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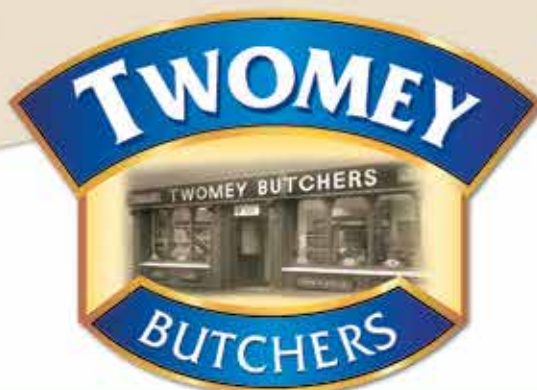
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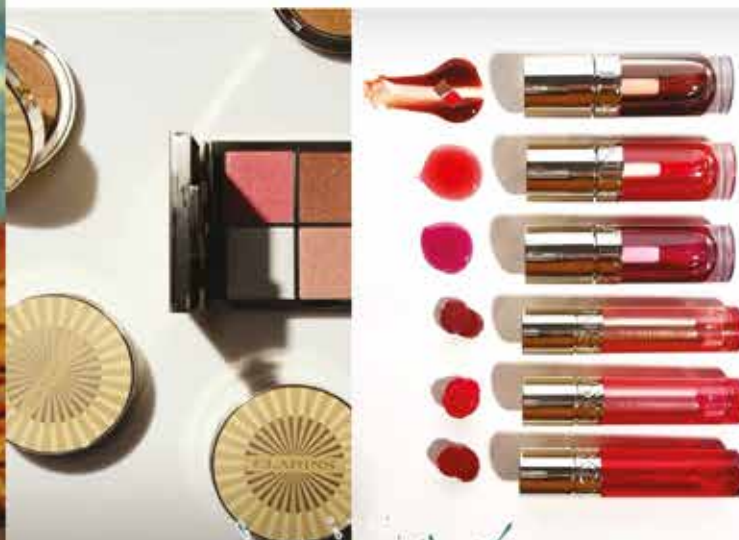
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29th WEST CORK GARDA YOUTH AWARDS

An assembled audience in excess of 200 guests gathered at the Westlodge Hotel in Bantry on Friday May 9th last, to laud the Award winners at the 29th West Cork Garda Youth Awards, in association with SuperValu.

Chief Superintendent Vincent O' Sullivan paid tribute to the Award winners, saying that it was heartening to see so many young people involving themselves in activities locally. He also stressed that the Awards are an acknowledgement of the work of the young people within their own communities. He proclaimed the Award winners as being the leaders of the future. Chief Superintendent O' Sullivan stated that the Awards are an indication of the Award winners outstanding potential to shape and change society, and create positive impacts wherever life takes them.

"At SuperValu, we are committed to building inclusive and thriving communities. These inspirational young people share these goals and have worked tirelessly to make their communities better places. With such

a high standard of nominees, it was a difficult task to choose the award winners. I would like to congratulate each one of the award winners, and also the nominees. It is good to know that the future is safe in their hands." Kevin O'Shea, SuperValu retailer manager said.

The West Cork SuperValu stores which have sponsored these Youth Awards for the past 28 years are Caulfield's SuperValu Bandon, Smith's SuperValu Kinsale, Healy's SuperValu Dunmanway, O'Leary's SuperValu Macroom, Boherbue Coop, Field's SuperValu Skibbereen, Murphy's SuperValu Castletownbere, O'Keeffe's SuperValu Bantry, Scally's SuperValu Clonakilty and O'Keeffe's SuperValu Millstreet.

These retailers are proud to support the West Cork region by providing over 1,100 jobs, sourcing from local suppliers and through their support of important initiatives such as these awards.

A total of 18 Awards were presented, and the mood was uplifting, as the dedication and excellence of the Award Winners was celebrated.



Alexander Corrigan – Macroom District Award winner, receiving his Award from Chief Superintendent Vincent O'Sullivan, at the recent West Cork Garda Youth Awards.

MACROOM MENS SHED

On Thursday the 15th of May, Macroom Men's Shed made a visit to Cygnum at Hartnett's Cross.

Cygnum are a local company that have over 25 years of experience in the design and manufacture of timber frame structures including volume house building, hotels, apartment blocks, care homes and schools. Cygnum continues to grow from strength to strength and is one of the largest timber frame manufacturers in Ireland.

Macroom Men's Shed now has a timber recycling partnership with Cygnum. This will involve some of the timber that has been left over been given to the Men's Shed who will in return use this to make Bird Boxes, Bird Feeders, Owl Boxes and Bat Boxes to name a few. This in turn will also help Cygnum by helping to reduce their recycling and giving it a new purpose through the numerous items the Men's Shed will make from it.



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ARD NA LAOI, DROMANALLIG, BALLINGEARY, MACROOM, CO. CORK, P12WK85

Killian Lynch Auctioneers are pleased to offer this substantial residential licensed premises situated within the centre of the thriving village of Ballingeary, C.25 minutes from both Macroom and Bantry, C.50 minutes from Cork city. This premises which was fully reconstructed in 1998 is in excellent condition throughout extending to C.5600 sq ft sq ft accommodation. The pub has a very strong local trade and has huge potential for further business life. Air B&B plus another retail unit on the ground floor incorporating the overall building. The bar area extends to C.1600 sq ft giving a great opportunity for large functions. This is an opportunity not to be missed to acquire a thriving business with substantial quality living accommodation to include 6 ensuite bathrooms. The property is located within the centre of Ballingeary village, c. 5 minutes from the renowned Gougane Bama, C.20 minutes from both Bantry and Macroom towns, C.50 minutes west of Cork City. BER: B3 (B01064569)

GUIDE PRICE: POA



BALLYMACCORCORAN, CLONDROHID, MACROOM, CO. CORK, P12EY47

Killian Lynch auctioneers are pleased to offer this traditional 3 bedroom cottage on C.0.9 acres. The property which extends to C.1031 sq ft living accommodation is in need of renovation throughout, but has been vacant for over 2 years making it qualify for a full renovation grant of up to €70,000. The property is centrally located only C.5 minute's drive west of Macroom town, C.10 minutes from Millstreet and C.30 minutes from Cork city. BER: G (118448158)

GUIDE PRICE: €120,000



UMMERA, MACROOM, CO. CORK, P12 FY96

Killian Lynch auctioneers are pleased to offer this unique 3 bedroom bungalow and large garage on C.2.8 acres of manicured lawn, surrounded by beautiful woodland and scenery. The house which extends to C.1708 sq ft living accommodation is in excellent condition throughout and is a beautiful family home. This property is very unique with access to beautiful walk ways in the surrounding woodland. Macroom town centre is only a C.5 minute drive with Cork city only C.30 minutes. This is an opportunity not to be missed. BER: B2 (117726174)

GUIDE PRICE: €395,000



CAPPANCLARE, INCHIGEELAGH, MACROOM, CO. CORK, P12TD72

Killian Lynch Auctioneers are pleased to offer this newly renovated 3 bedroom detached house located in the heart of Inchigeelagh village. The property which comprises of c.980 sq ft living accommodation is in good condition & has been recently upgraded with a new hot water system, electric smart heaters, a newly fitted kitchen & timber flooring. The house is within walking distance to all local amenities & would make for a fantastic family home or investment opportunity. Located only c.10 minutes drive from Ballingeary village, c.15 minutes to Macroom town & c.40 minutes to Cork city. This property must be seen to be appreciated. BER: G (102022191)

GUIDE PRICE: €130,000



NO.4 BRUCH AN T'SULAIN, BALLYVOURNEY, CORK, P12WA02

Killian Lynch auctioneers are pleased to offer this beautifully presented 3 bedroom semi detached bungalow with very large gardens. The property which extends to C. 950 sq ft living accommodation has been recently upgraded with triple glazed windows, heating and overall decor throughout. The property which has ample attic space suitable for conversion is located within the centre of Ballyvourney village, C.20 minutes from Killarney, C.15 minutes from Macroom and C.45 minutes from Cork city. BER: B3

GUIDE PRICE: €310,000

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CAPPANCLARE, INCHIGEELAGH, MACROOM, CO. CORK, P12P978

Killian Lynch Auctioneers are pleased to offer this charming 2 bedroom bungalow extending to c.600 sq ft. living accommodation. The property has been modernized to a very high standard in recent years, is in excellent condition throughout. Located within the village of Inchigeelagh, close to all local amenities, c.15 minutes from Macroom town and c.45 minutes from Cork City. BER: E1

GUIDE PRICE: €180,000



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MACROOM BRANCH OF IRISH GUIDE DOGS



What a great response to Guide Dog Day in Macroom, A big thank you to everyone who supported us outside SuperValu on Friday and outside Dunnes on Saturday, your kindness and support makes a big difference, we are so very grateful to you all.

Thank you also for all who joined us for the Guide Dog Day Walk in the Castle grounds on Sunday morning, it was a great success and lovely to meet some new doggies and their masters. Thank you all who supported us so generously this weekend, we are very grateful and if anyone would like to join us as a volunteer, get in touch, thank you



MACROOM FLOWER AND GARDEN CLUB MAY SOCIAL EVENING & CHARITY GARDEN VISIT

Macroom Flower & Garden Club May Social Evening & Charity Garden visit took place recently in glorious weather. The guided tour of private garden with it's burst of colour was spectacular. We look forward to many more Summer days outdoors. The Club would like to thank the owner for imparting such wonderful knowledge on trees, plants, propagation and wild orchid meadow. Marymount Hospice is the Charity to benefit from Club Garden visit on this occasion. Annual outing for Members Saturday June 21st . Bus will depart Macroom at 8.00a.m. Places limited contact 087-9821708. Next Club Meeting Thursday 11th September Floral Demonstration by Jazmin O Gorman (AOIFA)





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MCEGAN COLLEGE

6th Yr Graduation 2025: Another academic Year is coming to an end and we must take leave of the students in 6th Year. While many of the students have been in McEgan since August 2019 as 12year olds, many others have joined in along the way. For these young men and women this is the start of the next chapter of their story. On the 4th of June they begin the Leaving Cert Exams and for many the results achieved therein will determine the next part of their path through the next couple of years. For others, they have already secured apprenticeships or employment as the next step on their journey. Life for them all is full of exciting prospects, new experiences, new friendships and possibilities. Whatever the future holds for them we at McEgan wish them all the very best for their future. On Wednesday 21st May we gathered with their families to celebrate their Graduation from McEgan College. It proved a poignant occasion for all, sad to part with them yet happy to see the confident & capable young Women and Men they have become.

Staff News: This week we say Bon Voyage to Mrs. Bairbre Hickey, who has taken a new teaching position in Ballincollig. We have missed her greatly over the past two years as she took time to be with her family through the illness and passing of her husband Diarmuid. Bairbre has been a member of Staff in McEgan for 30 + years and we know she will be as cherished in her new role as she has been in her position as Home Economics Teacher in McEgan.

We also wish a fond farewell to Ms. Helena Creedon, who is taking a role as Guidance Counsellor in St. Coleman's College Middleton. Ms. Creedon has been in McEgan for 14 years as Business Teacher and most recently in the role as Home School Community Liaison. We wish her the very best in her new role, her presence in McEgan will be greatly missed by students, staff and parents.

Ms. Gemma Hurley is heading on a career break and intends to use the time for travel Down Under. I'm sure wherever she goes her enthusiasm and solidly positive character will charm all she meets. Best of Luck to her and we will be looking forward to hearing of her adventures when she returns.

Ms. Gaby Dollard, past student, returned to McEgan in September as a final Year Student of Science Education; we wish her the very best in her future career as she finishes life as a student and moves on as a teacher of Science & Biology. Two other staff members Ms. Nicola Collins & Ms. Caragh O'Neill are also moving on to other positions we wish them both the very best for their future careers.

TY News: TY year is a chance for students to challenge themselves in different ways and learn new skills. This year's class learned World Cookery in culinary arts class, Entrepreneurial Skills in Mini Company, the world of work from Work Experience and social activism from their involvement in the local community project. The inclusion of students who have come to Ireland to learn English has enhanced the learning experiences for all. On Friday May 23rd the TY graduation was held in the school assembly area. The awards achieved on the day were: Killian Baton; Culinary Skills: Ellie O Sullivan; Sports & Extracurricular activities: Scott Forde; Attendance: Rahel Kaemmerer-Fertig & Carmen Bernebeu Martinez; Arts: Tui Shubart, Zach O'Mahoney; Sustainability: Aidan Lee; STEAM: Lisa Bhebbhe; Work Experience: Seanie Kelleher; Academic: Lisa Bhebbhe; Social Activism: Tara Twomey, Abbey Power, Leah Buckley; Leadership: Jack Fitzgerald; Participation: Maria Martinez Marrodan; International Student: Lucia Bernabeu Romero; Student of the Year: Evan McSweeney. Congratulations to the award winners.



Leaving Cert Class of 2025 who graduated from McEgan College. Also in Photo are Mr. Hugh Coughlan Deputy Principal & Principal Ms. P. Lynam.

Uniform Collection: If parents of McEgan Students are wondering what to do with the too small uniform that are in good condition and can be used by another student. We will take them off your hands. Please bring them along to the school before the end of June.

Message from the Principal: Ms P.Lynam. As another school year comes to an end, I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy summer holiday. We had some great achievements with success academically and vocationally, in the sports, in the arts to name but a few. We also suffered a tragic loss when our beautiful, bright, bubbly 1st year student Lauren O'Brien lost her life on May 4th 2025. Lauren's amazing, kind nature will be forever missed by our school community. Rest in peace and fly high with the angels.

Last Wednesday 21st May our lovely Leaving Certificate class of 2025 graduated surrounded by family, school staff and friends. The graduation day is always such a highlight in our school calendar year. We as a staff feel very proud of the way you matured over the years. Best of luck with the upcoming State exams and we wish you every success as you transition out of McEgan College. To our Junior Certificate students we also offer every best wish for your exams. You have worked hard and you deserve success. To our current first years and students who joined us throughout the year, I hope you enjoyed your first year with us and have fond memories of the year and to our new students joining us in late August, I wish you all a warm welcome. To our amazing, hardworking, caring and supportive staff, a sincere thank you. Each and

every one of you have made such a positive impact to our school community. Finally to the parents and guardians of our students on behalf of the staff at McEgan, I hope you enjoy the summer break with plenty of sunshine to enjoy. P.Lynam.



Staff gathered to wish Helena Creedon a fond farewell as she moves forward to a new position in St. Coleman's College Middleton. Pictured Back: Ms. P Lynam Principal, Claire Shannon, Hugh Coughlan & Maureen McAdam.



McEgan TY Students who celebrated with a class graduation on Friday 23rd May.



Musicians at the Leaving Cert Graduation on Wednesday 21st were Niamh O'Callaghan, Sophie Harrington Mr. Killian Cronin, Brian Healy & Clodagh Burn.

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AIFREANN

Mar chuid den lá céimnithe bhí Aifreann álainn againn leis an t-Athair Mac Cárthaigh sa shéipéal. D'fhreastail an scoil go léir ann. Thosaigh an ócáid le ceol draíochtúil ó Orlaith. Léigh Sam agus Clíodhna na sleachta. Dhein Clara an Salm. Léigh Thia, Laura, Aibigéal, Hannah, Colin agus Caoimhe guí an phobail. Thóg Aisling, Jeremiah, Adam, Caoimhe agus Conor na bronntanais suas.. Bhí ceol álainn ó Orlaith, Ella, Dara, Dominik, Aoife, Máistir Ó hÁireachtáin agus Iníon Ní Chruadhlaíoch. Dhein Colin ealaín do leabhrán aifrin. guBhí sé mar tús deas den lá. Míle buíochas le hIníon Ní Bhuaichalla agus Iníon Ní Ríordáin as a n-eagraithe.

BRICFEASTA DO BHLIAIN A SÉ

D'ullmhaigh baill de Chomhairle na nDaltaí faoi stiúir Bean Uí Dhonnchú & Mary bricfeasta blasta do bhliaín sé chun a lá deireanach a cheiliúradh! Míle buíochas libh!

