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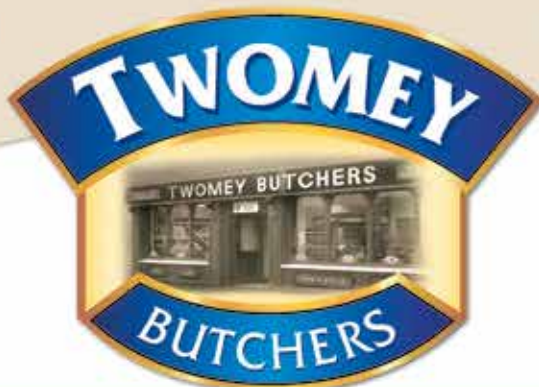
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Ardilaun Guides at the SW Regional Outdoor Cookery Day in Bandon

### Ardilaun Ladybirds & Brownies Sponsored Walk

Well done and thank you to the wonderful Ladybirds & Brownies who raised over €570 with their sponsored walk! What an incredible achievement for all involved.

### MacEgan Ranger, Juliette attends the Portugal National Contingent Training Weekend in Kilkenny

Portugal is set to celebrate 95 years of Guiding this year! The National Contingent will travel there in July to celebrate Guiding overseas and to learn the ins and outs of international camping. The following account is written by Juliette.

When we arrived at the scout den in Kilkenny, we set to making our own pizzas for dinner, which were surprisingly good. After we'd washed and cleaned up we were set free to explore and get to know each other. In the morning we got started properly. Once we'd eaten breakfast and been regaled with

stories about various pranks pulled at camps over the years we set on a 12km hike along the river and into Kilkenny town. Once in town, we took a break to get 99s from Kitty's Cabin (which were delicious). When we got back to the den, we made sandwiches for lunch. After lunch we did some real Guiding. We pitched an old fashioned Icelandic tent in under 20 minutes! We also built a bench strong enough to hold all nine of us! We very proud of our bench and proceeded to have dinner as well as breakfast the next day on our bench. In the morning, we took down our bench, packed up and cleaned up the den behind us. We headed home and the countdown began.

### MacEgan Ranger, Katie Cronin selected for the Irish Girl Guide's National Youth Advisory Committee

MacEgan Ranger, Katie Cronin was recently selected for IGG's National Youth Advisory Committee (NYAC). Katie

will serve a one year term on the Committee attending online & in person meetings. The committee's aim is to improve connections between the Board and younger members, discuss national issues concerning youth members, suggest improvements to the IGG experience & work collaboratively with the Board undertaking projects throughout the term. Katie will attend the first IGG Youth Voice event at the end of May to learn about the next triennium of WAGGGS and the upcoming World Conference.

**For more information on joining our Ladybird, Brownies, Guides or Senior Branch unit please contact [macroomguides@gmail.com](mailto:macroomguides@gmail.com)**



Juliette & contingent members with their skilfully crafted bench in Kilkenny



IGG President Deirdre Henley pictured with District Commissioner Sharon O'Connell

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# MCEGAN COLLEGE



McEgan 1st & 2nd Year Boys Football team who won the Dr. Dr. Michael Herlihy Tournament recently which included a very exciting penalty shoot out against Scoil Mhuire Ballingearry in the final.



One of the activities in the Munster Driving school. Students are asked to 'walk the line' wear distortion goggles giving the effect of being under the influence of alcohol or drugs while keeping on a straight line.

### Table Quiz Fundraiser

The McEgan College Parents Association hosted a table quiz fundraiser on Thursday, 7th May, bringing together staff, parents, and supporters for a fun-filled evening. The event was a tremendous success, with an impressive sum of over €600 raised on the night. All proceeds from the quiz will go directly towards the development of the college's much-anticipated sensory garden. The sensory garden aims to provide students with a calming and engaging outdoor space designed to support their wellbeing and development. It is hoped that the garden will be ready to welcome students when it opens its doors in September 2026. The Parents Association would like to extend their sincere thanks to all who participated, contributed, and helped make the evening such a memorable and worthwhile occasion.

### Sports News:

**Athletics:** It's onwards and upwards for McEgan College's Track and Field team under the guidance of Mr. Mark Sheehan. Recently the team attended the South Munster Track and Field Championships in MTU on the 28th and 30th April. They competed in sprints, middle distance and jumping events. Particular kudos to TY student Ronan McGrellis who made it to the Intermediate Boys final of the 100m, after stellar performances in his heat and semi-final, conditions on the day were less than ideal, with a wet track and cold,

wet weather. His training is definitely paying dividends and success at this event is in the offing. Well done to all the athletes for competing so well in their events. Onwards and upwards!

**Ladies Football:** McEgan girls participated in schools football Blitz in Ballincollig recently. It has been a great year of learning and developing skills. These girls have shown tremendous sportsmanship and determination throughout the year. The Blitz marks the end of an enjoyable year for the girls and hopefully next year they will continue to improve. Thanks to the team mentors for giving their time to guide & train them.

**Boys football:** The 1st & 2nd Years Bous were the victors in their Blitz on Tuesday 28th. They won all four of their games to bring home the Dr. Michale Herlihy trophy. The final game against Scoil Mhuire Ballingearry ended in a draw, the result hinged on the penalty shoot out, so there was lots of excitement. McEgan Abú. Man of the match was Linards Maurins who's put on a master-class stopping performance to win the game. Thanks to the organisers and the other four schools for a fantastic end to the schools' football year. Thanks to the mentors and trainers for giving their time to guide and train throughout the year.

### TY News:

**Barista Course:** McEgan TY students recently had the opportunity to qualify as Baristas which hopefully will

help them in securing part-time work in hospitality sector or indeed might spur some onto careers in this sector. They learned all the skills they will need to work in a busy café environment. They practiced making not only the perfect rich Americano but creamy lattes & cappuccinos. The learning involved using, the professional coffee machine, steaming milk to perfection and the skill of professional presentation of the final products. Thanks to Ms. Sheehan & the Home Economics for organising this course.

**Driving Course:** In correlation with the Car Maintenance TY module the students went to a training day In the Munster Driving Campus in Mallow. The custom built track allowed the students the different kind of road features they will meet when out driving on the roads in future. They had to get around the roundabout, traffic lights, Stop/Yield signs. They also got an opportunity to do the theory test which allowed them to learn the rules of the road. For a finish the students each were asked to wear impairment goggles, and try to walk in a straight line thus simulating what it would be like to drive under the influence of drugs or alcohol. This day was an invaluable learning experience in a safe and supportive environment. They are now ready for the day when they will start on their own personal journey through driving lessons and the driving test to obtain their Irish Driving Licence.



McEgan Track & Field team who competed in the recent Munster Schools competition.



TY Students at Munster Driving School Mallow where they experienced driving on a customised track to represent real road driving.



McEgan Ladies footballers who ended the year by proudly representing the college in a Blitz in Ballincollig recently.



Matthew Forth TY students gaining valuable experience using the professional Coffee Machine at the Barista Course.



Elle Marie Spillane & Laura Marquis da Silva at the TY Barista training where they learned how to use the professional coffee maker



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DLS TY Trip to Killarney National Park

**TY Students Win RSA Road Safety Award!**

Huge congratulations to our DLS Transition Year students who took 1st place at the RSA Road Safety Awards in the Johnstown Estate. A brilliant achievement by Ronan O’Sullivan, Ruadhán Doherty, Ultan O’Tuama and Micheál Creed. Their hard work, creativity and commitment to promoting road safety truly paid off. A special word of thanks to Mr Healy for his guidance and support throughout. A fantastic achievement for DLS!

**SciFest Success for DLS Students**

Well done to Jack O’Donoghue and Riordan O’Driscoll who represented DLS at SciFest in MTU Tralee. The pair showcased their Young Scientist project, where they designed and created an aluminium manhole cover for a slurry tank aimed at helping to reduce farm fatalities. Excellent work lads!

**TY Gaisce Award Achievement**

Huge congratulations to our TY students who received their Bronze Gaisce Award medals. The students should have been extremely proud of the dedication, commitment and positivity they showed throughout their Gaisce journey. It was a lovely occasion to celebrate their hard work and achievements. Well done to all involved!

**TY Biology Field Trip to Killarney National Park**

With excellent hiking weather, the Transition Years enjoyed a great day of fresh air and views in Killarney National Park. They explored park history including the visit of Queen Victoria and the origins of the park, along with features such as Muckross Abbey, Dinis Cottage and Torc Waterfall. Students also learned about rare plant life, including the Lusitanian species

of the southwest, while enjoying a circular walk around Muckross Lake. These experiences complemented the learning completed in Biology class throughout the year. A day that will be remembered by all!

**Second Year Wellbeing Trip**

A great day out was enjoyed by our Second-Year students. The group began at Kilmichael Pitch & Putt, who very generously looked after the lads with drinks and treats. A huge thank you for the warm welcome and kindness shown. Afterwards, students enjoyed a wellbeing walk back to school through the beautiful Gearagh. It was a lovely way to unwind, get some fresh air and spend time together outside the classroom!

**Sound of De La Salle – Episode 7 The Finale**

The final episode of the year proved well worth the wait. Robert Fitzgerald and Donagh Moss returned to deliver the latest school news, while Tadhg sat down with Vice Principal Mr Colm Walsh for an excellent discussion about his teaching journey, his vision for DLS and his hopes for the future. The episode concluded with a lovely rendition of “I’ll Tell Me Ma.” Tadhg was an absolute credit to the school community and what he created throughout the year was truly special. Thanks to everyone who tuned in throughout the year.

**Focus Ireland Fundraiser**

The De La Salle Music group will be busking in both Macroom and Killarney to raise funds for Focus Ireland. The group will be performing in Killarney on the 12th of May and Macroom on the 15th of May. Please support them by donating to an extremely worthy cause! The links can be found on our social media pages.

**DLS Chess Tournament Begins**

The DLS Chess Tournament has gotten off to a great start with our Junior and Senior Cycle students battling it out in the opening rounds. Some excellent strategy was on display and the competition quickly heated up. Our thanks to Ms Creedon for facilitating the tournament.

**European Gold for Markuss Bogdanovs**

Huge congratulations to Fifth Year student Markuss Bogdanovs, who competed at the European Cup in Varaždin, Croatia from May 1st–3rd. Markuss delivered an outstanding performance throughout the competition and proudly brought home a gold medal. A fantastic achievement and a testament to his hard work, dedication and talent. We were incredibly proud of his success.

**Sport Highlights:**

**South Munster Track and Field Championships**

A brilliant day of competition was enjoyed at the South Munster Track and Field Championships, with fantastic performances across all age groups. Huge credit went to all DLS athletes for their effort and determination. A standout performance was Finn Yore who placed 1st in the Senior Steeplechase. An outstanding achievement from Finn and great efforts from all athletes involved. The hard work truly paid off. Our thanks to West Muskerry Athletic Club for their continued support!

**Lord Mayor Tournament Champions**

Huge congratulations to our Senior Footballers who won the Lord Mayor’s Tournament in MTU last week! The lads produced a brilliant performance to defeat Rochestown in the final and bring the title home to DLS. Well done to all involved — players and coaches — on a superb day for the school!



DLS TY students at the NTA Awards



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# ST MARY'S NEWS



First year footballers at a recent blitz

### LC ECOLOGY TRIP

A fantastic day out in Killarney National Park with our 6th Year Biology students recently. The girls took part in their mandatory ecology fieldwork, carrying out quantitative studies of plants using quadrats and line transects, alongside qualitative investigations of animals using pooters, sweep nets, and beating trays. After weeks of wet weather, we were lucky to be blessed with a dry day which was perfect for fieldwork! The instructors were highly impressed with the girls' ecology knowledge, and the experience provided excellent revision ahead of exams. We wrapped up the day with a well earned stop at McDonald's on the way home. Thank you to Ms. Foley, Ms. O'Keeffe, and Ms. Butler for organising such a valuable and enjoyable trip!

### GARDA YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Huge congratulations to our 6th year student, Saoirse Twomey, on receiving the Garda Youth Achievement Award "Macroom District Award" with An Garda Síochána Cork. Saoirse was recognised for her outstanding achievements in athletics at a national level, representing both her club West Muskerry Athletics and St Mary's with pride and determination. Beyond her sporting success, Saoirse has shown incredible generosity and community spirit. She has volunteered for a number of years with Muskerry Special Olympics Club, helping to train athletes with additional needs, and also gives her time coaching younger athletes in West Muskerry Athletics Club. In school, Saoirse has made a remarkable contribution to all aspects of school life. She has been a valued member of our choir and traditional music group, performing on both the piano and mandolin, and has taken part in the Waltons Music Competition for schools. She has previously been an active member of the Student Council and our Coiste Gaeilge, and in

TY showed great leadership and kindness as a Buddy to our 1st year students. Saoirse also has a natural fluency in Irish and proudly represented our school in the Gael Linn Irish debating competition as a junior student. She also represented St Mary's at the BT Young Scientist Exhibition 2024, where judges praised her dedication to her research on supports for family carers. Saoirse is described by her teachers as modest, kind, hardworking and supportive. We are incredibly proud of you, Saoirse. Congratulations from everyone in St Mary's.

### TY EMERGENCY SERVICES

The Macroom Youth Safety and Wellbeing event took place on Friday 24th April in the Castle hotel, Macroom from 10am-1pm. This event was a multiagency event with speakers from different sectors covering personal safety and wellbeing topics such as road safety, the law, mental health, online safety and physical wellbeing. There were also display stands from different organisations. The purpose of this event was to provide young people with knowledge and tips on how to empower themselves now and into the future with all aspects of personal safety and wellbeing. Huge thank you to Macroom Community Garda Orla Doyle for organising this for our TYs.

### ATHLETICS

Recently, our Athletics teams took part in the South Munster Track & Field Championships in MTU. Over the 2 days we had 23 Athletes take part in events including 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m, 3000m, Long Jump, Shot Put & Relays. The girls did fantastic with some close calls for qualification and the standard of athletes very high. Congratulations to our 2 qualifiers Saoirse Twomey who came 2nd in the Senior 3000m & Rebecca O'Neill who came 3rd in the Senior 1500m and now go onto the Munster Championships. Well done to Emily Cronin too who came 3rd in the 400m

Senior girls and got a Bronze medal. A final mention to congratulate 6th Year students Fern Mullane & Emily Cronin on completing their final runs for the school they have represented with such distinction over the past 6 years. Their contributions to Athletics in the school have been phenomenal. Well done girls and huge thank you to Mr O'Connell.

### 1ST YEAR FOOTBALL

St Mary's Macroom enjoyed a fantastic day of football recently as our first year students took part in a well organised and highly enjoyable blitz. The school entered three teams on the day, ensuring great participation and plenty of game time for all involved. Each team represented the school with pride, determination, and excellent sportsmanship throughout the competition. All players performed extremely well, showcasing their developing skills, teamwork, and enthusiasm for the game. It was particularly encouraging to see such a high standard of football across all three teams, highlighting the depth of talent coming through at this level. A special mention must go to one of the St Mary's teams, who were lucky enough to come out on top in their final, capping off a brilliant day with a well-deserved victory! Their success was a testament to their hard work and positive attitude. Days like this underline that the future of St Mary's football is looking very bright. Thanks to our 5th Year students, Szonja, Chloe, Cara and Clodagh who were team mentors for the day. Finally, sincere thanks to Cork County LGFA Post Primary Committee for organising such a fantastic event, and especially to Dan O'Mahony for his efforts in making the day so enjoyable for everyone involved. Thank you to our girls management team also for all their work with St Mary's football over the year.



Tara, Lily, Leah, Ellie and Aisling in Killarney National Park on the LC Ecology Field Trip



Rachel, Fern, Ellie, Kealan and Ellen in Killarney National Park on the LC Ecology Field Trip



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## Don't Ignore Tingling or Numbness

Do your hands ever “fall asleep” while driving, working at your desk, or during the night? Pins and needles, tingling, or numbness in the arms, hands, legs, or feet are extremely common symptoms but many people don't realise the problem may not actually start where they feel it.



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### Why Tingling Happens

Your nerves act like electrical cables running from your brain and spinal cord all the way into your arms, hands, legs, and feet. For example, the nerves supplying your hands actually begin in the neck before travelling down the arm into the fingers. When a nerve becomes irritated, compressed, or restricted anywhere along that pathway, symptoms can appear further down the line.

That means tingling in the hand may actually originate in the neck, shoulder, or upper back.

### Common Symptoms

Nerve irritation can present in many different ways, including:

- Pins and needles
- Tingling or burning sensations
- Numbness in the hands or feet
- Weakness or reduced grip strength

Many people focus only on the area where they feel the symptoms, without considering what may be causing the irritation further up the chain.

### Does This Sound Familiar?

You might notice symptoms such as waking with numb hands at night, shaking out your fingers while driving, or feeling tingling after long hours at a desk. Others notice weakness when gripping objects, using a phone, or carrying shopping bags. These are often signs that a nerve may be irritated somewhere along its pathway.

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# NUAcht Ó Choláiste Ghobnatan

## COMHGHAIRDEAS

Ba mhaith linn tréaslú le Peadar Ó Ceallaigh ar chuid den fhoireann na mionúir Chorcaí. Bhuaigh siad in aghaidh Ciarraí le déanaí. Dúirt Peadar "Tá meon an fhoireann an-dearfach tar éis an bua in aghaidh Ciarraí agus táimid ag tnúth go mór le na gluichí atá romhainn."

Tá Seán Óg Ó Scanaill ag imirt le foireann peile Chorcaí fé 16. Seo tuairisc faoi. "Anois faoi láthair fé 16 Chorcaí táimid tar éis a gcaobh comórtais a thosú agus tá Ros Comáin, Gaillimh agus Ciarraí Theas in ár ngrúpa. Bhí ár gcéad chluiche iomaíoch i mbliana againn ar an 18ú Aibreán in aghaidh Ros Comáin agus bhumar le seacht bpointe. Tá ár gcéad cluiche eile ar siúl ar an 16ú Bealtaine in aghaidh An Gaillimh nó gCiarraí. Táimid ag tnúth go mór leis agus táimid dóchasach go mbeidh bliain fhada agus rathúil againn."

