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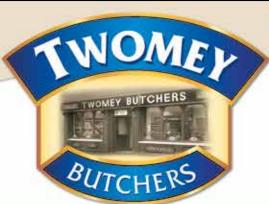
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As always submissions as Gaeilge are always welcome too!

We love hearing local stories, opinions and events - current or historical, if you would like to submit an article as bearla nó as gaeilge, please feel free to email us

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Go raibh maith agaibh, Peter & Gráinne

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#### **MACROOM GIRL GUIDES**

#### Ladybirds

Lately, Ardilaun Ladybirds worked on the FLY Programme having fun making and decorating kites. Safety Tips for Flying Kites!

Never fly a kite; near electric lines or poles, near traffic, trees or the edge of a steep hill or in the rain. Never use fishing line or wire to fly a kite, string is the best option. Remember if a kite gets stuck in a tree or a pole, it is best to leave it and not to try retrieve it.

The Ladybirds also enjoyed outdoor games in the sunny weather and came together with other units to celebrate recent enrolments.

#### **Brownies**

Ardilaun Brownies completed their SDG 13 Climate Action badge with MacEgan Senior Branch member,

Emily. SDG13 focuses on urgent action to combat climate change and it's effect on the world. The girls learned of the impact of climate change in other countries and how small changes can grow into something much bigger.

#### Ways you can contribute to SDG13!

- Recycle paper, glass plastic, metal and old electronics.
- Composting food scraps can reduce climate impact while also recycling nutrients.
- Choose reusable products. Use an eco-friendly bag for shopping or a reusable water bottle/ cup to reduce plastic waste.
- Bike, walk carpool or take public transportation to cut down on unnecessary carbon emissions.

Members of Ardilaun Brownies had a step-up

ceremony to Guides recently and an enrolment that was attended by the units in the Macroom District.

#### **MacEgan Senior Branch**

#### **NYCI Dublin**

On June 26th, Emily, Katie, and Rachel will travel to Dublin to attend the National Youth Council of Ireland's Summertime Young Voices event. This is an opportunity for the girls to explore the European Youth Goal #1, Connecting EU with Youth. The girls will have the chance to discuss climate action, digital rights, inclusion and democracy.

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



Ladybirds with their FLY Programme kites.



Ardilaun Brownies at a recent step up to Guides

#### MACROOM MART TO HOST A BOOK READING EVENT

Whether you are a book lover, a writing enthusiast, or simply someone looking for a good night out, Macroom mart will certainly be the place to be on Friday night, June 27th.

Celebrated Cork author, Cónal Creedon and Irish Examiner Columnist, Denis Lehane will be on hand to deliver an entertaining evening of nostalgia, recollections and book readings from their lives, documenting both city and rural life.

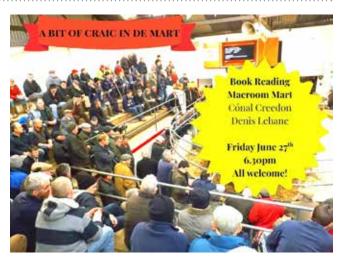
The Macroom event will mark the final night

of a very successful west Cork reading tour that Cónal Creedon has been undertaking over the summer.

Cónal's tour aptly named 'Come West The Road With Me' has taken the famed Cork author from Ballincollig to the Beara Peninsula.

The Macroom event will be the first of its kind for the mart.

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





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#### MAHALLAGH, CARRIGADROHID, MACROOM, CO.CORK, P12V340

Killian Lynch Auctioneers are pleased to offer this charming 4 bedroom bungalow on C.7 acres. The property which comprises of C.1286 sq ft living accommodation offers the perfect mix of comfort, privacy and scenic beauty. Surrounded by lush greenery and mature trees. It makes for an ideal property for a family home or hobby farmer. The bungalow which is in turn key condition presents a rare opportunity to own a slice of rural paradise. Located only C.15 minute's drive from both Macroom town and Coachford village, C.10 minutes' drive to Carrigadrohid village and C.35 minutes minutes drive to Cork city.

> BER: (3 (109971069) GUIDE PRICE: €450,000



#### NO. 58 CLONLARA, KERRY PIKE, CARRIGROHANE, CO.CORK, T23YX8K

Killian Lynch Auctioneers are pleased to offer this stunning 4 bedroom semi detached home, offering contemporary comfort, tasteful design and a turnkey lifestyle in a highly sough after residential development. The property which comprises of C.1335 sq. ft. living accommodation is situated on a large site with double parking and beautiful views over surrounding countryside. Ideal home for a family, first time buyer or anyone looking for modern living in a peaceful setting. It has a good BER rating of A3 making it an efficient house to heat and also qualifies it for a green mortgage. Ideally located in the much sought after area of Kerry Pike village, dose to local schools, local restaurants, C.5 minutes drive to Blamey, C. 10 minutes drive to Ballincollig and C. 5 minutes drive to Cork city. Viewings highly advised

BER: A3 (111978342) AMV: €505,000



#### CURRACLOGH, LISSARDA, MACROOM, CO. CORK, P14VF63

Killian Lynch Auctioneers are pleased to offer this 2 bedroom cottage on C.O.59 acres. The property which extends to C.753 sq ft living accomplation is in need of renovation throughout. The property is of stone construction and slate roof and will be ideal for a 1st time buyer or a DIY enthusiast with the added benfit of qualifing for the full renovation grant of upto £70,000. Located in a much sought after area, C.3km south of Klimurry village, C.15 minutes from Magroom and C.30 minutes from Cork city. BER: G

AMV: €155,000



#### KILMURRY, LISSARDA, MACROOM, CO.CORK, P14YK25

Killian lynch auctioneers are, pleased to offer this redevelopment opportunity situated within the centre of Kilmurry village. The property which has been vacant for many years extends to c. 1500 sq ft living accom modation. The property which is situated on a large site will qualify for a grant of up £70,000 making this an opportunity not to be missed. BER: G

AMV: €95,000



#### PEAKE, COACHFORD, CO.CORK, P12NV04

Killian Lynch auctioneers are delighted to offer this traditional 2 bedroom, cottage on C.0.54 acers. The property which extends to c.600 sq ft, living accommodation is in need of modernization throughout, but overall is in excellent structural condition. The property which is situated on a scenic and quiet south facing site is located c.5 minutes drive from Coachford village, c.15 minutes from Macroom and c.25 minutes drive from Cork City

AMV: €180,000



#### NO. 14 CASTLE AVENUE, MUSKERRY ESTATE, BALLINCOLLIG, CO. CORK, P31TP96

Killian Lynch Auctioneers are pleased to present this cozy 3 bed semidetached house with front & rear gardens. The property which consists of c.1238 sq ft living accommodation throughout is in turn key condition & would make for an ideal family home or for a first-time buyer. Located in a much sought after area only walking distance to Ballincollig town centre & c.10 minutes' drive to Cork city. This is not an opportunity to be missed Viewings highly advised. BER: D1 (111217048)

AMV: €350.000



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Killian Lynch Auctioneers are pleased to offer this C.0.48 acre industrial site for sale on the open market. The site which has extensive road frontage is very easily developed and is located in a much sought after area midway between Killamey and Cork, C.10 minutes from Macroom town. The site also has the benefit of being shuated within the Gaeltadit. which has many benefits and grants available to start up businesses. Neighbouring sites include: Irish Removals, Firebird, Somex, PA00US TEO, Fireblock

This is an opportunity not to be missed.

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#### CORK STREET, MACROOM, CO. CORK, P12 N265

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#### **IMPACT VOLLEYBALL CLUB 'IMPACT'**

What a fantastic day it was for our U16 girls team at the Grass Volleyball Tournament in Cork, organised by VolleywoodStars VC! It was our very first experience playing volleyball on grass - and what an experience it turned out to be!

The girls gave it their all from the first serve to the very last point. Despite some unexpected challenges from the weather (yes, we had both strong winds and rain during the last match), they stayed focused, kept smiling, and most importantly - they never gave up proving us that volleyball lives in their hearts.

Coaches Magda & Robert are incredibly proud of the whole team - your passion, and determination were an absolute joy to watch (especially during the match against your parents)

A huge thank you from the coaches:

- To all the amazing parents for your loud and loving support on the sidelines
- To Volleywoodstars VC for the opportunity to compete and grow
- -To Arnoldzike St, whose hard work behind the scenes made this whole event possible



Macroom Grass tournament Impact volleyball

### **LEE VALLEY**

### **Equestrian Centre**

The show was a TREC style PTV(obstacles that would commonly be seen out trekking). It was part of the O'Brien's Saddlery/Lee Valley equestrian centre's Horsemasters series. The series includes dressage, show jumping, and PTV, and is intended to encourage riders and their horses to become well rounded athletes.

Photos from the most recent show at Lee Valley Equestrian Centre.



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

Macroom Flower & Garden Club competed at Cork Summer Show recently. It was success for Winifred Lynch taking Gold in Class 1 "Summertime" and Marie O Sullivan Silver Gilt. Congratulations on their success

and to all who competed. Pictured below: L to R Paula McAuliffe East Cork Flower Club Silver Gilt in the Class "By the Waterside" Mary Murphy (nee Ring) Overall Winner in the Craft Class Crochet, with Winifred Lynch

Gold Award in the Class "Summertime" and Marie O Sulivan Silver Gilt Award





Winifred Lynch receiving her Prize from Mary O Brien AOIFA Judge







#### PRIDE OF MACROOM: WEST MUSKERRY AC ATHLETES **EXCEL ON NATIONAL STAGE**

Six exceptional young athletes from West Muskerry Athletics Club represented Macroom with distinction at the National All-Ireland Championships in Tullamore, Co. Offaly on Sunday, June 22nd - bringing home both gold and silver medals.

Siobhán Lynch and Aria Madden delivered a sensational performance to take gold in the U11 600m team event. The duo had previously earned their place by qualifying through the Munster Championships, and their All-Ireland victory stands as a remarkable achievement. It reflects the commitment, discipline, and passion they show week in and week out - a proud moment for their families, their club, and the wider Macroom community.

The spotlight also shone brightly on the U12 Girls Relay Team - Anna Morris, Annarista Ogbomo, Aisling Martin, and Amy Canty, with Shauna Twomey as substitute - who captured an impressive silver medal in a fiercely competitive national event. Already holders of County and Munster titles, this outstanding group once again proved their calibre on the biggest stage. Their strong performance and unwavering teamwork are a credit to their character and training.



These achievements are not only a testament to the athletes themselves, but to the vibrant support system around them. A heartfelt well done to the dedicated coaches, families, and supporters who play a vital role in nurturing talent and inspiring



Macroom can be incredibly proud of these young ambassadors for sport and community spirit. Here's to the bright future ahead for these athletes -and many more to come from West Muskerry AC.



#### **Macroom and District Lions Club**

22nd June, for a spectacular Family Fun Day at the Macroom GAA Castle Grounds. The event

was filled with fun and activities that catered to all ages, making it a memorable day for families and friends. Thankfully the Irish weather held out for our event as the day did start with mist & drizzle.

The day featured a series of races with plenty of winners,both young and young at heart. Cheers and laughter echoed across the grounds as participants gave it their all, enjoying the thrill of friendly competition.

Beyond the races, attendees enjoyed a variety of attractions, including:

- Face Painting Transforming little faces into colourful works of art.
- Hang Tough Challenging games for the daring and competitive.
- Hook a Duck A classic favourite that delighted the little ones.
- Bouncy Castles Guaranteed fun for the energetic kids.

The clubhouse served as the hub for refreshments by our volunteers, providing much needed energy to keep everyone going. Families enjoyed the opportunity to connect, relax, and make the most of the beautiful day.

#### A Heartfelt Thank You

The Macroom & District Lions Club extends a grateful thank you to the families who attended, SuperValu and Matt Murphy's Pharmacy for sponsorship, Irish Red Cross, IRD Duhallow, the volunteers, family and friends and Macroom GAA for letting us host our third annual event. Also to local businesses whose contributions helped make the day possible.

This family fun day was a true celebration of community spirit, and the Macroom & District Lions Club looks forward to hosting more events to bring joy and connection to Macroom and beyond.



Rang Ardteiste ó Choláiste Ghobnatan le Máistir Ó Creimín, Iníon Ní Ríordáin agus Máistir Ó Duinneacha. © Colm Lougheed

### **MACROOM AND AREA SCHOOL**

In the summer of 2022, two local woman Kristina Dubrovska and Lisa Manning set up a local School Support Hub. They still run it voluntarily. It is for School Uniforms, Stationary, 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-

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As De La Salle College marks the retirement of Sheila O'Leary, we pause to reflect on and celebrate the extraordinary service of a woman who has been the heartbeat of our school community for over three decades.

Sheila began her journey with us in 1992, initially joining as a FÁS Supervisor. Even then, her role as school secretary—her so-called "side hustle"—quickly became integral to the smooth running of the college. In 2002, Sheila transitioned to the position of fulltime school secretary, a role she embraced with her trademark competence, wit, and resilience.

Over the years, as the school grew and the demands of the Department of Education became ever more complex, Sheila adapted seamlessly. She tackled new protocols and increasing bureaucracy with her sharp mind and, on occasion, a well-placed grumble. Her ability to navigate these changes with grace and efficiency was nothing short of remarkable.

Anyone who has worked at De La Salle knows that Sheila is "all-knowing," sharp as a tack, and supremely capable. For our principals, she has been a steadfast partner, often spending more time with them than any other staff member. Her patience, good humour, and encyclopedic knowledge of the school's inner



Mr. John Murphy presenting Sheila O' Leary with a card on behalf of the Bosrd of Management on her retirement as secretary

workings have been invaluable assets.

Sheila's true strength shone brightest in times of challenge. Whether it was a Whole School Evaluation, a bereavement, the upheaval of COVID protocols, or the complexities of school building administration, Sheila faced every situation head-on. She was proactive in finding solutions, implementing them swiftly and efficiently, and always with the best interests of the school community at heart.

From organising bus trips and language exchanges to managing substitutions and day-to-day crises, Sheila was the go-to problem solver. She would present both the problem and the solution, needing only a nod to proceed. For students, Sheila's office was often a sanctuary—a place to find a missing key, a lost book, or simply a moment of calm. Many will remember the student who used her office as a changing room, or the panicked cries of "Sheila, Sheila, Sheila!" always met with her calming presence.

On February 10th, 2023, when Sheila became ill, the entire school community was shaken. The outpouring of concern and support was a testament to the profound impact she has had on so many lives. Her return for this celebration is a moment of immense joy and gratitude for us all.

On behalf of the Board of Management and the entire De La Salle community, we thank Sheila O'Leary for her 32 years of outstanding service, dedication, and heart. We wish her a long, happy, and healthy retirement, filled with the same warmth and kindness she has given to all of us. Thank you, Sheila, for everything.



Tidy Towns Judging started in June and finishes in August. We would ask that every property owner to stand back and have a good look at their premises, from the roof to the path. Is it weed free, litter free, clean and painted adequately? Are there cigarette butts outside your premises? There are still premises in need of attention and 5 minutes of regular attention on the part of the owners or staff could greatly improve matters. Small actions on your part will greatly assist the volunteers who must look after so many other things and public areas. It would be nice to see more businesses putting up hanging baskets or window boxes, like in some other towns as this would add a lot to the premises as well as the streetscape with some lovely summer colours.

The Gum Litter Taskforce visited Macroom on Tuesday June 10th as part of its Summer Roadshow Campaign, to promote positive gum litter disposal. The event was well attended with Deputy Lord Mayor of Cork County and Tidy Towns Chairman Martin Coughlan, Tidy Towns Volunteers, Councillors, Students from the Green School Committees from both St Joseph's and St Coleman's Primary Schools and Members of the public.

The taskforce is collaborating with Cork County Council to highlight the importance of proper litter disposal through fun education and awareness initiatives that highlight the negative environmental impacts. Chewing gum litter can result in a €150 gum litter fine. The Gum Litter taskforce is a collaboration between Food Drink Ireland, the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications, the chewing gum industry, and long authorities to achieve a long-term sustainable solution to the irresponsible disposal of chewing gum litter. The taskforce reports that gum litter has reduced by almost since 70% since 2007 and that 92% of people report properly disposing of their chewing gum. However, according to the latest research 1 in 12 admit that they still drop their gum on the ground, with men more than twice as likely to do so than women.

The students from Youthreach have carried out work in the Fairy Garden on three Fridays as part of the Youthreach summer programme. They helped by cleaning areas and items, scrubbing and weeding.