SEARMANAS BRONNTA CÉIMEANNA

Ar an 22ú Bealtaine bhí tráthnóna álainn againn sa scoil chun muintir na hArdteiste a cheiliúradh. Thosaigh an tráthnóna le ceol álainn ó Thia. Bhí Kayla mar bhean an tí agus bhí Conor mar fhear an tí. Bhí óráidí ón oidí ranga Iníon Ní Ríordáin agus Máistir Ó Duinneacha. Labhair Aisling, Clara agus Dominik ar son na daltaí. Bhí cúpla focail freisin ón bPríomhoide Máistir Ó Creimín. Bronnadh teastais, bliainiris, peann agus fainne óir ar gach dalta. Tá an Fainne mar shiombail ar an nasc atá acu leis an nGaeilge. Caitear an Fainne mar chomhartha go bhfuil Gaeilge acu agus go bhfuil siad toilteanach as í a labhairt. Bronnadh Dalta na Bliana ar Conor Ó Croinín. Bhí ceol álainn ó Aoife, Ella, Orlaith, Dara, Dominik, Aoife, Máistir Ó hÁireachtáin agus Iníon Ní Chruadhlaíoch. Chun críoch a chur leis an oíche chan Orlaith "The Voyage". Ba mhaith linn ár mbuíochas a ghabháil le hIníon Ní Ríordáin, Máistir Ó Duinneacha, Máistir Ó Creimín, Iníon Ní Bhriain, Iníon Ní Chruadhlaíoch, Maistir Ó hÁireachtáin, Séan, Cáit agus Mary a chabhraigh go mór leis an ócáid.

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Sóisearaí bronnadh ar na daltaí a dhein an Sraith Shóisearach anuraidh. Tugtar cuntas, leis an PGSS, ar ghnóthachtáil daltaí i ngnéithe measúnaithe éagsúla a dhéantar i gcaitheamh na trí bliana den tsraith shóisearach, lena n-áirítear na gráid sna scrúduithe deiridh stát-deimhneithe ag deireadh na trí bliana. Tuairisceofar freisin ar ghnóthachtáil daltaí i Measúnú Rang-Bhunaithe in ábhair agus i ngearrchúrsaí. Maith sibh!

SEAIMPÍNÍ AN CHONTAE

Bhí bua iontach ag an bhfoireann na gcaillíní fé 16.5 in aghaidh Coláiste Mhuire, Cill na Mallach. Ciallaíonn sé sin go bhfuil roinnt caillíní tar éis dhá bhonn na Mumhan agus bonn an chontae a bhuaigh leis an scoil inné – éacht den scoth. Labhair Claire Ní Aodha (captaen) ar son na foirne. Míle buíochas le hIníon Ní Shuilleabháin (traenálaí) agus Iníon de Brún a thaistil leo. Míle buíochas le Bean Uí Chuill, Bean Ambrós agus Máistir Ó Duinneacha a chuaigh leis an lucht tacaíochta!

LOURDES

Guimíd gach rath ar Étaín Ní Aodha agus Donagh Ó Mainnín a bheidh ag taisteal chuig Lourdes chun cabhrú ar an Turas Oilithreach.

SCRÚDUITHE

Faoi dheireadh tá bliain a haon, dó agus cúig ag díriú ar scrúduithe an tsamhraidh. I ndiaidh na scrúduithe sin beidh siad réidh do saoire an tsamhraidh. Ar an 4ú Meitheamh beidh bliain a trí agus sé ag tosú na scrúduithe stáit. Guimíd gach rath orthu!

FOCLÓIR

- guí an phobail – prayers of the faithful
- oidí ranga – class teachers
- bliainiris – yearbook
- Próifíl Ghnóthachtála na Sraithe Sóisearaí - Junior Cycle Profile of Achievement (JCPA)
- Measúnú Rang-Bhunaithe – Classroom Based Assessments
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Baill de rang Ardteist 2025 - Darragh MacAnnaidh, Stiofán Ó Súilleabháin, Jack Ó Súilleabháin, Joshua Switzer, Sam Tinsley agus Tadhg Ó Ceallaigh

MACROOM AND AREA SCHOOL SUPPORT HUB

In the summer of 2022, two local women Kristina Dubrovskaya and Lisa Manning set up a local School Support Hub. They still run it voluntarily. It is for School Uniforms, Stationery, School Bags and Lunch Boxes available to school going kids and

teenagers. Its purpose is to help Families that might be struggling to buy items or for other various reasons. If you would like to donate items or need help, feel free to contact Lisa at 087-1434770.



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When Pain Isn't Where the Problem Is: Referred Pain Explained

Have you ever felt pain in one part of your body, only to find out the problem lies somewhere else? This is known as referred pain, and it's something we see regularly.



by Dr. Ben Martin
Optimal Chiropractic,
Ballinacollig

Referred pain can be confusing and frustrating. You might feel symptoms in your leg, shoulder, or even your jaw - when the true cause is somewhere entirely different. Here's what to do;

Don't Chase the Pain

If you're stretching, massaging, or using heat on a sore area with no long-term relief, the root of the issue may lie elsewhere.

For example:

- Sciatic pain down the leg often starts with a **problem in the lower back**.

- Shoulder pain may stem from **nerve irritation in the neck**.

- Headaches could be linked to **tightness in the upper back or jaw**.

Instead of focusing only on the painful area, consider your whole posture, movement patterns, and lifestyle.

Track When It Happens

Start noticing when your pain shows up. Is it after sitting too long? After certain movements? First thing in the morning? Patterns like these give clues. A pain in the hip after long car rides, for instance, could indicate **pelvic imbalance or spinal misalignment** rather than a hip joint issue.

Check for Numbness or Tingling

Sensations like pins and needles, numbness, or burning often mean nerves are involved. These symptoms might appear **downstream** from the actual

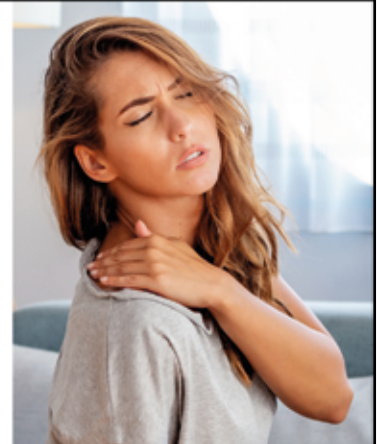
problem. For example, numb fingers may stem from **nerve compression in the neck**, not an issue in the hand itself.

Movement or Rest?

While rest can help with acute pain, **gentle, pain-free movement** often does more to encourage healing and reduce tension. Try light walking, easy stretching, or specific exercises that don't aggravate symptoms.

Conclusion

When pain doesn't go away or keeps coming back - especially when it's in a different area than expected - it's time to look deeper. Chiropractors specialise in identifying and correcting the underlying causes of pain, not just the symptoms. We focus on restoring proper function to the spine and nervous system, which often brings relief even when the pain seems far from the spine itself.



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ST MARY'S NEWS

Athletics

Our senior athletes had great successes at the track recently. Results are: (1) Senior Girls, 3000m - Saoirse Twomey 3rd! Saoirse ran a superb race and clocked up a massive PB of 10.23. (2) Senior Relay 4 x 300m, 3rd. Team: Emily Cronin, Fern Mullane, Saoirse Twomey, Rebecca O'Neill. A huge achievement for St Mary's to finish in the medals in a relay event. Unfortunately, only 1st & 2nd qualify for the All Irelands. Wishing Saoirse the very best of luck in the All Irelands in Tullamore on May 31st.

Sports Awards

We held our first annual Sports Awards recently where we celebrated the many sports achievements of our students in this school year. There was a junior and a senior award winner from each of the following sports: basketball, football, athletics and camogie. With more awards presented to our equestrian team and for golf. 8 of our Leaving Certs were presented with Special Recognition Awards to honour their dedication to sport in St Mary's over their 6 years here - Grace Kelleher, Lily O'Shea, Caoimhe O'Brien, Annie O'Brien, Ciara Kelleher, Katie Ní Liatháin and Sadhbh Donovan.

LC Graduation 2025

The Leaving Cert Graduation 2025 at St Mary's was a memorable evening, marked by fantastic singing and music performed by our talented students. Their performances added a special touch to the celebration, making the night truly unforgettable. Heartfelt thanks to Ms O'Donoghue, Ms O'Donovan, Ms Murphy and Ms Donovan for organising this wonderful event. Their dedication ensured everything went smoothly and beautifully. A special mention goes to our head girls, Annah Devine and Siobhan Cronin, for their lovely speech and poem, which encapsulated the vibrant spirit and camaraderie of the graduating class. It was a night of joy, reflection, and celebration for all and we would like to wish the class of 2025 all the best in their upcoming Leaving Cert. exams.

TY Activities: GAISCE

"As part of our GAISCE award in TY we took part in a two day hike in Killarney. We started our journey at the Brehon Hotel and followed the old Kenmare road passing landmarks like Muckcross house and Torc Waterfall. We stayed overnight in a lodge where we cooked our own meals and got ready for the rest of our journey. The next day we continued through the Gap of Dunloe before we finished at Kate Kearney's



Wishing Mrs Brid Kelleher the very best of luck in her retirement, after 37 wonderful years in St Mary's. Pictured here with the Senior and Junior Athletics award winners, Saoirse and Katie, at our Sports Awards.

Cottage." Report by Amy White - TY Promo Team. A huge thank you to Mr O'Connell and Ms Martin for accompanying the girls on the trip

Young Journalist Ireland Awards 2025

Jessica Murphy and Rachel Twomey were shortlisted for the YJI awards in the sports and features categories. They travelled to the Aviva Stadium in Dublin for the finals of the competition. We are delighted that Jessica won 1st prize in the sports category for her article 'An industry built on women yet represented by men'. In it she explores male dominance in the higher levels of equestrian sport. Rachel came 3rd place in the features category for her article called 'Silent Mode: A week without my phone'. In it she outlines the many surprising advantages of living without a mobile phone! We are very proud of the girls and their outstanding achievement in this national competition. Huge congratulations and thank you is due to Ms Murnane for all her hard work with the Young Journalist Ireland Awards in preparing and mentoring the girls.

TY Graduation

We celebrated our Transition Years Graduation recently where they showcased their highlights from the year. Various girls gave speeches accompanied by picture collages and we were treated to a musical performance with a snippet of one of their songs from Barbie: Unboxed. What an amazing year they have had! They really took every single opportunity given to them. A huge thank you to their coordinator Mr Quill who continues to build on our fantastic TY programme and set up incredible opportunities for our girls.

Promo Team Thank You

To finish off with the last of the St Mary's news from the 2024/2025 school year, we would like to extend a massive thank you to this year's TY Promo Team. Each and every article from the TY Activities section from St Mary's has been written by the team this year. They amassed well over 9 million views on our school's TikTok page this year as well as capturing many photos and videos from various activities throughout the school year.

Retirement of Mrs Kelleher

After 37 incredible years of dedication, we bid a fond farewell to Mrs Brid Kelleher, affectionately known to many as "Ms Kelleher PE." A cornerstone of St Mary's Secondary School in Macroom, Brid has left an indelible mark on generations of students both in the classroom and on the pitch. As a passionate Maths and PE teacher, she brought energy, kindness, and no-nonsense encouragement to every lesson. Whether coaching camogie or leading athletics, she was there rain, hail, shine—and even snow—instilling teamwork, resilience, and a lifelong love of sport. Her legacy is one of strength, care, and unwavering commitment, and she will be dearly missed by students, colleagues, and the entire school community.

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TY student Taylor receiving her Graduation Certificates from Mr McLaughlin



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5th year student, Saoirse, has qualified for the All Irelands on the 31st of May - best of luck Saoirse!



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LOCAL VOCALS CHARITY CONCERT AT BRIERY GAP



In a heartwarming showcase of community spirit and musical talent, local choral group Local Vocals brought the newly renovated Briery Gap Theatre to life with a charity concert last Thursday the 22nd May, raising much-needed funds for Friends of ASI Macroom.

The sold out event marked Local Vocals first performance in the new Briery Gap theatre, which proved a fitting backdrop for an evening filled with harmony, reflection, and generosity. The concert attracted a diverse audience of supporters, families, and music lovers, all united in supporting the group and the charity.

The evening's programme featured an eclectic mix of music, opening with a selection from ABBA, some stirring renditions of Irish ballads, and choral arrangements from the musicals including Calamity Jane, Sister Act, the Lion King. There was also a selection from the 50's and 60's and the audience enjoyed the opportunities to sing along. Local Vocals guests on the night were the Tim Joe and Ann O'Riordan who played some wonderful toes tapping traditional and country music. They later accompanied the local set dancers who danced some very lively tradition sets.

Laura Curtin, The Alzheimer Society of Ireland's Community Engagement Officer, commented "We are deeply grateful to Local Vocals for their ongoing support of people living with dementia. Their generosity both in their financial contributions and their heartfelt presence at our Memory Café, day centre and social gatherings makes a real difference. We also want to extend our sincerest thanks to the Macroom community for their unwavering support.



Local Vocals performing in the Briery Gap May 2025

The funds raised will go towards providing services and meaningful support for individuals and families in our local area living with dementia."

Local Vocals Musical Director Martina Ring, also expressed pride in the group's efforts and gratitude for the community's response and attending tonight, "We are honoured to use our voices over the last 2 years since we started the Local Vocals, to raise over €10,000 to support such important locals causes and thrilled to

perform in this stunning new venue. It's a night we will all remember."

A big thanks to the Staff of the Briery Gap who facilitated the group, and willing gave their time and support to ensure this event was such a success.

With music, a beautiful venue, community, and compassion in perfect harmony, the evening was a defining milestone in the Local Vocals journey, and long may it continue.



Good News. Second Judging Period has finished for Cork County Council Anti-Litter Competition and Macroom is 2nd place, with a total of 987.1 marks out of 1000. In Oakwood and Lios na Fea no litter or cigarette butts were found in the stretches judged. Overall, less than 50 cigarette butts and 8 pieces of litter were found on judging day. The 3rd and final judging take place from Monday May 26th to Wednesday June 4th and Sullane Weirs is the chosen estate and hopefully will do us proud. 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 will be lost accordingly.

Tidy Towns Judging starts in June and finishes in August. We would ask that every property owner stand and look at their premises and ensure that the area outside is weed free, litter free, clean and painted adequately. There are still premises in need of attention and 5 minutes on the part of the owner or staff could improve matters significantly. This would greatly assist the volunteers who must look after so many other things and public areas.

A Gum Litter Roadshow is taken place In the Square

outside Town Hall on June 10th, 11am - 3 pm. Members of the public are invited to attend, together with attendees from Macroom Tidy Towns, Local Primary Schools, Local Councillors and Lord Mayor of Cork County. The Gum Litter Roadshow is run in collaboration with the Gum Litter Taskforce, who brings props and games to interact with the people of the town in relation to the proper disposal of Gum Litter. This interactive roadshow works with local authorities and communities to carry out fun and engaging education and awareness initiatives that demonstrate the proper means of gum disposal and raise awareness of the environmental and fiscal impacts of Gum Litter.

Doggie Poo. As we head into the summer months and we see more dogs been walking. It is important to remember to pick up after your dog. Macroom Tidy Towns maintain and regular empty the doggie Poo Bins around town. They are located in the Castle Grounds after McEgan College, one in the Town Park near the exercise equipment, Two in Tom Creedon Park at the bridge across to Castle Demesne and at other side between the Parking Area and the Weirs, One in Fairy Graden near Riverside entrance and another near the Litter Bin.

A big thanks to Brid O Riordan and The Green Flag Committee for providing Scones and Biscuits to the Volunteers as a thanks for the Help they have given the school throughout the year.

Tidy Towns Volunteers have been busy over the last few weeks with Litter Picking, cutting grass in the green areas on housing estates, clearing around

Dunnes Carpark, General Maintenance around town and The Fairy Garden, putting up Banners for Macroom Music Festival, cleaning bins and keeping on top of usual work.

National Volunteers Week took place from May 19th to 25th, We would like to say a big thanks to our dedicated volunteers who work so tirelessly during the week and weekends. They really are the backbone of the Organisations, and we all owe them a big thanks.

National Biodiversity Week took place from 16th to the 25th of May. Biodiversity is a big part of work, the riverside area, St Coleman's Park, Fairy Garden and other smaller areas and shrub beds. A new biodiversity Plan for Macroom is also being prepared by a professional ecologist and this will comprise habitat mapping and making recommendations on various initiatives throughout Macroom and its Environs. For further information on this please contact John Lyons, our Climate Ambassador and Biodiversity Officer.

On the 20th of May, National Bee Day took place. Its important to be reminded that Dandelions are a valuable food source for bees at this time of the year, providing them with Nectar and Pollen especially during early spring when other flowers are scarce so consider this before cutting them out as weeds, and leave them a bit longer and admire them and appreciate them.

Come and join us some Saturday Morning at 9am at our Hub 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.

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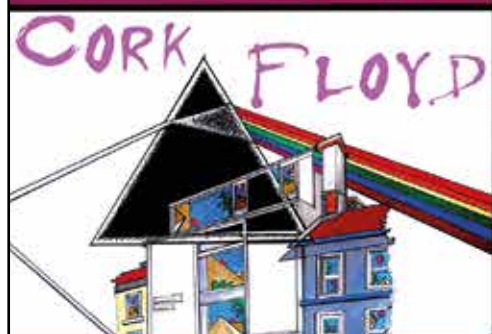
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DE LA SALLE College Macroom



De La Salle transition year students completed their year and received various Certificates of completion for all the various courses and activities.