Bíonn Abbie Ní Scannláin ag imirt le foireann fé 16 Chorcaí. Seo tuairisc uathí "Le déanaí, bhuaigh foireann Chorcaí Craobh na Mumhan i gcoinne Ciarraí. Cluiche dian a bhí ann, le Ciarraí mar an rogha coitianta toisc go raibh an chéad chluiche idir Chorcaigh agus Ciarraí buaite acu. Bhí tús iontach ag Corcaigh agus ag leath am bhí Corcaigh chun tosaigh 2:07 in aghaidh 0:03. Bhí an tarna leath níos cóngaraí ach bhí an bua ag Corcaigh, ar an scór 3:09 in aghaidh 1:11. Tá Foireann Chorcaí ag leanúint ar aghaidh anois agus beidh siad ag imirt i gcluiche leathcheannais na hÉireann i mí an Mheithimh."

Comhghairdeas le foireann Laochra Óg fé 15 a bhuaigh bhur roinn na Fhéile John West le déanaí.

## TURAS OILITHREACHTA LE DEOISE CHLUANA le Clíona Ní Mhocháin

Beidh Clíona Ní Mhocháin agus Daithí Ó Cróinín ag taistil chuig Lourdes ar an 29ú Bealtaine. Bhí orainn €2080 le bailiú. Dheineamar roinnt ghníomhachtaí chun an airgead sin a bhailiú. Bhí crannchur urraithe ag Siopa Uí Luasa sa scoil agus chomh maith leis sin dheineamar crannchur i dTigh Uí Mhurchú, Cill na Martra. Bhí díolachán cistí mór ag am lón chomh

maith. Ba mhaith linn ár mbuíochoas ghabháil le Siopa Uí Luasa, Tigh Uí Mhurchú agus Iníon Ní Bhuachalla a chabhraigh linn. Táimid ag tnúth go mór leis an turas!

## TRÁTH NA GCEIST CEIMICE

Ghlac Charlie Tinsley agus Cian Ó Cearnaigh páirt i dTráth na gCeist Pfizer. Bhí sé urraithe ag Pfizer agus eagraithe ag an Eolaíocht Oidí na hÉireann. Míle buíochoas le hIníon Ní Ríordáin as cabhrú leis na daltaí.

## TURAS DEIREADH NA BLIANA GO PÁRAS

Le Traolach Ó Ríordáin agus Medb Ní Chionnfhaoilaidh Ar an 16ú Aibreán thaistil muintir na hIdirbhliana ar turas dheireadh na bliana chuig Páras. D'eitliomar go luath ar maidin ó aerfort na Sionainne. Ar an dara lá bhíomar i nDisneyland, dhúisíomar ag 8r.n. agus bhí bricfeasta againn. Shroicheamar Disneyland ag 10r.n. Thosaíomar ar Hyper Space Mountain ag 12 agus an rang ar fad ar an turas. Roinneamar suas agus chuamar ar aon thuras a theastaigh uainn. D'fhágamar Disneyland ag 5.30.n. agus chuamar go dtí an t-ionad siopadóireachta is mó san Eoraip ar a dtugtar Val' de Europe. Chaitheamar trí huair ag siopadóireacht agus ansin chuamar ar ais ar an mbus chuig ár n-óstán. Nuair a shroicheamar an t-óstán, chuireamar ár málaí suas go dtí an seomra. Ina dhiaidh sin chuaigh muid go siopa áitiúil ar a dtugtar Fran Prix. D'fhilliamar ar an óstán agus ligeamar ár scíth. Ar an Satharn chuamar ar thuras bád ar an Seine ina raibh deis againn an chathair a fheiscint. Níos déanaí chuamar ar bus chuig an Stad de France. Míle buíochoas le hIníon Ní Chonchúir, Máistir Ó Céilleachair agus Bean Uí Chuill a thaistil linn.

## CORN MÉIHUA

Ghlac daltaí páirt i gCorn Méihua a bhí ar siúl sa Halla an Chontae, Corcaigh. Bhí an-craic agus spraoi ag na daltaí a raibh ann ag tabhairt taispeántais aisteoireachta don UCC Confucius Society agus ag léiriú a gcuid sínis os comhair na moltóirí. Tháinig Medb Ní Chionnfhaoilaidh, Sadhbh Ní Bhuachalla agus Naomi Ní Scanaill sa tríú háit.

Ba mhaith linn buíochoas a ghabháil le hIníon Ní Chonchubhair agus Jin (múinteoir Sínise) a chabhraigh

leo agus chomh maith le sin UCC Confucius Society, Comhairle Contae Chorcaí agus eagarthóirí an corn Méihua!

## CÚRSA BARISTA

le Keely Ní Dhuinnín, Cathal Ó Loinsigh agus Avri Ní Thuama

Ar an 27ú Aibreán dhein lucht na hIdirbhliana cúrsa barista. Cuireadh i ndá ghrúpa sinn agus chaitheamar 3 uair an chloig ag foghlaim faoi stair an chaifé agus faoi conas Espresso, Americano, Cappuccino agus Latte a dhéanamh. Beidh sé seo an-úsáideach dúinn amach anseo, ach go háirithe do phost páirtaimseartha. Bhaineamar an-taitneamh as. Buíochoas le hIníon Ní Bhriain a d'eagraigh é.

## SCRÚDUITHE

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 praiticiúil in Innealtóireacht. Gabhaimid ár mbuíochoas leis na múinteoirí atá ag cabhrú leo go háirithe Máistir Ó Duinneacha, Máistir Ó Síocháin agus Iníon Ní Ríordáin.

## 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

- rathúil – fruitful
- tarna – second
- chuamar – we went
- Sínis – Chinese

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Bhuaigh Naomi Ní Scanaill, Sadhbh Ní Bhuachalla agus Medb Ní Chionnfhaoilaidh an tríú háit i gCorn Méihua (cómórtas Sínise) le déanaí



Ghlac Charlie Tinsley and Cian Ó Cearnaigh páirt i dTráth na gCeist Ceimice urraithe ag Pfizer

# COACHFORD PLAYERS SELL OUT THE BRIERY GAP

After four fabulous nights in Coachford GAA Hall, the Coachford Players have sold out two nights in the Briery Gap Theatre in Macroom on May 13th and 14th with their hilarious comedy, 'Nobody's talking to me' by Tommy Marren.

The very funny play delighted audiences in Coachford and had the crowds roaring with laughter as they observed the very strange goings on in the Conway household on the day of Maggie and Matties 50th wedding anniversary.

"We are so delighted that our production has been so well received by all who have seen it in Coachford. Like most plays we are never sure how it will go down with the audience until we actually perform it but the crowd's reaction was brilliant to see. This is our second year performing in the Briery Gap and we love playing there. The acoustics there are amazing and the facilities are second to none. To have sold it out for two nights again this year just shows the demand for drama in the area as Sullane Players also

sold out their run recently," said Katie Ní Mhurchú, Chairperson.

Coachford Players will be taking a break for a few weeks over the summer but have plans for more productions in the Autumn and winter and are always looking for new members to be part of the group onstage and backstage. If you would like to join please contact 086 817 7684

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# HONOURING THE PAST, CELEBRATING THE FUTURE

## 180 YEARS OF BALLYVONGANE NATIONAL SCHOOL



Canon Roberts blessing the wood sculpture. Pic Peter Scanlan



Ballyvongane NS Celebrating 180years, the Anniversary Mass being Concelebrated by Mons James O'Donnell, Canon Donal Roberts and Fr Joe O'Mahony. Pic Peter Scanlan

**There was a strong sense of pride, history and community in Bealnamorrive on Friday, April 24th, as past pupils, families, neighbours and friends gathered to celebrate the 180th anniversary of Ballyvongane N.S.**

Established at the height of the Great Irish Famine, the school has been an important part of local life since 1845, with generations of children passing through its doors.

The celebrations began with a community Mass celebrated by Canon Donal Roberts, and concelebrated by Monsignor James O'Donnell and Fr. Joseph O' Mahony. Members of the local community also took part in the liturgy and Principal Sarah Purcell spoke of the long history of education over the years in Ballyvongane NS.

Following the Mass, attendees gathered outside for the blessing of a new wooden sculpture created by artist and sculptor Will Fogarty. The sculpture, which now stands proudly at the front of the school, reflects the animals and rural landscape that surround the school and has already become a real feature of the grounds.

Guests then moved inside the school where the children performed a selection of songs. Throughout the school, old roll books, class photographs and historical projects were on display. Former pupils and families spent time browsing the displays, sharing stories and recalling memories from their own school days in Ballyvongane. Refreshments were served and there was a genuine sense of community throughout the celebration.

Great credit is due to the children for the work and preparation that went into the evening, as well as to the many people who helped organise the event, prepared refreshments, shared photographs and historical materials, or gave their time in any way.

As Ballyvongane N.S. looks to the future, the celebrations serve as a reminder of the important role the school continues to play in the life of the community, 180 years after it first opened its doors.

This beautiful reflection was read by Principal Sarah Purcell:

*Tonight, we take a moment to reflect not only on our school, but on the generations of people who came before us - people who believed deeply in something powerful... the value of education.*

*In the 17th and 18th centuries, at a time when Ireland was under British rule, the Penal Laws meant that Catholic education was forbidden. And yet, here in Aghinagh parish, the desire for learning did not disappear - it endured.*

*We know that there were three hedge schools in this area - in Rusheen, Ummera and Cappanagruan - where children gathered quietly to learn. At one time, up to 130 pupils were being educated.*

*This was not without risk. Those who taught or attended could be fined or even imprisoned.*

*In the early 1800s, that same belief continued to grow. Father O'Kearney, the parish priest at the time - who rests here near this altar - recognised the importance of education in the life of the community.*

*He played a central role in establishing what would become our school, applying for a grant of £3 and 15 shillings to support the teacher's salaries and provide resources for the children.*

*And so, our school began. Two simple rooms, not even connected.*

*One for the girls, taught by Eliza Murphy. One for the boys, taught by Daniel O'Mahony.*

*Even then, education was evolving.*

*The teachers themselves travelled to be trained - journeys made by horse and cart to Macroom, and further still to Dublin. The female teacher trained*

*with the Mercy Sisters in Baggot Street, and the male teacher in St Patrick's College, Drumcondra, Dublin.*

*This was not common at the time, but it shows, again, the value placed on education in this parish.*

*As the years passed, both the school and education itself continued to change.*

*In 1922, with the foundation of the State, the Irish language became part of the curriculum - and with it, a renewed sense of identity and culture.*

*"Tir gan teanga, tir gan anam."*

*The school building grew and adapted - rooms were connected, extensions were added, and over time, it became the warm, welcoming place we know today. And education changed too.*

*From a time when girls learned needlework and sewing, and boys worked in the garden or gathered sticks... to a broader and richer curriculum.*

*In 1971, a new primary curriculum was introduced, and again in 1999, reflecting a growing understanding of how children learn best.*

*And just last year, a new curriculum began to unfold - one that places greater emphasis on creativity, curiosity, hands-on learning, and discovery.*

*But through all of these changes - across 180 years - one thing has remained constant.*

*The belief... that education matters.*

*"Mol an óige agus tiocfaidh sí"*

*Today, we are privileged to work and learn in Ballyvongane NS*

*And just as our school has adapted and changed over the years, we trust that it will continue to grow and flourish into the future.*

*May we continue to support the children in our care today.*

*And may we continue to recognise the deep and lasting value of education in our community.*

*Amen.*



Some students and Staff of Ballyvongane NS Pic Peter Scanlan



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Alanna McGreevy cutting the tape to unveil, a wood sculpture carved from one of the old Monkey trees that stood there. Pic Peter Scanlan



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Cork County Council Anti-Litter Competition has announced its first results, which were disappointing. Macroom finished 4th in our group with 976.5 points out of a 1000. The problem areas were around the Playground, The Public Toilets and the Main Street. On the day of Judging over 50 cigarette butts were found in the short stretches judged. Areas in the town centre are always judged and residents and businesses here can help by making sure that their local spot is not the area that causes us to lose marks. It is vitally important that all areas are kept litter free, so don't let us down. The estates being judged are nearly always extremely good. Pairc Uí Mhuiríthe and Gleann an Fhia only lost 1.2 marks between them. The second judging period

is ongoing now.

Congratulations to volunteer Sean Cremin on winning the Overall West Cork Garda Youth Award. A well-deserved achievement, considering that Sean is still at school, lives in Aghabullogue and comes into Macroom to assist Tidy Towns, and is involved in many other initiatives as a Climate Ambassador. This surely is an inspiration, and hopefully will inspire others around Macroom to consider getting involved as everybody can make a contribution and will be supported by the band of active volunteers.

Monthly Meetings continue. Other topics for discussion include Derelict Buildings, Grants, Coolcower Picnic Area, Spring Clean, Spring planting, maintenance works, new projects.

On Saturday the 24th of April two of our Volunteers Joe Cronin and Catherine Sheehan attended an IRD Duhallow Community Biodiversity Training in Inchigeelagh. On the day they focused on Birds, regular and birds of prey.

The Mulligan Room in Macroom Golf Clubhouse,

is continuing to support Macroom Tidy Towns by providing freshly baked scones every week after our Saturday Morning Work. Thanks to Armands Ceimers who runs this restaurant for this very generous sponsorship which is very much appreciated by the volunteers.

Its Volunteers are busy with Biodiversity training, Litter Picking, Preparing Flower Planters, General Maintenance, Planting Bluebells, Replacing seat, installing new seat by the riverside.

Officers continue to engage with businesses and other stakeholders in relation to overall maintenance and planning future ventures.

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## Local Author brings rural Cork to Life IN NEW TEEN MYSTERY

**A new voice in Irish young adult fiction has emerged from the heart of Co. Cork, as local author Claire Hartnett celebrates the release of her debut novel *Murder, Great for My Social Skills* — a fast-paced, humorous murder mystery set in the familiar surroundings of Firmount, Donoughmore.**

Launched recently at a lively event in the Strand Bar in Vicarstown, the book has already begun to generate a buzz among readers of all ages. Friends, family, and supporters gathered on the night to mark the culmination of nearly two years of work — a journey that began not with a publishing ambition, but with a simple challenge at the kitchen table.

Claire was inspired to write the novel while trying to encourage her own daughter, a reluctant reader at the time, to pick up a book. Unable to find a story that truly captured her interest, she decided to create one herself — a murder mystery that was not only gripping and funny, but also deeply rooted in the kind of world young people in rural Ireland recognise.

Set against the backdrop of the Cork countryside, *Murder, Great for My Social Skills* follows a group of teenagers who find themselves entangled in a local

murder investigation. If 14-year-old Caroline wants her Revolut card topped up, then she must help her mother with their car boot sale stall once a month. A task also meant to improve her poor social skills. She despises everything about this - the weather, the customers, the risk of being spotted by her peers, and the weird customer who might be following her. When a dead body turns up at the car boot sale, Caroline is thrust into the middle of a real-life murder case. She must suppress her antsy attitude and join forces with her brothers, along with her friends, to unravel a series of clues and solve the case. Hiding stolen evidence, deceiving the police, navigating the alien world of Facebook and racing through the countryside, the group of friends close in on the answers.

With its fast pace and lovable teen characters, this murder mystery hits different. It is full of action and will treat you to both laugh-out-loud and edge-of-your-seat moments, keeping the reader guessing and glued to the page.

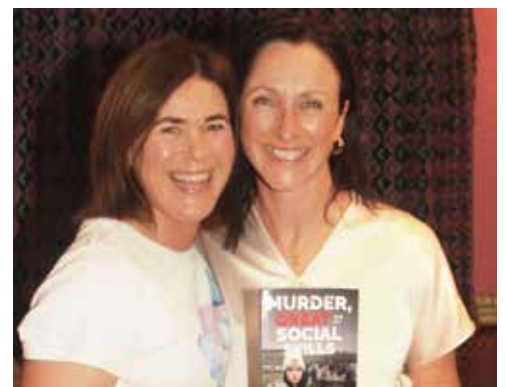
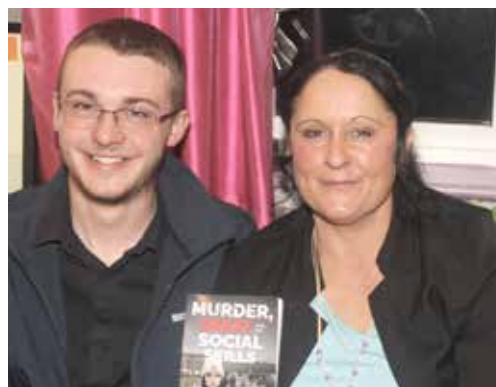
But beyond its entertaining plot, the novel carries a deeper message. Claire is passionate about addressing the huge drop off in reading among young people, as

screen time increasingly replaces reading for pleasure. By creating a story that reflects the lives, language, and landscapes of Cork teenagers, she hopes to reconnect young readers with books. Early feedback suggests the approach is working. Young readers have praised the book's relatable characters, humour, and page-turning pace, with many saying they "couldn't put it down."

At its core, Claire's goal is simple but powerful: to give young people a story they actually want to read. As she noted at the launch, if even one reluctant reader rediscovers a love of books through this novel, it will have been worth it.

*Murder, Great for My Social Skills* is now available to purchase on Amazon (<https://amzn.eu/d/0eaaWp9H>) and locally in Peg's shop in Firmount — a fitting home for a story that celebrates the very community it comes from.

With its blend of mystery, humour, and authentic rural detail, this debut novel is not just a compelling read, but a reminder that sometimes the most powerful stories are the ones set closest to home.



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# Rylane Community Park Association Launches “Buy A Brick” Campaign to Complete Landmark €2 Million Community Centre

Sunday 22nd March 2026 marked another milestone for the village of Rylane as the Rylane Community Park Association (RCPA) officially launched its “Buy A Brick” fundraising campaign. This ambitious initiative aims to raise €400,000 to finalise the construction of the new Community Centre and clear existing developmental costs.

### A Decade of Transformation

Since its first meeting in 2016, the RCPA has been on a mission to fill the void of recreational facilities in the area. What started as a grassroots vision has already delivered a multi-sport grass pitch, a playground, and an all-weather Astro pitch.

The current and most significant phase, the Community Centre, is now under construction. With a total project value exceeding €2 million, the development is primarily supported by a €1.85 million grant from the Department of Rural & Community Development’s Community Centres Investment Fund.

### The Final Push: Why Your Support Matters

While the government grant covers 90% of the building costs, the RCPA is responsible for the remaining 10% plus essential infrastructure and legacy debts. The €400,000 goal is broken down as follows:

Community Centre Completion (10% match funds) - €205,100  
Visce Éireann connection fees - €69,500  
Existing development loan - €106,000  
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## THE MACROMPIAN COMMUNITY ACTIVE RETIREMENT

On the May Bank Holiday Monday a group of the Macrompian Community Active Retirement went to Nenagh to a concert by Michael English.