It has been a few weeks for Tidy Towns Volunteers with Litter Picking, Stewarding at the graveyard mass, Planting, Mulching, and general maintenance on beds and in the Fairy Garden, the Sensory area and the biodiversity areas. All these public facilities have been very busy with visitors recently, as well as groups of school children as the finish off their year before the holidays.

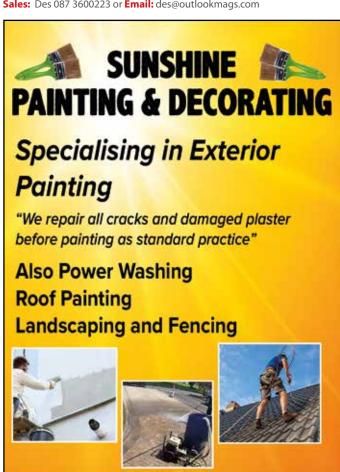
Volunteers meet every Saturday at 9am at our base in Masseytown, we are always open to new people joining, so why not come along some Saturday Morning and see for yourself the work that is done. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Lisa at 087-1434770.







Students from Youthreach Cleaning



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by Dr. Ben Martin Optimal Chiropractic, Ballincollig

A chiropractic adjustment is a precise, controlled movement applied to a specific joint, most commonly within the spine. The objective is to restore proper joint motion, reduce tension, and enhance communication between the brain and body via the nervous system.

The spine plays a critical role in protecting the central nervous system. When spinal joints become restricted, due to poor posture, stress, or injury, this can disrupt normal neurological function. An adjustment helps re-establish alignment and improve the body's ability to regulate and heal itself.

One common question concerns the audible "crack" sometimes heard during an adjustment. This sound, known as cavitation, is simply the release of gas within the joint as pressure changessimilar to knuckle cracking. It is not an indication of bones being "put back in place," and not all adjustments produce this sound.

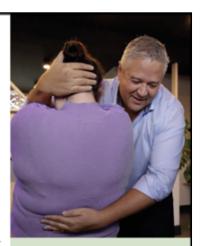
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#### MACROMPIAN COMMUNITY A.R.A.

Our Active Retirement group is now up and running in Macroom. We are now affiliated with Active Retirement Ireland, so our insurance is taken care of going forward. As part of our Affiliation, we had to take a new name and we are now Macrompian Community A.R.A. (A.R.A stands for Active Retirement Association). From here on, we will organize outings, day trips, and various events according to what interests the

The first of our Speakers/Presentations was Monday night 16th in Fr Ryan Hall. Two Critical Community First Responders, Dominic Murnane and Eoin Maguire gave an excellent presentation to the group. They explained to us first what they have to do when called out to an accident or emergency and the role that they play in helping to save a person's life while waiting for the Ambulance to arrive. They then went

on to tell us what we can do ourselves if somebody gets a heart attach or a stroke, how to identify it and the initial moves we take. They went on to tell us how to deal with both major and minor injuries and when it is necessary to call an ambulance, or when we can sufficiently treat the event ourselves. They covered cuts, burns, chocking, a crush injury and more, and they gave us great information about basic first aid items we should keep in the house. There is one valuable piece of information that stood out, which is to have a list of your medication at hand, should you need to go to hospital at short notice. We can't thank them enough for their dedication and their courtesy to our ARA.

Monday night 30th we have Gerald Culhane to give us a Presentation on Healthy Eating and the Importance of a Well-Balanced Diet and the role that Supplements play as part of a Well-Balanced Diet. We are still taking membership, and welcome new members, or perhaps someone wants to come along for just one night to help them decide if the group is for them.

We already have lots of speakers lined up for the autumn, which include the Community Garda who will talk to us about Safety in the home, safety on the road if walking, day or night, Domestic Abuse (abuse of older people by relatives or carers), Panic Button, Fraud and scamming (phone scams, people calling offering services, etc.). A Representative of the AlB with give us a presentation on Bank fraud and scams. And we welcome suggestions from the members about what they would like. It is starting off to be a very pro-active group.



Local Vocals singing group presented a cheque for €3,054, the proceeds from their recent charity concert at the Briery Gap to Laura Curtin, representing the Friends of the Alzheimer Society, the group's chosen charity for the event. Pic Peter Scanlan



Sixth Class pupils who recently graduated from Ballinagree NS.

#### SCOIL CHÚIL AODHA



Rang 2 ó Scoil Chúil Aodha - Barr d'Inse ar lá a gCéad Chomaoine in éineacht lena múinteoir, Caoimhe Ní Dhuinnín, agus an sagart paróiste, An tAthair Seán Mac Cárthaigh.



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### A Wonderful Gear AT CANOVEE NATIONAL SCHOOL COME TO A CLOSE

As another school year draws to a close, Canovee National School reflects on a joyful, eventful, and heartwarming year filled with milestones, achievements, and memories that will stay with us for years to come.

This year marked a particularly special moment in our history with the opening of our very first Autism class. It has been a significant and proud development for our school community, as we continue to foster an inclusive and supportive environment for all learners. From sports to fundraising, learning to laughter, this year had it all. Our students did us proud by reaching the Sciath na Scol final, showcasing teamwork, talent, and school spirit. We also held a successful bingo fundraiser, which brought families and friends together in support of our school.

There was no shortage of fun either — we learned to line dance, visited a local farm, and went on memorable school tours. Our green-fingered students got their hands dirty planting new shrubs in the flower bed, brightening up the school grounds.

Religious milestones were celebrated with reverence and joy, as we marked First Communions and later hosted a beautiful Graduation Mass with Fr. Kieron, where we said goodbye to our wonderful 6th class students. A total of 29 pupils graduated this year — and remarkably, 25 of them were the youngest in their families, making this a particularly poignant moment for many in our community. It truly marks the end of an era for numerous families who have been part of Canovee NS for many years.

Our final day of the school year, June 20th, was

a bittersweet occasion as we also said slán agus beannacht to a cherished member of staff, Rosarii Fitzgerald, who retired after 23 years of dedicated service. Rosarii has been a cornerstone of our school, and her gentle ways and ever-present smile will be dearly missed by students and staff alike.

As we close the chapter on this fantastic year, we want to express heartfelt thanks to all our students, staff, and families for their commitment, hard work, and unwavering support.

We now look forward to a sunny, restful summer break, recharging our batteries for another exciting year ahead at Canovee National School.

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Image left: School teacher, Rosarii's retires after 23 years in Canovee NS



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### 31ST CORK **LISSARDA SCOUTS**

31st Cork (Lissarda) Cubs joined nearly 200 other Cubs from Lee Valley Scout County at Kilcully Scout Campsite for a fantastic weekend of camping. We had so much fun exploring the Land Down Under. Every activity had an Australian theme. Boomerang throwing, Didgeridoo playing, panning for gold, surfing, Bushtucker Trials, Dreamtime in the Stardome...we just couldn't decide on our favourite Aussie experience! A couple of our Cubs got the hang of playing the Didgeridoo quite quickly and then gave a demonstration to the entire gathering at our enormous campfire on the Saturday evening. We almost lost our voices with all the singing and shouting at the campfire - there was great excitement!

Each Cub was awarded a special badge at the end of the weekend.

One thing is for certain, everyone left the site tired, happy and excited for our summer camp next month. Cubs are 9-11 year old boys and girls. We meet at Crookstown Hall on Tuesday nights (when we're not exploring the outdoors!) If you're interested in joining and would like further information, please email 31 corklissardawaiting list@gmail.com





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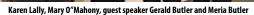
#### INDEPENDENCE MUSEUM KILMURRY

After a hugely successful talk by Gerald Butler on The Lighthouses of Southwest Ireland we are delighted to continue our 2025 events programme with our annual Rebel Rally vintage run on Sunday 06th July . Registration will begin at 11am at Independence Museum Kilmurry. The first pitstop this year will be a tour of Cygnum factory in Macroom, maker of Timber Frame houses. The second pitstop is at Creedons hotel Inchigeelagh, for songs and stories with Joe Creedon. Fee is €20 per car. It is open to vintage and non vintage cars.



Former Lightkeeper Gerald Butler giving a talk on the Lighthouses of Southwest Ireland







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#### COACHFORD UPDATES

#### Lotto won for Coachford girl.

Congratulations to Nicola Doherty on winning the Coachford AFC Lotto Jackpot of €9,800 last week. Nicola holds an online ticket and has been supporting the clubs fundraiser for years. Her winning numbers of 4,31 and 37 were ones she picked some time ago and they all have a special significance for her.

Soccer players go back to school

Some of The Coachford AFC Premier Team visited Coachford National School last week to show off their array of trophies won this season. The club representatives, some of who are past pupils, received a tremendous reception from all the girls and boys at the school and the soccer club continues to be a huge inspiration for all the young players.

The world comes to Coachford again

40 teams from 25 nations will be taking part in the World club Angling Championships in Coachford and surrounding areas in July. The organisers of this huge event are looking for Volunteers to help out on the river bank to monitor the anglers and around the village. Get more information and register your interest here https://www.ncffi.ie/wcc25-2/ volunteer-wcc25/

#### COACHFORD NATIONAL SCHOOL WINS COUNTY **GARDEN AWARD!**

We are delighted to announce that Coachford National School has been awarded Overall Best County School Garden in the Muintir na Tíre Cork School Garden Competition 2025!

The competition celebrates creativity, sustainability, and biodiversity in school gardens across Cork city and county. At a special ceremony in Cork County Hall, Cllr. Michael Looney, representing the Mayor of County Cork, presented the award and congratulated our pupils and staff on this fantastic achievement.

The garden at Coachford NS is a vibrant, evolving space designed, developed, and cared for by the children, with guidance from staff. It includes a diverse range of features such as a wildlife pond that supports biodiversity, a mini orchard planted with native fruit trees, a no-mow area to encourage pollinators, and a sensory garden that promotes calm, mindful engagement with nature. In our greenhouse, pupils grow a wide variety of plants from seed before transplanting them to outdoor beds, where they cultivate vegetables and herbs. The children are actively involved in every stage of the process—composting organic waste, harvesting rainwater, maintaining habitats, and feeding birdsgaining meaningful, hands-on experience while nurturing environmental awareness, responsibility, and care for the natural world.

Congratulations to the pupils and staff of Coachford NS on this well-earned award!

#### COACHEORD NS ACHIEVES SILVER STAG NATURE HERO AWARD FROM BIODIVERSITY IN GI FNVFAGH

Coachford National School has achieved a Silver Stag Nature Hero Awards for their great work in biodiversity and environmental education. The Nature Hero Awards, coordinated by Biodiversity in Schools and sponsored by Glenveagh, received registrations from 316 schools around Ireland representing over 93,000 students. The awards help schools to positively steward their local land, improving biodiversity and educating young nature heroes throughout Ireland. Coachford National School received a certificate to mark their great effort over the year.

Biodiversity in Schools' Nature Hero Awards

Coordinator Diarmuid Hayes said of Coachford's efforts, "Coachford National School has done great work over several years in aid of biodiversity. They have many bug hotels, active composting, a large no-mow meadow habitat which is of huge benefit to insects and birds alike, and their commitment to creative and immersive outdoor education for pupils is clear to see."

Speaking about the partnership, Annette McGarry, Head of Community Engagement at Glenveagh

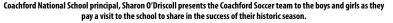
commented, "We're proud to collaborate with Biodiversity in Schools on this excellent educational initiative, and delighted to see so many schools and children participate this year. We congratulate Coachford National School on their fantastic achievement. Biodiversity plays such an important role in every community and we're incredibly proud to support this brilliant initiative over the last four years".

Speaking about the 2025 competition, Mark Nolan, Director of Biodiversity in Schools commented: "We've been amazed by the incredible work undertaken by schools across the country to help their local biodiversity. A massive well done to all the schools who achieved 'Nature Hero' status this year. A special thank you to Glenveagh Homes for their continued support of this great initiative."

Regarding her schools' efforts this year, Principal Sharon O'Driscoll of Coachford NS said "It was all a great learning curve for us, and great to be acknowledged for all the 'little' things we do for nature!"

For more information and to join the mailing list to be notified when registration reopens for the next academic year, visit www.biodiversityinschools.com.







Coachford N.S. achieves Silver Stag Nature Hero Award from Biodiversity in Schools and Glenveagh

#### CARRIGADROHID/KILLINRDRISH TIDY TOWNS

#### Community Spirit Shines in Carrigadrohid/ : **Killinardrish Tidy Towns**

As summer settles in, the hardworking volunteers of Carrigadrohid/Killinardrish Tidy Towns continue to show what true community pride looks like. Every Tuesday evening, a dedicated group has been rolling up their sleeves to clean up the village area, plant vibrant flowers and new shrubs, and keep our beautiful surroundings looking their very best.

One special area getting a bit of extra attention is the grotto at the top of Barrack Hill. Plans are underway for a little TLC and a fresh lick of paint — so watch this space for a lovely transformation coming soon!

A big highlight of our summer so far was the annual Street Feast, held on the platform on Friday, June 20th. We were blessed with glorious sunshine, fantastic company, and the stunning backdrop of Carrigadrohid. A wonderful crowd gathered to share food, stories, and laughter in a truly idyllic setting.

A huge thank you to all who set up, supported, and cleaned up after the event — true community spirit in action! The platform was left spotless, a testament to the pride and care of those involved. Special thanks to our superstar volunteer face painters, who decorated over 50 children's faces — some even got painted twice!

And most importantly, thank you to everyone who joined us on the night and made yet another community gathering a resounding success. Events like these remind us what makes our village so special — its people.

Go raibh míle maith agaibh go léir. Here's to a beautiful summer ahead in Carrigadrohid and Killinardrish!



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### MINISTER MORAN ATTENDS THE OFFICAL **RE-OPENING OF GARDA STATION**

Minister of State for the Office of Public Works (OPW) Kevin 'Boxer' Moran TD today attended the official re-opening of Coachford Garda station. This new facility will now provide modern, fit for purpose accommodation to serve the Garda unit in Coachford, and the wider communities it serves.

The refurbishment of Coachford Garda Station is one of many projects being delivered under a comprehensive programme to modernise Garda buildings. The OPW and An Garda Síochána, with the support of the Department of Justice, are working to improve Garda facilities across the country.

Welcoming the re-opening of the new Garda station, Minister Moran said:

"I am delighted to be here on what is a great day for this community. The provision of this newly repurposed Garda Station is such an important development for policing and will continue to serve the community of Coachford now and into the future.

As well as providing a modern fit-for-purpose facility for Garda members and the visiting public, the station meets a very high environmental standard. I am also delighted to see that the station is now wheelchair accessible".

Assistant Commissioner Eileen Foster added:

"I am informed that the total spend for Coachford Garda Station including contractor, fees and a percentage for art is circa € 1,120,000. The modernized station will provide an improved service to the local



Minister Moran attends the official re-opening of Coachford Garda Station

community."

Speaking from Luxembourg, Minister for Justice Jim O'Callaghan said:

"The Government is committed to ensuring that An Garda Síochána has the equipment, vehicles and facilities it needs to keep communities safe. €2.48 billion was allocated under Budget 2025 to ensure the Commissioner has the resources he needs to deliver a world class policing service.

redevelopment of Coachford Station demonstrates this commitment. The station is an investment in the community, providing enhanced, fit for purpose facilities for Garda personnel and members of the public.

Investment in the Garda Estate in County Cork will continue with the project to build a new Divisional HO in Macroom expected to commence later this year."

STÁISIÚN GARDAÍ ÁTH AN CHOISTE

The works included a major refurbishment of the existing Garda station, involving the total redesign of the building layout to provide a more modern up to date Garda Station that will work for the Gardaí and the community. The upgrades have taken on board environmental consideration, incorporating high standard of insulation, new M&E upgrades including a heat pump heating system, low energy LED lighting throughout, as well as providing new car parking. The building is energy efficient, sustainable with universal



Minister Moran welcomes Assistant Commissioner Eileen Foster



Minister Moran attends the official re-opening of Coachford Garda Station

#### ST ENDA'S NS KILNADUR

Students from St Enda's NS, Kilnadur were acknowledged by The Mayor of the County of Cork, Cllr. Joe Caroll for their Junior Entrepreneur project – Tote-ally West Cork.

The project saw students design tote bags featuring their hand-drawn images of attractions and tourist sites across West Cork.

Mayor Carroll, welcomed the students to Michael Collins House where they were given a guided tour and presented with a selection of family passes for Cork County Council attractions, along with some gifts from Michael Collins House.



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#### BALLYVONGANE NS **-**

We've had a great end to the school year. At Cork City Sports, four of our athletes represented the school. Everyone ran great races, and a big congratulations to Georgia who brought home gold!

