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Cafe: 9am-5pm, Leisure Club: 7am-9pm
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- Saturday 27th:** No carvery, Bar Menu: 3.30-8.30pm
Cafe: Closed, Leisure Club: 3-8pm
- Sunday 28th:** Carvery: 12.30-4pm, Bar Menu: 4-8pm
Cafe: Closed, Leisure Club: 10am-8pm
- Monday 29th:** Carvery: 12.30-3pm, Bar Menu: 3.30-8.30pm
Cafe: Closed, Leisure Club: 10am-8pm
- Tuesday 30th:** Carvery: 12.30-3pm, Bar Menu: 3.30-8.30pm
Cafe: Closed, Leisure Club: 10am-8pm
- New Year's Eve:** Carvery: 12.30-3pm, Bar Menu: 3.30-8.30pm
Cafe: Closed, Leisure Club: 10am-6pm
- Thursday 1st:** Carvery: 12.30-3pm, Bar Menu: 3.30-8.30pm
Cafe: Closed, Leisure Club: 10am-6pm
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Cafe: 9am-5pm, Leisure Club: 9am-8pm

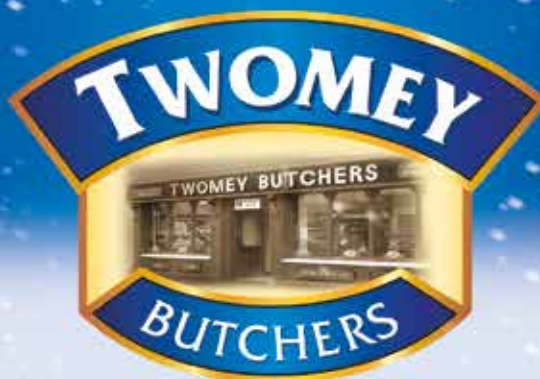
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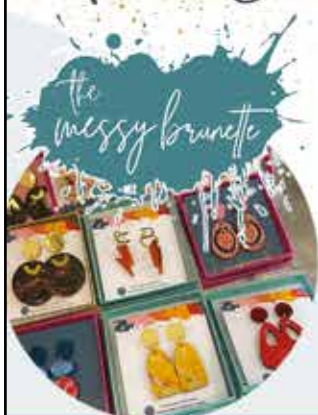


Christmas Open Hours

Wednesday 24th December	9:00 - 15:00
Thursday (Christmas Day) 25th December	CLOSED
Friday 26th December	CLOSED
Saturday 27th December	10:30 - 17:00
Sunday 28th December	CLOSED
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Tuesday 30th December	09:00 - 20:00
Wednesday 31st December	09:00 - 17:00
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We are a bi-weekly magazine; therefore, submissions must be on the Sunday
before publication at the latest, if you want a piece included in the following

week's edition. Due to print processes, late submissions will be published in the
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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
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A Heartfelt Thank You Go raibh mile maith agaibh

*As we come to the close of another year, I would like
to extend my deepest thanks to everyone who has
contributed to the Lee Valley Magazine in 2025. Each
article, each piece of local information, and every story
shared has been invaluable in keeping our community
connected and informed. Your contributions are what
make this publication so special, and they truly reflect
the vibrant spirit of our area.*

*Thank you goes to our local schools for keeping us
updated on their activities—your efforts help us all
stay involved in the lives of our young people. I would
also like to express my gratitude to Brendan Kenneally
for his tireless work on the sports updates, keeping us
all in the loop about local teams and achievements.
And of course, thank you to Peter for his continued
professionalism with the photography in the
magazine, these photographs bring the pages of our*

magazine to life.

*As we approach the holiday season, I want to wish
you all a safe and happy Christmas, filled with joy and
warmth. I look forward to returning on January 8th
with fresh updates and stories. The Lee Valley Outlook
team can't wait to hear from new contributors who will
help make the magazine even more vibrant in the year
ahead.*

*Thank you once again for all your support, and we look
forward to hearing from you in the new year!*

Warmest regards,

*Gráinne & The Lee Valley
Magazine Team*



Religious Ceremonies for Christmas

Confessions:

Wednesday 24th December
St. Coleman's Church 12 midday - 3.00pm
St. John the Baptist, Caum 12noon - 12.30pm

Christmas Masses:

Wednesday 24th December
St. Coleman's Church 6.00pm and 8.00pm
Thursday 25th December
St. Coleman's Church 8.30am and 11.30am
Wednesday 24th December
St. John the Baptist 9.00pm (Polish Mass)
Thursday 25th December
St John the Baptist 10.00am

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Christmas Eve Masses:
Wednesday 24th December - Rusheen 7.00pm
Wednesday 24th December - Bealnamorrive 9.00pm

Christmas Day Masses:

Thursday 25th December - Bealnamorrive 9:30am
Thursday 25th December - Ballinagree 11:00am

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Penitential service: Tuesday 16th December
Cloughduv 7.30pm

Christmas Eve Masses:

Wednesday 24th December - Canovee 6:30pm
Wednesday 24th December - Cloughduv 8:00pm
Wednesday 24th December - Kilmurry 9:30pm

Christmas Day Masses:

Thursday 25th December - Kilmurry 10:00am
Thursday 25th December - Cloughduv 11:30am

OVENS/FARRAN

Reconciliation Service
Saturday 20th December - Ovens After the 6pm Mass
Sunday 21st December - Ovens After 11.30am Mass

Sunday 21st December - Farran After 9.30am Mass

Christmas Eve Masses:

Wednesday 24th December - Ovens 6pm and 9pm
Wednesday 24th December - Farran 7pm

Christmas Day Masses:

Thursday 25th December - Ovens 8.30am and
11.30am
Thursday 25th December Farran 9.30am

St Stephens Day Mass:

Friday 26th December - Ovens 12.00 noon

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Christmas Eve Masses:

Wednesday 24th December - Carriganima 6.30pm
Wednesday 24th December Clondrohid 9:00pm

Christmas Day Mass:

Thursday 25th December - Clondrohid 9:30am

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Don't MISS OUT ON Grá Macroom

Gra Macroom Gift Card Gone from strength to strength after being embraced by most employers locally as their staff reward scheme.

The new Macroom Gift Card which was launched in October for the town and surrounding villages has exceeded expectations with thousands being spent on the card in only 6 weeks. Local businesses can accept the card commission-free and employers can give the card tax free to staff.

Macroom and 9 neighbouring villages have collaborated on a new high-tech gift card for the Lee Valley region to drive in-person sales for local businesses and encourage connection between people and places.

Backed by Macroom Business Association, the Grá Macroom Gift Card is replacing the previous paper Macroom shopping voucher and offers significant benefits for the businesses accepting the card and recipients spending them.

Businesses in Macroom, Clondrohid, Béal Átha an Ghaorthaidh, Baile Mhuirne, Guagán Barra, Inchigeelagh, Coachford, Dripsey, Lissarda, Kilmurry and are all eligible to accept the card, commission free, including shops, restaurants, attractions, pubs and cafés.

Mastercard backed, businesses will be able to accept the card using their existing payment systems. Once launched, the Grá Macroom Gift Card will be available as a physical card that can be swiped at the till or a digital card that is added to digital wallets, enabling 'tap to pay' technology.

Cards will be available to buy online and in person from Killian Auctioneers Macroom, Cooney's Garage in Coachford, Connections in Macroom, Dromeys Centra in Ballymakera, Daybreak in Ballingearry, Healy shop Clondrohid, Costcutter Masseytown as well as online at www.townandcitygiftcards.ie

The Grá Macroom Gift Card is the latest 'shop local' initiative from the town following the opening of the Macroom bypass in 2023, with a Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) study finding that footfall in the town is up 28%. The card will be part of the multi-award winning Town & City Gift Card initiative from Miconex, active across Ireland. Killian Lynch, chairperson of the Macroom Business Association said the new card is easier to spend and accept: We have spoken to most of the business across Macroom and surrounding villages and all are delighted to accept the card. Killian says it's a no brainer for business and also for employers to be able to use this card as a staff reward at Christmas, so as to ring fence the spend in the local economy and also to be able to give a card that can be used for day to day living.

"Macroom is the first town in Munster to utilise Town & City Gift Card technology to create our own high-tech physical and digital gift card. With the new gift card we have extended the initiative to our surrounding

villages in the Lee Valley region, which has a population reach of around 15,000 people. In doing so, we expect to generate around €500,000 to €1 million in sales annually for our Gift Card program, money that is ring-fenced into the Lee Valley/Muskerry region.

The new Grá Macroom Gift Card will be as easy to spend and accept with the balance automatically updated and businesses getting paid quickly. It is far easier for organisations to reward their staff with the new gift card too using the Small Benefit Exemption scheme, rather than trying to manage mounds of paper vouchers.

"Our intention was for the Grá Macroom Gift Card to become the default gift card for the Lee Valley and going by recent sales, everyone is embracing on this new system. Businesses in Macroom and its • Killian Lynch, chairperson of the Macroom Business Association with the forthcoming Grá Macroom Gift Card

Miconex's objective is simple: providing communities with a tangible means to retain spend in their local area, providing essential support for local businesses of all types and sizes through its Town & City Gift Cards and Downtown Gift Cards. With Miconex, local and loyal shopping becomes not only easy for customers, but desirable, contributing to the evolution of high streets and downtowns around the world.



New Collection OF FOLKLORE & HISTORY PUBLISHED

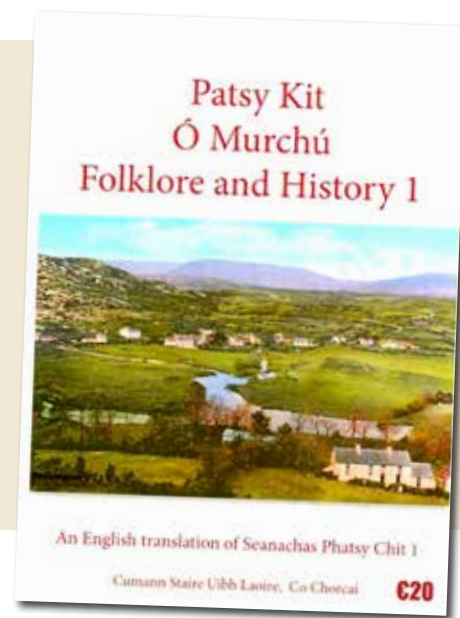
Cumann Staire Uíbh Laoire has just published a new collection of Folklore and History from the Ballingearry area.

Collected in 1942 from Patsy Kit Ó Murchú in Gort Luachra, Ballingearry, it has now been translated for the first time into English.

It is available for sale in Ballingearry and at www.litriochocht.com. A Ballingearry based company who will

post it to you. It has the original book on one page and the English translation on the facing page

There are about 500 items over 170 pages, under different headings covering all aspects of local life; family histories, faction fights, robbery and trickery, night time spirits and fairy abductions, farming and animal lore, landlords and evictions, The Famine and emigration, poetry and singing, curses and cures.



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100 YEARS OF GOLF AT MACROOM GOLF CLUB

Macroom Golf Club's centenary year 2025 was a landmark period that celebrated a hundred years of golfing tradition, community spirit, and sporting achievement.

It was a time to reflect on the club's humble beginnings and the generations of members who shaped its identity, nurtured its course, and upheld its values through changing times.

Throughout the past year, the club marked the occasion with a series of special events and competitions that brought members past and present together. These celebrations honoured the volunteers, officers, and players whose dedication ensured the club's survival and success over the decades, while also strengthening the strong sense of camaraderie for which Macroom Golf Club is renowned.

A particular highlight of the centenary year was the honour bestowed on Macroom Golf Club in being

awarded the hosting of the Munster Senior Cup Semi-Finals and Finals. The event attracted some of the finest amateur golfers in the province, and the course was showcased at its very best. The standard of play was exceptional, and the positive reviews of the course, its condition, and its layout were numerous and widely praised.

The centenary year also highlighted the strength of the club at all levels. The Junior Club now boasts over 130 playing members, with the club working hard to ensure these boys and girls continue to enjoy and play the game well into the future. The Senior's Club has over 80 playing members, many of whom play a vital role as volunteers, helping to maintain the clubhouse and the grounds, and contributing greatly to the daily life of the club.

The beautiful summer weather during the centenary year ensured that a huge amount of club golf was

played across all sections. This resulted in great success for the Men's, Ladies', and Juniors' clubs, with Macroom teams achieving appearances in not one, but two Munster finals, a fitting sporting highlight in such a special year.

Off the course, this year The Mulligan Room restaurant has become one of the go-to dining destinations in Macroom, welcoming patrons for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Visitors and members alike are invited to check opening times and enjoy the excellent food and hospitality on offer.

Macroom Golf Club remains open for membership and welcomes new members at all times, those interested are encouraged to contact the Club Manager, Cathal O'Sullivan, for further information.

See the photos of the officers prize giving during in the Centenary Year 2025.



Captain Gary presenting his prize to the winner Anne Browne also included is Lady Captain Margaret



Gabrelle O'Leary wife of the President Paddy presenting his prize to the winner Anthony Hartnett.



Captain Gary presenting his prize to the winner Gary Moloney.



Lady President Geraldine presenting her prize to the winner her daughter Aine O'Riordan.



Lady Captain Margaret Keating presenting her prize to the winner Karan Gibson with Lady president Geraldine Galvin.



Club President Paddy presenting his prize to Roisin Sherard also included Lady President Geraldine and Lady Captain



Kilmurry Museum visit to Kilmurry National School



Independence Museum Kilmurry Little Women's Christmas

MACROOM PLOUGHING

The annual Macroom Ploughing Match will take place on Sunday Jan 4, weather permitting, on the lands of Angela Leonard, Teergay Kilbarry Macroom P12 KV00 at 11am. Results in Coolcower House that night.

Always guaranteed to be a great day out for all the family. A large number of competitors are expected, with the Horse Class being a great attraction.



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Music: Tuesday 23rd December DJ Darragh Griffin

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Tuesday December 23rd: Bar only 4pm - Close
Christmas Eve: Bar only 1pm - 7pm
Christmas Eve: Open 9.30 for Gift Vouchers

Closed on the following dates:
Christmas Day December 25th
St Stephen's Day December 26th

RE-OPENING - Saturday December 27th
Food and Bar 3pm - close
Sunday December 28th 12 noon

Closed: Monday 29th & Tuesday 30th December
Open: Wednesday 31st December New Year's Eve
12 noon to close

Normal Hours Resume:
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Guides & Rangers at the Nutcracker ballet



Ladybirds & Brownies at the Panto!

Christmas at Macroom Guides

Ardilaun Ladybirds and Brownies travelled to the Everyman in Cork for this year's Panto, Cinderella on the 6th of December. The girls thoroughly enjoyed the performance and are already looking forward to next years!

Ardilaun Guides and MacEgan Rangers attended the live viewing of The Nutcracker from the Royal Opera House in Mahon Point Cinema. Attending the ballet is a Christmas tradition for many members such as Katie and Rachel who have been attending the wonderful live performances since joining Guides. Rangers also indulged in a home cooked Christmas dinner in Caum on Friday the 12th. The girls had a variety of different dishes, traditional and modern and of course sticky toffee pudding to top it all off!

A Year In Review**New Appointments!**

Macroom Guide & MacEgan alumni, Mary H. O'Connor was appointed South West Regional Commissioner of the Cork, Kerry & West Waterford Area.

Katie Cronin (MacEgan Rangers) was appointed as Chairperson for the newly formed South West Youth Forum which Mary helped establish at this year's SW Regional Conference.

Emily Mehigan (MacEgan Rangers) was elected as SW International Representative.

Ruth Burton (MacEgan Rangers) was selected as part of Eurochild's NOVA Council where she represents IGG internationally.

International Travel

Gráinne Russell (MacEgan Rangers) travelled to Pax Lodge, London with a National Contingent where she also got enrolled!

Dara, Emily & Katie were selected to travel to Sangam, India as part of IGG's National Contingent in 2026.

Aine, Anna & Ciara (Ardilaun Guides) were selected to travel to Switzerland in 2026. Well done girls!

Camping Fun

Ardilaun Guides were crowned champions of Timpeall an Domhain 2025.

Macroom Guiding celebrated 45 years of Guiding with Camp Ceiliúradh during the summer.

MacEgan Rangers attended Orbit 2025, IGG's International Camp which was held in Clongowes, Co. Kildare.

Dara, Katie & Rachel attended the Wild West themed Ventact 2025 and Aileen attended Electric Picnic as staff.

Reprising Committee Roles

Orna Sexton sits on the Guide Branch Committee as

Treasurer. Aileen O'Leary is a member of the MEDI committee and Dara Russell sits on the SB committee. A huge achievement for all!

Deirdre Henley was re-elected as National President of Irish Girl Guides & sits as a Director on the Board of Irish Girl Guides.

Gaisce

Katie Cronin was selected as 1 of 14 National Gaisce Youth Ambassadors across Ireland for the 2026 term & represents IGG on the panel.

Orna Sexton & Lorna O'Connor completed their Gold Gaisce Adventure Journey.

Abi, Gráinne, Juliette & Ruth completed their Bronze Hike during midterm!

Orna & Katie were both awarded their Silver Gaisces at the National Guiding Awards. Aileen received her Bronze Gaisce also.

Deirdre Henley was awarded the 15 Year Civic Merit Award at PALCon 2025 for her role as a President Award Leader.

National Guiding Awards

Emily Murphy (Ardilaun Guides) was the sole recipient from Macroom to receive her National Guiding Award this year. Well done Emily!

Leader Recognition

Ladybird leader, Emma Relihan was recognised for 5 years service as a leader & Josephine Cronin was awarded her 25 Year Long Service Award!

Brownie leaders, Sharon O'Connell & Rosaleen Henry ran amazing training sessions at the SW Regional Conference this year.

Guide Leaders, Lorna, Orna & Danielle all received their 5 year service awards also.

Macroom Guides would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! A massive thank you to everyone who reads about our girls' journeys and supports us throughout the year. For more information on joining our Ladybird, Brownie, Guide or Senior Branch units please contact macroomguides@gmail.com



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As 2025 draws to close we look forward to what 2026 will bring, and no doubt it will be busy as usual. We retained our Gold Medal in the National Tidy Town's Competition with an 8-point increase in marks from 2024, a good increase at this level but other competing towns are gaining also.

We competed in the Cork County Council Anti-Litter Competition and won the Town Most Improved Award which we were pleased with. We participated in events throughout the year including Macroom Lions Club 'Meet the Clubs Day', the Gum Litter Roadshow, a Tidy Towns Celebration Event in County Hall. We worked with West Muskerry Athletic Club with their annual road race and School Sports Day. We worked with Lee Valley Enterprise Board/Macroom Business Association with the St Patrick's Day Parade, Food Festival and the Christmas Lights.

Work continued with the Coleman's Park Amenity/Biodiversity Area and other biodiversity initiatives. Funding was procured for the Refurbishment of the Picnic Area in Coolcower and for the creation of a footpath to Coolcower House in a joint application with Cork Co Co. We organised a Tree Planting event for National Tree Week. Funding was procured and work carried out throughout the year on a Biodiversity Action Plan for the town of Macroom, work carried out by an ecologist. This plan is published and in circulation and will be promoted widely in 2026. Con O Sullivan, Community Services supervisor retired and a presentation was made to Con. A Nature Walk was organised as part of Heritage Week. We launched Two Brochures, focused on biodiversity, one dealing with the riverside area and the other for St Colman's Park Biodiversity/Amenity area. These are available in the Town Hall, free of charge.

One of our Volunteers John Lyons was elected as a community and voluntary rep on Cork County Council's Strategic Policy Committee No 2 on Environment, Climate Action and Biodiversity. John was also nominated to be An Taisce Climate Ambassador and did us proud, gaining an award at National level.



Macroom Tidy Towns Officers Lisa Manning, Martin Coughlan and Joe Cronin receiving their Gold Medal from Jerry Buttimer TD and Michelle Griffin Super Valu

Three of our Volunteers, Sean Cremin, Anna Konrad and Darragh Twomey were nominated for West Cork Garda Youth Awards. We would like to acknowledge the contribution made by workers made through the different schemes, Muskerry CE Scheme, IRD Duhallow and West Cork Partnership. Also, thanks to the COPE Volunteers who contributed hugely to Litter Picking throughout the year.

