered and dearly missed.  
"Until We Meet Again"

## FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of  
**SHEILA (BABS) MURPHY**  
Clomacow, Crookstown, Co. Cork  
Died 11th May 2024

As we lovingly remember Babs on her first anniversary, her niece Maura, her nephews Michael, Donal and Billy, together with our families, wish to express our heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to all those who sympathised with us and supported us on the sad passing of Babs.

Thanks to all our extended families, wonderful neighbours, relations and friends; to all who travelled to attend the visitation in her home and funeral mass; and to all those who sent mass cards, enrolments and expressed their condolences.

A heartfelt thank you to all who cared for Babs. A special thank you to Julie, Joe and all the team at Grange Con Nursing Home for the excellent, loving care and attention she received during her time there. Thanks to all her friends who so kindly visited her in Grange Con and helped to brighten her day. Thanks also to Dr. Andrew Lyne, Tower Medical Centre who gave Babs such exceptional care and to Cloghroe Pharmacy for their help and support. Thanks to Fitz-Gerald's Funeral Directors for their professionalism throughout.

Sincere thanks to Fr. Micheál Ó Loingsigh for celebrating a beautiful mass; Fr. Michael Kelleher for reciting the rosary on the night of the visitation at her home; sacristan Ann; and all who participated to help make the ceremony a memorable one. A special thank you to Kilmurry Church Choir and organist Mary for the beautiful singing and music throughout the mass.

Thank you to Kilmurry GAA for organising the parking both on the night of the visitation and at the funeral mass. Thank you to Kilmurry Museum and all those who helped with the catering on the day. It was very much appreciated.

As it is not possible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgment as an expression of our sincere appreciation and gratitude. Your kindness, compassion and support will not be forgotten. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

*She was an Auntie so truly rare  
Thoughtful and loving and full of care  
Sadly no longer in our lives to share  
But in our hearts you are always there  
God bless you Babs you were the best  
May you now enjoy your eternal rest  
Lovingly remembered  
and forever in our thoughts*



First anniversary mass will be celebrated on Sunday, 11th May at 10 am at St Mary's Church, Kilmurry.

## FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of  
**MICHAEL (MICKEY) BARRY**

Raleigh South, Macroom  
Who died on 5th May, 2024.

As we lovingly remember Mickey on his first anniversary his wife Mary and family wish to express our heartfelt gratitude to our wonderful friends, relatives and neighbours who sympathised and supported us on our sad bereavement.

Thank you to all who attended his funeral, sent Mass cards, and messages of condolences. Your kind words were very much appreciated at a difficult time.

Sincere thanks to Dr. Ken Harte, Dr. Derek Power, staff of C.U.H. and all at Railway View Pharmacy. A special thanks to the exceptional staff of Marymount Hospice for the outstanding care and compassion shown to Mickey in his final weeks. Words cannot express how grateful we are to you.

Thank you to those who brought food and refreshments and those who helped us in our home. It is gestures like these that meant so much. Special thanks to Fr. Joe O'Mahony, Fr. Donal Roberts, Monsignor James O'Donnell, Fr. Dave Herlihy and Fr. Francis Manning for celebrating his Mass and all who participated in the funeral Mass.

Heartfelt thanks to Cyril Casey and staff for their kindness and professionalism. Road Bowling brought so much joy to Mickey over his lifetime and the guard of honour from Ból Chumann was greatly appreciated.

Thank you to Jerome Coakley for the beautiful music played at the graveside and to the Abbey Hotel for the lovely food.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgment as a token of our appreciation. The holy sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for your intentions.

*May he rest in peace.*



First Anniversary Mass will be held 5th May at 10am in St Colman's Church, Macroom.

## 5TH ANNIVERSARY



"The measure of my dreams"

**DECLAN FLYNN**

Shandangan, Carrigadrohid, Co. Cork  
5th of May 2020

*Last night you came to see me  
When darkness had no light.  
You slipped into my room  
And held my hand so tight.  
You told me that you loved me  
Just like you always used to say.*

*You said I must believe  
We will meet again someday.  
You told me you were proud  
Of how I've tried to carry on.  
You said you always stay close  
So I am never on my own.*

*Last night you came to see me  
And when morning came around,  
I knew I wasn't dreaming  
By the Robin on the ground.*

Loved and missed so very much  
each and every day,  
Your wife and best friend,  
Patricia



*Of all the special gifts in life,  
However great or small,  
To have you as our Dad  
Was the greatest gift of all.  
May the winds of love blow gently  
And whisper in your ear  
"We love and miss you Dad  
And wish so much you were here"*

Your sons Ian and Colin  
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In loving memory of

**DAN O'DONOGHUE** **TERESA O'DONOGHUE**  
(NEE O' CONNOR)

Who passed away on  
22nd May 2005

Who passed away on  
17th April 2023

"Whispering Pines" Carrigagulla Ballinagree Macroom

*To us you are so special what more is there to say?  
We only wish within our hearts that you were here today.  
Thank you for loving and sharing for giving and for caring.*



Always remembered by your loving family Catherine & Humphrey, John & Ting,  
Jeremiah, Carole Martin & Simon & Mary.