This was a fundraiser Church Concert in aid of Pieta and Sarcoma Cancer Ireland and was held in the beautiful setting of St Mary of the Rosary Church, Nenagh.

Michael English gave a powerful performance of church songs as well as some of his most popular Country & Western numbers. His repertoire featured popular hymns, including Our Lady of Knock, Go Rest High on the Mountain, From a Distance, A Little Peace to mention but a few and a scattering throughout of his very popular country songs, including Friday at the Dance.

At the end of the performance, Michael was at the door to shake everyone's hand as they left and pose for the much sought after selfie or group photo and his smiling and cheerful manager Bryan Buckley was at hand at all times, two real, genuine gentlemen.

We offer grateful appreciation to Mairead Coakley who invited us and her father Jerome Coakley who organised the event for us and was the perfect



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chauffeur, looking after our every needs. Afterwards, Mairead sent back this lovely message; “Sincere thanks to the lovely group who travelled up from Macroom to the Michael English concert

in aid of Sarcoma Cancer Ireland. Special thanks to Ellen Lynch for organising and to Jerome Coakley for driving the bus.”



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A huge thank you to everyone who supported our charity event in aid of The Mercy and The CUH Cancer Wards. Thanks to your incredible generosity and support, an amazing total of €31,100 was raised. We had 26 brave participants take on the abseil from Thomond Park on the 18th of April, followed by a fantastic charity and auction event in The Carrig Inn afterwards. None of this would have been possible without the kindness of everyone who donated, sponsored, attended, organised and supported all the events the past few months. Your support will make a real difference and we are truly grateful to each and every one of you.



## DROMLEIGH NS

Dromleigh N.S. students celebrated their First Holy Communion in St. Finbarr's Church, Toames on Saturday May 9th. Many thanks to all those that helped to prepare the children for the ceremony as well as those that organised the church and grounds for the special occasion.

Senior students were delighted to experience the wonderful facilities at Kilmichael Pitch & Putt Club as they commenced their coaching sessions recently.

Many thanks to the club volunteers for assisting our pupils as well as to our head coach Mr Stephen Enneguess. Mr Enneguess was conferred a Patron of Pitch and Putt Ireland in 2025 and we are delighted that he has facilitated our training sessions again this summer.

Save the Date! Sixth Class pupils will host their annual 'Bring & Buy' Fundraiser on June 16th in the school hall (P12DY26) from 12 noon. This year all monies

raised will benefit Macroom Community Hospital and the school. A mega raffle will be held on the day with an amazing range of prizes on offer. Raffle tickets are on sale now and can be purchased from Co-op Superstores Terelton, Dromey's Bar Dromcarra and The Yellow House Coffee Bar. Many thanks to all three outlets for their support.

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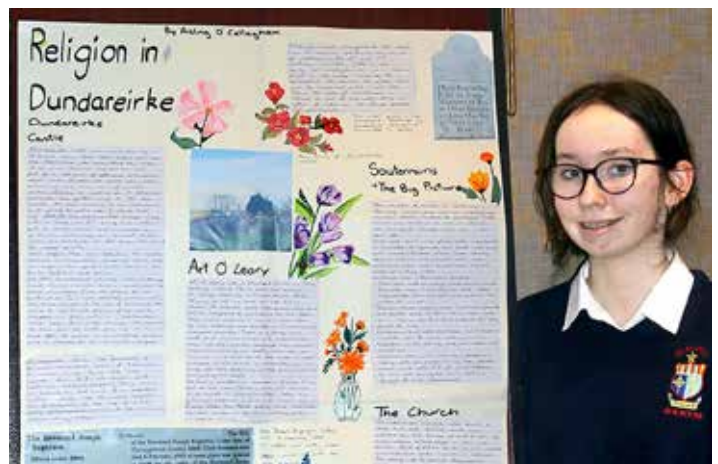
Dromleigh N.S. students with Fr Anthony O'Mahony on their First Holy Communion Day in St. Finbarr's Church recently.



Senior pupils from Dromleigh N.S. enjoying the facilities at Kilmichael Pitch & Putt Club recently.



Congratulations Irish School of Horsemanship at Lee Valley student Tara O'Mahoney and Prince on their win in the Novice D-Trec at Bantry Bay Equestrian Center today! They won with a very impressive 85.3%. D-Trec is a dressage test with TREC PTV obstacles in it. So much fun!



Aisling O'Callaghan a 2nd Yr student in St. Mary's Secondary School with her project on 'Religion in Dundareirke'. Seen here with her project at the Schools History Exhibition held on 20th April in the Castle Hotel.



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- We have a proud tradition of working with those who are homeless and suffering from addiction.
- We have a diverse and highly qualified staff.

- We provide Family Support.
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**Cuan Mhuire representatives pictured at the Health & Safety Excellence Awards in Dublin. The organisation received two top honours, including the overall Grand Prix.**



Representatives from Cuan Mhuire at the Health & Safety Excellence Awards 2026, where the organisation won both the Healthcare Award and the overall Grand Prix.  
Picture: Health & Safety Excellence Awards

## FARNANES CENTRE WINS TOP NATIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY AWARD

Cuan Mhuire, Farnanes addiction treatment centre has been named overall winner at the 2026 Health & Safety Excellence Awards, securing the prestigious Grand Prix alongside a category award for excellence in healthcare.

The awards ceremony, held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Santry, Dublin, recognises organisations that demonstrate exceptional leadership, innovation and best practice in workplace health and safety across Irish industry and public services.

The success reflects the contribution of the team working in Cuan Mhuire Farnanes. Where staff deliver residential treatment, detox supports including methadone detox and long-term recovery programmes across the region. The Farnanes-based team played a key role in implementing health and safety initiatives on the ground. The initiative which is the first of its kind in a residential setting includes cervical screening, and Hepatitis B vaccination. The work has been supported through close collaboration with local GP Dr. John Crowley and his team at Salutem Clinic, Ovens. Dr. Crowley and his team place a strong emphasis on health promotion and disease prevention for women in

treatment. Their holistic approach, which looks beyond dependency and substance misuse alone, helps ensure that safety systems support not only staff wellbeing, but also the quality and continuity of care for service users. Their work underscores how strong safety systems support not only staff and residents' wellbeing, but also the quality and continuity of care for service users. Cuan Mhuire Farnanes collaboratively with Salutem Clinic strive to further develop the addiction treatment centres "Well Women clinic".

### National Recognition for Frontline Healthcare Work

The Grand Prix is awarded to a single organisation whose initiative stands out across all categories for impact, sustainability, and leadership. Judges praised The Cuan Mhuire Farnanes approach to proactive health screening, early intervention, and staff and residents' wellbeing.

Operating residential centres across the country, Cuan Mhuire has provided addiction treatment and recovery services to thousands of people each year since its establishment in 1966 by Sr Consilio. Staff work in demanding, frontline environments where safety,

wellbeing and high-quality care are closely linked.

The award-winning initiative placed a strong emphasis on preventative healthcare measures for staff and residents, particularly in high-pressure residential and clinical settings, helping to identify health issues early while fostering a supportive environment.

### Setting a Standard for the Voluntary Sector

The Health & Safety Excellence Awards attract entries from large employers, public bodies, and voluntary organisations nationwide. Winning both a category award and the overall Grand Prix places Cuan Mhuire among a small number of organisations recognised at the very highest level.

In a healthcare environment facing increasing pressures, the judges noted that the initiative demonstrates how voluntary providers can lead the way in creating safer, healthier workplaces – delivering benefits not only for staff, but for the vulnerable individuals and families who rely on their services.

Representatives from Cuan Mhuire Farnanes attended the award ceremony.



The Masters and Committee of Muskerry Hunt were delighted to present a cheque for €18,500 to Michael Higgins, General Manager of the Irish Injured Jockeys Fund. The presentation took place at Muskerry Hunt's point to point meeting in Ballindenisk. The proceeds were raised at a charity auction at their recent Hunt Ball.



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# CLONDROHID NEWS

**ROSARY RALLY:**

Over 580 Rosary Rallies have been arranged across the Country for May 16, the local one will be held at the Grotto Gurteenroe Macroom at 4pm

**MOVEMENT OF CONTINUOUS PRAYER:**

Next 24 hours is Wed May 27 to Thurs May 28

**DATES FOR MEDJUGORJE:**

June 2 to June 9. June 23 to June 30, Sept 8 to Sept 15 All flights ex Cork. For further info contact Tom Dennehy 087 6468658

**CLOYNE DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES MAY 29 TO JUNE 3:**

All bookings through Joe Walsh Tours on 012410800

**LOUGH DERG PILGRIMAGE SEASON 2026:**

3 Day Pilgrimages begin on Friday May 29 and continue until August 15. 1 Day Retreats on dates in May, August and September. More info available on 071 9861518 or on line info@loughderg.org www.loughderg.org

**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

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:**

Congrats to all who received their First Holy Communion recently. A very important event in the parish, best wishes going forward.

**CLONDROHID PARISH ACTIVE RETIRED AND CLONDROHID DEV GROUP:**

They would like to wish all the best to those studying for exams from the parish and surrounds during the months of May and June. Best wishes.

**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



Clondrohid Nat School Girls from 5th and 6th Class who participated in a football blitz recently. Plenty fun, skill, and team work

the 2nd and the 4th Monday nights in The Tavern from 9pm. The next session is Monday May 25. 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.

**MUSHERA PLATFORM BEALTINE DANCE:**

This will take place in Ballinagree village on this Sunday May 17 at 3pm to 5.30pm. Music by Patrick Triggs and Niamh Downey. A great evening assured.

**GAA NEWS**

Clondrohid U16s were at home to Ballygarvan last

week in the league and produced another excellent team performance. A great effort was put in by the full panel of players available on the night, with everyone playing their part in securing another valuable 2 points

Well done to all involved and thanks to everyone who came out to support the lads this evening.

**LOTTO:** Results for May 6. Jackpot €4,200 €70 Sam O'Sullivan Clondrohid Village. €20 Ger Burke MCP, Alan McCarthy Bealnamorrive, Richie O'Connor Oakwood Macroom, Bridget O'Sullivan Muinfiuch

## CLOUGHDUV CHURCH CELEBRATES 150TH BIRTHDAY

Kilmurry Parish Assembly will host the launch of a book on St Josephs church, Cloughduv 1871-2026 which includes the history of Kilmurry parish on Friday, May 15th @8pm in Cloughdiv GAA Pavilion. Commemoration mass, Sunday May 17th @ 11:30am in St Josephs church Cloughdiv, celebrated by Bishop of cork & Ross Bishop Fintan Gavin .

“Local historians Sean Crowley and Michael Galvin in front of what is now the parochial house Cloughduv but was on the 22nd August 1922 the residence of Fr Timothy Murphy CC when the convoy bearing the remains of General Michael Collins stopped seeking the last rites for the fallen leader. Sean has written of the circumstances of that fateful night in the Cloughduv Church commemoration book and Michael’s article explains the historical background to the surge of church building in post famine

Ireland”. Everyone is welcome to the booklaunch and the Commemorative Mass and light refreshments will be served on both occasions.



## HAVE YOU A NEWS STORY?

Contact the Editor by Email: leevalleyoutlook@macroom.ie

### MAKING THEIR MARK—REMARKABLE CORK WOMEN AND THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO OUR CITY'S HISTORY



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## Kilmurry Active Retirement

### That lingering row

It is hard to make it through life without the odd serious disagreement. Thankfully nearly all end in resolution with an explicit or implicit 'we will agree to disagree' and life moves on. Unfortunately, an odd one or two may linger and dear friends or family may become estranged. Most often it is a cause of sadness to all.

Sometimes I read an article or a report and feel - oh I wish I had learned this earlier in my life. Recently a research report had that effect on me. Scientists suggested that their research 'might help explain why some arguments feel pointless, why political debates circle endlessly, and why certain disagreements never quite meet on common ground'. Their research was on truth. (The article was in ScienceDirect, published by Elsevier, and written by three scientists from universities in Germany, Sweden, and Switzerland, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cognition.2025.106321>).

### A little story

Two friends, Tom and Pat, are heading to a party. Pat asks Tom whether Mary is already there. Tom answers: 'Yes, she is at the party,' because Mary had told him earlier that she'd be there. But when they arrive, Mary is not at the party - she had changed her plans. Now, take a little time and ask yourself: was Tom's answer true or false?

Many philosophers and thinkers throughout history and currently disagree about the nature of truth. When great minds can't agree, I suppose we may not either. Scientists have found that many people will judge Tom's answer to be true, because he reported what he genuinely believed to be the case, while many others will judge it to be false, because what he said didn't match with how things were in the real world. Everyone agrees on the facts; Mary was not there. Yet disagreement persists. It shows that people have very different views on what truth is.

Scholars recognise three theories of truth. I now know that I tend more so towards what is called the correspondence theory of truth. A statement is true if it matches (or corresponds with) the real world. I had never thought about it, I suppose I just absorbed it from my interest in science, and from my Christian upbringing; it was the view of the Christian thinker Thomas Aquinas who was influential in the Church. Saying 'Mary is at the party' is true only if Mary is at the party. So, it is simple for me, Mary was not there,

so Tom's answer was false. I understand that most scientists and journalists have this understanding of truth.

But I have learned that others have different views of truth. According to another theory - the coherence theory, a claim is true when it fits within (coheres with) a consistent and comprehensive web or network of beliefs. So, if Tom had good reasons to expect Mary at the party and can justify what he said, his statement is 'true' in this coherence-based sense, even if the reality was otherwise. There is also a third theory, the authenticity theory, where the meaning of 'truth' relates closely to sincerity or honesty. Tom had good intentions, he spoke openly and sincerely with no intention to deceive. Some would say he was trustworthy or authentic, so if authenticity were your marker for truth, you would judge that his statement was true.

### The research

These scientists first asked a group of 200 lay people which theory (correspondence, coherence or authenticity) aligned most closely with their conception of truth. As an example, which feels to you more like truth: fact or honesty? By collecting many such judgments from scenarios, they were able to construct a conceptual map for each participant in which they placed truth and the three concepts in relation to one another. If you think of fact as being closer to truth than is honesty, your conceptual map will show or predict you would judge more closely to the correspondence view than the authenticity view. When they studied the maps, for the majority truth sits closest to facts and reality - the correspondence view. What surprised me though was that so many thought otherwise. Over a third (34.9%), placed truth nearer to honesty and transparency, the authenticity view, while a smaller minority (10.42%) aligned truth most strongly with reason and justification, the coherence-based view.

### What it all means

These scientists claim that this is a new way to understand why many personal and political arguments feel strangely unresolvable. Their research shows that people do not all mean the same thing when they talk about truth. Some of the maps placed truth very close to a single theory, showing these people had a clear preference for one way of thinking about truth. In other maps, truth appeared between

theories, suggesting that more than one notion mattered to them. The most common blend brought together correspondence and authenticity: for these participants, truth should match reality, but it should also be spoken sincerely. So, we learn that people differ, in their understanding of truth, in how strongly they attach to one notion, in which notion, and in how many different notions they use to shape their understanding and therefore their decision making. Truth is regarded as a fundamental human value and it is a foundation on which other values are built, such as justice, trust, and knowledge. These serve as a guide for our conduct in our everyday lives, and these are what we can fight over. When we do disagree most often people argue from their own sense of what truth is, with each trying to offer that evidence that makes sense to them. However, when we do not share a common notion of truth, our attempts to persuade each other is unlikely to be successful. It is often because we consider truth to be so important, often central to our notion of ourselves, that our disagreements may end in conflict. That friend that we assumed we knew well and with whom we had so much in common now seems to refuse to understand us. We can feel frustrated. It is like we are suddenly speaking a different language.

So, in the future, if I find myself incredulous at what a friend is saying I must remember that my friend may be feeling the same. They may not be interested in my offering of more facts, so on what basis are they thinking? What is it that they are looking for me to acknowledge? I would like to know.

Oh, indeed, I wish I had learned this early in my life. With this understanding I may have disengaged earlier and reduced that suffering that ignorance may have inadvertently caused.

### Ongoing activities

Our Summer Outing is on Friday 15th May and we are very much looking forward to it. Many of our activities are coming to an end for the summer break, but not all. We hope to have something on climate and more too to keep us going. Our last Coffee Crawl was in the Mills Inn and was very enjoyable. Our next one is on the 20th of May.

If you are interested in joining us, contact [kilmurryactive@gmail.com](mailto:kilmurryactive@gmail.com) or Aidan at 0894057676.