We would like to say thanks to the many people who have helped in anyway during the year. These Include; TP Cotters for sponsoring food for Christmas Party, Eileen O Flynn and The Auld Triangle for their donation, Castle Hotel for their continuous support throughout the year, St Joseph's Primary School for helping with a litter pick around town in conjunction with their Green Flag, Mollie O Riordan from Super Valu who provided Easter Eggs, Matt Murphy's Pharmacy for the use of the Shop Window on 8 Main Street, Bishop McEgan TY Students and teacher Hazel Bourke for doing 'An Taisce Spring Clean', Hazel and Class 22 for deadheading all the Daffodils outside the Castle Gates and Planting Pea and Bean Plants in the Fairy Garden Model Village, Laszlo Horvath in Lidl for donating flowers, Brid O Riordan and the Green Flag Committee in St Joseph's for providing scones and biscuits to the volunteers as a thanks for the help given to the school throughout the year, thanks to Macroom Credit Union, Pickled Café, Lynch's Café, Killian Lynch Auctioneers, Mary Anne's and Kiely & Co Auctioneers for their floral displays, Macroom Credit Union for Sponsoring our New Hi Viz Jackets, residents in Meadowlands, Dan Corkery Place and Coleman's Park for picking up bags of leaves. Thanks to Masseytown

Community Group for the projects they have been completing, To the Murphy Sisters for the flowers in Dan Corkery place, To David Corcoran for Maintaining around the Grotto Area on New Street, To Foroige for Maintaining their garden on Killarney Road, To Catherine Ross Murphy for supplying the volunteers with some delicious home baking throughout the year, Cygnum for their continuous maintenance at Hartnett's Cross. To all the other people that have maintained flower beds, swept the streets or carried out litter picks in their local area, watered flowers, or carried out other tasks and initiatives that all contribute to the overall effort, your help and support in so many ways are appreciated.

We are indebted to the council for the financial support financial support received which is vital to sustain activities such as the 65 large hanging baskets throughout the town.

Mile buíochas to the volunteers that backbone the weekly organisation and activities of Macroom Tidy Towns and organise the work behind the scenes such as fundraising applications, sponsorships, financial Management etc to keep the show on the road. Some of you readers might like to be part of this great movement so why not decide, as a new year's resolution, to take the plunge and join us for some action, which can be enjoyable and rewarding.

Finally, Macroom Tidy Towns would like to wish everybody a very Happy Christmas and New Year and hope that the support will continue and grow and help Macroom to prosper and come an even more beautiful town that we can all be proud of.

Nollaig Shona Daoibh.



Martin Coughlan and Joe Cronin with Seamus Hogan from Macroom Credit Union with the Hi Viz Jacket they sponsored



Macroom Tidy Towns Volunteers Lisa Manning, Sheila Murphy and Martin Coughlan at Anti Gum Litter Roadshow



Macroom Tidy Towns Volunteers Richard Manning, Liam Walsh, Sheila Murphy, Joe Cronin and Lisa Manning with Town Most Improved Award



Macroom Tidy Towns Volunteers Shelia Murphy, Liam Walsh and Michael Crowley at the Super Valu Tidy Towns Awards in Croke Park on October 24th



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Fadusa Abdulqadir, Lilly McCarthy, Thando Shibambo, Edel Coakley, Molly McCarthy who were the winning team in the 1st year History Quiz at McEgan College.

Business in the Community with Boots Pharmacy:

It was a delight to attend the BITCI (Business in the Community Ireland) Education Celebratory Lunch, marking the 10-year anniversary of our partnership with Boots Pharmacy. This long-standing collaboration has played an important role in supporting our school community, offering valuable learning opportunities and strengthening the connection between education and the world of work. The event was a wonderful celebration of the meaningful impact that strong school-business partnerships can have on students' futures.

Exam Revision: In support of ongoing high-quality teaching and learning, McEgan College is pleased to announce our new partnership with Exam Revision, an innovative online learning platform. Exam Revision offers engaging, student-friendly resources designed to help learners master challenging topics and strengthen their exam techniques. Students will benefit from:

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History Quiz: First years took part in a history quiz on Wednesday December 3rd. The quiz was a kahoot which covered all the learning outcomes from the first-year history Junior Cycle course covered to date. There were also a picture and music from history round. Great enjoyment was had by all the students especially during the music round! Thank you to Ms Casey and Ms Condon for organising the event. Sullane Haven: Students from McEgan College spent a meaningful and festive morning with the residents of Sullane Haven. Our school choir, under the direction of Ms O'Regan, sang traditional seasonal songs, and the audience also enjoyed instrumental pieces on cello, piano, fiddle and concertina. We were especially glad to have Tim Kelleher and Pat O'Connor join in and share a few traditional songs of their own. Our LCA class, mentored by Ms Shannon, also visited and brought small gifts for the residents. Over the past few months, the students have gotten to know many of the residents, building lovely connections and

new friendships.

A sincere thank you to everyone at Sullane Haven for welcoming us so warmly. These visits mean a lot to our students and help strengthen the bonds between the school and our community.

Transition Year Activities – November and December were exceptionally eventful months for our Transition Year students, who had the opportunity to engage in a wide variety of educational, cultural and practical learning experiences. From cross-border climate action to festive outings and valuable work experience, the TY group embraced every challenge and opportunity with enthusiasm.

Cross-Border Climate Action Trip: On 19 November, Ms. Bourke and Ms. Galvin accompanied a group of TY students to Belfast for an overnight cross-border climate action trip. Throughout the programme, students stepped out of their comfort zones and fully embraced the many opportunities presented to them. Their leadership, confidence and teamwork were evident at every stage. Staff were amazed and delighted to see McEgan students taking the lead during national-level pitches, delivering their ideas to an exceptionally high standard. The innovation shown in their climate action projects was particularly impressive, with several ideas displaying real potential as future mini-company concepts. This trip showcased the students' ability to combine creativity, awareness and initiative in a meaningful way.

TY Language Workshops – 17th November Students took part in a series of language and cultural workshops organised by Ms. Blavin as part of Languages Week. The day provided an exciting insight into global communication and cultural awareness. The schedule included: Languages Week Opening Ceremony, Interpreters and Translators – Exploring Careers, Irish Sign Language Workshop, an Italian Culture Session & Chinese language and culture workshop. These workshops broadened students' understanding of language learning, cultural diversity and the value of communication skills in the modern world.

TY Christmas Exams – On 27 November, TY students completed their Christmas exams. This was a valuable opportunity to reflect on their academic progress so far and to practice essential study skills they will carry into senior cycle.

Ice Skating & Marina Market Trip To celebrate the start of the festive period, students enjoyed an outing on 28 November. They travelled to Centre Park Road to experience the Alpine Skate Trail, where they had the entire ice rink to themselves—creating a fun, relaxed and memorable atmosphere. Afterwards, the group headed to the Marina Market, where they explored a wide range of food stalls and enjoyed the vibrant Christmas market. The visit allowed them to unwind, socialise and soak up the festive spirit.

Work Experience: From 1–5 December, TY students took part in their work experience programme. Students were placed locally across a wide variety of businesses and organisations, gaining firsthand insight into potential career paths. We would like to extend a warm thank-you to all the people, businesses and community partners who welcomed our students and provided such valuable guidance, support and learning opportunities. The experience exposed students to real-world workplaces and helped many of them explore fields they may pursue in the future.



Images above: students Noreen Bradley, Ava Murray & Rhianna Noonan delivering Christmas gifts to a resident of Sullane Haven



Storm Bram may have caused the cancellation of the Macroom Christmas Market on Dec 9th, McEgan TY were not fazed and continued to work on their crafts. Photo shows some of the students displaying some of the crafts they will be selling at the rescheduled Macroom Market in the Town Hall on December 16th.



McEgan College Students with Music Teacher Ms J.O. Regan who entertained the residents of Sullane Haven with Christmas Carols and songs.



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Ba mhaith linn buíochas a ghabháil lenár scoláirí a scríobhann agus a thuairiscíonn ar imeachtaí na scoile don iris Lee Valley, chomh maith le hIníon Ní Ríordáin agus Iníon Ní Bhriain a eagraíonn na scéalta gach coicis. Mar fhocal scoir, ba mhaith linn Nollaig Shona shíochánta agus Athbhliain faoi mhaise a ghuí ar ár bpobal scoile uile.

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foirne, go sóisialta agus mar píosa spraoi gan amhras. Chuaigh siad lena n-oidí ranga Bean Uí Dhonnchú agus Máistir Ó Creimín.

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GLUAIS/GLOSSARY

Gheobhaidh tú liosta den fhoclóir a úsáidtear go minic ar na meáin shóisialta/Lee Valley ar shuíomh na scoile. On our school website you can find a list of vocabulary that are used frequently on our social media posts/Lee Valley.

GLUAIS

- deonach – voluntary
- earnáil – sector
- in éineacht – together
- Bradán Feasa – Salmon of Knowledge
- Bearn na Sceiche – Briery Gap

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As we come to the end of another busy and rewarding year at Macroom Youthreach, we would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has supported us—our learners, families, staff, community partners, local businesses, and the wider Macroom community. Your encouragement, involvement, and goodwill help make our centre a warm, welcoming place where young people can grow and succeed.

We were delighted to mark the end of the year with our annual Christmas dinner, which brought together local government representatives, community organisations, and youth support services. Their presence and ongoing support truly highlight the strong community spirit surrounding Macroom Youthreach, and we are grateful for the connections that help enrich our learners' experience.

Christmas is a time for reflection and gratitude, and we are incredibly proud of what our learners have achieved this year. From personal development to academic progress, from teamwork to community projects, each milestone represents dedication, resilience, and the power of second chances.

January is the perfect time for a fresh start. If you or someone you know is thinking about re-engaging with education in a place that values support, inclusion, and real opportunities for growth, Macroom Youthreach might be the right fit. Limited places become available in the new year, making this a great time to get in touch and see what we can offer. Contact us on (087) 4130764 or (026) 43733. Alternatively, you can email Christina.Cronin@CorkEtb.ie, limited places available. Wishing You & Yours a Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year.



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ST MARY'S NEWS



4th years, Emma, Eadaoin and Orla taking part in the Young Scientist



5th years, Chloe and Amy taking part in the Young Scientist



3rd year, Georgia, taking part in the Young Scientist



Mr. McLaughlin presenting Trish with a gift after Trishmas.

Christmas Concert

Our school community, and beyond, gathered on December 7th in St Colman's Church for a Christmas concert that showcased the wonderful musical talent within St Mary's. Audiences were treated to performances from St Mary's school choirs, traditional music group, and a number of gifted soloists, all of whom helped create a festive and uplifting atmosphere. The event was expertly organised by Ms Aoife Donovan and Ms Aoibheann Queally, whose hard work ensured a memorable night of fantastic music and seasonal cheer. All funds raised were donated to Macroom Hospital. We are so proud of all of the girls that performed on the night. Videos have been posted to our social media platforms, Instagram and Facebook.

Senior Football

Our senior footballers were away recently to Skibbereen. Played their heart out but unfortunately fell short at the end. Well done girls and to their coaches.

Trishmas

Thursday December 18th we celebrated our annual 'Trishmas'. Trish cooks Christmas dinner for all of our girls and our teachers then serve it to them. Turkey, ham, potatoes, stuffing, peas, carrots and of course gravy! This is all followed by jelly and ice cream! This year we had 2 sittings, juniors first, followed by seniors. Christmas cheer aplenty with lots of Christmas music and a good sing song. After this, we had entertainment in the Sports Hall with performances by many students, all organised by our Student Council and Ms O' Donoghue. A lovely way to kick off the festive season!

Stripe Young Scientist:

Fourth year students Emma Purcell, Orla O' Brien and Eadaoin Kelleher have been accepted into the Young Scientist this year with their project. "Born to Compete? An investigation into age and gender dynamics in sibling rivalry" which will aim to examine the effects of age and gender on patterns of rivalry and competition among siblings. Best of luck girls!

Fifth years Chloe Lehane and Amy White are also taking part with their project titled "Likes vs Rights:

Should Family Vloggers Be Subject to Child Labour Laws?". This project explores the ethics behind family vlogging and if child vlogging is a form of unpaid labour. Best of luck girls raising awareness about this very important issue!

Third year student Georgia Froggatt was originally placed on the reserve panel, but has recently been taken off of it and has a place in the competition now. Her project is titled "An Investigation into the Safety and Public Perception of E-scooters". She will be looking at if e-scooters are a positive addition to Irish roads, or if the safety risks outweigh the benefits.

TY Activities:

CUH Careers Day

"On Wednesday the 3rd of December, some of the TY students attended a Careers in Health & Social Care Professions (HSCP) event in CUH. This event highlighted the many different pathways into

healthcare careers and introduced students to a wide range of roles, including pharmacy, medical scientists, radiography, physiotherapy, clinical psychology, speech and language therapy, biomedical engineering, occupational therapy, dietetics, social work and many more career options. This event allowed students to get a real sense of what life is like in the medical field, offering a 'day in the life' of what it's like working as a healthcare professional in the CUH and helped them to understand what each job involves on a day-to-day basis and allows them to decide if they would like to pursue work experience or future studies in the field. Students also gained valuable insight into college courses, entry requirements and various career pathways. Many thanks to CUH and its staff for hosting the group and for providing teas and snacks during the break." Report by Chloe Galvin, TY Promo Team.



6th years at their last Trishmas dinner



Our school choir performing at our Christmas Concert



Some of the participants of the Mills Inn Tractor night run held for charity. Pic le Nóra Ní Luasa.



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At our recent members meeting ninety two percent voted to pursue another climate action project, this time focusing more so on practical actions. Our association will help but we are all individually responsible. In my case, my belated realisation has led to a firm decision. From now on I will not leave any 'net carbon' footprint. Zero. What is meant by 'net carbon zero footprint' is that my negative actions for climate will, at least, be 'offset' (equalled out) by my positive actions for climate. Firstly, I will aim to progressively reduce my footprint, and then I will offset or compensate for the remainder that I cannot yet reduce. Within my remaining lifespan, I think I will be unable to reduce my carbon footprint completely. I expect that I will remain responsible for at least some climate warming gasses being released, either directly by myself, or indirectly by using food and products whose production entail releasing global warming gasses. So, I will take actions myself (such as tree planting) or I will pay for services that will remove more climate warming gasses from the atmosphere than those I release. I will aim at ensuring that, in the aggregate, my impact will be positive or at least will be 'net zero'.



Orna Sexton pictured during her Gold Gaisce Adventure Journey

Reduction though is the most important part. It is to that I will address most of my efforts. The logical starting point is to know our current carbon footprint. From this we get to know the scale of the problem, the size of our household's contribution to global warming. It is not difficult to assess our carbon footprints. Typically, it takes around fifteen minutes. Twenty-five of us from our retirement association, were most generously helped by Coachford Community College transition year students. I had done my own assessment a year previously. Our household's estimated footprint then was just over 9 tonnes carbon dioxide, typical enough for this country. We pledged at that time to reduce a little. We did so, simply by changing our electricity provider to one that supplies only renewable energy to the grid. Since electricity is pooled we won't know how the electricity that comes down the line to us was generated, but we are only going to buy renewable electricity from now on. When my footprint was assessed again in Coachford this autumn it was 8.1 tonnes, a saving of 0.9 tonnes. It will cost us €53 for the year more than the cheapest electricity alternative that we could have chosen.

Within my recent assessment, travel at 4.5 tonne contributed most. I have recently made another change. I drive a 2014 2 litre diesel car. I love it and don't want to change it, but I have changed my fuel to HVO (hydrotreated vegetable oil). It's a diesel substitute, a renewable low carbon fuel. Its footprint is only 10% of diesel. It is though currently 5c per litre more expensive, and for the 13300km I drove last year it will cost me €45 in the year more, but it will save 2.1 tonnes of my carbon footprint. So, when I assess my footprint again next year, I expect it will be 6.0 tonnes. I have still some low-lying fruit. We burn home heating oil, and we also have a timber stove where we burn our home-grown timber. We intend to change from home heating oil to HVO, as burners installed in the past decade, as ours was, can use it. But it will take months yet to burn through our current home heating oil before we can gain that benefit. Beyond that I don't

know what we will do next. I expect it will become increasingly more difficult and expensive. However, at our recent members' meeting we decided to share and learn from each other, so I trust we will learn from our friends as we will all be working towards similar ends. While we have made some reductions, we will be still releasing the remaining six tonnes to the atmosphere. We intend to offset that, but next year we will offset it through our active retirement association. It aims to offer advice and a service doing the necessary due diligence for offsetting. The cost to us for offsetting will be €20/tonne. Our total cost for this year will be 6 tonnes x €20 = €120 for offsetting, €53 for the switch of electricity provider, and €45 for the more expensive motor fuel, a total cost this year of €218 (or €4.20/wk.). We are all living in different circumstances and have quite different priorities and opportunities. We were most fortunate that in our particular circumstances, we could, rather easily, reduce our footprint by one third, and for our first time we will be 'net carbon zero'. What we have done just suits us for now. We know that HVO is an interim step. It is not emissions free, like electric cars are. We know that some resolute environmentalists consider offsetting as greenwashing. They see it as a means of continuing our privileged lifestyle while paying others to do our responsibility. I disagree. It is our collective action that will matter, where or who performs positive actions is of lesser importance. But I know we are far from being pure. We plan to be progressively a bit better. Yet we think that it is the prudent response for our circumstances - for now. While we have resources, we have also to make provision for end-of-life health care eventualities. Being 'net carbon zero' is very important to me. I am incredibly grateful that we have the option of offsetting. I will be more than happy to do so. I am delighted too that we have offsetting options from which to choose. I know that I am primarily motivated by selfishness. I want relief from guilt, from having to countenance that I am still contributing to global warming which is already causing deaths among the most innocent, and which climate scientists expect will increasingly do so. I failed to care enough to see that my choices add to such negative impacts now and will continue to do so long after I am gone. If you would like to comment our email is kilmurryactive@gmail.com. If you would like to know about all we do in Kilmurry Active Retirement, or if you would like to join, it's the same email address. We will be hibernating for January, but we are looking forward to meeting up with all our friends again in early February. We wish you the best of all Christmases, and with the help of God we and our world will enjoy a peaceful 2026.



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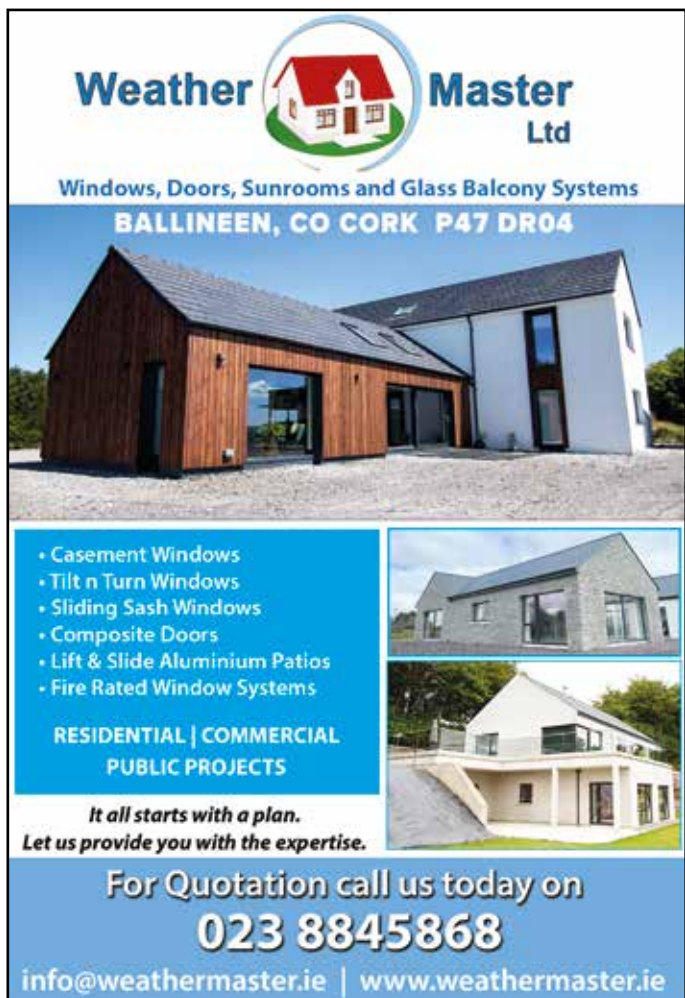
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• **14th December** Macroom Parish Carol Service will take place on Sunday 14th December at 7.00pm in St Colman's Church Macroom. All welcome to join with in the singing of Christmas carols and readings to lead us in our spiritual preparations for Christmas.

• **14th December** The new Christmas lights will be turned on in Carrigadrohid village at 5:30pm Sunday evening, with a beautiful performance from the children in Canovee National school, mulled wine, tea, coffee and a very special guest. ALL WELCOME

• **16th December Confessions:** Macroom Parish Penitential Service: Tuesday 16th December at 7.30pm in St Colman's church there will be a large number of confessors available on the night and the ceremony will be led in candlelight.