Past Pupil Achievements

De La Salle were delighted to welcome back our former student, Liam McSweeney, who achieved an outstanding score of 625 points in his Leaving Certificate last year. His exceptional performance earned him an entrance scholarship to UCD, where he is now studying Veterinary Medicine. True to his humble nature, Liam arrived with his award discreetly tucked under his arm. We extend our best wishes to Liam for continued success in his studies and future career as a veterinarian..

Intercounty Players

Congratulations to Seán O'Leary, Sam Kelleher Leavy, and Seán Hennigan for their selection to the Cork U20 and Minor teams respectively. Seán O'Leary was part of the U20 team that narrowly lost to Kerry in the Munster Final, marking the end of their campaign. Despite the loss, we are incredibly proud of Seán for his outstanding performance throughout the U20 Championship, proving his potential for the inter-county stage. We look forward to his future achievements.

Sam Kelleher Leavy played midfield in the first-round Championship game against Kerry, delivering

an impressive performance. Unfortunately, Seán Hennigan was unable to play due to a serious knee injury, which will require several months of recovery. The Cork Minor Football team is set to play Tipperary in the Electric Ireland Munster Semi-Final at FBD Semple Stadium, Thurles on Monday, 12th May at 7 pm. At the time of writing, Sam has been named to start for Cork at midfield.

We commend the excellent commitment and dedication of these three lads. Their hard work and perseverance are truly commendable. Additionally, we acknowledge the fantastic work being done by our feeder clubs, ensuring that Mid Cork is well represented at the county level. Their efforts play a crucial role in developing talented players and fostering a strong sporting community.

Golf Success

Michael Cregan and William Burke represented our school in the All-Ireland Schools Golf competition. They earned their place by finishing in the top five at the Munster competition, a remarkable achievement given the high level of competition. William performed exceptionally well, finishing 4th with 35 points. Congratulations to both boys on their fantastic effort.

U14 Hurling

Last Tuesday, DLS Macroom faced off against Carrigtwohill Community School (CCS) in a highly anticipated semi-final match. The game began with a thrilling start as Owen O'Callaghan scored a spectacular goal from the 45-meter line, putting DLS Macroom on the scoreboard. CCS quickly countered with a goal of their own and added three unanswered points. In a dramatic two-minute span, both teams netted another goal each, with Rory O'Shea scoring for DLS Macroom. Darragh O'Shea and Rory Eklof each contributed a point, concluding the first half with CCS leading 3-7 to 2-3.

The second half saw CCS maintaining their momentum, scoring four consecutive points. Owen O'Callaghan reignited hope for DLS Macroom with another goal, narrowing the gap to eight points. Oscar Hickey Grace and David Twomey each added a point as DLS Macroom fought to close the deficit. However, CCS delivered a decisive blow with a fourth goal, making a comeback increasingly difficult for DLS Macroom. Despite their valiant efforts, DLS Macroom ultimately fell short. The final score stood at 6-11 (29) to 4-5 (17) in favor of CCS.



Well done to Finn Yore on winning the 1500m steeplechase. Finn put in a stellar performance, claiming the title of Munster Champion and securing his place in the All-Ireland finals.



Finn Yore (1500m steeplechase) and Fionn Fabrizio (long jump) proudly represented De La Salle at the Munster Schools Championships.



De La Salle students queuing up for their much-needed ice-cream after a long day of activities in the heat. Thanks to Tom Walsh DCE Computers for sponsoring the treats for the whole school.

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What a weekend for the scouts on the Galtee mountains at the Lee Valley Mountain Pursuit challenge, ideal conditions, the scouts got to camp by lough muskerry, saw the international space station pass overhead on Fri night as well as many other satellites, and some stargazing, had a great hike on Saturday, returned to camp, and swam in the lake before heading back down the mountain.





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MACROOM GIRL GUIDES

Ardilaun Ladybirds

Ladybirds took part earned their road safety and water safety badges this past week. Activities included learning basic road safety skills walking, cycling and travelling by car, performing the Safe Cross Code song, visibility awareness and discussing safety precautions that should be taken near water such as pools, beaches and even on the farm. Life skills such as these will prove extremely useful to the girls keeping safe as the summer is approaching.

Regional Fun Day – Leahy's Open Farm

Ardilaun Ladybirds and Brownies enjoyed a fun-filled day at Leahy's Open Farm in Cork with other units from across the South West region. The girls took part in zip

lining, obstacle courses, maze runs, go karting, petting animals and viewing pig races before finishing off the day with delicious hand-made ice cream.

Darkness Into Light

On May 10th members of Macroom Guides took part into Darkness Into Light to fundraise for Pieta and bring awareness to suicide prevention. This event brings together communities and families affected by suicide and Macroom Guides were more than honoured to take part.

Sangam, India 2026

During the month of May, members of MacEgan SB took part in an application process to be selected for next year's National Contingent trip to Sangam,

the WAGGS World Centre in Pune, India. 5 Senior Branch members made it through the first round of the selection process with 3 members being selected post interviews. This will be an amazing opportunity and experience for the girls next year enabling them to expand on their leadership skills and community work. In addition to it being a national excursion for Irish Girl Guides, Sangam will be celebrating it's 60th birthday next October since having it's doors open since 1966.

For further information on joining our Ladybird, Brownie, Guide and Senior Branch units please contact macroomguides@gmail.com



Ardilaun Brownies exploring the Castle Grounds



Ladybird and Brownie Funday at Leahy's Open Farm



Members of Macroom Guides taking part in Darkness Into Light



Ladybirds working on their Road and Water Safety badges



The Fairy Garden has been a hive of activity over the last couple of weeks with the fine weather. This is set to continue with school holidays coming up and Teddy Bear Picnics taking place. For those who have never been there it has a play area, static zoo, reading area, model village, seating areas with wheelchair accessible seats, sensory garden area, biodiversity area with informative signage, planting beds and of course, some Fairies. The Eircode is P12 C447.

The most extensive project ever undertaken by the Tiny Feet Fairy Garden: A new cycleway/path has been substantially completed. The funding for this was obtained from the Dept. of the Environment, Climate and Communications via Cork Co. Council. Exemption planning permission was obtained with the assistance of the local council. Work was

performed by Niall Murphy Tarmacadam with Tiny Feet Fairy Garden officers monitoring progress. This 70m x 2m cycleway now provides hard surface access and connectivity for cyclists, pedestrians, wheelchairs and buggies from the main road entrance all the way to the riverbank amenity walk. This walk is to be upgraded in the near future under the Masseytown regeneration plan. The Cycleway leads to the recently completed and planted new stone bed with attractive sculpture centrepiece. New figurines have been added and upgrades continue. Numbers of people through the garden, both local and tourist continue to increase as its popularity grows. Three minibus loads of French tourists came specifically to visit the garden on May 21 and were impressed by what they saw.



The New Cycleway and Pathway in Tiny Feet Fairy Garden



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• June 24th Musher platform dance to celebrate St John's day on Tuesday 24th of June 8.45 to 10.45pm. Music by Jerh Healy (The singing Jarvey)

Cónal Creedon and Denis Lehane HEADLINE AT MACROOM CATTLE MART

While perhaps a man more accustomed to the bright lights of the Briery Gap, playwright Cónal Creedon will be taking 'a walk on the wild side' on Friday June 27th, when he will be performing a book reading from the main ring at Macroom cattle mart.

A first of its kind. A first for the mart. A first for the writer. On the night, the celebrated writer, will be joined by farming journalist Denis Lehane, who has been writing humorous columns about his exploits on the land with 20 years.

The Macroom event will mark the final night of a whistle-stop west Cork reading tour that Cónal Creedon has been undertaking over the summer. The tour aptly named 'Come West The Road With me' is a homecoming of sorts for the famed Cork Author. With Inchigeelagh and Adrigole, on the Beara Peninsula featuring strongly in his background, the final night in Macroom promises to be something, both unique and special.

With an open-door Macroom mart welcome for all, the fun begins at 6.30pm on Friday June 27th.



Cónal Creedon with Denis Lehane

AGHINAGH MACRA UPDATES

June is shaping up to be a busy month for Aghinagh Macra.

Muskerry Blue Jeans Queen:

During the June Bank Holiday weekend, members are hitting the road to Athboy Co. Meath for the Blue Jeans Country Queen festival, to support Aghinagh Macra's very own Eibhlís Kelleher, who is representing the club and the Muskerry region in the festival.

Eibhlís has been a member of Aghinagh Macra since 2017 and has held various positions at club and regional level. At club level she has been treasurer, secretary and chairperson. At regional level she has been young farmers development officer, secretary, competitions secretary & chairperson and recently she has been elected chairperson of the region. Along with this she has taken part in various national finals such as sheep and beef stock judging, football, know your ag quiz and was part of the Muskerry drama team who placed 3rd in the recent final. She also reached the final of the Leader of the Year Award and received the presidents medal in March for her dedication to the club and region.

It's a jam-packed weekend. On Friday there is team building in Causey's farm during the day. Friday evening the official opening ceremony is taking place in the Darnley Lodge hotel which is followed by a pub crawl around the town. On Saturday, the private interviews take place which is followed by a family fun day, line dancing and karaoke. Saturday night the on-stage interviews start at 8pm in St. James' Hall with iRadio's Conor Woods. Once the on stage are over, it will be time to party the night away with music by The Fógues. On Sunday, there is a family fun day at the fair green in Athboy including live music, toy tractor run and the queens football match. Sunday night the gala banquet will take place which will be followed by music by Simon Casey. Midnight Sunday the 2025 Blue Jeans Country Queen will be announced.

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Aghinagh GAA Club; Congratulations to John Paul McAuliffe, the most recent winner of the Aghinagh GAA lotto jackpot! Pictured here with members of the Lotto Committee, Noel Lehane, Richard Cotter & Anthony Hubbard

Eibhlís, The Muskerry Queen, the best of luck during the weekend. We have no doubt she will do a fantastic job to represent our club and region.

Aghinagh Macra 5k run fun/walk and Know Your Neighbour Evening

Aghinagh macra are holding their annual 5k run fun/walk and Know Your Neighbour Evening. It is taking place on Sunday 8th June 2025 in Ballinagree. Registration from 1pm in The Laine Bar with the run beginning at 2pm.

After the run there will be a BBQ from 3pm along with live music. There will also be a raffle and a children's colouring competition on the day. All funds raised on the day will be in aid of the Ballinagree Church roof fund and the sensory room for special class in McEgan College Macroom.

It's a great day for all the family. All support on the day is greatly appreciated.

For more information follow Aghinagh Macra on Facebook or Instagram or contact Eibhlís (0871691470).



Aghinagh Macra's very own Eibhlís Kelleher, who is representing the club and the Muskerry region in the festival.

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Over the weekend of May 10th–11th, 21 junior athletes from Lee Valley Rowing Club proudly represented the club at the prestigious Ghent International Regatta in Belgium. This major event offered an incredible opportunity for our young rowers to compete on an international stage against some of Europe's top rowing clubs.

Our athletes rose to the challenge with determination and skill, bringing home an impressive five podium finishes. It was a remarkable achievement and a testament to the hard work and dedication of both our rowers and coaching team.

Congratulations to all who took part—you've made Lee Valley proud!



Members of The Lee Valley Rowing Club who attended the Ghent International Regatta



Colin Creedon and Darragh O'Mahony who won gold in the Mens U19 double



Johnny Creedon and Mark Scally who won silver in the men's under 17 double.

MUINEFLIUCH NS



School Buzz: Dragons, Castles, and Crunchy Creations! It's been a whirlwind of activity at Muinefliuch this month as students got creative and adventurous in a series of fun and educational projects.

The Senior classroom was transformed into a mini boardroom as pupils took on the role of young entrepreneurs in our very own Dragons' Den. Armed with teamwork, big ideas, and plenty of enthusiasm,



the children pitched their homemade bird biscuits and dog treats to a panel of "dragons." These tasty creations – designed with care and creativity – were a hit with both the judges and our furry (and feathery) friends! Keep an eye out in all local shops. Adventure was also on the timetable with an exciting trip to Coolavokig Castle. The Middle class explored the ruins, learned about the history of the area, and even

imagined what life might have been like in medieval times. There was no dragon in this castle, but plenty of stories to inspire!

Back at school, the kitchen was busy and the air was sweet as students rolled up their sleeves to prepare yummy picnic treats. These goodies were shared during a sunny school picnic, where fun, food, and friendship were the order of the day.





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DROMLEIGH NS

Pupils from Dromleigh N.S. have participated in a wide range of activities in recent weeks. Many thanks to Kilmichael Pitch and Putt Club along with National Coach Mr Stephen Enneggess for facilitating coaching sessions with our senior pupils in recent weeks. Well done to all of our pupils for their fantastic performance in a Sciath na Scol blitz hosted in Kealkill on March 20th.

Many thanks also to our guides Ms Anne Bradley and Mr Denis Murphy for leading our parish tour through the industry, historical landmarks and variety of flora and fauna within our own locality.

Follow us on Facebook 'Dromleigh N.S Kilmichael' to keep up to date with all of our activities.



Dromleigh N.S. pupils delighted with a tour of their locality on May 15th.



Pupils from Dromleigh N.S. enjoying the facilities in Kilmichael Pitch and Putt Club recently.



Senior students from Dromleigh N.S. participated in a Sciath na Scol blitz in Kealkill on May 20th.

ST JOSEPHS NS

Congratulations to all our 2nd class pupils on receiving their First Holy Communion on the 10th May. The sun shone bright on the day. The girls and their families looked beautiful and hopefully everyone enjoyed making fun memories over the weekend.

On the 13th May the whole school had a fantastic Wellness Day. We are well used to doing lots of wellness each week as part of SPHE and our Mindful Mondays and Wellness Wednesdays have been hugely successful, but we dedicated one full day to wellness this year and hopefully this will enable us to renew our Amber Flag with Pieta.

The school was buzzing with excitement as pupils engaged in Walk and Talk, outdoor lessons, older and younger pupils working playing together, friendship

art ideas, Happy Thoughts, Wellbeing stories, extra Art and PE among others. We were also delighted that Ms. Cotter did some yoga with Junior classes on the day. The Senior pupils will look forward to working with her during Active week later in the year.

It was perfect timing during this week that we had some refresher tasting session with Food Dudes and Ms. Ivory received a Food Dudes wall plaque at an event in the Castle Hotel which we will hang up with pride. All pupils have engaged fully with this initiative over the years and it has continued in the interim with our Parents Association kindly providing fruit/veg of the month on Wellness Wednesday each month during the school year.

Míle buíochas to Ms. Ivory, Ms. Cotter, Mrs. O Mahony,

Cairde Naomh Íosaf, and our Student Council.

We are delighted to have our Ukelele teacher Eibhlín and our Crochet teacher Ann to work with Senior classes for the next few weeks. The girls thoroughly enjoy learning new skills and have improved year on year in their musical talents and their crochet creations making scarves, squares, blankets, scrunchies and purses.

On 20th May 4th, 5th and 6th classes experienced an Introduction to Orienteering in the Castle Demesne organised by the Bishopstown Orienteering Club. The girls learned loads about map-reading, identifying features on a map, working as a team and having fun outdoors. A fantastic day out in sunny Macroom.



Wellness day; Raising Amber Flag at St Josephs



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Why Reduce our Carbon Footprint when others are not doing so.

Since we have embarked on our climate project, we were asked occasionally 'Why should we when others won't' and 'Why should we when whatever we do ourselves or as a community will make no meaningful difference to world climate'. These are good questions. Here, we will try to answer them, and we are hoping to do so to the satisfaction of most.

The philosopher David Hume famously pointed out the "is-ought problem". You can't logically move from the facts of how things are, to how they should be. So, a question starting with 'why ought' (or 'why should') signals that the question relates to personal ethics or group morality. In previous times there may have been reasonable consensus on morality within communities that were cohesive enough to form countries. However, many think this is no longer the case. Many assert that within Europe 'moral relativism' is now predominant, the idea that each can follow whatever moral code that feels right for them. Moral relativism is based on the view that ethical positions are options, and such options are equally valid. This (philosophical) position may be considered useful in a secular society where there are many subcultures and religions, and where tolerance is necessary for getting on together. Wise politicians tend to avoid acting as adjudicators on moral issues. Of course, since some ethical positions differ significantly or are even contradictory, all cannot be equally valid or true - unless there is no truth, a prospect few like. We will though take our cue from the politicians. If we were to outline our moral beliefs to try to convince you to reduce your carbon footprint, we would likely be successful only in convincing those of you who already share those beliefs. So, here we will merely sketch thirteen justifications, drawing upon different philosophical, ethical, and rational perspectives. We are hoping that perhaps one of these may resonate with your sense of morality. They are in random order.

