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Aisling Crosbie.

## FROM THE EDITOR

With only nine sleeps to go until the big man himself arrives, the countdown to Christmas is well and truly on. Its a busy bumper magazine for you this week as we look at all thats happening in the busy town of Killarney and surroundings in the run up to the festive season.

The Lions Club Christmas Food Appeal is in full swing, Killarney is preparing to welcome snooker legends and two businessmen have been inducted into The Order of Innisfallen.

St. Francis School held their Carol Service, Fossa NS welcomed a Hollywood star and the Kerry LGFA celebrated a great year at Awards night.

Dr. Crokes are promising to forget no-one this Christmas, a teacher at St. Brendan's is taking on a 10km swim in aid of the ICS and Fr. Jim is planning a pilgrimage to Medjugorje.

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# LIONS CHRISTMAS FOOD APPEAL IN FULL SWING

The Killarney Lions Club Food Appeal street collection is taking place today, Friday 16th December at various locations in the town. Donations received on the day will be used to provide food hampers for families in need in the Killarney area.

Transition year students from Killarney's three secondary schools have already supported the Food Appeal by raising money through activities such as a bake sale, no uniform day and Christmas markets. They are also helping to prepare the hampers along with Lions Club volunteers.

"Our Food Appeal has been running for many

years and is always very generously supported by the people of Killarney. The transition year students have also been amazing" according to President of Killarney Lions Club Denis Doolan. "We are very grateful for that support, which will be more important than ever given the cost of living crisis facing many families this year."

The Killarney Lions club, through its members, assists various groups and individuals in and around the community. Lions do this through voluntary activities, fundraising and by holding various types of events in support of a great many local causes.



Transition Year students from St. Brendan's College presenting a donation for the Killarney Lions Club Food Appeal Front: Logan Lucey, Brayden Slattery Standing (L to R): Denis Doolan, Killarney Lions Club, Emar Buckley TY Coordinator, Liam Horgan, Timothy Daly, Jack Murphy, Daniel Fleming, Mark Daly, Cathal Mackey, Senan Kennedy and Sean O'Leary



Transition Year students from Killarney Community College presenting a donation for the Killarney Lions Club Food Appeal to Denis Doolan, Killarney Lions Club Front: Maria Llongueras Balta, Sofia Gimenez Ivorra, Carla Luis Ballastee, Darren Lowe, Jacob Pawelosek, Denis Doolan, Ava Sheahan, Hanna Link, Alicia Gul Back: Dylan Tucker, Blazej Maj, Mike Pfisten

## SNOOKER LEGENDS IN NEW YEAR'S EXHIBITION MATCH FOR LOCAL CANCER SUPPORT CHARITY



A Charity Snooker exhibition featuring legends, Ken Doherty and Jimmy White will take pace in Killarney in January.

The renowned players are gearing up for a very special New Year's reunion in Killarney in January as they take part in a charity exhibition match in aid of Recovery Haven Kerry Cancer Support House.

The pair will appear at Killarney's Eviston House Hotel on Monday, January 2nd for this very special event, organised by local man Connie O'Sullivan and hotel owner Patrick Eviston. Patrick wanted to host the event in memory of his late wife Linda, who received valuable support from Recovery Haven prior to her death. Tickets for the event are already selling quickly, with two ticket options available: a standard entry ticket priced at €20 or a VIP ticket for €50, which entitles the buyer to a meet-and-greet with the players prior to the match, as well as priority seating.

The event also marks the 25th anniversary of Ken Doherty's World Championship win, with the Dubliner is set to bring along his coveted trophy on the night.

As well as the match itself, there will also be a raffle on the night in aid of Recovery Haven Kerry, featuring a host of keenly sought-after items, including a signed cue from each player, as well as a cue signed by the late, great, Alex Higgins.

Thanking organisers Connie and Patrick for choosing Recovery Haven Kerry as the beneficiaries of this exciting event, PRO Marisa Reidy said that there is huge excitement around the meeting of two great legends.

"When Connie came to us and explained what he had been planning we were absolutely delighted to be part of it. We only announced the event a few days ago and already people are really excited about it and cannot wait to see two such legends of the game in Killarney town," she said.

The action gets underway at 8pm sharp, with the VIP reception kicking off at 7pm. Tickets are now available online at [www.ticketstop.ie](http://www.ticketstop.ie) (search Ken Doherty & Jimmy White) or from Recovery Haven Kerry, The Eviston House Hotel, the Cue Club Killarney and Tralee Snooker Club.





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## BUSINESSMEN INDUCTED INTO THE ORDER OF INNISFALLEN

**T**wo entrepreneurs who have built up an empire creating thousands of jobs, from very humble beginnings, have been honoured in recognition of the enormous contribution they have made to the economic and social fabric of the community in which they live.

Brothers-in-law Donal Ring and Michael O'Donoghue were inducted into the Order of Innisfallen at a reception in historic Muckross House in Killarney on Wednesday afternoon.

The awards scheme, a collaboration between Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce and Kerry County Council, was initiated in 2005 to recognise outstanding contributions by people to the economic development of the town and, in particular, its tourism industry.

Donal Ring is the founder of Munster Joinery and the O'Donoghue Ring Hotels Collection. He and his brother, Patrick, since deceased, established Munster Joinery in 1973 with a small operation at the rear of their family home in Ballydesmond, on the Kerry-Cork border.

The company has since grown to become one of the largest manufacturers of windows and doors in Europe and next year Munster Joinery will celebrate a landmark 50 years in business.

The family-run company employs in excess of 1,800 people with a further 900 on the payroll in the UK.

Close on 50 years after setting up the company, Donal Ring is still at the helm and continues to oversee all aspects of the business.

In 1978, he and his wife, Noreen (née O'Donoghue) purchased the property then known as the East Avenue Hotel – now the 66-bedroom Killarney Avenue Hotel.

Noreen's brother, Michael O'Donoghue, then a qualified electrician, joined them in the hospitality business at that stage and became one of the tourism industry's most successful and respected operators for over 40 years.

The company expanded in 1989 with the purchase of the Killarney Towers Hotel, with 182 bedrooms, and the 52-bedroom River Island Hotel in Castleisland before the flagship Killarney Plaza Hotel and Spa opened in 2002 with 198 bedrooms.

Michael was at the helm as managing director of the O'Donoghue Ring Collection until his recent retirement and the O'Donoghue Ring Collection is now one of the largest employers in Kerry.

Donal and Michael also expanded into the UK hospitality market with Centre Island Hotels which now has hotel properties based in Liverpool, Manchester and Birmingham.

At the induction ceremony in Muckross House, President of Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce, Niall Kelleher, said both Donal Ring and Michael O'Donoghue are prime examples of what can be achieved in life through hard work and sheer determination and they have set a great example for future generations to follow.

"Wherever and whenever you see a very successful business, it is always

worth reflecting that, somewhere along the way, someone made a very courageous decision.

"Donal Ring and Michael O'Donoghue are a wonderful example of how such courageous decisions can pay off so handsomely," he said.

Deputy Mayor of Killarney, Cllr John O'Donoghue, remarked: "There is scarcely a family



Brothers-in-law Donal Ring (sitting centre) and Michael O'Donoghue ( 2nd left ) of Munster Joinery and the O'Donoghue Ring Hotels Collection. He and his brother, Patrick, since deceased, established Munster Joinery in 1973 with a small operation at the rear of their family home in Ballydesmond, on the Kerry-Cork border. Michael was at the helm as managing director of the O'Donoghue Ring Collection until his retirement. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



Michael, photographed with his Wife Mary and Sons Trevor and Michael Jr



Donal, with his wife Noreen, Daughters Angela Ring, Gemma Ring, Son in law, Paul O'Neill, Daughter in law, Caroline Ring and his Son Alan Ring

in Killarney, or indeed its hinterland, who have not benefitted from the work of these two men, be it through employment or the services they provide"

He added: "We are extremely fortunate here in Killarney to have them both to the fore of social and economic life within our town".

MC at the ceremony, Geraldine Rosney, said Donal Ring was a remarkable businessman whose contribution to the community has been "absolutely enormous".

"He has every right to be proud of what he has done and achieved and for what he continues to do and achieve.

"May the next chapter in the Munster Joinery story be as successful as the story has been so far, under your visionary leadership," she remarked. She said when Michael O'Donoghue commits himself to something, he does so totally and when he dreams, he dreams big.

"What he has achieved, what he has done and what he has contributed to the overall benefit and well-being of Killarney and Kerry is spectacular," she added.

Previous Order of Innisfallen recipients include actor Michael Fassbender, former Taoiseach Enda Kenny, industrialist Isolde Liebherr, Charles, the former Prince of Wales and now King of England and entertainer Daniel O'Donnell.

Innisfallen Island is one of Killarney's best-known and most historic heritage sites. It began as a place of healing and became a major centre of learning where the Annals of Innisfallen, the oldest contemporary source of the history of Munster, were scripted.



Two entrepreneurs, received their induction from Acting President of Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce, Conor Hennigan, left and Cathaoirleach Killarney Municipal District, Cllr Niall Kelleher



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*Pictured at the Chaernane were Ossian Smyth, Minister of State for Communications, Emer Corridan, General Manager of Cahernane House Hotel, Peter Hendrick, Chief Executive Officer, National Broadband Ireland and Gerard O'Sullivan, Business Development Manager of retail broadband provider Ivertec. Photo By : Domnick Walsh © Eye Focus LTD.*

## CAHERNANE HOUSE HOTEL IS 25,000TH CONNECTION TO NATIONAL BROADBAND IRELAND NETWORK

**C**ahernane House Hotel in Killarney played host last Friday as National Broadband Ireland (NBI), the company rolling out the new high-speed fibre broadband network under the Government's National Broadband Plan (NBP), announced that it has reached 25,000 connections to its network. Minister of State, Ossian Smyth and National Broadband Ireland Chief Executive, Peter Hendrick were joined by Gerard O'Sullivan of Kerry retail broadband provider, Ivertec to mark the milestone at the hotel, which has recently connected to the network.

Cahernane House Hotel, General Manager, Emer Corridan outlined the benefits of broadband to the business while the positive impact of the NBP for the tourism and hospitality sector was also highlighted at the event. The hotel is located on the edge of Killarney National Park and dates back to 1877.

County Kerry has the highest proportion of jobs directly depending on the tourism and hospitality sectors at 18%, and access to high speed broadband can allow enterprises in this sector to attract new business, deliver efficiencies and use technology to provide a better experience to customers.

Emer Corridan, General Manager of Cahernane House Hotel, a recent customer of NBI's Kerry retail partner, Ivertec, said: "We've experienced great benefits from being connected to the NBI fibre network with guaranteed minimum download speeds of 500Mbps, having previously had download speeds of 16Mbps. Our business is more efficient and most importantly, our guests are extremely satisfied with the broadband access they now have when they stay with us. We are part of a hotel group and high speed broadband has made accessing central systems and meetings so much easier with a big reduction in travel time."

