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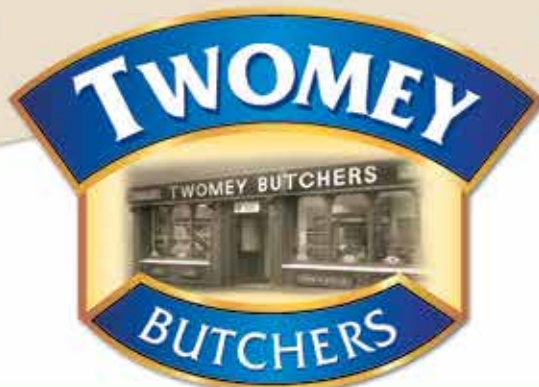
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week's edition. Due to print processes, late submissions will be published in the following edition.

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AWARDS GALORE FOR WEST MUSKERRY A.C.

West Muskerry A.C.athletes and coaches had a fantastic weekend on the 17th - 18th of April last. It was an extremely busy weekend.

On Friday night Saoirse Twomey and Collette O Riordan attended at the Garda Youth Awards at the Kinsale Spa Hotel.

Saoirse was the winner of the Macroom District Award. An Garda Síochána Cork wrote:- Saoirse has volunteered with the Muskerry Special Olympics Club for several years. There she coaches adults with additional needs, and attends competitions with them. She has shown genuine dedication and kindness in her interactions, and encourages the athletes to achieve their best, whatever level that may be. Saoirse has represented her school nationally at the BT Young Scientist Exhibition. She has also competed in the Gael Linn Irish debating competition. For five summers, Saoirse has given her time freely to volunteer coaching the younger children at the West Muskerry Athletics Club. Training 6 days a week with west Muskerry Athletics Club herself, Saoirse has achieved success at County, Munster and National levels. She was selected as a buddy and a mentor for two years in her school. This mentoring system allows the new students to have support of an older student while they settle into their new school environment.

Collette was the winner of the Outstanding Contribution to Youth Award. An Garda Síochána

Cork wrote:- Collette is undisputedly an outstanding contributor to youth development and awe-inspiring volunteer. Her love of athletics started at the age of 9 years when she joined the local Athletics club. Her unparalleled dedication as Secretary of West Muskerry Athletic club for 26 years, coach to all age groups, Collette attends all training sessions, 6 nights a week and her free night is taken up with admin and meetings! Collette is indeed the face of West Muskerry Athletics Club, ensuring that it is an all-inclusive club, every one, every ability and every age are welcome and included here. She has unquestionably passed on her love for athletics to the 400 members of the club under her care, ranging in age from 5 years to 84 years. Collette is often the first to arrive and last to leave, she encourages athletes of all abilities and her pride of the athletes and the club's accolades to date is extremely palpable upon speaking with her. When a young athlete lost her hair due to leukaemia, Collette shaved her own hair in solidarity and over €12,000 was raised for her medical expenses. In July of each year she takes annual leave from her own job to run a summer camp for young people. She also spearheads the Muskerry School Cross Country competition and ensures that it is an all-inclusive event. A highly acclaimed coach and volunteer with Muskerry Special Olympics club, she is recognized for her dedication to athletes with intellectual disabilities and is in charge of the Munster Special Olympics

Team for Ireland Games in June. A testimony to her unassuming humility, dedication, passion and commitment, she stated "I love athletics, it is my life, it's not just about the winners, we want all to compete, there's no pressure, we have a great team, coaches and volunteers, we are a very active club but without the team it would be very hard to do."

The next day the Club travelled to Mullingar Park Hotel to collect the Best All Ireland B Cup which they won for the 4th year in a row making history as it has never been done before by any other club in Ireland. The club were represented by the our young athletes Sean O Donoghue, Patrick Murphy, Luke Howard, Oisín Cauty, Gearóid Hickey and Ciarán O Mahony and their parents. The Cup was presented by David Gillick who gave a very motivating talk to all present on how you must enjoy your sport. There will be good days but there will be a lot of bad days that you must learn from and to be patient in training but not to forget your friends and your social outings as it is important to have a balance. The boys and their parents had a fantastic day meeting all the Older talented Teenagers receiving All Star Awards for their achievements in athletics and they were inspired to keep going in their sport.



The winner of the Macroom District Award of the Garda West Cork Youth Awards is Saoirse Twomey



The Garda West Cork Youth Awards goes to Collette O'Riordan

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AMV: €215,000



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To let C.162 acre farm holding available in two lots of C.102 acres and C.61 acres. The land is mixed between lands suitable for grazing and tillage 7 year lease until 30th November 2032. Located on the eastern side of Macroom, C.2km from Macroom town and C.30 minutes drive from Cork city.

Lot 1: C.102 acres

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Killian Lynch Auctioneers are pleased to offer this opportunity to acquire a prime development site with EPP for 3 houses, planning reference: 24/06195. The site which is easily developed is situated adjacent to all local services and is only a C.2 minute drive to Macroom bypass, making these 3 houses very attractive once completed. Macroom town is a rural town of C.4,500 people situated C.30 minutes from both and Killarney. BER: Exempt

AMV: €130,000



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NO. 5 O'CONNOR PARK, MASSYTOWN, MACROOM, CO. CORK, P12 D799

Killian Lynch Auctioneers are pleased to offer this 3 bedroom end of terrace house. The property which comprises of c.830 sq ft living accommodation is in good condition throughout & would make for an ideal family home. The house is located in a seduced development of c.20 houses, only 5 minutes walking distance to Macroom town centre and a c.30 minute drive to both Killarney & Cork city. BER: B3

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Killian Lynch Auctioneers are pleased to offer this 2 bedroom derelict cottage on C.1.1 acres. The property which comprises of C.506 sq ft living accommodation has been vacant for 30 years but appears to be in good structural condition. It also has the added benefit of qualifying for the vacant home grant of €70,000. Located C.5km from Clondrohid village, C.15 minutes drive from Macroom town and a C.45 minutes drive to Cork city. BER: G

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AMV: €285,000

MACROOM GIRL GUIDES



Ardilaun Guides attending the SW Regional Outdoor Cookery Day



Brownies visiting the Fairy Garden during their meeting on April 16th

Ardilaun Ladybirds & Brownies

On Monday 27th of April, Ladybirds & Brownies took part in a sponsored walk to help raise funds for the 11 girls between Guides and Senior Branch who have been selected for National Contingents. The girls will be heading to countries such as Switzerland and India to develop their leadership and independence skills. Ardilaun Brownies also visited the Fairy Garden during their meeting on Thursday 16th of April.

Ardilaun Guides attend SW Regional Outdoor Cookery Day

Last Sunday two patrols from Ardilaun Guides took part in the annual Outdoor Cooking Day for

Guides. There were Patrols from many parts of the South West Region taking part.

The first part of the day consisted of us cooking a meal that we had already planned and practiced. This was a vegetarian stir fry made with Quorn mince, peppers and carrots and served with pasta shells. It turned out really nice and we had a lot of fun discussing our choice with the judges while they tried it. We had to answer questions about the nutritional value and the cost of our meal. They gave a lot of compliments on our choice and presentation of the meal, and we had a really nice chat with them.

After lunch, we had to pick random ingredients out of a hat and plan a meal using these. This was quite tricky because we had to decide what we would cook using the ingredients - eggs, peas, carrots, rice. It turned out a lot better than we expected.

We had an amazing day and learned a lot of skills of how to be better cooks out of doors. At the end we all received a badge and were happy with our day.

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



MacEgan SB members helping at the Brownie meeting on April 16th



Heartwarming picture of Monsignor James O' Donnell learning from 12 year old Guide, Saoirse at the recent HiDigital session

KILMICHAEL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The annual cemetery Mass organised by Kilmichael Historical Society will be held this year at St. Michael's Cemetery, Moneycusker. This historic cemetery is the site of the founding of Kilmichael Parish in 1493. Thousands of Kilmichael people have been buried there since then - including countless famine victims buried in unmarked graves. The ceremony takes place at 7.30 pm on Monday 25th May and all are welcome.

WIKTORIA RICHTER CROWNED IRISH CHAMPION AND QUALIFIES FOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Wiktorija Richter, second year student of St. Mary's Secondary School has competed at ISKA Irish Open on 11th of April in Waterford.

Wiktorija is training with Siam Warriors (Cork city) with the last year and a half and got the opportunity to represent her club at the biggest competition in Ireland.

She fought 3 tough battles in K-1 and Muay Thai and came out with a result of Gold medal and Irish Champion in K-1, and silver medal in Muay Thai. This result qualifies her to be part of the Irish nation team to represent our country in World Championship which will take place in Madrid on 4-7 November 2026.



Aideen Mullins (team mate) Center: Wiktorija Richter, Right: Martin Horgan (Coach)

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MCEGAN COLLEGE



TY Students enjoying the good weather during their overnight trip to Ballyhas Mallow.



The Legendary racewalker Rob Heffernan, Irish Bronze medalist at 2012 Olympics & Gold medalist in 2013 World Championships ,gave an up lifting workshop to McEgan TY Students recently.

Bake off: 1st year parents were invited to join their child for McEgan College Family bake off on Wednesday 15th. The day was about celebrating food, family & school life. There were a great variety of dishes made and great fun to be had during this fantastic initiative. Thanks to the parents who were willing to attend and to MS. Ní Laoire ,HSCI, also Ms Galvin, Home. Economics dept who facilitated. It was a lovely opportunity to strengthen the link between home & school allowing students to show their developing skills in a fun and supportive environment.

History: 2nd Year students Erica Crowley, Eileen McSweeney, Áine O'Halloran, Lily Barrett and Mia

O'Sullivan, who showcased their Local History projects in the Castle Hotel for the Macroom Historical Society. Lily Barrett spoke enthusiastically to the guests on her project: Archaeological Sites in my Local Area. The projects presented by the students included: The Kilmichael Ambush, The Burning of Cork City, The Famine in the West Cork Area and Archaeological Sites in my Local Area. Thanks to Douglas and the Macroom Historical Society for asking us to take part in this wonderful event and for awarding the students with treasured certificates to mark the occasion.

TY News: TY students went on the annual overnight trip to Ballyhas adventure Centre Mallow where they

enjoyed various teams building and water sports activities as well as sleeping overnight and making even better memories which will mark a very successful year for each student.

UCC+ awards night: 2nd Year students recently attended UCC where they were awarded certificates to mark their achievements in various subject areas. Students involved were, Lily Barrett, Skylar Forde, Ciaran Van Linde, Torunn McGrellis, Áine O'Halloran, Emma Zasada, Erica Crowley & Emil Piro, Very well done to them all.



2nd Year students Lily Barrett, Erica Crowley, Eileen McSweeney, Áine O'Halloran & Mia O'Sullivan with the cert's they received from Macroom Historical Society following their presentations of their history projects.



Junior Cycle Students proudly wearing their new McEgan College GAA half zips which they got recently.



TY McEgan College Students are ready to go canoeing in Ballyhas Mallow. Kind Regards,



Sarah O'Shea her mam Linda & classmate Grace Barry making Apple Crumble at the family bake off recently in McEgan.



Molly McCarthy , her mam Rachel Daunt & classmate Fardusa Abdulqadir with the winning cake which they made together at the recent Family Bake off in McEgan.



Cathal O'Sullivan & his mam Annette at the recent Family bake-off in McEgan.



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TY Geography Trip 2026

All Ireland Scholarship Achievement

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TY School Tour – Spain 2026

Transition Year students enjoyed a fantastic four-day trip to Barcelona and Salou. The tour included visits to key attractions such as the Sagrada Família, Montserrat, CosmoCaixa Science Museum, and PortAventura World. Students also enjoyed a boat tour, bowling, time at the beach, and a stadium tour of RCD Espanyol. It was an enjoyable and memorable trip, with great engagement from students throughout. Sincere thanks were extended to the teachers and parents for their support in making the trip possible.

Sponsor Support for DLS GAA

De La Salle College would like to express sincere thanks again to Derry Casey for his continued and generous support of DLS GAA over many years. His recent contribution of sports video recording equipment will play a key role in supporting player development, allowing teams to analyse performances and improve ahead of next year’s championship. We are deeply grateful for his support.

Mindfulness Workshops

Second and Third Year students participated in mindfulness workshops delivered by Matt Burke. Through interactive activities, students learned practical strategies to manage everyday challenges. The workshops proved engaging and beneficial for all involved!

Student Success – Gavan Browne

Congratulations were extended to Gavan Browne, who received an award at the Garda West Cork Youth Awards. Gavan has demonstrated a strong commitment to helping others through scouting, community initiatives, and volunteering. His efforts included supporting local charities and fundraising, as well as donating toys to children in Cork University Hospital. He was recognised as a credit to his family, school, and community. His generosity, compassion, and selflessness make a real difference, and we are so proud of you!

Student Success: Kian Dineen

Fourth Year student and LEGO enthusiast Kian Dineen inspired the next generation of builders by running LEGO workshops in Ballyvourney over the Easter holidays. Kian demonstrated impressive creativity, passion, and initiative, turning his interest into something that benefited younger students in the community. He also featured on the The Ray Foley Show, marking a fantastic personal achievement. In addition, Kian’s work was recognised in the Irish Independent. The school community are very proud of Kian and all you do to promote imagination and creativity among younger students!

Esports Action at De La Salle

Well done to Fourth Year students David Kelleher, Connor Hourihan, Bradan Morey, and Cathal Lyons, who are representing the school in an esports competition. The event, run in conjunction with the National Esports Centre, provides an excellent opportunity for the students to showcase their skills on a larger stage. The school wishes them the very best as they compete!

TY Geography Field Trip

Transition Year Geography students took part in a field trip to Inchydoney Beach. Students carried out coastal fieldwork, applying classroom learning to real-

life geographical features. Our sincere thanks to the Geography department for facilitating the trip.

Macroom History Night

We were so proud to have a number of our students involved in Macroom History Night, showcasing their hard work and personal connections to history

- Mark O’Donoghue & Padraig Lehane – Beamish Tower
- Francis Lynch & Aaron O’Sullivan – History of Croke Park

- Bobby O’Brien – Development of electricity in Macroom

- Ethan O’Leary – WWII family history

- Jack Sabas – History of the Philippines

- Kacper Czerniawski – History of Poland

Thanks were extended to Mr Murphy for his support. The students were commended for their effort and engagement.

Future Energy Ireland – TY Talks

Our TY students also had a very informative talk from John Lyons and Brendan Twomey from Future Energy Ireland. They spoke about developing responsible renewable energy projects, including wind and battery energy, and how these projects can positively impact society and local communities. A really insightful session for the boys!

Sport Highlights:

U14 Football Championship Success De La Salle recorded an impressive victory in the U14 Football Championship semi-final.

Final Score: De La Salle: 2-13

Clonakilty: 2-5

It was a determined and spirited performance from the Macroom side, with every player contributing fully from start to finish. The team are not into the final! Well done to all players and coaches!



Brendan Twomey & John Lyons of Future Energy giving a talk to DLS TY’s.



Derry Casey presenting new camera equipment to DLS trainer Shane Ryan and team captain Ruidhan McKenna.

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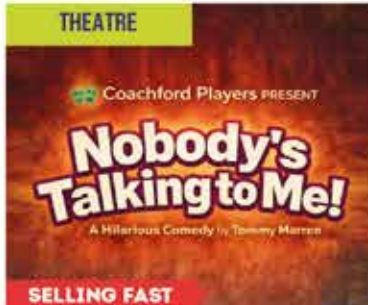
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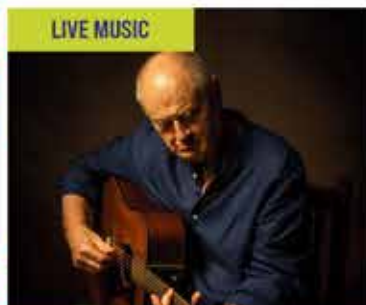
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Our group of musicians and singers who have qualified for the Walton's Music for Schools Competition

Practical Exams

We would like to warmly congratulate all of our Junior Cycle and Leaving Certificate students on completing their recent practical examinations in Home Economics, Music, and Art, as well as their oral exams in French, Irish, German, and Polish. We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to their teachers for their continued support, guidance, and encouragement in preparing students for these important exams.

Waltons Music for Schools Competition

A huge congratulations to our talented group of musicians and singers who have been selected as one of just six post-primary schools nationwide to perform in the final of the Waltons Music for Schools Competition. The prestigious event will take place in the National Concert Hall, Dublin, on May 18th. The group developed an original five-minute performance based on the theme "Rhythm Rules". We are incredibly proud of the students and look forward to seeing them take to the stage. Well done to all the girls, and to their teachers Ms Donovan and Ms Queally for their dedication and support!

ECO-UNESCO Young Environmentalist Awards Finalists

Huge congratulations to Transition Year students Liadan, Grace, and Chloe on reaching the finals of the Young Environmentalist Awards. The finals will take place in the RDS this May 12th. The girls will present their innovative project, "Using Multispecies Swards to Increase Soil Biodiversity on Irish Farms," to both judges and members of the public. We wish them and Ms Foley the very best of luck in the finals!

Mini Company Success

Two teams of Transition Year students recently travelled to MTU to take part in the Student Enterprise Competition, representing the school with great pride and professionalism. The first team, Grace Mehigan, Sarah Neville, and Aoife McBride, showcased their product Charm Chest, while the second team, Nikola Jurgutyte, Marvellous Matsanura, and Hizza Achu Sheby, presented their business Glow Girls. Both teams engaged confidently with the judges, demonstrating excellent communication skills and a

strong understanding of their products. The standard of competition was extremely high on the day. Continuing the school's tradition of success in this event, Nikola, Marvellous, and Hizza were awarded Best Brand for their enterprise. Both teams represented the school exceptionally well and have shown themselves to be promising future entrepreneurs. Sincere thanks to Mr Ronan and Ms Sheehy for their ongoing support, guidance, and encouragement throughout the process.

OIDE Poetry Competition

Congratulations to Fifth Year student Pia El Asmar, who recently travelled to Co. Laois to receive a Highly Commended award for her creative and beautifully written poem, "The Lion," in this year's Senior National Write A Poem Competition. With almost 500 entries submitted, this is a fantastic achievement and a testament to Pia's talent and dedication to her writing. Pia is pictured at the event with renowned children's author Patricia Forde, who attended as the special guest, and her English teacher Ms de la Cour. We are extremely proud of Pia and all that she has accomplished. Well done!