1. Enlightenment Era Rationality: Kant's Categorical Imperative

Immanuel Kant's Categorical Imperative says that one should act in such a way that you could hope that it would become a universal law. In the context of reducing carbon footprints, if you decide to do nothing, consider then what this means if everyone were to do the same. If you value a sustainable world, then it can only be rational, and therefore moral, to act in support of that goal.

2. Environmental Virtue Ethics: (Rosalind Hursthouse)

Hursthouse proposes that wonder and respect are the appropriate responses to the natural world. Her Environmental Virtue Ethics emphasises the importance of cultivating virtues such as respect for nature, humility, and responsibility. By reducing our carbon footprint, we embody these virtues, and we live a life that is more in harmony with environmental stewardship.

3. Reducing Suffering

Cross-cultural philosophies often emphasise reducing suffering as a moral duty. Whether derived from Buddhist teachings, Utilitarian principles, or other ethical frameworks, the reduction of suffering extends to our environmental actions. By mitigating climate change, we prevent harm to countless lives, both human and non-human, both now and long into the future.

4. Judaeo-Christian Stewardship

In the Judaeo-Christian tradition, God declared the world good and entrusted humans with its care.



Kilmurry Active Retirement members who attended our coffee crawl 14th May to Coolcower House, and enjoying the beautiful weather.

Reducing our carbon footprint aligns with the belief that we have a Divine obligation to protect and preserve the environment as stewards of creation. This teaching is explained in detail and justified by Pope Francis in 'Laudato Si', his influential 2015 encyclical.

5. Ecological Interdependence

Ecology demonstrates that each living thing depends on many others in a complex web of relationships. Human-induced climate change disrupts these relationships with potentially catastrophic consequences. By reducing our carbon footprint, we help maintain the balance of these interdependencies.

6. Self-Interest and Cooperation: (David Gauthier)

Gauthier's view on self-interest suggests that cooperating for mutual benefit is rational. We can cooperate with others who are acting to our mutual benefit or seek to cooperate with others who are not yet acting. Even if many others are not acting, by reducing our own carbon footprint, we set an example that can influence others, fostering a collective effort towards sustainability, and it encourages our politicians to take necessary decisions.

7. Tragedy of the Commons: (Garrett Hardin)

The "Tragedy of the Commons" refers to the observation that a resource held in common may be destroyed as it is the individual's or a group's interest to maximise their use and so overuse it, while it is in the common interest not to do so. The capacity of the atmosphere to accommodate the release of warming gases is limited, while protecting this common resource is necessary for all life. Collective action is required to manage this common resource sustainably and prevent global warming. This means each of us has the responsibility to do our part.

8. Democratic Social Contract, Freedom, and Moral Obligations

Democracy is built on a social contract. We get benefits such as freedoms, security and defence, and we give up other freedoms and accept obligations to act in ways that benefit our society. Since the reduction of our carbon footprints supports the viability and ecological well-being of our country and so the common good, we have an obligation to do our part. If we do not accept our obligations, we are then no longer engaged in a shared enterprise, we are just engaged in self-centred pursuits. We also have obligations to citizens of other countries to whom commitments have been made on our behalf. Our obligations are ours regardless of whether others fulfil theirs.

9. The Precautionary Principle

The precautionary principle advises that where knowledge is insufficient and consequences are potentially severe, we should err on the side of caution. Given the substantial risks associated with global warming, this principle suggests proactive efforts to reduce carbon emissions.

10. Scientific Consensus on Global Warming

Empirical science has demonstrated that global

warming is real and largely caused by human actions. The overwhelming consensus among climate scientists underscores the urgency for individual and collective efforts to reduce global warming gasses.

11. Energy security and Resilience

In a world of increasing nationalism and protectionism, we cannot reliably depend on continuing to receive most of our energy from abroad. We have very limited fossil fuel energy reserves. To become more self-reliant, we need to develop our own renewable energy resources.

12. It's not a problem; it's our opportunity!

Replacing dirty energy with clean, will bring great benefits. We will be healthier. We won't be breathing particulates into our lungs; causing sickness and death in urban environments, and particularly in large cities where most of the poor of the world must live.

13. We love our children and grandchildren

Many of us have hoped and worked to make the world better for our descendants and theirs. It is what really matters to us in the end. It is more logical to spend some resources to reduce global warming now when it is most effective, than to save for our children to spend it when it will be less effective. Allowing a more hostile environment, and the political strife for resources that will arise, (or may already have arisen), would not be consistent with making the world a better place for them. It may require commitment and team effort, but if we really want to make life better for our descendants, we will not let that stop us. We still have the opportunity of making the future much better for them than otherwise will be the case.

In other news we had our 10th Anniversary celebration on the 16th of May in the Lee Valley Golf and Country Club. We had a great night with the great food, the music, singing and dancing. Time flies the older we get so in what will feel like a few years we will have our 20th. Might as well put in your calendar now! In the meantime, our annual summer tour is on Friday 29th May. We are off on a bus, will then trade it for a boat, and recover the bus so we can get that meal on our merry way home.

Many of our activities are finishing up for the summer break, some have done so. The 'Fit for the future' will finish on the 16th of June. Aqua Aerobics is ongoing Wednesdays at 10am, and two sessions of Zumba remains. We will be running activator poles training sessions on Tuesdays throughout July. We will have a few trips over the summer, part of our climate project, and will include the coffee too.

Our association is open to all. If you are interested in joining us, or any of the several active retirement associations in the Lee valley, or setting up a new one, we can give you the information you need. Contact Aidan at 0894057676 or aidanpbarry@outlook.com.



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Rally the Globe Visit

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Day Out

The parish active retirement group visited Future Forests garden centre near Kealkill, Bantry, last week and all agreed that it was a wonderful trip out. They were shown the technique of filling window boxes properly and how best to set up hanging baskets for the summer. The demonstrator very generously shared hints and tips that the professionals use. Next they went on a guided tour of the garden centre and were surprised at the huge range of plants that the centre stocks. The guide was most helpful in answering questions from the group. Next came a visit to the



Pupils from Inchigeela NS who received their First Holy Communion recently.

centres cafe where they enjoyed the lovely cakes, tarts, teas and coffees provided. The cafe is open from Thursday to Sunday. The members are very grateful to the garden centre and its staff and the organisers of the trip.

The GAA Pitch

The game between Iveleary and Newmarket in the McCarthy Insurance League ended in a draw. The game was a good sporting one with some good play and fitness and skill exhibited from both sides in equal measure.

Tidy Towns Litter challenge

The second adjudication results are out and again Inchigeela was denied the full marks but gained a respectable 99%. Well done to the litter pickers who go out every day and to the residents who help by cleaning their nearby streets and footpaths. The group members have again appealed to whoever has removed a picnic table from the Island park, to please return it.

Inchigeela Hall

Sunday social dancing continues on June 8th with music by Colin Harney, 3pm to 5.30pm €10 only and

refreshments served. Bingo every Friday night with Snowballs and Jackpots. Cards on Sunday nights as usual.

Hospice Hike

A hike will be held in Inchigeela, in memory of the late Margaret Creedon, on this Saturday, May 31st, meeting at Neds Shed at 1.30 pm. 3 choices of walks: a 2 and a half hike up Douce, a less demanding walk along the Direen Loop (1 and a half hours) and final choice, a stroll around the Ceim Daunt Loop of about 50 minutes. Meeting at 6pm in Ned's Shed for refreshments, entertainment and a raffle. All proceeds to Marymount Hospice. Also, the Bingo raffle proceeds on Friday night will also be donated towards this good cause. Please support.

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Is trua go bhfuil toitiní á chaitheamh ar na casáin agus ar an mbóthar i mbéal Átha. Caillfear marcanna ins an Litter challenge atá ar siúl faoi láthair. Allowing dogs to foul the streets is another mark of disrespect to the village and the people who volunteer to keep it clean for everybody. The law has severe penalties for such offenses.



One of the beautiful cars as it roared through Uibh Laoire in the May sunshine

CLONDROHID NEWS

MOVEMENT OF CONTINUOUS PRAYER FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE: The next 24 hours is Tues May 27 to Wednesday May 28

LOUGH DERG PILGRIMAGE: Leaves Cork Friday June 6 at 9am for 4 days. Phone Paddy at 0214502572 for more info.

ANNUAL OPEN AIR MASS at Carraig a Staighre Famine Graveyard on Monday June 9 at 7.30pm

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION: This will take place on Sunday June 22 immediately after 9.30 Mass in Clondrohid

SCHOOL MASS: In the School Hall on Wednesday June 25 at 9.30am

ANNUAL CURRA GROTTA ROSARY: This will take place on Sunday June 29 at 7pm

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 June 9 They would love to see you there.

CLONDROHID COMMUNITY HALL: Please take note, the Social Dancing planned for the Community Hall on the 3rd Friday night of the month has been cancelled due to lack of support. Thanks to all who supported over the last 2 months, and to the great musicians

CLONDROHID DEVELOPMENT GROUP: The fine weather, as they say brings out the best in people, and that could be said about this Group as they gathered in the village for clean ups. The next clean up is Wednesday June 4 about 7.30pm Please come and join us, a big welcome to those who joined the group to help over the last few weeks. Your help and

input is much appreciated. Tidy Towns judging is only around the corner. Thanks a mil to our CE worker, James who has been working throughout the village, a great asset

CLONDROHID PARISH ACTIVE RETIRED: A great night was had by all who came along and supported our Scoraiocht last Friday night in Community Hall. Thanks to all who performed, a special word of thanks to the teenagers, who came along to play and dance for us. Thanks to Jackie and his performers who always support us. Thanks to those who travelled over the border to be with us. Amazing talent all night. Thanks to all our own members who worked hard preparing the Hall and serving the refreshments. Thanks to the young people who helped out in kitchen on the night. All blended well together. Thanks to Peter for his MC duties and keeping the microphones in order, and to the Hall Committee for use of hall. Thanks to IRD and Healy's Spar. Thank you for your donations to Droichidin ASD Classrooms, and our own Active Retired.

Please take note Jackie's Scoraiocht is held the last Wed night of every month in the Laine Bar Ballinagree. They would love to see you there.

BLOOD TRANSFUSION CLINIC: They will be in the Community Hall on Monday June 9 and Tues June 10, from 3 pm. approx onwards Ring 1800731137 to book or for more info

LOTTO RESULTS: May 21 Jackpot €1,400. €70 Anne Shine Canovee, €20 Jerome McCarthy Carriganima, Eve Lyons Clondrohid Village, Catherine Cotter Kilvoultra, CJ Lynch Caherbirrane.



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Clondrohid u 14 footballer Rory O'Shea who played in goals for Mid Cork V North Kerry at MTU

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Phyll's preschool Bealnamorrive class of 2025 with educators Sandra O Mahony & Rowena Fisher and camera shy! 'Fae' the Irish wolf hound. Pic. Peter Scanlan



Luke O'Brien on winning Silver and Bronze in the Rathpeacon Taekwondo Championships in Neptune Stadium recently

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OUTING TO BALLINGEARY'S VIRTUAL MUSEUM AND TO THE OLD GRAVEYARD, INCHIGEELA 11TH May 2025

By Con Kelleher.

Macroom History Group undertook its first field trip for 2025. The outing first went to Ballingeary and then to Inchigeela Old Graveyard. Talks at both places revealed the rich history of the area and showed that with interest and respect, the past can be entertaining and informative.

Tim Twomey and Heidi were our hosts in Ballingeary. Though born and reared in England, Tim's father was from Ballingeary and Tim has retired there. His retirement is not idle and he and his colleagues have restored An Sógán, the original Cólaiste na Mumhan which began in 1904. It was the first Irish Residential College and played an historic and significant in the Irish Revival mediated through Conradh na Gaeilge/The Gaelic League the GAA and other organisations. Conradh na Gaeilge/The Gaelic League became the intellectual powerhouse of the Irish Revolutions and people such as Patrick Pearse, Piaras Beasley, Cathal Brugha, Terence MacSwiney, Tomas Mac Curtain, De Valera and Richard Mulcahy were leading figures and all were closely connected to Ballingeary. Indeed Pearse is quoted as saying that the Irish he heard in Ballingeary was the purist he had heard. The Coláiste also attracted linguistic scholars because of Irish's

antiquity and its state of neglect and decreasing use. Tim and Heidi explained the historical background, the research and their efforts to preserve that knowledge and present it in an attractive fashion. The size of the building is limited and so the idea of making a museum of ideas and memories was use. There will be few traditional artefacts on display. In this regard the kitchen will be similar to Siobhán an tSagart's kitchen, a beautiful Irish speaker around the turn of the 20th century and who taught many of the Irish Leaguers their Irish. The museum has some beautiful photos and they have made great use of modern technology to tell the story. The group was happy to hear that Sean Ó Cuiv (born John O'Keefe) and from New Street, who became a journalist and editor, and a noted linguist was one of the Coláiste founders. Pat O'Connell recalled teaching in the newer Coláiste and his stories were amusing and informative.

The next stop was Inchigeela's Old Cemetery and the inimitable Joe Creedon was the guide. The main strand of Joe's talk was on the O'Leary Clan and how they came to Inchigeela, and their subsequent fortunes. The O'Leary's were a branch of the O'Driscoll Clan, West Cork - Baltimore more precisely. Changes in weather and fortunes forced their move inland and

away from the sea. Joe explained the fortunes of some O'Learys and they travelled far and wide, leaving their mark in the Caribbean, South America and Australia. In his inimitable style, Joe related his stories with deep knowledge and the gifts of the seanachai. Very interesting snippets were about Máire Bui Ní Laoire, Cath Céim an Fhia and its background, the story of Art Ó Laoire and the Caoineadh and the escape of IRA activists during The War of Independence. Also buried in the grave were the remains of Auxiliary Cecil Guthrie, who was in the party ambushed in Kilmichael in November 1920. Guthrie escaped from the ambush but was apprehended, shot and temporarily buried before his interment in Inchigeela. His original family was not willing to defray the cost of repatriation. At the time of the ambush, Guthrie's wife was pregnant and in Macroom. Some months later, she posted a newspaper notice that she had had a baby girl and that she hoped that Cecil would return. Alas, that never happened. Joe was involved in getting descendants of both sides to meet in a spirit of reconciliation, a fact that he was very happy about. Both talks were delivered with elegance, knowledge, insight and compassion. History is important and it can be fascinating and entertaining.



MHG's field trip. Con Kelleher.



MHG in Ballingeary Virtual Museum, 11 May 2025

Tales of my Father

By PO'C

My father Denis Corkery was a low-sized stout jolly man who loved the land, his family and his neighbourhood. Affectionately known as Den, he was born on Monday 20th April 1903 and he had two older sisters Mary Ann and Johanna plus a younger brother John and a younger sister Ellie. Living in the townland of Barathanaknuck at the west end of Clondrohid parish in the Muskerry Gaeltacht, both of his parents were native Irish speakers but the next generation did not embrace the language.

Growing up at a time when Irish Nationalism was on the rise but English Rule was still dominant he rarely mentioned those days except to express his fear of the Black and Tans who made frequent raids around the area in their Crossley Tenders.

Like most of his peers his life was spent on the land which entailed lots of manual labour and the horse was most valuable for all types of farm work. With his two trusty animals the Foxy horse and the black horse called Rock he ploughed the stubbles and reaped the fields of corn. Saving the hay entailed working with the Mowing Machine, the Hay Rake and the Tumbling Paddy all horse drawn implements.



Denis Corkery (on the right) enjoying a Fireside chat with his close friend John Lynch.

The custom of smoking cigarettes was ever present and he liked his Woodbines and Sweet Aftons. He enjoyed a glass of stout and always kept a good bottle of poteen which he shared annually with his cousins Jeremiah and Fr Con Lehane from Dromcummer Banteer.


He married my mother Elizabeth O'Callaghan from Gortnagishaugh Carriganima and they shared three

kids my older brother Tom, my younger sister Eileen and of course myself. Tom joined him on the farm from an early age and he coined the phrase "Tom is a great boy but Paddy is no account". Being part of the Gaeltacht our district was rich in gaelic culture and traditions producing many poets, clergymen and scholars. It also had its own open air dance platform plus regular house dances and musical sessions following the Stations, Treshings and other social occasions. While my father had a lovely singing voice he was proficient at storytelling and enjoyed the regular Scoraiochts with his fond friends at the homes of Johnny Lynch and John Twomey.

Each year as harvest time approached his theory was "When you see the first stack of corn it's time to be recalling your songs and stories" Having heard his stories many times I now regret I did not take note of them.