St Gobnait pray for them

## 9TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**NOEL O'MAHONY**

Cackanode, Clondrohid, Macroom.  
Who died on 2nd May, 2016

*We think about you always,  
We talk about you still.  
You have never been forgotten  
and you never will.  
We hold you close within our hearts,  
And there you will remain  
To walk and guide us through our lives,  
Until we meet again.*



Always remembered by your loving  
family Sheila, Noreen, Joanne  
and Paula, grandchildren Ciara and Richie  
and great grandchild Calum.

## 2ND ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**MARY KELLEHER**

Carrignacurra, Inchigeela  
Whose anniversary occurs on the  
3rd of May.

*Time and years slip quickly by,  
But love and memories never die,  
In our hearts you will always stay,  
Loved and cherished everyday.*



Always remembered by your loving  
husband Derry and family.

## 5TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**EILY O'SULLIVAN**

Four Winds,  
Rylane East, Rylane, Co. Cork  
Who died on May 7th 2020

*You rest in the arms of the angels,  
In a place of peace and love.  
Watching over us always, from heaven  
high above.*

*The bond cannot be broken, because it's  
made with love so pure.  
Death can never break that bond,  
It lives on for evermore.*



Lovingly remembered today & always by  
your loving family.  
May your kind and loving soul Rest in  
Eternal Peace.

## 5TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**EILISH CREEDON**

Teergay, Kilbarry, Macroom Co Cork.  
Who passed away 3rd May 2020.

*As each day dawns, we think of you,  
as each night falls, we pray for you,  
and throughout our lives,  
no matter where, in our hearts,  
you are always there*



Loving remembered by your husband  
Dan, daughters Elaine, Laura and Lisa,  
sisters, brothers and grandchildren.

## ANNIVERSARIES



In loving memory of

**DAN & NORA MCCARTHY**

Coolavokig Macroom  
In loving memory of Dan & Nora  
whose anniversaries occur  
at this time.



Deeply loved, sadly missed and always  
remembered by their family.  
Forever in our thoughts and prayers.

## 13TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**JOHN O'SHEA**

Gortnahoctee, Inchigeela, Macroom  
Who died on the 12th of May 2012.

*No matter how life changes,  
No matter what we do,  
A special place within our hearts  
Is always kept for you.*



Loved and missed everyday by Frances,  
Marie, Anne, Denis, Fran, Linda and  
grandchildren.

## THE MIRACLE PRAYER



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## 2ND ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**ROBERT  
CULLINANE**

Rooves Beg, Coachford

Who died on 7th of May 2023.

*We hold you close within our hearts,  
And there you shall remain.  
To walk with us throughout our lives  
Until we meet again.*



Always remembered  
by his loving family.

## 10TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**SEAN  
COUGHLAN**

Kilnagurteen Macroom.

Who died on the 8th of May 2015

*Gone are the days we used to share,  
But in our hearts you are always there.  
The gates of memory will never close,  
We miss you more than anyone knows.  
With tender love and deep regret,  
We who love you will never forget.*



All our love  
Mary, Claire, Aiden & family.

## 8TH ANNIVERSARY AND 24TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**SHEILA  
(DEEDEE)  
COUGHLAN**

Who died on the 7th of May 2017



**SEAN  
COUGHLAN**

Who died on the 13th April 2001

Coolmakee, Farnanes, Co. Cork

*Your life was a blessing,  
Your Memory a treasure,  
You were loved beyond words,  
And missed beyond measure.*

*Deep are the memories,  
Precious they stay,  
The passing of time,  
Won't take them away.*



Always remembered by sons Martin, Con, Tim, Pat and Frank and daughter Gillian.  
Her sister Babe, daughters-in-law, son-in-law, nephews, nieces, grandchildren  
and great grandchildren.

## 27TH & 28TH ANNIVERSARY



Remembering our dear mother

**KITTY  
O'RIORDAN**

Whose 27th anniversary occurs

May 1st

Also our dear father

**DENNY  
O'RIORDAN**

Whose 28th anniversary occurs

5th June

Cork Street, Macroom

*Sadly missed along lifes way  
Quietly remembered everyday.  
No longer in our lives to share  
But in our hearts ye are always there.*



Always remembered by  
your loving family.