History Trip

All of our second year students recently took part in a field trip exploring sites of historical significance around Macroom as part of their preparation for the History CBA1, "The Past in My Place." The trip provided students with a valuable opportunity to engage with local history in a meaningful and interactive way, bringing their classroom learning to life. A thank you to Ms Gray and Ms Roche for organising such an enriching and enjoyable experience for the students.

TY Activities:

Work Experience Reports

The following are reports written by some of our TY Promo Team on their Work Experience 1 they did before the Easter break.

Leinster House Work Experience: "As part of my TY program, I completed my first week of work experience in Leinster House in Dublin. I stayed with a family member for the week, commuting into Leinster House each day by bus. During my time there, I had the

opportunity to sit in on a Dáil session in the viewing gallery where I saw Micheál Martin and Mary Lou McDonald debating rising fuel prices, which gave me a real insight into how government discussions take place. We also learned about a wide range of careers in the public sector and were given time to research a career within the public sector. In addition, we took part in our own discussions and debates, including an in-depth debate on the phone ban for under 16's. This experience was educational and engaging. It gave me a clearer understanding of the Irish political system and the opportunities within the public sector." Report by Laura Moore, TY Promo Team

Eli Lilly Kinsale Work Experience: "As part of my work experience, I attended the Eli Lilly TY programme in Kinsale for a week. There, we were shown a tour of the campus, which includes office buildings, labs and factories. The site is huge, and we were fascinated by how many different operations are happening at the same time. We got to learn about the processes involved in manufacturing active pharmaceutical ingredients for their medicines. We also got talks from scientists and engineers about what their day to day work looks like, as well as how they ended up in those careers. This was valuable information for us, as we could see the many paths you can end up going down after Leaving Cert. I really enjoyed the week, and came out of it encouraged to possibly work in the pharmaceutical industry." Report by Doireann Lucey, TY Promo Team



5th year, Pia, who won a Highly Commended at the OIDE Poetry event recently



2A2 with Ms Roche on their History field trip around Macroom



Young Environmentalist Award Finalists - Chloe, Grace and Liadan

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Ar an 17ú Aibreán ghlac Máistir Ó Creimín Gradam Óige an Gharda Síochána ar son Chathal Ó Loingsigh – bhí Cathal ar turas Idirbhliana chuig Páras ag an am. Reáchtáladh tionól chun aitheantas a thabhairt do Chathal agus a éacht a cheiliúradh. Úsáideann Cathal cathaoir rothaí – gan dabht bíonn dúshláin laethúla aige. Tá sé ina bhall den club Rebel Wheelers atá lonnaithe i gCorcaigh. Is buaiteoir de 2 Chorn Náisiúnta é mar bhall den Fhoireann Shinsearach atá acu. Anuraidh rinne Cathal ionadaíocht dá theaghlach agus dá phobal trí thaisteal go dtí an tSairdín mar chuid d’Fhoireann Rebel Wheelers chun dul san iomaíocht i gCluichí Cáilithe Chorn an Euro. B’éacht iontach é seo do dhuine chomh hóg, a bheith mar chuid d’Fhoireann Shinsearach a bheidh san iomaíocht ar stáitse na hEorpa. Comhghairdeas ó chroí leat a Chathail!

PEIL NA GCAILÍNÍ

Faraor an tseachtain seo caite chaill an fhoireann shóisir an cluiche leathcheannais in aghaidh Phobalscoil Cionn tSáile.

ARD-FHEIS NA NÓG

An tseachtain seo caite d’fhreastail Caireann Ní Loingsigh, Sadbh Ní Bhuachalla, Medb Ní Chionnfhaoilaidh, Lena Karas, Naomi Ní Scannail, Emma Duerr, Avril Ní Thuama agus Iníon Ní Chonchubhair ar Ard-Fheis na nÓg ar feadh 3 lá. Bhí sé ar siúl i nGaeltacht na nDéise. Is í Ard-Fheis na nÓg an t-aon imeacht don aos óg a bhailiann déagóirí Gaeltachta agus daltaí Gaelcholáistí sa tsraith shinsearach ó fud fad na tíre le chéile i gceantar Gaeltachta éagsúil gach bliain. Bíonn sé eagraithe ag Conradh na nGaeilge. Bíonn meascán de chur i

láthair, ceardlanna, cainteanna, imeachtaí eolais agus imeachtaí sóisialta ar siúl ag an Ard-Fheis. Tugann Ard-Fheis na nÓg deis do na rannpháirtithe ceisteanna, téamaí, deiseanna agus dúshláin ábhartha dóibh féin a phlé. Is í an príomhaidhm ag Conradh na Gaeilge ná an Ghaeilge a spreagadh mar ghnáth-theanga labhartha na hÉireann. Bhunaigh Dubhghlas de hÍde, Eoin Mac Néill, agus comhghleacaithe leo Conradh na Gaeilge ar 31 Iúil 1893. Bhain na daltaí idir thaitneamh agus tairbhe as. Míle buíochas le hIníon Ní Chonchubhair as taisteal leo.

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Faoi láthair tá roinnt daltaí ón tríú agus ón séú bliain ag obair go dian chun ullmhú do na scrúduithe. An tseachtain seo caite bhí an scrúdú cócaireachta

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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

- Gradam Óige an Gharda Síochána – Garda Síochána Youth Award
- ionadaíocht – representation
- Ard-Fheis – national convention
- bhunaigh sé – He founded

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THE MACROOM ACTIVE RETIREMENT



Members of Macroom Active Retirement who are taking part in the Line Dance class in Fr Ryan Hall under the tuition of Ann O’Connell and Felicity Kelleher.

The members are having a great time with 2 new activities after beginning recently. Some of the members are doing Aqua Aerobics at the Castle Hotel Leisure Centre every Tuesday evening. More are doing Line Dancing classes, under the expert tuition of Ann O’Connell and Felicity Kelleher, dance teachers. All are really enjoying these two new activities.

Our next presentation is with Regina Moore of Alone. The vision of Alone is that older people can age happily and securely at home and are strongly

connected to their local communities. They offer support and advice on how positive ageing at home can be realised.

Many trips and outings during the summer are being planned. Our first outing is to a Michael English concert in Nenagh on the May Bank holiday weekend. We have a trip to Bloom organised for the June Bank holiday weekend. Plans for other trips are at an advanced stage, and these include a trip to Clonakilty to visit the Clonakilty Black Pudding factory. Here we will have breakfast to include all the



Joe Creedon, Inchigeela and Catherine L. Murphy at a recent event for the Macroom Active Retirement that took place in Fr Ryan Hall.

products produced in their factory. We also plan to take advantage of Heritage Week in August, where there is free entry or a nominal charge into OPW sites. It looks like Charlsfort in Kinsale is coming out as the top choice for that week this year. Members have requested a trip to the Dáil and to Árus an Úachtaráin. We hope to get around to these in time. We are still taking membership so new members welcome. Ellen Lynch



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

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



by Dr. Ben Martin
Optimal Chiropractic,
Ballincollig

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

Don't Chase the Pain

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

For example:

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

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

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

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

Track When It Happens

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

Check for Numbness or Tingling

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

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

Movement or Rest?

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

Conclusion

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



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RUN IN THE STATES FOR ALZHEIMER'S



Image left: Daniel at the finish line in Austin Texas having run his first ever marathon.
 image above: Daniel Downey with his mother Ann presenting the proceed €20,000 to the representatives of the Alzheimer's Society of Ireland.

On the 15th Feb last Daniel Downey from Doonisky, Macroom, now living and working in the USA, ran his first ever marathon in Austin Texas to raise vital funds and awareness for the Alzheimer's Society of Ireland, a charity that has become central to his family, and have been nothing short of incredible. Having met many others with shared experiences,

Daniel decided that he wanted to play his part to help the society. With the support of both his Irish and International community Daniel took on this challenge and raised an amazing €20,000. He now wants to take this opportunity to sincerely thank everyone that contributed to his fundraiser, with the amount raised far exceeding his expectations.

A BUSY MONTH IN MACROOM YOUTHREACH

It has been an exciting and productive month for learners at Youthreach Macroom, with students actively engaging in both academic and community-based events that highlighted their talents, confidence, and personal development. One of the standout moments of the month was the participation of students in the Macroom History Group's Schools Presentation Evening, held in the Castle Hotel. Learners Dean, Hannah, Sasha, and Angel proudly presented their history projects, showcasing not only their research skills but also their confidence in public speaking. Their work was completed under the guidance and support of their teacher, Nesta, whose encouragement played a key role in their success. The evening was a fantastic opportunity for students to share their learning with the wider community and celebrate their

achievements. A sincere thank you is extended to Dr Con Kelleher and Douglas Kidd for their ongoing support and commitment to promoting local history among young people. Continuing the momentum, students also attended the Macroom Safety and Wellbeing Event on Friday last. This informative and engaging event provided learners with valuable advice and practical tips relating to both emotional and physical wellbeing. Topics covered included personal safety, online awareness, road and water safety, and the consequences of negative behaviour—issues highly relevant to young people today. The event featured a range of guest speakers from organisations such as Jigsaw, HSE Paramedics, Cork Sports Partnership, Cork County Council, Healthy Ireland, Macroom Youth Diversion Project, Macroom

Community First Responders, and An Garda Síochána. Each speaker delivered informative and relatable talks that resonated strongly with those in attendance. A special word of thanks goes to local Community Garda, Orla Doyle, for organising such a well-run and impactful event. Her efforts ensured that students gained essential knowledge and awareness to support their safety, health, and wellbeing—both now and into the future. Overall, it has been a busy and rewarding time in Youthreach Macroom, with students embracing opportunities to learn, grow, and connect with their community.



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Go Raith Naith Agaibh

Michael O'Donoghue would like to thank everyone who attended and helped at the coffee morning in aid of the Hope Foundation on Easter Sunday morning at Independence Museum Kilmurry. A special thanks also for the wonderful baking and raffle prizes. The event raised 3,200 for this very worthy cause. Thanks to all who supported our recent Bingo Night in

aid of Macroom Assisted Pilgrims to Lourdes Fund. A big Thank You to our Sponsors, to those who presented Prizes for the Raffle, to all who helped out in any way, and especially to those who attended on the night. Your combined efforts ensured that the occasion was very enjoyable and a great success. The sum of €2585 was made on the night.



Margaret Murphy, Mary McCarthy, Mary O'Donoghue, Eileen O'Mullane, Joe McCarthy, Orlaith O'Donoghue
Seated: Tom Mullins, Mary Mullins and Michael O'Donoghue



Castletown Fundraising Group Presentation Night - Maura O'Riordan, Joe McCarthy, Valerie Jennings, Donal Cashman (Enable Ireland) and Síle O'Driscoll at the recent presentation night in Castletown Hall



WEST CORK GARDA YOUTH AWARDS 2026

Overall Award Winner, Seán Cremin, Aghabullogue, Co. Cork

The awards ceremony is a very prestigious event in the Garda calendar, and is celebrating 30 yrs this year and attended by Assistant Commissioner Eileen Foster. Nominator was John Lyons, long standing community activist in Macroom. A very comprehensive outline of Seán's voluntary involvements was read by Garda Charlie McCarthy.

- Seán Cremin has recently become a Climate Ambassador, after applying under the An Taisce programme. This entailed attending a full days training, and leading the way in terms of setting up a communications group for those who participated.
- As Climate Ambassador, Seán has used social media to highlight issues and promote activities. He has engaged with groups such as Macroom Tidy Towns, and also promoted Seachtain na Gaeilge on his platforms.
- Seán has committed to participating in a network

gathering through the Climate Ambassador Programme, and is due to undergo biodiversity training in the near future.

- Whilst in Transition Year, Seán took on a multitude of activities, including achieving his Gaisce award. As part of this, Seán had to complete 20,000 steps in a couple of days – which he did while on crutches!!
- When Seán was Bank Manager of his school bank, he excelled, resulting in it being declared as the best in County Cork.
- Being an active volunteer with Macroom Tidy Towns is a passion for Seán. This isn't an easy commitment, as Seán resides well outside the town in Aghabullogue. However, Seán is determined, and arranges lifts from others, and is there every Saturday morning for 9am.
- He shows maturity beyond his years in all his actions and he always creates a positive influence in all that he does.
- Seán participated in 'The Great Coachford Dance Off' in Coachford College, that raised in excess of €22,000 for Marymount Hospice.
- Seán is one of the youngest volunteers with Macroom Tidy Towns, but he is always willing to put his shoulder to the wheel, and he was one of 3 people to accept Macroom's Gold Medal Award in the South and Mid-West Region.
- He has also participated with Santa's Grotto in the fairy garden at Christmas.
- On a domestic front, Seán has been a great support to his grandparents. He regularly stays overnight with

them, and assists with the medical care of his grandad, who is on oxygen on a full time basis.

- Seán has assisted with the running of the Saint Patrick's Day Parade in Macroom, and is first to raise his hand to contribute.
- Ladies and gentlemen, the judging panel is most impressed by Seán Cremin's boundless energy, and commitment to a variety of community groups and worthwhile causes. Seán has an extraordinarily busy schedule, yet he commits fully to all of his activities. It is delighted to declare Seán an Overall Award winner for 2026. Please give him a very warm welcome.

In other news, the April Spring Clean is drawing to a close but avoidance of litter should be a top priority at all times. We are straight into this years Anti Litter Competition has commenced. A stretch of the Town Centre will be checked and each small piece of litter counted and the town loses marks accordingly.

It is vital that all town businesses take responsibility for cleanliness outside their own premises. We have been let down previously with large numbers of cigarette butts outside pubs, so we hope to see some civic spirit in such cases and support for Tidy Towns. One estate has been nominated this week for inspection, Carrigan so we hope that this will be litter free. There will be three judgings, the 2nd one during the week commencing May 11th. The nominated estate on this week is Gleann an Fhia.

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We held our AGM in February, and our committee were happy to remain in place. We discussed lots of exciting plans for the year ahead, including restoring a damaged wall, continuing our biannual community clean-ups, and restarting our weekly village clean-ups. We have many plans to reinvigorate our beautiful village, and we will continue to meet every Tuesday evening from 7pm to 8pm. We would love to welcome more volunteers to join us.

If you have a free hour to help out, we would absolutely love to see you. We will be brushing, cleaning, planting, weeding, litter picking, chatting, and laughing!

Come along, lend a hand, and help us keep Carrigadrohid and Killinardrish looking their very best.

CANOVEE NATIONAL SCHOOL

A Season of Success and Song at Canovee National School

It has been an action-packed return to the classroom at Canovee National School! After a well-deserved Easter break, our students and staff hit the ground running, filling the halls with music, sporting pride, and plenty of hard work.

Taking Center Stage: The School Musical

The highlight of our return was undoubtedly the school musical. Ms. O'Riordan, Ms. Lynch, and Martina worked tirelessly alongside the children to prepare for a spectacular show that ran over two evenings, Tuesday the 28th and Wednesday the 29th.

The atmosphere at 7:30 PM each night was electric. The children delivered pitch-perfect performances to the absolute delight of parents, grandparents, and the wider community. It was a wonderful showcase of the talent and dedication we have here in Canovee—everyone left with a smile on their face! Particular word of thanks to former Principal Mrs Rita O'Brien for all her help and support with costuming.

Heart and Hurling: Sciath na Scol

On the pitch, our Sciath na Scol hurlers faced a tough challenge in their semi-final against Carrigtwohill. While the result didn't go our way this time, the scoreline doesn't tell the whole story.

The boys and girls put in a fabulous performance, showing immense skill and sportsmanship. Their



Canovee Sciath na Scol hurlers

families and coaches are extremely proud of the heart they showed representing the school.

Student & Past Pupil Achievements

We love celebrating the success of our students, both past and present, in their extracurricular pursuits:

- **Racing Success:** A huge Comhghairdeas to 3rd-class student Ben on securing his very first win at Kiltorcan Raceway! A future star in the making.
- **Art Competition Winners:** Comhghairdeas to Matthew (2nd class) and Annie (senior infants) winners in the recent Macroom Library Easter Competition.
- **Community Spirit:** We were delighted to see past pupils Saoirse and Gavan recognized for their positive impact, receiving Garda West Cork Youth Awards earlier this month.
- **County Pride:** Congratulations to Isabelle and Orla for their fantastic participation in the Cork U16 Munster Final win. It is inspiring to see our former students excelling at such a high level.

Busy Classrooms

Back in the classrooms, the learning never stops:

- Seomra Elaine have been getting stuck into their latest theme, learning all about The Farm and the world around them.
- Ms. O'Driscoll's class are currently in a very special period of preparation as they get ready for their First Holy Communion next month. We wish them the very best as they approach this important milestone. It is great to be back, and with so much happening, we look forward to a fantastic final term!



Seomra Elaine learning all about life on the Farm



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fundraising dance at the CYMS Hall in Newmarket

For Musician Dermot Lyons



Musicians from Cork, Kerry, Limerick and Tipperary will join forces for a terrific fundraising dance at the CYMS Hall in Newmarket, Co. Cork on Friday, May 1st.

Monies raised on the night will go to Charleville musician Dermot Lyons who is currently dealing with serious health issues.

Dermot, originally from Caherconlish in Limerick, is married to Martina and the couple have four young children. Prior to becoming ill, 41 years old Dermot was employed at MD O' Sheas and was also well known on the music circuit throughout Ireland. "Last November, I went into heart failure and am living with just 10% of heart function, my recovery is very slow and I've had some bumps on the road so far. I'm so grateful to the staff at the wonderful Cardiac Unit in UHL for their superb care and to my colleagues in the music world for all their help" Dermot said.

Meanwhile, over the past four months, musician friends have organised numerous fundraising events all around Munster for Dermot and his family. The benefit event in Newmarket is organised by Knocknagree native John Joe Herlihy who is well known to dancing audiences throughout Munster. Recent Glór Tíre contestant Dee Morrissey will make the journey from Tipperary to take part, Marian Kirby from Limerick will be on stage, Eddie Lee and Jake Coffey from Kerry are on the bill, as well as Sheila Fitzgerald from Ballydesmond, Pat Daly from Midleton and Michael Twomey who is a native of Baile Mhúirne.



John Joe Herlihy said he is hoping for a record attendance in Newmarket. "Dermot Lyons is a young husband and father, until a few months ago he was out doing gigs and entertaining the public all across Munster. His sudden illness reminds us of how fragile our health can be. We are delighted, with the help of all our musician friends, to be able to help Dermot

and his family, at least financially, at this very difficult time" While admission on the night is just €10, those attending are welcome to give whatever amount they wish. Doors are open at 8pm, music and dancing will commence at 8.30pm. Further information can be found on John Joe Herlihy's Facebook Page

MUINEFLIUCH NS

We have enjoyed some very busy and uplifting few weeks in Muinefliuch NS. As spring arrived, our school garden became a hive of activity, with pupils preparing the soil and planting carrots, lettuce, onions and potatoes.