Carrigadrohid/Killinardrish Tidy Towns *Christmas Lights and a Year to Remember*

Carrigadrohid/Killinardrish Tidy Towns were hugely disappointed not to be able to proceed with our much-anticipated Christmas Lights Event on December 14th due to persistent rain – rain, rain and more rain! While the weather may have dampened our plans, it certainly did not dampen our community spirit.

We are incredibly grateful to the many people who generously donated to our Christmas light collection. Thanks to your kindness, we were able to replace all of our broken lights and ensure the village sparkles once again this festive season. A sincere thank you also goes to the wonderful volunteers who gave their time and effort to help erect the lights.

A special word of appreciation must go to Michael Meade, who truly worked his magic. His expertise and dedication have ensured that all our lights shine bright and beautifully throughout the village, adding a festive glow for everyone to enjoy.

Although the official event could not go ahead, we simply had to get the lights turned on. So, in true community spirit, the committee of five met in the village — even in the pouring rain — to decide who would have the honour of pushing the button. After some discussion, we decided to pop into the local shop to seek a volunteer. To our absolute delight and surprise, Santa himself was there, taking a short break and stocking up on some well-earned chocolate! Santa kindly agreed to step out into the rain, take five minutes out of his very busy schedule, and officially turn on our Christmas lights.

It may have been a small and informal affair, but our lights are on — and they are magnificent.

Another special mention goes to Dean Carter, who created our fantastic new light display on the Preaching House wall. Be sure to take a moment to admire it as you pass by.

As we reflect on the year, 2025 has been a very busy and successful one for Carrigadrohid/Killinardrish Tidy



Towns. From our Community Clean-Ups and weekly clean-ups to our Summer Street Feast, these efforts have contributed to an increase in our scores in the National Tidy Towns Competition — something we are extremely proud of.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their continued support throughout the year. Finally, we wish you all a wonderful holiday season and a safe and happy passage into 2026.



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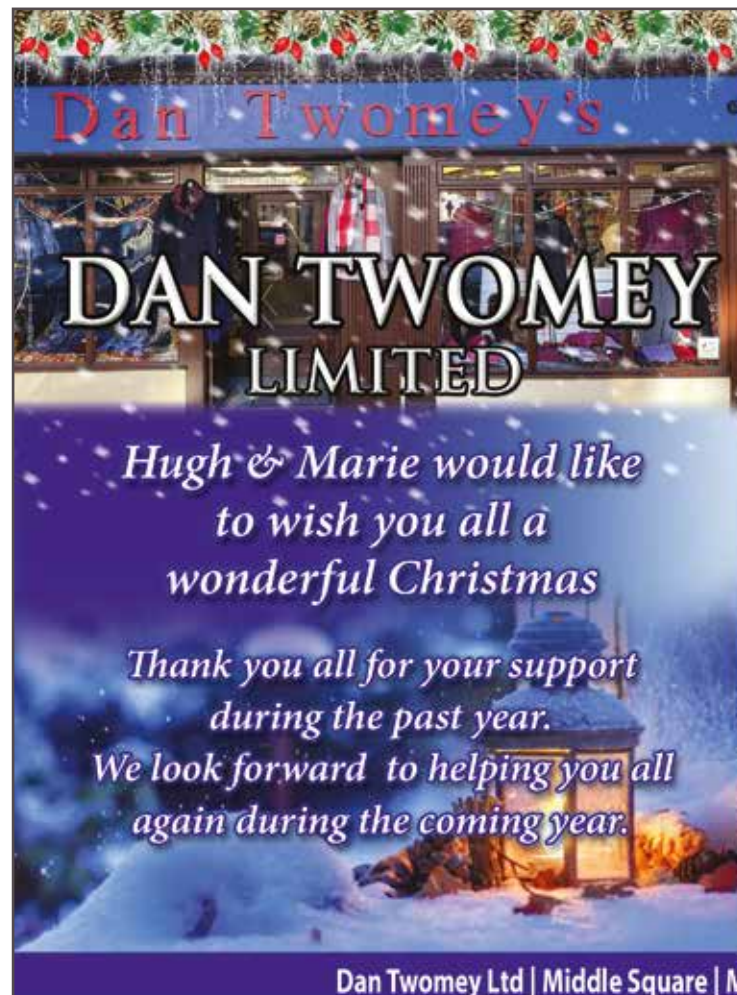
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A Year in Review

Reviewing a calendar year is always a challenge in a school setting — our year runs in two halves — but what a memorable and joy-filled year it has been!

January – March

We began 2025 navigating school disruptions brought on by snow and icy conditions. Despite the chilly start, learning continued in creative ways.

Mr. Cullinane's class enjoyed an educational farm visit, while Ms. O'Driscoll's class took to the skies (almost!) as they learned how to launch rockets.

February saw our 4th Class begin their swimming lessons, while 6th class students took part in the FAI 5-a-side soccer competition. We also held a No-Uniform Day in aid of the HOPE Foundation, with the school community showing fantastic support.

In March, World Book Day brought excitement and colour as pupils arrived dressed as their favourite book characters. We held a welcome meeting for new parents, and our 2nd Class made their First Confession. Senior Infants put on a wonderful performance of Cochaillín Dearg, and 3rd and 4th Class danced their way through line-dancing lessons.

We were delighted to welcome Paddy Corkery back to coach hurling with our junior classes. Pancakes were enjoyed before Lent began, and Junior Infants visited Coolnasoon to meet the calves.

We proudly wore green for St. Patrick's Day and yellow

to support Daffodil Day fundraising.

April – June

In May, 2nd Class celebrated their First Holy Communion, a beautiful milestone for the children and their families. We also had tremendous success at Cork City Sports in MTU, with many pupils participating and placing in events.

As the school year drew to a close, we enjoyed our school tours, welcomed the incoming Junior Infants for their introduction morning, and celebrated the graduation of our wonderful 6th Class.

We also bid a fond farewell to our dear colleague and friend, Ms. Fitzgerald, wishing her every happiness in her retirement.

August – December

We returned refreshed on August 27th, welcoming 20 excited new Junior Infants to our school community. A buddy system helped them settle in, with 6th Class taking great care to support their younger friends.

Mr. Cullinane's class rolled up their sleeves to tidy and replant the flower beds with beautiful shrubs.

Our Sciath na Scol campaign kicked off with great spirit, and we were immensely proud of our girls for making it all the way to Páirc Uí Chaoimh.

Seomra Elaine learned all about hedgehogs and squirrels — even creating their own models — and also began swimming lessons.

Maths Week brought puzzles and problem-solving

fun, and Active Week had everyone skipping their way through energetic activities.

At Halloween, we visited our neighbours in full costume, singing spooky songs, followed by an unforgettable evening at our school disco.

Our community generously donated over 80 shoeboxes to Team Hope, and we raised important funds for the HOPE Foundation through chocolate bar sales and a jersey day.

The year ended on a festive high with our Active Schools 'Step into Christmas' with our 12 Days of Fitmas!!! Our Christmas pageant was a huge success featuring wonderful performances from every child. Go riabh maith agat to our teachers and students for all their hard work and a particular thank you to Martina Ring-Moynihan our magical musical director.

We celebrated Grandparents on Tuesday December 16th with a beautiful mass celebrated by Fr Kieron followed by a cuppa with something sweet in the halla. As we look ahead, we are excited to celebrate Christmas with a fun filled half day on the 19th and hopefully a visit from a very special guest.

Ba mhaith linn buíochas a ghabháil lenár dteaghlach go léir as an dtacaíocht ar fad a thug siad dúinn i rith na bliana. Guímid beannachtaí na nollaig ar gach duine agus táimid ag súil a bheith ag obair le chéile in 2026.



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CLONDROHID NEWS

MASS TIMES FOR CHRISTMAS: Christmas Eve Mass in Carriganima at 6.30pm. Christmas Eve Mass in Clondrohid at 9pm. Christmas Day Mass in Clondrohid at 9.30am

REMEMBRANCES: At this time of the year we remember and pray for all those in our Parish, who passed away during the year 2025. We welcome into the Parish all the new born babies. We remember and pray for all those who are sick or in hospital at the moment and wish them well.

CLONDROHID PARISH ACTIVE RETIRED: They held their Annual Christmas dinner in the Mills Inn Ballyvourney last Fri Night. A great night was had by all, beautiful food, great chat, sing song, storytelling, fab style and even a visit from Santa. Thanks to Don and staff for their excellent service. They held a raffle on the night and handed over the proceeds of €200 to the cart Bus.

The Group would like to wish all their members near and far and everyone in the parish a very Happy Christmas and best wishes for 2026.

CLONDROHID DEV GROUP: They would like to thank everyone who helped them throughout the year, be it clean ups, watering flowers or whatever. Well done. Plans are in motion with some new ideas for 2026, including a raised pelican crossing near the old school to help in slowing down traffic, and make it safer to cross the road. So roll on 2026. They would like to wish everyone in the parish a lovely Christmas and all the

best for 2026.

KIDS CHRISTMAS DISCO IN AID OF CLONDROHID'S NEW PLAYGROUND: Join us for a fun-filled Kids Christmas Disco on Friday December 19 in Clondrohid Hall. There will be lots of dancing, games and festive fun - Bring the family, everyone is welcome!

The Junior Disco (ages 4-8) will run from 5.30pm-6.30pm, and the Senior Disco (ages 9-12) from 7pm-8pm. Entry is €5 per child, tickets will be available at the door. Face painting, a raffle and a special Christmas visitor will add to the excitement, and all proceeds will go towards the new playground. Nollaig Shona daoibh go léir!

BINGO: Continues every Wed night at 8.30pm. Thanks to all who help to organise and run it, Well done. Everyone welcome. Your support is much appreciated. With Christmas holidays fast approaching, maybe some teenagers might like to try their luck on a night or two. Thank you.

LOTTO: Results for Dec 10

€70 Karen O'Leary

€20 Kathleen McCarthy Carriganima, Nora O'Donoghue c/o Clondrohid N.S. Antoinette Cullinane Macroom, Willie Neville Dromree.

SUMMARY OF GAA EVENTS 2025: There was a lot of activity in Clondrohid GAA Club during 2025 with however limited success on the playing field.

The only title winners being the under 12 team who won the Shield Final versus Donoughmore.

Cork senior footballer Matty Taylor recently presented the players with their medals.

After 3 initial group games in junior A championship Clondrohid finished level on points with 2 other teams. However due to an inferior scoring difference Clondrohid lost out on further progression.

Clondrohid under 16 team were most unlucky to be defeated in Shield final.

A successful Cul Camp was again held in August with 100 children participating.

Club referee Tim McCarthy was presented with a Lifetime Service Award at a function in Pairc UI Chaoimh. At recent AGM club officers Gerard Kelleher & Tim O'Connor stepped down from their positions after long years of service.

Former club players Barry Corkery & Aidan Kelleher continue their involvement with the Cork senior football team as selector and team doctor respectively.

Congratulations are extended to Noel McDonagh team coach & local girls playing with Naomh Aban ladies football team on winning Cork county & Munster intermediate titles.

The 30th anniversary of Clondrohid winning the Mid Cork junior A football title in 1995 was recently celebrated at a pleasant function held in the Mills Inn.

All players and supporters present were delighted to relive old memories with team coach Shay Fahy

UIBH LAOIRE NOTES

Christmas Atmosphere in Inchigeela The Parish Active Retired group had a very enjoyable Christmas get-together in Creedon's Hotel with a lovely meal and some great music and song afterwards. A big thanks to the organisers and to the hotel for a memorable night.

A large crowd gathered on Wednesday last to see the turning on of the Christmas lights in the crib and on the Christmas tree in the centre of the village of Inchigeela (or the square as we like to call it.) Following this, we were entertained by some lovely singing by the pupils of Inchigeela and Kilbarry schools. Next the crowd moved into Creedon's Hotel, where the annual Christmas market took place. Proceeds went to Stand for Féile, The Good Shepherd, Cork and Cork Penny Dinners. On the following night, the Creedon family hosted the Castletown Choir who provided a most enjoyable night of choral entertainment, the proceeds of going to the cost of the Christmas lights. The Christmas lights help to put some cheer into the dark mid winter, so well done to Croí na Laoi and to all villagers who have helped to brighten and decorate the village in any way. Look out for the free Croí na Laoi Christmas Magazine and

Christmas cards, out now. The Magazine is compiled of articles by local contributors and is free. The cards picture the old church, a well known landmark and can be bought locally.

Uiabh Laoire SVP. The local chapter of Saint Vincent de Paul thanked all who contributed to the recent collection. The money will be used locally. Anybody who feels that the SVP can be of help to them in any way can call the number 0852490061 where they will be assured of complete discretion.

Inchigeela Hall The hall committee have thanked all who supported them during the year in the card nights, bingo sessions and fortnightly social dances. The Christmas Party Dance is on Sunday 21st with Finbarr Dennehy.

The final Sunday dance of the year in on 28th of December with Neilly O Connor. But we celebrate the New Year and our third anniversary of social dancing on Sunday 4th of January with the Michael Collins Band.

ImBeal Átha Maith thú Sarah Ní Riordáin a bhuigh an chéad duais sa chomórtas ghriangrafadóireachta agus corn Valerie Uí Dhonechú. Comhgháirdeas comh maith

do Órla Uí Grifín agus Gobnait Uí Choinceannainn a fuair an dara agus an triú háit. Tá an féilire ar díol i Siopa Uí Dhuinnín.

Beidh Tráth na gceist na Nollag ar siúl ar an 28ú lá de Mhí na Nollag. Triúr ag gach bórd. Proceeds to diabetic Clinic Bantry. Raffle tickets proceeds go to Buíonn Phiobairí Béal Átha.

Tá sé beartaithe cluiche charthanachta a imirt ar an 26ú la de Mhí na Nollag idir Fir pósta agus iad san nách bhfuil pósta fós. A fun game between married men and unmarried men is planned for St Stephen's Day. Funds go to Jack and Jill foundations.

Deer Hazzard The danger of deer on our roads continues so it's best to take extra care, especially in areas near forestry. In the darkness of winter they will blend into the background. If Rudolph the red nosed one is among them he's conserving energy until Christmas and it would be disastrous to collide with him! Drive safely. Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas.



Christmas Tree light up in Inchigeela



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31ST CORK LISSARDA BEAVERS, CUBS AND SCOUTS

As Christmas approaches and we get ready to welcome the New Year, 31st Cork Lissarda Scout Group reflects on what was an eventful and exciting year for all of our members. Our Beavers, Cubs and Scouts had a busy year of activities.

In February, we gathered together to celebrate Founder's Day. This is a special date on the Scouting calendar; 22nd February is the birthday of Robert Baden Powell, the founder of Scouting. We celebrated "Founders Day" by going for a lovely walk through Farran Wood with family and friends, followed by a barbecue of delicious burgers, hotdogs and smores.

As the weather improved, we enjoyed many camping experiences in May and June. Cubs spent some weekends camping in Millstreet and Kilcully, while our Scouts practiced for and took part in The Shield competition at Cork Showgrounds. Beavers, Cubs and Scouts all gathered for a group camp in Limerick in July.

2025 was a particularly special year for us as we celebrated 10 years of Scouting in Lissarda. We had a day of celebration when our Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Ventures, Leaders and our support network of family

and friends all gathered for an activity day and barbecue and Ballyhass Coachford. Our Beavers had a morning of adventure on the High Nets and obstacle course, while our Cubs, Scouts and Ventures took to the water in kayaks. After the barbecue, we had a ceremony to award badges to our youth members. Many of our adult Leaders were awarded certificates and badges too, acknowledging their many years of service to Scouting. It was an enjoyable day out for everybody - here's to many more years of Scouting in Lissarda!

In November, we joined over 600 other Scouts from the Lee Valley on our annual County Hike. We were up bright and early to meet the bus, which brought us to Glengarra Woods near the Galtee mountains. Our Beavers had a great adventure, exploring the woods all day. Our Cubs took it in turns to lead the group, navigating with map and compass in hand. They also used the radios to communicate and were very good at practicing the Buddy System to make sure no Cub was left behind. Our Scouts took on the bigger challenge of the day and reached the summit of Galtymore, an impressive 12km hike.

31st Cork Lissarda have weekly meetings at

Crookstown Hall (when we're not exploring the outdoors). Our Beavers are 6-8 year olds, Cubs 9-11 year olds, Scouts 12-15 year olds and Ventures 16-18 year olds. We're always looking for adult leaders for each section (training is provided). If you'd like to get involved, contact us on 31corklissardawaitinglist@gmail.com or on Facebook at "31st Lissarda Scouts".



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Over the past year, Independence Museum Kilmurry enjoyed a vibrant programme of events, from celebrating Women's Little Christmas to hosting a rich series of lectures, including one by Cmdt. Noel Howard Retd., a personal view of his experiences in the FCA. The museum welcomed the annual vintage run, held a successful gathering of the iCAN network, and hosted the West Cork Historical Society for an engaging Immigration Conference. We were also delighted to host Kilmurry National School for the presentation of their time capsule, rounding off a year that highlighted community, history, and

shared heritage. We are already planning our schedule of events for 2026, the first of which will be our annual Women's Little Christmas party, to be held in The Heritage room of the museum on Friday 02nd January 2026 at 8pm. Contact Mary at 0872251184 to book a table or attend.

The museum extends warm Christmas wishes and heartfelt thanks to all our visitors and supporters, and we look forward to welcoming you again in 2026.

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Macroom History Group SUMMARY OF ACTIVITY IN SEASON 2024-2025

Many years ago there was a very active Historical Society based in the old Church of Ireland schoolhouse at the bottom of Castle Street. However, after a period, that society became defunct. In April 2022 Jerry Kelleher and Seósamh Ó Críodáin/ Joe Creedon, New Street, spoke to Dr. Con Kelleher who then approached a few people with the intention of re-starting a history society.

Macroom History Group was founded with the purpose of fostering, preserving and promoting Macroom and District's rich history and heritage. The Group and its activities are focal points for those interested in the area's past and provide a forum.

It was decided to have a series of presentations/ lectures/talks, with topics and events, locally or from farther afield that affected the life of the area. The Castle Hotel Management readily agreed provide a "home" for these events and they welcomed MHG with open arms. The running costs of room hire and provision of refreshments and audio and visual equipment etc. were agreed.

The first talk was given by Dr Con Kelleher on the 9 May 2022, the topic was the 'Kilgobnet Killings in 1922', an occurrence that could have changed the course of Irish history. The turnout was very encouraging and the admission fee was well received; apart from the talk, the attendees availed of tea/coffee and biscuits afterwards, thus providing a social forum for people to chat.

While the staging of 'talks' – twenty-two in all since May '22 -, has been the Group's main area of activity, it also holds Macroom History Town Walks in the summer, organises an annual Macroom Schools History Exhibition in April/May, has just published the Macroom History Journal 2025 and is investigating the feasibility of a Famine Memorial in Macroom

Hospital Grounds. Macroom Union Workhouse was sited there, and saw indescribable death, misery and disrespect to our forebears. Many came, suffered and died unrecorded. Progress is slow in advancing the project, but we will persevere in our efforts.

The third season ran from 16 September 2024 to 15 April 2025 and the following talks were held:

16 Sept. 2024, - The O'Leary Clan and Inchigeela – Mr. Joe Creedon.

14 Oct. 2024, – Eastern Europe, Concept and Conflict – Ms. Bozena Cierlik.

05 Nov. 2024, – Rita Lynch, Macroom's Golden voiced Soprano – Ms. Mary Davies.

14 Jan. 2025, – The History of Climate Change – Ms. Hannah Daly.

11 Feb. 2025, – Macroom Golf Club, 1924-2025 – Mr. Jim Morris, Ms. Margaret Buckley and Dr. Con Kelleher spoke.

11 March 2025, – Macroom GAA and other local memorabilia – Mr. Dan Cronin.

The season concluded with the Macroom History Exhibition which this year saw the return of McEgan College, a very welcome addition to the other three schools.

04 July 2025, – At short notice and unexpectedly, Macroom's Mr Morgan McSweeney and British Prime Minister Sir Kier Starmer's chief-of-staff, discussed – The current state of politics in Britain, Europe and the world. Morgan gave a brilliant analysis on what is happening in Britain and the wider world.

All the talks were very well supported with more than 100 attending the Golf Club Centenary night. On a broader level, Dr Cierlik's talk on Eastern Europe and Prof. Hannah Daly's 'History of Climate Change' were informative, alarming and challenging.