Kilmurry ARA members -Enjoying the Mills Inns



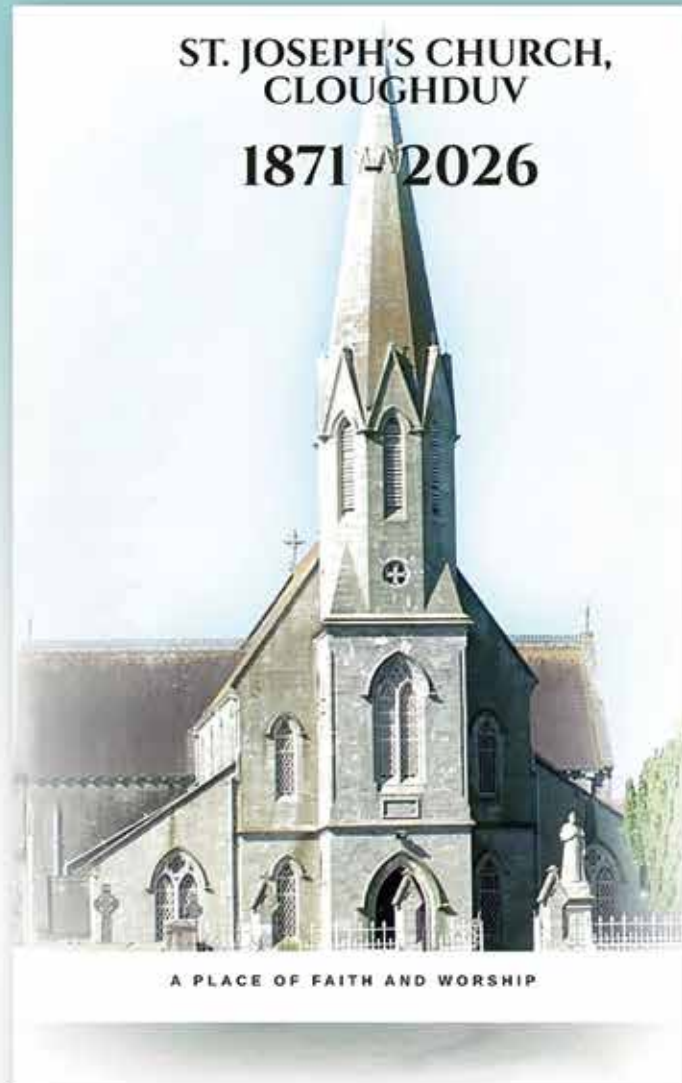
Some members of Kilmurry ARA enjoying a recent coffee crawl to Mills Inn



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**ALL ARE WELCOME**

# Macroom History Group (Founded 2023)

## The Macroom 2026 Annual Schools History Exhibition,



The fourth annual event was held in the Castle Hotel, Macroom on Monday 20 April 2026, 7-9.30 pm. Macroom Youthreach, De La Salle, McEgan and St Mary's students showed their projects. Excitedly, stations were selected and the projects proudly and nervously displayed. On hand were teachers Paula Gray, Christine Casey, Nesta Bonnar and Raymond Murphy. School mates stuck together, finding comfort and support in their areas. Altogether, thirty-five students presented their work and five addressed the audience. After, the students received a Certificate of Excellence and perhaps, more important, enjoyed a tasty snack of chicken nuggets and chips. Ms Mary Crowley-Healy was an accomplished M.C. and in his address Jim Cooney, Guest of Honour, highlighted that history 'explains everything' and suggested that keeping a diary would be invaluable in years to come. The projects covered many topics and countries, reflecting the students' multi-cultural background. Two were about India – the Portuguese colonization of India and the Amritsar Massacre. Jack Sabas spoke on the history of The Philippines and Kasper Czerniawski outlined Polish history. Like Ireland, both were invaded by powerful nations, their peoples subjugated but are now independent and free. Youthreach students sourced its material from Millstreet, the home place of most. Their project was on major local Castles and the Green Glens – Dean Martin summarised their findings in a fine address.

Rebecca Carroll depicted the story of Glin Castle, Co. Limerick. Sophie Williams' project on the Gearagh was brimming with information.

Naturally, most students concentrated on local topics. Lily Barrett examined archaeological sites near her home and this was interesting. Kilcrea Abbey was built by Cormac Láidir MacCarthaigh in the 15th century as a place of prayer and study. Following the Reformation abbeys were suppressed and neglected – only the abbey's ruins remain. It is the final resting place of Art Ó Laoghaire. Eve McMahon devoted her project to Art, an epic tale that stands the test of time. Bláithín Cronin outlined Carrignacurra Castle's long history and why it was built. It too dates from pre-Reformation times when castles were signs of power and domination and places of refuge during hostilities. She had photos of old coins found there. The history of Beamish's tower, Carrigaphooka Castle and Bantry House also featured. Erica Crowley dealt deftly with the Famine in West Cork (1845-1851) and highlighted the scale of the disaster. In an unusual, original and interesting project, Aisling O'Callaghan investigated religion in Dindarierke but the religion was Protestant/Church of Ireland. Dundarierke is a small townland west of Macroom but it had a castle, a C.o.I. church and has a graveyard, where Art O'Leary was first buried before he was finally laid to rest in Kilcrea Friary. Many projects dealt with the War of Independence/Civil War incidents such as Kilmichael

Ambush and the Burning of Cork City. Ethan O'Leary (with slides), Sarah Healy and Katie O'Riordan outlined their great grandfather's and great-great grand-father's parts. Personalising the stories made the characters and times more alive and insightful. Riona Kerry showcased Jane Williams, a Cork 19th century silversmith who when widowed at a young age took over her husband's craft and business to produce beautiful pieces. She defied gender and convention. An t-Athair Peadar was Saoirse Hartnett's topic who sourced information from a recent Macroom History talk and LVO article. Other social history themes were Carrigagulla National School, Religion in Dundarierke, Croke Park's History, and Macroom's Electricity Story. Bobby O'Brien's presentation had great graphics and photos. A tower adjacent to The Mart marks the source of the town's early electricity. Aoibhinn Murphy's work on Inchigeela's 1950's Holy Cross is fascinating and marks how times have changed. Douglas Kidd did great work assembling and co-ordinating the event. Schools and teachers are very busy and their co-operation is voluntary, essential and greatly appreciated. The night went well and, perhaps most importantly, the students were happy and satisfied. Congratulations to all for their excellent work, and thanks to the students for sharing their projects.

## HISTORY PROJECTS 2026.

### The Church of Ireland in Dundareirke

By Aisling O'Callaghan

Edited by Dr. Con Kelleher and Paula Gray  
Dundareirke

Dundareirke (originally Dún Dá Radharc) is a small townland west of Macroom. Its name comes from the Irish word dún (fort) and dá radharc (two views/prospects), and is thought to be connected to the medieval castle in the townland, which like the name suggests is situated strategically at the top of a hill, with vast panoramic views of the surrounding areas. Although small, Dundareirke has significant ties to religion, specifically the Church of Ireland in the 18th and 19th century.

Dundareirke Church

Dundareirke church was built in 1814, costing £553 (which is about €66,000 in 2026), which was funded by the Board of First Fruits, an organisation established in 1711 by Queen Anne of Britain to build and improve churches and glebe houses in Ireland.

The design of the church focused on practicality over decoration. It was a simple rectangular building for the congregation with a square tower entrance on the west end. This specific design was extremely common at the time, specifically with churches funded by the Board of First Fruits.

By the late 19th century the church, like many across Ireland at this time, had fallen into disuse and it was largely in ruins by the 20th century. Political unrest and emigration were largely to blame for the decline of the church, specifically following the Famine, which significantly reduced the local Anglican population, and the disestablishment of the Church of Ireland in 1871. Many small rural parishes were incorporated into larger nearby parishes to save cost

and because of a lack of congregation. While this helped to keep the Protestant religion alive in Ireland it meant that small rural churches like in Dundareirke were left abandoned.

Dundareirke Castle

The graveyard is located near Dundareirke castle, a prominent castle likely built by the O' Flynn clan, though it was later taken over by the MacCarthys who dominated this area of Cork at the time. Constant raids, shifting alliances, and English expansion made fortified homes essential. Castles like this one were part of a network of defensive strongholds across Cork. The castle was well-known at the time for not just being a military fortrance, but also for being surrounded by extensive orchards and gardens, and its marble staircase, which was made up of between 70 and 77 steps leading up to the battlements.

When you look at the ruins that sit there today, you would be forgiven for thinking that the castle had not been large ever, but in its prime it rose 5 stories tall and featured two stone vaulted ceilings, along with a large hall for dining in and celebration, and a tower which was surrounded by a small courtyard (bawn), including a small ancient turret with an entrance set 10 feet off the ground for added security.

Just before the 1641 Rebellion the castle evolved into a prominently residential place and damage sustained during the rebellion led to its forfeiture and eventual decline.

In 1814 Dundareirke Church was constructed, local records indicate that a "great deal of the stone" used for the church was taken from the Castle. This was relatively common at the time to reduce the cost of quarrying new stone. A significant portion of the

castle collapsed in 1820 with a 'tremendous noise' heard from miles around. The removal of stone for the construction of the church had left the castle in a shattered condition and is blamed for its dramatic collapse.

The Glebe House

The Dundareirke Glebe house served as the official residence for the Church of Ireland Rector. It was common for these houses to be larger, two story buildings, often similar to the style of the church they served. The house provided shelter and a small farming area for the rector of the parish. Most Glebe Houses were built next to their church, but Dundareirke Glebe House is located further away than most. Like the church, the glebe house fell into ruin following the disestablishment of the Church of Ireland in 1871. When the parish was consolidated with Kilnamartyra the extra residence was either sold into private hands or abandoned.

Reverends Based in Dundareirke

Rev. Joseph Rogerson Cotter was the senior rector in Dundareirke Glebe House during the Famine and a grandson of Sir James Cotter, 1st Baronet of Rockforest. He is best known for his 18 children, who directly led to the expansion of the Glebe House. He was a published writer and poet, his most famous being 'True Catholicity', a controversial piece about the arguments presented in a popular Catholic manual of the time, providing a Reformed viewpoint on what constituted true "catholicity" or universality in the Church from a Protestant perspective. He was quite outspoken and engaged in many theological based public debates, most notably with Bishop Coppinger of Cloyne

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Rev. William G. Waggett was the primary owner of the glebe house and its lands in the mid-19th century, which was a period of significant social and demographic change in the area after the Famine. Since the parishes of Kilnamartyra, Dundareirke, and Macroom had consolidated into a union for administrative purposes, he served all three parishes and primarily lived in the Glebe House in Macroom. Dundareirke glebe house was rented out to provide rental income for him at the time.

**The Use of Souterrains in Medieval Times**

There are paths of tunnels, or Souterrains (from the French word meaning "underground chamber") underneath Dundareirke graveyard. These tunnels are found all over Ireland, but specifically in rural areas and date roughly from 1,000 to 1,500 years ago. Most were built using drystone (lined with stone slabs) or tunneled into bedrock, but some were built using timber as well. Builders often used nearby items to help them to construct the tunnels, and many souterrains have been found using ogham stones as roofing lintels.

They had a few main purposes in medieval times, including

- They were used as hiding places during raids from other clans. In medieval times, Ireland was full of small-scale fights and skirmishes, and entire families could hide themselves, food, valuables, and cattle in the mazes of tunnels.

- The cool, stable underground conditions provided the perfect place to store dairy meat and grain, keeping the food preserved for long periods of time, such as true winter or dry periods.

- They were often built near ringforts or homesteads as part of a farm complex.

- Souterrains found near churches may have functioned as anchorites' cells for monks seeking solitary meditation, or for storing wine and medicinal concoctions.

- Centuries after their original use, some were repurposed as hiding spots for priests during the Penal Laws or as arms caches for the IRA during the 20th-century Irish struggle for independence.

**Art O' Laoghaire**

Art O' Leary was a prominent historic figure in Ireland in the 18th century. He is most famous for his refusal to sell his horse during the Penal Laws, which led to his death. His wife, Eibhlín Dubh Ní Chonaill, wrote the poem, *Caoineadh Airt Uí Laoghaire* to commemorate his death. After his death, his body was left at the scene for a long time. Because of this, his body was buried in the nearest public place instead of being carried a great distance. His family wanted him buried in Kilcrea Friary, but at the time Catholics were not allowed to be buried in monastic sites because of the Penal Laws. There is a belief that he was buried just outside the main cemetery by his

wife, possibly because the circumstances of his death were seen as unusual and controversial. At the time, it wasn't unusual for burial in consecrated ground to be restricted depending on the circumstances surrounding a person's death. Later, his body was moved to a field beside Kilcrea Friary, but not inside it. When the Penal Laws were no longer enforced, he was moved to his final resting place, inside Kilcrea Friary.

**Conclusion**

Overall, religion played a central role in shaping life in Dundareirke in the past, especially through the influence of the Church of Ireland. It affected religious practices, education, land ownership, and social structure within and around the parish. While the Church of Ireland held significant power, especially in earlier times, this influence was not always reflective of the majority of the population, which led to divisions in the community. Over time, its role changed, and its influence became less dominant, especially with the disestablishment of the Church of Ireland in 1871.

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Dundareirke castle ruins as they stand today.



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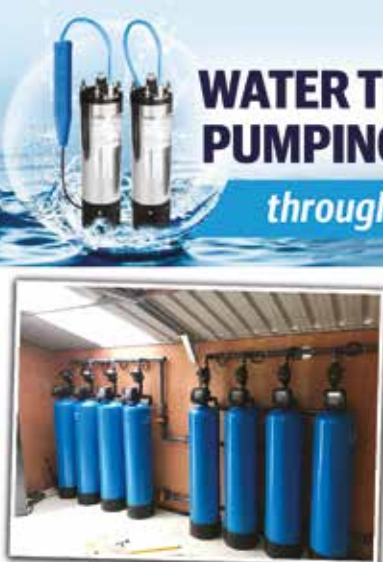
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CREEDON, O'CRIODAIN, CREED - The Story Behind the Name

Hi! Chris Barrett back with you. Despite some confusion regarding the printing of some of my articles, I expect this one to be my final article for a while! It is fitting that today I am at Creedon's Hotel speaking with my good friend Joe Creedon. He tells me that in the parish of Inchigeela there are nine generations of Michael Creedon recorded. He tells me that O'Criodain is the Gaelic which gives its name to Creedon and Creed. Ballyvourney seems to be the central base of the Creedons. There are many Creedon graves within the walls of St.Gobnait's Abbey, and there are also many plots in the surrounding cemetery. In 1996 a Creedon Gathering was organised in Inchigeelagh. One hundred and twenty people travelled from such places as Canada, USA, UK and Australia. Dr. John Creedon of Tralee made an excellent presentation on the History of the Creedon clan which he undertook as part of his Retirement Project. It was Dr John Creedon who concluded that although Ballyvourney seems to be the main base for the Creedon clan, the History of the clan begins at Comber, Co. Down, and Island Magee on Strangford Lock has an ancient Burial plot of a Bishop Creedon at

Nendrum. Somewhere around 1580, the Elizabethan Fiants (reference Chichester House London) recorded Creedons as being in Tipperary, Clondrohid and Ballyvourney. These Fiants also reveal they were characteristically mercenaries, harpists, and bards. The Cloyne/Dalway Harp dated 1620, which was made for John Fitzgerald of Ballymaloe, has two renowned Creedon harpists named on it. That musical talent has come down through the generations and Sean O'Riada claimed his talent came to him from his mother who was a Creedon from Kilnamatra. These include a poet, Thomas O'Criodain and the talented John Creedon, (known to us from his RTE radio show) and his brother Conal, who is also a writer. The Creedons of Ballyvourney became very well-known church builders. The Parish Church in Charlesville is one of their churches. A branch of the family built the church in Ballylongford, County Kerry. They went on to become very successful builders, constructing twelve churches in Dublin and also having involvement in the construction of Galway Cathedral. The current Joe Creedon's ( Creedon's Hotel,

Inchigeelagh) grandfather was named Cornelius Creedon. Cornelius was a native of Illaninagh (the Island of the Ivy). As a twelve year old Cornelius,(Con), went to work in the copper mines of Allihies. When they closed in 1895, he along with one thousand five hundred other miners, went to Butte, Montana, to work in the copper mines there. The cost he paid for the journey was four pounds. He returned to Ireland in 1911. (Maybe he could afford to come back because he did not drink). He married Nora Cotter from Inchigeelagh village. In the following years he became a businessman and developed a mill and a transport business. He bought his first truck from Vickery's in Bantry in the 1930s. He also helped establish the Inchigeelagh Dairies in Leitrim Street Cork. Eventually Cornelius bought Creedons Hotel in Inchigeelagh in 1941. I am very grateful to Joe for sharing the history of the Creedons with us and to readers who have been so kind in their support over the last five years. I leave you in the very capable hands of Tom Jordan and Paul Lynch, both of whom have previously contributed some excellent articles to this column.



CREEDON, O'CRIODAIN, CREED. The Story Behind the Name By Chris Barrett

*The Poets Corner*

*Hold on to the Dream*

*While in the garden  
On a sunny Autumn Day,  
I uncovered a football  
No longer in play  
  
I paused and thought  
Of all the fun it brought*

*Hours spent perfecting a skill  
Full of hope, perseverance and will  
  
The hope of making it on the team  
Ah that would be the dream  
The joy, the devastation  
The growing up*

*The realisation  
  
Yet shining through in my mind  
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# Driving tips for the summer

## How to cope with everything from traffic to tractors



*The holiday season can mean high temperatures, increased stress levels and extra demands on your car – so here are our seasonal tips to help with the challenges of summer driving.*

### Punctures

If your tyres are already damaged or they're at the wrong pressure, the higher temperatures of summer will increase the risk of a blowout.

Make sure you check tyres regularly – for condition and pressures – and increase pressures to suit extra loads, as advised in your handbook. Check caravan tyres too, and replace those that show any signs of cracking in the sidewall or tread grooves.

### Heavy traffic

During the summer you may encounter heavier traffic on the roads, as more people travel during this time to go on holiday. Here are our 6 tips on how to stay safe in the traffic this summer:

#### 1. Drive defensively

Driving defensively means being able to 'expect the unexpected'. In heavy traffic, someone might cut you off or a motorbike may come filtering past you between lanes. Be aware of what's happening around you to avoid dangerous situations.

#### 2. Remove distractions

Driving in heavy traffic requires you to be more alert and focussed, so keep your eyes on the road and both hands on the steering wheel at all times. Checking your phone is illegal while driving and adjusting your car's infotainment system is distracting, so avoid doing this while stuck in traffic.

#### 3. Plan ahead

Planning your journey ahead of time may help you avoid heavy traffic. Leaving early to avoid peak traffic hours and being prepared for unexpected delays can also help keep you calm during your trip. The AA route planner can help you find the best route to your destination when traffic is heavy.

#### 4. Keep a safe distance

It's important to keep a safe distance from other cars so you'll have enough time to respond and slow down in an emergency. A safe following

distance is 3 seconds behind the car ahead of you.

#### 5. Drive at a safe speed

When traffic is heavy, you may need to keep your speed below the displayed speed limit. By slowing down you'll have enough time to brake and avoid a collision if traffic ahead of you stops suddenly.

#### 6. Remain calm (and avoid road rage)

Heavy traffic can cause agitation which could lead to an accident. Try not to drive while tired and remember that other drivers are going through the same stress. Angry driving and road rage can also increase your fuel consumption and cost you more money. Check out our monthly fuel price report. Plan regular breaks as this can help to relieve your tension and give you the chance to stretch your legs, and perhaps even enjoy a cup of tea or coffee.

#### Overheating

Cooling systems are under more strain in high temperatures, so issues are more likely to be exposed when it's hot. It's important to check the coolant regularly to avoid overheating.

It's not just the car that can overheat, so it's important to keep kids, pets and yourself cool in the car in summer. You can do this in the following ways:

Put a sun shield over the back windows – this will help keep the sun off the passengers in the back of the car and will keep some of the heat out

Have iced water in the car – this will help keep all passengers refreshed and hydrated throughout the drive

Use the air conditioning – driving with the A/C on will help keep the internal temperature of the car nice and cool

Try to park in the shade – if you stop along your drive, try to find a shady parking spot to avoid the sun heating up the car

Use a windscreen shade when parked because most of the heat enters the car through the glass

Glare  
Dazzle from the sun can reduce visibility, but you can lessen the effect by keeping your windscreen nice and clean. Replace worn or damaged windscreen wipers to keep your screen clear and read our top tips on how to wash a car.