There is great excitement as we look forward to watching the first signs of growth in the weeks ahead. In the lead-up to Easter, the children thoroughly enjoyed a fun-filled Easter egg hunt in the school garden, binging smiles all round. Earlier in the term, pupils from First and Second Class marked an important milestone, celebrating their First Confession on Tuesday 23rd March with Fr. Greene.

Our Parents' Association organised a lively bingo afternoon for all pupils on Friday 28th March, which proved to be a great success and a wonderful opportunity for everyone to come together. We were also pleased to welcome Susan Crowley, who delivered a thoughtful and engaging wellbeing talk for the senior room.

A particular highlight was an inspiring visit from Nicola Tuthill, Olympian from Bandon, on Friday 17th April. Her story of dedication and achievement left a lasting impression on all.

Creativity has flourished through the BLAST programme, with artist Chrissie Dervin, in

collaboration with the West Cork Education Centre, guiding pupils in creating intricate clay mosaics. The children have greatly enjoyed exploring this hands-on art, and we look forward to her next workshop. Meanwhile, Liam Slattery not only presented the winners of the Laochra Óg poster competition with a hurley each, but also led six engaging hurling training sessions with the pupils, helping to build skills and enthusiasm for the game. Pupils have commenced swimming lessons on Wednesdays for a block of 6 weeks.



Pupils from Muinefliuch NS working with local artist Chrissie Dervin



Pupils from Muinefliuch NS with their read and raise certificates



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Ballyhass to Kick Off Summer Season with 50% Off Activities for May Bank Holiday



Ballyhass Adventure Group is set to officially kick off its 2026 summer season with its highly anticipated Summer Launch Weekend, taking place across its Mallow and Coachford locations from Saturday 2nd - Monday 4th May.

While Ballyhass operates year-round with sauna experiences, school tour programmes and group bookings available throughout the year, including both day trips and residential stays, the May Bank Holiday Weekend marks the return of its full public activity offering across both sites.

To mark the start of the summer season, Ballyhass is offering 50% off all public activities for one weekend only, encouraging families, friends and adventure enthusiasts to get outdoors, onto the water and into summer for less.

The weekend sees the full return of Ballyhass' extensive summer activity programme. At Coachford, the All Access Pass offers a flexible full day experience, allowing visitors to choose from aquapark, kayaking, stand-up paddleboarding, high nets and archery - where you can take on everything or mix and match to tailor your day. Coachford is also home to the Lee Valley Kayak Tour, a guided river experience through one of Cork's most scenic stretches, offering a different pace of adventure alongside the onsite activities.

At Mallow, the focus is on high energy water, height and land-based adventure, with wakeboarding as a flagship activity, alongside aquapark sessions, ziplining, kayaking, stand up paddle boarding and swimming experiences ranging from open water swimming for confident swimmers to a more relaxed lake-based swim area.

"The May Bank Holiday is one of those weekends we look forward to every year. You can really feel the energy shift - people are back outdoors, the lake is buzzing and the whole place just feels more alive again," said Emma Mueller, Communications Manager. "After the winter, there's always such a strong pull to get outside more, and this weekend is just about making that easy - getting people back together, back outdoors and making the most of the longer days."

Ballyhass has built its reputation as one of Ireland's leading outdoor adventure destinations by creating experiences that are active, social, and genuinely accessible - helping more people spend time outdoors and feel confident doing it.

The Summer Launch Weekend is simply about opening that up again at full scale - a chance to unplug, get outside, try something new, and kick off the season with family and friends.

Event Details

Event: Ballyhass Summer Launch Weekend

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DRIVING SUSTAINABILITY ON THE FAIRWAY: Macroom Golf Club Leads the Way

A local sustainability success story is quietly making a big impact in Macroom, as Macroom Golf Club and The Mulligan Room take meaningful steps toward a greener future—proving that even small operational changes can deliver impressive environmental and financial results.

This project emerged off the back of a Green for Business workshop held during the Macroom Food Festival, where local enterprises were introduced to practical ways to improve efficiency, reduce waste, and lower their environmental footprint. The workshop was facilitated by Ailis Crowley from FASH Forward and Marion Guiry from the Local Enterprise Office South Cork. Inspired by the workshop, Cathal at Macroom Golf Club and Armands of The Mulligan Room applied for the Green for Business Programme.

Green for Business is a free programme run by Local Enterprise Offices, designed to help small businesses take their first steps toward sustainability. Participating businesses receive direct access to an experienced sustainability consultant for two days free of charge, enabling them to identify cost-saving opportunities and implement practical changes. Importantly, the programme also unlocks the opportunity to apply for an Energy Efficiency Grant, with funding of up to €10,000 available to support further efficiency improvements.

The results at Macroom Golf Club have been significant. The club is now seeing estimated annual cost savings of over €2,000, alongside a reduction of approximately 4 tonnes of CO₂ emissions each year. These gains highlight how sustainability initiatives can align closely with strong business sense.

A range of energy-focused upgrades has played a key role in these outcomes. The installation of LED lighting in the clubhouse restaurant, combined with sensor lighting in frequently used areas such as toilets and storerooms, has reduced unnecessary energy consumption. In addition, the introduction of a more energy-efficient oven—28% more efficient than the previous model—has reduced cooking times and energy use. These changes were supported by a follow-on Energy Efficiency Grant. Waste reduction has been another central focus of the project. Enhanced waste segregation practices, including the introduction of additional compost bins and clear signage, have made it easier for staff to manage waste responsibly. Staff training has supported these changes, ensuring that correct segregation becomes part of everyday operations. The switch to a more cost-effective waste provider and the introduction of compostable takeaway packaging demonstrate how environmental choices can also bring financial benefits. Looking ahead, the club has set an ambitious target to reduce general waste by 50% by the end of 2026.

The journey doesn't stop here. Future plans include installing recycling bins across the golf course and exploring a composting partnership with Macroom Tidy Towns. These initiatives form part of a longer-term sustainability strategy that aims to embed environmentally responsible practices across all aspects of the club's operations. This project stands as a strong example of how local businesses can take inspiration from initiatives like the Green for Business programme and translate ideas into tangible action. With the right guidance and local support, meaningful change is not only possible—it's profitable, practical, and beneficial for the wider community.



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Through the Castle Gates



Cathal O'Sullivan, Golf Club Manager and Armands Ceimers, Manager of The Mulligan Room Restaurant



L to R: Marion Guiry, South Cork Local Enterprise Office and Ailis Crowley FASH Forward Owner and Sustainability Consultant.



(Niamh and Armands with the food waste reduction posters at The Mulligan Room)

For businesses considering their own sustainability journey, Macroom Golf Club's experience shows that the first step can be as simple as attending a workshop—and the results can be transformative.

If your business is interested in completing Green for Business contact Marion Guiry at southcork@leo.corkcoco.ie. For project support on sustainability initiatives, grants and training visit www.fashforward.ie

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Remembering Patrick (Paddy) O'Mahony

Muskerry GAA is deeply saddened by the passing of our esteemed colleague and dear friend, Patrick (Paddy) O'Mahony, who died on April 18th, 2026. Paddy's lifelong dedication to the GAA, his beloved club Inniscarra and in particular to the Muskerry division, was nothing short of extraordinary. Over an incredible 56 years of service to the Muskerry Board, he fulfilled his duties with unwavering commitment, integrity, and pride. His tenure included 18 years as Registrar, 35 years as Secretary, and 3 years as President — roles in which he left an indelible mark through his diligence, wisdom, and deep understanding of the Association. Beyond Muskerry, Paddy also made a significant contribution at county level. From the early 1960s through to the late 1970s, he served as a selector

with Cork's U21 and minor hurling teams, helping to guide and develop generations of young players. His knowledge of the game, keen eye for talent, and passion for hurling were widely respected and greatly valued. Paddy was more than an administrator; he was a custodian of our games and traditions, a mentor to many, and a constant source of guidance and encouragement. His presence at meetings, matches, and events will be sorely missed, but his legacy will endure in the structures he strengthened and the people he inspired. On behalf of everyone in Muskerry GAA, we extend our heartfelt sympathies to Paddy's family, friends, and all who had the privilege of knowing him. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis



Patrick (Paddy) O'Mahony RIP, who died on April 18th, 2026.

31st CORK LISSARDA BEAVERS, CUBS AND SCOUTS

Lissarda Scout Group has been keeping very busy over the past few weeks.

Beavers
Our Beavers had an overnight adventure in Killarney during the Easter break. They stayed at Muckcross Venture Centre, a fantastic hostel with Killarney National Park on its doorstep. Beavers explored the local woodlands, cooked sausages, told stories and slept in bunkbeds. They packed their own bags helped to clean up after breakfast before heading home the next morning. Since returning to our weekly meetings, the Beavers have been spending Tuesday nights in Kilmurry Woods, exploring nature and having fun.

Cubs
Our Cubs had a big day out in Midleton in March. They took the train from Kent Station and joined Cubs from all over Lee Valley for the Urban Challenge - a scavenger hunt around Midleton town. Our Cubs loved the challenge and learned that being polite

and asking locals for help gained them an advantage! During the Easter holiday, the Cubs spent a weekend in Killarney. They got to experience a boat tour on Muckcross Lake, visiting Innisfallen Island and Ross Castle. They explored the local woods, played board games, hide-and-seek and performed in their own talent show. Staying on bunkbeds was a great adventure too! Lots of our Cubs took part in Hey Jinks at Farran Wood on 18th April. It's an annual event for Cubs, Brownies and Brigíní; an opportunity to play lots of mud and water based games. It's all about getting muddy and having a great time! If you're walking in Warrenscourt Wood this week, keep an eye out for some colourful stones. Our talented artists left some beautifully painted stones along the path for other walkers to find. We hope they put a smile on someone's face!

Scouts
Our Scouts have been very busy over the past few

weeks, preparing for the All Cork Shield. This annual competition at Cork Showgrounds sees many Patrols of Scouts showcase their skills in setting up a campsite, building their own pioneering gadgets, cooking meals over an open fire and working as a team. This is all done without the support of adult leaders. We're very proud of our Lissarda Scout Patrol for all the time and effort they've given to preparing for this and hope they enjoyed the experience of taking part and meeting so many other Scouts at the event. 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".



Beavers exploring during their overnight adventure in Killarney.



Cubs at Muckcross hostel, ready to head outdoors.



Scouts arriving at Cork Showgrounds, to take part in the All Cork Shield.



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Desires

Some find themselves often disappointed with life. When they are really struggling and when all those positive thinking self-help books make them feel worse, sometimes find solace in Arthur Schopenhauer. Born in 1788, Schopenhauer is widely perceived as the most pessimistic Western philosopher. So why would anyone want to read him. This quote gives a feel for Schopenhauer's pessimism. 'There are two kinds of people in the world. Avoid both of them'.

All animals including us are hard wired to survive, to fulfil our basic needs and to reproduce. Most humans claim that we are different from the animals, a sea change occurred, we are the peak of evolution, we are self-conscious. We know that we know, while animals do not. Scientists are unsure as there is increasing evidence that higher animals are to some extent self-aware. Schopenhauer does not laud self-consciousness. He says our consciousness consists primarily and predominately of desire. Desire is relentless; it very rarely lets us be.

We can achieve more than we ever have dreamed. We can acquire power, we can perceive there is now no limitation on us in the world, and yet that satisfaction will be brief. What next, says desire. Is this it, is this all there is. Anything; please not boredom. So, we desire anew. We become as Sisyphus, who in Greek legend, had to roll a massive boulder up a steep hill, for it to roll back down just before reaching the top, again and again, endlessly. We will arrive at no satisfactory destination in this life, because of the nature of desire. So, Schopenhauer is pessimistic. But luckily, that's just him, surely no one can agree with him? Not so. The Buddha, who lived more than two thousand years earlier came to a similar conclusion - 'life contains suffering. It is the truth of existence. It is the truth of life'. In Buddhism, desire is considered the root of all suffering, and a focus on overcoming desire is a central tenet. Science too has produced some collaborative evidence. 'Hedonic adaption' is what they call the observed tendency of humans to quickly return to a stable baseline level of happiness despite positive or negative life changes. People get used to the new circumstance, and the initial feel-good feeling quickly evaporates. Whatever we have attained is the new normal, we perceive we are deserving and notice many have much more. The solution for most to that new reality soon becomes to lift that boulder and head up that hill again. Except for perhaps the few mystics or saints the wanting doesn't stop. It remains the state of humanity. Schopenhauer was no advocate of suicide, though he felt compassion for those who had made that choice. He considered it both

foolishness and futile, a yielding to desire and not an overcoming. Towards the end of his life Schopenhauer embraced Eastern philosophies, advocating for the negation of desire to reach a state of serenity.

Why is it that Schopenhauer's philosophy can bring solace to some in their most difficult times? In his book series 'A History of Philosophy' Frederick Copleston S.J., a twentieth century philosopher, says 'To be sure, it is a one-sided vision or picture of the world' yet he goes on to say, 'but precisely because of its one-sidedness and exaggeration it serves as a counterbalance'. Nowadays it can serve as a counterbalance to the pressure imposed by all the positive thinking self-help books. Sometimes the reality that there is suffering and evil in the world is discounted or hidden from view in the popular psychology often prevalent in positive thinking manuals. In the darkest of times, they may provide little help precisely because their depiction of life does not correspond to lived experience. Schopenhauer, on the other hand feels the pain, and he diagnoses its cause. Like finally getting a diagnosis after a prolonged period of pain and illness, regardless of prognosis, we can find relief. We can then feel empowered to deal with the reality. Should Schopenhauer's analysis resonate with us what can we do?

Eric Barker, an American writer gives three suggestions. Firstly, and rarely done, is acceptance. Accept that the world is not designed for our happiness. In this world fairness is not universally experienced. Life involves suffering, and it is not distributed equally. If you can bring yourself to accept this, then you can reduce disappointment. Disappointment arises because of the gap between our circumstances and our unrealistic expectations. Reduce the gap and we have removed most of our suffering.

Secondly, a little trite I know, "Enjoy the journey, not the destination!"

If satisfaction at the destination is always temporary and disproportionate to effort, then the only rational strategy is to derive meaning from the journey. It is the journey that is best at delivering. Pursue what we enjoy because it is in pursuit that we spend most of life. If we can't stop wanting, and there is little return in getting, then we can choose pursuits that pay us back during the striving. We can be in "flow" states, periods of total absorption in something challenging, where we lose track of time and we enjoy peace. Research has found that in such states we are, neurologically, genuinely experiencing pleasure. Flow states deliver peace and pleasure in the moment in a way that achievement does not. Achievement is felt satisfaction with that which is

complete, satisfaction with the past.

Barker suggests picking pursuits therefore where the daily act of doing them is intrinsically meaningful, such as learning, building, making, training, writing, solving, playing, practicing, helping. I think we can add to the list dancing, painting, playing or listening to music, appreciating the arts, exploring, chatting, having the craic, caring, just loving, and so much more. Thirdly Gratitude. The consequence of taking Schopenhauer seriously is that we can be more grateful. Life will be difficult at times, but often it is not, and then we can be grateful. We don't appreciate our good times and our comforts when we feel it is our due. If we don't constantly have high expectations, we can then find joy in the unexpected. We can be pleasantly surprised, moved even, by the unlimited kindness and decency that surrounds us. We can appreciate life anew.

Schopenhauer's philosophy shows us an unpalatable reality. Life will involve much frustration, disappointment, and loss. Life is hard, very hard at times. It is not as we would wish it to be. But we wish for fantasy. Ironically, embracing Schopenhauer's view can remove much of the suffering we experience. When we stop or are forced by circumstances to stop expecting life to be painless, we can start enjoying the parts that are less painful, and we can notice and appreciate the beautiful. Thank you, Schopenhauer.

In the two hundred years since his great work *The World as Will and Idea* there have been many developments. We have greatly improved medicine and have identified several ailments that once were considered the illusions of those that suffered. We have the new science psychology. Psychology has spawned a whole industry; counselling, which can be of great help to us too in our times of greatest suffering.

Should we find that neither Schopenhauer nor any of the above resonates with or assists us, perhaps we can remember that our forefathers and foremothers lived through plague, famine, brutal war, repression, absolute poverty, and terrible diseases incurable at the time and unknown

to us now, and so much hardship that we cannot comprehend. They survived as we are here. Most took their consolation from the culture of Europe or as it was earlier known Christendom. They were very familiar with thinkers such as Saint Augustine who said, 'our hearts are restless until they find rest in thee'. Perhaps a similar diagnosis to Schopenhauer, with a different prescription. Perhaps praying and meditating as did the saints of the West and as did the mystics of the East may bring us peace, that peace which silences all other desires.

Ongoing activities

We are back from our Easter break in full swing: Bowls, Well Being classes, Fit for the Future classes, Chair Yoga, Tea & Chat, Zumba gold, and Buff bones. We had a very enjoyable Coffee Crawl in the Mills Inn. We will have one more this season. Our Summer Outing is on Friday 15th May.

If you would like to join us, our association is open to all. Our membership fee is just twenty euro. Our philosophy is that age makes no difference, but health does. We try to do what we can to keep healthy and challenged in body and in mind, and amused too, and together that is easier. We will keep you just as busy as you choose to be and positively engaged in the community. We think you would enjoy it. For more information contact Aidan at 0894057676 or kilmurryactive@gmail.com.



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A star-studded afternoon of racing and football analysis will take place at Killarney Racecourse on Saturday, May 9, as Kerry GAA partners with Ireland's most scenic racecourse for an exclusive preview event ahead of the Munster Senior Football Final.

The panel discussion serves as the official curtain-raiser for a massive sporting weekend in the town, with old rivals Kerry and Cork set to clash on Sunday, May 10.

Excitement is reaching a fever pitch across the county as the Kingdom prepares for another high-stakes showdown with the Rebels. With the Munster title on the line, fans are eagerly anticipating whether Kerry can further cement their provincial dominance or if

Cork will cause an upset on away soil.

To mark the occasion, the Killarney racing season officially opens its gates at 11.30am on Saturday, offering an exclusive "Go Racing With Kerry GAA Legends" package. This unique experience allows supporters to rub shoulders with some of the greatest names to ever wear the green and gold while enjoying a top-tier National Hunt card.

The centerpiece of the day will be an expert panel discussion that will offer fans rare anecdotes from their playing days and provide definitive tactical insights into Sunday's big game.