The Town History walks were but modestly attended



and The Schools History Exhibition, thanks to Mick Walsh, was a resounding.

The Group strongly appreciates Rory Buckley's support and the Castle Hotel staff's courtesy at all times. We thank our speakers, committee members for giving freely and generously of their time.

Publishing a journal is a mammoth task and the Group is justly proud of its final product. Most responded very positively; the resulting volume will put on record many interesting events and personalities of the past. I especially thank, Brendan O'Brien, Douglas Kidd, my fellow editors, and Mary Crowley-Healy. At a gala launch, Mr Michael Looney, the Mayor of Blarney Macroom Municipal District spoke and presented copies of the journal to the contributors present. The others to speak were Brendan O'Brien, Con Kelleher, key-note speaker, Jim Cooney and Ms Maura Walsh, CEO, IRD Duhallow, who generously grant-aided the project. Dónal O'Callaghan (Pal, Paddy Murphy, Jonathan Hoare and Pat Barrett sponsored the launch; we thank them very sincerely.

The importance of local history, its collection and making available is an important task for any community. Macroom History Group has tasked itself for this work.

Enjoy Christmas and a Healthy 2026

Dr Con Kelleher, Chair, Macroom History Group.

Sources: Con Kelleher, Brendan O'Brien and Douglas Kidd (eds), Macroom History Journal 2025, pp. 158-161, Castleisland, Co. Kerry, December 2025.

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THINK GLOBALLY, **ACT LOCALLY****A LOOK BACK AT 2025**

Hi! Chris Barrett here! As Storm Bram wends its way to cause havoc elsewhere, and Christmas comes to the Lee Valley, I wish You and Everyone who contributed to THINK GLOBALLY, ACT LOCALLY a Very Happy Christmas and all good wishes for 2026.

When I remember speaking with those people who have contributed pieces to this column in the last twelve months, I am not only struck by the breadth of issues which fall under this broad environmental umbrella, but I am once again in awe of those who have chosen to freely share their knowledge and skills with us. There is always more for us to learn from them about their specialist subjects and many of the contributors have gone on to be good friends.

When I started writing this column in 2021, I had no definite idea where it would go or the amazing people I would be privileged to meet. I never trained as a journalist, and at times when the going has got tough, I have been swept along by the enthusiasm of the contributors. Now I very often hold onto a few items, 'waiting' for a future edition.

Currently, among other pieces I am working on. the wonderful Macroom Country Market is waiting to share more secrets with us.

I have had great feedback from friends, but it is truly wonderful to receive words of praise and words of appreciation and encouragement from total strangers. (People often assume I am a man, due to my name, so it is probably a good time to say I am a retired female special needs teacher, just one who was raised in the UK where the name 'Chris' is commonly used by females!)

Two responses that stand out in my mind this year, were concerning the piece, "GOBNAIT" which was a truly outstanding local production in

Ballingeary, which went on to be performed in the Opera House, and "MACROOM BOY MAKES GOOD", a truthful and very moving piece by John Foscett, which also produced a number of emotional and grateful responses.

The year started as the ice melted with an article on The Benefit of Houseplants.

This was followed by Flavours of Friendship where Nadia, from the Family Resource Centre, talked about the work she does with International Protection Applicants.

I reviewed with Hannah Daly a moving environmentally based talk History and Future, one of the fascinating evenings to come out of the Macroom History Group talks. Hannah has gone on to contribute an article to the MACROOM HISTORY JOURNAL 2025.

Ted Cook and myself also appear in the journal as we look back at the 40 Years of Success for MDEG (The Macroom and District Environmental Group), a piece which also appeared in this column earlier this year. Having previously taught at Youthreach Macroom it has been a treat to speak with their coordinator, Christina Cronin who talked about The Achievements and Dreams of Youthreach Macroom, and how some students have completed degrees in MTU and UCC. She expressed her huge thanks for the use of the C.A.R.T. bus, and students who raised money for a presentation to Tim-Jo to reflect their profound gratitude.

Following that I wrote about the Macroom Biogas Concern Group who continue to raise awareness of the dangers of an industrial sized plant 3km from Macroom. This year, representatives of both Fianna Fail, Andreas Moynihan, and Fianna Gael, John Paul O'

Shea and Senator Eileen Lynch have stood with local people in creating awareness of the lack of regulation for Biomethane Plants.

In the Library, local ecologist and songwriter, Laura McCarthy played guitar and launched her moving video which speaks of Nature in Crisis. She was accompanied by Tom Jordan on the clarinet, a haunting reminder for us to be aware of our threatened wildlife.

The Iron Age, The Early Medieval and Late Medieval Period were three contributions by local archeologist, Tony Miller.

Joe Creedon talked about the Daniel Corkery week, specifically inspiring us with his 'Reconciling History'. Once again I was able to provide readers with 'An update to Dominic's Dream for Currabeg Nursery', 'The Importance of the Irish Oak', and 'Hedgerows-The Farmers's Special Friend' were very informative pieces as were,

'Vaccination and Herd Management Modern Solutions to controlling Transmission Badger to Cow T.B.' and the piece on 'The N22 Bypass - A Road to Somewhere' encouraged us look at it through the eyes of nature, rather than just racing past.

The piece by Maria Healy "A Picture Tells a Thousand Words" demonstrated with poignant photographic skill how the Gearagh's past stays part of its present and future. You are still able to see her incredible exhibition, and buy a special print in Ionad Cultura, till the end of December.

If you or anyone you know would like to respond to this article or contribute a similar article, please contact me: chrisleevalley@gmail.com




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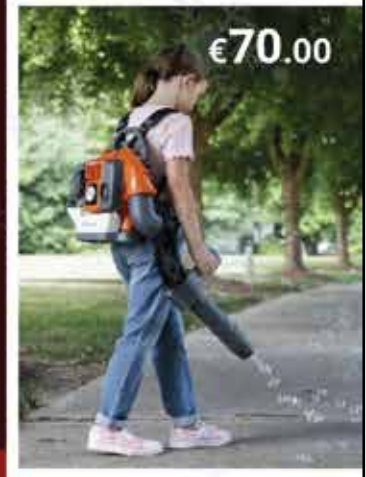


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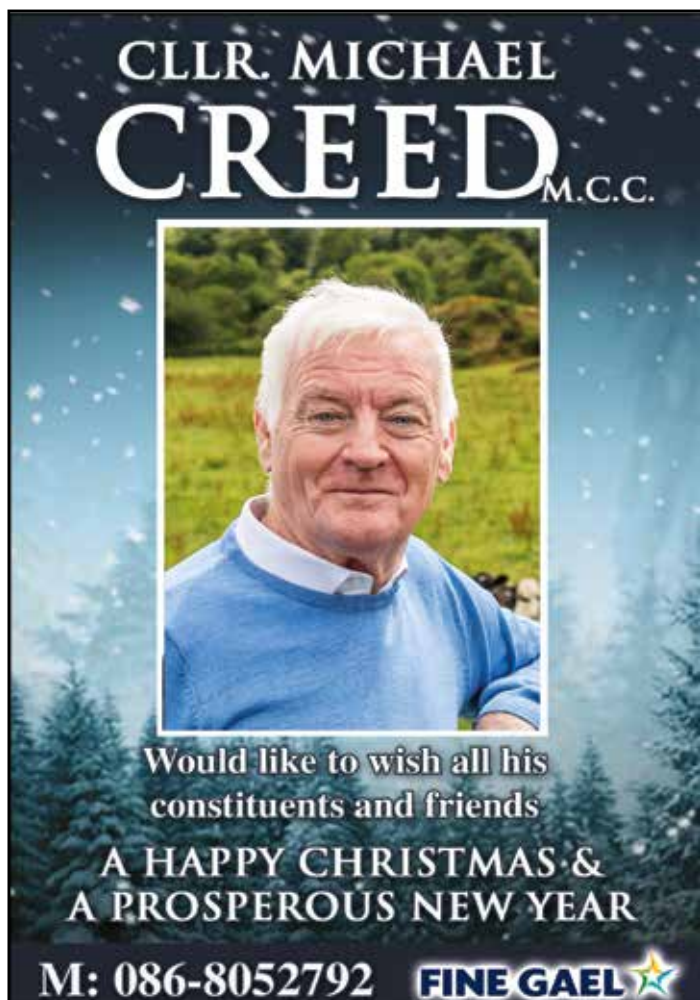
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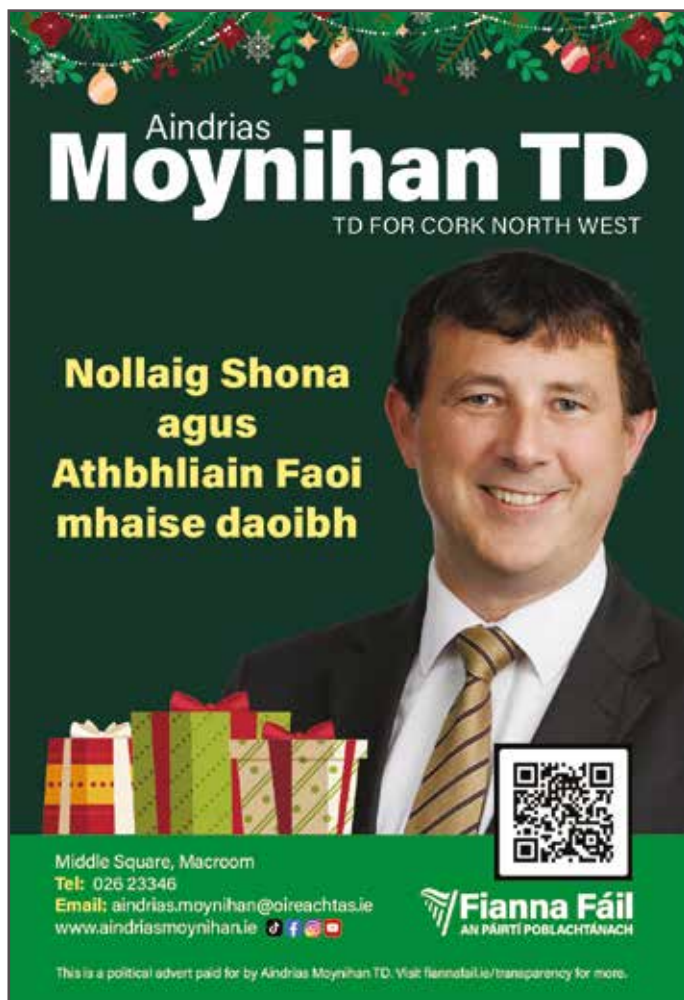


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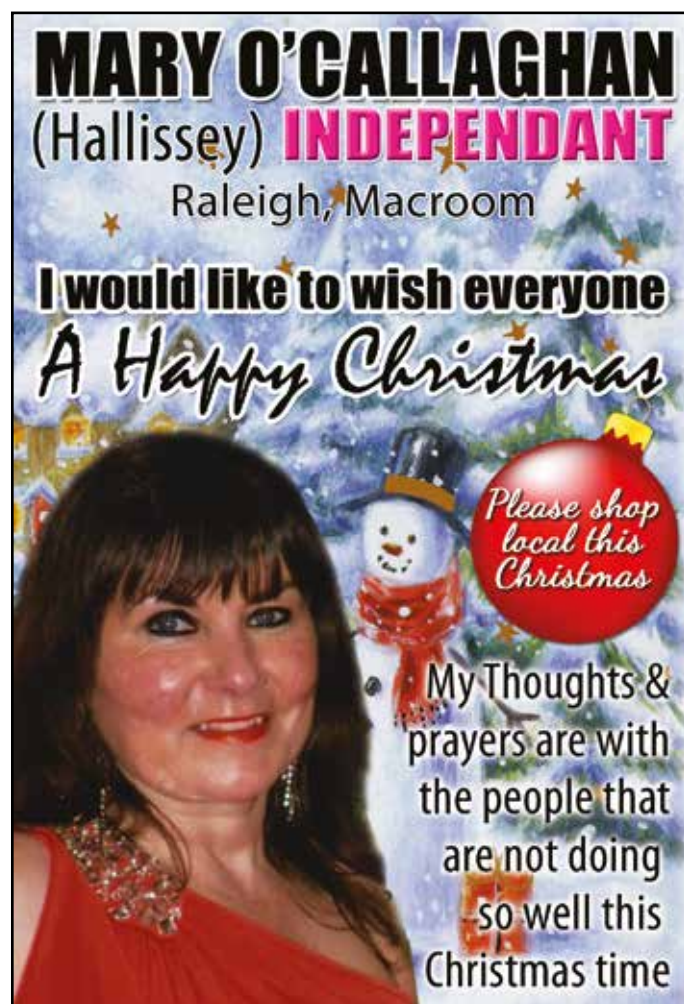


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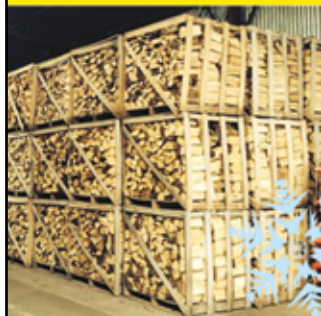
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The song "Tears of an exile", sung by Micheal English and others, reminds me of the time I left Macroom to work in London. when I met some of the Irish in London it always reminded me of home. Especially when I met people from Cork. When I worked in London, I always made sure I brought the "Southern Star and the Corkman" newspapers, to hear the news from home. How times have changed, now everything is online. The Lee Valley Post magazine can be seen online and our emigrants can see what is happening at home. We must not forget our radio stations, 103fm and Radio Kerry for keeping people closer to the news at home.

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They'd say sing us a verse of the Green Glens of
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O how it hurt me to leave them behind

You'd hear sing us a verse of the Lakes of Killarney,

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Or anything else that reminds me of home.

I dream of the day we'll have gold in the mountains,

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Please sing Croppy Boy for the Tears of an Exile

Or anything else that reminds me of home.

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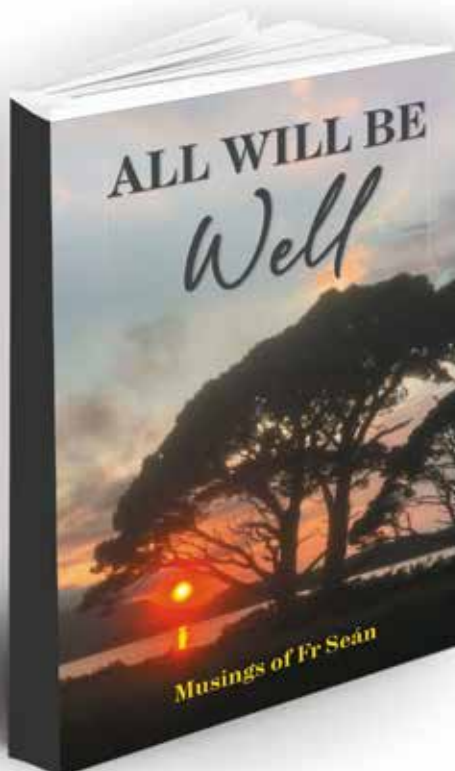
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Rd 1: 17 August- Éire Óg 2-6 Glanmire 0-6

Rd 2: 28 August- Kinsale 2-9 Éire Óg 2-13

Rd 3: 7 September- Éire Óg 4-19 Bride Rovers 0-8

Rd 4: 14 September- Mourneabbey 1-9 Éire Óg 2-7

Semi-final: 28 September - Éire Óg 1-16 St Val's 1-7

County Final : 5 October 2025 (in MTU) - Éire Óg 0-10 Aghada 1-7

County Final Replay, 11 October 2025 (in MTU): Éire Óg 1-12 Aghada 1-8 (after extra-time) [1-4 each at HT]

Éire Óg: R Halligan; R Sheehan, J O'Gorman (c), I Sheehan; A Hayes, M Cahalane, E Crowley; S McGoldrick, S Cronin; E Cleary, O Cahalane, Ó Cremin; L Cleary, L Murphy, A Rodgers

Subs: G Young for A Rodgers, K Cahalane for E Crowley, D Walsh for A Hayes, M McGoldrick for L Murphy, E Healy for Ó Cremin.

Injured: Shauna Sheehan, Edel Sheehan, Ciara O'Brien
Éire Óg Scorers : L Murphy 1-1, E Cleary 0-3, L Cleary (0-1f), Ó Cremin 0-2 each, S Cronin, O Cahalane, S McGoldrick, I Sheehan 0-1 each.

Éire Óg Senior Panel 2025:

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Mentors: Peter McGoldrick, Philip O'Sullivan, Brian Ahern, Sinead Lohan, Emma Hayes, Simon Slattery



The winning Éire Óg Team Photo- MTU, 11 October 2025

MACROOM FC YEAR REVIEWED

A massive year for Macroom FC has come to a successful end with our new Astro Pitch and Community Walkway at Murrayfield now up and running.

We began this project back in 2021 when planning permission was sought. What followed was an extremely busy time into this year with fundraising, Sports Capital Grant application and drawdown, electrical capacity increase at Murrayfield, tender process just some of the many steps we had to take to bring this massive project to fruition. An Astro fundraising committee was formed and huge credit must go to these individuals who volunteered what seemed like unlimited time to get the project over the line. The Executive Committee of Macroom FC also provided continuous support and the larger club membership were also hugely supportive of our ambitious project.

The local business and public community have yet again been instrumental in supporting our fundraising efforts. We are so grateful to every single individual and business who have helped us out. What was clear from the outset was that everyone could see the huge advantages the Astro and Community Walkway would bring to the club,

to Macroom town and to the surrounding areas and this resulted in great support locally. Everyone could see that this was a good positive project that would improve our facilities and offer a better experience for young and old.

The chosen vendor, JN Cummins Premier Pitches, broke ground at Murrayfield in early Jun 2025. A huge body of work commenced with topsoil removal, stone infill, fencing and kerbing, floodlighting, electrical capacity increase, laying of shockpad and surface, dugouts and ballstops just some of the many activities undertaken. After just 4 months of a build the Astro was born and on Oct 11th we hosted our first competitive fixtures. Huge local interest followed and the amount of people who visited Murrayfield that weekend was fantastic. On Oct 13th we commenced weekly training under the floodlights and this has worked out brilliantly with over 700 members enjoying our new modern facility at our home ground of Murrayfield on a weekly basis. Football has been played at the venue for almost half a century and the future of the club and the sport we feel is now well secured locally with the new facilities. The Community Walkway is also proving to be very popular as it provides a safe walking route in Macroom for all and is also a perfect spot to watch training/matches.

An official opening will take place early in 2026. Our priority back in October was to get the kids and club

members on the Astro as soon as possible in advance of the official opening. This decision was the correct one based on the extremely positive feedback from our members and the general public. Further details on the opening will be shared in early 2026.

Our other club venue at the Town Park also received extensive upgrade works during last summer. This pitch is a vital piece of club infrastructure as we now have 35 teams in the club. Our grounds committee did fantastic work and the pitch was sanded and holotined as well as being fully set with new grass seed. It was in top condition during Autumn. Although there has been extensive rain this winter, we expect the pitch to be in great condition come Spring which will be vital for the many fixtures Macroom FC hosts at both the Town Park and Murrayfield Astro.

On the field the club has had plenty of good days during 2025. Our Senior Women's side had a great win in the Kevin Barry cup final, beating Ballincollig at St Colman's Park, Cobh, a first adult trophy for the club since 2017. Our schoolgirls also had great success with the U13s winning the Bowl Cup and winning promotion. The U19 ladies won the league and reached the cup final while the U15 girls won the U15 Shield. The schoolboys section of the club is also thriving and our U12B and U13A boys both won promotion which was a brilliant achievement for both. There were also boys and girls teams who reached the open draw in National Cup/Trophy.



Macroom FC Life President Willie O Riordan turning the sod on our new Astro at Murrayfield in early June 2025 along with club members.



The completed Murrayfield Astro under floodlights.



Aghabullogue Premier Intermediate Football County Champions 2025



Aghabullogue Intermediate A Hurling County Champions 2025

Several players also represented Cork in inter league competition. Our Academy is flying and all these younger kids train every Sunday morning at Murrayfield Astro.

We launched the new Macroom FC app, powered by Clubspot, during the summer. All membership is now completed through this simple to use app. Lotto tickets can be bought on the app, it is very user friendly and features fixtures and club news. Please download the app, it is available on Android (Google Playstore) or iOS (App Store). Paper lotto tickets (just 3 numbers) continue to be available in outlets throughout Macroom.