It also pays to keep a clean pair of sunglasses in your car year-round.

#### Driving tired

It's not safe to drive tired. If you do feel tired, stop in a safe place and take a break.

It's best to avoid getting tired in the first place if you can. Try these tips:

Include a 20-minute break in journeys of more than 3 hours

On longer trips, take a break every couple of hours  
Take several short stops (of at least 20 minutes) rather than one long one

Don't drink alcohol or eat a heavy meal before driving

Never stop for a nap on the hard shoulder and make sure you check parking restrictions before putting your head down at a motorway service area, as you could get a ticket for overstaying your welcome.

#### Pedestrians and cyclists

In warmer weather, you're more likely to encounter cyclists and pedestrians out and about on the roads. It's important to be aware of your surroundings while driving and The Highway Code has clear rules and guidelines to ensure all road users are protected.

Driving at a safe speed and removing any distractions while driving will help you be aware of your surroundings. This also means you'll be able to react in time should you encounter vulnerable road users.

#### Hay fever

If your hay fever is particularly bad, it's best to get someone else to drive if you can.

If you can't avoid driving:

Make sure any medication you're taking doesn't cause drowsiness

Close windows and air vents to reduce pollen grains in the car

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## LAOCHRA ÓG

### 29th April 2026

This Wednesday evening 29th of April our Minor Girls played their 3rd league match at home to Inniscarra, the girls took an early lead, maintained that lead throughout the game and came out winners in the end showing some great teamwork and skill throughout the match.

Thank you to Inniscarra for travelling out to us this evening and best of luck in the rest of the league.

Thank you to our sponsors Barry O' Brien Motors Service & Repairs , to the supporters on the sideline, to the ref, the umpires and to the groundskeepers in Ballymaccorcran for keeping the pitch in great shape. A big well done to all the girls again this evening, their next Minor A league match is Sunday 3rd of May at 5pm away to Newcestown.

### 30th April 2026

Tonight our U15s kicked off their league campaign away to Watergrasshill GAA Club in our first game of the year. Taking the step up to Premier 2 this season. Two grades higher than what we played last September provided a real test and a great opportunity for the lads.

Although we came up against a very strong Watergrasshill side, our boys delivered an outstanding performance and showed incredible determination throughout. Playing hurling at a premier level is exactly what we strive for as a group.

The lads gained valuable experience tonight and can be very proud of their efforts and attitude.

We now turn our focus to the John West Féile na nGael this coming Saturday morning at home in Ballymacorcoran.

A big thank you as always to our team sponsors, Star Turkish Barbers, for their continued support.

### 1st May 2026

Our minor hurlers played their third league match this evening at home against Banteer /Lyre.

A hard fought contest ensued with both teams playing a fast moving game .

Our lads held the lead at half time and battled hard to keep it throughout the second half coming away with a win .

Teams sponsors are Deasys Pharmacy Group Cork .

We had an enjoyable match last night over the border in the kingdom with U12 hurlers.

Rathmore were worthy opponents and gave us a good tight game.

There was only a goal and 2 points in it at half time.

Our lads came out in the second half and kept up the work rate and it payed off. The final score finished at 4-5 to 2-6 to Laochra Og.

Well done to all the lads for all their hard work and to the parents for travelling and their support.

An extra motion for our two injured players Conor

Quill and Aaron Lynch who will hopefully be back with us shortly.

And lastly a huge thanks to our team sponsors Mid Cork Pallets for all their support

### 2nd May 2026

Our Junior ladies who played Millstreet last night . It was a fast game from the start , both teams giving everything and was a very close first half . Laochra Óg etched ahead in the second half after some great defending and team play , resulting in some great scores and a win at full time . Well done to the whole panel. Thanks to Millstreet for a great game and best of luck in the rest of the league . Thanks to our supporters who travelled with us , and thanks to our team sponsors , The Clondrohid Tavern.

Huge congratulations to our u15 hurlers who progressed today to the Feile finals on Monday in MTU after both their wins against St Marks and Kanturk.

The boys gave it everything to make the finals and we as trainers couldn't be more proud of them. Massive thanks to Pat Healy and crew for the incredible shape the pitch is in and it's an absolute pleasure to play on. Thanks to our supporters for shouting on the boys and continued support from Star Turkish Barbers Also to Dave McCarthy for refing.

### 3rd May 2026

U10 side with a few of the 9s out in Kilmichael for a blitz yesterday evening. Played 3 very competitive games against 3 Cloughduv teams. Work rate by lads was excellent. Thanks to Cloughduv for 3 great games. Thanks to Kilmichael for hosting a well run blitz. Thanks to parents for bringing the lads and supporting. Thanks to Folláin for sponsorship. And a huge thanks to our young warriors who put in time and effort every week.

Well done to our u12 camogie team who played a league game recently against Éire Óg in Ovens. Great skills and teamwork on display by all the girls. Keep up the fantastic effort thanks to Éire Óg for hosting the game, thanks to team sponsors Macroom Tidy Towns and to all the parents for their support. Well done to Áine who captained the team on the day

### 7th May 2026

Our minor ladies were unlucky not to make it to the Minor A County league final after their semi final loss to Glen Rovers last night.

The girls took an early lead and went into the 2nd half still in the lead but Glen Rovers came out strong towards the end of the 2nd half winning by scoring a goal in injury time to give them a 2 point win. Our girls never gave up and battled to the very end.

Laochra óg won 3 of their league matches and drew the last match last Sunday against Newcestown to put them at the top of the group table and into the semi final and we are very proud of them for that achievement.

Best wishes to our injured players Grace, Sarah, Tara, Almha and Abbie and a big thank you and well done to our u15 girls on playing up with the team, yer support as always greatly appreciated.

Thank you to our fantastic supporters on the sideline, the ref, our umpires, to the groundskeepers at Ballymaccorcran for having the pitch in fantastic shape for the match and to our sponsor Barry O' Brien Motors Service & Repairs

The minor girls will be back in action again but for now we would like to wish our Leaving cert and Junior cert minor players the best of luck in the upcoming state exams in June.

### 8th May 2026

Very proud of the u13 girls today, great to see how much they are improving.

Great team work.

Final score Lachora Óg. 6,3

Ballinora 5,5. Thanks to team sponsors Healys SPAR and to parents for their support Thanks to Ballinora for a great game.

We also want to wish our captain tonight Amelia Lane, who is representing her school, Scoil Abán Noafa in the Cork Primary games, playing half time in Kilarney at the Munster final on Sunday.

### 9th May 2026

Another good panel performance from our Junior Ladies last night saw them come away with the win V Grenagh . Great teamwork from everyone, all playing their part . Well done girls, a lot of games in last few weeks so well done to all. Special thanks to Pat and Kevin who had Ballymacorcoran pitch and grounds looking fantastic last night and for all playing in the club . Thanks to Grenagh for a great game and thanks to the ref. Thanks also to our sponsors The Clondrohid Tavern. Finally to all the supporters cheering them on, its much appreciated.

Well done to Laochra og under 7 camogie team who played their first blitz today and played their hearts out. They did us so proud. Special thanks to Ella, Grace and Aoife for being in goals and to Corey and Emily for stepping up to play with our under 7 girls. Also thanks to Eddie, John and Tony for guiding our champions today. Thanks to team sponsors Mulcahy Insurances Ltd for their ongoing support.

### 10TH May 2026

U10 Camogie Team played a County Blitz in Ballygarvan this morning against the hosts Ballygarvan, Ballinascorthy and Sarsfield Camogie Club. Girls all got to play against great opposition and learned loads, playing different positions throughout the morning. Thanks to parents for getting the girls there this morning and to team sponsors Matt Murphy's Macroom.

## GENERAL GAA NEWS

### 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 (draw)

May 3rd: Clare 1-18 Limerick 2-30

May 9th: Waterford 0-25 Cork 1-26

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

Cork P3 W3 D0 L0 Pts 6

Limerick P2 W1 D0 L1 Pts 2

Clare P2 W1 D0 L1 Pts 2

Tipperary P2 W0 D1 L1 Pts 1

Waterford P3 W0 D1 L2 Pts 1

### Cork 1-26 Waterford 0-25

Cork, without Ciarán Joyce and Rob Downey in defence, still got the win against Waterford to maintain their unbeaten championship run and are certain to advance out of Munster for the All-Ireland series and near certain to qualify for the Munster final as well. Cork were good rather than brilliant and fought hard for the win against a Waterford side which really deserves/needs a change of luck. Winless Waterford are not yet eliminated, but appear in grave danger of finishing last for the fifth time in seven seasons since the round-robin system was introduced. They were playing with 14 men for twenty minutes having suffered two black cards, lost three players to injuries, and conceded two penalties,

the second of which was decisive yielding Cork the goal that turned the game their way.

Brian Hayes scored seven points from play and free-taker Alan Connolly added 0-9, Mark Coleman buried the decisive 61st-minute penalty at a sold-out sunny Azzurri Walsh Park.

Waterford led until the 58th minute of a match that was level 12 times. Cork made one late change as Hugh O'Connor came in for his full championship debut in place of U20 Barry Walsh, who had lined out in the loss to Clare on Wednesday. Tim O'Mahony went to centre-back, Darragh Fitzgibbon started at midfield alongside Tommy O'Connell, Damien Cahalane filled Cork's full-back vacancy and held his own.

Waterford won the toss and took the wind. Cork got off to a brisk start as all three of their full-forward line,

Connolly, Hayes, and William Buckley, scored. After three in a row from Waterford, Hayes and O'Connor restored Cork's lead.

The pattern of trading points continued for the rest of the first half and the home side enjoyed a two point lead, their biggest yet, in the 29th minute.

Brian Hayes scored three in three minutes to take his total to 0-5. In the 33rd minute, Hayes was wrestled to the ground by Fitzgerald, black card and a penalty, goalkeeper Billy Nolan dived to save Connolly's unconvincing effort. On the counter, Decies star Stephen Bennett went over on his ankle in pain and was helped off.

Waterford led 0-14 to 0-13 as Cork took the wind for the second half. They had doubled their lead by the time they returned to 15 men, winning the sin-bin period by 0-5 to 0-4.

Cork missed a couple more goal chances to jump ahead, Connolly and Hayes each fired wide of the near post.

Twice Waterford went three ahead. When Darragh Fitzgibbon pulled one back in the 46th minute, he was only the fifth Cork player to hit the target. Mark Coleman got back to block a Seán Walsh shot at goal and Cork began to nibble into the deficit. A Fitzgibbon point was followed by a couple of Connolly frees. After a Walsh settler, Cork struck three in a row, through Buckley, Shane Barrett, and Connolly, to edge ahead by 0-23 to 0-22. They added a goal when Mark Coleman came forward to bury the penalty after Connolly was taken down.

Patrick Collins soon had to make a flying save from Peter Hogan to keep Cork in the ascendancy. Waterford scored three of the four points during the 10 minutes down to 14 men, all from Hutchinson frees, meaning they entered the four added minutes within two points. Cork saw it out with Séamus Harnedy's point followed by a Fitzgibbon free.

Scorers for Cork: Alan Connolly 0-9 (6fs); Brian Hayes 0-7; Mark Coleman 1-0 (pen); Darragh Fitzgibbon (1f), William Buckley 0-3 each; Hugh O'Connor 0-2; Shane Barrett, Séamus Harnedy 0-1 each.

Cork: Patrick Collins; Seán O'Donoghue (Inniscarra), Damien Cahalane, Niall O'Leary; Eoin Downey, Tim O'Mahony, Mark Coleman (Blarney); Tommy O'Connell, Darragh Fitzgibbon; Hugh O'Connor, Shane Barrett (Blarney), Diarmuid Healy; Alan Connolly, William Buckley, Brian Hayes. Subs: Ger Millerick for O'Donoghue (30-h-t, blood), Robbie O'Flynn for O'Connor (51), Cormac O'Brien for Downey (55, inj), Séamus Harnedy for Healy (59), Pádraig Power (Blarney) for Connolly (70).  
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### 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

### 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



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

Tipperary 0-15 Waterford 1-7  
SF Tipperary 1-12 Cork 4-18  
Kerry 2-19 Clare 1-14  
Munster Final: Kerry 1-23 Cork 1-15

#### Munster Football Final:

##### Kerry 1-23 Cork 1-15

In the end it was almost as easy as the eight-point winning margin suggests, but Kerry's march to a sixth successive Munster football championship title wasn't quite as clear-cut.

David Clifford's 39th minute goal wrestled the initiative back to the Kingdom after Cork had had the better of the first half to take a three-point lead to the interval, but Brian O'Driscoll's goal on the hour-mark brought Cork back to within three points and forced the champions to sit up. That was as good as it got for the Rebels – a county without a Munster senior title since 2012 – as Kerry won pulling up, with substitute Tony Brosnan scoring five points to help deliver a 13th provincial crown to the Kingdom in 14 years, and keep the Rebels at bay before a 32,691 crowd in a sun-splashed Fitzgerald Stadium. Cork followers had come in numbers in anticipation of some sort of contest, perhaps even a shock Cork win – what would have been their first Championship win there in 31 years. Kerry were without eight of their All Ireland starting fifteen but simply toyed with Cork in the second half.

Cork certainly started like men without a Munster medal and in desperate want of one, with two-pointers from Brian O'Driscoll and Mark Cronin, a sideline point from Steven Sherlock, and a score from Chris Óg Jones putting them 0-6 to 0-1 ahead after Keith Evans had pointed Kerry into an early lead. Paudie and David Clifford raised a couple of white flags for Kerry, but there was an intensity and hunger to Cork that was causing the champions plenty of problems. Evans' point on 25 minutes levelled it at 0-9 apiece, but Jones and Colm O'Callaghan kicked Cork ahead again, and they made it to the break 0-13 to 0-10, though having played with a stiff wind, they needed a bigger lead.

Paudie Clifford was withdrawn at half time, and his replacement, Tony Brosnan, kicked the first score of the new half, and then played in David Clifford for a smashing goal to put Kerry 1-11 to 0-13 in front. A huge Clifford two-pointer extended Kerry's lead to four, and when Gavin White flicked over a point on 59 minutes Kerry had one hand on the cup, leading 1-17 to 0-14. Out of nothing, Brian O'Driscoll conjured a goal on the hour-mark to half the deficit, but Cork's old inability to kick on in the end game came back to haunt them.

Kerry scored six points in the final 10 minutes, Cork only managed a point, and Kerry won the second half by 1-13 to 1-2 a stat that tells the story.

Attention now turns to the Cork v Meath fixtures

in a fortnight but that game is still not a knock out encounter and Cork may need the extra chance available.

Scorers for Kerry: D Clifford 1-6 (tp, f), T Brosnan 0-5 (tp), K Evans 0-2, A Heinrich 0-2, T Kennedy 0-2 (2f), M Breen 0-1, M Burns 0-1, P Clifford 0-1, G White 0-1, D Geaney 0-1, K Spillane 0-1

Cork: M Cronin 0-5 (tp, f), B O'Driscoll 1-2 (tp), S McDonnell 0-2 (tp), C Óg Jones 0-2, S Sherlock 0-2 (sl, '45'), C O'Callaghan 0-1, D Buckley 0-1

Kerry: Shane Murphy; Evan Looney, Jason Foley, Dylan Casey; Tadhg Morley, Mike Breen, Armin Heinrich; Mark O'Shea, Seán O'Brien, Micheál Burns, Paudie Clifford, Diarmuid O'Connor; David Clifford, Tomás Kennedy, Keith Evans. Subs: Gavin White for D Casey (temp, 26-ht), G White for A Heinrich (ht), Tony Brosnan for P Clifford (ht), Killian Spillane for T Kennedy (54), Dylan Geaney for S O'Brien (temp, 55), Eddie Healy for M Breen (temp, 60-65), Cillian Trant for M Burns (62), E Healy for T Morley (65)

Cork: Patrick Doyle; Maurice Shanley, Daniel O'Mahony, Sean Meehan; Brian O'Driscoll, Tommy Walsh, Luke Fahy (Ballincollig); Colm O'Callaghan (Éire Óg), Ian Maguire; Paul Walsh, Sean McDonnell, Ruairi Deane; Mark Cronin, Chris Óg Jones (Uibh Laoire), Steven Sherlock. Subs: Sean Brady for S Meehan (48), Conor Corbett for R Deane (48), David Buckley for P Walsh (59), Seán Walsh for S McDonnell (63), Rory Maguire for S Brady (65).

Observation: Cork had a fine league campaign in Div Two but did not meet even one team which later reached its Provincial final (mainly Div One teams). The league games were mostly very entertaining but not of top level standard. Kerry are All Ireland champions and have really top class players, players who have been on underage teams consistently defeating Cork. When Cork can consistently challenge Kerry at under age level then the senior team will be able to take on the Kingdom?

Question: Do the Cork players deserve the level of criticism directed at them after Killarney, much of it from sources which created unrealistic expectations before the game?

#### All Ireland Football Championship Round 1 (May 23rd/24th & 30th/31st):

The eight provincial finalists are drawn against the remaining qualifiers, with home advantage awarded to the provincial teams. Winners advance to Round 2A, while defeated sides move to Round 2B.

#### Round 2A & 2B (June 13th/14th):

Round 2A sees the Round 1 winners face off, with victors progressing directly to the All-Ireland quarter-finals and losers dropping to Round 3.

Round 2B features the Round 1 losers, where winners advance to Round 3 and losers exit the championship.

#### Round 3 (June 20th/21st):

The four Round 2A losers play the four Round 2B winners, with the victors booking their place in the

quarter-finals.

### Quarter-Finals (June 27th/28th):

The four Round 2A winners meet the four Round 3 winners.

### Semi-Finals & Final (July):

The semi-finals will determine the finalists, with the All-Ireland Final scheduled for July 26th.