## FOSSA NS WELCOMES SURPRISE GUEST AT THEIR CHRISTMAS SHOW

**H**ollywood Superstar Michael Fassbender made a surprise visit to his old school to enjoy the rehearsal for the students Christmas Show. Much to the delight of students and staff, the Killarney native popped into final rehearsals at the community hall.

"We performed a Christmas show "A magical musical experience" Tuesday night the 6th and Wednesday the 7th to two sold out shows", Elaine Cronin who works at the school told Killarney Outlook.

"The Macademy came and worked with the staff and students to create the wonderful show and the kids had a ball and at final rehearsals on Tuesday Micheal landed to the community hall and caught us all in surprise", Elaine added.

"He stayed and watched all the classes rehearse and joined in on the end with the Christmas song oncore! He had chats with all the kids and answered many questions that they all had! He also stood in for many photos with both students and staff! Our school dog from my canine companion Zazu was also Pretty impressed with him!", a delighted Elaine said.





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# It's the talk of the town...

With Anne Lucey



Anne Lucey looks at the positive news happening in the town of Killarney

## AN UNEXPECTED PRESENT FOR CHRISTMAS



*Fine Gael TD Peter Burke has given Kerry an unexpected Christmas present.*

The protracted row over wind energy in Kerry and the attempts to limit the number of turbines in a county already saturated has thrown up an unexpected Christmas present. This has been delivered by a minister of state and a Fine Gael TD.

Some people understandably around Scartaglen. But the reality is the minister for local Government and planning, Peter Burke, has rejected the advice of the independent Office of the Planning Regulator (OPR) who wanted to zone almost one sixth of Kerry for wind turbines. Instead, Mr Burke TD has reduced the area open to wind to a dot, comparatively.

The OPR recommendation was to zone for wind across 736 kms square, an area stretching from Killarney across the county to the north and the east, to Abbeydorney and to Rathmore and beyond.

Just 59 sq. kilometres in Kerry adjacent to the high voltage 200 Kv & 110kv network in north & east of the county are now zoned as open to consideration for wind, following the final and surprising directive by Peter Burke. In other words, the efforts by the planning regulator last April and June to revise Kerry's wind energy policy, to bring it into line with national policy, have all but been rejected. The move represents "a seismic shift" from the last county development plan and from the minister's initial stance which was in line with the recommendations from the OPR.

Minister Peter Burke also rejected the OPR's advice to reclassify wind development to "permitted in principle", a standard much more favourable for a go ahead in planning. He left it at open to consideration which is a far higher bar to cross in terms of planning applications.

Certainly the minister's change of heart when he published his intentions last August comes after some 785 hundreds of public submissions.

Some including the local Greens, effectively Government partners of the minister,

favoured the larger OPR zoning. The Kerry Greens in fact said Kerry should remain a leader in wind production.

No one anticipated the turnaround.

We must give credit where it is due - the turnaround is also down to the sterling work of senior planner Damien Ginty and his team and this was acknowledged by members.

Chief executive Moira Murrell's report was also considered especially persuasive. It pointed out how the views of the council were "unanimous" in relation to wind energy policy and this was the case on three separate occasions. And how detailed analysis had been undertaken.

Scartaglen as the Healy-Raes pointed out will not be happy and have gained nothing and this is true. But the legal advice - hundreds of thousands of euro will be wasted in a judicial review - seems to have been taken on board by the council as a whole. We will see.

Meanwhile, this is a triumph for Kerry.

Without entirely throwing the planning regulator office under the bus, the minister also accepted technical analysis and process followed by the council planners as more thorough.

Chief Executive Murrell said "the minister acknowledges our contribution as a county and the sensitivity of the county".

"Just one per cent of the landmass of Kerry is open to consideration, no more no less than that. This is huge progress that has been made by applying the process," Ms Murrell said.

Compared to the previous 2015 - 2021 county development plan where 546 km<sup>2</sup> was open to consideration for wind, there had been "a seismic shift", she said.

A judicial review, the only mechanism which might overturn the directive, would cost hundreds of thousands of euro and would not succeed, councillors were told.

## OLD GOATS AND NEW COATS



I follow the Old Irish Goat Society on Facebook and there are some wonderful pics of the goats with their winter coats. Apparently, Irish goats, old and new, grow a special underbelly of cashmere for the winter and this keeps them warm. I kid you not! We in Kerry are seeing plenty of pictures

of deer and sheep and few of our wild goats. Deer too put on a special coat for the winter and grow an underbelly too. It is doubtful if this is cashmere. Still, their dark winter coats and layers of fat are keeping the cold at bay, rangers assure me. But should there be a moratorium on hunting? Dramatic pictures are emerging of deer in snow and deer in beautiful landscapes. I took a few myself during the week in Muckcross, particularly of the red deer.

## LIGHTS AND CHRISTMAS

There is one lane that is especially lit up in Killarney and deserves our attention. Last week we mentioned the lack of Christmas lights in lanes and suggested the council and the chamber might look at the case for putting a bit of Christmas colour into our much used lanes, perhaps next year. In the meantime the Ross Hotel has taken its own steps for the second year running. It has put up an entrancing green and white overhead display which combined with red outdoor tables makes for a stunning scene.

With the stained glass window of the Church of Ireland to the side, the Ross Lane, or Church lane as it was once known, would make a great Christmas card.

Speaking of which, Christmas cards are not as plentiful this Christmas with lots of people telling me they are sending cards only to a few people. There may be reasons for this, including the cost of stamps, or even something to do with the environment. The environment is a catch all excuse now for not doing things. In the way of health and safety! At the same time we read of an interesting study in University of Limerick about how sending Christmas Cards is associated with lower symptoms of depression. In addition it is an effort to sit down each year and think of people particularly if you haven't touched base in a while. But it is also a case of "to receive you have to give", if you like getting Christmas Cards, as I do.





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The No-Debs Leaving Cert Dress Dance will take place on Friday January 6th and tickets at €50 are on sale tonight, Friday December 16th at the hotel between 7pm and 8pm.

The tickets includes a 2 course meal, music from Dj Kev and a Photo booth

A private photographer will be available from 6pm to 7.30 pm and attendees can get pay to their their photo taken.

"It will be a lovely opportunity for the students to dress up formally,

especially at Christmas time" Desiree Crowley, organiser of the event told Killarney Outlook.

"It will be great for everyone to meet and catch up and so far a lot of the tickets sold are for groups of friends and they also make the perfect Christmas Present", Desiree added.

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## NPWS ACQUIRES STRATEGIC LAND

**T**he National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) has announced its latest strategic land acquisition at Derrycunihy in Killarney.

The acquisition consists of over 70 hectares at Derrycunihy, a site completely surrounded by Killarney National Park lands. It is a hugely important addition to the Park as it is an area of high conservation and ecological value, and all of the lands are part of a European site of nature conservation, Macgillicuddy Reeks & Killarney National Park SAC (site code 365). The habitat here consists of dry heath, oak woodlands, pockets of blanket bog and an oligotrophic lake, a

true reflection of what lands in a National Park should be.

These lands are close to Derrycunihy church, an important architectural feature within Killarney National Park. This iconic structure, one of the most beautifully situated, scenic churches in Ireland has recently undergone conservation works and is home to a number of protected species including the lesser horseshoe bat.

PHOTOS: VALERIE O'SULLIVAN

## Grace releases new Christmas Track

**C**lassical crossover singer Grace Foley has released a new music video for one of the tracks from her new E.P., 'A Time for Christmas, Volume Two'.

Grace, who is from Killarney began her vocal training at 14 years of age and studied at the Royal Irish Academy of Music. Noted for her vocal depth, unique style and heartfelt delivery...Grace released her first EP in 2018 titled "Unleashed," which became a "Marty Recommends" on RTE Lyric FM. She toured Ireland in 2019 in venues such as the National Concert Hall, the INEC, and the Whale Theatre to critical acclaim.

Throughout the Pandemic Grace continued to record and release music, including her own self-penned song, 'Together Apart,' a poignant version of 'Danny Boy,' which received thousands of views worldwide, a Christmas E.P (Vol. 1) and her most recent album, 'Unmasked'.

Throughout 2023, Grace plans to tour around Ireland and the UK, and has just announced Vol. 2 of her Christmas EP, scheduled for release in November on the 27th. The EP includes Christmas classics such as O



Holy Night, Noel, Christmas Past and White Christmas. The EP was Recorded in Cauldron Studios and Produced by International renowned artist Bill Shanley.

"It was an easy choice to record these song's as part of my Christmas EP's, as they are just so beautiful and universally loved. On Vol. 1 of 'A Time for Christmas' my final track was 'Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas' and the words, 'until then we'll have to muddle through somehow' felt so poignant during a time when we were all just trying to survive the pandemic. 'White Christmas', which appears on Vol. 2, finishes by saying 'may your days be merry and bright'. I truly hope we are all going to soon see a world with less pain and less hurt. It has not been an easy few years and it seems the suffering is endless so a song that can take us back to simpler times is one that I hope can give

people hope for the future too", Grace said.

Anyone who would like to buy a physical copy of the E.P. can do so at [www.gracefoley.ie](http://www.gracefoley.ie)

## ST. FRANCIS SPECIAL SCHOOL CHOIR PERFORM AT THE OUTLET CENTRE RAISING €2,500

Christmas songs rang out in the Killarney Outlet Centre on Friday last as the pupils and staff from St. Francis Special School busked for the shoppers from 11am to 12 noon.

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## Kerry LGFA Celebrate a great year at Awards Night

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All management teams spoke on the night of their immense pride in their teams and acknowledged the success of each others teams has brought the county this season. Chairperson Selina Looney spoke of her immense pride of all the teams and thanked them for all they have done in 2022. She also thanked the parents of the players for their support throughout

the season.

Awards were also presented to the clubs with awards for club of the year and player of the match awards being presented on the night for winners of the Randles Brothers County Championship Senior, Intermediate & Junior Finals

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Emma Costello - Firies

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Kayleigh Cronin - Dr Crokes

Player of the match Randles Brothers County Senior Final

Niamh Carmody - Finuge/St Senans

Outgoing County Board executive officers Debbie Hannan and Anthony Curran were presented with a memento on the night to acknowledge the work they have done over the last five years. The night ended with Chairperson Selina Looney wishing everyone a Happy Christmas and a prosperous new year and thanking all the staff at the Killarney Oaks Hotel for hosting a successful night



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# The Week Through The Eye of the Lens



Kathleen Cronin on left with Santa Clause and Kathleen Healy attending the switching on of the Christmas lights in Barraduff last Friday. Photo Seamus Healy.



Raheen NS Christmas party last Friday night in Hilliards.