Many thanks to everyone who has helped run our busy club this year. It has been massive year of progress and the Astro really is a gamechanger. We are back in our home ground of Murrayfield and look forward to plenty of good days there and at the Town Park. Thanks to our executive, grounds, lotto and astro committees for the tireless and completely voluntary work. Huge thanks to our coaches who ensure our teams get to train/play matches. Thanks to all our sponsors, supporters, players, parents and the Macroom and Lee Valley public for backing the club.

We are always looking for more people to join our club in any capacity, whether as a coach, committee member or anything else. Please reach out, all contacts are on macroomfc.ie/contacts and all of the numbers of committee members can be found there. Happy Christmas to all and good luck in 2026.

Darragh Deasy (Chairperson) and Macroom FC Executive Committee.

Cork County Championships 2025

Football- McCarthy Insurances

Premier Senior Football: St Finbarrs 1-14 Nemo Rangers 1-13

PSF Divisions: Duhallow 4-9 Muskerry 0-13

Senior A Football: Knocknagree 2-17 Cill na Martra 0-17

Premier Intermediate Football: Aghabullogue 2-12 Uibh Laoire 2-11

Intermediate A Football: Ballinora 1-19 Ilen Rovers 2-14(replay)

Premier Junior Football: Buttevant 1-15 St Nicholas 0-10

County Junior Football: Kilmacabea 1-14 Donoughmore 1-7

Junior B Football: Ballyphehane 9-6 Araglen 3-7 (Confined)

County Junior B Football: Carrigaline 1-15 Ballyphehane 1-12

Junior C Football: Castlelyons 3-9 Rochestown 1-10 (Confined)

U21 A Football: Douglas 1-16 Ibane Gaels 2-9

U21 B Football: Donoughmore/Roberts Emmetts v St Nicks

U21 C Football: Cobh 1-14 St Peters 0-8

Hurling- Co-op Superstores

Premier SHC: Sarsfields 2-18 Midleton 1-14

PSH Divisions: Imokilly 1-23 Muskerry 0-15
Senior A HC: Bride Rovers 2-15 Castlelyons 2-14 (replay)

Premier IHC: Ballinhassig 2-22 Ballincollig 1-19

Intermediate A HC: Aghabullogue 1-21 Bandon 0-23

Premier JHC: Kilbrittain 0-22 Glen Rovers 2-15

County JAH: Kilshannig 1-19 Ballinora 0-11

County JBHC: Ballyclough 3-9 Uibh Laoire 1-14 (Confined)

Junior BHC: Dungourney 4-13 Newtownshandrum 1-16

U21 AHC: Final: Midleton v Shandrum

U21 BHC: Ballygarvan/Bishopstown v Aghabullogue/Kanturk-Dromtariffe

U21 CHC: Dohenys v Cobh

Premier Intermediate Football

County Final: Aghabullogue 2-12 Uibh Laoire 2-11

Aghabullogue: 2-12 (2-2-8) Uibh Laoire: 2-11 (2-3-5)

Aghabullogue footballers defeated fellow Muskerry men Uibh Laoire by the bare minimum to claim the McCarthy Insurance Group PIFC title at SuperValu Páirc Uí Chaoimh, a second county title in three seasons for them after winning the IAFC in 2023, and only losing last year's PIFC final after a replay.

This final could have gone either way and indeed looked to be heading for a replay with the teams level in regulation time but Matthew Bradley kicked a point for Aghabullogue two minutes into added time to bring the cup to Coachford and senior football to Aghabullogue for the first time ever.

Aghabullogue's Aaron O'Sullivan had the first point but it was more than matched by a two-pointer from Cathal Vaughan for Uibh Laoire. Aghabullogue had a goal after six minutes, Luke Casey had the easy task of tapping the ball into the net after Mathew Bradley's free dropped short and left to fall loose. Aghabullogue then conceded a goal, their first this championship season, when Vaughan's attempt from a distance fell nicely for Ian Jones who fisted the ball past Aghabullogue goalkeeper John Buckley, 1-2 to 1-1 to Ivelaery after 10 minutes.

Casey did draw his side level, Aghabullogue were in control but weren't making their dominance tell on the scoreboard, five wides in the opening quarter. Mattie Bradley put the winners in front with a point from a '45', Chris Óg Jones replied with an Uibh Laoire point on 21, Cathal Vaughan kicked over a two-pointer from a free and when Chris Óg Jones palmed home a second goal set up by his brother Ian, 2-5 to 1-3 with five minutes to the break. Aghabullogue got a two-pointer from Adam Murphy, Casey added a point to leave Aghabullogue two points adrift at half-time, 2-5 to 1-6.

The sides traded points on the resumption until a Chris Óg Jones free gave Uibh Laoire a three-point lead. Aghabullogue went ahead again from a Bradley free and a great combined move which resulted in John Corkery finishing to the net after a final assist from Evan O'Sullivan, 2-8 to 2-7 after 38 minutes. Pauric O'Sullivan and another Adam

Murphy two-pointer opened up a four-point lead for Aghabullogue at the three quarter stage 2-11 to 2-7. A superb two-pointer from long range from Vaughan followed by a point left Uibh Laoire a point behind though after 53 minutes and a point from a Chris Óg Jones free levelled the scores.

On into added time still level but Mathew Bradley broke the deadlock with a smashing point from a very sharp angle to continue the Aghabullogue inexorable rise towards the top of the football ladder as they now join the senior football ranks for the first time. Heady times in Coachford indeed and well celebrated!

Scorers for Aghabullogue: L Casey 1-3, A Murphy 0-4 (2 2pt), J Corkery 1-0, M Bradley 0-3 (0-1 f, 0-1 45), P O'Sullivan, A O'Sullivan 0-1 each.

Uibh Laoire: C Vaughan 0-7 (2 2pt, 1 2pt f), C Óg Jones 1-3 (0-2 f), I Jones 1-0, S O'Riordan 0-1.

Aghabullogue: John Buckley; Dhani Merrick, Paul Dilworth, Conor Smyth; Paul Ring, Shane Tarrant, Breandán O'Sullivan; Colm Gillespie, Adam Murphy; Pádraig O'Sullivan, John Corkery (c), Aaron O'Sullivan; Mathew Bradley, Evan O'Sullivan, Luke Casey. Subs: Cialan O'Sullivan 48, David Thompson 59.

Uibh Laoire: Joe Creedon; Barry Murphy, Danny O'Donovan, Daniel O'Riordan; Ciarán Galvin, Seán O'Leary (c), Kevin Manning; Timmy Roberts, Conor O'Leary; Seán O'Riordan, Cathal Vaughan, Barry O'Leary; Ciarán O'Riordan, Chris Óg Jones, Ian Jones. Subs: Sam Pickering 40, Brian Cronin 50.

Intermediate A Football County Final:

Ballinora 0-15 Ilen Rovers 2-9

Replay: Ballinora 1-19 Ilen Rovers 2-14

Ballinora: 1-19 (1-2-15) Ilen Rovers: 2-14 (2-3-8) (AET) Kevin Werner was the toast of Ballinora as his late goal sealed county glory and for the first time in their history Ballinora have been crowned McCarthy Insurance Group IAFC winners after a brilliant game which went to extra-time.

Ilen Rovers led after 10 minutes, the Quirke brothers, Michael and Ivan, pointed as Ballinora then pushed three points clear, 0-4 to 0-1 after 15 minutes. A Shane Kingston two-pointer and Michael Quirke and Mark O'Brien efforts gave their team a seven-point lead.

Ilen Rovers were struggling before the experienced Dan MacEoin registered his side's first score in 15 minutes from a free, 0-8 to 0-2 after 25 minutes. A Neil Lordan two-point free extended Ballinora's advantage to 0-10 to 0-2 at the interval.

Ilen Rovers had a massive boost, a goal a minute into the second half. Points from Kingston and Danny Dineen settled Ballinora, 0-12 to 1-2 after 38 minutes. The score was, 0-13 to 1-5 and Ballinora kicked two of the next three points veteran Dan MacEoin's goal after 50 minutes brought Ilen Rovers to within three points, 0-15 to 2-6.

A point for Ilen was followed by a brilliant save by Ballinora goalkeeper Alex McAllen.

The contest was on a knife-edge as the game went into added time and another Ilen two-pointer orange

flag, forced extra-time.

Ilen Rovers went ahead for the first time a minute into extra-time. There was a lull in the scoring before Ilen had another two-pointer, this time from a free. The sides swapped points as Ilen Rovers led 2-13 to 0-16. A Werner effort left Ballinora two points adrift at half time.

MacEoin pushed Ilen three points clear again before an Ilen defender got a black card after a foul on Liam Lyons. A pair of Werner points, one from a free, left Ballinora one point adrift with two minutes to go before the Kevin Werner last-gasp goal sealed county glory for the Muskerry team.

Scorers for Ballinora: K Werner 1-4 (0-2 f), S Kingston 0-4 (1 2pt, 0-1 45), M Quirke 0-3, N Lordan (1 2pt f), I Quirke 0-2 each, M O'Brien, D Dineen, L Lyons, D Holmes 0-1 each.

Ballinora: A McAllen; A Laverty, N Lordan, C O'Flynn; D Dineen, S Kingston (j-c), J Byrne; I Quirke, J Lordan (j-c); M O'Brien, D Holmes, L Lyons; M Quirke, R Quirke, K Werner.

Subs: M Lordan for D Holmes (41), I Wycherley for D Dineen (44), T Burns for L Lyons (50), J Keohane for K Werner (53), L Lyons for J Byrne, K Werner for J Keohane (both 60), A O'Sullivan for J Lordan (73).

Cork County Leagues for 2025:

McCarthy Insurance Group County Football Leagues

Division 1

Final: St Finbarrs 1-20 Clonakilty 2-15

St. Finbarr's 16, Clonakilty 15, Nemo Rangers 14, Douglas 9, Cill Na Martra 9, Newcestown 9, Castlehaven 7, Éire Óg 5, Carrigaline 4, St. Michael's 2
Relegated: Carrigaline and St Michaels

Div 2

Final: Knocknagree 0-17 Carbery Rangers 0-11

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

Promoted: Knocknagree and Carbery Rangers

Relegated: Kanturk and Fermoy

Div 3

Final: Uibh Laoire 1-21 Clyda Rovers

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

Promoted: Uibh Laoire and Clyda Rovers

Relegated: Kiskeam and Aghada

Uibh Laoire 1-21 Clyda Rovers 2-10

Scorers for Iveleary: C Vaughan 0-6 (2x0-2), T Roberts (2x0-2), C Óg Jones (0-2 f) 0-5 each, A O'Donovan 1-0, S Pickering 0-2, K Manning, C Galvin, C O'Leary 0-1 each.

Uibh Laoire: Joe Creedon; Barry Murphy, Dan O'Donovan, Daniel O'Riordan; Kevin Manning, Seán O'Leary (c), Ciarán Galvin; Barry O'Leary, Conor O'Leary; Timmy Roberts, Cathal Vaughan, Seán O'Riordan; Brian Cronin, Chris Óg Jones, Sam Pickering. Subs: Ciarán O'Riordan, Aaron O'Donovan, Kevin Jones, Brian O'Riordan, Jack Sweeney.

Div 4

Final: Aghabullogue 0-19 Bandon 2-2



Ballinora MJK Oils Junior A Hurling Champions

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

Promoted: Aghabullogue and Bandon

Relegated: Bantry Blues and St Vincents

Aghabullogue 0-19 Bandon 2-2

Scorers for Aghabullogue: E O'Sullivan 0-5 (1x0-2, 0-1f), L Casey, A O'Sullivan (1x0-2t, 1x0-2f) 0-4 each, C Gillespie, A Murphy 0-2 (1x0-2) each, J Lane, P O'Sullivan 0-1 each.

Aghabullogue: John Buckley; Paul Ring, Dhani Merrick, Tom Long; Breandán O'Sullivan, Shane Tarrant, Cialan O'Sullivan; Colm Gillespie, Adam Murphy; Seán O'Sullivan, Aaron O'Sullivan, Padraig O'Sullivan; MathewBradley, Evan O'Sullivan, Luke Casey. Subs: Paul Dilworth, James Foley, Sean O'Connell.

Div 5 Final: Kilmurphy 2-23 Gabriel Rangers 0-13

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

Promoted: Kilmurphy and Gabriel Rangers

Relegated: Glanworth and Glenville

Kilmurphy 2-23 Gabriel Rangers 0-13

Scorers for Kilmurphy: R Ó Curraoin 1-11 (3x0-2f, 1x0-2, 0-1 f), D O'Mullane 1-0, James O'Mullane 0-3, K Kelleher, R Duggan 0-2 each, L Asling, T Collins, C Kelleher, S O'Leary, M O'Leary 0-1 each.

Kilmurphy: Jason McDonnell, Owen Keane, William Ronan (c), Brian Hinchion; Tomás Collins, Kyle Kelleher, Alexander Asling; James O'Mullane, Conor Kelleher; Rory Duggan, Ruadhán Ó Curraoin, Lawrence Asling; Seán O'Leary, Denis O'Mullane, Joe O'Mullane. Subs: John O'Mullane, Max O'Leary, Aaron O'Mahony, Ryan Leahy, Oisín McDonald, Daniel Cahalane.

Div 6

Final: Canovee 5-9 St Nicks 1-6

St. Nick's 14, Canovee 14, Cobh 14, Aginagh 10, Dromtariffe 9, Cullen 9, Kildorrery 8, Na Piarasigh 6, St. Michael's 4, Mayfield 2

Promoted: Canovee and St Nicks

Relegated: St Michaels and Mayfield

Canovee 5-9 St Nicks 1-6

Canovee scorers: J Kelleher 1-5 (0-1f), A Moynihan 2-1, J Moynihan 1-1, C Dodd 1-0, P Healy, J Riordan (f) 0-1 each.

Canovee: Ben Cheasty; Eoghan Lehane, Eoin McNabola, Evan Cunningham; Conor Dodd, Odhran O'Driscoll, Shane Riordan; Aidan Murphy, Brian McNabola; Liam Kelleher, James Moynihan, Mark Healy; Aidan Moynihan, Seán Connor, Jack Kelleher. Subs: Ryan Delaney, Evan Dodd, Gavin Coleman, Denis O'Sullivan, Cillian Newman, Jason Riordan, Paul Healy, S O'Riordan.

Div 7

Final: Argideen Rangers 1-12 Kilmacabea 1-8

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

Promoted: Argideen Rangers and Kilmacabea

County Junior A FL

Final: Carbery Rangers 2-12 Donoughmore 1-13

Red FM County Hurling Leagues

Division 1

Final: Sarsfields 0-27 St Finbarrs 2-15

Sarsfields 14, St. Finbarr's 12, Glen Rovers 11, Charleville 11, Douglas 11, Blackrock 10, Fr. O'Neill's 8, Carrigtwohill 7, Carrigaline 4, Kanturk 2

Relegated: Carrigaline and Kanturk

Div 2

Final: Midleton 1-18 Killeagh 0-15

Midleton 14, Killeagh 14, Erin's Own 14, Newtownshandrum 10, Valley Rovers 8, Ballymartle 8, Ballincollig 7, Na Piarasigh 7, Éire Óg 6, Fermoy 2

Relegated: Éire Óg and Fermoy

Div 3

Final: Bride Rovers 1-29 Newcestown 3-16

Newcestown 13, Bride Rovers 13, Ballinhassig 12, Courcy Rvs 11, Blarney 9, Castlelyons 8, Russell Rvs 8, Lisgoold 8, Blackrock 6, Mallow 2.

Relegated: Blackrock and Mallow

Div 4

Final: Inniscarra 3-11 Bandon 2-13

Bandon 18, Inniscarra 13, Watergrasshill 9, Kilworth 9, Kildorrery 8 Cloughduv 8, Bishopstown 8, St Catherine's 7, Tracton 6, Youghal 4

Relegated: Tracton and Youghal

Inniscarra 3-11 Bandon 2-13

Scorers for Inniscarra: A McCarthy 1-2, P Holland 1-2 (0-1 f), M Nagle 1-1, J Enright 0-4, D Murphy, L Ryan 0-1 each.

Inniscarra: E O'Neill; T Lyons, D Keane, J O'Sullivan; B Daly, C O'Leary, S Sheehan; J Enright, F Horgan; M Nagle, L Ryan, D Murphy; C Lynch, A McCarthy, P Holland. Sub: A O'Connell

Div 5

Final: Aghabullogue 5-14 Ballyhea 1-9

Ballyhea 14, Aghabullogue 13, Castlemartyr 13, Dungourney 11, Midleton 10, Milford 9, Kilbrittain 9, Ballygarvan 7, Erin's Own 4, Mayfield 0

Relegated: Erin's Own and Mayfield

Aghabullogue 5-14 Ballyhea 1-9

Scorers for Aghabullogue: M Bradley 1-7 (0-3 f), J Lane 2-2, L Casey 2-1, S Tarrant 0-2, C Feury, J Foley 0-1 each.

Aghabullogue: Ian Barry-Murphy; Tom Long, Aidan Barry-Murphy, Breandán O'Sullivan; T J Buckley, Pádraig O'Sullivan, Colm Gillespie; Paul Ring, Cianie Feury; Luke Casey, Shane Tarrant, James Foley; Odhran O'Connell, Mathew Bradley, James Lane. Subs: Oisín O'Connell 53, David O'Leary 55.

Div 6

Final: Glen Rovers 1-14 Cloyne 0-16

Glen Rovers 14, Cloyne 14, Aghada 12, Argideen Rgs 10, Ballinascarthy 10, Sarsfields 8, Ballygiblin 8, Kinsale 7, Barryroe 7, Na Piarasigh 0

Relegated: Barryroe and Na Piarasigh

Div 7 - Final: Killavullen 0-15 Diarmuid Ó Mathúna's 3-12

Killavullen 17, D Ó Mathúna's 15, Killeagh 10, Ballinora 10, Passage 9, St. Finbarr's 8, Douglas 7, Meelin 7, Nemo Rangers 5, Kilshannig 2

Relegated: Nemo Rangers v Kilshannig

County Junior A HL

Final: Carraig na bFear 3-23 Dromtariffe 2-13



Donoughmore Ross Oil Junior A Football Champions



Muskerry Senior Hurling Team for 2025



Muskerry Senior Football Team for 2025

Roinn Mhuscraí – Divisional Finals 2025

Hurling

Junior A HC: Ballinora 0-22 Grenagh 1-10

Junior B HC: Uibh Laoire 1-17 Ballinora 1-7

Junior B Plate: Blarney 1-13 Éire Óg 1-10

U21 A HC: Ballincollig 1-21 Inniscarra 2-12

U21 BHC: Aghabullogue 5-15 Grenagh 1-11

U21 CHC: Donoughmore 4-19 Ballinora 2-7

Football

Junior A FC: Aghinagh 0-15 Donoughmore 1-12 (Draw)

Junior A FC: Donoughmore 2-15 Aghinagh 2-14 (Replay)

Junior B FC: Naomh Aban 0-13 Aghabullogue 1-8

Junior B Plate: Canovee 2-7 Aghinagh 1-9

Junior C FC: Kilmichael 1-14 Canovee 1-8

U21 AFC: Ballincollig 2-15 Éire Óg 0-15

U21 BFC: Donoughmore 2-10 Inniscarra 0-3

U21 CFC: Blarney/Rathpeacon 1-8 Uibh Laoire/Dripsey 0-10

Muskerry Divisional Leagues

Hurling- Division 1: Donoughmore 2-14 Grenagh 1-13

Hurling- Div 2: Aghabullogue 0-20 Cloughduv 1-15

Hurling-Div 3: Donoughmore 1-17 Gleann na Laoi 0-10

Football-Div 1: Donoughmore 1-15 Éire Óg 2-11

Football-Div 2: Canovee 2-13 Donoughmore 2-10

Football-Div 3: Éire Óg 0-13 Naomh Abán 0-7

Ross Oil JFC Final replay

Donoughmore 2-15 (2-3-9) Aghinagh 2-14 (2-2-10)

The never say die spirit of Donoughmore was rewarded in spectacular fashion in the Ross Oil Mid Cork Junior Football championship final replay at Macroom when they came from being seven points down in the 56th minute to score 2-2 without reply in a sensational finish to take the title for the fifth time ever and the first since 2011. The Donoughmore team and supporters were delirious at the final whistle, Aghinagh in shock, as victory was snatched from the latter's grasp in the cruellest of fashions after they looked to be heading for victory as the game neared its conclusion.