The atmosphere will be further enhanced by live music throughout the day from Nicole Lonergan and The Gallivanter, ensuring the "craic and banter" flows

long after the final race.

Tickets for this exclusive event are priced at €99.00 covering racecourse admission, VIP access to the event, a gourmet BBQ meal, and a complimentary drink. The event is capped at just 200 guests. With interest expected to be high among the GAA community, tickets are being sold on a first-come, first-served basis.

The full panel will be released this Friday May 1, and tickets will also go on sales the same date at www.killarneyracecourse.ie. For more information call 0871130086.

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INDEPENDENCE MUSEUM KILMURRY

Kilmurphy Historical & Archaeological Association Limited (KHAA), trading as Independence Museum Kilmurphy, held its AGM on Friday, 24th April 2026.

Chairman Terry Datson outlined key activities from the past 12 months, including the successful 60th anniversary commemoration weekend last September, marking six decades since the opening of the original museum in Kilmurphy Village. Reports were also presented by Siobhán Murphy (Secretary) and Brendan Hayes (Treasurer), who encouraged new volunteers to support museum activities, including weekend guiding duties. Noel Howard of the Curating Team provided an update on the museum's involvement with ICAN (Irish Community Archive

Network). 2026 will mark the 10th anniversary of the opening of the new museum, Independence Museum Kilmurphy.

Upcoming Events (May 2026)

The book launch for St. Joseph's Church, Cloughduv 1871–2026 will take place on Friday, 15th May 2026 in the Cloughduv GAA Pavilion at 8.00 p.m. This commemorative publication provides a comprehensive history of the construction of St. Joseph's Church, Cloughduv, as well as St. Mary's Church, Kilmurphy, and St. John the Baptist Church, Canovee. It also offers an excellent social history of Kilmurphy parish and its people spanning the past 155 years. All are welcome.

Our May lecture will take place on Friday, 22nd May 2026 at 8.00 p.m. in the Heritage Room, Independence Museum Kilmurphy. We are pleased to welcome back Ann Twomey, a renowned historian and member of the Shandon Area History Group, who specialises in the role of women during the Irish revolutionary period. Anne has previously talked on Mary & Annie MacSwiney and the Wallace Sisters. She co-authored Ordinary Women in Extraordinary Times (2020). Anne's talk in May is titled Making Their Mark: Remarkable Cork Women and Their Contribution to Cork and Irish Society.

DROMLEIGH NS

Dromleigh N.S. students were delighted to welcome some favourable spring weather recently as they enjoyed a whole host of outdoor activities.

We welcomed our GAA coaches Billy and Tadg for weekly hurling and football sessions. We were also excited about the return of Coach Alan

from Bounce Tennis Academy to facilitate weekly tennis lessons for all classes.

Many thanks to Ms Anne Bradley for once again leading our senior students on a Parish Tour this year. This Heritage in Schools Scheme organised by Heritage Ireland is always a wonderful opportunity for students to recognise the rich history and variety

of nature that is within their own community. Keep up to date with all our activities in Dromleigh N.S. by following us on Instagram @dromleighns, on Facebook Dromleigh N.S Kilmichael or via our website www.dromleighns.ie



Dromleigh N.S. senior students enjoying their recent Parish Tour facilitated by Ms Anne Bradley



Dromleigh N.S. students participating in weekly tennis lessons with Coach Alan O'Mahony.

CLONDROHID NEWS

DATES FOR MEDJUGORJE: June 2 to June 9. June 23 to June 30, Sept 8 to Sept 15

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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

LINE DANCING: It is on in the Community Hall on Thursday nights from 7pm to 8.30pm. Everyone welcome,

SINGING IN THE TAVERN: This lovely sing a long or tell a story group meet the 2nd and the 4th Monday nights in The Tavern from 9pm. The next session is Monday May 11. They would love to see you there.

CLONDROHID DEV GROUP: With the fine weather hopefully here to stay, this group will be busy over the next few weeks preparing for the Tidy Towns. Everyone is most welcome to give a helping hand. Thanks to James, our CE worker for all his work, much appreciated.

IRD DUHALLOW: They are hosting a series of workshops on Biodiversity in your Neighbourhood. The course will run over 3 Saturdays in March, April, and May in IRD Newmarket, and Inchigeelagh Community Hall. For more info or to book a place contact Ellie on 02960633 or email elliedonovan@irdduhallow.com

LOTTO: Results for April 22. Jackpot €3,800. €70

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GAA NEWS: Congrats to Clondrohid u 18's who drew with Tadgh na n Gael and to the u 16's who defeated Ballingearry, and to the Junior A's who were just pipped by a point by Grenagh in an exciting match. Well done all.

CLONDROHID GAA NURSERY IS BACK:

The Club are delighted to welcome our youngest players to Gaelic Football training!!! Ages 3–6. Lovely to see them there last Sat with their proud Moms and Dads in the Astro, so come along any Saturday. This is a fun, safe and active introduction to football where kids can make friends, build confidence and enjoy being part of our club. New members very welcome, Open to boys and girls. For more info contact 0858482050



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Children from Cloughduv NS who received the sacrament of Confirmation recently from Bishop Noel O'Regan. Pic. Peter Scanlan



Children from Cloughduv NS who received the sacrament of Confirmation recently from Bishop Noel O'Regan. Pic. Peter Scanlan



Children from Dripsey NS who received the sacrament of Confirmation recently in Cloghroe Church from Bishop William Crean. Pic. Peter Scanlan



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Cloughduv Church Celebrations

On Sunday, 17th May 2026, the 155th anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone of St. Joseph's Church, Cloughduv, will be marked with a Mass celebrated by Bishop Fintan Gavin and Fr. Kieron O'Driscoll, Parish Priest, followed by light refreshments in the adjacent National School.

On Friday, 15th May 2026, a book will be launched to commemorate the event by the Cathaoirleach of the Macroom Municipal District, Michael Looney, at 8 pm in the Cloughduv GAA Pavilion. The publication covers the building of the three churches of the Parish of Kilmurry as well as the social history of the parish, the tradesmen who built and maintained them over the years, and includes the recollections of parishioners past and present.

Local historians and authors, Sean Crowley, Mary O'Mahony, Michael Galvin, Peter Scanlan, Bridget Goulding, and Mary Mullins contribute articles on topics such as the General Michael Collins connection; parish clergy over the past 200 years; the context for the building of churches in the 19th Century, as well as some of the missionaries from the parish that laboured in foreign lands.

Many will recall the Hurley brothers: Dan, Hubie, and Pat, all of whom maintained the churches over the years. Their story is told by Hubie's son, John.

Music on the evening will be by Tim O'Riordan,

and light refreshments will be served. Everybody welcome.

Photo taken at the seat installed to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the laying of the foundation stone for the parish church, St. Mary's in Kilmurry in 2010: Editorial Committee: Seated: Mary Mullins,

Bridget Goulding and Mary O'Mahony Standing: Peter Scanlan, Michael Goulding, Michael Galvin and Sean Crowley
Michael Goulding



The Hurley Brothers who maintained the three churches in Kilmurry Parish. From left: Jerry and John Hurley, their father, Hubie, and uncles Pat and Dan.



Cloughduv Church 155th Editorial Committee: Seated: Mary Mullins, Bridget Goulding and Mary O'Mahony Standing: Peter Scanlan, Michael Goulding, Michael Galvin and Sean Crowley. This photo of the committee was taken at the seat installed to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the laying of the foundation stone for the parish church, St. Mary's in Kilmurry in 2010. Pic Peter Scanlan



Kilmurry Parish Assembly; Back Row: Charlie Vaughan, Patrick McSweeney, John Hurley, Mary Mullins, Michelle Dunlea, Fr. Kieron O'Driscoll, Denis O'Leary. Front Row: Peter Scanlan, Paddy O'Donoghue, Ann O'Callaghan, Tessie Buckley, Nuala Crowley, Rosemary Wall, Fiona Doyle. Missing Jerry Crowley. Pic Peter Scanlan



Ballinagree NS's Senior Room pupils visit the River Láine to test the health of the river.



Pupils from the Ballinagree NS's Junior Room enjoy hurling sessions with coach Paddy Corkery.



Pupils from 1st and 2nd class in Muinefliuch NS who made their First Communion with Fr Green recently



Participants at a previous Singing for the Brain event
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WHATS IN A NAME

Chris Barrett back here!

I recently received a very interesting piece from Caroline Ni Nuallain, which I just have to share with you. Years ago when I lived in the UK, I visited an old village called Tyneham in Dorset UK which was evacuated in December 1943 for military training in World War 11 and never resettled. Among ruined preserved cottages and a church, there is an old school which can be visited. If you are over that way, times you can visit are dependent on firing times. You have been warned!

However I managed to enter at a safe time and was able to wander safely among the old wooden double desks that will be so familiar to some older readers. What initially struck me as I looked at the children's copies (called exercise books in UK), was the beautiful copperplate ink handwriting. In this beautiful handwriting, the children of National school age had recorded not only the butterflies and insects they had seen in their locality, but also named the variety of butterfly etc. Details and drawings of insects, birds, trees, plants and flowers were also recorded. You could argue that there would have been more of nature around in those days and that pre-mobile phone and T.V. the children would have spent more time outside. This is all true, but the importance of their focus on nature had come to them from the adults and teachers around them. The youngsters were obviously totally aware of the seasons and all the nature around them in a way that our young children may not be. Seeing yourself as part of a natural changing world where there is life, death and adaptation, may have protected these young children from the depression and anxiety which seem to threaten them in our world in 2026. Their focus would have been on the natural world close by, not across the world or passed on to them by someone unknown. Presumably they were writing in their copies as war was imminent or starting and yet their focus had been turned, by the adults around them, to nature.

These thoughts have remained with me as we brought up our two sons and I joined the Macroom

and District Environmental Group. As a result, I was really excited to get the following piece from Caroline. She called it, "What's In a Name?" and I cannot think of a better title. Caroline starts with a shocking revelation by asking the following question.

What have buttercup, acorn, chestnut, clover, willow, fern and dandelion all got in common?

These words do not appear in the Junior Oxford Dictionary. They were removed over ten years ago to make room for new words such as cut and paste, broadband and analogue. These are not the only words. Many other words relating to the natural world were removed.

The reason given by the head of children's dictionaries at Oxford University Press, said the changes had been made because:

"When you look back at older versions of dictionaries, there were lots of examples of flowers for instance. That was because many children lived in semi-rural environments and saw the seasons. Nowadays, the environment has changed."

If you were like me, you probably never knew this happened. Some people did raise a fuss at the time but now, ten years down the line, it is just accepted and people move on.

Will the word for dandelion just fall out of use over time? I don't think anyone would be surprised if it did. When we stop using the name, we forget it. Will the next generation see buttercups and dandelions as the same thing and refer to them both as yellow flowers?

When this happens we lose our connection to the land, our interest in nature lessens. We notice less, we care less.

We know all about this in Ireland. We've had the biggest 'removal' of words for nature ever. When we describe our land, and landscape we use English names, names that have lost their meaning connecting them to the place.

Every nook and cranny of Ireland is etched with meaning and memory and this is reflected in the Irish name. These names come from a lived experience and ancestral knowledge that goes back over 2000

years.

The people who went before us lived on the land, and had such a deep understanding of it that each townland, indeed each field, tells a story.

Let me give you an example. Anyone travelling the road between Millstreet and Mallow will see signs for Nad.

Have you ever looked at the Irish name written underneath it? Nead an iolair, which means the nest of the eagle.

Just this little bit of information gives you a new understanding of the place. Okay an eagle may not suddenly appear but the name now takes on its real meaning.

The great thing is that you do not need a lot of Irish to connect to the places around you. There are just over 50,000 townlands in the Republic of Ireland and 1,600 townlands use the word Doire. This means an oak-wood, grove or thicket.

County Cork has one of the highest concentrations of townlands using Doire. So anytime you see Derry or Derreen, you can look out to see what type of trees are around the area. There are several townlands near Baile Mhúirne. And yet, we do not use those names. There is a gap – a dis-connect...and we need to restore and nurture these connections because they will bring understanding, respect...the corner stones of sustainability.

I urge you to follow Caroline's enthusiasm and take on the task of finding the real meaning of the townlands close to you. I am sure you will make wonderful discoveries and also bring yourself closer to your ancestors for whom nature was so important. I am really grateful to Caroline for sharing this with us, and I hope that whether it is to myself or someone else in the Environmental group, that we will have the pleasure of hearing more from her. Thankyou so much Caroline!

Caroline is the Manager of Comharchumann Forbatha Mhuscraí.

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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dhoire
(Irish): oak forest, grove, thicket

sagart
(Irish): priest

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Joint tenancy means you both co-own the property in equal shares. You cannot sell or rent the property without your cohabitant's consent. If one cohabitant dies, the other person will automatically own all of the property regardless if an alternative provision has been written into the deceased person's will. The beneficiaries of the deceased's estate will have no claim to the property under a joint tenancy.

In a joint tenancy, both of you are unable to leave the property to anyone else so long as the joint tenancy is still in existence.

However, if you are not married or civil partners and your partner dies, you may be liable for Capital Acquisitions Tax as a result of becoming full owner of the property through survivorship.

What is a tenancy in common?

Tenancy in common means 2 people own the property in defined shares, for example, 50/50, 75/25, 60/40. Each person can leave their share of the property to whoever they wish (including their partner), but they must make a will stating this fact.

Your share of the property becomes part of your estate when you die. Your partner may be forced to sell the home to allow the administration of your estate, particularly if there are no other assets to pay any debts due. The person who inherits your share may seek to sell property in order to get the monetary benefit of the gift.

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What if you are selling the home?

If you are cohabiting with your partner in their house, they do not need your written consent before they can sell or lease the house. If you co-own the home, the property cannot be sold without both people's written consent.

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AI-generated ads are killing your brand

Expert warns businesses to rethink how they use AI

Small businesses and marketers are being urged to rethink their use of AI tools like ChatGPT, as experts warn that generic, AI-generated ads are weakening brand identity, reducing trust and hurting performance.

As AI tools become a go-to for creating ads, social content and marketing assets, a growing number of businesses are falling into the same trap: producing campaigns that look polished, but feel identical. According to Digital PR specialist Sophie Rhone and founder of Cupid PR, over-reliance on AI-generated creative is leading to a wave of ads that fail to stand out, connect with audiences or drive meaningful results.

The problem: your ads look like everyone else's

AI tools are designed to generate content based on patterns. That means many ads created using the same prompts, styles and formats end up looking almost identical. For customers, that sameness is easy to spot.

Sophie Rhone, Founder of Cupid PR, said:

"AI can make your ads look good, but it cannot make them feel original."

"When everything starts to look the same, your brand becomes easy to ignore."

Instead of capturing attention, businesses risk blending into a feed full of similar-looking content.

Why this is costing businesses money

When ads fail to stand out, performance suffers.

Businesses may see:

- Lower click-through rates
- Higher cost per click
- Weaker conversion rates
- Reduced return on ad spend

Because users are not connecting with what they are seeing.

"If your ad looks like something people have already scrolled past ten times, they will scroll past yours too."



The brand impact: short-term gains, long-term damage

AI-generated ads can create the illusion of efficiency, but over time they can weaken the brand behind them.

Without clear differentiation, businesses begin to lose:

- Recognisability
- Trust
- Consistency in tone and message
- Emotional connection with customers

This makes it harder to build a brand people remember or return to.

Why SMEs are most at risk

Smaller businesses are often under pressure to produce content quickly and cost-effectively, making AI an attractive solution.

But without strong brand direction, this can lead to:

- Generic messaging

- Inconsistent identity
 - Reliance on trends instead of strategy
- "For SMEs, your brand is your biggest advantage. If that disappears, you are competing on price, not value."**
- The fix: use AI as a tool, not the strategy

Experts are not advising businesses to stop using AI, but to change how they use it.

The most effective marketers are:

Using AI to speed up production, not replace thinking
Building campaigns around clear brand positioning
Refining and reshaping AI outputs, not publishing them as-is
Focusing on what makes their business different

"AI should support your marketing, not define it. The brands that win are the ones that feel distinct, not the ones that look efficient."



Collage of photos from Ballinagree NS during Donal O'Leary's visit to discuss composting and how to care for the school's new wormery.



Martin Coughlan and Joe Cronin fund-raising in Massytown.



Welcome sign in The Fairy Garden.



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First of our pitchside signs put up today. Thanks to MCP Group and 4 Paws grooming and Kennels for your sponsorship.

If you want to advertise at our pitch in Ballymacorcoran message the page or contact any committee member.

Our Junior ladies played Kilworth last night in the Junior B league. Congratulations to Kilworth who took the win. Well done to all the girls who put in great effort to bring it to just a few points in the end. Thanks to Pairc Uí Chaoimh for hosting, and to our team sponsors The Clondrohid Tavern.

19th April 2026

Our u12 camogie team enjoyed a trip to Sarsfield hurling and camogie club yesterday for a county league game. Some great skills and determination on display by both sides. Well done to all the girls, keep up the great work and effort. Well done to Lilly for captaining the team on the day. Thanks to Sarsfields for hosting the game, to the CART bus for providing transport for the girls, to Joe our driver and Macroom Tidy Towns, team sponsors.

Our u15 camogie team played their second league game on Saturday against Rockban. Our girls played their hearts out and never gave up, but unfortunately it wasn't our day. Thanks to all that travelled and supported the girls. Thanks to our team sponsors Healys SPAR.

21st April 2026

On Monday 20th of April our u16 camogie girls played their 2nd league match away to Éire Óg. Joint captains for this coming year are Emma Purcell and Keely Dineen.

The team started well against Éire Óg, Laochra óg

went ahead in the early stages of the match and kept that lead into the 2nd half but coming up to the 45th minute Éire óg went ahead with a quick succession of goals and they maintained that lead until the final whistle. Hard luck to Laochra óg but also well done to our girls for never giving up and well done to our goalie Emma who saved a penalty towards the end of the match.

Best of luck to Éire óg in the rest of the league. Thanks to our team sponsors Healys SPAR. Thank you to the supporters on the sideline and to our umpires.

Our next match is at Home to Glen Rovers with time/date to be confirmed.

Best of luck to our u15 girls playing in the Féile and lastly the club would like to send our best wishes to our u16 player Almha Ní Aodha, she is going for an operation later this week. Go n-éirí an t-ádh leat Almha. Our u14 Camogie team travelled to Belgooly yesterday for their first league game of the season. They came up against a strong Sliabh Rua side but showed great attitude and determination right to the end. Thanks to Sliabh Rua for the welcome and to the parents for travelling and supporting the team. Thanks to team sponsors Healys SPAR for their ongoing support.