Santa, Dipsy The Elf and his little helpers, Alexander Collins, Fiachra O'Sullivan and Sophie O'Riordan-Teubner pictured loading up the gift boxes in aid of the Focus Ireland appeal sponsored by Hayfield Family Collection and hosted in Killarney Royal at the weekend. Hundreds of gift boxes were donated by people from all over Kerry. Also in photo are, Roisin O'Sullivan, Lisa Riordan, Sophie Riordan, Brian Kelleher, Claudia Buckley, Claire Scally, Joanne Brosnan and Ellie Roche. Photo: Don MacMonagle



Joan O'Callaghan Rathmore CU, Tracy Bolger CEO Rathmore and District Credit Union, Abina O'Sullivan Director Rathmore CU and Neillie Mahony Director Rathmore CU who presented the prizes to winners of the Poster Competition Khloe Cronin Cullen NS, Megan Jones Ballydesmond NS, Odhran O'Liathain Hollymount NS, Logan O'Connor Knocknagree NS, Naomi Kelly Knockanes NS (second row from left) Shane Barrett Raheen NS, Daniel O'Sullivan Shrone NS, Charlie White Knockanes NS, Isabelle O'Brien Etches Shrone NS, Cara O'Sullivan Cullen NS, Holly Brosnan Anderson Gneeveguilla NS, Kristianne Murphy Knocknagree NS, Amy O'Connor Knockanes NS and Clodagh Cahill Shrone NS at Rathmore Community Centre on Wednesday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Enjoying a Ladies Christmas Lunch at the International Hotel are Joan Culloty, Joan Fogarty, Ann O'Shea, Mary O'Sullivan, Mary Parker, Ann Mulligan, Bernadette Horgan, Kathleen McCarthy and Ann O'Donoghue.



Tracy Bolger CEO Rathmore and District Credit Union, Liam Ryan Chairman Milltown CU Branch and Mary O'Shea Milltown CU Branch who presented the Credit Union Poster competition awards to winners (front from left) Kieran Roberts Ballyfinnane NS, Saoirse Mary Daly Nagle Rice Primary School, Hafsa Ayat Yusor Nagle Rice Primary School, Dan Ryan Nagle Rice Primary School and Sophie Twiss Nagle Rice Primary School at the Nagle Rice Primary School, Milltown on Tuesday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Joa O'Callaghan Rathmore CU, Tracy Bolger CEO Rathmore and District Credit Union, Abina O'Sullivan Director Rathmore CU and neillie Mahony Director Rathmore CU who presented the prizes to winners of the Poster Competition Josephine Ryan, Michelle O'Leary and Mary Beasley at Rathmore Community Centre on Wednesday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin





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## DR CROKES HOLD LAP OF LIGHT 2022 TO REMEMBER THOSE WHO PASSED

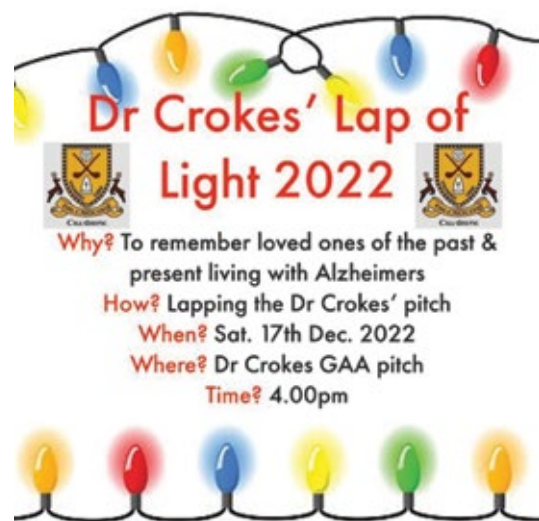
To remember those who passed away in 2022, Dr Crokes GAA Club are holding a Lap of Light 2022, tomorrow, Saturday 17th December.

Taking place at the club grounds on Lewis Road at 4pm, the laps will be followed by 4-minutes remembering and celebrating the lives of Dr Crokes members who passed away in 2022, this will be followed by a 1-minute silence of respect.

At 5.00 pm there will be complimentary Hot Chocolate/Marshmallows, also Tea/Coffee, along with a friendly chat in the warm Clubhouse. Everyone is advised to dress up in Christmas colours, Bring torch/twinkling lights/high vis armbands and whatever else lights up. Parents /guardians must be with their children and no dogs are allowed.

All will be concluded in time to view the Magical Christmas in Killarney Parade which will depart from the nearby Fitzgerald Stadium @ 6.00 pm sharp.

Voluntary contribution, no matter how small, can be made in the Clubhouse for the new Dementia specific rooms in the new Community Hospital on the grounds of St Finan's Hospital with building starting there next week. This Lap of Light is a Dr Crokes Health & WellBeing initiative.



## A CALL TO WISH PEGGY A HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY

The family of a Killarney woman who is originally from Killarney are asking the people of the town to wish their mother a Happy 100th Last year on my mother's birthday

Peggy Sugrue will celebrate her 100th Birthday on 27th December.

"Its been a year of ups and downs and trials and tribulations but God Bless her she has risen above the challenges and we are hopeful that we will have a small celebration with immediate family, together on her day", her daughter Maggie Mollard told Killarney Outlook.

"We will watch mass online at St Mary's Cathdal Killarney that day but I was wondering if any friends in Killarney would like to send her a card - it would be wonderful to see her home full of cards", Maggie added.

The address: Peggy Sugrue, 38 Clovelly Road, Swinton, Manchester. M27 0FU, UK.

Peggie Sugrue, Born 27th December 1922 in Knockasartnett, Killarney, the fifth child of six, back in the day when there were only a few humble cottages on the road from Madams Hill up to the Two Mile School.

"A wonderful mum and grandmother, her last trip to Killarney only 4 years ago, an we made an annual trip every year which mum loved", Maggie said.

Maggie is a member of the facebook page Killarney Down Memory Lane and Peggy loves looking at the posts of people and places past.



Peggy Sugrue who will celebrate her 100th Birthday on December 27th.



Peggy is pictured aged approx 8yrs with younger sister Honora (RIP), older brothers Patrick (RIP) & Jeremiah (RIP)

## Bright Sparks light Up the Inn Between for school quiz

On December 2nd, the Inn Between Bar, Beaufort was 'lit up' with bright sparks taking part in the Kilgobnet Community Playground fundraising table quiz. There was a huge turn out on the night with plenty fun, craic and prizes won.

The competition was tough and the quiz was eventually won by a local

family, the O' Sullivans. The first prize was generously sponsored by M.F. Decorating, Beaufort. There were lots of 'pop-up' prizes on the night too including prizes for the best named quiz teams, which proved to be very humorous! A raffle was held on the night with some great prizes kindly sponsored by local businesses.

The quiz was organised by Kilgobnet National School Parents Association and was the first of number of fundraising activities to help raise the necessary funds to bring the community playground project to completion. The school has successfully secured a grant for the playground, through the CLÁR programme, but is required to fund the remaining project costs.

Kilgobnet National School would like to thank everyone who attended or supported the quiz night. The event was a great success and the Parents Association are overwhelmed by the generosity and support the event received.

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## KILLARNEY CHARITIES RECEIVE MUCH NEEDED FUNDS

**A** €25,000 donation has been made to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVP) local conference in Killarney to help individuals and families over the Christmas period.

The RISE Community Fund supported by National Broadband Ireland, the company delivering the National Broadband Plan (NBP), made the donation to mark National Broadband Ireland's 25,000th connection to its high-speed fibre broadband network, which was officially announced at the Cahernane House Hotel, Killarney last week.

Six Kerry community groups also received a quick cash injection of €1,000 thanks to the RISE Community Fund including Killarney Cardiac Response Unit who plan to expand their comms systems and provide an



Peter Hendrick, Chief Executive Officer, National Broadband Ireland with a cheque handover from NBI donation of €25,000 to SVP Killarney to mark the milestone of 25K connections. Also pictured : Breda Dwyer, Area President for SVP Killarney and Mary Frances Behan, Regional Vice President, SVP Kerry . Photo By : Domnick Walsh © Eye Focus LTD

additional projector for their training courses and Cheshire Kerry which plans to use technology to enhance the independency of residents with physical, sensory and neurological disabilities.



Peter Hendrick, Chief Executive Officer, National Broadband Ireland with a cheque handover from NBI donation to Killarney Cardiac Response Unit to mark the milestone of 25K connections. Also pictured : Aga Szwab , Fiona Langan, Orla O'Malley , Eileen Brosnan and Bridget Deleaney. Photo By : Domnick Walsh © Eye Focus LTD



Peter Hendrick, Chief Executive Officer, National Broadband Ireland with a cheque handover from NBI donation to Cheshire Kerry to mark the milestone of 25K connections. Also pictured: Ruth Doherty and Helen Courtney of Cheshire Kerry and Orla O'Malley. Photo By : Domnick Walsh © Eye Focus LTD



Joint Editor 'The Book of the Skelligs' John Crowley, UCC, left, Catherine Evans, Fexco, with Founder of Fexco Plc Brian McCarthy, (Main Sponsor), Photographer Valerie O'Sullivan, Joint Editor John Sheehan, UCC, at the launch of 'The book of the Skelligs' at the Skellig Visitor Experience Centre, Valentia Island.



Oisín O'Siochain, playing the Uilleann Pipes at the book launch of 'The Book of the Skelligs' which was launched by President of University College Cork, John O'Halloran, at the Skellig Visitor Experience Centre, Valentia Island, Co Kerry. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan

## Ireland's most dramatic and beautiful Atlantic islands featured in STUNNING NEW BOOK

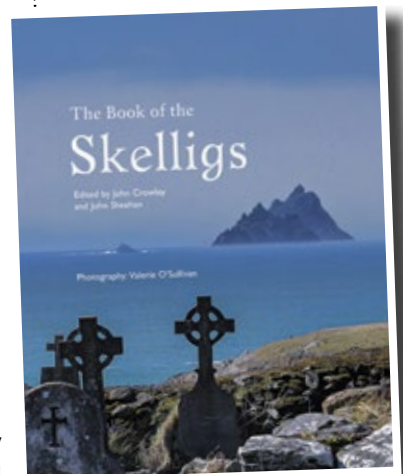
**F**eaturing stunning images by award-winning photographer Valerie O'Sullivan, the launch of the Book of the Skelligs took place at the Kerry Visitor Experience Centre on Valentia Island.

President of University College Cork, John O'Halloran, officially launched 'The book of the Skelligs' which was edited by John Crowley and John Sheehan and published by Cork University Press.

The book explores the Skelligs, Ireland's most dramatic and beautiful Atlantic islands, focusing particularly on Skellig Michael, a famous UNESCO World Heritage Site, located 12 km off the coast of South Kerry.

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The CEO of Kerry Airport, John Mulhern, said, "We realise that many passengers may not have been home for Christmas since 2019 due to the pandemic and we are particularly happy to facilitate their journeys to see loved ones at this time of year. On behalf of the Board, management and staff at Kerry Airport, I wish our customers and passengers safe travels and Happy Christmas and New Year in 2023."

Passengers are advised to check their airlines for details of any changes to schedules over the next fortnight, in particular on Christmas Eve, St Stephen's Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

Kerry Airport will close at 6.00pm on Christmas Eve, reopening at 9.00am on St Stephen's Day, Monday 26th December. Kerry Airport will be closed on Christmas Day, Sunday 25th December.