Once again, the two teams contributed to a wonderful game of football, played before another huge and enthusiastic attendance and the pity was that there had to be a loser, doubly tough on Aghinagh who lost last year's final, again in a replay, also by a point. Conditions at Macroom were excellent, with little wind and the expected rains held off until the second half. Aghinagh playing into the town goal opened the scoring with a Seán O'Riordan point, Scott Barrett equalised for the winners and Declan Keating put them in front. As Donoughmore continued to force the pace, a foul on Adam Dinan resulted in a free from which Gavin O'Sullivan kicked over a two-pointer, 0-4 to 0-1 to Donoughmore after eight minutes. Aghinagh gradually began to get to grips with matters and in the 12th minute Con Buckley kicked a two-pointer from play and then the excellent Liam Twohig had Aghinagh in front from another two-pointer from play. Twohig now added

two more points from play and in the 21st minute Aghinagh struck for the opening goal of the game, Luke O'Leary's long delivery collected by Gearóid O'Sullivan who in turn put Twohig clear inside the defender and the Aghinagh sharpshooter finished sublimely to the net to put Aghinagh in control, leading 1-9 to 0-4.

In the three minutes before the break, Donoughmore at last broke the seven-score sequence of Aghinagh with a point from Seán O'Hanlon followed by a two-pointer free from Gavin O'Sullivan and then a point from a Declan Keating free, all of which improved their situation considerably leaving them four points adrift now, 1-9 to 0-8, but with wind to favour them in the second half.

On the resumption, Aghinagh consolidated their position with three points in a row, two from Liam Twohig frees and one from play by Con Buckley, which opened the gap between the teams to seven points by the 39th minute. Back came Donoughmore with a point from a Gavin O'Sullivan free followed by a two-pointer from another free, rather needlessly conceded, a four point gap again at the three quarter mark.

Aghinagh were to restore their dominance before being hit by a late Donoughmore tsunami which few could have foreseen. The final stages were incredibly exciting. When Cummins took a pass from Aodh Twomey on 55 and fired home a goal to give Aghinagh a 2-14 to 0-13 lead it seemed that the destination of the title had been decided and few would have disputed that on the run of play that it was not deserved.

'Keep going lads' was the Donoughmore mantra and the team dug deep and produced a stunning response. Declan Keating pointed a free in the 58th minute and immediately after only a superb double save by the Aghinagh goalkeeper Jason McCarthy denied Gavin O'Sullivan and then Kevin O'Connell of a goal. Donoughmore kept up their offensive, and a high ball into the crowded Aghinagh goalmouth was punched to the net by midfielder Seán O'Hanlon, 2-14 to 1-14 now with the clock almost at the end of regulation time. Donoughmore needed a goal to survive and were almost in again when a close range ground shot went across the Aghinagh goal before going just inches wide. Donoughmore were not to be denied and in the next attack in a situation identical to the circumstances of the previous goal Daniel Forde kicked another high ball into the

Aghinagh goalmouth and incredibly it was Seán O'Hanlon who again rose highest and punched the ball to the net to level the scores. Donoughmore were in raptures at the change in fortunes and went in search of a winner, urged on by their supporters in full cry. Centre forward Gavin O'Sullivan, later named Man of the Match, delivered the knock out blow for Donoughmore from a '45' sent confidently over the bar despite the pressure and when Aghinagh failed to capitalise on one last opportunity, the final whistle blew and the extreme contrasts in the emotions of the respective camps was so telling.

Scorers: Donoughmore: S O'Hanlon 2-1, G O'Sullivan 0-7 (2x0-2f, 0-2 f, 0-1 45), D Keating 0-5 (1x0-2f, 0-1 f), S Barrett, K O'Connell 0-1 each. Aghinagh: L Twohig 1-8 (1x0-2, 0-4 f), S Cummins 1-1, C Buckley 0-3 (1x0-2), S Corkery, S O'Riordan 0-1 each.

Donoughmore: Kevin O'Riordan: Frankie Honohan, Mark Foley, Seán Broderick: Rory Honohan, Josh Crowley, Kevin O'Connell: Seán O'Hanlon, Mark Lucey: Adam Dinan, Gavin O'Sullivan, Daniel Holland: Declan Keating, Jack McCarthy, Scott Barrett. Subs: David McDonnell for Barrett inj. 24, Donnacha Morrissey for McCarthy 39, Liam O'Sullivan for Honohan 43, Jack Murphy for Dinan 51, Daniel Forde for Foley 58.

Aghinagh: Jason McCarthy; Tom Buckley, Donagh O'Riordan, Dermot O'Callaghan: Declan Ambrose, Luke O'Leary, TJ Buckley; Shane Corkery, Thomas Morgans; Seán O'Riordan, Con Buckley, Mathew McCarthy: William Coakley, Liam Twohig, Gearóid O'Sullivan. Subs: Seán Cummins for G O'Sullivan, Tadhg Sheehan for S O'Riordan, both 43, Jack Kearney for T Buckley 52, Aodh Twomey for W Coakley 53.

Referee: Pat O'Leary (Kilmurry).

Ross Oil Man of the Match: Gavin O'Sullivan, Donoughmore

MJK Oils Muskerry Junior A H C Final

Ballinora 0 – 22 Grenagh 1 – 10

Ballinora retained their MJK Oils Mid Cork Junior Hurling championship title at Coachford and created a new record by winning the divisional championship for the fifth year in a row, Ballinora unbeaten now since 2020 in the divisional championship. Ballinora were strong favourites to prevail having beaten Grenagh in the group stage by twelve points a month earlier and any hopes the challengers had of reversing that result were pretty well dashed by half time when Ballinora led by 0-12 to 0-3 after a very impressive all round performance in the first half.



Cill na Martra team v Knocknagree, SAFC Final, 26.10.25



EPH Controls Muskerry GAA December Awards; Ben Mayer Ballinora Junior A Hurling



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EPH Controls Muskerry GAA December Awards; Neil Lordan Ballinora Intermediate Footballers

Grenagh were a much improved team in the second half and shared the scoring tally equally with their opponents but there was never any likelihood of Ballinora losing their tight grip and in Ben Mayer they had an ace sharpshooter, the young Ballinora man scoring 0-15 of his side's total, displaying unerring accuracy from twelve frees from all sorts of distances, his performance earning him the Player of the Match award.

Conditions at Coachford were good, the heavy overnight rains having ceased and there was little wind blowing. Playing into the village goal, Ballinora had a good start, a point from Liam Lyons followed by two points from Ben Mayer frees in the first five minutes, and when Mayer had pointed another free and added a point from play within a further three minutes it was clear that the champions were on song and Grenagh were visibly struggling to contain them.

Dan Twomey had an opening point for Grenagh from a 50m free in the 10th minute but Ballinora struck back with a point from a glorious Seán Lyons side-line cut on 14 followed by a Ben Mayer pointed free from inside his own '65' and as the champions continued to apply the pressure, Darragh Corkery fired over two fine scores to leave his side leading by 0-9 to 0-1 after twenty minutes.

Ballinora had control of the middle third of the field at this stage with captain Shane Kingston at centre back, flanked by Mark O'Brien and Colin O'Flynn, giving huge support to Liam Lyons and Tommy Burns at midfield, ably assisted by half forwards Darragh Holmes, Danny Dineen and Seán Lyons. Grenagh were under constant pressure and Kelvin Cummins, Paul Barry Murphy and Alex Kiely were resisting strongly but the waves of attack kept coming and fouling was a costly exercise for Grenagh with Mayer in such top form from frees from all distances.

Grenagh free taker Dan Twomey hit over two points to break the Ballinora sequence but in the five minutes before the break Seán Lyons took a classy point from play, followed by another from Darragh Holmes and Ben Mayer made it 0-12 to 0-3 with the final score of the first half from a free on the half way line. Ballinora looked to be the better team and on the road to victory.

To their credit and true to their tradition, Grenagh put in a much improved second half performance and made the Ballinora men stay focussed to the finish. Grenagh points from Robert Coleman, Seán Joyce and Dan Twomey were matched in each case by points from Mayer frees for Ballinora, two from long distance, and Mayer had brought his points tally from frees to ten with two more by the three quarter mark, 0-17 to 0-6 now the score.

A Grenagh point from Twomey was answered by Darragh Holmes and in the 50th minute a well struck Grenagh penalty was stopped by a marvellous save by Ballinora 'keeper Barry Crowley, another indication that this was not going to be Grenagh's day?

The stout Ballinora defence was eventuality

breached in the 55th minute when a loose ball in the goalmouth was lashed to the net by Grenagh's substitute Brian Walsh and Seán Joyce added a fine score from a distance but inevitably Ben Mayer answered these and when Joyce added two more for Grenagh, Mayer was on hand again with a another brace to cap a fine individual performance as his team took its 11th Muskerry title.

Scorers: Ballinora: Ben Mayer 0-15 (0-12f, 0-1 '65'), S Lyons (0-1 side-line), D Corkery and D Holmes 0-2 each, L Lyons 0-1. Grenagh : B Walsh 1-0, D Twomey 0-5 (fs), S Joyce 0-4, R Coleman 0-1.

Ballinora: Ballinora: Barry Crowley; Tim Forde, Neil Lordan, James Byrne; Mark O'Brien, Shane Kingston, Colin O'Flynn; Tommy Burns, Liam Lyons; Darragh Holmes, Danny Dineen, Seán Lyons; Ben Mayer, Darragh Corkery, Alan O'Shea. Subs: Conor Quirke for A O'Shea inj 34, James Keohane for D Corkery 45, Michael Quirke for S Lyons 51, Robert Quirke for D Holmes 52, Pat Fitton for M O'Brien 57.

Grenagh: James Walsh; Kevin O'Neill, Paul Barry Murphy, Alex Kiely; Jason O'Keeffe, Kelvin Cummins, Danny Warren; Jack Twomey, Seán Joyce: John Lehane, Michael White, Darragh Kenny; Shane Morley, Robert Coleman, Dan Twomey. Subs: Paul Ahern for O'Keeffe h/t, Dara O'Shea for M White 42, Brian Walsh for D Kenny 44, Niall Coleman for J Lehane 50.

Referee: Brendan Barry Murphy, Aghabullogue
MJK Oils 'Man of the Match': Ben Mayer, Ballinora who finished with 0-15 to his credit, 0-12 frees, 0-1 '65', 0-2 play

Roinn Mhuscraí – Annual General Meeting 2025

Comhdháil Bhliantúil 2025 of Muskerry GAA division marked the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the divisional structures in the Cork and this year's AGM (formerly 'Convention') was held in the Town Hall Macroom, the venue for the first meeting in 1925. The meeting was hosted by Macroom GAA and its Cathaoirleach Michael Creed welcomed the delegates to Macroom, praised the divisional officers, club members and the multitude of volunteers in the various GAA clubs in the division who collectively have done so much for the betterment of the sporting and social life of the people in the area.

Muskerry Board Cathaoirleach John Feeney (Dripsey), who like the Runaí Enda Linehan (Inniscarra) and Board PRO Anne O'Riordan (Cloughduv), was standing down as per rule after five years in office, in his final address to the delegates spoke of the beginnings of the divisional board in 1925, soon after the War of Independence and the bitter Civil War which followed and paid tribute to the pioneering officers who led the division in those early difficult years.

The Cathaoirleach went on to thank the players, selectors and clubs for the progress made in recent years in getting Muskerry senior hurlers and senior footballers back near the top in the divisional section of the county championship and said that a full strength Muskerry team is a quality senior team and the evidence was there (in county championship

results) that players improve through playing senior and their clubs benefit subsequently as these players become leaders on the field.

The U21 H and F situation in the view of John Feeney is a problem area for the GAA in Cork. The recent decision of the Co Board that U21 championships cannot start before July 1st will cause conflict in clubs preparing for adult championships at that time of year in his opinion.

The Muskerry Awards, honouring outstanding performances of players from clubs within the Muskerry division, has been a great success and 11 recipients of the awards will be honoured at the Annual Awards Dinner in the Talbot Hotel in January. The Cathaoirleach thanked the generosity of the sponsors of the various competitions and undertakings of Bord Mhuscraí and credited the healthy financial position of the Board to the Cisteoir Diarmuid Kirwan (Éire Óg) and the invaluable contributions of the sponsors.

The Cathaoirleach thanked his fellow officers for their work over the past year and was fulsome in his praise of the Rúnaí, Enda Linehan and PRO Anne O'Riordan, both standing down after five years exceptional service on the executive and expressed the hope that their talents would not be lost to the division.

The report of Runaí Enda Linehan (carried in the previous LV Outlook edition) was as always very comprehensive and Cisteoir Diarmuid Kirwan's report showed that the finances are in a healthy position with improved revenues and

Surplus for the year and increased deposit figures with in the Croke Park account.

The officers elected for 2026 are:

Uachtarán: Aubert Twomey, Ballincollig
Leas Uachtarán: Frank McCarthy (Ballincollig), Pat Malone (Éire Óg), John Crean (Aghabullogue), William Buckley (Dripsey), Michael Keane (Cloughduv), Dave Lee (Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh)

Iar Uachtarán: Pat O'Mahony, Inniscarra

Cathaoirleach: Eddy Warren, Kilmurphy

Leas Cathaoirleach: Vacant

Runaí: John Feeney, Dripsey

Cisteoir: Diarmuid Kirwan, Éire Óg

PRO: Vacant

Referee Co-ordinator: Miah Moynihan, Grenagh

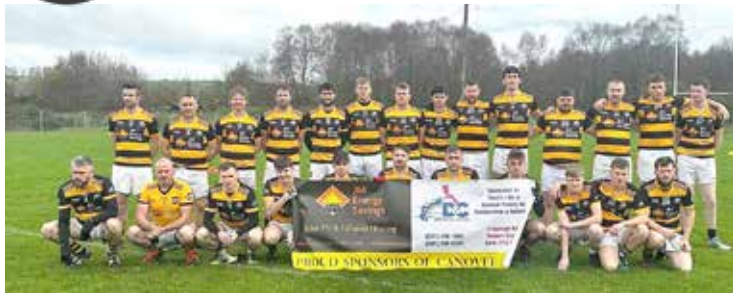
Oifigeach na Gaeilge: Colm Ó Mocháin, Cill na Martra

Delegates to Co Board: John Crean and Ed Warren

CANOVEE GAA A YEAR IN REVIEW

Canovee GAA 2025 Season Reflection:

After a very promising 2024, optimism was high at the beginning of the year in 2025. The adult players returned to training in mid-January, while the under 21's already gearing up for championship were a few weeks into their preparations. The under 21's made history in being the first Canovee team to play championship under the new rules, which probably led to their game against Kilmichael being highly attended despite a cold blustery morning in Carrigadrohid. The conditions did not take away from



Canovee GAA Junior C 2025

a fantastic game with Kilmichael seeing it out in the end.

Like every typical year each GAA club gains a few new members but also loses some members. Unfortunately, we lost one of our greatest members when John O'Sullivan passed away at the end of May this year. It goes without saying that John was hugely influential within the club having participated firstly as a player before then going on to hold nearly every role at an administration level. John was instrumental in the development of our grounds in Carrigadrohid and played a huge part in the underage success of the club proving to be a highly popular figure with each person that encountered him in his endeavours. John was an inspiration to us all and we hope we can continue the fantastic work that he laid the foundations for.

For the second year in a row Canovee were able to field 3 teams in adult competition; Premier Junior, Junior B and Junior C. This is a testament to the fantastic work taking place throughout the club but particularly from the underage section who aim to promote the games to each child that comes through the Canovee set up and give these lads an opportunity to continue playing after their time in underage comes to an end no matter what level that might be.

Each of these teams participated in their relevant leagues with the Premier Juniors and Junior B's performing excellently throughout both league campaigns. The Premier Juniors set a blistering pace from the beginning of their league beating opposition in a very comprehensive manner while the B's contested in more tight games. Both league campaigns proved ultimately to be quite successful with the Premier Juniors winning the McCarthy Insurance Group Football League Division 6 on the Thursday evening and the Junior B's winning the Muskerry EPH Controls Division 2 on the Friday evening of the 4th of July weekend.

Our annual Golf classic took place in Macroom Golf Club on the 11th of July with close to 60 teams participating. This is a key fundraiser for the club each year, without it taking part there would be a serious gap in fundraising efforts. A huge thank you to Dave Healy and his team who organise this event each year seamlessly and also to our sponsors JM Energy Savings and TJ Lyons Footwear Mallow. A big congrats to all the winners on the day.

The success of the league campaigns for both the Premier Juniors and Junior B's led to great optimism for the championship campaigns. The Premier Juniors got off to a superb start by defeating Urhan in Dunmanway on Sunday the 27th of July with a scoreline of 2-21 to 1-9. The following night the Junior B's succumbed to a late 2 point effort from Inniscarra to exit the Junior B championship on a scoreline of 0-18 to 1-14.

Before the next round against St Nicks the club hosted the inaugural "Great Ball Run" and Fun Day in Carrigadrohid on Sunday the 10th of August. This proved to be a fantastic day with everyone involved in the club playing some part to help out. The mini

All Ireland took place in our fantastic facilities in the Castle Pitch with coffee, ice cream, face painting and a BBQ in the offering. Once the games were wrapped up, everyone made their way up Carrig Hill to witness the "Great Ball Run". There was huge excitement as 1500 balls rattled their way down the chicane set up on Carrig Hill to eventually result in the winning ball finding its way to first place. This ball was purchased by Laura Sexton who won a cool €1000. A huge thank you must go out to our players who organised such a fantastic day and to Coolcower Meats, Vision Contracting, The Carrig Inn, JM Energy Savings and D&C Motor Factors who all helped out or sponsored the Ball Run.

The following weekend the Premier Junior team made the short trip to Ballyanley to face St Nicks in the second group game of the championship. Suffering with a few absentees due to injury Canovee struggled to get into a rhythm throughout the game eventually losing out to Nicks on the day on a scoreline of 2-16 to 0-15. This result left the lads needing a win in their final game against Ballydesmond which took place in Macroom on an extremely wet night on Friday the 12th of September. Canovee began the game brightly and kept a foothold on it throughout seeing out the game on a scoreline of 3-9 to 1-5.

Finishing second in the group standings Canovee were due to face Cullen in the county quarterfinals. This game took place in Donoughmore on Saturday 27th of September which probably resulted in the best championship performance for the year including a highlight reel Conor Dodd goal in the first half. The lads saw the game out in a comprehensive manner on a scoreline of 3-16 to 2-8. A win here teed up a county semi final against championship fav's Buttevant. This game took place 2 weeks later on Saturday the 11th of October in Kilshannig GAA. Canovee struggled to make a mark on the scoreboard in the first half with a couple of efforts tailing wide resulting in a HT score of 9 points to 4 in favour of Buttevant. The second half resumed in much the same manner with Canovee struggling to convert chances while also finding it difficult to contain excellent play by the Buttevant forward line. Despite a hard fought effort and a never say die attitude the lads lost out in the end by 2-16 to 0-12. A huge thank you must go to the team management and players for their efforts throughout the year. Despite the disappointment of losing a county semi final, there was a lot of positives to be taken from the year with



Canovee Junior B 2025

promotion in the league a particular highlight.

The Junior B's made up for the disappointment of a first round exit with a win in the shield competition against near neighbours Aghinagh. Despite the best efforts to give the game to Aghinagh the Canovee lads saw it out by the slightest of margins to bring home the silverware for the first time. Captain Cillian Newman received the trophy at the end of the game. Along the way Canovee defeated Grenagh and Gleann na Laoi to reach the final. Again this team also gained promotion to Division 1 football in Muskerry for 2026 which will be fantastic for the coming season.

The Junior C's championship campaign kicked off on Sunday the 12th of October against Ballincollig, looking to follow up on the championship win of 2024. The lads made light work of the opposition and won with ease in the end. This win was followed by a semi final against Macroom 3 weeks later. Again the lads played extremely well here and won with a scoreline of 4-8 to 0-6, resulting with a place in the final against Kilmichael. This game took place on the 16th of November in Kilmichael with a huge home support in attendance. In a very tight contest Kilmichael proved worthy winners by a 5 point margin with a scoreline of 1-13 to 1-8. Congratulations to Kilmichael on their win and a huge well done to our own lads who made a return to the Mid Cork Final for the second year in a row. A big thank you to the team management who looked after the lads throughout the year.