Our school tour this year took us to Fota Wildlife Park. The students had a fantastic time exploring the park, spotting animals, and even braving the Big Wheel.

We also went on a nature walk to our local woods. Múinteoir Aoife spoke about native trees, and we identified different varieties growing in the area. She showed us how to build shelters using sticks and then demonstrated how to make a rope swing.

Our Animal of the Month for June was the buzzard. We

have a family of buzzards living behind the school, and they're a regular sight soaring above us. It was great to study and learn more about this fascinating bird of prey.

The children got a big surprise when a local silage cutter called in to show us the tractor and mower. There were lots of engineering questions about how the tractor and mower operates. The Junior Room studied the Construction Site this month and did lots of learning through play on this topic.

For our Sports Day, we invited Rowena and the preschoolers to come down and join us. We challenged them to a 60-yard dash, but the pre-schoolers were just too fast for us! We spent the day enjoying activities like archery, water races, the egg and spoon race, wheelbarrow races, and parachute games, along with an obstacle course-themed bouncy castle.

As we finish up the 2024/25 school year, we'd like to thank all our parents and the local community for their continued support. We wish everyone a lovely summer ahead.

We are currently enrolling for September 2025. For more information, contact the school at 026 48188 or ballyvonganens@gmail.com. You can also follow us on Facebook and Instagram to see more of what we get



A visit to the woods by students at Ballyvongane NS



**Exploring Nature as Ballyvongane NS** 



The Construction Site at Ballyvongane NS



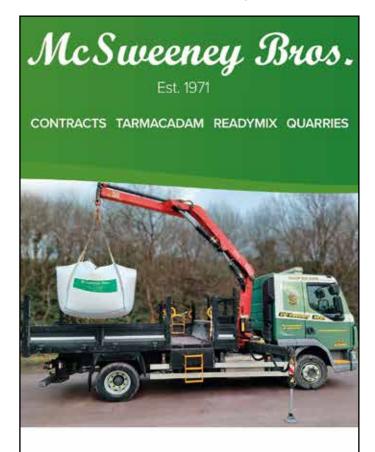
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#### A Busy and Exciting End to the School Year at Kilmurry N.S.

The final few weeks of school were a whirlwind of activity, achievement and celebration at Kilmurry N.S. From historic sporting milestones to inspiring student initiatives, the school community has had much to be

June saw the launch of the inaugural Kathleen Creedon Public Speaking Competition for our 6th class pupils. The competition was a wonderful success, showcasing the confidence, creativity and communication skills of the participants. We were honoured to welcome back our former principal for this special occasion, making it even more memorable.

Innovation and enterprise were alive and well in 5th class, as part of their Junior Entrepreneur Programme. Their creative project—summer art kits—was a huge

#### KILMURRY NS

success and very popular throughout the school.

Our hurling team make history by reaching the Sciath na Scol hurling final for the very first time. The match, held in Páirc Uí Chaoimh was a proud occasion for the school. The players showed tremendous heart, skill and sportsmanship, representing Kilmurry N.S. with great pride.

Adding to the sporting triumphs, some of our 6th class boys advanced to the Munster FAI 5-a-side final in Cahir Park—a fantastic achievement, Meanwhile, Cork City Sports at MTU saw many of our pupils bring home silverware, well done to our young athletes.

Our classes enjoyed a variety of educational and fun excursions. Pupils visited wonderful local spots including Macroom playground and library, the Model Railway Village, Fitzgerald's Park and The Glucksman Art Gallery. These trips provided valuable learning experiences and lots of memorable moments. Our annual school tours were also a big hit, offering plenty of fun and adventure to round off a busy year.

6th class played a leading role in organising two key school events. They hosted our annual jumble sale, raising money in aid of West Cork Rapid Response. They also organised a fantastic Sports Day, which was blessed with beautiful weather.

Meanwhile, our Green Schools Committee and Student Council were busy wrapping up the year with a range of meaningful activities, highlighting the importance of environmental awareness and student voice in school life.

We are incredibly proud of all our pupils. Here's to a well-earned summer break!



4th & 5th Class School Tour to Gecko Adventures



Junior & Senior Infants School Tour to Kennedy's Pet Farm



**Kathleen Creedon Public Speaking Competition** 



#### **DROMLEIGH NS**

Dromleigh N.S. students enjoyed a busy final month at school. Students had lots of fun at the annual Sports Day on June 13th. Sixth class pupils finished off the day with a challenge basketball match against their

The staff of Dromleigh would like to wish our pupils every happiness in their move to post-primary school and were delighted to celebrate their graduation ceremony on June 18th.

Keep up to date with Dromleigh N.S. by following us on Facebook 'Dromleigh N.S Kilmichael'.



Sixth class pupils from Dromleigh N.S. hosted their annual Parents vs Students basketball match on June 13th.



Sixth Class pupils from Dromleigh N.S. celebrated their graduation on June 18th.



#### SCOIL FHIONNBARRA, BÉAL ÁTHA 'n GHAORTHAIDH —

What does sustainability mean to you? This was the question asked to pupils in a Ballingeary national school recently, who then channelled their creative skills for an art competition.

Around 50 pupils from 3rd to 6th Class in Scoil Fhionnbarra, Béal Átha 'n Ghaorthaidh entered the art competition, which was sponsored by FuturEnergy Ireland. The competition offered a creative, interactive way for children to learn about climate change, the environment and how to be ecofriendly.

The standard was extremely high, prompting FuturEnergy Ireland to choose two lucky winners, one from 3rd and 4th classes and the other from 5th and 6th classes, who were presented with a Samsung Galaxy tablet each in assembly while six runners-up received vouchers to use in Cronin's Cafe in Gougane Barra.

For winner Sean Ó Laoire, 10, his aunt's house provided inspiration with its polytunnel, trees, pollinators, a beehive, recycling bins, solar panels, a bicycle and a backdrop of wind turbines. Sustainable living at its best! Meanwhile 12-year-old Róisín Uí Tuama showed her vision of an environmentally conscious Ballingeary complete with communal vegetable garden, an abundance of flowers and trees and even a Luas stop for public transport.

Fionnuala Uí Chéilleachair, Príomhoide Scoil Fhionnbarra, said: "Bhíomar chomh tógtha leis an rud ar fad agus tá an-áthas orm go bhfuaireamar an deis páirt a ghlacadh sa chomórtas. Chuir sé páistí na scoile ag machnamh faoi chúrsaí aeráide agus cúrsaí timpeallachta ar fud na cruinne. Is dócha an rud is suntasaí faoin gcomórtas seo ná gur tharraing sé aird na bpáistí ar chúrsaí timpeallachta agus chomhshaoil ina bpobal féin. Chaith siad roinnt ama ag plé mar a

chuireann cúrsaí aeráide isteach ar an timpeallacht agus conas go bhfeádfadh siad mar pháistí agus mar phobal cabhrú leis an athrú aeráide.

"Chabhraigh gach rang sa scoil leis na mboscaí bláthanna. Dhear siad na boscaí lena gcuid ealaíona, líon siad iad le plandaí agus crochadh ar fallaí na scoile iad. Cuireann siad go mór le timpeallacht na scoile agus cuireann siad cruth álainn ar an tsráidbhaile. Ba mhaith liom aitheantas a thabhairt do Mhúinteoirí Eimear [Ní Thuama] agus Treasa [Ní Laoire] chomh maith as an tionscnamh a threorú ins na ranganna. Comhghairdeachas leis na buaiteoirí chomh maith." \* The art competition followed a flower box project recently carried out in the school with the support of Coiste Bailte Slachtmhara and FuturEnergy Ireland. Pupils had lots of fun decorating and planting the flower boxes, made by FuturEnergy Ireland's Community Liaison Officer Brendan Twomey from recycled pallets, to brighten up the yard. The students will now take charge of taking care of them, watering and deadheading the plants.

Brendan Twomey of FuturEnergy Ireland said: "Bhí foireann FuturEnergy Éireann an-tógtha leis an obair ealaíne a cruthaíodh ag scoláirí. Léirigh na hiarratais leibhéal ard tuisceana ar athrú aeráide agus ar inbhuanaitheacht, rud a chuireann réasún go maith don todhchaí! Ba shásamh é a fheiceáil cé chomh gníomhach atá na scoláirí nuair a bhí siad ag maisiú agus ag plandáil na bhoscaí bláthanna, agus a d'ónóir ina n-obair ealaíne. Ba mhaith liom freisin buíochas a ghabháil leis na múinteoirí Eimear agus Treasa as a gcuid cúnamh maidir le comórtas ealaíne a chomhordú agus le maisiú na boscaí bláthanna."\*\* FuturEnergy Ireland has a comprehensive education programme across its project areas. For more information, visit www.futurenergyireland.ie.

Fionnuala Uí Chéilleachair, principal at Scoil Fhionnbarra, said: "We were so taken with the whole initiative and I'm very happy that we had the opportunity to take part in the competition. It got the children thinking about climate issues and environmental matters around the world. Probably the most notable thing is that it drew the children's attention to environmental and ecological issues in their own community. They spent some time discussing how climate issues affect the environment and how they, as children and as a community, could help address climate change.

"In addition, all classes in the school helped with the flower boxes. They decorated the boxes with their artwork, filled them with plants, and put them on the school walls. They greatly enhance the school environment and add a lovely look to the village. We are very grateful to Brandy and FuturEnergy Ireland for their support with this project, and of course to our wonderful children who created beautiful art pieces. I would also like to acknowledge teachers Eimear [Ní Thuama] and Treasa [NÍ Laoire] for leading the initiative in the classes. Congratulations to the winners as well." \*\* Brendan Twomey of FuturEnergy Ireland said: "The FuturEnergy Ireland team were extremely impressed by the artwork created by pupils. The entries showed a high level of understanding of climate change and sustainability, which bodes well for the future! It was a pleasure to see how engaged the pupils were when decorating and planting the flower boxes, and their pride in their artwork. I would also like to thank teachers Eimear and Treasa for their help in coordinating both the art competition and decorating the flower boxes."

#### **NUACHT UIBH LAOIRE**

#### **Procession**

The annual Corpus Christi processions took place in the parish on Sunday last. A large crowd participated in both villages and joined in the prayers and hymns of the choirs. As usual the villages were bright and clean in preparation for the traditional, religious event and altars, holy statues and bright flowers were placed outside on the route. The hard work done by the Tidy Towns members and individual house and shop owners shouldn't go without mention. Well done and thank you to all. A big thank you to the Ballingeary Pipe Band who provided the music on the route and in the church in Inchigeela. And the new First Communicants did their duty well, spreading the petals on the roadway for the passing priest with the

blessed sacrament. It is nice to see an old traditional custom being supported so well.

#### A Day Out on the Waves.

The Parish Active group have chosen Cork harbour for their members day out on July 23rd We wish them a really enjoyable day.

#### Inchigeela Hall

A great evenings dancing was had this past Sunday afternoon to the music of the Michael Collins band with a big dancing crowd from far and wide. Don't forget, on Sunday 6th of July there's Martin Kearney and Derry Kennedy. More fantastic music and dancing .On Friday nights there's bingo to enjoy with jackpots and snowballs galore! And on Sunday nights its the turn of card players, starting at 8.30pm.

Well done to Béal Atha for a win over Castletownbere and to Uibh Laoire for their win over Rockchapel on Sunday.

#### Cúl Camp Inchigeela

Uibh Laoire Pitch July 15th to July 19th 10am to 2pm for ages 16 to 13.

#### **TG4 Visit**

Tg4 visited Béal átha on Saturday to film the work done by the Tidy Towns group. Bhi suim acu pictiúiri a thogaint des na Céimeanna (clapper bridge), an clós súgra, an gáirdin ag Casadh na Spride agus áiteanna eile. deirtear go mbeidh an clár á chraoladh i mí Meán Fhómhair faoi an teideal "Pobal Mhúscraí"



Some of those who walked on Procession Day in Inchigeela



One of the altars on the procession route in Inchigeela





#### **CLONDROHID NEWS**

ANNUAL CURRA ROAD GROTTO ROSARY: This will take place on Sunday June 29 at 7pm Everybody welcome

MOVEMENT OF CONTINUOUS PRAYER FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE: Next 24 hours of prayer 12pm Friday June 27 to 12pm Saturday June 28. Please remember your Hour.

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION: This important annual ceremony took place after 9.30am Mass last Sunday. A great crowd attended, with many of those who received their First Holy Communion in May in attendance. They led the procession around the outside of church strewing flowers ahead of Fr Jim who was carrying the Monstrance. The choir sang their hymns and the congregation followed.. Thanks to all who helped, and took part.

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. They would love to see you there.

Jackie 's Scoraiocht continues in The Laine Bar Ballinagree on the last Wednesday of every month. Give it a call.

WEEKLY SUMMER HISTORY TOURS: These have commenced on Tues June 24, and will continue every Tues night at 8pm with Dr. Con Kelleher, starting at Macroom Bridge

Choice of 3 talks. The Historic Centre, New Street, and Macroom 20th Century Centres of Entertainment.. Everybody welcome.

CLONDROHID DEV GROUP: Its all systems go for this group at the moment, as they try to improve their marks in the Tidy Towns .Everybody can help



Clondrohid's u 11 team who participated in the Brian Cronin Tournament in Dromtariffe on June 7 and 14.

by keeping the area outside their house clean and rubbish free. If you see the group out doing clean ups etc., please feel free to join them. Big Thank You to our CE worker

**CLONDROHID PARISH ACTIVE RETIRED:** This group  $headed\,off\,to\,Wexford\,last\,week\,for\,a\,few\,days\,holidays.$ A brilliant time was had by all, staying in the Talbot Hotel, and visiting places of interest during the days, Dunbrody Famine Ship, John F Kennedy Homestead, Wheellocks Strawberry Farm, and Johnstown Castle. Thanks to all who travelled and helped to make the break full of laughs, stories and memories. The weather was super, roll on next years one.

**LOTTO:** Results for June 18. Jackpot €2,200 €70 Joan O'Riordan c/o Evelyn €20: Duggan family Moulnahorna, Kath Mccarthy Carriganima, Mary Cooney Greyhound Bar, Dan O'Riordan c/o Evelyn

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### St. Joseph's PRIMARY SCHOOL MACROOM



Before we sign off for the summer holidays, we wish to keep everyone up to date on what has been a super busy June in St. Joseph's P.S.

It has been a month of celebrations, preparations, donations, participation, presentations, and graduations.

Our school tours got off to an early start at the end of May. The excitement of going on the bus was a highlight as all the pupils waved goodbye to their parents, before heading off to a variety of tour destinations: Juniors and Seniors were exhausted after a fun-filled day in Let's Go, 1st and 2nd Classes had a ball in MTU, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th enjoyed a memorable day in West Cork Secret.

On the 29th of May, our athletes headed off to MTU for the annual Cork City Sports competition. They performed very well and had a fantastic experience. Thanks to Ms. FitzPatrick for all her help in preparing the pupils.

5th and 6th concluded their Wild Work sessions with Donal O'Leary mid-June. The last day was marked by projects presented by the girls to Donal and SECAD member Karen to showcase all they had learned about biodiversity in our local area and how they hope to use what they have learned to help plants and animals in our locality into the future.

880 euro was raised for Down Syndrome Ireland over the past 2 years through our participation in their annual fundraiser Odd Socks Day. Our Student Council, teachers and parents were delighted to make this donation for such a worthy cause.

Huge congratulations to all teachers and pupils for all their hard work and exploration of all things STEM again this year. This has meant that St. Joseph's is now a recipient of the Gold Curious Minds award for STEM

awarded by the SFI. We are delighted with this achievement which acknowledges everyone's efforts across the school to bring STEM into all aspects of school life. A special mention to Ms. O'Sullivan and Ms. Kelleher who made the application and showcased all the work being done.

A massive thank you to our Parents' Association, Cairde Naomh Iósaf, who organised our recent Bake Sale in the school hall. Thanks to all the parents who baked and provided cakes for sale and for the purchase of same. We look forward to the development of our green space which in time will become a multi-purpose outdoor space for learning, play and relaxation. Stay tuned!

Molly Vaughan and Aoife Moore were honoured to represent the school in receiving our most recent Green Flag for "Global Citizenship- Litter and Waste". Mr. O Mahony and Ms. Dinneen were also in attendance at the Killarney Convention Centre on the 26th May. This was the culmination of a lot of hard work and dedication on behalf of the teachers, Green School's Committee, and the whole school in creating an awareness of what we need to do locally to keep litter and waste to a minimum. The Green School's Committee also attended the Gum Road show in the Square in Macroom which highlighted the problems created by chewing gum being disposed of incorrectly.