The airport will operate as per normal, 9.00am to 6.00pm on

New Year's Eve, Saturday 31st December and reopening at 9.00am on New Year's Day, Sunday 1st January.

Passengers are advised to allow plenty of time for their journeys and to follow the guidelines set by the airlines in relation to cabin baggage allowances.



CEO of Kerry Airport, John Mulhern

## Pres' Dancing Queens Battled it Out in 'Got to Dance'



Winners: 2X's 'Fusion' Emily O' Rourke Philpott, Leire Arana, Barbara Dolata and Amelia Jarza.

**W**ednesday, December 7th, marked Presentation Castleisland's first ever 'Got to Dance' competition. After months of preparations, the final seven groups battled it out in St. John's Hall to be crowned the very first winners of the contest. With Ms. Noreen O' Shea, Ms. Monica Murphy, Ms. Chloe Daly and Principal Pierce Dargan judging the event, the standard was extremely high and picking a winner proved difficult. PE teacher Kevin Moore noted that, 'Having the whole school in attendance created a great atmosphere and it was a credit to the dancers to be able to stand up and perform in a highly pressurised situation. Though we are noted for being a strong sports school, dance is an element of PE that gives those

who aren't as interested in the traditional sports a platform to express themselves'.

In the end, 2X's 'Fusion' ran out winners after the audience and judges' votes were combined. Dancing to Kesh's 'Timber', the group included Emily O' Rourke Philpott, Leire Arana, Barbara Dolata and Amelia Jarza. They really brought the house down and when they were announced as winners they performed the dance one last time to the delight of the audience. A huge thanks goes to our performers and judges on the day. Finally, a special mention goes out to Aoife Roche in TY who was our MC for the occasion. She kept the show rolling smoothly throughout. We look forward to Pres Castleisland's 'Got to Dance' 2023.

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The O'Donoghue Ring Collection hosted a fun-filled day, full of festive cheer for staff members and their families at the Killarney Plaza Hotel & Spa. The annual event has become a key calendar occasion and one that the extended team always looks forward to.

A local, family-run business, the O'Donoghue-Ring Collection places it's people and community at the heart of its ethos. The 'Family Christmas Party' is a way to express heartfelt gratitude and show appreciation for the continued passion, commitment and dedication the team has shown, all throughout the year.

Excited little ones were greeted on arrival to Santa's Grotto by energetic elves. Santa made time for a special visit from every child as they shared their wish list of gifts for under the tree this Christmas.

The 'Christmas Family Party' provided an opportunity for everyone to gather and celebrate the year's achievements and kick-off the festive season with family and colleagues. A jolly good time was had by all.



## KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL ARTS OFFICE LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE

Kerry County Council Arts Office is delighted to announce the launch of their new arts website. The Arts Office team worked closely with Kerry County Council's IT Department to create a visually striking one-stop place for everything associated with the arts in Kerry.

Members of the public will be able to see the latest information on Artist Residencies, the Sliabh Luachra Music Trail, Youth Arts, Festivals & Events, Film, Public & Visual Art, Creative Ireland, Cruinniú na nÓg and Culture Night, read arts publications and find out how to contact the Arts Office. Particularly of interest to artists, will be the Forms & Funding section with details on how to apply for the Arts Act Grant and Artist Bursaries, and the Arts Database which they can add their details to. The External Links section has over 75 helpful links to government arts organisations, European arts organisations, national organisations representing each artform and arts venues. Links to the Arts Office's social media and to sign up to the fortnightly e-newsletter will also be of benefit to everyone, in order to hear about upcoming events and funding opportunities, both from Kerry County Council and from national organisations.

Accessing the website is a lot easier, as it is now an independent website, so it no longer needs to be accessed via a dropdown on the main council's website. The website is now live and can be accessed at <https://arts.kerrycoco.ie/>



Children Taking Part in Me + the Moon's Clay Workshop at Killarney House as Part of Cruinniú na nÓg 2019. Photo by Michael G. Kenny



Cathal Coffey, Cathal Mackey, Declan O'Donoghue and Ian Coffey pictured at St. Brendan's College.

## DECLAN TO SWIM 400 LAPS IN AID OF IRISH CANCER SOCIETY

A Killarney man is set to embark on a fundraiser for the Irish Cancer Society and in memory of family members who have passed away from cancer.

Declan O'Donoghue, a teacher at St. Brendan's College will be joined by three students from the school on Tuesday December 20th when he will undertake a 10km charity swim

"Like most families we have experienced the loss of family members to this illness," Declan told Killarney Outlook.

"As I swim the 400 pool lengths, I will be joined by students from St Brendan's College, Ian Coffey, Cathal Mackey and Cathal Coffey" Declan added.

"I want to thank everyone for their contributions so far, this fundraiser means so much to me", Declan said.

To date Declan has reached almost €1,900 of a €1000 goal and if you would like to donate you can do so at <https://gofund.me/21a97480>



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## KILLARNEY PARISH SILVER CIRCLE - Week 9 Results

1st Prize €500: Eileen Courtney, Muckcross  
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### Winners of €100 each are as follows;

Deborah Doolan, Woodlawn Park. Suzanne Scully, St Mary's Terrace. Alison Leane, Ballymacelligott, Tralee. Anna Griffin, Dundrum, Dublin. Mairead & Jim Morgan, Ferndale Ave

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## RAMBLING HOUSE

Scartaglen Christmas Rambling House is postponed because of weather, rescheduled for Monday 19th December at 8pm

## CAROL SERVICE

THE 2022 Ecumenical Carol Service will take place in-person this year at St Mary's (Church of Ireland) the Church of the Sloes on Sunday 18th December at 3pm.

## COUNSELLING

Turn2Me runs one-to-one counselling and support groups 365 days a year, including on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and Stephen's Day. The charity stated that anyone feeling lonely, anxious, depressed, or struggling with grief can avail of their free mental health supports on their website, Turn2Me.ie

Turn2Me is running daily support groups from the 25th Dec – 1st Jan. Anyone who wants to avail of Turn2Me's free, professional mental health services over the Christmas period can sign up on Turn2Me.ie

## TIERNABOUL SCHOOL MASS

Christmas Mass on Friday 16th at 11.30am followed by a cake sale at the school. All Welcome.

## GOAL MILE

The GOAL Mile will celebrate its 40th anniversary this year, with over 25k participants running a mile to raise funds for the poorest and most vulnerable communities across the world. This year in Killarney the Goal Mile will take place at Deenagh Lodge, Port Road, Inch, Killarney, Christmas Day, 10am-12:30pm

To register and take part in a GOAL Mile near you this Christmas, please visit <https://www.goalmile.org>

# Fr. Jim plans Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

**The Parish Priest in Glenflesk, Fr. Jim Lenihan is hoping to lead a pilgrimage from the parish to Medjugorje.**

"In June after celebrating 25 years of Priesthood I did an awful lot of reflecting and pondering on all the ups and downs of my life over the past quarter of a century of serving God in the Priesthood", Fr. Jim said.

"Without hesitation I can safely say I'd love to do it all over again. The great blessings I've received from God are amazing and I know I am totally unworthy. I've so many people to thank for their amazing love and support over those years especially my own family. But I genuinely feel I would not be able to say what I have just said if it wasn't for a place called Medjugorje. So many people I know had like me their lives truly blessed there. It's a game changer. And for that reason I'd love to take a pilgrimage from our parish here in Glenflesk. It will be a place where you will receive great peace and healing. You will totally realise that God does exist and

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### The details for the trip are as follows:

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## Castleisland Community College business studies students are top of the class!

**Three Junior Cycle 2022 students, Eilís Enright, Caitríona Murphy and Rowan O Sullivan have been invited to an Awards Ceremony in University of Limerick. The three students were chosen by the Kemmy Business School in the university due to achieving a distinction (a grade between 90-100%) in the Junior Cycle examination 2022. The students along with their parents and teacher Laura Leahy are all invited to the ceremony in March 2023.**

There is great credit due to both the students and their teacher Laura Leahy on being awarded such a high grade. It certainly reflects the work ethos of the students and also the excellent standard of teaching by Laura Leahy.

Laura however doesn't just focus on the academic side of business but also on the practical skills necessary for the world of business. There is a very strong emphasis on entrepreneurship in the school thanks to the commitment and enthusiasm of Laura Leahy. At the Kerry Student Enterprise Awards 2021, the school won the coveted award of Entrepreneurial Educator of the year and the most Enterprising School Award. The school won 6 county awards that year along with 2 national awards. The Irish language board game Timpeall an Tí designed and marketed by Eilís Enright, Keeva Aherne, Ciara Shanahan and Ella Killington won the Gradam na Gaeilge Award and the Intermediate Category Award. The game won the National Intellectual Property Award and it came 3rd in the overall

National Intermediate Category in 2021. Eilís and her team also won the regional final of the Foróige Entrepreneurship competition and they represented Munster in the national finals. This year (under the guidance of Laura) two fifth year students, Shauna O Keeffe and David Peskett, won the National Foróige Entrepreneurship final in May and they will be representing Ireland in Austria in 2023 at the World Youth Entrepreneurship Competition. Caitríona Murphy and Rowan O Sullivan who are in Transition year will be taking part in this year's Kerry Student Enterprise Awards. They will be showcasing their products at the annual school Christmas Craft Fair in December. Go n-éirí libh!



Junior Cycle students 2022 from Castleisland Community College who have been invited to UL for an awards ceremony due to the students achieving a distinction in Business Studies.

From left Teresa Lonergan (principal), Eilís Enright, Rowan O Sullivan, Caitríona Murphy and Laura Leahy (teacher).



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The children choir also prepared the song "oh, who loves St. Nicholas?" Saint Nicholas is for Ukrainians what Santa Claus is for the Irish. Children are waiting for St. Nicholas, who traditionally brings them gifts and puts them under the pillow. It is no accident that during the performance of this song, the Ukrainians treated all the little guests with sweets.

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To commemorate the concert, all guests received Christmas cards and angels made by Ukrainian children. "We will be happy if these small gifts decorate your homes and create a festive atmosphere," added the Ukrainian organizers.

Ukrainians are very grateful to Father Simon from St. Mary's Church for the wonderful venue of the concert. And the KASI organization for providing a room for rehearsals.

After the successful concert, the Ukrainian choir has already received several invitations for future performances. All those who could not make it to last Sunday's concert are invited to the church in Fossa on December 21.