At underage level activity was as busy as ever with coaches and players involved at all grades from bumblebees all the way to minor. Without the fantastic work carried out at underage by all the volunteers the club would not be the success it is today. A particular mention to the underage committee for all their hard work over the last number of years. On the playing front 2025 proved to be another successful year for Canovee. A number of teams reached finals including the U13's and U15's who were unfortunate to lose out on the final days. The U16's won their division championship this year playing some fantastic football. They ultimately failed to advance past the county semi final but a lot of these lads had a great year in both codes with many winning a P2 U16 hurling county with Cloughduv which is a fantastic achievement. A huge thank you to all the parents bringing their youngsters the length and breadth of the country to partake in games, and also to our



Canovee Premier Junior 2025



Canovee u13s



Canovee u16s 2025



Canovee under 15's



John O Sullivan Canovee

own volunteers for facilitating the hosting of the TJ Lyons and Neillie Twomey tournament's throughout the year.

A word of thanks to all those who helped out in any way towards the maintenance of the club grounds throughout the year. A special thank you must go towards Michael Shine and Jerry Moynihan who looked after every aspect of the grounds throughout the year including lining the pitch a lot more often than in previous years thanks to the new rules! In the background this work can often go unseen but without the effort of these individuals there would be no pitches available for our club members.

The club development committee are working diligently to help get our facilities modernised and up to today's standards, the first phase of this will include a club gym which will hopefully be constructed early in 2026. Our lotto committee continues to do fantastic work each week with much needed fundraising for these future projects. We are always looking for extra help with the work needed to maintain our grounds as well as with the lotto committee. If anyone would like to help out, please contact someone from the club committee. We would also like to mention our thanks to our club sponsors JM Energy Savings and D&C Motor Factors for the incredibly generous contributions towards the club in the past year.

Lastly everyone in Canovee GAA would like to wish our volunteers, members, coaches, players and supporters a very happy Christmas and the very best of luck in 2026. We look forward to seeing you all in the coming year.

CLONDROHID SUMMARY OF GAA EVENTS 2025:

There was a lot of activity in Clondrohid GAA Club during 2025 with however limited success on the playing field. The only title winners being the under 12 team who won the Shield Final versus Donoughmore.

Cork senior footballer Matty Taylor recently presented the players with their medals.

After 3 initial group games in junior A championship Clondrohid finished level on points with 2 other teams. However due to an inferior scoring difference Clondrohid lost out on further progression.

Clondrohid under 16 team were most unlucky to be defeated in Shield final. A successful Cul Camp was again held in August with 100 children participating. Club referee Tim McCarthy was presented with a Lifetime Service Award at a function in Pairc

UI Chaoimh. At recent AGM club officers Gerard Kelleher & Tim O'Connor stepped down from their positions after long years of service.

Former club players Barry Corkery & Aidan Kelleher continue their involvement with the Cork senior football team as selector and team doctor respectively.

Congratulations are extended to Noel McDonagh team coach & local girls playing with Naomh Aban ladies football team on winning Cork county & Munster intermediate titles.

The 30th anniversary of Clondrohid winning the Mid Cork junior A football title in 1995 was recently celebrated at a pleasant function held in the Mills Inn.

LAOCHRA ÓG 2025 REVIEW

January 2025 started with training preparations for the coming season. Storm Eowyn paid a visit and left its mark on our home grounds by damaging some goalposts and netting which got repaired as the season progressed. Thanks to the reliable support network within our club. February continued with training sessions and March began blitz competitions and the U12 Camogie team played St. Finbarr's in a challenge game to practice some skills. The U14 hurlers played O'Donovan Rossa and came out the winners. Laochra Óg also took part in the local St. Patrick's Day Parade.

April saw Easter come late this year. U12 Hurlers won the second round in the league against Grenagh. U14 Hurlers play a tough Lee Gaels team. Laochra Óg defence held and came away with a win.

May began with the U7 team travelling to Aghabullogue to the Muskerry Go Games Blitz. Junior Camogie team play Dungourney away and come home the winners. They later played Bandon and came out winners. U14 Hurling team play Shamrocks GAA and come out on top. They later meet Buttevant and even though they got off to a poor start, in the end they came away with a two point win. U13 Camogie team meet Inniscarra in a league game. Inniscarra came out winners in what was a close competitive game. U12 Camogie play St. Fanahans. June saw the U8 travel to Ballinora for a blitz where they came up against Eire Óg, Cloch Dubh and Bishopstown. Star Turkish Barbers, Macroom presented jerseys to the U16 Hurling team. U14 Hurlers meet St. Marks in Meelin and unfortunately it was not to be their day on this occasion. Junior Camogie team meet St. Colums in the C league

final in Castle Road and come home winners. U12 Camogie meet Ballinascarty at home. U10 Camogie take part in the Muskerry Go Game Blitz playing against Ballincollig and Grenagh. U14 Hurlers took on St. Dominic's and it looked like a win for Laochra Óg but St. Dominic's edged out in the closing stages and came away with a win. On the way home the team bumped into a famous Cork Hurler when they stopped for refreshments. U9 Camogie team took part in a blitz with Inniscarra at home. U7 Camogie travelled to Cloughduv to take part in the Muskerry Go Games Blitz with Cloughduv, Aghabullogue and Blarney. U12 Camogie team meet Nemo in the County League and it ended in a draw.

July begins with a jersey presentation by Barry O'Brien Motors, Clondrohid to the Minor Camogie Team. U12 Camogie team meet St. Colms away. U7 and U8 teams were invited to Rathmore to play three teams: St. Pats, Firies and Banteer. U11 Gaeltacht players travelled to Croke Park to take part in a blitz. There were 24 groups from Gaeltacht schools and clubs taking part. Great skills seen on the day and lots of Irish spoken throughout the stadium. U12 Hurlers meet Millstreet in Ballymacorcoran in a tough game but kept going and came away the winners. U14 Camogie team meet Aghada in their first match in the Summer

League and came away the winners. U12 Camogie team take part in the Caman to Munster Camogie Blitz in Fitzgerald Stadium, Killarney. They played against other clubs from Munster. U14 Hurlers play Tracton away. U8 and U10 Camogie teams take a trip to Cashel to play Cashel King Cormacs. Afterwards they visited the Rock of Cashel and resumed their journey to Nolan Park to watch Cork Camogie team v Waterford. As Cork were victorious they gave time to Laochra Óg camogie girls for autographs and photos. They went to McDonalds afterwards before heading home a very happy bunch for girls. U14 Hurlers battled a win away to Ballygarvan Seals in the league final. U16A Championship takes place against Nemo Rangers. Nemo Rangers claimed the victory by one point. U10 Camogie Blitz takes place in Coachford against St. Patrick's Skibbereen and Aghabullogue. U11 Hurlers play Brian Dillons. Junior Camogie team win against St. Colms, Kealkil. Minor Hurling team win against Grenagh. U12 Hurlers win against St. Kevin's. A very successful Summer Camp also takes place.

As Autumn moves on and September begins with the U13 Camogie team winning the Irene O'Keeffe Shield in Inniscarra. U9 and U10 Blitz takes place against Millstreet, Uibh Laoire, Kilmichael and Laochra Óg. U10 Camogie enjoy games against Killavullen and Millstreet. U8 Blitz takes place with Kilmichael and Millstreet. U16 Camogie play their third match in the Championship at home to Fr. O'Neills Official Camogie Club. The home team took home the win at the final whistle. U11 Camogie team play games against Millstreet Camogie and Sliabh Rua Camogie. U14 Camogie travel to Mitelstown to play St. Fanahans in their second championship game. Laochra Óg came away with the win on this occasion. U14 Hurlers were crowned Shield Champions after a fantastic victory over St. Marks. Our Junior Camogie team beat Carrigtwohill in the Semi-final and go on to meet Castlemartyr in the County Final. U6, U7 and U8 teams finish up their season. U14 Camogie team meet St. Marys, Enniskeane at home for a championship game. The visiting team were the winners on this occasion. The U9 team finish their season. U11 Hurlers become Denis Nagle Shield winners. Rathmore GAA defeat Laochra Óg in East Kerry Hurling Shield Final. U14 Hurling team win the Denis Healy Memorial Tournament in Kilgarvan. Junior Camogie team meet Castlemartyr in Castle Road in the Junior C County final. Unfortunately, it was not to be their day. October arrives and so does our Annual Truck Run which was very successful. Thanks to Paul for organising. U12 Camogie beat Bishopstown and next they face Mallow in the final. They won the final against Mallow. U14 Camogie win the championship game against Whites Cross. U12 Hurlers play Croke

Rovers in Doneraile and come out winning. U9 Camogie team finish up their season with their final Muskerry Blitz against Inniscarra Camogie and Cloughduv. U10 Camogie team take part in their Muskerry Gala Blitz with Ballinora, Aghabullogue and Eire Óg. November brings our annual A.G.M. and The Annual Shane Murphy Memorial Poc Fada. The Poc Fada was very successful and brings our season to an end. December is here and the U12 Hurlers end their brilliant season with a day our karting and archery etc. Christmas is on the horizon and another New Year ahead. I would like to thank all our sponsors who are community based, our members, volunteers, players, coaches, supporters, parents and guardians and anyone who has helped out with the activities taking place throughout the year. Happy Christmas and Many Blessings for 2026 to you all from all at Laochra Óg. See you all next year.

COACHFORD AFC – A NEVER TO BE FORGOTTEN SEASON

At this time of year as we look back at the last 12 months one cannot but be amazed at the season that Coachford AFC have had. A season where our premier team won all available trophies within their league along with all the regional trophies in Munster. A feat that will unlikely be ever achieved again not alone by this team but by any Cork team. Winning a total of 5 trophies is truly phenomenal. Whilst I could go on about the players and management team and heap the praises on them it would be remiss of me not to mention where the genesis of this success came from – our schoolboys section. Our schoolboys deserve a lot of praise and indeed

they were successful as well last season winning two league trophies. To all the volunteer coaches and their assistants I would like to thank them most sincerely for all their efforts. It is through these people that the success of the club going forward will be secured. Under the watchful eyes of their officers and committee they continue to grow and breed success. In fact the numbers in our schoolboys increased again last year and we also saw the introduction of girls soccer in the club also and indeed this season we have 2 girls teams now competing along with a full suite of boys in all competitive grades. Along with the success of both the premier team and the schoolboys our second adult mens team also enjoyed success by gaining promotion to League 2 and were very unlucky to lose the Presidents cup final after extra time. This team is the stepping stone from schoolboys to the premier team and no doubt we will have some of these players playing at premier level in the near future. Their success is to be lauded also and with all this in mind I would like to extend an invitation to all club members, officers, committee, coaches, managers, groundsmen, supporters and indeed past and present players to our Club celebration of the fantastic season we have just had. We will be having a celebration dinner dance and awards night in the Castle Hotel in Macroom on Sunday 28th December. Tickets are only €50 each and a great night of celebration is assured. Join us on the night to truly celebrate a fantastic season by all involved. Tickets are available to purchase from any committee member or from O Callaghans Bar. Liam Casey, Club Chairman



Coachford AFC Awards night



St. Marys Senior footballers were out recently against Skibbereen



Uibh Laoire JBHurlers- County BHC (confined)Finalists



The first competitive action took place at Murrayfield Astro on Oct 11th 2025.



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2025: A LANDMARK YEAR FOR IMPACT MACROOM VOLLEYBALL CLUB

The year 2025 has been an exceptionally busy and successful one for everyone involved with Impact Macroom Volleyball Club — players, coaches, referees, volunteers, and parents. It was a year filled with growth, commitment, and remarkable achievements, both locally and nationally.

Since last season, the club has continued to grow, with the addition of a new Under-16 girls' team. This brings the total number of teams to five: Division 1 Women, two Division 2 Men's teams, Under-18 girls, and Under-16 girls. For a small local club, this is a significant achievement and a true reflection of the hard work put in by everyone involved. The club is guided by two dedicated coaches - Magda and Robert, and supported by some of the best referees in the region — Maciej R, Maciej B, Lea D, Natalia R, and Ola B — along with a fantastic group of parents always willing to lend a hand.

One of the club's biggest achievements came last season when the Division 2 Women's team won the league nationwide, earning promotion to Division 1. This year, the team has been competing at higher level, gaining valuable experience, raising individual skill levels, and representing the club with determination and pride.

2025 also brought a wonderful surprise when Impact Macroom VC was recognised and awarded Best Developing Club in Ireland. With so many volleyball clubs across the country and the sport continuing to

grow rapidly, this honour was a truly distinguished achievement and a clear acknowledgment of the hard work and dedication shown by everyone in the club.

Another major source of pride for the club is its role in developing players who go on to represent Ireland on the international stage. While all players train hard, national representatives must commit even more time, dedication, and passion to the sport. The club is extremely proud of Daria and Gabi Smolen, Maciej Byrdziak, Pierce McFarlane, and Nina Waskowska, who have all represented their country with distinction.

In addition, Maciej Byrdziak made history as the first MTU student to be awarded a volleyball scholarship. Club's sisters Daria and Gabi Smolen were also identified during a national squad training camp and received offers to train with a professional club in Poland while continuing their education. The club is immensely proud of their achievements, although they are greatly missed — particularly their powerful attacks and challenging serves — especially as the Ladies continue to compete in Division 1.

Beyond competition, the club continued to strengthen its presence in the local community. In March, Impact organised a mixed volleyball tournament at the local Community Centre — the first time the event was held in Macroom, having previously taken place in MTU. The tournament was a great success and another important step forward for the club. Impact also took part in the Cork Summer Show, helping to introduce

more people to the enjoyment and excitement of volleyball. The Youth also took part in two grass volleyball tournaments organised in Cork.

Impact's coaches and referees continue to work tirelessly, constantly developing their own skills to raise the standard of training and to support each player's individual development. Their dedication truly reflects the love and passion for the sport that defines the club.

Finally, the club would like to extend its sincere thanks to everyone who supports Impact Macroom VC in both big and small ways. A special thank you to Macroom Community Leisure Centre for their ongoing support during long Sundays of home matches, to all our sponsors — both large and small — whose contributions help with equipment, jerseys, and essential pre-season costs, and to our supporters, parents (doing a lot of kilometers on the way to & from matches, preparing delicious food for us and the visiting team), friends, and local community members who cheer us on from the sidelines. We also want to mention Mr. Clancy of St Coleman's Boys Primary School. Thanks to him, since the club was founded (2013), we have always had a place to train at St. Colmans BNS co bardzo doceniamy. Your support makes everything possible. Our future goal is to make volleyball more accessible through a PUBLIC GRASS VOLLEYBALL COURT!!!!



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Just a thought

Ath. Seán Mac Cárthaigh,
Baile Bhuirne / Cúil Aodha

Where does time go?

Why are we complaining that there is not enough time?

Surely we should all have more time on our hands with all the convenience associated with labour-saving devices?

If we were to reflect for a moment on the time saved in the modern era by having made so much technological progress we should all be people of leisure. Devices such as washing machines and dryers have cut down on the hours of manually washing clothes, and think of the hours saved by not having to walk or travel on horseback, the time spent on cooking or baking with the wide availability of ready-made meals or takeaways, the instant shower instead of the long bath, even machinery like power mowers and hedge cutters etc. The list goes on. Surely there's more time to share and enjoy! But no - we are as busy as ever.

Why do we find ourselves saying so often to others - "I don't have the time." So where does 'saved time' go? We keep telling ourselves we are saving time but we don't know what to do with it when free time comes our way.

Our homemade remedy - and our problem - is that we fill in the gaps. We take on more tasks or projects in the time saved, not less. We are restless with free time and have created false busyness. The phone apps also fill in the gaps in our day.

We don't know what to do constructively or creatively when free time comes unexpectedly. Usually we are so exhausted we spend a lot of it sleeping - catching up. And then it's back to the fray. Our phones are better charged than we are.

We have less quality time for others, especially those living alone. I recall with sadness calling regularly to a lady who lived alone in a big town. As I would get up to leave in late morning at the monthly appointed visit, she would say resignedly - "thanks for coming, Father, no one else will call today."

Time of course must be made for rest in our hectic lives or it will be made for us when we collapse with exhaustion or burnout.

But even so it can, admittedly, be hard to keep still. Activity suggests productivity, progress and meaning. We long for - and yet also ironically resent - having more to do.

What if you're forced to stop and rest?

Think of the long hours of mind-numbing boredom today being endured by those in hospitals or nursing homes with no-one to visit. Do we ever think that one day those beds await us? What will it be like when no one calls? Can we empathize and make that overdue visit to a neglected relative? I remember visiting my Dad in a nursing home. It was hard going as he was steadily declining over the passing months, but one could detect the sad, maybe resentful envy of other residents as the attending staff would announce for all to hear over the loud communal television blaring quiz shows, "Mr McCarthy, your son is here to see you." They all lowered their heads in sad disappointment. It was as if my Dad had won the Lotto as far as they were concerned.

I recall during a sabbatical that the day came when I had nothing on my schedule I was actually "bored." I was no longer a parish priest and phone calls had stopped coming. There were no meetings or fixed schedule in my day. Time was my own. It was 2019 and it eerily anticipated the sometimes unearthly silence of our quieter world during COVID in 2020. But even then when we were forced to stop and there was a reprieve from endless Brexit news or of wars or rumours of war, we still found ourselves worried or made feel anxious by COVID numbers. It's like we were so used to worrying about the fate of the world we needed to be distracted by drip-feed bad news. We found it hard to sit still by ourselves for very long. Boredom was often the creeping feared enemy - not the virus.

The bottom line is that we have forgotten what time is for - or more importantly who it is for.

Few people on their death bed regret not having spent more time in the office.

We might already regret not having spent more time with others who are no longer with us. It's time to re-prioritize our nearest and dearest, and to no longer keep them waiting.

But don't forget time for yourself, and give God a call sometime too! That means making some time - to pray.

Happy Christmas

God bless, Fr Seán

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A Word of Victory

"Mary will give birth to a Son, and you shall name Him Jesus (The Lord is Salvation) for He will save His people from their sins. All this happened in order to fulfil what the Lord had spoken through the prophet Isaiah - behold the virgin shall be with child and give birth to a Son, and they shall call His Name Immanuel, which means, God with us" (Matthew 1:21-23 Amplified Bible).

Welcome back dear student, firstly I wish you a Peaceful and Happy Christmas, full of God's Joy and the comfort of His Love. I invite you to join with us at our Christmas services - on Sunday next December 21st at 11am, and also for our special 'Candlelight Carols' next Tuesday night, December 23rd at 7.30pm. We will have worship songs, followed by a message of Hope, prayer, and refreshments on Sunday; with Tuesday evening's service focussing on Christmas Carols by candlelight with hot chocolate and cookies. See our website wordofvictory.ie or social media pages for more of our Christmas schedule. If you've never been to a Bible meeting, we would love to welcome you to fellowship with us dear friend. It's heartening to see many people earnestly seeking a relationship with God through His Word, for He is our only Hope. Everything may fall asunder in the world, but the Word of God will never fail (Psalm 91). He is Faithful. What a privilege to worship Him and celebrate the birth of God's Gift of Love, Jesus. Christmas means nothing without Christ.

For some people, it's a time to endure - there are lots of reasons - sadness or grief, family dysfunction or illnesses, crippling anxiety, or worrying financial problems. It can be grating on a person's nerves being asked at every corner 'are you all ready for Christmas?', if all you want to do is pull the duvet over your head, and wake up when it's over. If you are feeling overwhelmed, you are not alone friend. Yes, Christmas is a time of celebrations and joy remembering the birth of our Saviour, but no one knows pain like the Lord Jesus does. He has been there, done that, and bought the tee shirt! (Isaiah 53:3-10). He understands all the emotions, the tragedies, the trauma, and feels it with you (Hebrews 4:14-16). But Jesus is the Resurrection and the Life. This means that we have Hope from our faith in Him, that He will breathe Life into the darkest places in our hearts. No-one is beyond redemption. No situation is too far gone that the Lord Jesus cannot bring good out of it.

There's a joy so much greater than gifts and non-stop partying. Peace that cannot be found anywhere else - in a meaningful relationship with the Prince of Peace, Jesus. The thing that turns a lot of people off Christmas is the commercialism - pumping the population to spend, spend, spend! Everything the world promotes Christmas as being is to excess. But the true meaning of Christmas is the selfless Love of God's Son the Lord Jesus, laying down His divinity, being born as a helpless child, then growing up and dying for the sins of every human being, taking our place, so that we could receive God's gift of Salvation through believing in Him (John 3:16). Did you ever receive a really generous gift and feel that your gift back was nowhere as good? Yet all Jesus is looking for - is for us to Believe! Brandon Lake's beautiful worship song 'Gratitude' describes it perfectly... "so I throw up my hands and praise You again and again, cause all that I have is a Hallelujah...Hallelujah! And I know it's not much - I've nothing else fit for a King - except for a heart singing, Hallelujah...Hallelujah!" God bless you.