Full Round 1 Draw (first team at home):

### May 23rd/24th:

Cork v Meath on Saturday May 23rd at Páirc Uí Rinn

Kerry v Donegal

Galway v Kildare

Roscommon v Tyrone

### May 30th/31st:

Armagh v Derry

Monaghan v Mayo

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Westmeath v Cavan

## 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 completed

**Final Table: Waterford 9 Kerry 6 Tipperary 3 Cork 0**

### Results:

Cork 0-9 Tipperary 0-11

Cork 3-7 Waterford 3-18

Kerry 1-16 Cork 0-8

Munster Final: Waterford v Kerry

### TG4 All-Ireland Senior Championship

	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
Team A	Ulster Winner	Munster Winner	Leinster Winner	Connacht Winner
Team B	Munster Runner Up	Leinster Runner Up	Connacht Runner Up	Ulster Runner Up
Team C	Cork	Tipperary	Ulster 3 <sup>rd</sup> Team	Leinster 3 <sup>rd</sup> Team

### Kerry 1-16 Cork 0-8

A sensational second half performance where they outscored Cork by 1-9 to 0-2 points propelled Kerry to the Munster final at Fitzgerald Stadium in the curtain-raiser to the men's final between the two counties.

Siofra O'Shea struck 1-3 and Niamh Ní Chonchúir 0-3 as they put a shell-shocked Cork outfit to the sword.

Kerry played with a strong breeze in the first half and threatened early when a lightning move involving Ní Chonchúir and O'Shea saw Caoimhe Redmond produce a great save from Leah McMahon, although the corner forward did follow up with a good point.

It was then Cork's turn to slice open the Kerry defence and Mary Ellen Bolger got down smartly to save from Rachel Leahy although Emma Cleary did follow up to score the first of her two first half points.

Kerry popped over two points on the trot through Niamh Carmody and a Jadyne Lucey punch over. Katie Quirke replied for Cork, but Ní Chonchúir did the same for Kerry at the other end with a monster effort in the 15th minute.

Then Cork took over and started running at Kerry. Points followed from Emma Cleary, and two Quirke frees, although McMahon did force Richmond into

her second good save in the 23rd minute.

Kerry rose again and with the wind strengthening hassled and harried Cork for all their worth, scoring the final three points of the half. Lucey with her second, and Kerry's first in 14 minutes, was followed by Ní Chonchúir and an Anna Galvin punch over to see the hosts take a slender lead of 0-7 to 0-6 at the half time break.

The elements made no difference to the home side as they tagged on the first five points of the second, then in the 46th minute came Kerry's goal when O'Shea sliced through the Cork defence before confidently burying the ball to the back of the net.

Cork finally had point from two Quirke frees in the 57th minute but really Kerry strolled home to victory. Scorers for Cork: K Quirke 0-5 (4f), E Cleary 0-2, R Corkery 0-1.

Cork: C Richmond; M Duggan, S Callanan, S Kelly; A Corcoran, Sábh McGoldrick, Rosie Corkery; M O'Callaghan, A O'Mahony; R Leahy, K Redmond, Emma Cleary; L Hallihan, K Quirke, Á O'Sullivan. Subs: Gráinbne Murphy for M O'Callaghan (38), R O'Regan for E Cleary (46), A Ring for R Leahy (50), K O'Driscoll for K Redmond (51), E Hurley for L Hallihan (57).

### Cork 3-7 Waterford 3-18

Waterford inflicted a second consecutive TG4 Munster LGFA SFC defeat on Cork following a powerful display at Páirc Uí Rinn. The Déise followed up their opening round provincial win over Kerry by taking down the Lidl League Division 1 champions in their own backyard.

Tomás Mac A tSaoir's side were full value for their victory while Cork head to Killarney needing to defeat Kerry to avoid ending their provincial championship without a point.

Heavy showers made for slippery underfoot conditions at throw in. Kellyann Hogan's long-range attempt was palmed over the crossbar by Cork goalkeeper Caoimhe Richmond to open the scoring. The home team's response was instant as a terrific move resulted in Máire O'Callaghan bursting through to fire into the net after 10 minutes.

A converted Katie Quirke free (brought forward 50 metres) handed Cork a 1-1 to 0-1 lead before Waterford thundered into the game, 1-4 without reply, four clear after ten minutes.

Áine Terry O'Sullivan kicked Cork's first point from open play just shy of the quarter-hour, a Katie Quirke white flag further reduced the deficit before the full forward turned provider for Leah Hallihan. The latter netted Cork's second goal from close range after 18 minutes.

The Déise refused to panic however, as consecutive Ruby Browne and Eve Power scores made it 1-8 to 2-3 in the visitors' favour.

Then, Waterford had a superb Katie Murray goal, she added a point to make it 2-9 to 2-3 at the interval.

Murray continued to torment Cork's defence with a fisted point on the restart. Sábhbh McGoldrick and Rosie Corkery each split the posts but Cork couldn't prevent Brid McMaugh and Clare Walsh from edging Waterford 2-12 to 2-5 ahead.

Cork needed a spark and Emma Cleary provided it via a cracking shot into the top corner after 37 minutes. Kellyann Hogan steadied Waterford nerves with two converted frees to make it 2-14 to 3-5. Hogan with a thunderbolt into the roof of the net after 44 minutes extended Waterford's lead to nine. Hogan (free) added a point prior to Katelyn Gardner denying Áine Terry O'Sullivan a goal at the opposite end. Quirke (free) kicked a desperately needed Cork score but Lauren McGregor fisted over from a tight angle to maintain the Déise's advantage. Emma Murray and Kellyann Hogan (free) completed the rout as Waterford took a giant step towards this year's Munster SFC final.

Scorers for Cork: K Quirke 0-3 (0-2 f), M O'Callaghan, L Hallihan, E Cleary 1-0 each, S McGoldrick 0-2, ÁT O'Sullivan, E Hurley 0-1 each.

Cork: C Richmond; S Callanan, D Kiniry, S Kelly; A Corcoran, M Duggan, R Corkery; S McGoldrick, A O'Mahony; R Leahy, M O'Callaghan, E Cleary (c); L Hallihan, K Quirke, ÁT O'Sullivan. Subs: K Redmond for A O'Mahony (47), R O'Regan for R Leahy (47), A Ring for M O'Callaghan (47), E Hurley for ÁT O'Sullivan (54), K O'Driscoll for S McGoldrick (57).

### Senior B Munster Championship

Round Robin Table after 3 rounds

Cork 9, Clare 6, Limerick 3, Tipperary 3, Kerry 3,

### Rd 2: Cork 2-7 (13) Tipperary 1-9 (12)

Cork made it two from two in the TG4 Munster Senior B football championship after a hard-fought win over Tipperary at Carrigaline and it took a battling performance from the Rebels. The result could have gone either way right to the end, with two late frees from Holly Quirke helping get Cork over the line.

Cork got off to the perfect start when they found the back of the net in the second minute, thanks to Rose Murphy. Issy Carr replied from a free for Tipp, before Cork got their second goal of the half. A long ball in from Murphy deceived the Tipp defence as she got her and Cork's second goal, to make it 2-0 to 0-1, 2-0 to 0-3 with 15 minutes played.

Amy McDonagh got Cork's first point, and she added a second to increase the Rebels' lead, 2-2 to 0-3. Tipp were back in contention with a goal, to put two between the sides, 2-2 to 1-3. Cliona Dooley replied for Cork, Murphy got the last score of the half to see the Rebels leading by 2-4 to 1-3.

Two Tipp points on the restart before Murphy pointed for Cork to put three between the sides with 42 minutes gone, Tipp replying to make it 2-5 to 1-7. Quirke then landed two frees for the Rebels to put three between the sides with only five minutes to go. But two late points from frees for Tipp made it a nervous finish as Cork hung on for the win.

Scorers for Cork: R Murphy 2-2, H Quirke (2f), A McDonagh 0-2 each, C Dooley 0-1.

Tipperary scorers: I Carr 0-7 (5f), H Cleere 1-0, H Brennan, E Hogan 0-1 each.

Cork: E O'Sullivan; 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 McGrath for A O'Sullivan, S Ni Laoire for S Beausang (both 42), A Shannon for S Pattwell (48), M Collins for N Sheehan (54).

Rd 3: Clare 1-10 Cork 2-8

Round 4: 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 7

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

The Camogie Road to the Munster Final

Quarter-Final: Tipperary 1-18 Cork 2-9

Semi-Finals: Limerick 1-12 Tipperary 0-2; Kerry 0-7 Waterford 5-21

The Final: Tipperary v Waterford, at Thurles, Saturday



Minor Hurlers v Newmarket 15th March



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**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.

**GAA - Munster Championships**

U20 Hurling Round Robin: (5 teams, 4 games each)

Tipperary 1-21 Cork 0-22

Cork 4-18 Limerick 0-21

Waterford 0-13 Cork 0-16

Cork 4-19 Clare 2-21

Tipperary, Cork and Clare finish level on 6pts each, Tipp advance straight to final on scoring difference, Cork 2nd get a home venue for semi final.

Semi Final: Cork (P4 W3 L1 =6 +14) v Clare (P4 W3 L1=6, +1)

Final: Tipperary (P4 W3 L1 =6 +20) v Clare winners, May 13th

**Cork 4-19 Clare 2-21**

Cork defeated Clare to claim a home semi-final at SuperValu Páirc Uí Chaoimh.

Tipperary were the night's big winners, thrashing Limerick to take the direct route to the final on score difference (Tipp +20, Cork +14, Clare +1).

On his return to U20 action, senior Barry Walsh was held scoreless in the first half, but came up with the match-winning 1-5 contribution after the break. His assist also created Finn O'Brien's 58th-minute goal before launching the insurance point from his own 45.

Clare had the benefit of the strong wind blowing into the City End. Cork got the first two points through Johnny Murphy and James O'Brien. A Clare goal followed, 1-1 to 0-2 and then two more points, 4 point lead. Cork got their first goal in the 13th minute. Barry O'Flynn had his shot blocked but Clare failed to gather, O'Flynn swooped, 1-5 to 1-4. Clare responded well to cancel out that blow. Cork hit back with their own three in a row via Ben Walsh and two James O'Brien frees. Kilroy doubled his tally to four points, but Cork struck the last two points from Biggane and James O'Brien (free) to close the half-time deficit to a single point 1-11 to 1-10.

Cork struck for the first 1-2 of the second half. Colm Garde a point, Johnny Murphy a goal, Walsh his first point of the evening. Clare scored the next 1-2. Cork countered and Barry Walsh, who had just been relocated to full-forward, he beat three defenders to blast a precise shot inside the far post. That six-point swing made it 3-13 to 2-15. Walsh's close-range free flew but Clare's persistence earned the Banner three from play in the second half and they laid siege to the Cork goal in the closing stages.

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Scorers for Cork: Barry

Walsh (1-5, 0-1 free); Johnny Murphy (1-2); James O'Brien (0-6, 5 frees); B O'Flynn, F O'Brien (1-0 each); Z Biggane (0-2); D Heavin, C Garde, Ben Walsh, C Noonan (0-1 each).

Cork: Ó Walsh (Youghal); D Fitzgerald (Bride Rovers), M Barrett (Carrigtwohill), D Heavin (Russell Rovers); MT Brosnan (Glen Rovers), C Garde (Lisgool), David O'Leary (Ballincollig); Ben Walsh (Killeagh), C Noonan (Kanturk); Z Biggane (Charleville), Barry Walsh (Killeagh), James O'Brien (Cloyne); Johnny Murphy (Dromina), B O'Flynn (Sarsfields, capt), F O'Brien (Erin's Own). Subs: J Counihan (Watergrasshill) for Noonan (51-54, temp), John Murphy (Mallow) for Biggane (55), Counihan for O'Leary (57), C O'Sullivan (Na Piarasigh) for F O'Brien (58), Jack O'Brien (Douglas) for Brosnan (59).

**Cork U20 beaten in semi-final Clare 3-20 Cork 2-17**

Cork's Fulfil Munster U20HC campaign came to an end Clare finished well to take victory in the semi-final at SuperValu Páirc Uí Chaoimh before an attendance of 2578.

Seven nights previously, Cork had scored four and conceded two in defeating the Banner to finish second in the group, securing a home semi-final against their opponents, who came third. This time, Clare had the stronger goal threat and led by 2-9 to 0-11 at half-time.

To Cork's credit, they battled back well in the second half and led by 2-17 to 2-14 when Barry O'Flynn netted in the 50th minute. However, it proved to be the home side's last score as Clare outscored the Rebels by 1-6 to 0-0 in the final ten minute sequence. In the first half, Cork had led by 0-5 to 0-3 thanks to a burst from Finn O'Brien, Darragh Heavin and Johnny Murphy but Clare levelled through Ronan Keane and Fred Hegarty before a flurry of goal chances arrived for the visitors. Barry O'Flynn put Cork ahead, Clare continued and the goal finally came. Though the industrious Zack Biggane replied with a Cork point, Clare had pushed 1-9 to 0-8 in front when they struck again, Fred Hegarty's delivery the set-up for Cleary to arrow a shot to the net.

Seven down, Cork clawed their way back somewhat before the break as O'Flynn scored one and set up Conor Noonan for another while James O'Brien - introduced as a sub for another replacement, Craig O'Sullivan, who was given just ten minutes - reacted well to point when Barry Walsh had had an effort from a free repelled.

On the resumption, Cork's Johnny Murphy, blasted past Sheedy, that left it 2-12 to 1-12 and the sides match each other point for point before O'Flynn's goal looked like it might a momentum-shifter. Clare's response was emphatic and they powered on to deserved victory.

Scorers for Clare: F Hegarty 0-8 (0-6 f), M Cleary 2-0, T O'Connor, R Kilroy 0-3 each, P Rodgers 1-0, D Costello

0-2, R Keane, M Collins, R Hayes, H Doherty 0-1 each.

Cork: B O'Flynn 1-3, Johnny Murphy 1-2, James O'Brien 0-4 (0-1 f), Z Biggane, Barry Walsh (0-1 f) 0-2 each, D Heavin, C Noonan, F O'Brien, J Counihan 0-1 each.

Cork: O Walsh (Youghal); D Heavin (Russell Rovers), M Barrett (Carrigtwohill), D Fitzgerald (Bride Rovers); Ben Walsh (Killeagh), C Garde (Lisgool), David O'Leary (Ballincollig); MT Brosnan (Glen Rovers), C Noonan (Kanturk); John Murphy (Mallow), Barry Walsh (Killeagh), Z Biggane (Charleville); B O'Flynn (Sarsfields), Johnny Murphy (Dromina), F O'Brien (Erin's Own). Subs: C O'Sullivan (Na Piarasigh) for F O'Brien (16, injured), James O'Brien (Cloyne) for O'Sullivan (26), J Counihan (Watergrasshill) for Fitzgerald (half-time), J O'Brien (Douglas) for John Murphy (49), M O'Brien (Douglas) for Biggane (57), Johnny Galvin (Éire Óg).

**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 3-14 (23) Cork 0-20

**Kerry 3-14 Cork 0-20**

Kerry took their fifth U20 provincial championship title in a row but Cork emerged with major credit too from an exciting final in Tralee played before an attendance of 2,338. Cork went seven points to the good in the first half but were four behind at half time. In the second half The Rebels were eight adrift but fought back to leave only the minimum between the teams minutes from the end of regulation time. As managers say 'small margins decide games' - Cork had chances to draw level and the referee awarded Kerry a dodgy free which left Cork chasing a goal. Kerry had outscored the Rebels by 3-10 to 0-4 between the 15th and 42nd minutes which was crucial but no one could question Cork's commitment or ability and there is hope for the future with some quality Rebel performers now displaying consistently good form, the regret is that Bantry Blue Darragh Sheedy was not available due to injury nor was Seán O'Leary from Kilmurry, another reliable performer all this season.

The Cork Management team headed by Manager: Ray Keane, Éire Óg with Coach / Selector: Paul Kerrigan, Nemo Rangers, Coach / Selector: Kevin O'Sullivan, Cill na Martra and Coach / Selector: Enda Kiernan, Aghabullogue / MTU has done a good job with this group and are in place again for next season, a long way off, but it will come round and may bring joy at last.

Kerry had the opening point from a free, wind-assisted Cork had the next eight and looked really good. Ballincollig's Danny Miskella kicked a two-point free, then lofted over a point and then set up Seán Coakley to arrow over an orange flag. Rickey

Barrett added a pair and Mark O'Brien found himself in acres of space for another. With little over 13 minutes on the clock, the visitors led 0-8 to 0-1.

Kerry's Tomás Kennedy started the turnaround with a hard-earned point and Kerry hit the net in the 16th minute, Gearóid White palmed across the goalmouth for Lane to palm home.

After four further points Kerry had edged ahead. Cork's Dylan O'Neill goal bound shot beat the keeper, but was taken off the line by a defender.

Coakley did get a Cork point after 13 scoreless minutes, but on half time Kerry had a Lane point followed by a smashing goal, 2-7 to 0-9. Kingdom full-forward Kennedy and Cork full-back Peter Rose were sin-binned for the first 10 minutes of the second half after some aggro.

Kerry went eight clear with a third goal, a replica of the first 3-11 to 0-12.

Cork struck the next seven points as Kerry's discipline faltered. A three-up breach and a 50-metre advancement for not handing back the ball were each punished by goalkeeper Billy Curtin for orange flags. When Coakley shot over the bar, the gap was back to one, 3-11 to 0-19. Points were exchanged, Timmy Cullinane for Cork, but Kerry had a brace in time added when Cork supporters twice did not agree with the referees call.

Cork: Billy Curtin (0-05, 2tpf, 1 45); Frank Hurley, Peter Rose (Ballincollig), Harry Wixted; Aaron Keane, Cathal McCarthy, Odhran Foley; Darragh Clifford (Éire Óg) capt., Mark O'Brien (Ballinora) (0-1); Ben O'Connell (Ballincollig), Danny Miskella (Ballincollig) (0-3, 1tpf), Gary Holland (0-1); Seán Coakley (0-5, 1tp, 1f), Rickey Barrett (0-4), Dylan O'Neill. Subs: Denis O'Mullane (Kilmurry) for O'Neill (44), Timmy Cullinane (0-01) for Holland (47), Luke Shorten for O'Connell (50), Adam Dineen for Foley (55), O'Neill for Miskella (57).

#### Munster Minor Hurling

Cork 0-12 Waterford 0-9: Cork 0-16 Tipperary 2-17: Cork 1-22 Clare 1-12: Cork 0-18 Limerick 2-21 .  
Final table: Tipp 8, Limerick 4, Cork 4, Clare 2, Waterford 2.

Final: May 15th Tipperary v Limerick

#### Cork 1-22 Clare 1-12

Cork never trailed at any stage as a comfortable win over Clare at Páirc Uí Rinn put them one game away from a place in the Electric Ireland Munster MHC final. Leading by two points, 0-10 to 1-5 at half time, Cork seized control on the restart with a Seán Riordan point followed by a fine move that ended with Callum Coffey's pass to Tadhg McCarthy to finish to the net. While Clare did keep pace in the immediate aftermath of that with points, Cork replied each time through Coffey and the Rebels' lead was never less than six points following a super McCarthy point which made to make it 1-14 to 1-8.