*The Children's Choir performing at St. Mary's Church of Ireland on Sunday. Photo: Oleksandr Khomenko*



*Kaenia and Sofia Yershovy by Anastasya Garbera*



*Ksenia Ruskak by Oleksandr Khomenko*



*The Ukrainian Choir at St. Mary's Church of Ireland. Photo: Oleksandr Khomenko*



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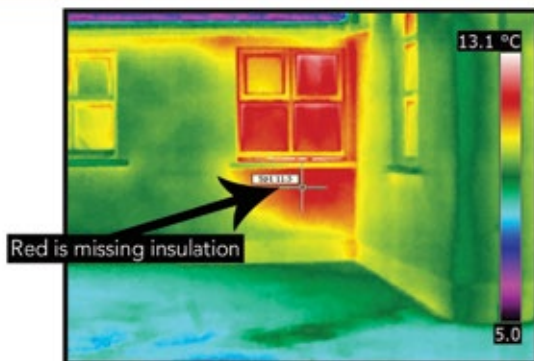


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**KILLARNEY RFC NEWS****THOMOND PARK TRIP**

Last Sunday a bus load of Killarney RFC players traveled to Thomond Park for the Munster V Toulouse Heineken Cup match and a wonderful day was had by all. The players comprising of U14 boys, as well as some U16 and U18 girls players enjoyed the match despite the freezing fog and poor visibility at the match. Thanks to all who organised the day out and parents and coaches for looking after them all.

**WINTER SOCIAL A HUGE SUCCESS**

Last Saturday night we held our Annual Winter Social at the Killarney Avenue hotel. The night was a huge success and the food was absolutely amazing as always. Thanks to all who organised it, the Killarney Avenue for hosting and all for a wonderful night.

**WEATHER WREAKS HAVOC**

Last weekend the weather wreaked havoc on fixtures and training and this weekend the situation is uncertain so please keep an eye on social media for updates. Hopefully the current freezing spell eases and we can return to action ahead of the Christmas break.

**KILLARNEY JUDO CLUB**

Last Saturday, five players from Killarney Judo Club travelled up to Dublin in icy conditions to take part in the main judo competition of the year, the All Irelands. This was for many players the first time they have competed at a higher level since 2019.

Liadh Forde competed brilliantly winning all four of her fights to earn a Gold medal, Muireann O'Brien fought well winning several fights and earning a Silver medal and Mairéad Bennett earned a Bronze through her exciting throws. Unfortunately, Cian Forde and Tim Kelly fought well but missed out this time. Special mention to Tadhg Kelly who was coaching on the day and drove many of the players to the competition.

In club news, we have had a busy festive period with many players moving up the ranks in gradings. Many of our younger children are gradually getting closer to earning their yellow belts. We will be taking a break over Christmas before returning the week of the 9th of January. We hope everyone enjoys themselves over the festive season.

**KILLARNEY VALLEY ATHLETIC CLUB****CROSS COUNTRY**

The Munster Juvenile B & Intermediate Cross Country Championships were held on Sunday in Clarecastle, Co. Clare. Well done to our KVAC athletes who competed, all with podium finishes. Conor O'Donnell came 8th in the U9 750m. Derek O'Gorman came 7th in the U15 2500m while his brother Ted came 2nd in the U17 3000m.

**CLUB AWARDS**

The time of Our Club Awards is changed to 6-8pm in the Dromhall Hotel on this Sunday 18th December. Looking forward to celebrating the great year that we've had.

**COUCH TO 5K**

Our Couch to 5K program for 2023 is starting at the Killarney Valley AC Arena on 10th January every Tuesday and Thursday for 8 weeks finishing up with running a 5K parkrun on the 4th March. Spaces are limited so book early via our website [www.killarneyvalleyac.ie](http://www.killarneyvalleyac.ie). Please email [killarneyvalleyac@gmail.com](mailto:killarneyvalleyac@gmail.com) for any queries.

**KILLARNEY VALLEY AC**

Great news for the new year and a great reason to get up off your couch in January!

The very successful Killarney Valley AC Couch to 5k is back and starting on Tuesday January 10th. Hosted at the Killarney valley ac arena by the experienced team in a safe, welcoming and encouraging environment with a wonderful

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Spaces are limited so it's up to you now to take the first step.

The team look forward to meeting you all in the meantime have a happy Christmas and a happy and healthy new year.

The Killarney Valley AC hard as nails Cross Country Crew today with provincial level podium finishes & medals from Munster B Cross Country Championships in Clarecastle Co Clare.

U9 750M Conor O'Donnell 8th

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U17 3000m Ted O'Gorman 2nd

These Spartans have brought the 2022 Medal count for our club at Provincial, National & International level to 113.



Members of Killarney Rugby Club who traveled to Thomond Park at the weekend.



Liadh Forde (Gold) with her coach Tim Kelly from Killarney Judo Club.





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### CHRISTMAS COMPETITIONS

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### ST STEPHENS DAY

On Monday December 26th we will have an 18 hole Three Ball Scramble open to all club members at 10am. Entry €5 per player and both the Danny Nolan Memorial Cup and Johnny Kelly Memorial Shield will be presented on the day.

### CLUB AGM

The 2023 Club AGM will return to the Killarney Avenue Hotel on Monday night January 16th at 7.30pm. Further details will follow in due course.



The Kerry U16 'Gold' Pitch & Putt team of A Jay Barrett (Listowel), Nathan Cronin, Brian McCarthy and Noah Sexton pictured with Kerry U16 Pitch & Putt Officer Gearoid Cronin after their win in the National U16 Inter-County Championships in Deerpark back in August. The team will be honoured for their achievements in winning both the Munster and National event this weekend.



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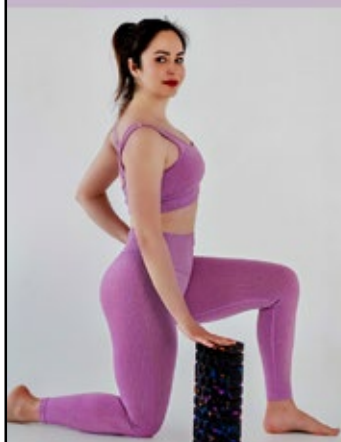
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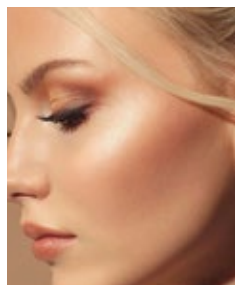
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## COMING HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

Whether you celebrate Christmas or not, there is a very special feeling that this time of year can bring. As the days get darker and the weather colder, there is a sense of wanting to wrap ourselves up in some kind of comfort and take stock of where we are in our life.

Every year brings a new experience of Christmas and sometimes, those experiences are challenging to go through especially if we have lost someone we loved. My Christmas has changed dramatically over the years from the busy, noisy and family full occasion to a quieter and more intimate experience, which I have come to love and appreciate. However, one of the wonderful things that we can do is to keep all of the good times alive in our hearts. The memories of the past can be a lovely backdrop to the new experiences of the future. Home truly is where your heart is and we get to choose who and what we will treasure and carry in our hearts.

So, this year, open your heart to all of the things you love. Allow yourself the joy of remembering and the excitement of planning for something new. Take all of the good things and wrap them up in the present moment as you remind yourself to come home for Christmas and beyond.

Wishing you all a heartfelt Christmas and festive season.

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We all go off routine a little bit over Christmas and that's ok. It's good to break out and do things a little different even some keep away from exercise totally, some still touch base with it and some continue their normal routines as much as possible...all is ok... Our tip would be why give up or stop something that makes you feel better especially exercising, right the weather may get in the way or the hangover or friends/family days/nights out. Why not instead of taking a complete break and over indulging still continue to exercise regular at a lower intensity for 30mins at least, what this will help do is keep you on track especially once January comes you won't find getting back into your regular routine as challenging, you'll even enjoy everything more after knowing you've exercised and did a session, you'll feel healthier, the guilt won't be hanging over your head like a dark cloud.

Do some kind of exercise each day, As the saying goes keep moving to stay moving, staying active is a complete must especially as we get older and in difficult times it can aid recovery from being in good physical condition. Switch between aerobic and strength routines, swimming, running, walking, rowing is great for keeping us aerobically fit and resistance training, weight training for strength training, these are great ways to keep active in a well-rounded way. Never forget about mental health and keeping the brain sharp as well by doing a puzzle, quiz, playing cards, reading is all great ways to keep Sharpe mentally and finally enjoy the process you can't hate your way into a fitter lifestyle, enjoy the process find something that you actually enjoy and go from there!!





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## BLEPHARITIS

### WHAT IS BLEPHARITIS?

Blepharitis causes eyelids to become red, swollen and inflamed. It doesn't normally cause serious damage to the eyes, but it can be very uncomfortable. It tends to be a long-term condition, which means you're likely to need ongoing treatment. Severe cases do have a risk of causing long-term damage, but fortunately these are quite rare.

### TYPES OF BLEPHARITIS

There are two main types of blepharitis – anterior and posterior.

#### Anterior blepharitis

When the front (anterior) part of the eyelids becomes sore, this can be caused by an infection, allergy or a general sensitivity to bacteria present on the eyelids. It can also be associated with some scalp conditions, such as very dry or oily skin and dandruff.

#### Posterior blepharitis

Also known as meibomian gland dysfunction (MGD) is when the glands that make the oily part of your tears become blocked. Both types of blepharitis can cause dry eye or make it worse if you already have it. Many people will have a combination of blepharitis, meibomian gland dysfunction and dry eye.

### RISK FACTORS

Blepharitis is more common in people over the age of 50, but anyone can develop it. This is often because the glands that make

the normal tears, particularly the oily part of the tears, tend to become less effective as you get older.

### SYMPTOMS

Blepharitis can cause crusting and white scales may stick to the roots of eyelashes. Your eyelid edges may become red and your eyes will feel gritty, burning, sore or itchy. If you experience these symptoms, make an appointment with your optometrist.

### TREATMENT

There is a range of products designed especially for treating blepharitis, such as sterile pads, individual moist wipes and separate cleaning solutions.

As part of the treatment, you need to remove all the crusting and debris from the edge of your eyelids and from between your eyelashes. You should use a special lid cleaning product. Treatment of blepharitis is a long-term procedure. You may not see any improvement for several weeks.

Continue the treatment twice a day for at least one month, then less often as it starts to get better. You will probably need to continue to clean your lids at least twice a week to help prevent the blepharitis from returning.

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## KILCUMMIN

Written by: Helen Moynihan

## &gt;KILCUMMIN CCE

Kilcummin CCÉ have been invited to participate at the 6.30pm Christmas Eve Mass in Kilcummin. We are inviting all local children to join in by playing or singing at this Mass. Sinéad Carroll who is our group music & singing teacher will lead the group with assistance from Michael McGurl playing keyboard. Practice for the Mass will be held in Kilcummin Church on Mon.12th from 6.30pm to 7.15pm & Mon 19th from 6.30pm to 7.15pm. Children who have attended both practices will be asked to be in Kilcummin Church at 5.50pm on Christmas Eve.

## &gt;CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER RAFFLE

Kilcummin CCÉ have organised a raffle of 3 Christmas Hampers. Lines can be purchased for €2.00 each or 3 for €5.00, available at Kilcummin Post Office, The Village Inn, and the Klub Bar. The draw will take place on Tuesday 20th December, and the winners will be announced on our Facebook page. We thank you in advance for your support.

## &gt;KILCUMMIN NS MEMORY TREE

Remember loved ones this Christmas by having them represented on this year's memory tree. Memory tree cards available from Kilcummin Post Office, €5 per individual & €10 per family. The Memory Tree will be lit nightly from Dec. 11th 2022 to 6th Jan. 2023.