5th class pupils were led on a very informative History talk by Ann Bradley from the Irish Heritage Council around Macroom town. They explored the street names and their significance, areas and monuments of the town which had a particular connection to the Famine and other features in the town which the pupils had not known of before. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed this and all were able to





specify many interesting things they learned along the way.

5th and 6th classes alongside the Gaeilge Gals put together a fantastic display of teamwork and rhythm and song in a large group rendition of "Amhrán na gCupán". They put on a performance for all the other classes. Go raibh maith agat to Mr. Cotter for his organisation and practice.

Thanks to our Gymnastics coach Kenny for his patience and direction in helping all pupils develop their skills. The progress on display year on year is great to see.

The weather picked up just in time for our annual Active Week from 16th-20th June, with an exciting Sports Day on the 24th-Lots of Walk and Talk, Drop Everything and Move, extra PE, rounders, trips to the Fairy Garden and local playground ensured fun for all. Special thanks to James and all in Macroom Community Leisure Centre for providing us with the hall and bouncy castle for the special day.

On the 16th of June we had a special celebration where the whole school came together to raise 2 flags; our latest Green flag for Global Citizenship-Litter and Waste and our Bí Cineálta flag. The Bí Cineálta flag is to mark the new and updated Anti-Bullying policy which will come into effect in September. All pupils are now au fait with the student policy and a memorable slogan to help them remember what to do if they see or experience bullying.

We were privileged on the day to have our past pupil and local artist Chris Dervin in attendance for our flag-raising ceremony and the official opening of our Bí Cineálta mural in the centre of the school. This was created by Chris and Mr. Cotter's Junior Infant class as part of the Teacher Artist Partnership. Chris' use of ceramics and old tiles to produce a magnificent mural which highlights positive messages and brings the natural world indoors for all to experience and admire is a testament to her creativity and vision. She captured perfectly what we hoped would be a message for all who walk the corridors of St. Joseph's long into the future.

On the 18th June our 1st class boys and 6th class girls bade farewell to St. Joseph's at their graduation ceremonies where Mass for 6th class was celebrated thanks to Fr. Joe. memories were shared and songs were sung. Although we are sad to see you all leave, we wish you all the very best of luck and success in your future schools.

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#### ROUND UP OF MACROOM NEWS

#### LARGE NUMBERS IN MACROOM'S 2025 CORPUS : The Girl Communicants, resplendent in their white **CHRISTI PROCESSION**

Around four hundred people took part in an impressively orderly Corpus Christi Procession from St. Colman's Church to the Town Square, on Sunday 22nd June. It was a colourful event that brought together people of all ages and of various nationalities, to honour and affirm the presence of Christ in the Eucharist. It was an occasion of goodness, kindness, reverence and palpable spirituality

#### **First Holy Communicants**

First Holy Communicants from both St. Colman's Boys' and St. Joseph's Girls' National Schools were prominent in the parade and occupied the central, front row position opposite the temporary altar which is traditionally erected in front of the A.I.B. Bank building. Praying for peace in the Ukraine, in the Middle East, in Sudan and other troubled spots, was a central theme of this year's procession. It was fitting therefore that two'Peace Banners' were borne aloft in the procession, including one carried by the boy Holy Communicants from St. Colman's N.S.

Holy Communion attire, processed in front of the canopy, strewing flower petals from their beautiful baskets and leaving splendid, multi-coloured, sweetscented carpet for Lord in their wake. Other students from local school also participated individually or with their parents.

#### Parish Groups, Banners, Rosary & Hymns

Parish groups, including the PTAA, Adoration Group, Prayer Groups, Faith & Light, St. Joseph's Young Priests Society and Bereavement Group took part and each carried their own colourful banner aloft. The old tradition of the Women of the parish and the Men of the parishes in distinctly different positions in the procession lives on and each carry their own banner. The rosary was reverently recited over the public address system during the procession and hymn verses beautifullysung between decades - by the choir and via the P.A. system.

#### Road Traffic, Health and Safety

An assessment of possible hazards along the route of the procession is carried out prior to the procession

and appropriate guidance provided. Prevention of danger from traffic is the persistent number-onepriority for the organisers; hence every precaution is taken to ensure that the procession and passing traffic do not simultaneously share the same stretch of roadway. Twelve experienced stewards helped to marshal the crowd safely along the route, and in the Town Square and on the return procession to St. Colman's Church. The safety of the people was further ensured by the active and effective assistance of members of Macroom Gardaí.

#### Platinum Jubilarian Gave Eucharistic Blessing

Msgr. James O'Donnell, P.E., who recently celebrated the 70th anniversary of his ordination gave the Eucharistic blessing and sang the accompanying Latin verses. Msgr. O'Donnell, who was a former president of St. Colman's College, Fermoy, and a former parish priest of Macroom, was flanked by two of his past pupils: current P.P. of Macroom Fr. Donal Roberts and by Columban Missionary Fr. Donal McIlraith who lectures in s seminary in Fiji.

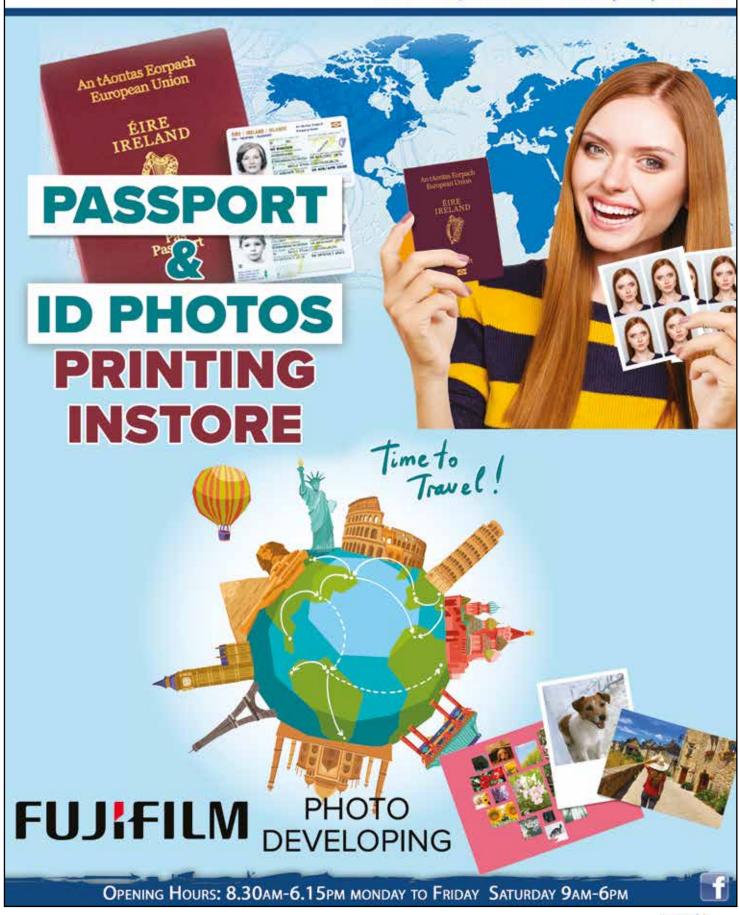




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It's shaping up to be an unforgettable weekend in Ballinagree - so gather your family, bring your friends, and join us from Friday, June 27th to Sunday, June 29th.

We can't wait to see you there!



Green Flag Awards: Deputy Mayor of the County of Cork, Cllr. Sheila O'Callaghan with Liam, Aine and Harry, pupils from Dripsey National School.



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# MEP KELLEHER CALLS FOR A STATE-BACKED CREDIT GUARANTEE SCHEME TO ENABLE SMALL BUILDERS BUILD MORE HOMES

### Seeks input from EU Competition Commissioner on whether State Aid approval is needed -

Fianna Fáil MEP Billy Kelleher has said that a State-backed Credit Guarantee Scheme to help housing developers bridge the gap in financing should be explored by the Irish Government in order to stimulate house building in the State.

Kelleher, a member of the European Parliament's Economic and Monetary Affairs (ECON) Committee, has today written to the Competition Commissioner, Teresa Ribera, seeking changes to the current state aid rules to ensure that such a scheme would be permitted.

"Quite simply, the Irish banks are not willing to lend at a sufficient level to small builders to fund house and apartment construction in the country.

"Most banks are only willing to lend up to a maximum of 70% of the cost of development. This is due to the risk management framework in place and the risk appetite of our banks. Consequently, small builders are being asked to provide 30% themselves and, simply put, don't have access to that amount of money upfront.

"Their only other option is to seek finance on the international markets where interest rates in excess of 12% are being charged. This is what is driving up the cost of development and ultimately house prices in

"All of this is making construction not viable for the vast majority of small and medium sized developers

who make up the vast majority of the construction sector in Ireland - resulting in us failing to hit our housing targets.

"If we can reduce the cost of finance, we should

see two things happening - more housing being built, and more housing being built at reduced prices.

"No one is saying that builders shouldn't be asked to provide some form of minimum equity when seeking credit. However, equity of 30% is just too high for the majority of small builders.

"It also limits their ability to build on multiple sites at the same time further reducing the number of homes being possibly built.

"A credit guarantee scheme from the state would provide a guarantee for a small portion of the equity or collateral requirements for SME developers and would enable the Irish banks to advance finance to additional developments. without compromising credit underwriting standards.

"In addition to writing to the Commissioner for Competition. I have also written to the Irish Housing Minister as well as the Minister for Finance seeking their views and their support for such a scheme.

"Everything must be on the table if we are to deal substantially with the housing crisis in our country," concluded Kelleher.



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When we look at our televisions every night it's very hard to look at the suffering of innocent men, women and children. It makes me very sad; we will have to have a ceasefire sooner rather than later. I can not believe this is happening in our vulnerable world in 2025. I know they are using food as a weapon of war. Food is available but its being stopped getting into Gaza at the border. We in Ireland are all well aware of the Irish famine when food was being exported out of Cork Harbour during Black 47 the worse year of the Irish famine. During famine times in Macroom

when they were denied access to the poor house, they had to camp by the banks of the river Sullane and some died and their bodies were taken to Carrigastyra near Clondrohid and buried in a mass grave. To remember the people who died during the famine in the Macroom area. A memorial plaque was erected along the banks of the river Sullane downstream of Macroom bridge. The famine memorial Macroom was financed through the sale of a book written by Séan and Máire Mac Suibhne. The name of the book "Muskerry through the Mac Suibhne lens" Sean is a great man

for taking photographs and his wife Máire wrote many great stories for the Lee Valley magazine. My late father Dennis O Callaghan (the postman) was great friends with Séan over many years. The memorial project was taken on by the local tidy towns well done to all to all the members of the tidy towns.

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# LEE VALLEY OUTLOOK





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# HAULIERS SEE RED AS OVERGROWN HEDGEROWS BREAK MIRRORS AND CAUSE SERIOUS ROAD SAFETY HAZARD

The lack of hedgerow management is leading to a significant number of road traffic accidents on rural roads according to road hauliers. The Irish Road Haulage Association has said their members are sick and tired of continual inaction on dangerous tree branches and hedges protruding out onto our roads.

The Irish Road Haulage Association have called on local authorities to ensure that roadside hedges are cut back, in particular at busy junctions. According to the hauliers, overgrown hedges are blocking sightlines at junctions, obstructing road signs and causing more accidents on our rural road network.

The IRHA is urging local authorities to consider both truck and trailer heights when cutting back hedgerows and to cut up to 4 metres high. Overgrown hedgerows pose a particular danger for high-sided vehicles such as trucks, according to IRHA President Ger Hyland.

"When hedges encroach onto the road, truck drivers are often forced to veer across the white line in order



to avoid damage to their vehicles and wing mirrors, creating a dangerous situation for all road users."

Hyland added: "an average a medium sized haulier is losing 2 mirrors a week on their truck fleet. That is a cost of €1000 euro a week due to mismanagement of our roadside vegetation"

Overgrown hedges and briers present a clear danger for cyclists and pedestrians as they can push them out into traffic at the last minute. As of June 19th, 19 pedestrians and 8 cyclists have already been killed on our roads in 2025.

Road Haulier President Ger Hyland criticised local authorities for not enforcing the law around hedge cutting. Section 70 of the Roads Act 1993 sets out a clear responsibility on landowners to maintain roadside hedgerows but according to Hyland, enforcement is non-existent by our local authorities.

Hyland called on local authorities to be more proactive when engaging with local landowners who border our rural roads network.

Hedge-cutting is prohibited from 1 March to 31 August, but there is an exemption in cases where overgrowth poses a road safety hazard.

Results from a 2024 Ipsos B&A survey of professional drivers, commissioned by the RSA, found that 75% of 620 HGV drivers surveyed reported overgrown roadside hedgerows to be challenging while driving.

Ger Hyland said that his organisation is very aware of the importance of hedgerows and biodiversity, but road safety must take priority.



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# A SEASON FOR THE AGES: COACHFORD AFC'S HISTORIC TRIUMPH

In the annals of Irish grassroots football, few seasons will be remembered with the reverence and awe that 2024/25 will command in Coachford. For the first time in Coachford AFCs proud 56-year history, their

Premier team claimed the Munster Junior Cup, etching their names into local legend. But that monumental victory was only part of a season that will echo in the hills of Cork Junior Soccer for generations to come.

What this group of players achieved defied even the boldest dreams — winning the Munster Junior Cup, the Premier League title without dropping a single point, the AOH Cup, and the Mossie Linnane Cup. An astonishing clean sweep, the kind only whispered about in clubhouses and dreamed about under floodlights. They didn't just win; they dominated.

It was a campaign carved from resilience, sacrifice, and sheer local pride. In the Munster Junior Cup, the road to glory was anything but easy. The supporters who followed every step of the journey will never forget just how tight each of the big games were. Victories over two determined Clare sides, and a nerve-shredding penalty shootout against Waterford's Villa United, had moments where it felt like the dream might slip away. There were heart-stopping minutes. There were prayers whispered by the supporters. But this group never quit — and neither did the people who stood behind them.

And then came the final. Luke Casey's unforgettable hat-trick against Pike Rovers, a 4-0 masterclass in front of a roaring crowd, sealed the Munster crown. He didn't just rise to the occasion — he owned it. And who could forget Mark Murphy's stunning hat-trick in the AOH Cup final? Big players deliver in big moments, and this team was full of them.

At the heart of it all was Donal Moynihan, the mastermind manager whose belief in his players never wavered. Whose tactical sharpness steered this group through ten gruelling months. Calm in the storm, demanding in the details, Moynihan built a culture of discipline, heart, and togetherness. His fingerprints are on every pass, every clean sheet, every trophy lifted.

And make no mistake — this success came at a cost. The sacrifices made by the squad over the season were enormous: missed family occasions, gruelling winter training sessions, knocks that hurt for weeks, and the mental toll of pushing through fatigue and pressure. But the reward? Eternal glory.



A Season for the Ages: Coachford AFC's Historic Triumph

What makes this team even more special is that almost every single player is local. This is a squad built not on transfers or outside recruitment, but on the solid foundation of homegrown talent. Many of these lads came through the Coachford underage ranks, wearing the same crest with pride since they were kids. The likes of Stephen "Chippy" Murray, who led with passion as captain, and players like Adam, Evan, Dhani, Luke, Matthew, Cialan, Neill and Mark, are not just champions — they're the sons of this soil.

This isn't just a win for the squad. It's a win for every coach who ever showed up on a wet Saturday morning, every volunteer who marked pitches, every parent who gave a lift, and every supporter who turned up rain or shine. People like Ciaran Lucey, Peter O'Riordan, Aidan Buckley, Seanie Delaney, Colm O'Grady, Jim Martin, and Shane Martin, who gave countless hours behind the scenes, are the quiet architects of this historic season.

The success belongs, too, to the supporters — the ones who lined the sidelines, bought a lotto ticket, shouted encouragement, or whispered silent prayers before kick-off. Your unwavering belief in these lads made a difference. This club thrives because of you.

And to the families and partners of these players - thank you. Your patience, your encouragement, and your sacrifices are often unseen but never unappreciated. Behind every player on the pitch stands a team of loved ones at home.

This remarkable squad — Stephen Murray, Keith Linzell, Mark Murphy, Matthew Bradley, Dara Lynch, Chris O'Connell Murphy, Dhani Merrick, Mark O'Connell, Adam Murphy, Evan O'Sullivan, Luke Casey, Jamie Griffin, Cialan O'Sullivan, Cathal 'Bob' O'Neill, Neil Moynihan, Ryan Leahy, Gary Murphy, Evan Egan, Michael O'Sullivan, Eric Murphy, Barry Kendellen, Aaron O'Sullivan, Sam Murphy, Antonio Carp, Declan Keating and James Cotter — will forever be remembered as the team that did the impossible.