My own favourite memories of my father go back a long way, walking behind him as he ploughed the fields in my pre-school days aged four or five years and making the short trip on foot with him as he visited his close neighbour Johnny Lynch in the early 1950's. Further on we made the longer journeys as

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he cycled and I ran alongside up the Cahereen road to visit Johnny Twomey and many more friends. The outstanding memory is cycling home, from our close relatives, the Dineen family Peake Coachford at Christmas time around 1960. We dropped into "Mary Ellen" at her licensed premises at Bealnamorvive and stayed longer than expected. To cap it all there was heavy snow as we cycled home ever so slowly to Baratanaknuck. It certainly was Cuiart thar an Mhean Oiche.

While he took little interest in sport he admired the Kilnamartyra Seven a Side Football team and described their passing combination game when they defeated Our Lady's Hospital at the Inch "as the damndest tipping anymore".

The outings from the farm were both social and work related with daily trips in the horse and cart with

churns of milk to the creamery and weekly family journeys in the horse and trap to Sunday Mass. The cattle were walked on foot to Macroom Fair and oft times walked home again if demand was low. With his great friend Con Walsh and other neighbours they made the annual trip to Puck Fair in Killorgan. Other annual events included Macroom Show, the Whitsun at Ballyvourney and of course the trip to Ballyvourney on the 11th February each year which was the Feast of St Abby to perform the rounds. Growing up we had a free day from school on that date and no unnecessary work was done on the land as apparently his father had started to transport some farm manure to fertilize on the 11th February but the Butt capsized.

In keeping with his generation he was a man of deep religious faith and traditions. When referring to the deceased in his many tales he always expressed the

wish "May God give them a bed in Heaven tonight" and of course the family Rosary was recited at bedtime each evening. All household and farm bills had to be paid promptly and he often quoted the phrase "Short accounts make very long friends". In his 73rd year, with failing health, my father passed away on Saturday morning 31st May 1975 - some fifty years ago. While the weather was glorious at the time a few gentle drops of rain fell on the coffin as it was taken from the house. (Blessed is the Corpse that the Rain falls on).

The coffin was shouldered by family members, relatives and friends beyond the boundary fence to continue an ancient tradition.

Ar Dheis De Go Raibh a Anam Dilis.

HENRY O'MAHONY'S ESCAPE FROM SPIKE ISLAND IN 1921

By Niamh Lehane, 2nd Year student, St. Mary's Secondary School

This history Classroom Based Assessment (CBA) is based on my great-grandfather's first cousin, Henry O' Mahony.

Spike Island is a tiny island at the entrance to Cork Harbour, near Haulbowline, and situated between Cobh, Ringaskiddy and Corkbeg. Because of its strategic location it was of economic and military significance. Since it was first fortified in 1779, it was used as a military barracks and a prison. It served as a jail from 1847 during the Great Irish Famine, becoming an Irish 'Alcatraz'. It was still in use as a prison during the Irish War of Independence (1919-21) and was from where Henry O'Mahony escaped in 1921.

Henry O'Mahony was born in Passage West in 1895 and went to the local National School until the age of 15. He then started working in Haulbowline Dockyard as an apprentice fitter.

The Irish Volunteers set up the Passage West Company in 1914 and Henry joined it at 19.

The Passage West Company later joined other local companies to create the Cork 9th Battalion, with Henry O' Mahony as Vice-Commandant and Adjutant.

In 1919 the Passage West Company was responsible for raiding ships coming into Cobh, seizing rockets, wireless equipment and arms. In January 1921 Henry was still on the run and took part in an attack on a local Royal Irish Constabulary barracks. The attack was unsuccessful as an on-duty R.I.C man saw them and shut the door in their faces.

Henry was arrested on February 8th in Monkstown on his way to a battalion meeting. When asked his name, he replied Jordan. This alias lasted only three days, and



two days after this he was transferred to Cork Military Barracks. A week later he was moved to Spike Island and treated as an internee - this meant he had more privileges than the convicted prisoners, such as being able to play hurling.

The escape was carefully plotted by Henry O'Mahony, Richard (Dick) Barrett, Tom Crofts, Jack Eddy, Patrick Buckley, William (Bill) Quirke and Maurice (Moss) Twomey. They meticulously planned the escape, recording tides, patrols, searchlights and watchguards. They had heard of an abandoned boat by the dock.

They complained to the British that the sally port, which was a tunnel under the buildings leading to the moats, was full of rubbish. They got permission to clean it and slowly started removing bricks at the back so they could get into the moat.

They had also pulled up the joists of the floor to build a timber ladder.

At 5 p.m. on a wet and windy night on the 10th of

November 1921 they set the plan in action. First the escapees went through the sally port, just before the searchlights turned on as planned and the wind covered any noise. They then crossed the moat and climbed the wall with the use of the handmade ladder. The boat they had heard about was beached and too heavy to move into the water. They made their way to the pier and found one boat that was not chained. Jack Eddy, (19) swam out to it in extremely cold water and found that it was anchored with a rope. He swam back and got a pocket knife, he began cutting the rope but he couldn't hold the knife in his frozen hands and he dropped it. He cut the remaining strands with his teeth.

Helped by Henry O' Mahony's local knowledge they reached Cobh at about 10 p.m. They were safe now as the truce prevented them from being re-captured.

Henry went on to take the Anti-Treaty side in the Civil War and following an application received a military pension for his contribution to the fight for Irish Independence.

Little is known of Henry's life after the 1920s. Perhaps like many, and because of ongoing tensions in Ireland, he kept silent and spoke little of his war experiences.

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Henry O'Mahony- back row, 3rd from left. Also included is Dick Barrett, the Republican and anti-Treatyite leader. (The photo was taken in Tintown Internment camp, The Curragh). Photo supplied by Ms Niamh. Lehane.



Map of Spike Island circa 1920 (supplied by Ms Niamh Lehane)

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Coachford Premier team, captain Steven Murray raises the AOH Cup aloft surrounded by his teammates.



Mark Murphy with his Man of the Match award for his excellent performance and hat trick of goals in the AOH Cup Final

The Coachford Premier side have over the last two weeks lifted the Munster Junior Cup, the Cork AUL Premier league title and the AOH Cup. This amazing and very talented side have swept the boards of Cork and Munster soccer this season and there may be more to come as the team will play the final of the Mossie Linnane Cup this Sunday in Turners Cross at 5pm.

The team manager, Donal Moynihan has built a squad of players that are almost unbeatable. The vast majority of the team have been playing with Coachford since they were under 10s and have risen through the grades and age groups to mature into a fantastic footballing unit. Donal has also surrounded himself with an excellent and knowledgeable backroom team from within Coachford AFC.

For their league title the team played 14 games and won every single one of them. In fact the team have just lost once since August and that was in a game where they were reduced to 10 men having lost their goalkeeper and captain, Steven 'Chippy' Murray to a very harsh red card.

Coachford defeated Limerick side Pike Rovers 4-0 in the Munster Junior Cup Final and went on to beat Castleview 8-1 in the AOH Cup final.

"We are immensely proud of everyone involved in this team, the players, the coaches and the manager. We are extremely thankful for the huge effort they have all put in over this lengthy season which began last July. It



Coachford AFC U13 team with their league trophy.

is very rare for a group of players like this to come along and play and develop as these lads have. Added to this they are a pleasure to deal with and it is very satisfying to see how they support each other and encourage the younger lads coming on to the team. On behalf of the club I would also like to thank all our sponsors, especially O' Callaghan's Bar for their generosity. Our supporters are the very best and I would like to thank them for following us up and down the country and encouraging the lads on when things were tight and games hung in the balance. Your support is never taken for granted' said Liam Casey, Chairperson.

Coachford U13s win the league title.

The Coachford Under 13s lifted the league title last week. The lads travelled to Bandon for their last game of the 14 match league and were presented with the trophy after another win. In fact the U13s, like the club's Premier team, have won all their league games and finished on the maximum 42 points. Well done to the players, their parents and the coaches who have put so much time and commitment into moulding this terrific bunch of young players into a fine soccer team.

MACROOM FC ASTRO PITCH AND COMMUNITY WALKWAY UPDATE

We are delighted to confirm our long awaited astro project is about to start. Construction will take place throughout the summer with a planned completion date in Sep/Oct 2025.

A huge amount of work has gone in to date to get the project to this stage. We have a dedicated Astro committee who have been working away for almost 4 years. Planning permission, sports capital grant application, tendering process are just a few of the many important tasks completed to date. There has

been great support from the club executive committee and from club members and volunteers. We would also like to sincerely thank the local public and business community for sponsoring and supporting our project to date. Further fundraising events are being planned over the coming months. Options to sponsor can be found on www.macroomfc.ie or by contacting any committee member.

This facility will be a fantastic addition to the sporting infrastructure of Macroom and the Lee Valley area. It

will also enhance walking routes in Macroom as the community walkway will go right around the astro and the academy pitch and we look forward to welcoming the walking public to Murrayfield.

Please keep in touch with our Instagram/Facebook pages, LVO and other local publications for updated information on the progress of the build throughout the summer.

MUNSTER GAA CHAMPIONSHIPS 2025

Senior Hurling

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 0-22 Limerick 0-28, Clare 2-21 Tipperary 4-18

Limerick 3-26 Cork 1-16, Tipp 1-30 Waterford 1-21

May 25th: Cork 3 v Waterford 2; Limerick 5 v Clare 1, Tipperary 5

Saturday June 7th: Munster Hurling Final 6pm

Limerick 3-26 Cork 1-16

Munster SHC: Relentless Limerick overpower Cork

A stunning Limerick display saw them trounce Cork, in what may go down as one of the best performances from John Kiely's men. It is also a result that sees All Ireland holders Clare out of the Championship.

Limerick will advance, alongside Tipperary from the Munster Championship, knowing a positive result next week could book their spot in a seventh Munster final on the trot.

The 16 point margin of victory mirrors the same margin from the 2022 All Ireland final.

The Shannonsiders were simply sensational in the

opening half, playing in front of a boisterous home following at a sold out TUS Gaelic Grounds, which saw 42,477 through the turnstiles. This victory was thanks to stunning passing, accurate shooting and a superb work ethic that has defined this great Limerick team. Cork, struggled to reach the level they had against Clare and Tipperary, with the movement of the Limerick forwards causing them unprecedented problems.

After suffering two defeats to Pat Ryan's men last year, Limerick looked motivated and determined to reclaim the bragging rights against their neighbours.

Aaron Gillane rattled the net inside three minutes, turning the Cork cover in the corner, bouncing the ball off the ground before blasting past Patrick Collins. This added to two quick-fire Tom Morrissey points, to open up an early five point lead. Cork, through Patrick Horgan (free) and then Mark Coleman got settled but they soon lost Declan Dalton to injury.

By the 15 minute mark, Limerick continued to lead, now by six as Gillane and Morrissey were joined on the scoresheet by Adam English.

Cork were struggling and a Brian Hayes point was needed, but another burst from Limerick saw them hit five of the next six points. Patrick Horgan was denied a green flag by Nickie Quaid on 24 minutes.

Cian Lynch's fingerprints were all over plenty of Treaty, including an assist for English, who raced beyond the cover and bounced the ball into the net.

The captain, from Patrickswell, slotted a point on the next play, despite not looking towards the posts – to the glee of the Limerick support.

By half-time, a total dominance from the hosts saw them clear by a staggering 15 points – 2-18 to 0-9. Brian Roche's late point had cut the gap, but it wasn't enough after Gearóid Hegarty, Morrissey and then Diarmaid Byrnes all had their radar working.

The first six points of the second half were shared equally, before Patrick Horgan's three frees and a point from Seamus Harnedy brought the margin back to 11. Cathal O'Neill and Gillane steadying things for Limerick. There was faint hope when Patrick Horgan buried a 20 meter free, however, Eoin Downey was judged to have felled Gillane who belted home his second goal, this time from a penalty. Peter Casey's stoppage time point ensured Limerick would be second half winners, by a point.

Limerick host Clare next Sunday, while at the same time, Waterford are the visitors to SuperValu Páirc Uí Chaoimh. Cork know that a draw will be enough to see them advance in third place, a win could set up a Munster final meeting with Limerick.

Scorers for Limerick: Aaron Gillane 1-7 (6fs), Tom Morrissey 0-5, Adam English 1-2, Gearoid Hegarty 0-3, Cathal O'Neill, Peter Casey 0-2, Shane O'Brien, Mike Casey, Cian Lynch, David Reidy, Diarmaid Byrnes 0-1 each.

Scorers for Cork: Patrick Horgan 1-9 (8fs), Seamus Harnedy 0-2, Mark Coleman, Rob Downey, Brian Hayes, Shane Barrett, Brian Roche 0-1 each.

Limerick: Nickie Quaid; Seán Finn, Dan Morrissey, Mike Casey; Diarmaid Byrnes, Kyle Hayes, Barry Nash; Adam English, William O'Donoghue; Gearóid Hegarty, Cian Lynch, Tom Morrissey; Aaron Gillane, Shane O'Brien, David Reidy.

Subs: Darragh O'Donovan for O'Donoghue (37 – 39 blood); Seamus Flanagan for O'Brien (51); Cathal O'Neill for Tom Morrissey (51); Peter Casey for Reidy (59); Colin Coughlan for M Casey (67); Aidan O'Connor for Byrnes (68); Barry Murphy for D Morrissey (head inj – 73).

Cork: Patrick Collins; Niall O'Leary, Eoin Downey, Seán O'Donoghue (Innisearra); Ciarán Joyce, Robert Downey, Mark Coleman (Blarney); Tim O'Mahony, Ethan Twomey; Declan Dalton, Darragh Fitzgibbon, Shane Barrett (Blarney); Patrick Horgan, Alan Connolly, Brian Hayes. Subs: Brian Roche for Dalton (inj) 7; Cormac O'Brien for R Downey, Seamus Harnedy for E Twomey (both h-t); Damien Cahalane for O'Leary (inj) 55; Robbie O'Flynn for Connolly 65. Referee: Liam Gordon (Galway).

Report By Tom Clancy at TUS Gaelic Grounds for GAA.ie

Senior Football

Munster Football Final: Kerry 4-20 Clare 0-21

2025 All-Ireland SFC Groups

Group 1: Donegal, Mayo, Tyrone, Cavan

Group 2: Kerry 2, Meath, 2Roscommon 0, CORK 0

Group 3: Louth, Clare, Monaghan, Down

Group 4: Galway 0, Armagh, Dublin 2, Derry

Fixtures: Cork v Kerry, Saturday May 31st in Cork; Roscommon v Cork, Sat June 14th, neutral venue.

Meath 1-13 Cork 0-12

Cork senior footballers have had a dreadful start to the All Ireland qualifiers, as they lost out to Meath at Páirc Tailteann in Navan. Cork are hosts to Kerry next and then play Roscommon at a neutral venue. Three teams qualify out of four in the group, but the Leesiders will have a difficult task now in rescuing their season by making the knock out stages.

Weather conditions were difficult, Cork facing the strong wind in the first half but only a goal separated the teams at half time, 1-5 to 0-5 in favour of Meath. Cork looked to be getting on top in the second half and drew level, 1-5 to 0-8, but could not sustain the effort and Meath hit back and carried the game to the visitors to the finish.

After 13 minutes, the game then burst into life with two brilliant goal chances in the space of a minute. Chris Óg Jones set up Cathail O'Mahony for the Rebels, but his effort was saved smartly by Meath goalkeeper and Meath went down the other end only for Cork keeper Micheál Aodh Martin to make a fantastic reflex save to deny James Conlon, the 45 yielding a point, 0-1 each after 15 minutes. The sides traded efforts before another Cronin free and two Chris Óg Jones efforts put Cork three points clear, 0-5 to 0-2. Meath then found their range with 1-2 without reply, 1-4 to 0-5 after 31 minutes and Meath a goal clear at half time..

Cork started the second half well and when Colm O'Callaghan landed a two-pointer it was 0-8 to 1-5 after 38 minutes.

Meath went back in front before Chris Óg Jones' effort from an acute angle came back off the post. Meath were getting an upper hand in the midfield area as they landed four unanswered points to lead 1-10 to 0-8 after 50 minutes.

Cork's first score in 17 minutes from sub Ruairí Deane was followed by a Cronin two-pointer and a Chris Óg 1-10 to 0-12 with 13 minutes left.

Meath extended the lead out to four points and Cork could not make a rally.

Scorers for Cork: M Cronin (0-2 f, 1 2pt), C Óg Jones 0-4 each, C O'Callaghan 0-2 (1 2pt), M Taylor, R Deane 0-1 each.