## &gt;KILCUMMIN GAA

## Pink Night

This charity fundraiser returns again since pre-Covid on January 6th. Please put it in your diary and support the ladies of the club in their worthy cause. Raffles games and music are part of a great occasion on "Ladies Christmas" Proceeds go to "Comfort for Chemo"

## Lotto

There was no winner on Monday 5th December 2022 of the Jackpot for €4,250. Numbers drawn were 4,13,18,26. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Ciara Fleming, Ballinamanagh, Tim Ryan, Clydine, Brian Cahill, Knocklebede, Sile Walsh c/o John Dunlea. Next Draw is Monday 19th December 2022, for a Jackpot of €4,500.

## &gt;MASTERGEEHA FC

## Lotto

There was no winner on Friday 9th December 2022 of the Jackpot for €6,400. Numbers drawn were 3,11,12,26. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Barry Duggan c/o Klub, Melissa Foley, Killorglin, Noel Breen, c/o Village Inn, Kevin Gorman, Coolick. Next Draw is Friday 16th December 2022, for a Jackpot of €6,600. Extra prizes of Hampers on both Friday 16th & Christmas Lotto Draw on Thursday 22nd of Dec.

## GLENFLESK

Written by: Seamus Healy

## &gt;LOTTO

No winner of Glenflesk Lotto which took place on 28/11/2022 in Glenflesk Hall. Jackpot was €10,100. The numbers drawn were 10, 19, 25, 27. There was no winner. Consolation prizes of €50 each to: 1. Cliona Moynihan, Headford. 2. O'Donoghue's Shop (Sellers' Prize). 3. Katie Crowley, Knockanes. 4. Eileen Dennehy, Lisbaby (Online). Next draw will take place in Glenflesk Hall on Monday 12/12/2022. Jackpot will be €10,200. Tickets can be bought from our ticket sellers, in local pubs and shops or online at: [https://play.clubforce.com/play\\_newa.asp?ll\\_id=2534#Anchor](https://play.clubforce.com/play_newa.asp?ll_id=2534#Anchor) Thank you to all who support our Lotto and to our sellers.

## &gt;NATIONAL CLUB DRAW 2023

The 2023 National Club Draw has super prizes varying from a Dacia Duster Car, a number of All Ireland Football and Hurling Final Packages and a cash prize of €2,000. All of the proceeds from the tickets sold by the Club are retained by the Club for the running of juvenile and adult teams. Ticket sales will close at the end of Jan 23. Tickets at €10 each are available and can be purchased online at: [https://member.clubforce.com/tickets\\_m.asp?LL\\_ID=2534...](https://member.clubforce.com/tickets_m.asp?LL_ID=2534...)

## &gt;KERRY TEAM PHOTO

The fabulous framed All Ireland winning team photograph available for sale in Kerry GAA Store and the office in Austin Stack park. All proceeds will go towards the cost of the team holiday. Pick up some wonderful memorabilia while also supporting the amazing players.

## &gt;CHOIR PRACTICE

Choir Practice for Christmas Eve mass in Clonkeen will take place on Friday 23rd December at 4 pm. All are very welcome. Bring your instruments please.

## &gt;A NOTE FROM FR JIM

In June after celebrating 25 years of Priesthood I did an awful lot of reflecting and pondering on all the ups and downs of my life over the past quarter of a century of serving God in the Priesthood. Without hesitation I can safely say I'd love to do it all over again. The great blessings I've received from God are amazing and I know I am totally unworthy. I've so many people to thank for their amazing love and support over those years especially my own family. But I genuinely feel I would not be able to say what I have just said if it wasn't for a place called Medjugorje. So many people I know had like me their lives truly blessed there. It's a game changer. And for that reason I'd love to take a pilgrimage from our parish here in Glenflesk. It will be a place where you will receive great peace and healing. You will totally realise that God does exist and He really loves you. He has a wonderful plan for your life and wants to help you find it. Here are the details of the trip: Flying Cork - Dubrovnik. Dates: June 14th. -21st. The cost €849 (Insurance €39) per person sharing. If you'd like a single room the cost is €154 extra. To secure a place the deposit is €300. If one pays



Shane Doyle and Ciara Horgan with their children Saoirse, Aaron and Kayla at the switching on of the Christmas lights in Barraduff last Friday. Photo Seamus Healy

full payment before Christmas they'll be a €100 reduction. Please pray and discern whether or not the Lord wants you there. To book a place contact Catherine Mills on: 086 1602201 and she'll give you the details on how to book with JWT afterwards. Please pray for the success of our pilgrimage.

## &gt;MEMORY HEARTS

Memory hearts are now available to purchase from O'Donoghues store Barraduff. Our thanks to Fr Linehan, O'Donoghues Barraduff cost cutter & wonderful staff for selling our hearts. Also massive thanks to Pat Murphy Fitted Furniture Barraduff for carving our beautiful hearts. The memory hearts are €5 each & all proceeds go to Barraduff Tidy Village Group. The funds raised will go directly back in to our community. From the bottom of our hearts we thank you for sharing your memory with us & supporting our group. Warm wishes & thank you from all @ barraduff tidy village group.





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## SPA

Written by: Deirdre O'Sullivan-Darcy

## &gt;O DONOGHUE CUP FINAL

Best of luck to our senior team & management in the O'Donoghue Cup Final against Dr Crokes this Sunday December 18th (2pm in Fitzgerald Stadium).

## &gt;CAIRDE SPA DRAW - WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

Thank you to everyone who has been supporting our Cairde Spafundraising draw. The date for the draw will be announced shortly, and if anyone wants to collect or return tickets we will be in Spa this Monday night from 7-8pm or contact Andy on 0872236754 or Deirdre on 0851216359. The draw is to raise funds for the maintenance and upgrade of the facilities we have in Spa, to the benefit of all ages and the whole community. There are 10 great prizes up for grabs, including over €20,000 in cash prizes, and the draw will take place in the coming weeks. Tickets are on sale through our website [spagaa.com](http://spagaa.com) or from club members and officers. Thank you as always for your ongoing support.

## &gt;SPA GAA ANNUAL AWARDS NIGHT

Everyone is invited to join us at our annual awards night on Thursday December 29th in Hilliards, Main St, Killarney. Tickets are on sale now from Andrew Garnett 0861911263; Anne Holland 0857780883; Triona Mangan 0876808962; Ivor Flynn 0871003142 and Adrian O'Sullivan 0834510776.

## &gt;SANTAS POST BOX

The North Pole Express Mail postal company have delivered Santa's mail box to Spa GAA again this year. The mailbox is located to the left of the sponsorship signs near the entrance to the grounds of Spa Gaa, we would like to invite all children in the area to avail of this North Pole express mail box as we have heard it's the fastest and most reliable mail service to the North Pole for all those very special letters to Santa Claus. Make sure to

take photos and tag us on social media @spagaa or you can send them via Whats App to Coiste na nÓg PRO Claire Tangney at 0879119311 so they can be added to our Christmas album on social media.

## &gt;SPA SHOP OPENING HOURS

Spa Merchandise Shop will be open this Wednesday December 14th from 6-7pm for a final chance to collect Christmas orders and purchase gifts before the Christmas break. Any queries please contact Leanne on 0857762411.

## &gt;TIERNABOUL NS CHRISTMAS MASS

Tiernaboul NS are having a Christmas Mass and concert at Spa GAA Club at 11.30am on Friday 16th December. The local community is invited to join in the festivities.

## &gt;MUNSTER CLUB FINALS

Congrats to Fossa, Rathmore and Kerins O'Rahillys on their respective Munster Club Final victories over the weekend.

## &gt;SPA GAA LOTTO

Lotto Results 05/12/22: Numbers Drawn: 4, 10, 15, 20. No winner and €50 Lucky Dips to Sinead Sheehan, Audrey Kearney, Gina Corkery and Bridget O'Connor. Annual Ticket Holders Monthly draw winner is Betty Garnett and Turkey Voucher winners are Ian Aherne and Patrick Doody. The jackpot on Monday December 11th is €10,200. Play online on [spagaa.com](http://spagaa.com) or tickets on sale in usual outlets. Thank you for your continued support of Spa GAA Club.

## &gt;ITEMS FOR NOTES

Any items for the Spa notes please contact the club PRO on 085 1216359 or [pro.spa.kerry@gaa.ie](mailto:pro.spa.kerry@gaa.ie) before 8pm on Sundays.

## LISTRY

Written by: Anne Sugrue O'Brien

## &gt;LISTRY GAA

## Deepest Sympathy

Listry Gaa would like to send Deepest to Mike and Teresa Griffin and family, Listry/Milltown on the death of their son. Jason RIP

## Fr Galvin Cup

Seniors play Semi Final v Scartaglin in Faha next Saturday December 17th at 2pm.

## Listry Gaa Table Quiz

The club will hold a Fun Table Quiz in Faha Court on Friday December 30th at 8pm to raise some funds. Tables of 4 at 40 euro. Spot prizes on the night.

## Listry Weekly Lotto Results

No winner of our jackpot this week. Next Sunday Jackpot is €8,100. Numbers drawn 5, 20, 26, 27. Hamper: Jules Weakley, Nonie Sheehan, Listry. €100: Mags O'Sullivan, Listry. €50 x 2: Kathleen Hobbins, Hannah Wharton. €25 x 2: Mary O'Sullivan, Rockfield. Tom Lyne. Tickets can be purchased online on Clubforce or buy tickets in O'Sullivan shop, Faha Court, Listry Community Centre, Listry Gaa Grounds or from local sellers.

## Munster Cup Championship Final

Congratulations to Fossa GAA, Kerins O'Rahillys and Rathmore Gaa on their respective 2022 AIB Munster Club Football, Junior. Intermediate and Senior titles last weekend.

## RATHMORE GNEEVEGUILLA

By Michael O' Mahony

## &gt;AIB MUNSTER CLUB INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

Full Time: Rathmore : 1-17(20) Na Piarasigh: 0-10(10)

Congratulations to Rathmore team captain Mark Ryan & management & official on great win bonfires bazaar at Rathmore as they welcome they Heroes back & Rathmore & to community Centre with large crowds gathered to welcome Munster Intermediate champions back to Rathmore the team management home

Rathmore play All-Ireland Intermediate semi final on January 7-8th, more detail later.

>CONGRATULATIONS to Chrissy Spiers who got married on Friday to Joanne Murphy, played in Mallow for Rathmore and scored 12pts. We wish them long life together

>SYMPATHIES to Maureen Moore, daughter Breeda & son-in-law Niochlas on the death of Willie Moore, Clounts, husband & grandfather, his grandchildren Lorna, Declan & Billy & families his sister Anna & extended family. Willie was laid to rest on Monday 5th December in Gneeveguilla.

To Neily Joe Kelleher, family Karen, John, Neil, Hugo, Emma, Jeremy &

Kenneth, grandchildren & families on the death of Annette Kelleher Gorthnahaune, Bui East, wife, mother & grandmother, her brothers & extended family. Anette was laid to rest on Tuesday 6th December in Rathmore.