What they proved is simple and profound: it takes a whole club to raise champions. From pitch to pub, from committee room to training ground, from the U8s to the Premier side — this is Coachford AFC. And this, right here, is history.

Forever proud. Forever Coachford.

We will never forget it.

We will never forget the thrill.

We will never forget the fight.

We will never forget the heroics of the defenders, the playmaking of the midfield and the genius of the strikers..

And we will never forget how our own brought home the biggest prize of all.

This was more than a season. This was a statement. We are Coachford. We are champions.

# **ALL IRELAND GAA CHAMPIONSHIPS 2025**

### **Senior Hurling**

Tipperary 1-28 Galway 2-17 Dublin 2-24 Limerick 0-28 Quarter Finals: Cork v Dublin, Saturday July 5th, Croke Park 5pm Kilkenny Tipperary, Sunday July 6th, Croke Park 4pm.

### Senior Football

### Roscommon 0-17 Cork 0-19

Cork footballers qualified for the knock out stages of the All Ireland Championship with a very exciting win over Roscommon at Portlaoise in the last of their three group games. Roscommon consequently are out of the competition. It was a heart warming display by the much maligned Cork side and a clear indication that they can rise to the big occasion.

Five unanswered points before the half time break which helped the Rebels to a 0-10 to 0-6 interval lead, alongside their ability to keep the scoreboard ticking over in the third quarter, stretching their advantage to six points at one stage, gave Cork enough of a lead to withstand a late frantic Roscommon rally. There was only a point between the teams with six minutes remaining but Cork substitute Cathail O'Mahony had a vital point, his side's first score in 13 minutes, to open up a two point gap and the winners denied the Connaught men the opportunity of getting the two pointer they needed to get the draw which would have sufficed for them to progress at Cork's expense.

Roscommon made the brighter start but a Brian O'Driscoll two-pointer from the right wing — the only orange flag of the game — brought the sides level after six minutes.

For the next 15 minutes, both teams enjoyed periods of dominance and after 20 minutes, it was 0-5 apiece - Seán McDonnell, Mark Cronin (free) and Brian Hurley on target for John Cleary's men.

Roscommon went back in front in the 21st minute but lan Maguire blazed two efforts over the crossbar, which could just as easily have been goals, while Cronin (free) and McDonnell also troubled the scoreboard to leave Cork deservedly 0-10 to 0-6 ahead at the break.

Just like the opening 35 minutes, Roscommon made a better start to the new half with two points but Cork, led by Maguire and Éire Óg's Colm O'Callaghan around the middle, were always able to keep their noses in front — Colm O'Callaghan kicking two points during another Rebels' purple patch which had them lead by 0-17 to 0-11. Roscommon went for broke, scored three points in a row but crucially Cork goalkeeper Míchéal Aodh Martin denied Cregg what looked like a certain goal with a brilliant save.

Roscommon pointed the resultant '45 and added another to come within two points but then Cathail O'Mahony's point made their task more difficult and all credit to Cork to hold on to the two point advantage and frustrate The Rossies to the final whistle.

Cork: Míchéal Aodh Martin; Seán Meehan, Daniel O'Mahony, Maurice Shanley; Brian O'Driscoll (0-02, 1 2p), Seán Brady, Matty Taylor; Ian Maguire (0-02), Colm O'Callaghan (Éire Óg)(0-02); Paul Walsh (0-01), Seán Walsh, Seán McDonnell (0-04); Mark Cronin (0-05, 2f), Brian Hurley (0-01), Chris Óg Jones (Iveleary). Subs: Rory Maguire for Meehan (h-t), Eoghan McSweeney (0-01) for Walsh (41), Seán Powter for Walsh (55), Ruairí Deane for Taylor (58), Cathail O'Mahony (0-01) for Jones (61).

### 2025 All-Ireland SFC Groups

Group 1: Donegal 4, Tyrone 4, Cavan 2, Kerry 4, Group 2: Meath 5, Kerry 4, CORK 2, Roscommon 1, Group 3: Monaghan 6, Down 4, Louth 2, Clare 0,





Teams from Macroom, Naomh Aban, Ballinora, Ballyphehane and Bishosptown at the U8 Blitz in Tom Creedon Park on Sun 22 Jun 2025

Group 4: Armagh 4, Dublin 4, Galway 3, Derry 1 **Preliminary Quarter Finals** Kerry 3-20 Cavan 1-17 **Dublin 1-19 Cork 1-16 All Ireland Quarter Finals:** 

Armagh v Kerry, Tyrone v Dublin, Meath v Galway, Monaghan v Donegal

### Dublin 1-19 (1-1-17) Cork 1-16 (1-0-16)

Level with just over 10 minutes to go, Dublin reeled off four of the game's last five points to win with three to spare - securing a quarter-final place. It was a win achieved without captain Con O'Callaghan who was a late withdrawal from the team through injury. Seán Bugler and Cormac Costello took on the bulk of the scoring burden, sharing 10 points between them, Paddy Small also stepped up for Dublin in attack with four points in front of 36,546, earning him the Man of the Match award. Brian Howard's goal in the 45th minute was a hugely important score too while John Small had a strong game at the centre of Dublin's defence.

It was tough on Cork who pushed Dublin all the way but unfortunately their season is now over. In Munster Cork defeated Limerick but lost their semi final to Kerry after extra time. They lost their Group stage games to Meath and then Kerry before defeating Roscommon, and now have lost a tight quarter final qualifier game to Dublin. Two wins from six championship outings does not look great but in their last two games, and against Kerry twice, Cork gave shown distinct promise and there is hope for the future.

Dublin pointed after just 33 seconds, and had the game's first four points. Just as it looked like they might pull significantly clear and put up a big score, they suddenly found themselves overwhelmed and only added another three points in the first-half.

Cork registered 1-3, 1-1 of which came from Chris Óg Jones who stuck a marvellous goal in the 12th minute and finished with 1-4 overall. Ian Maguire who picked out Jones and the corner-forward finished well, driving the ball low and across Stephen Cluxton to his far corner. It put Cork into a lead that they held for the rest of the first-half, reaching the interval with a deserved 1-8 to 0-9 advantage.

Brian Hurley nailed back-to-back points for Cork during their dominance and goalkeeper Micheál Aodh Martin powered over a 45 after a Jones shot at Cluxton was parried behind.

Unfortunately for Cork, a two-pointer for Dublin moments before the break, from Bugler, was crucial as it gave the Dubs renewed confidence and vital momentum for the second half.

They were better on the resumption, tying the game up in the 41st minute at 0-12 to 1-9 before Howard spun away from Sean McDonnell and planted the ball in the top corner of the Cork net. It was a great goal but back came Cork to grab the next three points to level it up again at 1-12 apiece, Colm O'Callaghan, Jones and Mark Cronin the scorers. Seán Walsh made it four Cork points in a row to nudge the Rebels ahead. Dublin missed a two pointer free awarded after a ball had been booted away after it had crossed the sideline, but Dublin kept the pressure on in the closing quarter and eventually pulled decisively clear.

Scorers for Dublin: Seán Bugler 0-5 (1 tp), Cormac Costello 0-5 (2fs), Paddy Small 0-4, Brian Howard 1-0, Ciaran Kilkenny 0-1, John Small 0-1, Lee Gannon 0-1, Niall Scully 0-1, Luke Breathnach 0-1.

Scorers for Cork: Chris Óg Jones 1-4, Mark Cronin 0-4 (2fs), Brian Hurley 0-2, Colm O'Callaghan 0-2, Ian Maguire 0-1, Micheál Aodh Martin 0-1 (1 45), Seán Walsh 0-1, Cathail O'Mahony 0-1.

Cork: Micheál Aodh Martin; Daniel O'Mahony, Maurice Shanley, Neil Lordan (Ballinora); Brian O'Driscoll, Seán Brady, Matty Taylor; Ian Maguire, Colm O'Callaghan (Éire Óg); Paul Walsh, Seán Walsh, Seán McDonnell; Brian Hurley, Mark Cronin, Chris Óg Jones (Uibh Laoire). Subs: Eoghan McSweeney for Paul Walsh 48, Conor Cahalane for McDonnell 49-58 blood, Cathail O'Mahony for Hurley 55, Seán Powter for Taylor 58, Luke Fahy for Lordan 63.

### **Electric Ireland Minor Hurling:** All Ireland Semi Final: Clare 0-27 Cork 1-22

Clare completed a weekend of All-Ireland minor semifinal shocks by dumping out Munster champions Cork. In an absorbing final-four clash, the Banner racked up 27 points, led by 0-13 from Paul Rodgers. The 2023 champions will meet Waterford, winners against Leinster champions Kilkenny, in a novel final pairing. The sides were level 11 times in front of 2,855 fans at Semple Stadium, but Clare were more assured for a finish, despite hitting 14 wides and deserved their win. For Cork, Cormac Deane scored 1-2 and assisted six points, Eoghan O'Shea struck 0-5, and free-taker Craig O'Sullivan tallied 0-8. Callum Coffey scored a hat-trick

in their Munster round-robin victory over the same opponents, but injury reduced him to a bench role Clare opened with the breeze at their backs and capitalised with three of the opening four points, before in the fifth minute, Cork struck the front when Deane blasted a low shot from the 21 to the net. 1-1

to 0-9. Clare finished the half with all six forwards scoring for a 0-15 to 1-10 half-time lead.

to 0-3. Clare responded admirably and levelled at 1-6

By the 33rd minute, Cork were back in front as they resumed with an O'Sullivan brace (one each from a free and play) and one from Deane. The sides were level six times in the third quarter, with Rodgers' frees accounting for four Banner points. Substitute Jack Counihan got a first-touch point at the other end, Clare went two ahead, Cork equalised with two O'Sullivan

The Banner made a decisive move with four of the next five, for a 0-26 to 1-20 lead.

Cork weren't done yet as Brosnan and the industrious O'Shea left one between the sides entering stoppage time.

But Niall Doyle drew the free for Rodgers' insurance score.

Scorers for Clare: Paul Rodgers 0-13 (10f, 1 s/l), Ben Talty, Ian O'Brien 0-3 each, Rory Ralph, Liam Murphy 0-2 each, Dara Kennedy, Evan Cleary, James O'Donnell, John Barry 0-1 each.

Scorers for Cork: Craig O'Sullivan 0-8 (6fs) Cormac Deane 1-2, Eoghan O'Shea 0-5, Michael T Brosnan 0-3 (1f), Sam Ring 0-2, Ryan Dineen, Jack Counihan 0-1 each.

Cork: Tom C Walsh; Cian Lawton, Denis Fitzgerald, Darragh Heavin; Michael T Brosnan, Bobby Carroll, Colm Garde; Tom A Walsh, Ryan Dineen; Craig O'Sullivan, Cormac Deane, Ruairc Donovan; Seán Coughlan, Eoghan O'Shea, Sam Ring.

Subs: Jack Counihan for Coughlan (43), Callum Coffey for Dineen (52), Adam Dunlea for TA Walsh (60).

### **Munster U20 Football**

Kerry 2-15 Cork 1-10 All Ireland semi final: Tyrone 2-14 Kerry 0-14

### Minor Football Final:

All Ireland MF QF: Tyrone: 1-21 Cork: 1-12

### **LGFA Ladies Football TG4 All Ireland Senior Championship Qualifiers:**

Group 2

Rd 1: Kerry 0-13 Mayo 1-4 (result) Rd 2: Cork 2-9 Kerry 5-7

Rd 3: Mayo 1-10 Cork 3-8

All Ireland Ouarter Final

Dublin v Cork, Parnell Park, Saturday July 5th at 1.15pm. Game live on TG4

### Cork 2-9 Kerry 5-7

Siofra O'Shea struck for 2-4 to set Kerry on their way to victory over Cork at Páirc Uí Chaoimh.

Niamh Ní Chonchúir raised the Kingdom's first green flag on two minutes. But it was the second-half displays of O'Shea and Danielle O'Leary, who registered 1-2, that powered the champions into a home All-Ireland quarter-final. The visitors outscored their hosts by 4-4 to 0-3 in that second period.

The Rebels recovered from the early goal concession and  $\'{A}$  in  $\r{O}$  'Sullivan replied in kind with a fine individual effort. A free from Katie Quirke and a Melissa Duggan shot pushed Cork two ahead although O'Shea replied with a free after a foul on O'Leary.

The Rebels were dominating and after Hannah Looney shot a point, Katie Quirke finished to the net to push the hosts 2-6 to 1-1 in front.

Rosie Corkery, Abbie O'Mahony and Laura O'Mahony added scores before O'Shea and substitute Caoimhe Evans efforts saw Kerry trail by 2-6 to 1-3 at half-time. Quirke scored on the restart but following an Evans



turnover, Kerry got the goal they craved when O'Leary found O'Shea, who hit the net.

The Southern Gaels star then struck her second major on 38 minutes.

Five points — two for O'Leary and three for O'Shea – followed before Aoife Healy replied but the visitors led by 4-7 to 2-9 after 46 minutes.

And O'Leary netted Kerry's fifth goal to seal victory. Cork now must get a result in Mayo.

Cork: S Murphy; S Kelly, S Leahy, M Duggan 0-1; A Corcoran, Shauna Cronin (Éire Óg), Rosie Corkery (Naomh Abán) 0-1; M O'Callaghan, A Healy 0-1; A O'Mahony 0-1, L O'Mahony 0-2, K Horgan; A O'Sullivan 1-0, H Looney 0-1, K Quirke 1-2, 2f. Subs: Emma Cleary (Éire Óg) for R Corkery h-t, Amy McDonough (Naomh Abán) for K Horgan 41 mins, L Hallihan for A O'Sullivan 549 A Ring for L O'Mahony 49, Sabh McGoldrick (Éire Óg) for M O'Callaghan 50.

### Cork 3-8 Mayo 1-10

Goals in each half from Katie Quirke sent Cork into the All-Ireland quarter-finals as they held off a late Mayo fightback in Hastings Insurance MacHale Park in Castlebar.

The Rebels got off to the perfect start when Máire O'Callaghan ran through the heart of the Mayo defence and fired into the net just seconds after the

With a strong wind at their backs, Mayo's go-to sharpshooter Sinéad Walsh struck over two frees before Hannah Looney fisted over Cork's first point after evading the Mayo defence on the end line.

Mayo were back level by the end of the first quarter thanks to a third Walsh free and a splendid point from play by substitute Ava McDonnell, who came on in the fourth minute for the injured Erin Murray.

Sherin El Massry nudged Mayo ahead before Looney restored parity and Cork went back in front after Katie Ouirke's point attempt from 20 metres out sailed over the head of Julia Gawalkiewicz and into the net on 21 minutes.

Quirke, a free, and Ava McDonnell traded scores before Mayo were denied a goal themselves after a short Cork kickout was intercepted by Clodagh Keane. The full-forward fed Walsh but Cork goalkeeper Sarah Murphy got back to block, before the game was heavily delayed after Shauna Kelly suffered a serious injury after being caught by a defender when Murphy blocked Walsh's effort.

Leading 2-3 to 0-6 at half-time, Cork kept Mayo at arms' length in the third quarter as a point from Aoife Geraghty and two Walsh frees were matched by a trio of Aine O'Sullivan points.

Cork appeared to be in control after Quirke's second goal on 52 minutes but Mayo were back to within three after substitute Annie Gough found the net. Mayo thought they had levelled it, with a draw enough to send them through at Cork's expense, when Clodagh Keane got on the end of Gough's pass a minute later but it was ruled out for a square ball, and Laura O'Mahony's point made sure of Cork's passage to the last eight late on, while Mayo play Leitrim in the relegation playoff in two weeks' time.

Scorers - Cork: K Quirke 2-1 (0-1f), M O'Callaghan 1-0, A O'Sullivan 0-3, H Looney 0-2, L O'Mahony 0-2.

Mayo: S Walsh 0-6 (5f), A Gough 1-0, A McDonnell 0-2, A Geraghty 0-1, S El Massry 0-1.

Cork: S Murphy; S Kelly, S Leahy, M Duggan; A Corcoran, S Cronin, R Corkery; M O'Callaghan, A Healy; A O'Mahony, L O'Mahony, K Horgan; A O'Sullivan, H Looney, K Quirke. Subs: E Cleary for Kelly (25-inj), A Ring for Corkery (45), S McGoldrick for Horgan (50), L Hallihan for A O'Mahony (53).