Cork: M A Martin; S Meehan, D O'Mahony (c), M Shanley; S Powter, B O'Driscoll, M Taylor; I Maguire, Colm O'Callaghan (Éire Óg); P Walsh, E McSweeney, S McDonnell; M Cronin, C O'Mahony, Chris Óg Jones (Uibh Laoire). Subs: R Deane for S Powter, R Maguire for E McSweeney (both 50), E O'Hanlon for C O'Mahony (56), C Cahalane for P Walsh (62), Luke Fahy (Ballinacollig) for M Taylor (64), H O'Connor for M Cronin (68) and Patrick Doyle, Knocknagree, Briain Murphy, Nemo Rangers, Neil Lordan, Ballinora, Darragh Cashman, Millstreet, Seán Walsh, Mitchelstown

ONEills.com Munster U20 Hurling Championship:

Final: Tipperary 3-19 Clare 1-20

Electric Ireland Munster Minor Hurling:

Final: Cork 1-20 Waterford 2-15

A late Craig O'Sullivan free sealed Cork's 35th Munster Minor Hurling title in the Semple Stadium sunshine. In a grandstand finish, the Rebels held off a Cormac Spain led comeback from Waterford.

The young men in red led by five points after 62 minutes, but a never say die Déise nearly forced extra time. Top scorer Cormac Spain hopped the ball into

the net but Cork sub Sam Ring hit back straight away with a green flag at the other end.

On 66 minutes, Spain found the bottom corner from a close range free. Wing backs Michael T Brosnan and Colm Garde played starring roles for Fergal McCormack's charges. Midfielder Tom A Walsh clipped three points from play in the first half.

In fabulous Friday evening sunshine, Ruairc Donovan got Cork off the mark. Cormac Spain raised a white flag, Tom A Walsh edged the Rebels back in front.

Waterford lost four puckouts in a row and Cork capitalised with points from Eoghan O'Shea and Cormac Deane (0-4 to 0-1). Waterford levelled it at four points apiece, the dangerous Deane regained the lead for Cork. Craig O'Sullivan, Seán Coughlan and Tom A Walsh made it 10-4 to the young men in red. Four minutes before the break, Cork had another let off as full back Denis Fitzgerald blocked a goal bound effort from Spain. The Ballygunner man was on an advantage however and slotted the free. Eoghan O'Shea's second point left Cork 11-6 up at the break.

Half time sub Ryan Dineen made an instant impact with two points in the space of five minutes. O'Shea rattled the metalwork before Donovan drove over a point off the rebound (0-15 to 0-7). The game was stopped for six minutes as Callum Coffey received treatment. The Cork full forward was stretchered off the field. When play resumed, Waterford got the gap down to four with Spain, Josh Zeljkovic, Shane Power all on target.

Craig O'Sullivan stepped up in the second half for Cork with three from play and three frees. Even though Jamie Shanahan hit the crossbar, they led two minutes into added time. That Spain double blast caused a late stir.

Scorers for Cork: Craig O'Sullivan 0-8 (3fs), Sam Ring 1-0, Tom A Walsh 0-3, Ruairc Donovan, Cormac Deane, Eoghan O'Shea, Ryan Dineen 0-2 each, Seán Coughlan 0-1.

Cork: Tom C Walsh; Darragh Heavin, Denis Fitzgerald, Cian Lawton; Michael T Brosnan, Bobby Carroll, Colm Garde; Tom A Walsh, Jack Counihan; Ruairc Donovan, Cormac Deane, Craig O'Sullivan; Sean Coughlan, Callum Coffey, Eoghan O'Shea.

Subs: Ryan Dineen for Counihan (HT), Sam Ring for Coffey (41), Charlie Hanratty for O'Shea (51), Darragh Winters for Coughlan (63).

By Tomás McCarthy at FBD Semple Stadium

Munster U20 Football

Cork 1-10 Kerry 2-15

All Ireland semi final: Tyrone 2-14 Kerry 0-14

Munster Minor Football

Final: Kerry: 0-18 Cork: 0-9

Cork minor footballers were beaten by a better Kerry team in the Electric Ireland Munster MFC final at Austin Stack Park in Tralee but it was not a rout. Cork were competitive and combative throughout the encounter, but Kerry just had too much quality as well as superior physique. Therein lies the problem for Cork, not lack of a pool of players to draw from, not lack of spirit, but lack of skill, particularly the ability to score from good opportunities. Cork did very well in the first half when wind assisted but kicked away several gilt edged opportunities of points and two good goal scoring opportunities were messed up. One won't survive in a Munster Final with this level of waste against good, confident, cocky opponents. Cork had wind advantage in the opening 30 minutes, trailed by four points at the interval, but they had plenty of chances that they will have regrets about missing.

Kerry contained The Rebels competently in the second half, Cork continued to waste chances, and Kerry added points here and there to drift out of range. Cork

have now lost to Kerry for a 12th time in succession in all grades.

Popular Cork coach Keith Ricken stressed the positives before and after the game. "This Munster final is a preparation game for the All Ireland quarter final. I am not playing down this match against Kerry, you're going to try to win all of the games, of course you are. But, the most important thing is that you're picking up stuff, learning and improving that you're bringing into the next game. "Every time we get off the bus, we're one type of individual and when we get back on to the bus, we should be wiser, we should be more experienced and we should have learnt some stuff from the game."

"For me, this Munster final is not the be-all and end-all. It's a long-term picture. Having said that, every time we go out, we go out to try to win".

Cork were aided by a relatively strong wind in the first half, but it was Kerry who settled the better with two points inside the first two minutes. The Rebels soon got into their stride with Eoin Maguire converting a free and a Ben Corkery-Delaney effort.

Kerry went ahead from an easy free but the game was quickly level once more when Samuel Kelleher-Leavy did great work to set up Tom Whooley for a white flag, 0-3 each after the first quarter. Kerry had two unanswered points while for Ricken's team, wayward shooting and the final pass was lacking. Cork then spurned two goal chances in the space of 20 seconds after 23 minutes. The sides traded points as Kerry led 0-6 to 0-4 and they finished the half well though with two points without reply and could have also got a goal, but a superb block by Cork defender Eoin Looney denied them, 0-8 to 0-4 at half-time.

Kerry had wind advantage for the second half and went six clear.

Cork battled on and had the gap back to 0-11 to 0-7 just after the three quarter mark but Kerry led 0-16 to 0-7 with nine minutes left, Cork were reduced to 14 players, rather harsh referee's decision one felt, but did kick two of the last four points. Both teams now qualify for the All-Ireland quarter-finals, Cork to face the Ulster champions.

Scorers for Kerry: K Griffin 0-8 (1 2pt, 1 2pt f, 0-1 f), B Kelliher (0-2 f), G White (0-3 f) 0-3 each, T O'Connell 0-2, D Murphy, M O'Carroll 0-1 each.

Cork: E Maguire 0-4 (0-2 f), B Corkery-Delaney 0-3 (0-1 f), E G O'Sullivan, T Whooley 0-1 each.

Cork: Rory Twohig (Kilmeen); Ben Coffey (Clonakilty), Aaron Keane (Kinsale), Mathew Kiernan (Carrigaline); Eoin Looney (Lyre), Cathal McCarthy (St Colum's, c), Brian Cronin (Ballincollig); Sam Kelleher-Leavy (Macroom), Ronan Hayes (Carbery Rangers); Tom Whooley (Clonakilty), Donagh Flynn (Argideen Rangers), Niall O'Callaghan (Castlehaven); Seán O'Sullivan (Aghabullogue), Ben Corkery-Delaney (Carrigaline), Eoin Maguire (Castlehaven). Subs: Joe Miskella (Ballincollig) for S O'Sullivan (h-t), Éamonn Ger O'Sullivan (Clyda Rovers) for N O'Callaghan, Jerry

O'Leary (Ballinascairthy) for E Looney (both 38), Jack Hanrahan (Mitchelstown) for S Kelleher-Leavy (54), Luke O'Mahony (Newcestown) for T Whooley (58).

LGFA Ladies Football

Munster Final: Kerry v Waterford

Camogie

Munster Senior Camogie Championship final

Cork v Waterford

Glen Dimplex 2025 Senior All Ireland Championship

GROUP 1

Round 1: Saturday, May 24th

Cork 6-25 Limerick 0-5: Clare 0-15 Wexford 1-9

Tipperary A Bye

Round 2: Saturday, May 31st

Tipperary V Cork, Limerick V Wexford, Clare A Bye

Round 3: Saturday, June 7th

Wexford V Tipperary, Clare V Limerick, Cork A Bye

Round 4: Saturday, June 21st

Limerick V Tipperary, Cork V Clare, Wexford A Bye

Round 5: Saturday, June 28th

Wexford V Cork, Tipperary V Clare, Limerick A Bye

GROUP 2

Derry V Kilkenny, Galway V Dublin, Waterford A Bye

Round 2: Saturday, May 31st, Round 3: Sat, June 7th,

Round 4: Sat, June 21st, Round 5: Sat June 28th

Quarter Final: Saturday, July 5th – Croke Park

Relegation Final: Saturday, July 5th

Quarter Final: Sunday, July 6th – Croke Park

Semi Finals: Saturday, 26th July – UPMC Nowlan Park

Final: Sunday, August 10th – Croke Park

Final Replay: August 16th/17th

Cork 6-25 Limerick 0-5

Cork got their All Ireland title defence off to a fine start with a comprehensive win over Limerick in the opening round of the Glen Dimplex All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship at Páirc Uí Rinn.

Due to the postponement of the Munster final v Waterford (shorts v skorts controversy), Cork didn't have a game for five weeks, but they were in total control here, showing little ill effects of the long lay off. Three first-half goals, from Amy O'Connor, Orlaith Cahalane and Katrina Mackey put the game beyond Limerick and three more in the second further emphasized just how dominant Cork were as they coasted home.

With six minutes gone the game was effectively over as a contest when O'Connor turned provider for Mackey, who flicked the ball to the net to make it 2-3 to no score.

Cork kept piling on the scores with McCarthy and O'Connor pointing from free, before Cork got their third goal and it really was game over by then.

Caoimhe Costelloe got the final score of the half for Limerick from a free, but Cork were well in control as they led by 3-12 to 0-1.

With 33 minutes gone, Finn scored Cork's fourth goal as Limerick couldn't stop them.

Cork ran out comprehensive winners, in a totally one-sided game.

Scorers for Cork: A O'Connor 1-7 (0-6 f), O Cahalane, C Finn 2-3 each, K Mackey 1-4, S McCarthy 0-3 f, E Murphy, K Wall 0-2 each, C O'Sullivan 0-1.

Cork: A Lee; Maebh Murphy (Ballinora), P Mackey, M Cahalane; A Healy, L Treacy, L Hayes; H Looney, A Thompson; E Murphy, S McCarthy, O Cahalane; C Finn, K Mackey, A O'Connor. Subs: K Wall for L Treacy, R Harty for A Healy (both ht), Cliona Healy (Aghabullogue) for E Murphy, C O'Sullivan for S McCarthy (both 40)

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, Courcy Rovers

Premier Intermediate Hurling

Group 1: Carrigaline, Cloyne, Éire Óg, Ballymartle

Group 2: Ballincollig, Ballinhassig, Castlemartyr, Kilworth

Group 3: Mallow, Dungourney, Lisgoold, 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

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

Premier Intermediate Football

Group 1: Aghabullogue, Bantry Blues, Aghada, Nemo



Macroom girls soccer U19 Division 1 champions



Macroom girls soccer U14 girls who faced Park at home



Macroom girls soccer U16 girls who drew to Mallow at home



Macroom girls soccer U11 girls proudly wearing their new jerseys sponsored by Matthew O'Leary Electrical Services

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

Co-op Superstores County Junior B Hurling Championship

Crosshaven 1-19 Laochra Óg 1-7
Uibh Laoire 1-14 Ballyphehane 2-10

Laochra Óg 0-7 Uibh Laoire 1-24:

Laochra v Ballyphehane and Uibh Laoire
v Crosshaven, both on May 31st.

Cork County Leagues for 2025:

McCarthy Insurance Group County Football Leagues –
After Round Six of Nine

Division 1

Clonakilty 12, St. Finbarr's 10, Nemo Rangers 10,
Newcestown 9, Douglas 7, Éire Óg 4, Cill Na Martra 4,
Castlehaven 2, St. Michael's 2, Carrigaline 2

Newcestown 0-18 Éire Óg 1-9

A strong opening half set the foundation for Newcestown's win over Éire Óg. Playing with a strong breeze, the hosts started brightly, Cork senior footballer David Buckley raising three orange flags. The Muskerry men had goalkeeper Chris Kelly to thank for keeping the score down coming into the break, impressively saving a goal bound effort. The half finished Newcestown 0-12 Éire Óg 0-4. The visitors introduced Johnny Galvin at half time and he expertly finished to the net after 41 minutes to make the score 0-15 to 1-6. Unfortunately, this failed to spark an Éire Óg revival as Newcestown closed out the game with minimum fuss.

Éire Óg: C Kelly, D Dineen, J Mullins, C McGoldrick; A McCarthy, C Clifford, H Murphy; D Kelly, J Murphy; B Thompson, R O'Flynn, E O'Shea; J Kelleher, D Goulding, B Hurley.

Subs: J Galvin for McCarthy (HT), D Herlihy for Kelleher (52).

Div 2

Carbery Rgrs 14, Knocknagree 10, Dohenys 8,
O'Donovan Rossa 8, Ballincollig 7, Béal Átha'n

Ghaorthaidh 7, Castletownbere 6, Valley Rovers 4,
Kanturk 2, Fermoy 0,
O'Donovan Rossa, 1-13 Ballincollig 0-10
Kanturk 0-15 Béal Átha 2-12

Div 3

Clyda Rovers 11, Uibh Laoire 10, Mallow 8, Kilshannig 7,
Bishopstown 7, Newmarket 7, Naomh Abán 6,
Kiskeam 5, Rockchapel 3, Aghada 0.
Uibh Laoire 0-17 Newmarket 0-17

Div 4 - Round Six (of 9 rounds)

League Table: Aghabullogue 10, Buttevant 8, Adrigole 7,
Bandon 7, Boherbue 6, Glanmire 6, Nemo Rgrs 5,
Macroom 5, Bantry Blues 4, St. Vincent's 0
Macroom 0-20 Boherbue 1-14
Nemo 2-10 Macroom 3-10

After an awful display against Glanmire which put them in danger of relegation, Macroom have recovered well to earn two wins on the trot in Div 4 and have now moved into the top three, behind the table toppers Aghabullogue and a point behind Buttevant, whom they play next!

Macroom were at home to Boherbue in a delayed Round five and with a team badly affected by injuries, had enough determination to overcome the strong challenge of the Duhallow men, even if a missed penalty for Boher was a major help to Macroom in their quest for a win.

Macroom then travelled to Cork to play Nemo Rangers knowing that a win here would remove all fears of relegation. Macroom led by 1-8 to 0-5 at half time and a goal from a Seán Kiely penalty had them six points clear until the second Nemo goal late in the game. Scorers were: A Quinn 1-6, S Kiely 1-1, Fintan Goold 0-4, Eolan O'Leary 0-2.

Div 5 Kilmurry 12, Gabriel Rgs 10, Kinsale 8, Ballinora 8,
Ilan Rovers 8, Mitchelstown 6, Millstreet 4, Glenville 2,
Ballydesmond 2, Glanworth 0

Ballinora 1-19 Gabriels 3-11

This was a good mid week win for Ballinora over a hitherto unbeaten Gabriel Rangers side.

Ballinora: Alex McAllen: Colin O'Flynn, Adam Laverty, James Byrne: Nathan Davis, Mike Lordan, Danny Dineen: Ivan Quirke, James L9oran: Mark O'Bruien, Michael Quirke, Sean Lyons: James Keohane, Robert Quirke, Alan O'Shea. Subs used: Tommy Byrne, Ian Wycherley, Andrew O'Sullivan, Conor Quirke.

Div 6 Canovee 10, Cobh 10, St. Nick's 10, Aghinagh 8,
Kildorrery 8, Cullen 5, Dromtariffe 6, Na Piarasigh 3, St. Michael's 2, Mayfield 2,

Div 7 Argideen Rgrs 10, Liscarroll/Churchtown Gaels 10,
Kilmacabea 10, Inniscarra 8, Ballygarvan 6, St.

James' 5, Nemo Rangers 5, Castlemagner 3, Urhan 3,
Ballyhooly 0

Red FM County Senior Hurling Leagues

Division 1

Sarsfields 8, Douglas 8, Blackrock 8, Fr. O'Neill's 7, St. Finbarr's 7, Charleville 7, Glen Rovers 6, Carrigtwohill 5,
Carrigaline 3, Kanturk 1

Div 2 Midleton 10, Erin's Own 8, Killeagh 8, Ballincollig 7,
Newtownshandrum 6, Valley Rovers 6, Ballymartle 6,
Na Piarasigh 3, Éire Óg 2, Fermoy 2

Éire Óg 0-14 Valley Rovers 1-23

A slick Valley Rovers outfit comfortably accounted for Éire Óg in Ovens. Valleys led from start to finish of the contest and had fine performances all over the pitch led by former Cork and Dublin hurler Chris O'Leary. Jerome Kelleher and Eoin O'Shea registered the home side's only points of the first half and at the short whistle they trailed 1-16 to 0-3. Éire Óg emerged a more determined team in the 2nd half and outscored the Carrigdhoun men 0-11 to 0-8 but the large deficit between the sides proved insurmountable as Valleys ran out deserving winners.