25th April 2026

Hard luck to our u15 Camogie team today in Féile 2026, which was held in Ballymacorcoran. Played 3 matches, winning 2 and a draw in one, and just lost out in going through by 2 points overall. The girls played their hearts out and we couldn't be more proud of them. Thanks to Liam for being the co-ordinator for the day. Thanks to Pat and all the team that got Ballymacorcoran ready for the day. Thanks to our sponsors Healys SPAR and

thanks to everyone for their support.

Well done to our adult hurling team this evening away to Ballincollig in the Muskerry League. After a slow start got into the game picking off fine scores. A good run out for our hurlers who get their 2026 campaign under way. Thanks to our hurling sponsors Deasys Pharmacy Group Cork for their support.

U10 Camogie team attended their first Blitz of the year in Coachford this morning. Some of the girls playing their first Camogie matches with Laochra Og too. Girls played 4 games and learned loads from the experience. Thanks to our U10 team Sponsors Matt Murphys Pharmacy for their generous support of the team and the promotion of local Camogie. Thanks to Aghabullogue Camogie for organising Blitz.

26th April 2026

We couldn't be more proud of how talented our u13 hurlers have become. After winning the league last year they are now playing in the city leagues and had a fantastic win tonight in their opener against Erin's Own. With some superb goals and points from Finn Moss(3-2), Milo Hickey Grace, Jace Ring, Charlie O Driscoll, Darragh Morris, Ruairi Angland and Nathan Meyler. It takes the whole team playing their best to make it possible for lads to take on scores. All 16 played incredible hurling all over the pitch and are a credit to the effort they make at training every week. The score line ended with Laochra Og 6-7 and Erin's Own 2-9. Thanks to Erin's Own for hosting us this evening and supporters for coming down shouting the lads on as always thanks for support from M&J Kelleher's.



Adult Hurling Team v Ballincollig 25th April 2026



Junior Camogie v Kilworth 18th April 2026 07



U15 Camogie Féile 2026 team 25th April 2026



U16 Camogie v Éire Óg 20th April 2026 01



U15 Camogie v Rockban 20th April 2026

Allianz National Hurling League 2026

Cork 3-25 Waterford 1-16
Galway 1-21 Cork 2-20
Cork 0-29 Tipperary 0-22
Kilkenny 1-15 Cork 3-12
Limerick 3-19 Cork 0-20
Cork 6-26 Offaly 0-20
Final: Limerick 1-27 Cork 1-21

Munster Senior Hurling Championship 2026

April 19th: Tipperary 1-22 Cork 0-29: Clare 2-33(39)
Waterford 4 - 21(33)
April 26th: Cork 2-22 Limerick 1-23, Waterford 3-24
Tipperary 1-30
May 3rd: Clare v Limerick in Ennis 2pm
May 9th (Sat): Waterford v Cork in Waterford 6pm
May 16th: Tipperary v Clare in Thurles 7pm
May 17th: Limerick v Waterford in Limerick 3pm
May 24th: Cork v Clare in Cork 4pm, Limerick v
Tipperary in Limerick 4pm
Munster Hurling Final: Sunday June 7th

Tipperary 1-22 Cork 0-29

Cork avenged their All-Ireland final defeat to record a precious Munster Hurling Championship-opening victory over Tipperary in front of 44,348 fans at FBD Semple Stadium. Cork came with the dominant second-half surge in a hard-fought rematch. They kept the Premier scoreless from play until the 64th minute. The match-winning spell yielded 0-11 to 0-01 from the 44th to the 59th minute.

Cork hurlers have now won five successive championship games against Tipp in Thurles, dating back to 2016.

This clash also marked their 10th consecutive championship sell-out ahead of the next tussle with Limerick. Cork's debutants made the telling impact as William Buckley (0-6) and Barry Walsh (0-4) combined for 10 points, with Buckley picking up man-of-the-match honours.

Tipp had to plug an early leak down the left flank as Cork captain Darragh Fitzgibbon registered four points from play in just over 10 minutes. Bryan O'Mara swapped across with Craig Morgan to get a grip on Fitzgibbon. When Buckley hit the target, the visitors led 0-6 to 0-3. Once Tipp tidied their shooting and choked the Cork supply lines, they reeled off six points on the spin.

Forde missed his first free but converted the next five before the break. Meanwhile, Tim O'Mahony struck three long-range frees wide, including back-to-back efforts which could have interrupted Tipp's momentum.

The hosts extended their first lead to 0-9 to 0-6 before Alan Connolly snapped the onslaught. When Liam Cahill was punished for disputing a soft free, Stack marched the sliotar forward 30 metres, in line with hurling's new dissent rule. Connolly tapped over.

The Rebels soon struck three points in a row to level at 0-11 apiece. There were eye-catching points from Shane Barrett and Walsh. In between, Brian Hayes create a goal-scoring opportunity for Buckley but the debutant fired over the bar. They traded points from there to the break via Forde's fifth free, Walsh, O'Donoghue, and Buckley for 0-13 all.

They continued to exchange blows after the break. Tipp were reliant on frees from Eoghan Connolly and two Forde efforts, both of which were won by O'Donoghue. Alan Connolly and O'Mahony replied from dead balls, with the latter advanced 30 yards for Forde's show of dissent.

When Brian Hayes completed the set of six forwards scoring, it sparked an eight-point streak. Walsh doubled his tally to 0-4. Alan Connolly added four, including three frees. Darragh McCarthy's free offered only a brief respite as Barrett, O'Mahony, and a stunning Buckley effort pushed it out to 0-26 to



Daniel and Marion Murphy, who ran with Sonia O'Sullivan.

0-17.

By that stage, Tipp had emptied their bench, their entire full-forward line was withdrawn. Tipp had their first point from play of the half through Sam O'Farrell. McCarthy's third free got the gap back to five. Cork settled through Barrett and Alan Walsh.

As the fourth official announced four added minutes, Alan Tynan drilled a low shot to the net for 0-28 to 1-21, a four point gap, too close for comfort for Cork supporters.

McCarthy's deflected shot sparked a scramble before tapping over the resulting free for a one-score game. But Pádraig Power won the clinching free for Buckley to convert.

Cork: P Collins; Seán O'Donoghue (Inniscarra), C Joyce, R Downey; Mark Coleman (Blarney), N O'Leary, E Downey; T O'Mahony (0-02, 1f), T O'Connell; B Walsh (0-04), Shane Barrett (Blarney)(0-04), D Fitzgibbon (0-04); B Hayes (0-01), A Connolly (0-07, 5f), W Buckley (0-06, 1f). Subs: D Healy for O'Connell (59), A Walsh (0-01) for Hayes (61), H O'Connor for O'Mahony (68), S Harnedy for Walsh (70+1), Pádraig Power (Blarney) for Connolly (70+2).

Cork 2-22 (28) Limerick 1-23 (26)

A beautiful afternoon in Cork, a packed Páirc Uí Chaoimh and a game to remember as Cork hurlers reversed the recent Allianz League final result after trading blow for blow with this powerful Limerick side before emerging deserving winners. It was not a perfect performance by Cork but it was a spirited one and left supporters in joyful mood heading for home.

Three stoppage-time points saw Cork gain another championship triumph over 14-man Limerick after a drama-packed tussle in front of 43,369 fans at SuperValu Páirc Uí Chaoimh, the sixth Cork-Limerick clash to attract a sold-out crowd in the past 24 months. Limerick started without Aaron Gillane due to injury, and played the last 20 minutes a man down after the influential Limerick captain Cian Lynch was sent off for a crazy off-the-ball striking incident (in full view of the referee) and will miss the Clare game as a consequence. Cork lost full back Ciarán Joyce to injury in the opening minutes but his replacement Damien Cahalane was an adequate replacement and in truth the Cork defence had a good day all round. Cork are top of the table on two wins from two with a week off before heading for Waterford on Saturday, 9 May.

Limerick started well and had Cork in trouble all over the field as the Treaty men led by 0-10 to 0-2 after the first quarter. Cork pointed two frees from Tim O'Mahony and Alan Connolly, and then Cork struck for a goal which completely changed the mood. Alan Connolly and Shane Barrett combined for the latter to fire home a goal and points from Connolly and William Buckley soon levelled; 0-10 to

1-7. Subsequently Cork levelled on three further occasions before Limerick ended the half better and led 0-16 to 1-11 at the break. Cork should have been much the happier team, only two points in arrears after being hurled off the pitch in the earlier stages.

On the resumption, the respective goalkeepers made brilliant interventions to deny 'certain' goals from Brian Hayes and Peter Casey, Limerick hit over a '65' to go three clear but tellingly they then hit four wides in a row. They paid the price as Cork struck for a second goal, a Collins clearance won by Hayes who fed Connolly on the run and despite taking a very heavy challenge the Blackrock man managed to bat the ball into the net past the goalkeeper who got a yellows card for his charge.

After Limerick came back within one, 2-14 to 0-19, they suffered another blow. Lynch was red-carded for jabbing his hurley back at O'Mahony off the ball under the nose of James Owens. After two Fitzgibbon frees, 14-man Limerick stayed in contact all the way and a 21-yard free, which was moved in for Cork dissent was buried low into the Cork net, Limerick a point in front with less than three regulation minutes to go, 1-23 to 2-19 and five injury time minutes added.

Cork held their calm, Connolly pointed two frees and Cork captain Darragh Fitzgibbon added an insurance score in the 75th minute to put the Rebels two clear. Limerick had one last chance, a free from 50 metres lobbed into the absolutely packed Cork goalmouth, the defenders stood firm and when the ball was scrambled clear the ref at last blew time..

Cork: P Collins; N O'Leary, C Joyce, Seán O'Donoghue (Inniscarra); Mark Coleman (Blarney), R Downey, E Downey (0-1); T O'Mahony (0-1f), T O'Connell (0-1); D Fitzgibbon (0-5, 2f), Shane Barrett (Blarney)(1-2), B Walsh; A Connolly (1-8, 0-7f), W Buckley (0-02), B Hayes (0-02). Subs: D Cahalane for Joyce inj 5, A Walsh for Connolly (47-54, temp), D Healy for Buckley (52), R O'Flynn for B Walsh (70+3), G Millerick for R Downey (70+6, inj).

Injury blows: Ciarán Joyce has suffered a season-ending anterior cruciate ligament rupture, the senior hurling management has confirmed.

The Castlemartyr man jarred his leg contesting a ball with Shane O'Brien just minutes into the first half of their Munster SHC Round 2 win over Limerick in SuperValu Páirc Uí Chaoimh.

Former captain Robert Downey is also set to miss the remainder of the provincial campaign The Glen Rovers man, who was troubled by a knee problem in last year's campaign, is set to be out for six weeks.

FOOTBALL

Allianz National Football League 2026 (Seven games)

Cork 0-24 Cavan 2-17
Louth 1-12 Cork 1-17

Offaly 0-19 Cork 3-15
 Cork 1-23 Meath 1-21
 Derry 1-31 Cork 0-14
 Cork 1-31 Kildare 2-19
 Tyrone 0-19 Cork 0-22
 NFL Div 2 FINAL: Meath 1-22 Cork 2-17

2026 Munster Senior Football Championship

QF: Limerick 1-16 Cork 4-16
 Tipperary 0-15 Waterford 1-7
 SF Tipperary 1-12 Cork 4-18
 Kerry 2-19 Clare 1-14

Munster Football Final:

Kerry v Cork - Sunday May 10th in Killarney at 1.45pm

Tipperary 1-12 Cork 4-18

Level at half time and still thus as late as the 49th minute, raging favourites Cork ran amok in the final quarter to finish up big winners over Tipp in Thurles but Cork will be aware that this type of uncertain form would be disastrous against Kerry in the upcoming Munster final, Cork's first decider since 2021 which they lost to Kerry on a 4-22 to 1-9 scoreline. It ends the Leesiders' longest gap between provincial deciders in 91 years (1928-35), setting up the 69th Cork-Kerry provincial final for May 10th at Fitzgerald Stadium. Tipp now head for the Tailteann Cup.

Level at 1-7 apiece as late as the 49th minute, the Rebels blitzed their hosts for 3-11 to 0-2 from there to the 67th minute. Cork substitutes Colm O'Callaghan, Brian Hurley, Rory Deane, Conor Corbett played a major part in the Cork revival as the starting fifteen failed to rise above mediocrity before the selectors took decisive remedial action. Chris Óg Jones ended with 2-2, while substitutes Colm O'Callaghan and Conor Corbett bagged goals in front of only 1,755 fans in the FBD Semple Stadium sunshine. Tipp, sensational champions in 2020 after their win over Cork, started well, with a point after seven minutes followed by a goal four minutes later as Cork kicked their first five shots wide, 1-1 to no score. Cork then kicked three points in two minutes, Sherlock in the 17th minute, was immediately followed by Jones and Luke Fahy.

Cork then struck for the lead goal, well taken by Chris Óg Jones, Tipp levelled with a two-pointer, 1-3 apiece. Cork led 1-5 to 1-4 at the break, Sherlock the scorer from his two efforts.

Brian Hurley and Ruairí Deane replaced Seán McDonnell and Cahalane for the second half, as Tipperary continued to trade points, matching Hurley and Cronin points for Cork.

The introduction of Colm O'Callaghan at midfield for Cork in the 48th minute changed the course of this Munster semi final as the Éire Óg man, omitted with injury worries at the start, made his presence felt massively and broke the Tipp midfield dominance. Cork had reeled off eight points without reply from seven shots before Brian Hurley limped off, O'Callaghan drilled low to the net in the 57th minute, with another substitute, Corbett, intercepting a short kick-out for Jones to finish. Cork had their fourth goal in the 67th minute, Corbett the finisher.

Tipp had the last three points, including an orange flag.

Scorers for Cork: Chris Óg Jones 2-2; Steven Sherlock 0-7 (1tp, 2f); Colm O'Callaghan, Conor Corbett 1-0 each; Luke Fahy, Brian Hurley (1tp) 0-3 each; Brian O'Driscoll, Mark Cronin, Ruairí Deane 0-1 each.

Cork: Micheál Aodh Martin; Maurice Shanley, Daniel O'Mahony, Seán Meehan; Brian O'Driscoll, Tommy Walsh, Luke Fahy (Ballincollig); Seán Walsh, Ian Maguire; Paul Walsh, Seán McDonnell, Conor Cahalane; Mark Cronin, Chris Óg Jones (Iveleary), Steven Sherlock. Subs: Brian Hurley for McDonnell

(HT), Ruairí Deane for Cahalane (HT), Colm O'Callaghan (Éire Óg) for S Walsh (48), Conor Corbett for Hurley (56, inj), Seán Brady for Meehan (61).

LGFA - Ladies Gaelic Football

LGFA Lidl Division 1 League Table
 Cork P7 W5-D1-L1 +10 Pts 16
 Galway P7 5-0-2 +24 Pts 15
 Waterford P7 4-1 2 +24 Pts 13
 Kerry P7 3-0-4 -5 Pts 9
 Armagh P7 2-2-3 -13 Pts 8
 Meath P7 2-1-4 -6 Pts 7
 Dublin P7 2-1-4 -22 Pts 7
 Kildare P6 1-2-4 -12 Pts 5

Div1 League Final:

Cork 2-8 Galway 0-9

TG4 Munster Championship - 4 teams, round robin

Cork 0-09 Tipperary 0-11

Tipperary caused a major upset when they overturned Cork at Páirc Uí Rinn in the TG4 Munster SFC first-round clash.

Cork, fresh from claiming a Division 1 title, would have been expected to come through this challenge but on the night the Premier County were simply supreme as they outfought and outplayed the home team to deservedly take the points.

Such was their dominance that Cork only scored one point from play in the entire second half.

Sadbh McGoldrick set up Aimee Corcoran for the opening score as Cork went into an early lead.

With seven minutes gone Tipperary were back on level terms when Sarah English scored, before Cork had the first goal chance of the half, Rachel Leahy racing through on goal but Lauren Fitzpatrick denied her a green flag.

A great ball from Clara English set up Anna Carey for Tipp's second point as they went in front for the first time.

Cork's Aine O'Sullivan saw her shot come back off the post before Heather Spillane put the visitors further in front.

Rachel O'Regan and Katie Quirke pointed for Cork to nudge ahead by the quarter hour mark, but Tipp responded through English and Eanna Morrissey.

Aine O'Sullivan pulled a point back for Cork at the start of the second half, with Morrissey replying at the other end for Tipp.

Quirke pointed from a free, after 38 minutes to make it 0-07 to 0-06, the closest Cork got to drawing level until the final minute.

Carey and Clara English pushed Tipp three points clear, with Quirke keeping Cork just about in touch from frees.

Two on the spin reduced the gap to the bare minimum as the game went into the final minute, but Tipp burst forward with Nora Martin getting the all-important insurance point.

Scorers for Cork: K Quirke 0-6 (6f), A Corcoran, R O'Regan, A O'Sullivan 0-1 each

Cork: C Richmond; M Duggan, D Kiniry, S Kelly; Rosie Corkery, Sadbh McGoldrick, C Hughes; A Corcoran (0-01), A O'Mahony; R Leahy, Gráinne Murphy, Emma Cleary; R O'Regan (0-01), K Quirke (0-06f), A O'Sullivan (0-01). Subs: M O'Callaghan for G Murphy (44), L Hallihan for C Hughes (48), A Ring for R O'Regan (57).

Fixtures:

Cork v Waterford, P Uí Rinn 2pm May 3rd
 Kerry v Cork, Kerry venue 11.45am May 10th

Senior B Munster Championship

Cork 2-18 Kerry 2-5

Cork got their Munster Ladies Senior B football championship off to a winning start at Páirc Uí Rinn.

The home side were comfortable all through and never looked like losing, despite the best efforts of a Kerry team that gave them a few scares, particularly early on. The Rebels were deserving winners in what was an impressive overall team display.

They now face Tipperary next Saturday at 2pm at Carrigaline and another win here would go a long way to ensuring their passage to the final in May.

Cork were leading by 1-9 to 2-3 at half time. Cork got the perfect start to the second half when Nicola Sheehan burst through the Kerry defence for their second goal to effectively kill off the game as a contest.

Amy McDonagh added a point, with Sadhbh Beausang and Pattwell adding two more to put Cork into a 2-12 to 2-4 lead.

Scorers for Cork: H Quirke 1-6 (1-0 pen, 5f), N Sheehan 1-0, S Pattwell 0-5, M Beausang, S Beausang, A McDonagh 0-2 each, E Cooney 0-1.