Bobby Power of Ballincollig impressed after his promotion to the starting 15, a fine performance at centre-forward augmented by some excellent free taking, and the ten-point winning margin could even have been more.

Scorers for Cork: B Power 0-8 (0-4 f), T McCarthy 1-2, C Coffey 0-4, S Ring 0-3 (0-2 f), C Murphy 0-2, T Murphy, S Riordan, R Cagney 0-1 each.

Cork: M Walsh (Youghal); J Batterbury (Castletownroche), F Cahill (Middleton), N Coffey (Na Piarasaigh); E Considine (Sarsfields), D Nolan (Erin's Own), C Barry (Bride Rovers); S Riordan (Kilworth), S McHugh (Newtownshandrum); T McCarthy (Watergrasshill), Bobby Power (Ballincollig), L O'Regan (St Finbarr's); S Ring (Carrigtwohill), C Coffey (Na Piarasaigh), Cormac Murphy (Ballinora). Subs: Tadhg Murphy (Cloughduv) for Riordan (41), R Cagney (Mallow) for O'Regan (45), T Huggins (Sarsfields) for McCarthy (37), D Barry (Douglas) for Murphy (both 53), G Kingston (Mallow) for Considine (58).

**56 Outlook** 14.05.26

#### Munster MHC: Cork 0-18 Limerick 2-21

There was no doubting Limerick's superiority as victory over Cork at Páirc Uí Rinn sent them through to the Electric Ireland Munster MHC final.

Head-to-head records determining matters at both ends of the table – Limerick took second ahead of Cork, who now go to the All-Ireland preliminary quarter-finals along with Clare, who survived thanks to their earlier win over Waterford.

Limerick asserted themselves from the off. While Cork had the opening score with a Bobby Power free in the first minute, the visitors' response of three points in a row. Cork replied with 0-3 to lead 0-4 to 0-3 after 14 minutes but it was the last time they led. Instead, seven points on the trot from Limerick gave them a commanding advantage.

After a good Eamon O'Sullivan point made it 0-12 to 0-6 in the 29th minute, Cork did managed to pull two back courtesy of Power frees.

However, Limerick finished the half with two points to lead a 0-14 to 0-8 at the break.

Power pointed a free to open the second half for Cork and Power put a 65 over the bar but Limerick responded with two points to make it 0-16 to 0-10 on 39.

Cork sub Ryan Cagney got the first of four points following a nice Ring pass and a long-range Power free again cut Cork's deficit to four by the three-quarter mark but it was as close as they came – Limerick midfielder Xavier Nelligan charged forward before finishing to the net, Waters added his fifth point to open an eight-point advantage.

Tom Huggins, had two Cork points as they came back to within six but Limerick's second goal with five minutes left, settled any doubts about the outcome.

Scorers for Cork: B Power 0-9 (0-8 f, 0-1 65), R Cagney 0-4, T Huggins 0-2, S McHugh, C Murphy, C Coffey 0-1 each.

Scorers for Limerick: S Waters 0-7 (0-4 f), D Crowe 1-2, X Nelligan 1-1, R Foley 0-3, D Long 0-2, D O'Grady, E O'Sullivan, C Hickey, E Hennessy, R Horgan, J O'Riordan 0-1 each.

Cork: M Walsh (Youghal); J Batterbury (Castletownroche), F Cahill (Middleton), N Coffey (Na Piarasaigh); E Considine (Sarsfields), D Nolan (Erin's Own), C Barry (Bride Rovers); Tadhg Murphy (Cloughduv), S McHugh (Newtownshandrum); T McCarthy (Watergrasshill), Bobby Power (Ballincollig), L O'Regan (St Finbarr's); C Coffey (Na Piarasaigh), Cormac Murphy (Ballinora), S Ring (Carrigtwohill).

Subs: R Cagney (Mallow) for T Murphy (11-16), Cagney for Murphy (25, injured), C Ronayne (Dungourney) for McCarthy (37), D Barry (Douglas) for O'Regan (42), T Huggins (Sarsfields) for C Murphy (49), S Riordan (Kilworth) for McHugh (58).

#### Munster Minor Football

Cork 4-25 Clare 0-12

Kerry 1-14 Cork 3-18

Cork Waterford 11/05

Final: Cork v Kerry/Clare 18/5

Cork: 4-25 Clare: 0-12

Cork made a fine start to their Electric Ireland Munster MFC campaign with a big victory over Clare at Clarecastle.

The Rebels settled quickly and took control of proceedings, produced a dominant first half, establishing a 17-point lead at the interval in what was an excellent display.

Scorers for Cork: T Whooley 1-5, J Miskella, D Herlihy 1-2 each, B Hegarty 0-4 (0-2 f), C Murphy (1 2pt), E Ahern, A O'Herlihy 0-3 each, J Barry 1-0, C Garvey, C Downing, R Coakley 0-1 each.

Cork: R Twohig (Kilmeen); C O'Riordan (Blarney), G Oronsaye (Liscarroll/Churchtown Gaels), C Garvey (St Finbarr's); D O'Sullivan (Erin's Own), C Downing (Adrigole), E Lynch (Ballincollig); K O'Shea (Urhan),

C Murphy (Ibane Gaels); E Ahern (Carrigaline), B Hegarty (Ballinora), J Miskella (Ballincollig, capt); T Whooley (Clonakilty), J Barry (Aghinagh), D Herlihy (Shamrocks). Subs: D O'Mahony (Newcestown) for B Hegarty (h-t), A O'Herlihy (St Finbarr's) for J Barry (42), R Coakley (Éire Óg) for D Herlihy, P Kelly (Naomh Abán) for C Murphy (both 46), M Corkery (Nemo Rangers) for T Whooley (50).

#### Kerry 1-14 Cork 3-18

For the first time in exactly three years, Cork beat Kerry in a Munster minor championship fixture thus ending a five-game losing run to Kerry.

Goals from Cork subs Riley O'Donovan and Luke O'Neill, on 47 and 64 minutes respectively, shoved the Cork advantage back into double-digits.

Following a facile victory over Clare in their round-robin opener, this second result propels Cork into the provincial decider on May 18, irrespective of how the next game against Waterford pans out.

The half-time scoreline read 1-10 to 0-4 in Cork's favour. It was a scoreline that told so accurately the story of the half.

Eoghan Ahern, who converted two early frees, finished the game's opening goal.

confidently set up by Kelly and Jacob Barry. Cork, didn't register their first wide until the 28th minute, closed out a half of very few blemishes with two further Hegarty frees either side of a Kieran O'Shea kick. The latter was the standout red pupil upon the change of ends.

Cork's play was just so impressive, now can they repeat the dose in the Munster final.

Scorers for Cork: R O'Donovan (1-3); B Hegarty (0-6, 0-5 frees); E Ahern (1-2, 0-2 frees); A O'Herlihy (0-3); L O'Neill (1-0); R Twohig (tp free), K O'Shea (0-2 each).

Cork: R Twohig (Kilmeen); R McCormack (Middleton), G Oronsaye (Liscarroll/Churchtown Gaels), C Garvey (St Finbarr's); Éanna Lynch (Ballincollig), C Downing (Adrigole), Peadar Kelly (Naomh Abán); K O'Shea (Urhan), Ben Hegarty (Ballinora); D O'Sullivan (Erin's Own), Joe Miskella (Ballincollig), E Ahern (Carrigaline); D Herlihy (Shamrocks), A O'Herlihy (St Finbarr's), Jacob Barry (Aghinagh). Subs: R O'Donovan (Barreroe) for Barry (43); L O'Neill (Carbery Rangers) for Herlihy, P O'Connor (Lisgoold) for McCormack (50); M Corkery (Nemo Rangers) for Miskella (51); M Power (Charleville) for Garvey (58). And Rian Coakley Éire Óg and Rory O'Sullivan Naomh Abán

Cork Management:

Manager: Keith Ricken, St. Vincent's with Selectors, Billy O'Connor, Cullen, John McNulty, Uíbh Laoire, Clive Cremin, Carrigtwohill and Coach: Maurice Moore, Carbery Rangers

#### The Cork GAA Club Scene

##### McCarthy Insurances Football Leagues 2026

There are 7 Divisions, each of ten teams, 9 games. Finals: 3rd to 5th July

Div 1: All 6 rounds played except for Castlehaven v Newcestown

Clonakilty 9, Carbery Rangers 8, Castlehaven (P5) 7, Knocknagree 7, Newcestown (P5) 6, Cill na Martra 6, St Finbarrs 6, Nemo Rangers 4, Éire Óg 3, Douglas 2

##### Clonakilty 1-14 Cill na Martra 0-16

Clonakilty got a goal on 13 and led by 1-7 to 0-6 at half time. Scores were level at the three quarter stage, 1-9 to 0-12 and Cill na Martra were in front by 0-16 to 1-9 in the 53rd minute but Clonakilty finished very strongly with five unanswered points in a row to snatch victory and top place in the league table.

##### Éire Óg 0-11 Knocknagree 3-17

Knocknagree recorded their third victory of this McCarthy Insurance Group Cork Football League Division 1 campaign following what was a very



**Sullane FC U10 team in action 2026**

impressive display at Ovens.

Knocknagree played some excellent football with some fabulous score-taking after enjoying the most perfect of starts with a goal in the opening minute.

Éire Óg opened their account with a Colm Clifford point, which was followed up by well taken Conor McGoldrick effort.

Knocknagree led 1-5 to 0-4 after 10 mins. Brian Thompson and Ronan O'Toole reduced the deficit but there was no let-up from Knocknagree and they led by 1-11 to 0-8 at half time.

The second half played out in a similar fashion, with Knocknagree showing they can be a footballing machine.

The second goal of the night arrived for Knocknagree, when Michael McSweeney found the back of the net at the three quarter stage Knocknagree led 2- 14 to 0-8.

Éire Óg continued to battle but Knocknagree never ease up and Denis R O'Connor clinically finished.

Scorers for Éire Óg: C McGoldrick (1 2pt), D Clifford (1 2ptf) 0-3 each, C Clifford 0-2, O O'Shea, R O'Toole, B Thompson, 0-1 each.

Éire Óg: E Kelleher; C Murphy, M Brady, D McCarthy; C Clifford, M Griffin, B Thompson; C McGoldrick, D Clifford; R O'Toole, O O'Shea, J Murphy; D Foley, J Kelleher, B Hurley

Subs: K Beechinor HT, C Quigley 40, S Murphy 42, O McLaughlin 43, J Galvin and A McCarthy both on 45, M Kelleher 50.

Referee: Pat O'Leary(Kilmurry).

#### **Div 2: 6 rounds played (P if fewer)**

Uibh Laoire 10, Carrigaline (P5) 7, Dohenys 7 (P5), Clyda 7, Ballincollig 7, Valley Rovers 6, St Michaels 4, O'Donovan Rossa (P5) 4, Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh 4, Castletownbere (P5) 0

Clyda 2-13 Ballincollig 1-14

O D Rossa 3-16 (25) B A Ghaorthaidh 1-21 (24)

Uibh Laoire 1-11 Castletownbere 0-11

#### **Div 3: 6 rounds played by all**

Bishopstown 10, Aghabullogue 9, Kanturk 7, Naomh Abán 7, Mallow 6, Bandon 6, Fermoy 5, Kilshannig 4, Newmarket 4, Rockchapel 2.

Kanturk 0-16 Aghabullogue 1-13

Aghabullogue led by 0-8 to 0-6 at half time but were four points in arrears 12 minutes later. A 46th minute goal put them in front 1-11 to 0-12 but Kanturk went a point up with five minutes to go but Aghabullogue got a deserved equaliser to stay near the top of the table.

#### **N Aban 0-11 Bishopstown 1-13**

Level at 0-2 each after the first quarter, N Abán led by 0-6 to 0-5 at the break. Level again on 38/Town led by 0-9 to 0-8 at the three quarter stage. Level again on 24 at 0-11 each, the city side went two points clear and had an injury time goal to wrap up the victory.

#### **Div 4: 6 rounds played unless P**

Glanmire 9, Buttevant (P5) 7, Nemo (P5)7, Kiskeam (P4) 6, Kilmurry (P5) 6, Boherbue 6, Adrigole (P5) 5, Gabriel Rangers 4, Macroom 4, Aghada 0

Macroom 4-7 (19) Kilmurry 1-19

Macroom led by 3-4 to 0-2 after 25 minutes but allowed Kilmurry back into contention with three unanswered points before half time, 3-4 to 0-5. Kilmurry were a different team on the restart and were level at 0-13 to 3-4 before Macroom had their next score on 43. A Macroom goal was match by one for Kilmurry, Macroom kicked a penalty shot wide on 25 which would have levelled matters if converted and Kilmurry maintained a three point advantage at the final whistle. Macroom remain in the relegation zone, Kilmurry with a game in hand could yet figure in the promotion battle.

Next: Adrigole v Kilmurry 17th May, Macroom v Glanmire 24rd May

#### **Div 5: 6 rounds played unless P**

Mitchelstown (P5) 9, Ilen Rvrs 8, Ballinora (P5) 7, Bantry Blues (P5) 7, St Vincents 6, St Nicks 6, Canovee (P5) 6, Kinsale 2, Millstreet (P3) 1, Ballydesmond (P5) 0

May 19th: Millstreet v Ballinora

May 24th: Ballinora v Canovee

#### **Div 6: 6 rounds played**

Kildorrery 10, Kilmacabea 9, Aghinagh 8, Dromtarriffe 8, Glenville 8, Cullen (P5) 7, Cobh 6, Argideen 1, Glanworth 1, Na Piarasigh (P5) -2

Aghinagh 0-17 Kilmacabea 1-14

It was honours even at the end of an entertaining Division 6 league game played in perfect conditions in Rusheen. Kilmacabea had the better of the exchanges early on and led 1-6 to 0-3 at the break. An improved second half performance saw Aghinagh fight back to deservedly earn a draw.

Aghinagh: Anthony Kiely, Dylan O'Riordan, Donagh O'Riordan, John Lynch, Declan Ambrose (0-2), Tom Buckley, TJ Buckley (0-3), Matthew McCarthy, Thomas Morgans, Darragh O'Shea, Con Buckley (0-9), Seán O'Riordan, William Coakley (0-2), Luke Ring, Seán Cummins (0-1). Subs: Adam O'Leary, Noah O'Leary, Aodh Twomey.

#### **Div 7: 6 rounds played unless P**

St James (P5) 9, Carbery Rangers 9, Ballygarvan 7, Liscarroll (P5) 6, Donoughmore (P5) 6, Passage (P5) 4, Inniscarra (P4) 3, Nemo (P4) 2, Castlemagner (P4) 2, Mayfield (P5) 0,

Castlemagner 1-7 Donoughmore 0-11

Tues 19th May: Donoughmore v Mayfield

May 20th: St James v Inniscarra

#### **Red FM Hurling Leagues 2026**

Five Rounds completed

#### **Div 1:**

Midleton 10, St Finbarrs 8, Douglas 8, Sarsfields 6, Blackrock 5, Charleville 4, Carrigtwohill 4, Glen Rovers 3, Killeagh 2 Fr O'Neills 0

#### **Div 2:**

Erins Own 8, Bride Rovers 8, Ballincollig 6, Kanturk 5, Newcestown 5, Valley Rovers 5, Newtownshandrum 4, Na Piarasigh 4, Carrigaline 1, Ballymartle 0

Newcestown 0-19 Ballincollig 0-19

Next: Ballincollig v Na Piarasigh May 19th

#### **Div 3:**

Éire Óg 8, Blarney 8, Bandon 7, Inniscarra 7, Ballinhassig 6, Courceys 6, Lisgoold 4, Fermoy 4, Russell Rovers 0, Castlelyons 0

Castlelyons 0-13 Blarney 2-20

Inniscarra 1-20 Bandon 3-14

Éire Óg 0-21 Courceys 1-16

Next: Ballinhassig v Inniscarra May 16th, Bandon v Éire Óg and Blarney v Russell Rovers, both Sunday May 17th

#### **Div 4:**

Watergrasshill 8, Kilworth (P4) 8, Mallow 6, Aghabullogue 5, Cloughduv 4, Blackrock 4, Kildorrery 4, St Catherine's 3, Ballyhea (P4) 3, Bishopstown 3.

Kilworth 2-19 Cloughduv 1-18

Ballyhea 1-16 Cloughduv 0-21

Kilworth 2-20 Aghabullogue 2-18

Next: Cloughduv v St Catherine's Fri May 15th,

Aghabullogue v Blackrock Sat May 16th

#### **Div 5:**

Dungourney 10, Cloyne 7, Kilbrittain 7, Midleton 6, Castlemartyr 4, Tracton (P4) 4, Milford (P4) 4, Glen Rovers 3, Youghal 2, Ballygarvan 1.

#### **Div 6:**

Killavullen 8, Ballygiblin 8, Aghada 7, Argideen R 6, Sarsfields 5, Mayfield 4, D Ó Mathura's 4, Ballinascarthy 3, Kinsale 3, Erin's Own 2.

#### **Div 7:**

Ballinora 8, Kilshannig 7, St Finbarrs 6, Na Piarasigh 6, Carraig na bFear 6, Killeagh 5, Barryroe 4, Passage West 3, Meelin 2, Douglas 1.

Ballinora 1-22 Na Piarasigh 2-16

Next: Ballinora v Passage Sat May 16th

#### **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: Cloughduv, 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: Ilen Rovers, Kilmurry, Buttevant, Glanworth.

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

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 Piersaigh, Kilmacabea.

**Upcoming fixtures:**

Fri, May 15th Munster Minor Hurling Final, Tipp v Limerick

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 Minor Football Final Cork v Kerry/Clare



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 All-Ireland SFC R1 Cork v Meath P Ui Rinn

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 -Muskerry

footballers gone to June 16th (Prov.)

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 Kilmichael: 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



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

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: Blarney 7, Donoughmore 6, Dripsey 6, Grenagh 6, Aghabullogue 4, Ballincollig 4, Inniscarra 2, Éire Óg 2, Kilmichael 1

Erneside Engineering JHL 2

Éire Óg 5, Ballinora 4, Donoughmore 3, Iveleary 2, Cloughduv 2, Inniscarra 2, Blarney 2, Grenagh 0,

EPH Junior Football League Div 1

League table: Grenagh 10, Clondrohid 10, Kilmichael 8, Aghabullogue 6, Éire Óg 6, Ballincollig 4, Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh 4, Canovee 0

EPH Div 2 West:

Cill na Martra 6: Dripsey 5: Kilmurry 4: N Abán 4: Macroom 3: Iveleary 2: Aghinagh 0.