Éire Óg: E O'Shea: D McCarthy, M Kelleher, J Mullins: C Clifford, C McGoldrick, M Brady; E Kelleher, J Galvin: J Kelleher, E O'Shea, K Hallissey: B Thompson, O O'Shea, J Sheehan. Subs: D O'Herlihy, J McCarthy, K Cooper, M Brennan

Ballincollig 1-23 Fermoy 1-17

Ballincollig moved into fourth place in the table as a result of their 1-23 to 1-17 win over Fermoy. Brian Keating continued his fine form for Ballincollig as he scored 1-9, with 0-3 coming from play, while Mark Oldham and Cian O'Driscoll both hit 0-3.

Div 3 Courcy Rvs 9, Bride Rovers 9, Newcestown 9,
Ballinhassig 8, Blarney 7, Lisgoold 6, Russell Rvs 4,
Blackrock 2, Mallow 2, Castletyons 2.

Blarney 3-14 (23) Castletyons 2-20 (26)

After a very even opening quarter, a Blarney goal on 19 gave the home side a 1-7 to 0-6 advantage. A second Blarney goal made it 2-8 to 0-7 on 24 but Castletyons then struck for their first goal and at the interval Blarney led by a mere point, 2-8 to 1-10. A third Blarney goal in the 36th minute left them leading by 3-9 to 1-12, Castletyons drew level by the 42nd minute, Blarney went two points clear, but a second goal for Castletyons on 54 saw the East Cork side ahead by a point 2-17 to 3-12 and they led to the finish.

Div 4 Bandon 12, Inniscarra 8, Kilworth 7, Kildorrery 6,
Watergrasshill 6, Tracton 6, Bishopstown 6, St Catherine's 5, Cloughduv 4, Youghal 2,

St Catherine's 0-17 Inniscarra 0-23
Cloughduv 1-15 Bandon 2-15

Div 5 Aghabullogue 10, Milford 9, Ballyhea 8, Castlemartyr 7, Dungourney 7, Kilbrittain 7, Midleton 6, Ballygarvan 4, Erin's Own 2, Mayfield 0

Aghabullogue 3-25 Mayfield 2-11

Aghabullogue are top of the Div 5 league table after six rounds are completed and will face into the concluding three rounds with confidence. The Mid Cork men were too strong for Mayfield at Coachford and were never in danger of not taking the points. Scorers: Js Foley 1-5, James Lane 1-4, Mathew Bradley 1-3, Shane Tarrant 0-5, Brian Dineen 0-4, John Buckley 0-2, Cillian Timmons and Oisín O'Connell 0-1 each

Div 6 Glen Rovers 10, Cloyne 10, Aghada 8, Ballinascarthy 8, Sarsfields 6, Argideen Rgs 6, Barryroe 5, Ballygiblin 4, Kinsale 3, Na Piersaigh 0

Div 7 Killavullen 11, D Ó Mathúna's 9, Killeagh 9, St. Finbarr's 6, Passage 6, Ballinora 6, Nemo Rangers 5, Kilshannig 2, Douglas 2, Meelin 2, Passage West 1-18 Ballinora 0-19

Coming Up in Cork in June/July

Sat, May 31st @5pm Confined JBHC G2 R3 Uibh Laoie v Crosshaven in Crosshaven

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

May 30th - June 1st Comórtas Peile na Gaeltachta

Sat, May 30th All-Ireland SFC RR2 Cork v Kerry in SuperValu Páirc Uí Chaoimh

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

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

Sun, June 8th McCarthy Insurance Group Football League R8

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

Thurs, June 12th @7.30pm Div/Col F (Unseeded) R2

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

June 14th - 15th All-Ireland SFC RR3 Cork v Roscommon in Neutral Venue

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

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

Sat, June 21st @2pm Camogie Cship Cork v Clare in Venue TBC

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 20th - 22nd County JAHL QF Muskerry v Carrigdhoun

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

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

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

Sun, June 29th Club H League R9 Red FM Hurling League R9

Tues, July 1st @8pm Tues, July 1st @7.30pm Div/Col H SF Imokilly v Unseeded 1st Place Team

July 4th - 6th County JAHL SF Muskerry / Carrigdhoun v Seandun / Imokilly

July 5th - 6th All-Ireland SHC SF All-Ireland Senior

Hurling Semi-Finals

July 4th - 6th Club F League Final County Hurling & Football League Finals Divisions 1-7 (Prov)

July 4th - 6th Club H League Final County Hurling & Football League Finals Divisions 1-7 (Prov)

July 8th - 11th Div/Col H Final Div/Col Hurling C'ship Final

July 12th - 13th All-Ireland SFC SF All-Ireland Senior Football Semi-Finals

Sun, July 20th @3.30pm All Ireland H Final All-Ireland Senior Hurling Final (Replay, Aug 2nd)

Senior Hurling Championships:

MUNSTER

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

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Senior Football Championships:

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)

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

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Muskerry Gaa - 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 - 5/6/7 Rounds played

Éire Óg 10, Grenagh 9, Ballincollig 9, Donoughmore 8, Clondrohid 4, Kilmichael 3, Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh 3, Aghabullogue 2

Div 2 East: Donoughmore 8, Ballincollig 6, Blarney 4, Dripsey 4, Ballinora 4, Inniscarra 2, Gleann na Laoi 2

Div 2 West: Kilmurry 9, Aghinagh 8, Canovee 5, Cill na Martra 4, Naomh Abán 4, Macroom 2, Iveleary 0

Div 3 East: Éire Óg 8, Lough Rovers 6, Ballincollig 4, Kilmurry 2, Grenagh 0, Inniscarra 0

Div 3 West: Kilmichael 8, Naomh Abán 6, Clondrohid 6, Macroom 4, Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh 2, Canovee 0

Cumnor Construction Div One Junior Hurling League- 4 played

Donoughmore 12, Grenagh 10, Éire Óg 7, Kilmichael 5, Dripsey 4, Ballincollig 4, Inniscarra 4, Ballincollig 4, Blarney 2

Erneside Engineering Div Two Hurling League

Cloughduv 9, Aghabullogue 8, Inniscarra 6, Blarney 6, Iveleary 5, Ballinora 5, Éire Óg 1, Grenagh 0

Comórtas Peile na Gaeltachta 2025

Beidh Comórtas Náisiúnta Peile na Gaeltachta ar siúl le linn dheireadh seachtaine na Cincíse idir 30 Bealtaine agus 2 Meitheamh, 2025 i nGaeltacht Ráth Chairn, Co na Mí.

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1 Laochra Loch Lao (Aontroim) v Na Gaeil Óga (Áth Cliath)

2 Corcaigh v Gaillimh

Cluichí Ceathrú Ceannais

A Dún na nGall v Ciarraí

B An Seanphobal (Port Láirge) v Maigh Eo

C 1 v 2

D Clann na nGael (An Mhí)

Cluichí Leathcheannais

A v C ; B v D

Comórtas Sóisear na mBan

Cluichí Ceathrú Ceannais

A Dún na nGall v Gaillimh

B Clann na nGael (An Mhí) v Na Gaeil Óga (Áth Cliath)

C Bhulf Tón (An Mhí) v Laochra Loch Lao (Aontroim)

D Maigh Eo

Cluichí Leathcheannais

B v A: C v Maigh Eo

Comórtas Idirmheánach na mBan

Cluichí Leathcheannais

Dún na nGall v Gaillimh

Naomh Abán v Naomh Anna

Comórtas Sinsear na mBan

Baile Chláir na Gaillimhe (Gaillimh) v Dún na nGall

Comórtas Sinsear na bhFear

Cluichí Ceathrú Ceannais

A Ciarraí v Dún na nGall

B Bhulf Tón (An Mhí) v An Rinn (Port Láirge)

C Gaillimh v Cill na Martra

D Maigh Eo v Tánaistí na Gaillimhe/Dhún na nGall

Cluichí Leathcheannais: A v D, B v C

CANOVEE GAA

Full time result in Carrigadrohid. Division 2 West

Muskerry League:

Canovee 3-14 Kilmurry 0-9.

Evan Dodd, Aidan Moynihan and Adam Dodd with the goals. Great win lads.

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Division 2 West Muskerry League: Canovee 3-14 Kilmurry 0-9.
Evan Dodd, Aidan Moynihan and Adam Dodd with the goals

Soccer - U16 Division 7

Macroom U16A – 6

Clashmore Ramblers – 3

What a fantastic finish to the season. Macroom welcomed Clashmore Ramblers to Macroom Town Park for the last game of the season, a match that would decide 4th place in a very competitive group. The game kicked off and was a very tight end to end affair with some great attacking and defending by both teams. Coming off the recent 3 – 1 defeat to Clashmore the home team played a very cagey and sensible game. This paid off and in the 20th minute a great goal by Donal Long, his first in the Macroom colours and great persistent play by him had us 1 up. A great goal for a great young man. Not to be outdone Clashmore hit back a mere 5 minutes later and the teams were level at 1 – 1. Back to the grindstone for both teams and in the 32st minute a great goal by that man, Liam McLaughlin put Macroom 2 – 1 ahead, a lead they held onto until half time. 1st half done, spirits high and time for a pep talk.

The second half started and once again great football from both teams. Unfortunately Clashmore were awarded a penalty in the 9th minute of the half which was duly put away to level the scores at 2 – 2. Not to be outdone the home heroes piled on the pressure which duly paid off with 2 fantastic goals by Liam McLaughlin in the 12th & 19th minutes of the half. Macroom 4 -2 to the good and hungry for more. The next goal was going to be a decisive one and no better man to step up than Jose. Great pressure from him in the goal area and great determination saw him slot home Macrooms 5th goal in the 27th



minute of the half. Leading 5 – 2 and gunning for more goals. Unfortunately Clashmore had the same idea and made it 5 – 3 in the 29th minute of the half. 10 minutes to go, 2 goals up and great pressure play by Macroom led to a penalty being awarded to Liam McLaughlin in the 30th minute of the half. Liam doesn't miss these opportunities and duly slotted home his 4th goal of the evening and Macrooms 6th. The next 10 minutes involved clever tactical play to maintain their lead, a job well done and Macroom eventually ran out 6 – 3 Winners on the night.

Thank you to Clashmore Ramblers for a very sporting game and travelling such a long distance for a late kick off. We salute you. To the referee Mark O

Donovan, a big thank you for officiating.

The word "Winners" does not do these lads justice. A fantastic group of young men with great attitude and bright futures ahead of them both on and off the field. Well done to Coach Tadhg on a great game and a fantastic end to the season. To Jose, who returns to Spain next week, a big thank you. A gent and a great friend to all. To Fionn Fitton, thank you for stepping up tonight to help out. An immense contribution all round. Safe home and thanks for everything.

Thank you to all the parents for your great support on a weekly basis both for training and the games. The great support we had from the school pals throughout the year, mighty stuff.



Acrobatics National Championships

Lucia Fitzgerald, Canovee (in front) and her gymnastics trio came 2nd in the Acrobatics National Championships in the Sport Ireland National Arena in Dublin on Sunday May 18th.



Macroom FC U-12A Schoolboys



Macroom FC U-13A Schoolboys



Macroom FC U-11A Schoolboys up against Carrigtwohill United



Macroom FC U-13 Schoolboys



Macroom FC U-16A Schoolboys



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Retired teachers at the Macroom Branch I.N.T.O. function for recently retired teachers.



Coachford college 6th year students celebrating graduation in school on 19th May '25. Included in the photo is Ella O'Sullivan, Alice Buckley, Rachel Lucey, Mollie Buckley, Grainne O'Leary, Sinead Fehily, Edel Lotty, Leah Sheehan, Aoife Murphy, Leah Kearney.



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Our GAISCE students with Ms Martin and Mr O'Connell on their outing in Killarney.



Elijah Roberts & Aaron Forde at the Graduation Celebrations for the Class of 2025 on May 21st.



Michael O Donoghue's 90th birthday celebration with family and friends at Independence Museum Kilmurry on Sunday 18th May.



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IT'S ABOUT TIME!" - MEP KELLEHER WELCOMES IRISH GOVT COMMITMENT TO RDP PROTECTION FOR PHARMA SECTOR

Fianna Fáil MEP Billy Kelleher has said that the Irish Government's decision to support the pharmaceutical sector by sticking to eight years of Regulatory Data Protection is both common sense and good for Irish jobs and prosperity.

Kelleher, a member of the European Parliament's Environment and Public Health Committees, was commenting after Ireland confirmed its position at a meeting of EU Ambassadors in Brussels.

"It's about time. This is something I have been calling for over the last 18 months. Until this week, Ireland had not picked a side and it was causing worry in the sector.

"There are many politicians on the left and right seeking to undermine RDP for a variety of ideological

or geographic reasons. This would seriously undermine the ability of the pharmaceutical sector to invest in Research & Development into new medicines.

"RDP is the way in which companies get the exclusive right to manufacture a drug they have developed. An eight year RDP would mean other companies being banned from manufacturing this drug for eight years thereby guaranteeing a return to the company that invests in the development of the new drug.

"This is in Ireland's interest as the pharmaceutical sector is a major employer in this country, and is a significant component of our trade surplus. Of course, we want to see quicker access to medicines and an overall reduced cost to the exchequer but we must be aware of the wider issue.

"However, from an Irish point of view, tens of thousands of people are employed in very well paid jobs in the life sciences sector. We must play clever when it comes to legislation like this.

"The announcement this week is therefore very welcome. It was very important that Ireland got off the fence and showed commitment to a sector that invests in research and development here in Ireland," concluded Kelleher.



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A Word of Victory

*"Do not be misled: bad company corrupts good character"
(1 Corinthians 15:33).*

Welcome back dear student, this Scripture is knowledge every parent tries to instill in their children. God, our Heavenly Father has given His Word to steer us, but ultimately we have free will to make our own wise - or unwise, decisions. It's amazing the influence people can have on others – both negative and positive. Godly role models can inspire and bring people up, while wicked behaviour has the opposite effect. David was a young teenager, sent to the battle front with supplies for his brothers, when he heard a bully intimidate his nation's army (1 Samuel chapter 17). Picture the scene - two armies on opposite hills, and a giant spewing wicked words cursing God's people. The men had listened to Goliath morning and evening for a month. Every time they heard his ranting it erased more courage and self-worth. For David having only arrived that day, this was his first time hearing him, but a righteous anger rose up inside him. David told of how God had delivered him from fearful danger whilst shepherding his father's sheep. Now his training came to the surface. In that moment David wasn't acting like a big hero – but his shepherd anointing was ignited. Jesus said... "the Good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep" (John 10:11). Most people working with those less able than themselves have an innate call to protect, defend and help those weaker. It's a characteristic of God's love in us (Romans 5:5). So, David ran out towards the giant's challenge. He wore no fancy helmet or shield, but the battle armour of the love and fear of God, along with his knowledge of God's goodness and power.

David's relationship with the Lord was cultivated in the privacy of the hills when no one saw (Matthew 6:5-21; Psalm 86). There all alone, God's promises, and faithfulness were deposited: banked in his heart, as He experienced His God loving, defending, and protecting him daily. Now he was making a supernatural withdrawal in faith – as he ran towards Goliath the giant, with only a stone and a catapult as weapons. No doubt those watching were wincing - predicting the outcome would be the giant making mincemeat of the foolish young lad. But they didn't know God like David! He launched one stone - aimed it at Goliath's head, and God hit him right between the eyes, knocking him down with a thunderous crash. Suddenly, the eyes of the watchers grew wide as they witnessed this slip of a boy take the giant's sword and finish him off. Goliath wasn't scoffing now! Everything changed in that moment – these cowering, fearful men suddenly took courage – inspired by the faith and bravery of David. They gathered themselves and ran – chasing and defeating the enemy army who had mocked and intimidated them (1 Samuel 17:51-52). All through the influence of one young man.

"He who walks with the wise will become wise, but the companion of fools will be destroyed" (Proverbs 13:20). Influencers are all around us – in families, friend's groups, workplaces, communities and online. Friend, they can make or break you. God warns us to not be yoked together with unbelievers – some may pretend to believe in God, but do they KNOW Him? (2 Corinthians 6:14-17). How's their character and behaviour? "This false teaching is like a little yeast that spreads through the whole batch of dough" (Galatians 5:9). The Lord Jesus said to look at their fruit – that's the indicator (Matthew 7:15-23). "Don't befriend angry people or associate with hot tempered people, or you will learn to be like them and endanger your soul (Proverbs 22:24-25). This Sunday at 11am we're delighted to welcome Evangelist Dermot Landy – all welcome.