Cork: C Forde; N Kennedy, E Cooney, E Tarrant; A O'Sullivan, M Beausang, K O'Donovan; A McDonagh, R Murphy; S Beausang, N Sheehan, A McTaggart; S Pattwell, H Quirke, C Dooley.

Subs: M Leahy for C Dooley (ht), E Nagle for N Kennedy, S Ni Laoire for E Tarrant, E McGrath for S Beausang (all 44), M Collins for N Sheehan (52).

Fixtures:

Cork v Tipperary at Carrigaline May 2nd.
 Clare v Cork May 9th
 Limerick v Cork May 16th

Camogie

Centra National Camogie League- Div 1

Div 1A League Table(5 games)

Waterford P5 W4 L1 +2 Pts 12
 Galway P5 W3 D0 L2 +7 Pts 9
 Kilkenny P5 W3 D0 L2 +4 Pts 9
 Tipperary P5 W2 D1 L2 +23 Pts 8
 Cork P5 W1 D1 L3 -5 Pts 4
 Antrim P5 W1 D0 L4 -31 Pts 3

NL Final: Waterford 0-11 Galway 0-13

Munster Senior Camogie Championship

Tipperary 1-18 Cork 2-9

After their merited six-point victory in the Munster senior camogie championship quarter-final in FBD Semple Stadium on Sunday, another big day awaits Tipperary in SuperValu Páirc Uí Chaoimh for the semi-final against Limerick.

Having led 0-10 to 1-5 at the interval, Eimear McGrath's 58th-minute goal was set up by substitutes Caoimhe Maher and Niamh Treacy, while substitutes Eimear Heffernan and Jean Kelly shared four points between them.

"All our subs made a big difference, which is the most pleasing thing of the whole day," he said.

"We'd a lot of new girls today, probably four or five making their full first championship start. It wasn't pretty for the first 10 minutes of the second half, Cork kind of got on top. But we knew we had a good bit of work done, our fitness is at a good level."

Tipperary got off to a fast start, picking off four points without reply from Grace O'Brien (2), Caoimhe Stakelum and Kate Ralph. Sorcha McCartan opened Cork's account in the ninth minute. When wing-back Blair bagged her second point, the hosts led 0-8 to 0-3.

With the gap remaining at five, the game turned in the 30th minute after a rare defensive error allowed Cork's best forward Orlaith Cahalane to goal. Despite errant shooting, Tipperary still led 0-10 to 1-5 at the interval.

Three Saoirse McCarthy long-range frees put Cork in front, but only briefly in the second half. Tipperary



Minor Hurlers v Newmarket 15th March

worked their way back, Blair's superb block on a McCartan goal came at a critical time. Ahead 0-15 to 1-9, McGrath's major was the clincher, and they finished strong in front of a near full house.

Substitute Keava McCarthy pulled a green flag back for Cork in the third minute of stoppage time.

It was an extremely disappointing outcome for the defending champions.

"It was always going to be a tough challenge coming up here, but they gave it everything," manager Ger Manley said. "We have to prepare now for the All-Ireland championship in seven or eight weeks' time."

"We're struggling a bit up front and if we don't improve, I'll be talking about the same thing again. "To be fair to Tipp they are a good side, they're very good hurlers.

"We've a couple of players to come back up front, we're just lacking a small bit of experience there and that will only come with time."

Scorers for Cork: S McCarthy (0-5, 0-4 frees), O Cahalane (1-1), K McCarthy (1-0), L Hayes, N McNabola and S McCartan (0-1 each).

Cork: Amy Lee; Meabh Murphy (Ballinora), Libby Coppinger, Meabh Cahalane (Capt); Izzy O'Regan, Laura Hayes, Ava Fitzgerald; Mille Condon, Orlaith Cremin (Éire Óg); Emma Murphy, Orlaith Cahalane, Saoirse McCarthy; Hayley Ryan, Sorcha McCartan, Ava McAuliffe.

Subs: Niamh McNabola (Cloughduv) for E Murphy (23), Kieve McCarthy for O Cremin (44), Cliona O'Callaghan for A McAuliffe (52), Rachel Harty for H Ryan (57).

The Camogie Road to the Munster Final

The Quarter-Final: Tipperary v Cork

The Semi-Final: Limerick v Tipperary Sunday, 26th April (12 noon)

The Final: TBC 16th or 17th May | Venue TBC (Thurles or Limerick) The pinnacle of the Munster Camogie season. The date and venue will be locked in once the finalists are confirmed to ensure a neutral, top-tier setting.

Glen Dimplex All Ireland Camogie Championship 2026

The All Ireland Senior Camogie Championship will be played on a round robin basis with two groups: Group One with four teams: Cork v Galway 6/7 June, Tipperary v Waterford, Group Two starting May 23rd with six teams, Kilkenny v Limerick, Offaly v Wexford, Clare v Dublin.

Munster Championships

U20 Hurling:

Tipperary 1-21 Cork 0-22

Cork 4-18 Limerick 0-21

Waterford 0-13 Cork 0-16

Cork v Clare 29/04 in Cork – top three to qualify

Waterford 0-13 Cork 0-16

Cork produced a superb second-half comeback to defeat Waterford in their Munster U20 Hurling Championship clash at Fraher Field. Trailing late on after falling three points behind, Cork showed real resilience and composure to turn the game around.

James O'Brien was central to the victory, finishing with ten points, while captain Barry O'Flynn led by example with a brilliant sideline score at a crucial stage. Key contributions from Finn O'Brien and Conor Noonan pushed Cork into the lead entering the closing minutes.

Defensively, Cork stood strong under pressure, with Darragh Heavin delivering an outstanding performance, including a vital late block. Substitutes also made a major impact, particularly Craig O'Sullivan and Jack Counihan, whose energy helped swing momentum.

Cork closed out the game with confidence, adding late scores to secure a hard-earned win. The result sends them top of the table on scoring difference and keeps their Munster campaign firmly on track.

Cork scorers: James O'Brien 0-10 (0-4f, 0-1 65), B O'Flynn 0-2, Johnny Murphy, F O'Brien, C Noonan, C O'Sullivan 0-1 each.

Cork: O'Walsh (Yougal); D Fitzgerald (Bride Rovers), M Barrett (Carrigtwohill), D Heavin (Russell Rovers); MT Brosnan (Glen Rovers), C Garde (Lisgoold), D O'Leary (Ballincollig); B Walsh (Killeagh), C Noonan (Kanturk); Z Biggane (Charleville), James O'Brien (Cloyne), Jack O'Brien (Douglas); B O'Flynn (Sarsfields), F O'Brien (Erin's Own), Johnny Murphy (Dromina). Subs: John Murphy (Mallow) for Jack O'Brien (HT), J Counihan for B Walsh (37), C O'Sullivan (Na Piarsaigh) for Biggane (52), Walsh for O'Leary (60).

Munster U20 Football

Clare 1-10 Cork 1-10

Kerry 2-20 Clare 0-7

Kerry 2-27 Waterford 0-10

Cork 0-33 Waterford 1-9

Cork 0-10 Kerry 0-9

Final:

Kerry v Cork 30/04 Tralee at 7pm

Cork 0-10 Kerry 0-9

Cork secured a vital 0-10 to 0-9 win over Kerry in the Munster U20 Football Championship, marking their first victory over their rivals at this grade since 2021. After a slow start and a low-quality first half that ended 0-3 apiece, Cork grew into the game impressively.

Despite losing Dara Sheedy to injury early on, the Rebels produced a strong collective performance after the break. Mark O'Brien and Danny Miskella both struck crucial two-pointers, while Odhran Foley delivered an outstanding display throughout. Goalkeeper Billy Curtin also made a key contribution with a long-range 45.

Cork showed composure and resilience in the closing stages, holding off a late Kerry push to seal a deserved win. Following their opening draw with Clare, this result leaves Cork well positioned to reach the Munster final, with a decisive clash against Waterford up next.

Scorers for Cork: D Miskella 0-3 (1 2pt, 0-1 f), M O'Brien 0-2 (1 2pt), D Sheedy, O Foley, B Curtin (45), D O'Neill, S O'Leary 0-1 each.

Cork Team: B Curtin (Valley Rovers); F Hurley (O'Donovan Rossa), Peter Rose (Ballincollig), H Wixted (Bishopstown); Seán O'Leary (Kilmurry), C McCarthy (St Colum's), O Foley (Bishopstown); Darragh Clifford (Éire Óg, capt), T Kiely (Mallow); Mark O'Brien (Ballinora), D Sheedy (Bantry Blues), G Holland (Bishopstown); S Coakley (Douglas), R Barrett (St Finbarr's), Danny Miskella (Ballincollig).

Subs: Denis O'Mullane (Kilmurry) for D Sheedy (21, inj), D O'Neill (Carbery Rangers) for T Kiely (h-t), A Keane (Kinsale) for S Coakley (45), L Shorten (Tadhg MacCarthaigh) for R Barrett (60), L Murphy (Barryroe) for D O'Mullane (61).

Cork 0-33 Waterford 1-9

Cork are through to the Munster U20FC final and a meeting with Kerry after a 21-point win over Waterford at Páirc Uí Chaoimh.

Cork got off to a blistering start, with Gary Holland slotting over inside 15 seconds. Waterford replied with two points. Then came a flurry of Cork scores - three from Douglas marksman Coakley and a double for Luke Shorten, as well as one each from Dylan O'Neill and Barrett translated into an eight points to two Cork lead by the 15-minute mark.

Ballincollig's Danny Miskella ensured every Cork forward had got on the score sheet two minutes later, before Shorten added his third. Eight-point-lead. One-way traffic. Cork led by 0-14 to 0-6 at the break but a goal for Waterford early in the second half gave a hint of a revival by the Déise but Cork reasserted authority and strolled to victory.

Tomás O Sé and Kerry await in Tralee.

Scorers for Cork: S Coakley 0-9 (1 2pt, 2f), D O'Neill 0-6 (1 2pt), D Miskella 0-4 (2f), R Barrett, L Shorten 0-3 each, B Curtin (2 '45), O Foley 0-2 each, G Holland, L Murphy, D O'Mullane, D Clifford 0-1 each.

Cork: B Curtin (Valley Rovers); F Hurley (O'Donovan Rossa), Peter Rose (Ballincollig), M Ahern (St Finbarr's); Seán O'Leary (Kilmurry), C McCarthy (St Colum's), O Foley (Bishopstown); Darragh Clifford (Éire Óg), Mark O'Brien (Ballinora); Danny Miskella (Ballincollig), L Shorten (Tadhg MacCarthaigh), G Holland (Bishopstown); S Coakley (Douglas), R Barrett (St Finbarr's), D O'Neill (Carbery Rangers). Subs: A Keane for S O'Leary (HT, inj), Denis O'Mullane (Kilmurry) for D O'Neill (45), H Wixted for G Holland (47), B Corkery Delaney for R Barrett (49), L Murphy for O Foley (51).

Munster Minor Hurling

Cork 0-12 Waterford 0-9: Cork 0-16 Tipperary 2-17: Cork Clare at home May 1st: v Limerick at home May 8th. Final: May 15th – top two teams

Tipperary 2-17 Cork 0-16

Cork were edged out by Tipperary in Thurles on a 2-17 to 0-16 scoreline in the Electric Ireland Munster MHC clash, but the final margin flattered the hosts after a competitive contest. Cork led for long spells in the first half, with Sam Ring accurate from frees and Liam O'Regan among the early scorers as Cork settled well into the wind advantage.

The Rebels responded strongly to Tipp's first-half penalty goal, with Stephen McHugh and Tadhg McCarthy influential, while a bright spell early in the second half saw Ryan Cagney and Cathal Barry help Cork move into a brief lead.

However, the decisive moment came in the 40th

minute when Tipperary struck their second goal after a turnover, swinging momentum firmly their way. Despite Ring's frees keeping Cork in touch, they went scoreless in the closing stages as Tipp pulled clear through Chris Dunne and Conall Morrisson.

Scorers for Cork: S Ring 0-7 (0-6 f), L O'Regan 0-3, T McCarthy, R Cagney 0-2 each, T Murphy, C Barry 0-1 each.

Cork: M Walsh (Youghal); J Batterberry (Castletownroche), H O'Donovan (Kilbree), N Coffey (Na Piarasigh); F Cahill (Midleton), S Riordan (Kilworth), D Nolan (Erin's Own); Tadgh Murphy (Cloughduv), C Barry (Bride Rovers); T McCarthy (Watergrasshill), S McHugh (Newtownshandrum), L O'Regan (St Finbarr's); Cormac Murphy (Ballinora), T Huggins (Sarsfields), S Ring (Carrigtwohill). Subs: G Kingston (Mallow) for T Murphy (21-23), R Cagney (Mallow) for C Murphy (half-time), Bobby Power (Ballincollig) for Huggins (45), C Stack (Blackrock) for Barry (48), Kingston for T Murphy (60).

The Cork GAA Club Scene

McCarthy Insurances County Football Leagues 2026

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There are 7 Divisions, each of ten teams. Finals: 3rd to 5th July

Div 1: St Finbarrs 6, Cill na Martra 6, Castlehaven 5, Knocknagree 5, Clonakilty 5, Newcestown 4, Carbery Rangers 4, Éire Óg 3, Nemo Rangers 2, Douglas 0

Cill na Martra 0-17 Castlehaven 1-14

Cill na Martra and Castlehaven could not be separated following an entertaining contest in the McCarthy Insurance Group Cork Football League Division 1 at P Uí Chuana. The Gaeltacht Mhuscraí side led for large portions of the contest but Castlehaven's Mark Collins penalty midway through the second half proving crucial to his side coming away with the draw.

Castlehaven settled early and led by 0-5 to 0-0 ahead with eight minutes played.

Cill na Martra then found their rhythm and Micheál Ó Deasúna landed over a series of fine scores in the opening half. Shane Ó Duinnín also slotted over for the hosts, who led 0-7 to 0-6 after 26 minutes. Castlehaven responded well and got back level but Cill Na Martra went in 0-9 to 0-7 ahead at the break, with points from Ó Duinnín and Seán Ó Fóirréidh.

Cill na Martra began strongly in the second half, scores from Ó Deasúna Daniel Ó Duinnín and Eoin Ó Conaill seeing the home side ahead 0-13 to 0-7 on 40 minutes.

Castlehaven midway through the second half were awarded a penalty when Maguire was taken down and Mark Collins blasted the ball to the roof of the net, then had a point to see the sides level 0-13 to 1-10 after 48 minutes.

Cill na Martra charge back ahead as Ó Deasúna and Shane Ó Duinnín added to their scoring tally, Castlehaven with points from Maguire and Jack

Cahalane ensured a division of the league points.

Scorers for Cill na Martra: M Ó Deasúna 0-9 (2 2pt f, 1 2pt, 0-2 f, 0-1 45), S Ó Duinnín 0-4 (0-2 f), S Ó Fóirréidh 0-2, E Ó Conaill, D Ó Duinnín 0-1 each.

Cill na Martra: M Ó Deasúna; C Ó Cróinín, M Ó Cathasaigh, F Ó Faoláin; D Ó Conaill, S Ó Fóirréidh, C Ó Fóirréidh; A Ó Duinnín, G Ó Goillidhe; A Ó hUidhir, D Ó Duinnín, J Ó Loingsigh; E Ó Conaill, A Ó Loingsigh, S Ó Duinnín. Subs: D Mac Cárthaigh (17-23, temp), D Ó Buachalla and D Mac Cárthaigh (both 55)

Referee: John Ryan (Macroom).

Nemo Rangers 1-19 Éire Óg 1-15

Half time: 0-10 each

Div 2: Uibh Laoire 8, Carrigaline 7, Ballincollig 7, Dohenys 5, Clyda 5, Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh 4, St Michaels 4, O'Donovan Rossa 2, Valley Rovers 2, Castletownbere 0

Ballincollig 0-16 Dohenys 2-10

Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh 0-15 Uibh Laoire 6-10

The outcome of the meeting of fellow parishioners at Ballingearry was decisively settled by the lethal finish of Uibh Laoire who led by 3-4 to 0-7 at half time but added another three goals in the second half while denying Béal Átha the goals they needed. Adrian O'Dea, Brian Cronin, Conor O'Leary, Jack Sweeney, Oisín O'Herlihy and Ian Jones were the Uibh Laoire goalscorers. Team: Joe Creedon: Adrian O'Dea, Daniel O'Donovan, Daniel O'Riordan: Kevin Manning, Ciarán O'Riordan, Seán O'Riordan: Oisín O'Herlihy, Conor O'Leary: Timmy Roberts, Cathal Vaughan, James O'Donovan: Seán O'Leary, Brian Cronin, Jack Sweeney. Subs: Ian Jones, Alan O'Brien, Kevin Jones, Shane Ga Ivin, Daniel Creedon.

Uibh Laoire move to top of Div 2 league with four wins from their five games to date.

Div 3: Bishopstown 8, Aghabullogue 8, Naomh Abán 7, Kanturk 6, Mallow 6, Kilshannig 4, Fermoy 3, Bandon 2, Newmarket 2, Rockchapel 2.

Aghabullogue 3-11 Fermoy 1-8

A good Fermoy side led at half time in this Sunday morning game at Coachford on a 1-6 to 0-5 scoreline but Aghabullogue got on top in the second half as the visitors tired and the home side were in comfortable control in the final stages. Aghabullogue scorers were Mathew Bradley 1-7, John Corkery 1-0, James Lane 1-0, Cialan O'Sullivan 0-2, Evan O'Sullivan and Colm Gillespie 0-1 each.

Aghabullogue are now joint top of the table with Bishopstown

Bandon 0-11 Naomh Abán 1-14

Naomh Abán are in 3rd place in Div 3 after five rounds played. They were level at 0-3 each with Bandon at Páirc Iosagáin but had a five point lead at the three quarter stage, 1-11 to 0-9, and stayed in control to the finish.

Div 4: Glanmire 7, Nemo 7, Buttevant 5, Adrigole 5, Gabriel Rangers 4, Kiskeam 4, Kilmurry 4, Boherbue 4, Macroom 4, Aghada 0

Kilmurry 2-15 Boherbue 2-19

Kilmurry 0-17 Buttevant 1-13

Kilmurry were in action twice in the past week, losing at home to Boherbue but then taking the scalp of a highly rated Buttevant side.

Next game is against Macroom, in Macroom on Saturday, May 9th next.

Macroom 1-15 Adrigole 1-11

Macroom and Adrigole were in search of league points for different reasons in this clash at the Castle Grounds. Macroom needed a win badly having suffered three defeats in four matches, Adrigole were unbeaten and a win would keep them in joint top of the table. A fine game ensued.