#### **LGFA Quarter Final Line Up**

Four teams from Munster, three from Leinster and one from Connacht remain in the hunt to lift the Brendan Martin Cup for 2025 with reigning TG4 All-Ireland champions Kerry meeting Kildare in the quarter-finals. The winners of that clash will face either Meath or Tipperary in the semi-finals, while on the other side of the draw last year's runners-up Galway will face Waterford, with the victors meeting either Dublin or Cork in the other semi-final.

Three of the four games will be played on Saturday, July 5, with the fourth quarter-final down for decision on Sunday July 6. Full details of all quarter-final fixtures will be confirmed shortly by the LGFA.

#### Camogie

### Glen Dimplex 2025 Senior All Ireland Championship **GROUP 1**

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

Tipperary A Bye

Round 2: Tipperary 1-9 Cork 3-21, Limerick V Wexford, Clare A Bye

Round 3: Wexford V Tipperary, Clare V Limerick, Cork A Bye

Round 4: Limerick V Tipperary, Cork 0-21 Clare 1-9, Wexford A Bve

Round 5: Wexford V Cork, Tipperary V Clare, Limerick A Bye Sat, June 28th **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 0-21 Clare 1-9

Cork's winning streak in the Glen Dimplex All-Ireland

senior camogie championship continued in SuperValu Páirc Uí Chaoimh, their nine-point winning margin achieved after a strong second-half performance. Cork now go into the final rouind of fixtures against winless Wexford, top of Group 1 and in the perfect position to take a semi-final spot.

However, the hosts didn't get matters entirely their own way having led by three points at the break, a huge change from the Munster championship meeting when Clare lost 2-22 to 0-10.

Cork goalkeeper Amy Lee made two outstanding saves late in the game. Clare have probably secured a championship knockout place in Croke Park, their game against Tipperary to determine whether they finish second or third.

Cork, Kilkenny, Tipperary, Galway, Waterford and Clare will make the last six, with the two group leaders to go into the semi finals direct and the other four to contest quarter finals.

Clare got a tonic start with a green flag inside the opening minute, the only goal of the day, immediately followed by a point from play.

Orlaith Cahalane settled Cork with a fifth minute white flag and they would shoot the next three unanswered points from play. Clare's second point left just one between the sides approaching the quarter hour mark, 1-2 to 0-4.

Industrious centre-forward Saoirse McCarthy (free) Emma Murphy and Kate Wall stretched the Cork lead, it remained a single point match with 10 minutes to go to the interval but points from Sorcha McCartan and Murphy points had Cork 0-9 to 1-3 ahead at the break. The defending All-Ireland champions were a different proposition in the second half and reeled off a trio of points from Murphy, McCartan and Amy O'Connor (free) to extend their advantage. Seven-in-a-row points while limiting Clare to a pair of converted frees arrived in a productive 20-minute spell, with 10 different scorers. Cork pulled 0-20 to 1-5 clear by the 50th minute despite striking 13 wides to Clare's three overall. Clare did outscore them four-one in the final 10 minutes plus three minutes of stoppage, two late goals chances denied would have made the deficit less again but Cork march on to the stern challenges ahead.

Scorers for Cork: S McCarthy (0-5, 0-1 free), E Murphy and O Cahalane (0-3 each), K Wall, A O'Connor (frees) and S McCartan (0-2 each), L Hayes, A Thompson, K Mackey and C Finn (0-1 each).

Cork: A Lee; M Cahalane (Capt), L Coppinger, P Mackey; R Harty, L Treacy, L Hayes; K Wall, A Thompson; E Murphy, S McCarty, S McCartan; C Finn, K Mackey, O Cahalane. Subs: A O'Connor for C Finn, A O'Neill for R Harty (both half-time), C O'Sullivan for L Coppinger (43).

Munster Senior Camogie Championship final Cork v Waterford - fixture pending



Macroom LGFA U8's at a blitz in Tom Creedon Park on Sun 22 Jun 2025



Cloughduv junior team who won the Lily O Sullivan league final on the 23rd May in castle road vs. Ballincollig



### **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 Piarsaigh, Carrigtwohill, Fermoy Group 2: Castlelyons, Bishopstown, Inniscarra, Ballyhea Group 3: Blarney, Bride Rovers, Watergrasshill, Courcey Rovers

#### Premier Intermediate Hurling

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

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 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: Ilen Rovers, Boherbue, Kilmurry, St Vincent's Premier Junior Football

Group 1: Urhan, Canovee, Ballydesmond, St Nick's Group 2: Na Piarsaigh, Kinsale, Cobh, Cullen

Group 3: Buttevant, Glenville, Inniscarra, Millstreet

### **Cork County Senior Hurling Championship** Muskerry 1-23 Duhallow 2-19

Muskerry edged past Duhallow in the opening phase of the Co-op SuperStores Premier SHC divisional section at Coachford, Aghabullogue man Matthew Bradley getting the winning point for Muskerry in injury time after Duhallow had battled back to wipe out a four-point gap. Bradley scored 0-13 in all and was outstanding. Muskerry were under strength but the players on duty gave it their best shot and produced a very pleasing performance. Muskerry face Carbery at Ovens in the next round.

Muskerry led by 1-8 to 0-3 after the first quarter but it was down to 1-12 to 1-9 by half time as Duhallow found their rhythm. Muskerry led 1-21 to 1-18 in the 54th minute, Duhallow got a second goal to level and



Cill na Martra team photo. Div 1 Football League v Éire Óg. June 22nd 2025

when Mathew Bradley twice put Muskerry in front, Duhallow ran out of time to catch them the second time.

Scorers for Muskerry: M Bradley 0-13 (0-7 f), J Foley 1-2, J Lane, O O'Driscoll 0-2 each, M Lucey, D Twomey, D Casey, J Devine 0-1 each.

Muskerry: James Walsh (Grenagh); Paddy Fitton (Ballinora), Matt Brady (Éire Óg), Padraig O'Sullivan (Aghabullogue); Johnny Galvin (Éire Óg), Conor McGoldrick (Éire Óg), William Ahern (Cloughduv); Odhran O'Driscoll (Cloughduv), Mark O'Connell (Dripsey); Daniel Twomey (Grenagh), James Foley (Aghabullogue), Jack Devine (Cloughduv), Mathew Bradley (Aghabullogue), James Lane (Aghabullogue), Adam Dinan (Donoughmore). Subs: Mark Lucey (Donoughmore) for Dinan (36), Brian Horgan (Kilmichael) for O'Sullivn (46), David Casey (Éire Óg) for Twomey (49), Conor Cotter (Kilmichael) for Devine (51), Mark O'Sullivan (Dripsey) for Ahern (58).

### Co-op Superstores County Junior B Hurling Championship

Group: Uibh Laoire 1-14 Ballyphehane 2-10 Laochra Óg 0-7 Uibh Laoire 1-24 Uibh Laoire 2-18 Crosshaven 1-11 Group winners, Uibh Laoire will meet Castletownroche in the county semi final with Ballyclough and Gabriel Rangers meeting in the other semi final.

### Tom Creedon Cup 2025, sponsored by Fitzgralds **Macroom Bookshop**

Eight teams contesting, knock out basis. Macroom v Ilen Rovers - July 11th Knocknagree v O'Donovan Rossa – July 13th Millstreet v Kilmurry - July 13th St Vincents v Naomh Abán - July 13th

### Cork County Leagues for 2025: McCarthy Insurance Group County Football Leagues

Nine rounds of nine completed

### Division 1

St. Finbarr's 16, Nemo Rangers 14, Clonakilty 14, (Clon v Castlehaven still to be played), Douglas 9, Cill Na Martra 9, Newcestown 9, Castlehaven 6, Éire Óg 5, Carrigaline 4, St. Michael's 2

### Éire Óg: 0-14 Cill na Martra: 1-11

Éire Óg have avoided relegation from Division 1 of the McCarthy Insurance Group Football League after securing a draw with Cill na Martra in the final round game at Ovens. It was a fair result in the end, both teams battling hard for victory in a game of fluctuating fortunes. Éire Óg, trailing by four points after 53 minutes, were the happier at the finish, the result gained saving their Div 1 status while consigning Carrigaline, coached by former player and coach with Cill na Marta Kevin O'Sullivan, now drop back to Div Two next season.

Brian Hurley had an Éire Óg point after two minutes, the Gaeltacht side drew level through a Micheál Ó Deasúna effort, the latter then converted a two-point free after 16 minutes. The sides then exchanged points, Éire Óg goalkeeper Chris Kelly landing a 45 and Damien Ó hUrdail pointing Cill na Martra. A Kelly free and a Jack Murphy effort drew the sides level, 0-4 each after 22 minutes.

Ciarán Ó Duinnín sent Cill na Martra back in front, but they lost a man to a black card six minutes before the break. A Conor McGoldrick point left the sides level at half-time, 0-5 each.

Éire Óg kicked the first four points of the second half with Daniel Goulding and Darragh Clifford making it 0-9 to 0-5 after 35 minutes but then Cill na Martra took over, adding 1-5 to their tally, Damien Ó hUrdail's goal after 41 minutes, a crucial score, 1-10 to 0-9.

Éire Óg had a badly needed score from Daniel Healy's fisted effort after 53 minutes followed by a Hurley twopointer to leave a point in it. Dermot O'Herlihy drew his team level before Clifford kicked a point to edge Éire Óg ahead with three minutes to go. Cill na Martra did get a point to level matters when Danny Ó Conaill pointed. Scorers for Éire Óg: B Hurley 0-3 (1 2pt), C Kelly 0-2 (0-1 f, 0-1 45), D Dineen, H Murphy, C McGoldrick, D Clifford, M Griffin, D Goulding, D O'Herlihy, J Murphy, D Healy 0-1 each.

Cill na Martra: D Ó hUrdail 1-1, M Ó Deasúna 0-3 (1 2pt f), S Ó Duinnín, D Ó Conaill 0-2 each, C Ó Meachair, C Ó Duinnín, E Ó Conaill 0-1 each.

Éire Óg: C Kelly; A McCarthy, D Dineen, John Kelleher; H Murphy, C McGoldrick, D McCarthy; D Clifford, M Griffin; Jerome Kelleher, B Hurley, E O'Shea; D Goulding, D O'Herlihy, J Murphy. Subs: D Healy

Cill na Martra: J Ó Loingsigh; M Ó Cathasaigh, F Ó Faoláin, C Ó Meachair; D Ó Conaill, D Ó Buachalla, C Ó Fóirréidh; A Ó Cuana, G Ó Goillidhe; C Ó Duinnín, M Ó Deasúna, E Ó Conaill; D Ó hUrdail, D Ó Duinnín, S Ó Duinnín. Subs: D Mac Cárthaigh h-t, A Ó hUidhir 48, A Ó Loingsigh 50.

Div 2 Carbery Rgrs 18, Knocknagree 14, Dohenys 10, O'Donovan Rossa 10, Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh 10, Ballincollig 8, Valley Rovers 8, Castletownbere 7, Kanturk 5, Fermoy 0

#### Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh 3-11 Castletownbere 0-9

Beal Átha finished in joint third in the Div 2 league with a comfortable win over visitors Castletownbere in their final league outing. Beál Átha had a slight edge all through and led by 2-5 to 0-6 at the interval, goals in the 12th and 26th minutes telling blows. A third goal in the 43rd minute finished any hope of a Castletown revival.

Scorers: Diarmuid MacTomáis 2-5, Sean Ó Luasa 1-0, S Ó Muineacháin 0-3, Sean Ó Donnchú, Conchur Ó Loinsigh, Tim Ó Laoire 0-1 each.

Béal Átha: Barra Ó Súilleabháin: Seán Ó Donnchú, Barra Ó hÓrgáin, Peatsaí Ó Tuama: Nollaig Ó Laoire, Ciarán Ó Núnáin, Gavin Ó Laoire: Éanna Ó Duinnín, Daire Ó Briain: Daire Ó Ceallacháin, Seán Ó Luasa, Conchur Ó



Loinsigh: Diarmuid MacTomáis, Cian Ó Duinnín, Tim Ó Laoire.

### Kanturk 1-12 Ballincollig 1-5

An uninspiring league campaign for The Village came to a close at Kanturk where the home side took the points but suffer relegation along with Fermoy. Kanturk led at half time by 0-7 to 1-2 and were comfortably in front by the 50th minute when they had opened up a six point gap, 0-11 to 1-2.

Div 3 Clyda Rovers 15, Uibh Laoire 14, Naomh Abán 12, Mallow 10, Newmarket 9, Kilshannig 9, Rockchapel 7, Bishopstown 7, Kiskeam 5, Aghada 2.

### Rockchapel 0-13 Iveleary 0-15

Iveleary assured themselves of promotion from the McCarthy Insurance Group FL Division 3 following a hard-earned victory away to Rockchapel.

In damp conditions, the visitors demonstrated their grit by recovering from a poor first-half display. Trailing by four points at the break, the Inchigeela side utilised a numerical advantage after a Rockchapel black card in that 10-minute spell to shoot six points without reply. Though Rockchapel rallied to force parity, late points from Kevin Manning and Cathal Vaughan secured Iveleary their sixth win in the campaign.

At the outset, Rockchapel settled quickly and kicked the opening four points.

Iveleary replied through Jack Sweeney and Cathal Vaughan but lost Kevin Manning to a black card and conceding a penalty which only yielded a point, 0-8 to 0-4 for the Rock at the interval.

The sides traded points, Seán O'Riordan for Iveleary, before Rockchapel lost a defender to a black card, Iveleary upped the tempo and Cathal Vaughan, lan Jones and Brian Cronin with a string of points edged ahead 0-11 to 0-9. Rockchapel got the game's lone two-pointer prior but Iveleary's Ian Jones forced parity, and Kevin Manning added a lead point, Vaughan another.

Rockchapel could not break down a competent Iveleary rearguard, the Mid Cork side prevailed and are through to a Division 3 final against Clyda Rovers.

Scorers for Iveleary: C Vaughan 0-5 (0-3 f), I Jones, A O'Donovan, S O'Riordan 0-2 each, J Sweeney, K Jones, B Cronin, K Manning 0-1 each.

Iveleary: J Creedon; B Murphy, D O'Donovan, D O'Riordan; K Manning, S O'Leary, S O'Riordan; C O'Leary, B O'Riordan; A O'Donovan, C Vaughan, K Jones; B Cronin, I Jones, J Sweeney.

### Newmarket 1-14 Naomh Aban 1-15

Newmarket led by 0-9 to 0-7 at half time, it was level at 0-9 each on 35 and a Naomh Aban goal on 39 gave the visitors from the Muskerry Gaeltacht the advantage and they had opened up a 0-6 gap before a Newmarket goal on 50 reignited the home sides challenge. It was level on 53 at 1-14 each but Naomh Aban got a point five minutes from time and held on for the victory.

### Naomh Abán 1-17 Kiskeam 1-14

In the final round league game at Páirc Iosagáin, Naomh Aban were four points diown at haklf time but had fought back to be level by the 40th minute, 1-7 to 0-10 for Kiskeam.

Still level on 47 before Naomh Aban pulled away and a late goal for Kiskeam caused some anxiety before the final whistle brought relief.

Naomh Aban: Eoghan Ó Luasa: Séamus Ó Mathúna, Chris Ó Deasúnaigh, Colm de Róiste: Jack Ó Donnchú, Dara M Ó Loinsigh, Shane Ó hOrgáin: Seán Ó Riordáin, Caoimhín Ó Donnchú, Deaglán Ó h Allamháin, Dara Ó Laoire, Marc Ó Críod; Wayne MacCarthaigh, Dónal Ó Ceallaigh, Edbhárd Ó Mír. Ionaidí: Conchur Ó Murchú, Éanna Ó Críodáin, Fionn Ó Loinsigh, Séamas Hendy, Donncadh Ó Ceocháin, Aodha Ó Catháin, Brian Ó Riordáin, Micheál Ó Donnchú, Ciarán Ó Criodáin, Ronan de hÍde, Éanna Ó Laoire, Gearóid Ó Luasa, Maidhcí Ó Liatháin, Maidh Ó Duinnín, Niall Ó Cealllaigh, Colm Ó Murchú, Donagh Ó Loinsigh, Ciaran Ó Luasa, Jeremiah Mac Suibhne, Jack Ó Murchú, Finlay Walker, Ciarán Ó Colmáin, Liam Ó Murchú.