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Just a thought

Ath. Seán Mac Cárthaigh,
Baile Bhuirne / Cúil Aodha

The two 'time thieves'

(1) Tomorrow

"Tomorrow, tomorrow I love you tomorrow, you're only a day away!" (Annie)

Someone might ask you today: -

"What have you got 'on' tomorrow?"

And in our minds we have our list of 'to do' things at the ready.

We're so caught up in what hasn't yet happened - and may not ever happen, that we forget about today.

Today was yesterday's tomorrow but we're still thinking about the tomorrow to come!

We replace "today" with tomorrow, and fail to live this day to the full, worried and fretting

It's not that I'm not busy, it's just that I'm not busy about the right things. I get distracted. About tomorrow.

But as the Garth Brooks song goes - "Tomorrow never comes."

All we have is THIS DAY and the people and duties right in front of us. It's not that we don't need to prepare and be ready, but is there any room for joy in the present?

Jesus did say "Give us this day our daily bread". And we pray to Mary "now - and at the hour of our death." All the "now's" stack up for then.

A hymn I like to remind me to hand over tomorrow goes like this :

"Lord, for tomorrow and its needs
I do not pray
Keep me, my God, from stain of sin,
Just for today.

Let me both diligently work
and duly pray;
Let me be kind in word and deed,
just for today.

Let me no wrong or idle word
unthinking say
Set Thou a seal upon my lips
just for today."

....

(2) The past

The past can be also be a "time thief" of the present. I can be a prisoner of the past, especially grievances, replaying them over and over in my mind.

Edith Eger, the Auschwitz survivor, has lived until her 90s. To her mind she lives for today, the past is the past. It's not that she forgets the trauma of suffering, but she lives NOW.

She dwells on the past for a half hour a day - and that's it. There are approximately 15 and a half other waking hours. So she gives the past just 3 per cent of her day, the other 97 percent of her day is devoted to what's to be experienced today.

I recommend her books "The Choice" and "The Gift."

She doesn't ask herself "why me?" as a victim but as a survivor she says - "I want to know what's next."

We learn from the past but are not meant to be its prisoners.
Can we do the same as Edith?

God bless. Fr Seán

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FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of

**DÓNAL C.
Ó MATHÚNA
(DONIE)**

**Well House, New Street, Macroom.
Who died on 5th June 2024**

The family (Máirín, Cian, Tadhg, Liam, Nollaig, Aingeal and Edel) would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to all our relatives, neighbours, friends and all who sympathised with us on the very sad loss of our Dad. We wish to thank all those who attended the funerals, sent mass cards and letters, sent floral tributes, left condolences, phoned or texted.

To Donie's wonderful carers who helped make his final journey more comfortable we extend our deepest appreciation.

We are also very grateful to Father Joe O'Mahony, Monsignor James O'Donnell, Father Donal Roberts and Father Paddy Hickey who celebrated Donie's requiem masses. Thank you to the choir, organist Mary McSweeney, Brendan O'Brien and Joe Creedon for their beautiful music and singing.

We would also like to thank Martin Fitzgerald and his staff for their professionalism and guidance over the funeral days. Thank You to the staff of the Castle Hotel for their catering after the funeral.

Our sincere thank you to Dr. Shane Hurley, Dr. Audrey Russell and all the team at Muskerry Family Practice, the staff of Railway View Pharmacy, Public Health Nurses and all members of the Primary Care team who supported us throughout Donie's and his late wife Kathleen's, final years. We will be forever grateful.

As it is impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of our deepest gratitude.

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



Ar Dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of

**DIARMUID
CRONIN**

**Candrome, Kilnamartyra, Co.Cork
Who died on 1st June 2024**

As we mark the first anniversary of Diarmuid's passing, his family would like to take this opportunity to express our deepest gratitude and appreciation to all those who supported us and Diarmuid during his illness, his final days, and in the time since. We are forever grateful to Dr. Hurley and his team at Muskerry Family Practice, Marymount Hospice and Palliative Care Team, Meals on Wheels Ballyvourney, Matt Murphy's Pharmacy, Link Health Care, and the HSE Home Help team. Your dedicated care, kindness, and attention made a world of difference to Diarmuid and to us, his family, and we will always remember your professionalism and compassion.

Our heartfelt thanks to Cyril and his team at Casey Undertakers, Inchigeela, for their sensitive and dignified handling of all the funeral arrangements. A special word of thanks to the Comhaltas, and the local Pioneer Association and Muskerry Vintage Club, whose presence and contributions added such meaningful and fitting touches to Diarmuid's final farewell.

A sincere thank you to Fr. Seán McCarthy PP for his many visits to Diarmuid and for celebrating such a beautiful and meaningful funeral Mass. We also thank the sacristan, Jackie for his help and quiet dedication in preparing the church for the ceremony.

We extend our deepest appreciation to Diarmuid's neighbours and friends, whose visits, support, and companionship brought comfort to Diarmuid during his illness. Thank you to everyone who brought sandwiches, cakes, refreshments, helped out in the house and shared words of comfort and sympathy during the days of the funeral — your generosity and kindness were deeply felt.

To all who sent mass cards, letters, messages, and to those who travelled to be with us, please accept this as a token of our gratitude. It is simply impossible to thank everyone individually, but the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for your intentions.

Your kindness will never be forgotten.



Diarmuid's first anniversary mass will take place on Sunday 1st June at 11.30am Mass in Kilnamartyra Church

FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of

DANNY TWOMEY

**Gurteenroe, Macroom
who died on May 30th 2024.**

As we lovingly remember Danny - a dear husband, father, brother and grandad - on this, his first anniversary, his wife Anna, children Seán, Áine and Sinéad, brother Pat and extended family would like to express our sincere thanks to all those who sympathised with us on our sad loss.

We are grateful to those who attended the prayers in the church, the funeral mass, and the burial; those who sent mass cards, sympathy cards, and online condolences; and those who donated to Macroom Community Hospital in lieu of flowers. Heartfelt thanks to our wonderful friends, neighbours and all those who called to our home with refreshments and for their continuing support throughout this difficult year.

A special word of thanks to those who cared for Danny in CUH during his illness: Mr. Peadar Waters, Joanne McCarthy, Dr. Derek Power, Jodie Murphy and their teams, as well as Colette Healy and the staff at the Dunmanway Day Unit. We also thank Jo Delea and staff of the Community Intervention Team (C.I.T.) at Macroom Primary Care Centre for their kindness to Danny.

Dr. Shane Hurley was Danny's GP, a great friend, and always at the end of the phone when any reassurance was needed. We thank Shane and all the staff of Muskerry Family Practice. Thanks to the staff of Haven Pharmacy, who were always so helpful.

Danny spent his final days in the excellent care of Bernie Buckley and the wonderful staff of Macroom Community Hospital. We will be forever grateful for the kindness shown to both Danny and us, his family, during an extremely difficult time.

We would like to thank Monsignor James O' Donnell for the beautiful and meaningful funeral mass, along with celebrants Fr. Dick Browne and Fr. Donal McIlraith. We are also grateful to Fr. Joe O' Mahony and Canon Donal Roberts who visited Danny while he was in hospital. Thanks to Brendan O' Brien and Mary McSweeney for the lovely music and thanks to the sacristan Teddy. Special thanks to Billy and staff of Fitzgerald's Funeral Home.

Thanks also to the Auld Triangle for the lovely meal and refreshments.

As it is simply impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as a token of our deep appreciation. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for your intentions.

May Danny's Gentle Soul Rest in Peace.

*A beautiful life came to an end.
You died as you lived everyone's friend.*



First Anniversary Mass on Saturday May 31st
at 7.30pm in St. Colman's Church, Macroom.

11TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**PÁDRAIG
O'RIORDAN**

Raleigh South, Macroom, Co. Cork
Who passed away 10th June 2014

*When a loved one is in Heaven,
It can feel like all is lost,
So you'll look for them in other ways,
To remind yourself it's not.*

*It's not the end, it's not goodbye,
It's not forever more,
It means I'll walk with you
until we reunite at
Heaven's Door.*

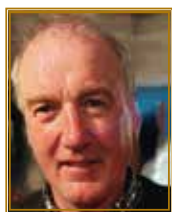
*And when we do, you'll greet us,
With a warm embrace and smile,
Because when a loved one is in Heaven,
They're still with you all the while.*



Lovingly remembered by his parents
Martin & Ellen,
sister Lisa & brothers Steven & David.

Anniversary Mass on Saturday 7th June,
7.30 p.m. in St. Colman's Church, Macroom.

2ND ANNIVERSARY



Remembering with love

**DAN
MURPHY**
Clondrohid, Macroom, Co Cork
Whose Anniversary occurs
on June 2nd

*Heartbroken are the hearts that loved you,
Silent are the tears that fall
Living life without you
Is the hardest part of all*



Loved and sadly missed always
by your loving family

Mass to remember Dan on his 2nd
Anniversary will be on Saturday 7th June
in St Abina's Church, Clondrohid
At 11am.

10TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

MAM

Who died on the 3rd June, 2015.

*Think of me but not always with sadness.
Think of me and all of the moments
we shared. I live in your heart,
I will always stay there ..
Smile for me when you see
those stars in the sky,
I spend my days watching over you
from way up high.
Think of me in moments
that make your heart soar,
through the joys in your life,
remember me more.
Dry those tears and clear your view,
look for me in all of the little things
I left behind, they will always be a part of you.
So when you think of me,
don't think of me in sorrow,
I am with you through all of your tomorrows.
For in this life we are intertwined,
forever through our hearts and minds.*



*Always remembered and loved by
Her daughter Laura.
Always on my mind, forever in my heart.*

10TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**ANNETTE
O'MAHONY**

Clondrohid, Co.Cork
Who died on the 3rd June, 2015.

*Our lives go on without you
but nothing is the same.
We have to hide the heartache
When someone speaks your name.
Sad are the hearts that love you,
Silent are the tears that fall.
Living without you is
the hardest part of all.
You did so many things for us,
Your heart was so kind and true,
And when we needed someone
We could always count on you.
The special years will not return,
When we are all together
But with the love in our hearts
You walk with us forever.*



Sadly missed by her loving family,
Parents John & Eileen, Daughter Laura,
Sisters Sheila and Mags, Brothers Denis and
John, Brothers-in-law Seanie and Denis,
Nephews Eric and Jayden and Nieces Chloe,
Shauna and Kayley and Johns partner Sharon.

THE MIRACLE
PRAYER

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.

MORC

THE MIRACLE
PRAYER

Dear Heart of Jesus, in the past I have asked
many favours. This time I ask you this special
one, (mention favour).

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Say this prayer three times for three days
and your favour will be granted.
Never known to fail.
Must promise publication of prayer.

x

2ND ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**TERESA
TANGNEY**

Macroom
who died on 22nd of May 2023.



Requiescat in Pace.

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17TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**BETTY
LALLY**

Kilcondy, Crookstown,
who died on 03rd June 2008

*Memory is a lovely lane,
Where hearts are ever true,
A lane I so often travel down,
Because it leads to you.*



Always remembered with love by Sean,
Karen, Seanie, Gabriel, Kathleen, Conor,
Eoin and Jack.

15TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

MARY BUCKLEY

Killbarry, Macroom.

Who died on the 1st June 2010

*No matter how life changes
no matter what we do
A special place
Within our hearts
It's always kept for you.*



Sadly missed by her husband Tim,
daughter Geraldine, sons Jerome, Edward,
Timothy and Martin, grandchildren &
extended family.

5th & 34th ANNIVERSARY



Remembering our dear mother

**JOAN
DESMOND**

Whose 5th anniversary occurred on

28th of May 2025

Also our dear father

**DIARMUID
DESMOND**

Whose 34th anniversary occurred on

19th of May 2025

Danganasillagh, Ballymakeera,
Macroom, Co. Cork.

*Those who knew; Will remember,
Those who loved; Will never forget.*



Always remembered by your son Patie,
daughter Gobnait, son-in-law Connie,
and grandson Tadhg.

2ND ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

TADGH LYONS

Forest, Carrigadrohid, Co. Cork

Who died on 30th May 2023

*Softly in the morning
You heard a gentle call
You took the hand God offered you
And quietly left us all*

*Your gentle face and patient smile
With sadness we recall
You had a kindly word for each
And died beloved by all*



Always remembered by his loving wife
Maureen, children, grandchildren and
great grandchildren.

Rest in Peace.

Anniversary mass will be offered for
Tadhg in St. John's Church Canovee at
6.30pm on Saturday 31st May.

14TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

JERRY TWOHIG

Macroom,

Whose anniversary occurs on the
31st of May

*Those we love don't go away,
They walk beside us every day.
The years may pass But still you stay,
As near and dear as yesterday.*



Always remembered by your loving wife
Ann, daughters Edel, Valerie, Amanda,
sons Eddie and Paul

4TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

DAN VAUGHAN

Candromey, Kilnamartyra

Who died on 8th June, 2021

*Sadly missed along life's way.
Quietly remembered every day.
No longer in our lives to share
but in our hearts you are always there.*



Always loved and remembered

Ann and family xx

18TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**DAN
DINEEN**

Cnoc Rua, Cill na Martra

who died on the 8th June 2007

*Softly on a June morning,
You heard a gentle call,
You took the hand God offered you,
And quietly left us all.*



Loved and Sadly missed by Wife Chrissie,
Daughter Annette, Son's Eddie, Michael,
Donal, Pat and Aidan and extended
families

12TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**JOHN NOEL
MURPHY**

Sleaveen East, Macroom, Co. Cork

Died 1st June, 2013

*Those who think of him today
A little prayer to Jesus say.*



Sadly missed by his wife Ina
and family.

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6TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

CONOR BUTTIMER

**Coolcower, Macroom, Co. Cork
who died on June 11th 2019.**

*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.*



Always remembered by your wife Sheila,
Elaine, Pat, Suzann, Colette and their
families.

Anniversary Mass On Wednesday 11th
June at 10.00 a.m. St. Colman's Church
Macroom

42nd ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of our Dear Son

IAN FLEMING

**Late of Crookstown, Co. Cork
Who went to heaven on the
28th May 1983**

*I feel a warmth around me,
like your presence is so near.
And I close my eyes to visualize
your face when you were here.
I endure the times we spent together,
and they are locked inside my heart.
As long as I have those memories,
we will never be apart.
Even though we cannot speak anymore,
my voice is always there,
because every night before I sleep,
I have you in my prayer.*



Always in our thoughts and forever in our
hearts. Love from Mom, Brothers Paul, Brian
and James, Sister Tina, Ellen - Daughter in
Law, Derry Son in Law, Nieces and Nephews.

Also remembering Ian's Dad Jim
at this time - May they both rest together
in Eternal Peace.

3RD ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

JAMES CRONIN

**Ballymakeera who passed away on
the 28th May 2022**

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



Sadly missed by his loving wife Helen,
his children Donal, Conchur, Mairead &
James, Grandchildren & extended family

2ND ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

JERRY MURPHY

**Cooligrenane, Inchigeela
who died on 7th June 2023.**

*Silent thoughts sincere and true
From a family who thought
the world of you
No longer in our lives to share
But in our hearts, you are always there.*



Fondly remembered and deeply missed
by all his family and friends.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Inchigeela Church on Sunday 8th June at
11.30 am.

5TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**ELLEN BOYLE
(NEE MARTIN)**

*The pain of loss may lessen in time,
but the love and memories
only grow stronger.
On this 5th anniversary of your passing,
we remember and celebrate that Golden
time you blessed us with.*

Thank You Ellen



Rest in peace
with your beloved Michael.

2ND ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

NELLIE O'SULLIVAN

**Carriganima, Macroom
whose anniversary occurs on
3rd June 2025.**

*Time and years slip quickly by
but precious memories never die.*



Always remembered by her family,
neighbours and friends

9TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

PHIL LUCEY

**Lackneave, Inchigeela
who died on 11th June 2016**

*We hold you close within our hearts,
And there you shall remain,
To walk with us throughout our lives,
Until we meet again.
So rest in peace dear loved one
And thanks for all you've done,
We pray that God has given you,
The crown you've truly won.*



From her loving husband John, Family,
and Grandchildren.

29TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

JOHN CREMIN

**Aghabullogue, Co. Cork
Who died on 2nd June 1996**

*Those we love - don't go away
They walk beside us everyday
Unseen, unheard, But always near
Still loved, still missed, still very dear.*



Fondly remembered by
his family today and always.

Rest in Peace

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