Macroom survived an early pounding and were level at half time at 1-6 apiece. The home side put in a good second half performance, led by 1-11 to 1-7 at the three quarter mark and managed to keep a slight edge for the closing stages of a well contested encounter.

Scorers were Oisín O'Sullivan 1-0, Alan Quinn 0-5, David Horgan 0-3, Cillian O'Donovan 0-2, Caleb Dinneen 0-2, Dylan Twomey, Pa Lucey and Eolan O'Leary 0-1 each.

Div 5: Bantry Blues 7, Mitchelstown 7, Ballinora 7, St Nicks 6, Canovee 6, Ilen Rvrs 6, St Vincents 4, Kinsale 2, Millstreet 1, Ballydesmond 0

Ballydesmond 0-13 Canovee 5-13

Canovee started well against Ballydesmond and at the end of the 1st quarter led by 1-3 to nil, the goal coming from James Moynihan in the 8th minute. A Jack Kelleher goal on 15 made the score 2-4 to 0-1 and although Ballydesmond improved, Canovee held a comfortable lead 2-9 to 0-4 lead at half time. A goal from Odhran O'Driscoll on 32 and another from Jack Kelleher on 45 had Canovee strolling at 4-11 to 0-10 and Daire McMahon added a fifth two minutes later.

Canovee: Frankie Condon: Patrick Buckley, Lim Kelleher, Evan Cunningham: Odhran O'Driscoll, Ryan Delaney, Shane Riordan: Aidan Murphy, Cillian Newman: Mark Healy, Jason Riordan, James Moynihan: Daire McMahon, Cathal Riordan, Jack Kelleher. Subs: Sean O'Connor, Cian Cronin, Eoghan Lehane, Gavin O'Sullivan

Ballinora 1-13 St Nicks 0-5

Div 6: Kildorrery 8, Kilmacabea 8, Cullen 7, Aghinagh 7, Glenville 6, Dromtarriffe 6, Cobh 6, Argideen 1, Glanworth 1, Na Piarasigh -2

Dromtarriffe 0-15 Aghinagh 1-12

Cobh 1-14 Aghinagh 1-11

Aghinagh lost their unbeaten league record in a tight battle in Cobh on Sunday morning. Leading 1-6 to 1-5 at half time Aghinagh couldn't maintain the same level of performance in a very competitive second half and were outscored 9 points to 5 in this period.

Aghinagh: Jason McCarthy: Dermot O'Callaghan, Donagh O'Riordan, Cathal Rea: TJ Buckley, Tom Buckley, Declan Ambrose: Matthew McCarthy, Thomas Morgans: Darragh O'Shea, Con Buckley (1-5), Seán O'Riordan: William Coakley (0-5), Sean Cummins (0-1), Seán Kelleher. Subs: Dylan O'Riordan, Aodh Twomey, Luke Ring, Noah O'Leary.

Div 7: Carbery Rangers 9, St James 8, Ballygarvan 6, Liscarroll 4, Donoughmore 4, Inniscarra 3, Nemo 2, Castlemagner 2, Passage 2, Mayfield 0,



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Liscarroll 1-11 Inniscarra 0-10
Carbery Rangers 1-11 Donoughmore 0-10

Red FM Hurling Leagues 2026

Four Rounds completed

Div 1: Midleton 8, St Finbarrs 6, Douglas 6, Blackrock 5, Charleville 4, Sarsfields 4, Carrigtwohill 3, Glen Rovers 2, Killeagh 2 Fr O'Neills 0

Div 2: Erin's Own 8, Bride Rovers 7, Ballincollig 5, Kanturk 5, Newcestown 4, Valley Rovers 3, Newtownshandrum 3, Na Piarasigh 2, Carrigaline 1, Ballymartle 0.

Valley Rovers 0-20 Ballincollig 0-20
Ballincollig 0-21 Carrigaline 0-18

Div 3: Courceys 6, Inniscarra 6, Blarney 6, Éire Óg 6, Bandon 6, Ballinhassig 4, Fermoy 4, Lisgoold 2, Russell Rovers 0, Castlelyons 0

Rd 3: Courceys 1-17 Inniscarra 0-17
Lisgoold 1-12 Blarney 0-20
Fermoy 1-15 Éire Óg 0-13
Rd 4: Inniscarra 2-19 Lisgoold 0-20
Russell Rvrs 3-9 Éire Óg 2-20
Blarney 0-19 Courcey 3-21

Div 4: Watergrasshill 6, Aghabullogue 5, Kilworth 4, Mallow 4, Kildorrery 4, St Catherine's 3, Ballyhea 3, Bishopstown 3, Cloughdub 2, Blackrock 2.

Aghabullogue 1-14 Watergrasshill 1-18;
Aghabullogue 2-11 Kildorrery 0-17
Cloughdub 2-13 Blackrock 0-17

Aghabullogue 1-16 Bishopstown 1-13
Watergrasshill 3-21 Cloughdub 1-16
Cloughdub v Kilworth Tuesday April 28th

Div 5: Dungourney 8, Kilbrittain 6, Midleton 6, Cloyne 5, Castlemartyr 4, Tracton 4, Milford 4, Glen Rovers 3, Ballygarvan 0, Youghal 0.

Div 6: Killavullen 6, Ballygiblin 6, Aghada 6, Argideen R 5, Sarsfields 4, D Ó Mathura's 4, Ballinascorthy 3, Kinsale 2, Mayfield 2, Erin's Own 2.

Div 7: Ballinora 8, Kilshannig 6, St Finbarrs 4, Barryroe 4, Carraig na bFear 4, Na Piarasigh 4, Killeagh 4, Passage West 3, Meelin 2, Douglas 1.

Ballinora 1-19 Carraig na bFear 0-13
Ballinora 0-22 Barryroe 0-14

2026 Cork Championship Programme

The 2026 County Championship will begin with: McCarthy Insurance Group Football Championship – Round 1: July 24th – 26th
Co-Op Superstores Hurling Championship – Round 1: July 31st – 2nd August
Playing sequence: 1v2, 3v4; 1v4, 3v2; 1v3, 2v4.

Cork County Championship - Grades and Groups 2026

Hurling: Premier Senior

Group 1: 1 Blackrock, 2 Glen Rovers, 3 Kanturk, 4 Fr O'Neill's.

Group 2: Sarsfields, Charleville, Douglas, Newtownshandrum.

Group 3: Midleton, St Finbarr's, Bride Rovers, Newcestown.

Senior A Hurling:

Group 1: Blarney, Castlelyons, Watergrasshill, Ballyhea.

Group 2: Na Piarasigh, Erin's Own, Killeagh, Fermoy.

Group 3: Carrigtwohill, Inniscarra, Ballinhassig, Courcey Rovers.

Premier Intermediate Hurling:

Group 1: Bishopstown, Ballincollig, Éire Óg, Aghabullogue.

Group 2: Dungourney, Cloyne, Castlemartyr, Lisgoold.

Group 3: Carrigaline, Valley Rovers, Kilworth, Ballymartle

Intermediate A Hurling:

Group 1: Aghada, Bandon, Kilbrittain, Russell Rovers.

Group 2: Midleton, Mallow, Kildorrery, Blackrock.

Group 3: Erin's Own, Sarsfields, Youghal, Ballygiblin.

Premier Junior Hurling:

Group 1: Ballygarvan, Glen Rovers, Kilshannig, Nemo Rangers.

Group 2: Cloughdub, St Catherine's, Milford, Tracton.

Group 3: Mayfield, Argideen Rangers, Barryroe, St Finbarr's.

Football:

Playing sequence: 1v2, 3v4; 1v4, 3v2; 1v3, 2v4

Premier Senior Football

Group 1: 1 St Finbarr's, 2 Carrigaline, 3 Mallow, 4 Douglas.

Group 2: Newcestown, Nemo Rangers, St Michael's, Valley Rovers.

Group 3: Castlehaven, Ballincollig, Knocknagree, Clonakilty.

Senior A Football

Group 1: Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh, Kanturk, Dohenys, Aghabullogue.

Group 2: Cill na Marta, Carbery Rangers, O'Donovan Rossa, Newmarket.

Group 3: Bishopstown, Éire Óg, Clyda Rovers, Kilshannig.

Premier Intermediate Football:

Group 1: Glanmire, Uibh Laoire, Bantry Blues, Rockchapel.

Group 2: Kiskeam, Aghada, Macroom, Castletownbere.

Group 3: Naomh Abán, Fermoy, Nemo Rangers, Ballinora.

Intermediate A Football:

Group 1: Ilan Rovers, Kilmurry, Buttevant, Glanworth.

Group 2: Gabriel Rangers, Mitchelstown, St Finbarr's, Dromtariffe.

Group 3: Bandon, Adrigole, Boherbue, Kildorrery.

Premier Junior Football:

Group 1: Cullen, St Vincent's, Millstreet, Kinsale.

Group 2: Inniscarra, Cobh, Glenville, Urhan.

Group 3: Canovee, St Nick's, Na Piarasigh, Kilmacabea.

Upcoming fixtures:

Thurs, April 30th Munster U20 F Final Munster Under 20 Football Final

Fri, May 1st Munster U17 H R3 Cork v Clare in Cork Venue TBC

May 1st - 3rd Confined JBHC R1 Confined Junior B Hurling Competition Round 1

Sun, May 3rd Club H League R5 Red FM Hurling League R5

Mon, May 4th Munster U17 F R2 Cork v Kerry

Tues, May 5th @8pm Wed, May 6th Munster U20 H SF Munster Under 20 Hurling Semi-Final (2nd v 3rd)

May 8th - 10th Confined JBFC R2 Confined Junior B Football Competition Round 2 May 8th - 10th Confined JCFC R2 Confined Junior C Football Competition Round 2

Fri, May 8th Munster U17 H R4 Cork v Limerick in Cork Venue TBC

May 9th - 10th All-Ireland U20 F SF All-Ireland Under 20 Football Semi-Final

May 9th Munster SHC R3 Cork v Waterford in Azzurri Walsh Park

May 10th Munster SFC Final Munster Senior Football

Final

F League R6 McCarthy Insurance Group Football League R6

Mon, May 11th Munster U17 F SF Cork v Round Robin 1st in Cork Venue TBC

Wed, May 13th Munster U20 H Final Munster Under 20 Hurling Final

Fri, May 15th Munster U17 H Final Munster Minor Hurling Final

May 15th - 17th Confined JBHC R2 Confined Junior B Hurling Competition Round 2

Sun, May 17th Club H League R6 Red FM Hurling League R6

Mon, May 18th Munster U17 F Final Munster Minor Football Final

May 22nd - 24th Confined JBFC R3 Confined Junior B Football Competition Round 3

May 22nd - 24th Confined JCFC R3 Confined Junior C Football Competition Round 3

Sat, May 23rd All-Ireland U17 H Prelim QF All-Ireland Minor Hurling Preliminary Quarter Final

May 23rd - 24th All-Ireland SFC R1 Sam Maguire Round 1

May 24th Munster SHC R5 Cork v Clare in SuperValu Páirc Uí Chaoimh

Sun, May 24th Club F League R7 McCarthy Insurance Group Football League R7

Mon, May 25th - 29th TBC

Sat, May 30th All-Ireland U17 H QF All-Ireland Minor Hurling Quarter Final

May 29th - 31st Confined JBHC R3 Confined Junior B Hurling Competition Round 3

May 30th - 31st All-Ireland SFC R1 Sam Maguire Round 1

Sun, May 31st All-Ireland U20 H Final All-Ireland Under 20 Hurling Final

Sun, May 31st Club H League R7 Red FM Hurling League R7

Tues, June 2nd @8pm Tues, June 2th Div/Col F (Seeded) SF Divisions / Colleges Premier Senior Football Cship Seeded Semi-Finals

Fri, June 5th FAI WNT League Republic of Ireland v Netherlands in SuperValu Páirc Uí Chaoimh

June 5th - 7th Confined JBFC QF Confined JBFC Quarter Finals

June 5th - 7th Confined JCFC QF Confined JCFC Quarter Finals

Sun, June 7th Munster SHC Final Munster Senior Hurling Final

Macroom Motors Muskerry U21 Football Championship

Starts: last weekend in June

'A' Championship 4 teams:

Semi finals: Donoughmore v Éire Óg; Naomh Aban v Ballincollig

B Championship – 10 teams

Preliminary Rounds: A Inniscarra v Kiklmichael; B Blarney v Ballinora

Quarter Finals: A v B: Kilmurry v Grenagh; Ballincollig v Macroom; Canovee v Aghabullogue

C Championship – 8 teams

Quarter Finals: Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh v Lee Gaels; Macroom v Donoughmore; Clondrohid v Iveleary;

Aghinagh v Cill na Martra

Muskerry GAA – Championship Draws 2026

MJK OILS Junior A Hurling Championship

Two groups, one of six teams, one of five, top two teams from each group to qualify for semi final stage

Starts: Aug 1/2/3

Group 1 Sequence

A Inniscarra Round 1: A v B/C v D/E v F



U13 Hurlers v Erins Own 26th April 2026

B Grenagh Round 2: A v D/B v F/C v E
 C Ballinora Round 3: A v C/E v B/D v F
 D Iveleary Round 4: A v E/F v C/D v B
 E Kilmichael Round 5: A v F/D v E/B v C
 F Aghabullogue

Group 2

A Ballincollig Round 1: A v B/ C v D / E a bye
 B Donoughmore Round 2: A v D/ C v E/ B a bye
 C Dripsey Round 3: A v C/ E v B/ D a bye
 D Éire Óg Round 4: A v E/ D v B/ C a bye
 E Blarney Round 5: B v C/ D v E/ A a bye

Ross Oil Junior A Football Championship

Three groups of four teams – two teams to qualify from each group
 Starts: 24/25/26 July

Group 1 A Aghinagh
 B Donoughmore
 C Ballinora
 D Kilmurry

Group 2 A Ballincollig
 B Grenagh
 C Dripsey
 D Clondrohid

Group 3 A Éire Óg
 B Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh
 C Kilmichael
 D Naomh Abán

Sequence: Rd 1; A v B and C v D Rd 2: A v C and B v D; Rd 3: A v D and B v C

Mid Cork Leagues 2026

Cumnor Junior Hurling League Div 1

Table: Donoughmore 6, Blarney 5, Dripsey 4, Grenagh 4, Ballincollig 4, Éire Óg 2, Aghabullogue 2, Inniscarra 2, Kilmichael 1

EPH Junior Football League Div 1

League table: Grenagh 8, Clondrohid 8, Kilmichael 6, Aghabullogue 6, Ballincollig 4, Éire Óg 4, Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh 2, Canovee 0

EPH Div 2 West:

Kilmurry 4: N Abán 4: Cill na Martra 4: Dripsey 3: Macroom 3: Iveleary 0: Aghinagh 0.

EPH Div 2 East

Glenn na Laoi 4: Inniscarra 2, Éire Óg 2, Blarney 2, Donoughmore 2, Ballincollig 0, Ballinora 0
 Erneside Engineering JHL 2
 Donoughmore 3, Éire Óg 3, Inniscarra 2, Ballinora 2, Blarney 2, Iveleary 2, Grenagh 0, Cloughduv 0



U10 Camogie Blitz in Coachford 25th April 2026



U12 Camogie v Sarsfield 19th April 2026 01

MUSKERRY GAA SUPPORTS REFEREES WITH NEW EQUIPMENT AND GEAR PRESENTATION

Muskerry GAA has reaffirmed its commitment to supporting match officials with the presentation of a new electronic substitution board along with complimentary gear for referees in the division.

The presentation was made by Chairman Ed Warren, who highlighted the importance of providing referees with the tools and resources needed to effectively carry out their roles on match day. The introduction of the electronic substitution board is expected to enhance match operations and improve communication during games.

Receiving the presentation on behalf of Muskerry referees were Pat O'Leary, John Ryan & Dave Murnane, all of whom play a key role in officiating fixtures across the Muskerry Division. Speaking at the event, Chairman Ed Warren expressed his appreciation for the referees' dedication and ongoing contribution to Gaelic games, noting that their professionalism ensures games are conducted in a fair and respectful manner. This initiative forms part of Muskerry GAA's continued efforts to recognise and support referees, whose role remains central to the success and integrity of competitions throughout the division.



Muskerry GAA Supports Referees with New Equipment and Gear Presentation. L-R, Pat O'Leary, John Ryan, Ed Warren (Chairman), Dave Murnane & Michael Dilworth (PRO)

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A Word of Victory

"Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things" (Philippians 4:8).

Welcome back dear student, last week we saw how understanding our new identity in Christ will break the back of anxiety. Human nature is to daydream. Visualising happiness just falling from the sky and landing in our lap is not how life works though. Everything of value takes effort and perseverance. Getting lost in daydreaming and disassociating from reality is only an escape or a coping mechanism. You are stronger than you know friend. If you think back over all the hours, weeks, days, months, and years that have been wasted entertaining anxiety – has anything ever actually happened? Most times the answer to that is no. Jesus told His disciples to stop worrying (Matthew 6:25-34). Worry is a habit, a doorway to torment but it's not always fearful thoughts – it can be rage, or unforgiveness that torments the mind just as easy. The Bible mentions the root cause of torment as one of two things: unforgiveness, or fear (Matthew 18:21-35; 1 John 4:18). In recognising destructive thoughts, it becomes clear that they are often familiar, and habitual – quietly working away in the background breeding anxiety, strife, bitterness, anger, or dread.

What's needed is a complete renewal (Romans 12:1-2). This is where effort kicks in. Jesus gave a key when He warned 'take no thought, saying...' (Matthew 6:31). Everything begins with a thought - then a decision: what to do with it? With habitual destructive thought patterns our internal filter is hindered – because maybe we are too tired, or too lazy to intervene and stop that thought in its tracks. Or a person doesn't follow through by replacing the negative thought with another - leaving a gap for more worry, or negativity to fill it.

In the book of Philippians Paul talks about how he had to leave the old ways, and the past behind to move onwards, learning to be content while on the way to breakthrough. It's vital to release all bitterness and practice rejoicing in the Lord – being thankful for, and hopeful of, God's goodness. How? By thinking about all the wonderful things God has done. How He loves us so much that He gave His Only Begotten Son to die, to pay for our sins, so that we could be saved. Think about how Jesus took the pain, the grief, the anguish, the terror, so that each one of us could be set free. These thoughts are not merely the 'power of positive thinking' - but are meditating upon the eternal Life-giving Word of God, which changes us from the inside out, by the power of God's Spirit in His Word (John 6:63). 'You will keep in perfect peace all whose minds are stayed on You, because they trust in You... Yahweh, the Lord... our Eternal Rock' (Isaiah 26:3).