EPH Div 2 East  
Blarney 8, Donoughmore 4, Inniscarra 4, Éire Óg 4, Glenn na Laoi 2, Ballincollig 2, Ballinora 0





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# A Word of Victory

*"Have this same attitude in yourselves which was in Christ Jesus: looking to Him as your example in selfless humility" (Philippians 2:5 Amplified Bible).*

Welcome back dear student, when a baby is born people try to figure out 'who does he or she look like?' Some folks are literally the image of a parent, or they might talk or walk just like them. It can be more than just genes; from spending time with someone we can grow to be like them too – both good and bad! "When God created mankind He said, 'let Us make man in Our image' . . . so God created man in His Own image, in the image and likeness of God He created him, male and female He created them." (Genesis 1:26-27). God's plan was to replicate Himself in us. Sin got in the way though, creating a terrible breach between God and man, for God is Holy and Righteous. So, He sent His Son Jesus to bridge that gap by paying for our sins on the Cross with His sinless, perfect Blood. Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life and no one comes to the Father except through Him (John 14:6). Now, because the sins were taken care of, anyone who believes in Jesus, and repents of sin, and acknowledges Jesus as Lord and Saviour can be restored into relationship with God the Father (Romans 10:9). That's the Gospel in a nutshell – it's Good News! Then begins a new way of life for the believer. The lead Scripture above advises us to have the same attitude as Jesus had. He humbly served the Father, giving Him Glory in all He did. The Lord Jesus laid down His divine rights and privilege to empty Himself, taking on the likeness of man - but not the sin nature, so that man could take on the likeness of God through faith in Him. (Philippians 2:5-11).

We become more like Jesus by learning His ways (Ephesians 4:22-24). This means that we leave behind our old self – old habits and patterns - and instead live in obedience to God's Word - glorifying Him in all we do and say. It's a lifestyle. "For Barnabas was a good man (privately and publicly, his godly character benefitted both himself, and others), and he was full of the Holy Spirit, and full of faith in Jesus the Messiah, through Whom believers have everlasting life. And a great number of people were brought to the Lord" (Acts 11:24). The same in public as in private! John wrote that those who live in God should live their lives as Jesus did (1 John 2:6). Many call themselves Christian, but they don't live Christ-like. In a world obsessed with 'followers' choosing to follow Jesus is not just words or a trend. Faith without works is dead (James 2:14-26). But our faith is not based on good works alone, for if it was, then Jesus would never have had to suffer and die for our sins. Denying self is the cross Jesus spoke of taking up (Luke 9:23). Putting to death the flesh: over-riding one's own wants, for God's. Jesus only did and said what He saw the Father do (John 5:19; John 12:49). Submission is living yielded, to the Spirit of God.

So, what was Christ like? He was Righteous, humble, and accountable to God. He healed people. He told the Truth – 'go and sin no more' (John 8:11). He came to Love and not judge. He redeemed and reconciled – seeking out the lost. He had compassion for others, and met them where they were at, whilst not becoming defiled by how they lived. Jesus lived outside of the opinions and fears of others, fearing only the opinion of God. Lord, may we become more Christ-like.

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Ath. Seán Mac Cárthaigh,  
Baile Bhuirne / Cúil Aodha



Dr. Edith Eva Eger  
September 29, 1927 - April 27, 2025

*It was with great sadness I learned of the passing of Edith Eger, aged 99, on April 27th this year. Edith was the author of two books that I have read, shared, quoted and often recommended. They are entitled 'The Choice' and 'The Gift' which I wholeheartedly suggest you buy. These would be my 'desert island books.'*

**But who was she?**

*Edith was a Hungarian teenager and accomplished ballerina who was refused to represent her country because she was a Jew. She and her family were sent to Auschwitz in 1945. She and her sister survived, but her parents were sent to the gas chambers immediately on arrival. That same night she was commanded to dance for the notorious Nazi commandant Josef Mengele. It was abhorrent to her but she danced to survive. Pleased with her performance, he threw her a loaf of bread which she readily shared with others in those stark conditions. A loaf of bread was the difference between life and death. The decision to dance was a key moment where she first felt internally free to decide, despite the outer prison. It was the first step to her philosophy that helped her endure what was to come.*

*Later on a fellow survivor, remembering Edith's kindness that first night, would return the compliment and share bread as they were being shipped to a labor camp. It saved her life.*

*It is difficult for us to even to begin to comprehend the hardship Edith and her fellow Jews suffered. There are many testimonies, but they are still difficult to absorb. For years afterwards she buried her memories, but these were came back to light when her daughter brought home a library book with pictures of Auschwitz. The memories and the trauma returned, and she finally had to confront her demons. This led her eventually to become a psychotherapist, dealing too with others' trauma. She advised others based on her own experiences, her own mechanism of survival, as well as recommending the writing of Victor Frankl, who wrote 'Man's search for meaning.' She became a renowned psychotherapist and counseled many people suffering the effects off childhood trauma and buried painful memories. She formulated a number of life-lessons describing the internal prisons in which we may find ourselves and for which we, in fact, hold the key. These are related in her book 'The Gift' - also available on Audible - which I listen to over and over, a chapter at a time.*

*Her other book, 'The Choice' is autobiographical and a gripping read.*

*Many of us can find solace in her writing, take advice from her observations of human behaviour and her own rules of life. She would devote only half an hour each day for example, to her horrific past, and then spend the rest of the day living in the present, hoping for the future, saying famously, "I want to know what's next." She obviously had great resilience and tenacity, and she lived over 80 years after World War II.*

*Do yourself a favour and buy 'The Gift.'*

*You can see clips of Edith's extraordinary testimony on YouTube.*

*I pray that she is re-united now at last with her dear parents who she lost so tragically.*

*May you rest in peace, Edith. Your legacy will surely live on in the millions of lives you've changed, including mine.*

*God bless. Fr Seán*

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**FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**



In loving memory of

**TONY KELLEHER**

Rylane East, Rylane, Co Cork  
who died on 21st May 2025.

As we lovingly remember Tony on his first Anniversary, we his family wish to express our sincere thanks to all who sympathised with us on our loss.

Thanks to those who attended the removal and funeral, along with those who sent enrolments, mass cards and online condolences.

Our sincere gratitude to Fr Peadar for celebrating a truly meaningful mass, and to Fr Aquin Casey for concelebrating with him.

Thanks to Michael Bradley who sang so beautifully at Tonsy's funeral mass.

We extend our thanks to Dr Power and staff at the Mercy Hospital for the wonderful care given to Tony during his illness. Also, to Dr Seán Foley and all at Sullane Family practice and Reens Pharmacy, we thank you sincerely.

Thanks to our community & Marymount nurses who were so kind & professional in their care of Tony.

To our family, neighbours, traffic management stewards and those who brought food to the house, we thank you. Thank you to Tonsy's friends whose kindness and support was very much appreciated throughout his illness.

To Billy Fitzgerald and staff, thank you for your professionalism and guidance at a difficult time.



Tony's 1st Anniversary mass will take place in Rylane Church on Sunday 17th May at 11.30am

**3RD ANNIVERSARY**



In memory of a life well lived

**JOHN F FLEMING**

Clodagh, Crookstown, and Griève de' Lecq, Jersey, who passed on 23rd May 2023.

*Softly in the morning you heard a gentle call, and quietly left us all.*



Forever loved by children Sofie, Séan, and Lucey, their mother Susan, grandchildren, Lilly Grace, Ben, Forde, Kiva and Harrison, sister Theresa, nieces Amanda and Jennifer, goddaughter Laura and extended family.

John was a devoted brother and friend whose kindness and humour touched everyone who knew him. John is especially remembered alongside his recently departed sister Ann, side by side once more, where the chats, laughter and stories never end. Also fondly remembered are sisters Birdie, Nora, Cathy, Margaret, Nelly, his brothers Jim, Pakie, and Billy, all of whom have sadly left us. He will always be lovingly remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

**2ND ANNIVERSARY**

In loving memory of

**NOEL CURLEY**

Lacka, Macroom, Co. Cork,  
who died on the 23rd of May 2024

*Will those who think of him today a little prayer to Jesus say.*



Always remembered and loved by his wife Breda, sons Michael and Barrie, daughter Linda and adored grandchildren Harry, Charlie, Louis and Holly.

**30TH ANNIVERSARY**



In loving memory of

**CHRISTY  
(DANIEL)  
DESMOND**

**Ballymakeera.**

**Who died on 13th May 1996**

*Go mbeannaighe Dia dhuit,  
a Ghobnait Naomhtha,  
Go mbeannaighe Muire dhuit  
is bheannuighim Féin dhuit.  
Is chughat-sa a thánag ag gearán  
mo scéil leat, Is a d'arraidh mo leighis  
ar son Dé ort.*



Always loved and remembered by  
his family.

**8TH ANNIVERSARY**



In loving memory of

**FERGAL  
MURPHY**

**Farran View, Dripsey**

**Who died on May 13th, 2018**

*Deep in our hearts  
you will always stay*



Remembered & loved from  
Maudie, Liam & all the  
Cotter families

**8TH ANNIVERSARY**



In loving memory of

**FERGAL  
MURPHY**

**Farran View, Dripsey**

**Who died on May 13th, 2018**

*Fergal,  
"It broke my heart to lose you,  
but you didn't go alone  
For part of me went with you,  
the day God called you home"*



Love always your wife Dee X

**10TH ANNIVERSARY**



In loving memory of

**CONNIE BREEN**

**No.1 Belmont Place, Crookstown,  
Co.Cork (formerly of Boherbue  
Ballincollig)**

**who died on the 14th of May 2016.**

*They say there is a reason,  
They sat time will heal,  
Neither time or reason  
Will change the way I feel.*

*Gone are the days,  
We used to share,  
But in my heart  
You are always there.*

*The gates of memories  
Will never close*

*I miss you more than anyone knows.*



Always remembered by your loving  
soulmate and best friend wife Geraldine  
Family and friends and co workers  
especially from Cork Co. Council  
(the water section)

**30TH ANNIVERSARY**



Cherished memories today and always of  
a dear son and brother

**DEREK HEALY**

**5 Belmont Pl, Crookstown  
Who died May 12th 1996**

**Aged 19 years  
RIP**

*Memories are like leaves of gold  
They never wither or grow old.  
Locked in our hearts you will always be  
Loved and remembered for eternity.*

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



Sadly missed by his loving mother  
Noreen, sisters Christine, Caroline and  
brother in law Derek.

**50TH BIRTHDAY  
REMEMBRANCE**



Cherished memories today and always of

**DEREK HEALY**

**5 Belmont Pl, Crookstown  
22.5.76 - 12.5.96**

*Wishing you were here today Derek  
For even just a while.  
So we could say Happy 50th Birthday  
and see your loving smile.  
May the angels hold you closely  
And sing you a birthday song.  
And we will be sending loving wishes  
Today and all year long  
Happy 50th Birthday Derek.*



Sadly missed by his loving mother  
Noreen, sisters Christine, Caroline and  
brother in law Derek.

**26th ANNIVERSARY**



In loving memory of

**MARIA  
DINNEEN**

**Coolavokig, Macroom.**

**Who died on the 19th May 2000**

*Of all the special gifts in life,  
However great or small,  
To have you in our lives was the greatest  
gift of all,  
May the winds of love blow softly,  
And whisper in your ear,  
"We love and miss you Maria",  
And wish that you were here.*



Loved always by Dad (Diarmuid),  
Mam (Joan), Maidhcí,  
Katie, Emer and their families,  
the Dinneen and Lucey families.

**9TH ANNIVERSARY**



In loving memory of

**MARY BRIDGET  
MURPHY**

**Renacahera, Terelton**

**Who died on 14th May 2017**

*Golden Rose, Queen of Ireland  
All my cares and troubles cease  
As I kneel with love before you  
Lady of Knock, my Queen of Peace*



Always remembered by her 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. **KB**

**THE MIRACLE PRAYER**



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

**2ND ANNIVERSARY**



In loving memory of  
**JERRY CREMIN**  
Lackabawn, Ballygeary,  
whose anniversary occurs  
on the 15th of 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.*



Always remember by his wife Pat,  
children Donncha, Michaela and Catriona  
and their partners Shane and Colin.

**10TH ANNIVERSARY**



In loving memory of  
**CATHERINE DOYLE**  
7 Belmont Place, Crookstown,  
Co. Cork  
who died on 18th May 2016

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



Lovingly remembered by your children  
Michelle and Clement, son in law  
Michael, daughter in law Kim and your  
grandchildren Katelyn, Shauna, Clodagh,  
Conor, James and Ian

**7TH ANNIVERSARY**



In loving memory of  
**DEIRDRE BUCKLEY**  
(NEE MCCARTHY)  
Coolnadane, Macroom  
whose 7th anniversary occurs  
18th of May 2026.

*Though her smile is gone forever,  
And her hand I cannot touch.  
I still have so many memories,  
Of the one I loved so much.  
Her memory is my keepsake,  
With which I'll never part.  
God has her in his keeping,  
I have her in my heart.*



Always loved and sadly missed her loving  
husband Jeremiah, brothers and sisters.

**2ND ANNIVERSARY**



In loving memory of  
**TEDDY NEVILLE**  
Currahaly, Farnanes,  
Who passed away on 15th May 2024.

*A smile for all, a heart of gold,  
The very best this world could hold,  
Never selfish, always kind,  
These are the memories,  
You've left behind.*



Sadly missed by Eileen, Edward, Dónal,  
Marie, Timothy, Linda, & Ludivine,  
grandchildren Harry & Ollie, brother,  
sisters, extended family, neighbours &  
friends.

**BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE**



In loving memory of  
**DON "DONNACHA" LYNCH**  
Macroom

*Happy Heavenly Birthday  
from across the Sky.*



Always loved and remembered by  
Kathleen, Martin, Lynn, Wayne, Donna,  
Susan and extended family.

**2ND ANNIVERSARY**



In loving memory of  
**ELIZABETH 'BETTY' TWOMEY**  
Inchamore, Ballygeary Macroom,  
Cork  
Died 21st May 2024

*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.*



From her loving family

**5TH ANNIVERSARY**



In loving memory of  
**LOUISE O'REGAN**  
Ard na Greine, Kilnagurteen,  
Macroom,  
Who passed away on the 20th of  
May 2021.

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



Always remembered & never forgotten  
by Michael, Sinead, Cathal, Aisling &  
Aedin & Ultan & Sadbh

Anniversary Mass will be held in St.  
Colemans Church Macroom on  
May 23rd at 7.30pm

**17TH ANNIVERSARY**



In loving memory of  
**WILLIAM PERROTT**  
Aghavrin, Coachford  
21/8/83 - 16/5/09

*Your name is often spoken  
We think about you still  
You haven't been forgotten  
By us, you never will*



Always loved and remembered by  
Mam, Dad, Joe, Colm and Brendan

**NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART**



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**7TH ANNIVERSARY**



In loving memory of

**GOBNAIT  
O'CALLAGHAN**

**Dromanallig, Ballingearry Co Cork  
Who went to Heaven on 13th of  
May 2019**

*Just a prayer from the family  
who loved her.  
Just a memory fond and true.  
In our hearts you will live forever,  
because we thought the world of you.  
Naomh Gobnait guí orainn.*



Always loved and fondly remembered by  
John, Maria, Deirdre, Paul, Ciaran and  
Eimear and all her Grandchildren and  
family members

**5TH ANNIVERSARY**



In loving memory of

**KATRINA  
HICKEY**

**Ullanes West, Ballymakeera  
Who died on 12th May 2021**

*Somewhere beyond the sunset  
Where loved ones never die  
You sleep in a beautiful garden  
Beneath a golden sky.*

*Though Heaven and earth divide us  
We are never far apart  
For you are always in our thoughts  
And forever in our hearts.*



Forever loved by  
Her Mom, Sisters & Brothers and their  
families

**30th Birthday Remembrance**



In loving memory of

**GREG LONG**

*I hope God sings Happy Birthday to you  
And that the angels ice your cake,  
The whole of the Heavens sings  
A very special Happy Birthday to you.  
Will there be a fun filled party,  
I really hope Heaven has balloons  
Banner, Poppers and music too  
This is what I truly hope for your day.  
Your loved and missed so much everyday  
We will have all this down here for you.  
I wish for the sun to shine  
As it did 30 years ago on the 20th May.*



Happy 30th Birthday Greg  
Always loving, Always loved  
Trisha, Mark, Aisling, Friends and family  
xxx

**6TH ANNIVERSARY**



In loving memory of

**EILY  
O'SULLIVAN**

**Four Winds, Rylane East, Rylane,  
Co.Cork. Whose anniversary occurred  
on May 7th**

*In Our Hearts We thought of you today  
But that is nothing new.  
We thought about you yesterday  
And days before that too.  
We think of you in silence  
We often speak your name.  
Now all we have are memories  
And your picture in a frame.  
Your memory is our keepsake  
With which we'll never part.  
God has you in his keeping  
We have you in our heart.*



Always remembered by your loving family  
Rest in Peace

**15TH ANNIVERSARY AND 16TH ANNIVERSARY**



In loving memory of

**PAT  
MURPHY**

**14/07/2011**



**MARY  
MURPHY**

**14/05/2010**

**Clashbridane, Kilmichael.**

*In loving memory of my dear parents whose anniversaries occur around this time.*

*A special day, another year,  
a loving thought, a silent tear,  
Like falling leaves the years go by,  
But memories of ye will never die.*



Deeply missed and forever loved by their son John Noel, daughter-in-law Deirdre,  
Laoise and Aisling.

**21ST ANNIVERSARY**



In loving memory of

**JOANIE  
MCDONNELL**

**17 Belmont Place, Crookstown.  
Who died on the 19th May 2005.**

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



Loved & remembered  
by your husband Paddy & family  
Patricia, Mary, Anthony, Denise  
Deirdre & Sinead,  
grandchildren & great grandchildren.

**10TH ANNIVERSARY**



In loving memory of

**JOHN  
FLYNN**

**Castle Street, Macroom  
whose anniversary occurs at  
this time**

*Always remembered  
never forgotten.*



Sadly missed and much loved.  
Nora & Family.

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