To Eilish Finnegan & family on the death of her father John Crowe whose funeral took place in Ruan, Co Clare on Monday 5th December.

## &gt;SAMARITANS

The Samaritans will hold their Christmas Church Gate Collection on Christmas Eve & Christmas Day across all churches in the parishes

## &gt;BUS ROUTES

They improved Macroom, Millstreet Rathmore Killarney bus route 257 will now operate seven days a week, with increased daily services. This will improve accessibility between the newly bypassed Macroom, Clondrohid village, Millstreet train station and on to Killarney.

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## KILLARNEY ATHLETIC

### A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

On behalf of Killarney Athletic A.F.C, I would like to wish you and your families a happy and peaceful Christmas.

From our staff who maintain our grounds in Woodlawn, to our trustees and sponsors without whom the running of the club would be impossible.

To our committee and non-playing members

and of course, the fans, whose continued support is so vital to our great club.

Lastly, but by no means least, to the coaches and the players, from our academy all the way to our seniors teams.

On a sad note, let us take time to remember those club members that we have lost in the past year.

So here's to a wonderful Christmas and an even better 2023

*Nollaig Shona daoibh go léir*

*Donie Murphy -Killarney Athletic AFC Chairman*

## KILLARNEY CELTIC

### CELTIC LOTTO

Numbers drawn 8,10,19,23. No jackpot winner. Match 3 winner received €30. Next jackpot €10,800 on Monday December 19th. Tickets available from The Dungeon Bookshop, Hegartys Park Rd, club members and online through clubforce.com



Ballyhar Dynamos FC u11s who recently travelled to Play Camp Juniors

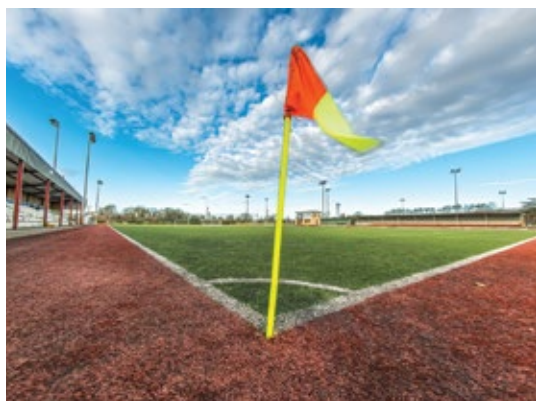


Killarney Celtic U10s who played recently.

# KERRY FC TO START THE 2023 LEAGUE CAMPAIGN WITH A MUNSTER DERBY TIE AT HOME!

In an announcement by the League of Ireland this week Kerry FC will start their first-ever SSE Airtricity First Division season with a home fixture against Munster rivals Cobh Ramblers.

Kerry FC will welcome the Claret and Blue army to Mounthawk Park on the league's opening night, which is Friday, February 17th with the kick-off time set for 19:45.



It is a welcome boost to the club on what now will be a historic occasion for 2 reasons; in that, it is the club's first-ever game in the division and the first SSE Airtricity First Division game to

be played in the Kingdom.

As an added benefit, the game will add an extra bit of spice as it is the first of 3 Munster Derbies to take place in the league with Waterford FC and Treaty United (Limerick) also seen as big Munster rivalries to Kerry FC.

Cobh Ramblers finished bottom of the 2022 First Division in 9th place. Famously known as the club that developed future Manchester United captain Roy Keane, the Cork outfit has a fine squad of players ready and waiting to take on the newest team in the league in the season opener. Speaking on the fixture announcement, Kerry FC General Manager Sean O Keeffe said "It is extremely exciting to see Kerry FC on an official fixture list and it is another milestone day in the club's history. Season Tickets are selling extremely well and I would encourage anyone who hasn't bought one yet to not delay to secure the best seat in the house for what will be a landmark day for Kerry FC and is looking likely to be a complete sell-out" Season Ticket prices start from €90 and are the ideal gift for any football fan in the county this season. Season Tickets can be purchased at [www.kerryfc.com/season-tickets/](http://www.kerryfc.com/season-tickets/) and game-by-game tickets will be on sale in the weeks leading up to each game.







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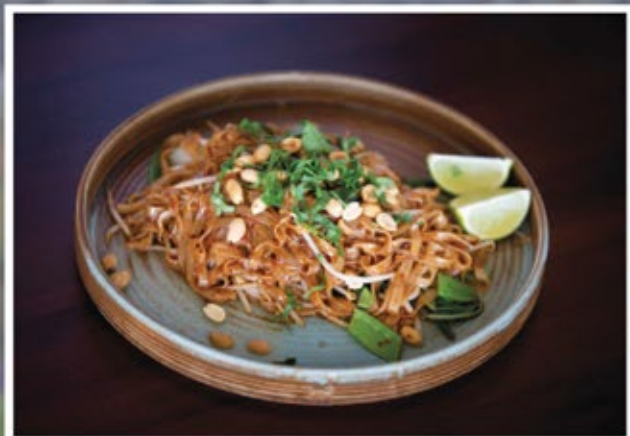


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## ST PAULS WOMENS VS PORTLAOISE PANTHERS MATCH PREVIEW MISSQUOTE.IE WOMENS BASKETBALL LEAGUE

### ST PAULS VS PORTLAOISE PANTHERS

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The stiffest test of the season so far lies in wait for St Pauls Womens when they entertain the Portlaoise Panthers this Saturday December 17th with a 4:30pm tip off. That's because the only team in the League with a 100% record is a bit like Santa, coming to town. The Panthers have been devouring every team they have met so far with an average winning margin of 21 points. The only teams able to hold a candle to them have been the Limerick Celtics, who ran them to three points, while it took a barnstorming final quarter from the Laois side to eventually overcome James Fleming's side.

Alyssa Velles is their outstanding performer and has been around the Irish league since graduating from St Peter's University. Having adapted to the country initially with Carlow IT she is now scorer in chief for the Midlands club averaging 29 points per game. Fellow American Jessica Fressle isn't shy in making a contribution to the scoring charts either. That duo combined for 55 points in the earlier league meeting between the sides with both particularly influential in that decisive final quarter. The supporting cast of Sarah Flemming, Megan Dunne and Jasmine Burke ensures it will take a herculean effort from St Pauls to take the spoils.

Having said all that, St Pauls themselves are in a decent run of form themselves. Three league wins on the spin has catapulted them into the top six, with a couple of games in hand. With a Cup semi final on the horizon the competition for places should bring out the best in the squad. Sofia Paska and Yuleska Tejeda can rival Fressle and Velles for scoring rates while the vast experience of Lorraine Scanlon is helping the younger cohort. Rheanne O'Sheas three point conversion is inside the Leagues top ten while Lynn Jones know-how in the point guard position ensures the orchestra is always in tune. Siofra O Sheas return to the hardwood after injury is gathering pace while the re-emergence of Denise Dunlea can only but strengthen their options. Aisling O Mahony, Cassandra Buckley, Seodhna O'Donoghue and Jessica Quirke are all live options as a strong bench rotation is always needed to keep the match intensity at a top level.

This game will precede the InsureMyVan.ie National League clash between Scotts Lakers and SETU Waterford Vikings so the Killarney Sports and Leisure Centre is the

place to be this Saturday night.

## LAKERS SUFFER LOSS DUE TO I NJURIES

### SCOTTS LAKERS 91 MOY TOLKA ROVERS 102

If you ever wanted evidence that a full strength squad is needed to compete at the top end of the InsureMyVan.ie National Basketball League look no further than this game. For the third game in succession the Lakers were shorn of some important personnel and there's no doubting that the absence of Mark O Shea (injury), Rui Saravia (family commitments), David Gleeson and Jamie O Sullivan deprived them of really putting it up to the slick Tolka Rovers side. But to give them huge credit also they played very close to their potential but it seemed that any time they threatened the Glasnevin based side, either Matthew Tracey, Ramanas Ramanauskas or Conor Liston came up with a riposte and there was to be no denying Gerard Kennedy's side the victory. Tolka now sit hot on the heels of table toppers Limerick Sport Eagles while the Lakers are now sitting two thirds of the way down the table. A win against SETU Waterford Vikings this weekend is imperative, if only to give them a much needed confidence boost and you could argue that it's a win their recent performances may deserve.

Tolka were quick into their stride with veteran Michael Bonaparte and hot shot Matthew Tracey and Ramanas Ramanauskas getting their eye in early. Ronan Collins, returning to the Lakers lineup hit five early points but Tracey was on fire inside and out and the visitors were 25-8 ahead with 3-12 to go in the first quarter. The Lakers were now in the all too familiar territory of trying to reel back an early deficit but the two Jacks, Ferguson and O Sullivan, got their engines revved up and the lead was cut to 11, 29-18. A late three point play by Zachary Bates pushed that lead to 14 at the end of the first. This is something Coach Jarlath Lee was left to rue. "Once again offensively we've made a poor start which isn't ideal when you have a depleted squad. With GAA and other commitments it looks like it maybe the New Year before we have a full deck".

Onto the second quarter and Eoin Carroll brought his youthful enthusiasm to the floor, his two successful free throws spurred a scoring run with Aron Walker hitting a big three to bring the lead back to 6, 34-28 within three minutes of the restart. Senan O Leary then got in on the act to cut the gap further but the mailman Tracey delivered another three followed by two Conor Liston baskets. Marko Bencic was also prominent for the Lakers at this juncture but his rapid

fire six points only served to leave the half time gap at 14, 55-41.

Tolka Rovers introduced Rory Howe for the first time at the start of the second half and his accurate outside shooting was threatening to swamp the Lakers. Despite the efforts of Paul Clarke, Ferguson and Senan O Leary the lead was now pushed out to 19, 77-58. Tracey, a renowned underage International who played College basketball in America, was a constant thorn in the Lakers side and he would ultimately finish on a season high 41 points.

One thing about the Lakers is they never throw in the towel, and it would have been easy to do so but instead they redoubled their efforts and they cut the gap to eight, 93-85 with 3.40 remaining. Jack Ferguson again picked up the baton, he hit a season's best eight three pointers, and with Collins and Walker also chipping away could there be a grandstand finish? Unfortunately not as Tracey and Conor Liston answered with a defiant no and even though Bencic and O Leary would land late baskets it was not to be and the Dubliners headed back to the capital with the spoils on a 102-91 scoreline. It wasn't all doom and gloom though for Coach Lee. "We scored 90+ points against a top team and you could argue we left maybe another ten points after us. And we got caught out with a few second chance rebounds too. But we must keep going and it's always about the next game which is at home again".

Jack Ferguson was excellent with 38 points, Aron Walker was on 17, Senan O Leary and Ronan Collins shared 18 points equally, Marko Bencic had 8, Jack O Sullivan (4), Paul Clarke (4) and Eoin Carroll clocked out with 2 points.