Div 4 League Table: Aghabullogue 14, Bandon 13, Macroom 12, Buttevant 11, Glanmire 10, Adrigole 9, Boherbue 8, Nemo Rngrs 7, Bantry Blues 6, St. Vincent's 0

### Aghabullogue: 3-16 St Vincent's: 0-13

Aghabullogue have been promoted from Division 4 of the McCarthy Insurance Group Football League after a comfortable win over St Vincent's at Coachford and will now meet Bandon in the league divisional

Aghabullogue led from the start and were just too good for Vincents who are relegated and finish without a win from their nine games. Credit then to the city Northside team for fulfilling their fixture and battling to the final whistle.

The home side took a firm grip on proceedings early on as they simply overpowered their opposition and led by 12 points at half time.

Luke Casey had the first Aghabullogue goal and it was 1-9 to 0-3 after 23 minutes and Aghabullogue finished the half with 1-1, Cialan O'Sullivan with the point while his brother Aaron got the goal, 2-10 to 0-4 at half-time.

St Vincent's were much improved after the interval with Blake Murphy outstanding and it was 2-13 to 0-9 after 38 minutes and 2-15 to 0-12 with 10 minutes remaining.

Luke Casey scored his second goal, Vincents never gave up and Aghabullogue won by 12 points.

Scorers for Aghabulloque: L Casey 2-2, A O'Sullivan 1-5 (1 2pt f, 0-1 45), M Bradley 0-6 (0-3 f), C Gillespie, P O'Sullivan, C O'Sullivan 0-1 each.

Aghabullogue: J Buckley; Oisín O'Connell, M Dennehy, T Long; A Murphy, S Tarrant, B O'Sullivan; D Merrick, C Gillespie; P O'Sullivan, J Corkery, A O'Sullivan; L Casey, M Bradley, C O'Sullivan. Subs: S O'Connell 53, Odhran O'Connell 57, B Dineen and M O'Donnell both 59, D Dineen 61.

Bantry Blues 2-8 Macroom 2-13

This game was a must win one for Bantry Blues to avoid relegation but they went down to a Macroom side which deserved their win. Macroom led at half time by 1-8 to 1-3 and when Dylan Twomey fired in his second goal early in the second half the visitors were in control and stayed on top to the finish.

Macroom: Declan Kiely: Michael Cronin, Rory Buckley, Don Creedon: Alan Quinn, Johnny Murphy, Shane Meaney: Tony Dineen, Caleb Dinneen: Mark Hunt, Cormac Buckley, Jack O'Riordan: Eolan O'Leary, Fintan Goold, Dylan Twomey. Subs; Cillian O'Donovan, Mark Condon, Oisín O'Sullivan, Seán Kiely, Cormac Burke, Bobby Murphy.

Div 5 Gabriel Rgs 16, Kilmurry 16, Ballinora 14, Ilen Rovers 11, Kinsale 9, Mitchelstown 9, Millstreet 6, Ballydesmond 4, Glanworth 3, Glenville 2

Gabriel Rangers 1-17 Kilmurry 1-6

These two teams are both promoted and will meet again in the Div 5 league final shortly. Kilmurry suffered their first defeat of the season here and will be hoping that they will not suffer the same fate in

Gabriel Rangers led by 0-8 to 0-3 at half time and with victory more important to them than to Kilmurry who already assured of their place in the final, the outcome was predictable long before the final whistle.

Kilmurry scorers: Lloyd Aisling 1-0, Kyle Kelleher 0-3, Ruadhán Ó Corráin 0-3.

Kilmurry: Jason McDonnell: Eoin Keane, Conor Kelleher, Pádraig Hinchion: Tomás Collins, William Ronan, Alexander Aisling: Kyle Kelleher, Rory Duggan: Seán Curzon, Laurence Aisling, Oisín McDonald: Ryan Leahy, Ruadhán Ó Corráin, Fergal Wall. Subs: Michael J Grainger, Seán O'Leary, Patrick Grainger, Jed Hartnett, Jessie Kelleher, James O'Mullane.

#### Glanworth 0-13 Ballinora 1-14

Ballinora finished what has been a good league campaign with an away win over Glanworth who are now relegated. Ballinora led by 1-12 to 0-3 at half time after being aided by the strong breeze and heavy rain. The Mid Cork side held on confidently in the second half..

Ballinora: Alex McAllen: Colin O'Flynn, Adam Laverty, Conor Quirke: Nathan Davis, Mike Lordan, lan Wycherley: Ciarán O'Donoghue, James Lordan: Michael Quirke, Darragh Holmes, Kevin Werner: James Keohane, Ben Mayer, Conor Murphy.

Div 6 St. Nick's 14, Canovee 14, Cobh 14, Aghinagh 10, Dromtarriffe 9, Cullen 9, Kildorrery 8, Na Piarsaigh 6, St. Michael's 4, Mayfield 2

#### Canovee 3-14 Cullen 1-15

Canovee qualified for the league final and gained promotion to Div 5 after this good win over Cullen. Highlights from a Canovee perspective were the return of Aidan Moynihan to Gaelic Football after a lengthy sojourn in the senior rugby ranks, a great goal from Seán O'Connor in the second half and a penalty save by Ben Cheasty in the second half also. Canovee: Ben Cheasty: Evan Cunningham, Eoin McNabola, Eoghan Lehane: Conor Dodd, William Ahern, Shane O'Riordan: Aidan Murphy, Odhran O'Driscoll: Liam Kelleher, James Moynihan, Mark Healy: Aidan Moynihan, Sean O'Connor, Jack Kelleher. Subs: Evan Dodd, Cian Cronin.

### Rd 8: Aghinagh 4-22 St Michaels 1-9 Aghinagh 4-22 St. Michaels 1-9

Aghinagh enjoyed a rather one-sided victory over St. Michaels in Rusheen. A hat-trick of goals from Con Buckley and another from Seán Kelleher ensured Aghinagh's victory and kept them close to the top of the league table.

Aghinagh: Anthony Kiely; John Lynch, Dylan O'Riordan, Olan Cummins; Eoghan McCarthy, Thomas Morgans, Tom Buckley; James Ambrose, Matthew McCarthy; Jack Kearney, Gearóid O'Sullivan, Declan Ambrose; Sean Kelleher, Aodh Twomey, Con Buckley. Subs: Noah O'Leary, Diarmuid Crowley, James O'Connor, Alan McMahon, Shane Corkery.

### Rd 9:Aghinagh 1-13 St. Nicks 7-7

The exchanges were balanced early on in this contest but St. Nicks went on a goal scoring spree before half time to lead 5-5 to 1-5 at the break. It was more of the same in the second half with Aghinagh having plenty possession but St. Nicks were able to poach the allimportant goals to run out convincing winner and qualify for the final while Aghinagh finished in fourth place out of ten teams in the group.

Aghinagh: Anthony Kiely; John Lynch, Dylan O'Riordan, Olan Cummins; Tom Buckley, Donagh O'Riordan, Declan Ambrose (0-1); Matthew McCarthy (1-0), James Ambrose; Seán Kelleher, Gearóid O'Sullivan (0-2), Luke Ring (0-1); William Coakley, Aodh Twomey (0-1), Con Buckley (0-8). Subs: Donal Corkery, Alan McMahon, Paul O'Sullivan.



Div 7 Argideen Rgrs 14, Kilmacabea 14, Ballygarvan 11, Inniscarra 11, St. James' 11, Liscarroll/Churchtown Gaels 10, Castlemagner 8, Nemo Rangers 7, Urhan 4, Ballyhooly 0

### Ballyhooly 1-16 Inniscarra 5-15

In their first season in county league, Inniscarra finished with five wins, one draw and three defeats in their campaign and will be happy with their form. They were too good for Ballyhooley and deservedly took the points.

Inniscarra: Liam O'Connor 2-5, Dylan O'Sullivan 1-3, Adam O'Connell 1-2, Dan O'Connell 1-2, Shane Buckley 0-2, Mark Linehan 0-1.

Inniscarra: Dominick Kelleher: Neil Vaughan, Jack O'Dwyer, John O'Brien: William O'Connell, Frank Horgan, Shane Buckley: mrk Linehan, Davidf Linehan: Donal Dineen, David Coughlan, Liam O'Connor: Adam O'Connell, Dan O'Connell, Dylan O'Sullivan.

### County Senior Hurling Leagues (after 7 rounds)

Division 1 Sarsfields 12, Douglas 11, St. Finbarr's 10, Charleville 9, Glen Rovers 9, Blackrock 8, Fr. O'Neill's 8, Carrigtwohill 7, Carrigaline 4, Kanturk 2

Div 2 Erin's Own 14, Midleton 14, Killeagh 12, Newtownshandrum 10, Ballincollig 7, Valley Rovers 6, Ballymartle 6, Na Piarsaigh 5, Éire Óg 4, Fermoy 2 Last Round: Newtownshandrum v Éire Óg, Ballymartle v Ballincollig

### Éire Óg 1-25 Fermoy 1-13

A strong opening half by Éire Óg set the foundation for a comprehensive win over Fermoy. The Ovens side started brightly with Eoin O'Shea leading the charge and raced into a 0-3 to 0-0 lead after 6 minutes. Éire Óg had a number of outstanding scores in the 1st half, Jerome Kelleher with the pick of the bunch after some incredible high fielding. The impressive Mark Kelleher raised the first green flag of the evening with a beautiful flick to the net and the half finished Éire Óg 1-14 Fermoy 1-4. The second half followed a similar pattern to the first. Éire Óg continued to chase scores with Brian Hurley and Dylan Foley particularly impressive. Substitutes Eoin Kelleher and Kevin Cooper had impressive cameos to ensure that there would be no let up in quality and thus secure a first victory since their opening round win v Ballymartle. C Sheehan: D McCarthy D O'Herlihy J Mullins:D Dineen C McGoldrick M Brady: L Considine J Galvin: B Hurley E O'Shea J Kelleher: D Healy M Kelleher D

Subs: E Kelleher D Coakley E Lyons K Cooper C Malone Div 3 Newcestown 13, Bride Rovers 13, Courcey Rvs 11, Ballinhassig 10, Lisgoold 8, Blarney 7, Castlelyons 6, Russell Rvs 6, Blackrock 2, Mallow 2.

### Blarney 0-19 Newcestown 5-21

Div 4 Bandon 16, Inniscarra 11, Watergrasshill 9,



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Last Round: Kildorrery v Inniscarra, Watergrasshill v Cloughduv.

Div 5 Aghabullogue 13, Ballyhea 12, Castlemartyr 11, Dungourney 11, Milford 9, Kilbrittain 9, Midleton 8, Ballygarvan 7, Erin's Own 4, Mayfield 0 Rd 8:Ballyhea 1-24 Aghabullogue 1-15

Last 3 games to play: Midleton v Milford, Ballyhea v Erins Own, Mayfield v Castlemartyr

Div 6 Glen Rovers 14, Cloyne 14, Ballinascarthy 10, Aghada 10, Argideen Rgs 8, Barryroe 7, Sarsfields 6, Ballygiblin 6, Kinsale 5, Na Piarsaigh 0

Div 7 Killavullen 15, D Ó Mathúna's 13, Killeagh 10, Ballinora 10, Passage 9, St. Finbarr's 6, N Meelin 5, Nemo Rangers 5, Douglas 3, Kilshannig 2 Rd Nine: Ballinora v Douglas

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### Div 2

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Éire Óg v Kilmichael: Lough Rovers v Naomh Aban

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Donoughmore 16, Grenagh 12, Éire Óg 9, Kilmichael 7, Dripsey 4, Inniscarra 4, Ballincollig 4, Blarney 2 Final: Donoughmore 2-14 Grenagh 1-13

**Erneside Engineering Div Two Hurling League** Aghabullogue 12, Cloughduv 11, Blarney 8, Inniscarra 8, Ballinora 7, Iveleary 5, Éire Óg 3, Grenagh 0

Final: Aghabullogue v Cloughduv June 27th.



Danny Lynch and Brendan Dromey who recently completed The Cork Rebel Run in MTU Cork.



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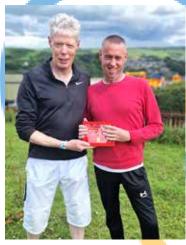
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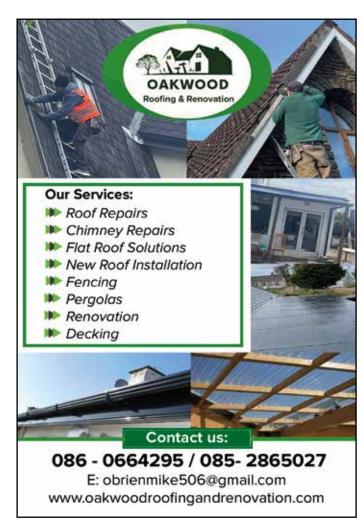
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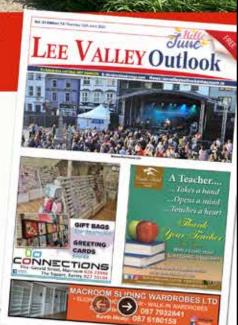
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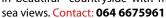
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"And she, at her mother's suggestion, said, Give me here on a plate the head of John the Baptist" (Matthew 14:8).

Welcome back dear student, John the Baptist was God's prophet in the time that Herod Antipas was King. Let's look at the power of suggestion and the danger of seduction. Firstly, before John was born, he reacted to the Presence of the Lord Jesus in Mary's womb. John's mother Elizabeth was six months pregnant when her cousin Mary came to visit. Elizabeth told Mary of how the baby in her womb had leaped as Mary had entered her home (Luke 1:44). Make no mistake friend, unborn children are connected to God and are precious in His eyes (Matthew 18:10). "...You knit me together in my mother's womb" (Psalm 139:13-16). John grew up strong in the Spirit of God. He preached repentance in the wilderness and multitudes were convicted of sin and baptised by him in the Jordan River. King Herod heard about John's ministry and had him arrested after John publicly rebuked Herod for his sinful lifestyle with the queen Herodias. So, she had it in for John and waited in the long grass for her moment to destroy him. Herod imprisoned John but didn't order his death because He didn't want to upset the people - they loved John and drew close to God as a result of his influence. On the night of the King's birthday party, Herod asked the daughter of Herodias to dance for him. The dance delighted him, and Herod asked the girl what she would like as a gift to thank her? He got caught off guard when she asked for the head of John the Baptist on a plate as her reward. This request was not her own - instead, it was prompted by her mother's wishes, and the king had no choice but to carry it through because he had been seduced, duped, and set up (Mark chapter 6).

What has this got to do with us? God's Word is "a lamp to your feet and a light to your path" (Psalm 119:105). Throughout the Bible, Jesus warns about deception, and how easy it is to be seduced by wickedness, sin, or ungodly counsel causing really bad decision making that has life-long consequences. Demonic spirits of seduction are real and dangerous, and most don't recognise it until after the damage is done. The devil dresses his delicacies of sin up to look like a harmless thing. Everyone may be doing it. The Word says Satan disguises himself as an angel of light (2 Corinthians 11:14). But dabbling with demons is a recipe for disaster and separates one from God (2 Corinthians 6:15). King Solomon advised us to be on guard and not get seduced into rebellion and immorality for it only leads one down a path to death (Proverbs chapter 5). Discipline and self-control is a fruit of the Spirit, and it is cultivated hand in hand with the Word (Galatians 5:22-23).

It's heartening to see younger generations seeking God. Godly young influencers like Mary Hulgraine offer another viewpoint. Many are turning away from promiscuity, drugs, and alcohol because they've witnessed its mayhem everywhere. Our kids need prayer support. Let's ask God to protect them from evil and perverse people (2 Thessalonians 3:2). We must pray fervently that they would hear God's voice calling their names and seek Him rather than following to the voice of the enemy leading them to destruction (John 10:5+27; Jeremiah 29:11-14; Isaiah 54:13; Philippians 1:6). We must proclaim God's promises and His good plans over their lives - to give them a future and a hope, and we trust the Lord to complete His purpose for their lives, in Jesus' Name, Amen. Rally For Life Dublin - July 5th.

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# Just a thought.

Ath. Seán Mac Cárthaigh, Baile Bhuirne / Cúil Aodha

# Reeling in the years

"Reeling in the years" on RTE is a series that looks back on a factual, dispassionate way on decades past without audio commentary from the present. Subtitles scroll out the facts. We may not agree with the editorial policy as to what is prioritized or deemed to be of interest from a given year but facts are facts.

We see from our present stance for example, a past election 'way back when' but we may have also since witnessed the subsequent downfall. We look knowingly at the smiles on the faces of politicians then on Election Day only for them to turn later to sorrow or regret with a fall from grace through scandal or mismanagement. Their names become prefaced by the media with the title "disgraced former ..."