## 6TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**JOEY  
O'NEILL**

Cappandare, Inchigeela,

Whose anniversary occurs

on the 9th of May.

*No matter how life changes,  
No matter what we do,  
A special place within our hearts,  
Is always kept for you.*



Always remembered by Joan, Martin,  
Majella, Noel and extended families.

Anniversary Mass on Monday 5th May in  
Inchigeela Church at 9.30am

## 21ST ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**ANN  
O'MAHONY**

Dan Corkery Place Macroom.

Who died on 5th May 2004.

*Memories of you are lovingly kept,  
Someone too special to ever forget,  
Your wish today would be no fuss,  
Just to be remembered by all of us.*



Sadly missed by Willie and Maire.

## 6TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**CORNELIUS  
(CURLEY) LEHANE**

Railway View, Macroom, Co. Cork

Died 30th April 2019

*No matter how life changes  
No matter what we do  
A special place within our hearts  
Is always kept for you.*



Lovingly Remembered by your son Pat,  
Daughter in Law Carol, Grandchildren:  
Conor, Jennifer and Lucey  
- And Richard

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## 5TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**DECLAN  
FLYNN**

Shandangan, Carrigadrohid, Co.Cork  
who died on 5th May 2020. R.I.P.

*A smile for all, a heart of gold  
One of the best this world could hold  
Never selfish, always kind  
These are the memories you left behind.*



Your Mother in law Margaret  
Brother in law Gerard  
Sisters in law Joanne and Marguerite

## 2ND ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**PADDY  
MC CARTHY**

Carrignadoura, Ballingearry, Co.Cork  
who passed away on 7th May 2023.

*Although we smile and make no fuss  
No one misses you more than us;  
And when old times we often recall,  
That's when we miss you most of all.*

*Suaimeas sioraí tabhair dó, a Thiarna.*



Lovingly remembered by his wife Mary,  
Gerald, Fionnuala, Dónall, & Finbarr,  
Bláthnaid, Paul, Martina, Maura, his  
grandchildren; Éabha, Ódhrán, Rían, Cian,  
Cathal Doireann. Aoife, Caoimhe, Eimear  
& Shane.

Paddy's 2nd Anniversary mass will take  
place in Ballingearry Church on Sunday  
May 4th at 10a.m

## 7TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**MAURA LYNCH**

Clondrohid, Macroom  
Who died 3rd May 2018  
*A beloved mother and friend*

*A light went out on earth for us  
The day we said goodbye,  
And on that day a star was born  
The brightest in the sky.  
With beams of love to heal  
The broken hearts you left behind,  
Where always in our memories  
Your twinkling star will shine.*

*Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam  
Naomh Gobnait guidh uirthi.*



Your loving daughters Pauline, Louise,  
Deirdre, Denise, Carol, and Linda

Mam's Mass will be at 9.30am, 7th of May  
in St Abina's Church, Clondrohid

## 3RD ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**AGNES DINEEN**

Late of Clashmaguire, Clondrohid,  
Macroom whose 3rd anniversary  
occurs on 28th April.

*Beautiful memories are treasured forever,  
Of happy days when we were all together,  
Always in our thoughts,  
And forever in our hearts.*



Sadly missed and always remembered by  
your loving husband Jerry, and children  
Marie, Anthony, Norma and Margaret,  
beloved grandchildren and family.

## 3RD ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**DONAL  
VAUGHAN**

Renanirree, Macroom, Co Cork  
Who passed away on the  
7th May 2022.

*Along the road to yesterday,  
That leads me straight to you,  
Are memories of happy days,  
Together we once knew.*



Sadly missed and always remembered by  
his sister Peggy (Sr. Philomena),  
the Vaughan family, Conor and  
Irene Murphy.

## 3RD ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**VERA  
COUGHLAN**

Masseytown, Macroom,  
Who died on April 24th 2022.

*Will those who think of her today  
A little prayer to Jesus say.*



Always remembered by  
Pat, Jason and Emma and extended  
family.

## 2ND ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**NELLIE TWOMEY,**  
Teerbeg, Macroom who died on the  
9th of May 2023.

*Our thoughts are ever with you  
Though you have passed away  
And those who have loved you dearly  
Are thinking of you today.*



Fondly remembered by  
your sister Juliana and family.

## 2ND ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**NELLIE TWOMEY,**  
Teerbeg, Macroom who died on the  
9th of May 2023.

*Never more than a thought away,  
loved and prayed for every day.*



Always remembered by her sister  
Margaret, Michael and Family, her sisters  
Bridget and Juliana, nieces and nephews.

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