King Solomon advises us to meditate upon the Word of God which brings Life to all one's flesh (Proverbs 4:20-22). The flesh is not just our physical bodies, but our minds too. When Jesus took that crown of thorns on His head it was to break the curse of humiliation, failure, dread, fear, lack, sorrow, and rejection. When Jesus faced death alone, whipped and beaten beyond recognition He took that pain for us to be forgiven, cleansed, healed and made whole (Isaiah 53:4-5; 2 Corinthians 10:5). Entertaining vain imaginations, anxiety, and dread takes years off one's life – precious moments of a life that Jesus paid for us to enjoy (John 10:10). Today, May first, is the beginning of Summer – believe it - your best days are ahead of you dear one, not behind you!

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Just a thought

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**Endless searching..
Funny how a sermon sticks out in my mind.**

Decades ago, I recall hearing a sermon on the topic of 'endless youth.' Whilst the technology wasn't as sophisticated as today, the elderly priest preached about 'face-lifts' of all things. People aren't happy with their age or appearance for very long, he asserted m. Youngsters want to look older, older people want to look like teenagers. We feel it a huge compliment when others (maybe strategically) mistake us to look younger in age than we are.

His argument was convincing. Everyone wants a change and a makeover, but we must wake up to the realisation there is no way of getting around irreversible aging. At best we can slow things down or hide the wrinkles. Something rang true in what he said. He went on to say that it was a hankering for the timeless within us, echoing the eternal in us despite ourselves, even given the modern tendency to doubt or deny the existence of an (or, better, the) afterlife. He felt too that enduring myths like Atlantis, 'Tir na n-Og' (Land of Endless Youth), El Dorado and even the search for the Holy Grail were vain attempts to attain eternal life - or eternal youth. As a young fellow deep into myths and legends like the Fianna and Camelot, I was deeply intrigued.

Sagas like The Hobbit and The Lord of the Rings, and The Narnia Chronicles have enduring appeal. I read a lot of this genre, as well as science-fiction, in my early teens. We are all drawn to another world, as it were, of chivalry, heroes and good deeds, adversity, enemies overcome and a happy ending. Even as children, we curl up to 'Once Upon a time', read alone or aloud, satisfied and sleeping easily with the assurance that there is a happy-ever-after.'

How can we explain this? It makes no rational sense. Perhaps atheistic evolutionary biologists attempt to explain it away as evolution's inevitable development of the higher brain. Codswallop, I say.

But what is it about 'the human spirit' that dares to dream, improve and excel? To want a better world? To dream of a Utopia or a perfect humanitarian society with an end to all suffering? Maybe psychologists suggest it as a therapeutic exercise for survival as in the words of TS Eliot, 'humankind cannot stand too much reality.' Is it just a way of coping with the hardship of life in all its misery? But why do we bother to build bigger and better? Why are we collectively caught up in and fascinated by space exploration? What is it that makes us want to 'reach for the stars?' Cynics might say that there might be (a better, maybe even intelligent) life on other planets!

There is a 'moreness' to life that we cannot quite put our finger on. To quote a permanently dissatisfied Bob Geldof, after the success of Band-Aid and Live-Aid, he had to ask: 'Is that it?'

I'm not ready to give up as I suspect many idle people-watchers do, having thrown in the towel at life. I don't want to be a cynic, with a never-ending supply of negativity, sipping my beverage of choice watching the world going by, talking of old times without full participation in these times and creating memories today. I don't want to be stuck in the past, endlessly re-living it like a hamster in a wheel.

I know I'm getting older and its showing, as I'm slowing. But there is more to life. There is more to live and more to love - in this life and the next. I want to die with my sleeves rolled up. To go out guns-blazing, to be remembered with a smile. It's not too late for me to start again. I want adventure. If I have my health, that is true wealth. Life is to be enjoyed, not endured.

I want the memory of me to live on.

I challenge any atheist with this question - 'can you tell me why?'

God bless. Fr Seán

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



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

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NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT



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

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

9TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

MAURICE O'CONNELL

Ballymakeera Co Cork

*Rest in peace dear loved one
And thanks for all you've done.
We pray that God has given you
The crown you've truly won.*



Always remembered by your wife Mary and family.

NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART



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

6TH ANNIVERSARY



The measure of my dreams

DECLAN FLYNN

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

*I missed you quietly today
So quietly no one noticed.
I missed you as I climbed out of bed
As I waited at the lights
on the way to work.
And as I heard the rain
outside my window
I missed you as I switched off the lights
and climbed into bed.
I missed you without tears
or noise or fanfare
But oh how I felt it
I felt it in the morning,
in the evening and at night
I felt it as I woke, in the light,
in the dark and in the rain.
Yes I missed you so quietly today
But I felt it so loudly.*

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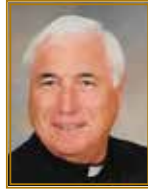
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Missed so very much Dad
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A steadiness we'd always find
In every prayer, in every deed
You gave your all, to those indeed.
Though ten long years, have passed us by
Your spirit lives, it does not die
In grateful hearts your memory stays
A faithful guide, through all our days.*

'Be doers of the Word and not hearers only'



Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis
Lovingly remembered by the O'Callaghan
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9TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

TERESA BUCKLEY (NEE CURTIN)

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A helping hand for others needs,
Sincere and true in heart and mind,
Beautiful memories left behind*



Always remembered by her loving
husband Paddy and family

2ND ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

MICHAEL (MICKEY) BARRY

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

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



Always remembered by your loving Wife
Mary and family

6TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

DECLAN FLYNN

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

*A loving nature
A heart of gold
The very best this world could hold
Never selfish, always kind
These are the memories you left behind.*



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

4TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

DONAL VAUGHAN

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

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



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

14TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

JOHN O'SHEA

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

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



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

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FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of

MATTHEW TWOMEY

(MATT MIKE HUGH)

Turners Cross, Cork & Doire Leathan, Coolea.

20/12/1933 - 06/05/2025

The family of the late, Matthew Twomey, would like to sincerely thank all our family, friends, neighbours, colleagues and visitors who offered their condolences, kindness and support during this time of loss. Perhaps you visited, perhaps you shook our hands, perhaps you sent flowers or a card, perhaps you put up a message of condolence - all of it meant so much to us.

In the first instance, we would like to thank our extended family - the Twomeys, and O'Donoghues - who gave such strength and support to us. We wish to thank Sullivans Funeral Home Directors for their exceptional help, guidance and service as we said our final goodbyes to Dad and brought him home to Coolea to his final place of rest. We are so grateful to Sacristan Gerard Lynch and Fr. Seán McCarthy for Matt's beautiful funeral mass. Your compassion, combhbrón and gentle guidance meant the world to us. To have the Coolea Choir sing for the funeral mass was the icing on the cake - and we will never forget their kindness in that. As usual, Don & Gbnait Leary and our friends in The Mills Inn looked after us all after the mass.

To Matt's dearest friends, - thank you so much for visiting Dad when he was sick. He thoroughly enjoyed your company and it meant so much both to him and to us!

We remain as always grateful for the long, happy and healthy life that Matt enjoyed. We are so thankful to GP Dr. Maria McLaughlin in Turners Cross Medical Centre who was such a help to us visiting Matt at home when he was sick and giving us much needed re-assurance. It would have been impossible without the great team at Cork University Hospital and St. Finbarr's Hospital, combined with the marvellous carers from Home Instead Care services. We made great friends with the carers and they cared for Matt as if he was part of their family.

Dad will always be deeply missed. He was very happy with a simple life and valued his friends and family. The great turnout for his reposal and funeral is testament to the many lives he touched.

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



Matt will be remembered at an anniversary Mass in Baile Mhúirne Church on Sunday May 10th at 11.30am

Eileen, Michael, Margaret (Moore) & Norma (Howard)

FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of

KEVIN O'SULLIVAN

Gorthloughera, Kealkill
Died 8th May 2025

As we lovingly remember Kevin on his first anniversary, we his family would like to express our sincere gratitude to all who sympathised with us on our sad loss, those who attended his removal, funeral and burial, and especially those who travelled long distances, also his kind neighbours and his many cherished friends.

Sincere thanks to those who sent Mass cards, sympathy cards, mass enrolment's cards, messages of sympathy, phone calls and online condolences.

Special thanks to Fr Ben Hodnett and Fr Anthony O Mahony for celebrating Kevin's beautiful funeral mass and to all others who participated.

Our sincere thanks to John and Margaret Collins undertakers for their kindness, guidance and professionalism and to the services who attended to Kevin on the 8th of May which we greatly appreciated.

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

*We thought of you today,
but that was nothing new.*

*We thought about you yesterday
and the days before that too.*

*We think of you in silence,
we often say your name.*

*Now all we have are memories
and your picture in a frame.*

*Your memory is a keepsake
with which we'll never part
God has you in his keeping
we have you in our hearts.*



Kevin's first anniversary mass will be celebrated in The Church Of The Immaculate Conception Kealkill on Sunday May 3rd at 10.30am

FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of

KATHLEEN VAUGHAN

Carrigeigh, Inchigeela
who passed away on May 2nd 2025.

As we lovingly remember Kathleen on the first anniversary of her passing. We would like to express our gratitude and appreciation to all who attended her funeral mass, sympathised and sent condolences and mass cards. To her many Close friends, friends, neighbours and relatives, We are truly grateful.

A word of thanks to the medical professionals who cared for Kathleen and for their support and kindness .

Our thanks to Father Anthony who officiated at her funeral mass and the crematorium.

We also like to thank the vocalist and musicians who sang and played so beautifully in the church, Also a thank you to Rosaire O'Leary and Sacristan Marie Noonan. Thank you to Cyril, Casey funeral services and personnel for their professional handling and support throughout.

Thank you to Joe, Anne and Eamonn of Creedon's hotel for their hospitality and kindness shown to Kathleen over many years.

It is difficult to express our gratitude in such a brief note but thank you to everyone who supported us. We thank you most sincerely. Please accept this as a token of our appreciation.

Gone from home that

Smiling face,

Her cheerful pleasant ways,

The heart that won so many friends.

We hold you close within our hearts,

and there you shall remain,

Until we meet again .

*We pray that God has given you the
welcome you thoroughly deserve.*

Deeply Loved, Sadly missed,
Never forgotten
forever in our hearts Mum/Nana,
Rest in peace.



Sadly missed by your loving Son Pat,
Daughter Marie, Spouse Michael,
Daughter in law Esther, Son in law Darren.
Grandchildren Brandon, Emma, Ciara,
Ryan and Cameron.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

LAUREN O'BRIEN

Knockane, Terelton, Macroom
who died on May 4th 2025

*Standing at the crossroads
beginning to dream,
Her whole life ahead of her
our darling cailin,
Her nature was beautiful
fun loving and kind,
A rare gentle soul so loving and bright,
Lauren my darling god child
May gods light shine upon you always
and may his love surround you always,
Rest in peace and love our sweet cailin
Forever in our hearts
Slán agus beannacht.*



From your adoring god mother and
cousins, Marguerite, Martain, John

FIRST ANNIVERSARY



In memory of a loving Niece & Cousin

LAUREN O'BRIEN

Terelton, Macroom.
Who died on the 4th of May 2025

Today we remember Lauren, a beautiful
soul gone too soon but never gone from
our hearts.

Her kindness, her smile and the love she
gave will stay with us always.

We carry her with us in everything we do.
Deeply missed and forever cherished.



Sadly missed and forever loved by Conor,
Aoife, Darragh , Millie and Fiadh.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

MAURA MANLEY

3 O' Callaghans Place, Dripsey
who passed away on May 13th 2025

May Jesus comfort you in all your afflictions, may he sustain you in dangers, watch over you always with his grace and indicate the safe path that leads to eternal salvation. And may he render you always dearer to his divine heart and always more worthy of Paradise, Amen.



Sadly missed and lovingly remembered by all of the Manley family.

8TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

EILEEN O'CONNOR

Carrigeigh, Inchigeela
and late of Ballygroman Ovens
who passed away on the
21st April 2018

*We think about you always
We talk about you still
You have never been forgotten
And you never will*

*We hold you close within our hearts
And there you will remain
To walk and guide us through our lives
Until we meet again*



Sadly missed and fondly remembered by her loving husband Sean, brothers: Bertie, John and Anthony- sisters in law - nephews, nieces and friends.

10TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

NOEL O'MAHONY

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

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



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

28TH & 29TH ANNIVERSARY



Remembering our dear mother

KITTY O'RIORDAN
whose 27th Anniversary occurs
May 1st.

Also our dear Father
DENNY O'RIORDAN
whose 28th Anniversary occurs
June 5th.
Cork Street, Macroom.

*Sadly missed along life's way,
Quietly remembered every day,
No longer in our life to share,
But in our hearts ye are always there.*



Always remembered by your loving Family.

3RD ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

TERESA MCKEVITT
(NÉE RING)

Carlingford and Macroom.

JOHN MCKEVITT

Carlingford

*A Loving Couple -
you both gave of your time to all you knew.*



Missing you both everyday.

22ND ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

PAT O' GRADY
Mountmassey, Macroom, who died
on May 2nd, 2004

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



Lovingly remembered always by his wife Maureen, daughters, Geraldine, Deirdre & Siobhán, son-in-laws, grandchildren, brothers and sister.

Rest in Peace

7TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

JOEY O'NEILL
Cappandare, Inchigeela,
Whose anniversary occurs
on the 9th of May.

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



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

Anniversary Mass on Friday 5th June in Inchigeela Church at 7pm

3RD ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

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

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



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

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9TH ANNIVERSARY AND 25TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**SHEILA
(DEEDEE)
COUGHLAN**

Who died on the 7th of May 2017

**SEAN
COUGHLAN**

Who died on the 13th April 2001

Coolmakee, Farnanes, Co. Cork

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

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



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

Anniversary Mass will be held in St Joseph's Church Cloughduv on Sunday May 10th at 11.30am

10TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**JUDY
O'SULLIVAN
(NEE CULLINANE)**

**No. 3 Cois Cille (formerly of
Ballyvoige), Kilnamartyra, Macroom.
4th May 2016**

*She was a mother so very rare,
Content in her home and always there,
On earth she toiled, in Heaven she rests,
God bless you mother,
you were one of the best.*



Lovingly remembered and sadly missed by her sons Pat and Billy and her daughters Joan, Nora, Eileen, Mary and Bridget, her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

7TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**CORNELIUS
(CURLEY) LEHANE**

**Railway View, Macroom, Co. Cork
Died 30th April 2019**

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



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

8TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

MAURA LYNCH

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

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

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



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

Mam's Mass will be at 9.30am, 8th of May in St Abina's Church, Clondrohid

30th ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

PETE HERLIHY
**Gortnalicka, Clondrohid, Macroom,
Who died on May 4th 1996**

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



Always remembered and loved by Timothy, Matthew, Nora Theresa, P.J., Margaret, Miriam and extended families.

22ND ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**ANN
O'MAHONY**

**Dan Corkery Place Macroom.
Who died on 5th May 2004.**

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



Sadly missed by Willie and Maire.

3RD ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**PADDY
MC CARTHY**

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

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

Go ndéana Dia trócaire air



Lovingly remembered by your wife Mary, Gerald, Fionnuala, Dónall, Finbarr, Bláthnaid, Paul, Martina, Maura, grandchildren Éabha, Ódhran, Rian, Cian, Cathal, Doireann, Aoife, Caoimhe, Eimear Shane.

Paddy's anniversary mass will take place in Ballygeary Church on Friday, May 8th 2026 @ 7p.m

NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART



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

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17TH ANNIVERSARY



An Eternal Memory Until We Meet Again

**JOHN (JACK)
MCCARTHY**

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

*Those Special memories of you
will always bring a smile,
If only I could have you back
for just a little while.*

*Then we could sit, talk and dance John
just like we used to do.*

*You always meant so very much
and always will do too.*

*The fact you're no longer here darling
will always cause me deep pain
but you're forever and always in my heart
until we meet again.*

*Those we love don't go away,
They walk beside us every day
Unseen-Unheard but always near
Still Loved-Still Missed and very dear.
Our Lady of Lourdes pray for him.*



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

*Special Anniversary Mass for John will be
celebrated on Saturday 2nd May in St.
Colmans Church Macroom at 10am.*

50TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

LIZZY LUCEY

Cornera, Inchigeela

Who died on 30th April 1976

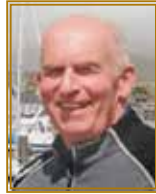
*Just a prayer from the family
who loved you.*

*Just a memory found and true,
In our hearts you live forever
Because we thought the world of you.*



Fondly remembered by your loving family

3RD ANNIVERSARY



Treasured memories of

**JERRY
MCKENNA**

Macroom

Who died on 29th April 2023

*Those we love do not go away,
They walk beside us day by day.
Unseen, unheard but always near,
Still loved, still missed and held so dear.*



Always remembered by his wife Mary,
sons David, Alan, Brian Shane,
Barry, and Darren, by Darren's partner,
and by his daughters-in-law and
grandchildren

Our Lady of Knock, pray for him

5TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**NORA
MCSWEENEY**

**Gortnascairte, Ballymakeera,
Macroom, Co Cork.**

Who died on the 25th of April 2021.

*A Silent thought
A quiet prayer
For A Special person
In Gods care.*



Lovingly remembered by your brothers
Michael and Dan, nephews and nieces
and their families.

4TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

AGNES DINEEN

**Late of Clashmaguire, Clondrohid,
Macroom whose 4th anniversary
occurs on 28th April.**

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



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

6TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**EILISH
CREEDON**

**Teergay, Kilbarry, Macroom Co Cork
who's anniversary occurs on 3rd
May.**

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



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

Mass will be offered in Eilish's memory in
Inchigeela Church on the 1st May at 7pm

10TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

KENNY RELIHAN

Late of St. Colmans Park, Macroom

Died on the 2nd May, 2016

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



Sadly missed by his Mother Noreen,
Father Barty, Brother Bicky, Sister's Sinead
and Edel, Nephews Graeme and Noah,
Nieces Shannon and Ali, Grandniece
Keilidh.

You'll never walk alone.

10TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**JOHNNY
O'SULLIVAN**

Ballingeary and Macroom

**Who passed away on 29th April
2016**

*"It's been a decade,
but feels like yesterday.
We still miss you,
we still love you,
and we still remember
Every moment with you."*



Always Remembered
By His Loving Family

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