Popularity in the sporting arena is fickle - how often we have seen GAA county managers heralded on their arrival only to bow out later. In England Premiership managers are booed out and unceremoniously rejected from management months later after their hope-filled arrival. Players signed at scandalous sums falter, get plagued with injuries, and are sold on. Favour simply does not last in the world's eyes, when celebrities and others struggle to remain in vogue.

The fashion world can be cruel and dismissive. What was once "de rigeur" is now "passé." Some hairstyles and fashions do return for a while but they too date. Even commentators and politicians struggle to remain relevant. We are disappointed by broken promises.

Sometimes we learn from bitter experience that the world is full of false promises and cannot be trusted. Image and style are façades. Magazine covers feature airbrushed perfect skin. But so-called "stars" age, the gloss fades.

"When the world speaks well of you" Jesus says (Luke 6:26) doesn't last. We find ourselves replaceable and replaced. We are let down. We are old news. Who or what is trustworthy in our disillusionment? Who will never fade or fail? Who or what is changeless?

God alone, who sent His only Son:

"Jesus Christ (who) is the same yesterday, today and forever." Hebrews 13:8

Godbless, Fr Seán

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# THE MIRACLE



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.

## **3RD ANNIVERSARY**



In loving memory of

# DENNY O' SULLIVAN

**Cooldaniel, Toames** Who died July 1st 2022

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



Always remembered by your loving family.

# **FIRST ANNIVERSARY** AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of

# MARGARET LUCEY

Inchineil, Kilbarry, Macroom Who died on June 23rd 2024.

As we lovingly remember our beloved Mom, Nana, great grandmother on her first anniversary, we her family wish to express our heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to all who sympathised and supported us on our sad loss.

We want to thank our amazing neighbours and friends who called to the house, brought food and refreshments, stayed with us all through the days and night, and were there as Mom went on her last journey up the lane.

To all who attended the removal, funeral mass and burial. Also to everyone who expressed condolences online, and sent mass cards and enrolments.

To all who cared for Mom, especially her amazing home helps, Kathleen T, Kathleen C and Nora Mary. It is because of your care and help that mom was still at home with us up until the last four weeks of her life. Sincere thanks also to Dr. Shane Hurley and all at Muskerry Family Practice. You were always so kind and caring on Mom's yearly visit to you all.

We thank Cyril Casey (undertakers) and his team for their compassion, understanding and support.

Thanks to Fr. Anthony O'Mahony who called to the house, attended the removal and celebrated the funeral mass. Also Marie the sacristen and the altar servers. To Norma for the beautiful singing and music at the funeral mass.

all at Creedons Hotel for the refreshments after the funeral.

As it is impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgment and know that your kindness and sympathy are more deeply appreciated than any words of thanks can ever express.

The Holy Sacrifice of the mass has been offered for your intentions. Our Lady of Knock, Pray for Mom.

"Not just a memory or part of the past ours to remember as long as life lasts"



First Anniversary mass will be celebrated on Sunday the 13th of July at 11:30am in St. Finbarrs and Holy Angels Church Inchigeela.

# **FIRST ANNIVERSARY** AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



We lovingly remember

# **IOHN CREEDON**

Gortnarea, Inchigeela Died June 29th 2024

We sincerely thank his wonderful neighbours. We deeply appreciate the kindness that they showed to us.

We thank Garda Carmel Nash for her compassion and help.

Thank you to Fr Anthony O' Mahony for coming to his home that morning. Sincere thanks to Dr Maeve Cronin for being there for us.

We are very grateful to all who attended the prayers, funeral mass and burial.

Of great comfort to us during our sorrow were the expressions of sympathy conveyed to us in so many ways.

So grateful for all the mass cards, enrolments and letters. Whatever the part played we are most grateful to all of you. To Father Anthony O' Mahony who made the mass so special for us.

Thanks to Casey's Undertakers, especially Cyril for his efficient and personal handling of the funeral arrangements.

We thank Joe & Ann Creedon and Staff at Creedons Hotel for their hospitality and kindness.

Thanks to Marie our sacristan, the alterservers and soloist.

The Holy Sacrifice of the mass has been offered for your intentions.

> John loved his home in Gortnarea. He loved the South Lake road and his native Inchigeela. The best brother.



Dan, Nora, nieces, nephews and extended Creedon family.

John's first anniversary Mass takes Place on Sunday 6th July at 11.30am at Inchigeela church.

## **7TH ANNIVERSARY**



In loving memory of

# TADHGIE (TADE) O'LEARY

Currahy West, Ballingeary, Co. Cork Who died 16th June 2018

> Gone from our home But not from our hearts.



Sadly missed and forever remembered by Marion, Alison, Ross & extended family

## 34th ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

# **PADDY** (JAMESIE) **O'LEARY**

Who died on 26th June 1991 Aged 71 years. Husband of the late Jane O Leary (nee Shorten)



Sadly missed by Séamus, Marion, Seán, Pat and their families.

## **15TH ANNIVERSARY**



Treasured memories now and always of our dear Mum, Mary

# MARY Kelleher

Belmount Place, Crookstown, Whose 15th Anniversary occurs on the 27th of June.

The special memories we have of you Will always bring a smile If only we could have you back For just a little while Then we could sit and chat again Just like we used to do You always meant so very much And always will do too The fact that you're no longer here Will always cause us pain But you're forever in our hearts Until we meet again.



Always in our thoughts, Forever in our hearts, Your loving family. XXX

## **16TH ANNIVERSARY**



In loving memory of

# MICHAEL T **BRADLEY**

Droumree, Macroom, Co Cork

Who passed away on the 30th May 2009



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## **18TH ANNIVERSARY**



In loving memory of

# **PADDY MURPHY**

Prohus, Kilnamartyra, Macroom, Co. Cork.

Who died on the 19th June 2007 Aged 57

### Rest In Peace.

Your Life was love and labour, Your love for your family true, You did your best for all of us, We will always remember you.



Lovingly remembered by his wife Mary, Gobnait, Timothy, Patrick and Marie.

# **3rd ANNIVERSARY**



In loving memory of

# **IOHN** O'SULLIVAN

Rahalisk & St John's Drive, Ballinagree, who died on 26th June 2022.

Softly on a June morning you heard a gentle call you took the hand God offered you and quietly left us all.

Always in our hearts and prayers.



Fondly remembered and sadly missed by Dan, Kathleen and family, first cousins and extended families.

### **JULY ANNIVERSARY**



In loving memory of

# **DENIS & MARY** O'CALLAGHAN

**Barretts Place, Macroom** 

Today, Tomorrow My whole life through, I will always love And remember you.



I miss you Mam and Dad.

# **8TH ANNIVERSARY**



In loving memory of

# **NORA MOYNIHAN**

Green Acres Farm, Coachford, Co. Cork. who died on 1st July 2017

Ar Dheis Dé go raibh a h-anam dílis.

A smile for all, a heart of gold, One of the best this world could hold, Never selfish, always kind, A beautiful memory left behind.



Always remembered by her loving family, Seamus & Mairéad

## 6th ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

# **JOAN** O'CALLAGHAN

8 Model Village, Dripsey, Co.Cork who died on the 4th July 2019

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.



Sadly missed by Maria, Batty & family, Eileen & Pat

## 11TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

# **MICHAEL** CARROLL

Late of Crookstown and Canovee, who's anniversary occurred on the 1st of July.

Softly in the evening you Heard a gentle call, You took the hand God offered you, And quietly left us all.



Remembered by his partner Anne, and the Sheehan family.

## **13TH ANNIVERSARY**



Treasured memories of

# CATHERINE LEHANE (NEE MURPHY)

late of Ballingeary who died on the 22nd of June 2012

> Your Presence we miss. Your Memory we treasure, Loving you always, Forgetting you never.



Forever loved by your husband Pat, daughters Caitríona and Siobhán, Sister Joan, Son in Law James, Granddaughters, Fiadh, Doireann and Caragh, Family and Friends.

# **15TH ANNIVERSARY**



In loving memory of

# **MARY** KELLEHER

29 Belmount Place, Crookstown, Co. Cork Whose Anniversary occurs on the 27th June

Wonderful memories silently kept, Of a wonderful Sister, We will never forget.



Always remembered by your Sisters, Brothers and their families

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# **FIRST ANNIVERSARY** AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of

# ANGEL **MCCARTHY**

Curraglass Kealkill & Inchamore Coolea Died 26th June 2024

As we lovingly remember Angel on her first anniversary, her son Teddy, along with the Cronin Family, Kealkill and the Herlihy Family, Coolea wish to express our heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to all those who sympathised and supported them on the sad passing of Angel. We would like to sincerely thank all those who attended her funeral in person, online and especially those that travelled long distances. Thank you to all that sent floral tributes, Mass cards, letters of sympathy, online condolences and heartfelt words. A special thank you to Fr Martin O'Driscoll for her beautiful funeral mass and all the priests for her first Friday visits over the years. Thank you to Johnny O'Sullivan for leading the rosary at the funeral home, to Bernard O'Leary for saying the prayers at the removal and Ann Cotter for leading the rosary prayers on the reception to the church. To Eleanor McGee, Sacristan for all your assistance with organising the mass. To Eileen Nitch and Angel's Cousin, Sean O'Se for the wonderful music especially the rendition of 'Old Home in Coolea' sang at the end of Mass and at her graveside. Many thanks to all Angel's wonderful friends, neighbours and cousins who called so often to see her at her home, especially in the last five years as her health deteriorated. Thank you to Dr Joan Lynch and all at Nua Medical centre and the staff at Newtown Pharmacy for all their care, kindness and help throughout the years.

A special thanks to Angel's home helps for their care and kindness, we will be forever grateful. To all the staff at Bantry General Hospital, especially in the Medical Ward and Palliative Care Suite, thank you for all your excellent care, kindness and compassion that you showed towards Angel and us during her final weeks. Thank you to John and Margaret Collins for your help, professionalism and kindness in organising Angel's funeral and reception after. Thank you to Jimmy Griffin for preparing the grave.

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



First Anniversary Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 29th June at 10.30 in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Kealkill.

# **FIRST ANNIVERSARY** AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of SR. ELLEN

**DWYER** Oldcastle, Coachford, Co. Cork

who died on 28th June 2024

As we lovingly remember Eily on her first anniversary, we her family wish to express our sincerest gratitude and thanks to all who sympathised with us on our sad

hereavement

We wish to acknowledge those who attended her funeral service. We truly appreciated your presence and the many expressions of sympathy, mass cards, condolences, letters of sympathy and floral tributes.

Sincere thanks to Fr. Pat Scanlon, Fr. Chris Coleman, Fr. Peadar Murphy and Fr. Eddie Hogan for concelebrating her funeral mass in such a meaningful way and Angela Ryan for beautiful music during the ceremony. We extend our sincere gratitude to the

management and staff of Nazareth House, Mallow for their dedicated kindness and care towards Sr. Ellen.

Heartfelt thanks to the Fitz-Gerald family and all staff at Fitz-Gerald's Funeral Directors

for their support and professionalism. As it is impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept acknowledgement as an expression of our sincere gratitude. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

> A silent thought, a quiet prayer For a special person in God's care.



Sr. Ellen's first anniversary mass will take place at St. Patrick's Church, Coachford, at 6pm on Saturday, June 28th.

# FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of **THOMAS COLLINS** 

Shandangan West, Carrigadrohid, Co Cork Who left us on June 25th 2024

As we lovingly remember Thomas on his first anniversary, we, his wife Kathleen, son John T, daughter Nuala and extended family would like to express our heartfelt thanks to our relatives, neighbours and friends who supported us during Thomas's illness.

Our sincere thanks to Fr. John Newman and Fr. Richie Wall for celebrating the funeral mass, Nuala Crowley (Sacristan), Dan Twomey and Norma Galvin (Musicians).

Thanks to those who attended the removal, funeral mass and those who sent mass cards, enrolments, letters of sympathy and online condolences.

Our thanks to Martin and Bill Fitzgerald, Fitzgerald Undertakers, for their help and advice

Thanks to the landowners who allowed parking on their lands at the church and graveyard and to those who did traffic management.

Thanks also to the staff of: Link Healthcare, Sullane Family Practice, Matt Murphy's Pharmacy, Macroom Community Hospital, St. Bernadette's Ward. Bons Secours Hospital and Ward 3D CUH who looked after Thomas during his illness.

Thank you to the staff of the Castle Hotel for the refreshments on the day of the funeral. As it is impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as a token of our appreciation. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for your intentions.



Thomas's First Anniversary Mass will take place in St. John the Baptist Church, Canovee on Saturday, 28th June 2025 at 6 30nm

# **FIRST ANNIVERSARY** AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of

# **PEGGY** COTTER

Gurteen Terrace, Macroom (formerly of Shanakiel and Coolnadane) who died 5th July 2024

As we lovingly remember Peggy on her first anniversary, we her family would like to thank all her relatives, neighbours, friends (especially Virginia and Margaret), the staff of Muskerry Family Practice and the home help carers who gave great support to Peggy during her life and to all who supported her family in any way on her passing.

We wish to extend our appreciation to the staff of both Care Choice Nursing Home and the Community Hospital in Macroom who looked after Peggy with such kindness in her final two years.

We would also like to thank the staff of Fitzgeralds Funeral Home, the priests Fr Joe, Canon Roberts, Monsignor O Donnell and Fr Michael O Connell MSC, the sacristan Teddy Sheehan, the musicians Michael Bradley and Mary McSweeney, who along with her family and friends gave Peggy a lovely final farewell.



Rest in Peace Peggy.

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# 9TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

# **RITA SHORTEN** (NEE QUILL)

Knockshanavee, Farnanes who died on 27th June 2016

You can only have one mother. Patient, kind and true; No other friend in all the world Will be the same to you.

When other friends forsake you, To mother you will return; For all her loving kindness She asks nothing in return.

As we look upon her picture Sweet memories we recall Of a face so full of sunshine And a smile for one and all.

Sweet Jesus take this message To our dear mother up above; Tell her how we miss her And give her all our love.



Sadly missed by all your loving family.

### 4th ANNIVERSARY



Remembered with love

# MARGARET **MURPHY**

Oakwood, Macroom Died on 24th of June, 2021

> Always in our thoughts, Forever in our hearts.



Sadly missed by her loving family

# **10TH ANNIVERSARY**



Treasured memories of

# RICHIE TWOMEY

Loughleigh, Carrigadrohid Who died 7th July 2015

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



Always remembered and deeply missed by his loving wife Tina and Family.

# **13TH ANNIVERSARY**



In loving memory of

## DON LUCEY

**New York and Railway View** Macroom, Co. Cork.

1st April 1970 - 23rd June 2012

Our Lady of Knock Fold Him in your arms



Always remembered by all his loving family at home and abroad.

## **2ND ANNIVERSARY**



In loving memory of **NORA** 

## **LUCEY** Railway View, Macroom, Co. Cork. who died on 7th July 2023

A loving mother, sister, grandmother and great grandmother. Each one of us thought the world of you, For us you always did your best, God grant your soul eternal rest.

Our Lady of Knock, fold her in your arms.



Rest in Peace Nora, Mam, Gran.

## **5th ANNIVERSARY**



In loving memory of

# MÁIRE MACSUIBHNE

Killarney Road, Macroom. Who passed away on 27 June, 2020

Dia linn is Muire is Gobnait na cille. A Ghobnait mhúinte ó Baile Mhúirne, Tairse chughainn led' chabhair is led' chúnamh.



Remembered today and always by her loving husband, Seán, children Micheál, Neans, Ella and Séamus, her sons-in-law, Micheál and Aidan, and her grandchildren, Cathal, Laoise, Ava and Aodh and her own siblings, Mairéad, Séamus, Nóra and Mike and their families.

# **Birthday Remembrance**



In loving memory of

# **MARGARET** KELLEHER

Coolea

Remembering Mag on her 80th birthday which occurs on the 30th of June.

Today is your birthday in Heaven above, Our blessings we send on the wings of a dove, Not just today but each day hereof, We think of you always with all of our love.



Sadly missed by your loving family Ellenor, Con and Con Donal

# 21st ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

# CON O'DONOGHUE

**Ballymakeera** Who passed away on the 21st of June, 2004

> "Never more than a thought away, loved and remembered everyday.



Sadly missed by Patsy and family, brother, sisters, in-laws and Grandchildren, Kevin, Ronan, Marykate, Ella, Joe, Lucie & Mikey

# **NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART**



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

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