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FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of
SHEILA KING
(NEE MC SWEENEY)
Artane, Dublin
Late of Coolnadane, Macroom
who died on 28th December 2024.

On the first anniversary of Sheila's passing, we her family, husband Kieran, son Conor, daughter Aisling, mother Mary and her siblings Catherine, John, Margaret, Tomas, Marion, Denise and Helen, would like to express our deepest gratitude and appreciation to all those who showed us such kindness and support over the past year.

Sincere thank you to all of those who travelled to Dublin for Sheila's funeral, with a special thank you to Father Gerry Corcoran of Our Lady of Mercy church, Artane, for the beautiful mass and kindness he showed to everyone.

We wish to thank those who sent mass cards, sympathy cards and online condolences. Thank you to those who attended Sheila's months mind mass in St Johns Church, Ballinagree, which was celebrated by the priests of Macroom parish, and to the Ballinagree choir for their wonderful singing and music.

Special thank you to Sheila's neighbours, school friends, friends and colleagues. There were many lovely words from people who shared wonderful memories of Sheila and their appreciation of her kindness and friendship over the years. A word of thanks to the R.N.L.I. for their support and to Jennings funeral directors, Raheny, for their professionalism and guidance at such a difficult time.

May Sheila's gentle soul rest in peace.

*Silent thoughts, a secret tear,
A constant wish that you were here.
No need for words, except to say,
We love you and miss you every day.*



Lovingly remembered and missed by all your family.

Sheila's First anniversary mass will be held on Wednesday 31st December at 11.30am in St. Colman's Church, Macroom.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of
PHYLLIS O'CONNOR
Gortyleahy, Raleigh Macroom Who died on the 22nd December 2024

We remember with love our beautiful mother, Phyllis, on this her First Anniversary.

We, her family, would like to express our sincere gratitude to all who sympathised with us on our great loss. We are so grateful to everyone who sent Mass cards, letters of sympathy, and the lovely tributes online. They are very much appreciated.

A sincere thanks to Fr. Donal Roberts for the beautiful Mass and for supporting us in the hospital. We will be forever grateful to the staff of Macroom Hospital for the kindness and compassion they showed while looking after Mammy during the few short days she was with them. A special thanks to Bernie for all her support and help.

We would also like to thank Fitzgerald Funeral Directors for their help and professionalism, and Macroom Church Choir for the beautiful singing — with a special thanks to Ann for organising the music for us.

Thanks to Dr. Shane Hurley, Dr. Audrey Russell, and the exceptional staff at Muskerry Family Practice. Nothing was ever too much trouble — your care and support will never be forgotten.

Please accept this as a token of our heartfelt appreciation.

*In our hearts your memory lingers,
Sweetly tender, fond and true.
There is not a day, dear Mother/Nana,
That we do not think of you.*



Sadly, missed by your loving family.

Phyllis's Anniversary Mass will take place on Monday, 22nd December at 10am in St. Colman's Church, Macroom.

6TH ANNIVERSARY



Remembering with love our precious daughter and sister

SINÉAD PLUNKETT

Poulanargid, Lissarda

Whose anniversary occurs on the 28th December

*Sad are the hearts that loved you
Silent are the tears that fall
Living life without you Sinéad
is hardest part of all.*



Loved and sadly missed always by
Mam,Dad, Aoife, Niamh , Ciara & Pa.

2ND ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

WILLIAM(BILL) ELLIOT

Coolcower, Macroom

Who died on the 1st January 2024

*Happy memories will keep forever
Of days when we were together
Each of us in our own special way
Have special thoughts of you today.*



Always remembered by Majella, Peter and extended family.

18TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

AUSTIN COONEY

Carrigaphooka, Macroom
Who died on the 29th Dec 2007

*They say that time will heal the pain,
But Austin that's just not true.
No matter how much time goes by,
Our hearts still ache for you.
At first we counted days and weeks,
Today we're counting years.
We cannot count the memories, Nor
can we count the tears.
If wishes could be granted, And all our dreams
came true.
What we would wish for more than anything,
is to have more time with you.*



*We will never forget you, missed always by
your mother, heartbroken brothers & sisters-
Roger, Ann-Marie, Mary Frances, Mossy, Kay &
Edwina, aunts & uncles.*

FIRST ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

RITA SAXE

Churchtown, Dublin 14 & Lissarda,
Co. Cork

who died on 27th December 2024

*We think of you in silence
We often speak your name
But all we have are memories
and your picture in a frame.
Your resting place we visit
And put flowers there with care
But no one knows the heartbreak
As we turn and leave you there.*



Always remembered by Michael,
Sinead, Cathal, Aisling, Aoife,
Cillian & Sadbh O'Regan

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THE MIRACLE PRAYER



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

25TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**CON
COUGHLAN**

Dooniskey, Lissarda

Who died on 28th December 2000

*Deep are the memories.
Precious they stay.
No passing of time
Can take them away.*



Lovingly remembered by Joan, Pat and Eileen and their families.

Also remembering our beloved mother Nora and dear aunt Ellen Coleman (Auntie Nell)

Whose 27th Anniversaries occurred around this time.

In the rising of the sun and its going down we remember them

3RD ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

PETER CRONIN

Kilnadur, Dunmanway,
who died on the 16th December
2022

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



Lovingly remembered always by Maureen, Tadgh, Maura and extended family.

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE



In loving memory of

**DANIEL
O'REGAN**

**MARY
O'REGAN**

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O'REGAN**

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O'REGAN**

whose 24th Anniversary
occurs on St Stephens Day

Codrum, Macroom, Co. Cork

*Just a prayer from the ones who loved you
Just a memory fond and true
In our hearts you will live forever
Because we thought the world of you.*



Lovingly Remembered by Brendan, Máirín, Liadan, Odhran and Fionn
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CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE



In loving memory of

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Christmas in Heaven

*"We see the countless Christmas trees
around the world below,
with tiny lights, like heaven's stars, reflecting on the snow,
the sight is so spectacular, please wipe away that tear,
for we are spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.
We hear the many Christmas songs
that people hold so dear,
but the sounds of music can't compare
with the Christmas choir up here,
We have no words to tell you, the joy their voices bring,
for it is beyond description, to hear the angels sing.
We know how much you miss us,
we see the pain inside your heart,
but we are not so far away, we really aren't apart,*

*so be happy for us dear ones, you know we hold you dear,
and be glad we're spending Christmas,
with Jesus Christ this year.
We send you each a special gift,
from our heavenly home above,
we send you each a memory of, our undying love,
after all love is the gift, more precious than pure gold,
it was always more important in the stories Jesus told.
Please love and keep each other, as our Father said to do,
for we can't count the blessings
or love he has for each of you,
so have a Merry Christmas and wipe away that tear,
Remember, we're spending Christmas,
with Jesus Christ this year."*



Always remembered by Michael, Gobnait and Owen xxx

THE MIRACLE PRAYER



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

10TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

NOREEN WALSH

1 Fairfield Drive, Macroom
Who died on 24th December 2015

*Dear Sister in Heaven
I still hear your laughter
in the hush between the wind's sighs,
a silver thread weaving through
the fabric of my days.
The sky feels wider now—
as if it holds the shape of you,
soft as dawn's first light,
bright as the memory of your smile.
I speak to you in quiet moments,
when the kettle hums,
when the rain taps the glass—
and I imagine your answer
in the warmth that lingers.
Though your hands are beyond my reach,
your love still rests in mine,
a steady pulse that guides me
through the dark and into morning.
Until we meet again,
I'll carry you in every breath,
my sister, my forever friend,
my star in the endless sky.*



Sadly Missed by her sisters and brothers Mary, Paddy, Catherine, John, Eileen, Margaret, Martina, Thomas, Rosemary & Paul.

10TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

NOREEN WALSH

1 Fairfield Drive, Macroom
and Mullinroe
Who died on 24th December 2015

*Ten years have passed
since you were called home,
yet it feels like only yesterday
you were here with us.
Not a day goes by
that we don't miss your smile or voice.
Not a day passing that we don't think
of a fond memory about you.*

*The world and our lives
have changed in a decade,
but our love for you remains steadfast.
You are the silent listener
to our every conversation
and the invisible hand guiding us forward.
Your legacy lives on in the family
you loved so dearly.*



Deeply missed and forever loved by Vicky, Davie, James, Mia.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In memory of
EILISH KELLEHER
Inchigeela
who died on January 11th, 2025

*A loving mother, grandmother and
great-grandmother
so dearly missed by her family every day*

As we lovingly remember our mother Eilish, we, her children, Martin, Mary, Derry, Bernie, Loretto and Kieran sincerely thank all who supported us and sympathised with us on our sad loss.

Thank you to all our family, relatives, friends and neighbours; to all who called to Mam's home, to those who travelled from near and far to attend the funeral services, to those who sent Mass cards, enrolments, letters, flowers, to people who phoned and supported us in various ways, to you who posted tributes and condolences on RIP ...

We are truly grateful.

Thank you to the Staff and Management of Care Choice Nursing Home in Macroom for the care they gave Eilish during her final years, to Dr. John O'Riordan, Dr. Peter Cronin, and Dr. Sean Foley who often called to treat Eilish in Care Choice, to Dr. Maeve Bradley for all her 'home visits' to Eilish as her mobility issues progressed and for her help in relation to the death certificate on the Saturday of Eilish's death.

Our thanks to all the 'home help' carers who helped her daughter Bernie in caring for Eilish while she was still living at home, and to neighbours and friends who called to see her.

Our gratitude to Cyril Casey and Casey's undertakers for their kindness and for their professionalism and to the grave diggers.

Thank you to Fr. Anthony O'Mahony, Fr Robert Brophy, and Bishop John Buckley for concelebrating the funeral Mass, and to the altar servers.

Thanks to Norma Galvin, Martina Ring and the Choir for the music which made the funeral Mass so meaningful, and to Marie Noonan, Sacristan, for all her help.

Thank you to Eilish's grandchildren and great-grandchildren for lovingly participating in the funeral service, doing readings, and bringing up gifts and mementos.

Thank you to Joe and Ann Creedon and the staff of Creedon's hotel for the excellent catering.

Finally, to all of you who helped and supported us in any way, please accept this notice as an expression of our gratitude and appreciation.

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



Eilish's First Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in the Church of St. Finbarr and Holy Angels, Inchigeela, on Sunday, January 11th, at 11.30am.

May Eilish rest in peace in the love of the Lord.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of
DAVE O'RIORDAN
Macroom, (formerly Ballincollig and Kilcorney)
who died on 29th December 2024

As we lovingly remember Dave on his first anniversary, we, his family, would like to express our sincere thanks to all who supported and sympathised with us on our sad loss.

To everyone who travelled from near and far, who attended the funeral, called to the house, phoned, or sent Mass cards, flowers, messages, thoughts and prayers — thank you. Your kindness and support meant more to us than words can express. Our heartfelt thanks to Fr John for the beautiful Funeral Mass, and to all who assisted on the day. Sincere thanks to Tarrants Funeral Directors for their professionalism, care, and dignity throughout the arrangements.

A special and heartfelt thank you to the Marymount Hospice community care team and the Public Health Nurses, whose compassion, guidance and gentle support brought comfort to Dave and to our family during his final weeks. Their kindness will never be forgotten.

We are also deeply grateful to our neighbours, friends and extended family for their help, support, and kindness at such a difficult time.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as a token of our deepest appreciation.

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



Loved and remembered always.

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

2ND ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of
MICHEAL (SPUD) MURPHY
63 Main St, Macroom, Co. Cork
who died on the 26th Dec 2023.

*The golden gates stood open,
God saw you needed rest.
His garden must be beautiful
He only takes the best.*



Michael's anniversary Mass will be held on the 28th December at 11.30am in St Coleman's Church Macroom.

Lovingly remembered by the Murphy and O'Connors families.

2ND ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of
MICHEAL (SPUD) MURPHY
63 Main St, Macroom, Co. Cork
who died on the 26th Dec 2023.

*You are more than just a memory
silently kept,
You are part of our lives
we will never forget.*



Always in our hearts
Mick and Breda Hurley, Jacq, Tadhg,
Jen and Fiadh.

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THE MIRACLE PRAYER



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

8TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**CAROLINE
SWEENEY
O'DONOGHUE**

30/12/2017

*We're missing you a little more,
each time we hear your name,
we've cried so many tears,
yet our hearts broken just the same.*

*We miss our times together,
things in common we could share,
but nothing fills the emptiness
now you're no longer there.*

*We've so many precious memories
to last our whole life through.
Each one of them is a reminder
of how much we're missing you.*



Missing your smiling face and thinking
about you always and in our hearts all
the time.

Sadly missed by Jamie, Zara, Anthony,
Mam, Michelle, David, Liz, Jer, Garry,
Danny, Katie, Uncles, Aunts, Nephews,
Nieces, goddaughters Tara & Katelynn

We wish you ere here
and miss you every day.
Love you - Tara

*Your beautiful white candle will always
be in our memory forever*

8TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**CAROLINE
SWEENEY
O'DONOGHUE**

30/12/2017

*Miss your smile, miss your laugh,
miss your voice
But getting to remember the memories
we had is incredible I won't lie.*



Love Jamie

8TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**CAROLINE
SWEENEY
O'DONOGHUE**

30/12/2017

*I wish you were here,
you are always in my heart
You have made me laugh and smile
when I was sad.
I love you to bits.
I know you will follow me
through every path I take.*



Love Zara

34TH BIRTHDAY
REMEMBRANCEIn loving memory of our dear
son & brother

**MARK
DUGGAN**

Moulnahorna, Macroom.

Whose 34th birthday occurs on
18th of December

*Just a prayer from the family
Who loved you,
Just a memory fond and true.
In our hearts you will live forever,
Because we thought the world of you.
No matter how life changes,
No matter what we do,
A special place within our hearts,
Is always kept for you.
May the wind blow gently, and
whisper for you to hear,
How much we love and miss you
and wish you were still here.*



Lovingly and Fondly remembered by
parents Eddie & Margaret, brothers Denis,
Alan, Eddie, Luke & Owen, sisters Tracey
& Niamh
Happy 34th Birthday Mark xxx

22ND & 14TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**KATHLEEN
HORGAN**



In loving memory of

**JOHNNY
HORGAN**

6 St. Gobnait's Terrace, Ballymakeera, Macroom

*We miss your smile, your joking ways,
We miss the things you used to say
And when old times we do recall,
It's then we miss you most of all.*



**Always remembered & sadly missed,
by your loving family.**

32ND ANNIVERSARY

6TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**MAE
HARTNETT**

Clomacow Crookstown
Who died December 21st 1993.

In loving memory of

**NORMA
MCSWEENEY**

Silver Manor, Ballinlough
who died December 18th, 2019.

*We cannot bring the old days back,
When we were all together.
The family chain is broken now
But memories live forever.
A silent grief that's in our hearts
No human eye can trace
For many a broken heart is hid
Beneath a smiling face.*



To remember our little princess baby Nora Mc Sweeney Buttimer who passed away 12/12/24



Always remembered by your daughter & sister
Anna O'Dowd, Noel and Joseph & Gemma

THE MIRACLE PRAYER



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

27TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**MAURA
TWOMEY**

Leicester

(late of Coolnacahera, Ballymakeera)
whose anniversary occurs on
3rd December 1998

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



Sadly missed by your nephews
Patrick Gerard and Diarmuid

33RD ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**BESSIE
FREER**

Leicester and late of Coolnacahera
who died on the 23rd December
1992

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



Sadly missed by your nephews
Patrick Gerard and Diarmuid

31ST ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of her Husband

**ALLEN JOHN
FREER**

Leicester
who died on the
2nd June 1994

4TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**CHRISSIE
LUCEY**

Gortnacarra, Inchigeela
Who died on the 22nd December
2021

*Never more than a thought away
Loved and remembered every day.*



Loving remembered by her sons, family
and friends

7TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**MARGARET
(PEGGY) ROCHE**

who died on
28th December 2018

*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 Mother
and thanks for all
you've done.
We pray God has given you
the crown that
you have truly won.*



Sadly missed by your sons Patrick Gerard and
Diarmuid, grand daughters Melaine and Shauna,
great grandson Tyler John.

*St. Gobnait, St. Aban, St. Colman, St. Jude,
St. Anthony, St. Pio, St. Peregrine
Pray for them.*

49TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**SEAN
ROCHE**

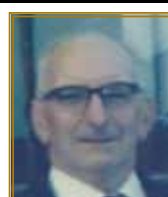
Coolnacahera, Ballymakerra
who died on 14th October 1976

*A loving Father most sincere
Cared for by all he knew,
He loved us all so very dear,
And we all loved him too.
But God in his Mercy will give us hope,
and help us bear the strain
Of the one we loved and lost,
'Till we meet in Heaven again.*

*You can only have one Father
Patient, kind and true.
No other friend in all the world
Will be the same to you.
When other friends forsake you,
To father you will return
For all his loving kindness
He asks nothing in return.*

*As we look upon his picture,
Precious 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 Father up above,
Tell him how much we miss him,
And give him all our love.*

ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**MICHAEL
TWOHIG**

23rd Anniversary
Who passed away on 6th January
2003



In loving memory of

**JOAN
TWOHIG**

9th Anniversary
Who passed away on 7th January
2017

Pullerick, Crookstown
In loving memory of our dear Mom and Dad whose anniversaries
occur around this time.

Our Lady of Knock pray for ye both

*No length of time can take away
Our thoughts of ye from day to day
Time slips by and life goes on
But from our hearts ye are never gone.*



Sadly missed but fondly and lovingly remembered
xx

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13TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**MEGAN
MALONE**

Candroma, Kilnamartyra, Macroom,
Co. Cork.
18/12/12

"Missing you Megan every minute of
everyday always.
Time keeps passing but the pain of losing
you lingers on, our sweet, brave princess!"



Love from
Dad, Mom, Chloe, Dylan, Tristan, Robyn,
Nanny Connell & Granda, Nanna Kay &
Granda Mike.

Ar dheis De go raibh a hAnam!

6TH ANNIVERSARY



Treasured memories of

**CHRISTY
BOYLE**

Coolnasoon, Carrigadrohid Co Cork
Who passed away on December 25th
2019

Christy's beautiful life came to an end,
He died as he lived everyone's friend
Grief is the price we pay for love
RIP



Fondly remembered by his wife Mary
& family.

3RD ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**TIMOTHY
(THADE) LANE**

Adrivale, Millstreet, Co. Cork
Who died on the 1st of January 2023

We think of you in silence
We often speak your name
But all we have are memories
And your picture in a frame.
Thade left us quietly, his thoughts
unknown but left us a memory, we are
proud to own.
So treasure him Lord, In your garden of rest
For when on earth,
Thade was one of the best.



Anniversary mass will take place on 2nd
January 2026 at 7:30pm in St Patrick's
Church, Millstreet.

16TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**JERRY
DENNEHY**

Shandangan, Carrigadrohid, Co. Cork
whose anniversary occurs on the
2nd January

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



Lovingly remembered by his wife
Teresa, son Sean, daughters Bernadette,
Cathleen, Breeda, Carmel, Aileen, Colette,
Noreen, Daughter in Law, Sons in Law and
Grandchildren.

22ND ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**JOHN
KELLEHER**

Clondrohid, Macroom,
Who died on
22nd December 2003.

May the wind blow gently, and
whisper for you to hear,
How much we love and miss you
and wish you were still here.



Always remembered with love by
your late mother Kate, brother Gene,
sisters Breda and Marie,
brothers in law, sister in law,
nieces, nephews, relatives,
neighbours and friends.

11TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of a dear husband,
father and grandfather

DENNY CRONIN

Cahirkeeren, Kilnamartyra whose
11th anniversary occurs on 7th
January.

A daily thought a silent prayer,
a constant wish that you were here,
an empty place no one can fill,
we miss you today and always will.



Always remembered by his wife Kate,
daughter Siobhan, sons Pat, Denis,
Gearoid and families.

9TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

JIM FLEMING

8 Belmont Place, Crookstown,
Co.Cork. Who died on 20th of
December 2016

Nothing on Earth
Can ever replace
The sound of your voice
Or the smile of your face
No verse - no flowers
No tears can say
How much we miss you
Everyday.



From his loving wife Sheila.
Sons, Paul, Brian, James
and daughter Tina and grandchildren.

20TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

MARY CASEY

Hanover Hall, Macroom.

God saw you getting tired
and a cure was not to be
so he put his arms around you
and whispered,
"Come to Me"

With tearful eyes we watched you
and saw you pass away
and although we loved you dearly
we could not make you stay.



Never ever forgotten,
From your sons, daughters, grandchildren
and extended family

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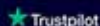
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