Matthew Tracey was tormentor in chief with 41 points, Conor Liston and Ramunas Ramanauskas had 16 each while Rory Howe and Michael Bonaparte both struck 9.

The Lakers welcome the SETU Waterford Vikings to Killarney this Saturday night and will be targeting this game as a must win. They possess an excellent record against the South Easterners doing the double over them last season. Earlier this season Jack Ferguson led the way with a 34 point salvo with Ronan Collins, Rui Saravia and Marko Bencic also scoring freely in a 99-71 win. But the Vikings, boosted by a recent big win over the Cougars, will be no pushover and in Freeman Brou they possess a serious weapon. Backboned by the Kvanagh brothers, Jay and Dale, Denis Miculescu and Scott Dunphy they will travel to the Kingdom looking to plunder the points. Tip off in the Killarney Sports and Leisure is 7.30pm as usual.





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## JIMMY O'SULLIVAN-DARCY takes a look at all things sport...

### MUNSTER CLUB FINALS

Three Kerry clubs returned from Mallow last weekend with three Munster titles in their grasp. The old saying about 'an rud is annamh is iontach' applies to a certain extent, especially at Intermediate and Junior grade. Kerry clubs have won 15 out of 19 Munster Intermediate club titles and claimed six All Ireland titles along the way since Seán Kelly as Uachtarán CLG introduced the All Ireland Club Championships – his own Kilcummin lifted the All Ireland in 2018. Clyda Rovers of Cork in 2013 is literally the only time since 2006 that the Kerry champions didn't go on to win the province.

The numbers are similar at Junior, with Kerry clubs lifting 18 of the 21 titles on offer since the competition was introduced and 10 of the All Ireland titles on offer.

You can understand a certain amount of unease in other counties at the fact that Kerry are so dominant in these competitions. That's especially true when you consider that other counties tend to have 16 clubs in their senior championship, whereas we have eight clubs and eight district teams. In short, Kerry's Intermediate champions are the ninth best club team in Kerry, competing against the 17th best club team from other counties, and that further applies at junior level.

I honestly can't understand why other counties don't copy our model. I have a lot of sympathy for Cork – I think a lot of Kerry people don't understand exactly how huge the number of clubs and the distances to cover in Cork are. Even with district teams, it's a massive challenge to get a decent schedule of games played, and that's before you factor in the amount of dual clubs in Cork. But Limerick, Clare, Tipperary, Waterford? There is room for divisional teams in their domestic competitions if there was sufficient interest and it would help their clubs to aim for a higher standard of regular championship games. I think it's fairly obvious by any metric that it helps competitiveness at the inter-county level. To me that's a win/win scenario all round. Instead of complaining about Kerry's system, why not just emulate it?

### MUNSTER SENIOR CLUB FINAL

**Kerins O'Rahillys 2-6  
Newcastlewest 1-8**

Rahillys joined a roll of honour that includes Shannon Rangers, East Kerry (3), Dr. Crokes (8), Castleisland Desmonds (2), Laune Rangers (2), Austin Stacks (2) and An Ghaeltacht. They made very hard work of it though, arguably harder than it needed to be. Certainly they will have to be sharper and more clinical in possession and I would argue that they need to be a lot more direct with the ball to win an All Ireland. This was poor enough fare in the first half.

I suppose it's easy to criticise when I was watching it at home on tv – I'll make no apologies for being weary of the roads and minding myself with the skinning cold last weekend. Ah, no, Newcastlewest leading by 0-4 to 0-3 and Rahillys failing to score from play for the entire half has to count as fairly poor fare by any judgement. Gavin O'Brien did well to win an early free to open Rahillys' account but Eoin Hurley replied in kind after Cian Sheehan was fouled – Sheehan and Copmac Coffey shared a great due. Shane Stack scored a good point from play. Hurley from long distance and Jack Savage exchanged further frees. The truth is that Newcastlewest were actually the better side, but labouring to put it on the scoreboard. Tommy Walsh always looked dangerous – why Rahillys eschewed long ball into him remains a complete mystery to me. When they did try it, he very nearly blasted a great goal – credit to centre back Jmaes Kelly for a great block. Ian Corbett has been Limerick's talisman for several years now and showed why with a brilliant scoire, but Tommy Walsh gathered a great mark and pointed to close out the first half scoring. Newcastlewest led by a point, 0-4 to 0-3, and it could and should have been more. It was already likely that they would rue those first half chances.

Ben Hanafin had Rahillys level quickly. They looked a bit sharper now and another long ball into Tommy Walsh saw him gather from Jack Savage to pivot and finish and finish to the net. Cormac Coffey made it 1-5 to 0-4. Cian Sheehan had a shot off the post in reply, but Newcastlewest's own big man Mike McMahon was quick to slot home the rebound. Again though Rahillys posted a rapid reply. Once again Walsh was the instigator, plucking another ball out of the sky and laying off neatly to Barry John Keane for another goal. Ian Corbett won a free converted by Eoin Hurley. Shane Stack had a poor wide after good work to open the chance. Tom Hoare slotted over and it looked like four points would be enough to see Rahillys through.

It very nearly wasn't. They dropped back to defend that lead instead of pushing on, and it almost proved very costly (I was reminded of Seamus Darby in 1982, to be honest, it had that kind of feel to the game). Two frees by Eoin Hurley trimmed the gap. Aaron Neville had a goal chance but ended up with a point to leave the minimum between the sides. In the end the clock ran out on the Limerick champions and Rahillys could bask in their first Munster title. The camera picked out Bqarry O'Shea and Kerry Ladies manager Declan Quill among the celebrants – no doubt memories of the last minute Nemo Rangers penalty in 2002 that denied Rahillys was in their minds! That ghost took a lot of exorcising. William Harmon and his players will know that improvement will be needed for the team to go all the way.



*Rathmore celebrate their fantastic win*

Kerins O'Rahillys: Shane Foley, Darragh McElligott, Ross O'Callaghan, Con Barrett, Cormac Coffey (0-1), Karl Mullins, Pádraig Neenan, David Moran, Gavin O'Brien, Gearóid Savage, Barry John Keane (1-0), Tom Hoare (0-1), Jack Savage (0-2, 2f), Tommy Walsh (1-1, 1m), Conor Hayes. Subs: Ben Hanafin 0-1 (for Gearóid Savage, half-time), Ryan Carroll (for Con Barrett, 38 mins); D O'Sullivan (for Conor Hayes, 58 mins).

Newcastlewest: Michael Quilligan, Michael O'Keeffe, Darren O'Doherty, Brian O'Sullivan, Ian Corbett (0-1), Ruadhán O'Connor, James Kelly Emmet Rigter, Seán Murphy, Diarmaid Kelly, Séamus Hurley, Cian Sheehan, Shane Stack (0-1), Mike McMahon (1-0), Eoin Hurley (0-5, 5f). Subs Todd O'Donovan (for Séamus Hurley, 50 mins), Aaron Neville 0-1 (for James Kelly, 46 mins), Bryan Nix (for Seán Murphy, 51 mins), Thomas Quilligan (for Diarmuid Kelly, 56 mins)

Referee: Seán Lonergan (Tipperary).

### MUNSTER INTERMEDIATE CLUB FINAL

**Rathmore 1-17 Na Piarasigh 0-10**

This was tough, and it was always going to be. Na Piarasigh will of course be disappointed at losing, but I think they can and should feel very proud of the battle they put up. Rathmore will be equally pleased in terms of the display as well as the result. This was a hard battle and a real test, and they came through with flying colours.

Dylan Cronin actually put Na Piarasigh into an early lead, but Rathmore's pace was already posing problems and Chrissy Spiers was once again absolutely clinical with dead balls. Rathmore have had some of the greatest footballers in Kerry's history in the likes of DJ





Action from the Fossa V Kilmurry AIB Munster Junior Football Championship Final



Man of the Match Paudie Clifford

Crowley, Declan O'Keeffe, Aidan O'Mahony, and Paul Murphy, but there's an awful lot to be said at club level for an absolutely reliable bread-and-butter scorer like Spiers. Shane Ryan doesn't miss many either. Kieran Daly made it 0-3 to 0-2, but Mark Ryan, Spiers again, and John Moynihan stretched the gap to four before Daly again pulled one back. Spiers kicked his fourth free but Andrew Moynihan had to be alert to divert a goalbound effort from Cathal McMullan. Mind you, straight from the kick-out Fionn Holohan was on the end of a great Rathmore move, with Na Piarasigh's keeper Eoghan Sherlock making a great save. Shane Ryan converted the '45 and Chrissy Spiers made it 0-10 to 0-4 at half-time. It wasn't an unfair margin, but maybe belied Na Piarasigh's quality – Rathmore were working hard for everything they got.

Kieran Daly pointed '45 and then hit the crossbar, having to settle for a point with the rebound. Dylan Cronin and Chrissy Spiers exchanged frees before Spiers added a brace (1f). James Darmody neatly teed up Darragh Rahilly for a goal and added another point himself. Cathal Ryan had a goal disallowed for squareball but it was fairly moot by that stage anyway with ten points between the teams. Kieran Daly, James Daly (f) and Dylan Cronin kept plugging away for Na Piarasigh, but Shane Ryan and Chrissy Spiers closed out a very impressive Rathmore victory.

Rathmore: Kenneth O'Keeffe, James O'Sullivan, Andrew Moynihan, Dan Murphy, Alan Dineen, Darragh Rahilly (1-0), Fionn Holohan, Mark Ryan

(0-1), Cathal Ryan, Brendan O'Keeffe, Chrissy Spiers (0-12, 10f), Brian Friel, John Moynihan (0-1), James Darmody, Shane Ryan (0-3, 1f, 1'45). Subs: Mark Reen (for Darragh Rahilly, 43 mins), Ben O'Connor (for Fionn Holohan, 52 mins), Jimmy O'Mahony (for Dan Murphy, 53 mins), Anthony Darmody (for James Darmody, 55 mins), Aidan O'Mahony (for Alan Dineen, 55 mins).

Na Piarasigh: Eoghan Sherlock, Diarmuid Ryan, Shane Walsh, Jack Barry, Cathal McMullan (0-1), Reuben McCarthy, Evan O'Brien, Gordon Brown, Ruaidhrí O'Connell, Kevin Nolan, Dylan Cronin (0-3, 2f), Dean McLoughlin, Kieran Daly (0-5, 1'45), Evan Sweeney, Evan Egan. Subs: Fionn Ó Tiarnaigh (for Cathal McMullan, 40 mins), James Daly 0-1, 1f (for Kevin Nolan (43mins), Ronan Holohan (for Evan O'Brien, 46 mins), Eoin McNulty (for Shane Walsh, 50 mins), Tom McKeown (for Evan Egan, 53 mins).

Referee: Chris Maguire (Clare).

## MUNSTER JUNIOR FINAL

### Fossa 1-17 Kilmurry 1-6

Fossa got a real battle to win this Junior Munster Final, but it won't be any surprise to know that two aces in particular came up trumps on the day – Paudie and David Clifford shared 1-14 between them, and one can't help suspecting that they are the reason why this game actually attracted a bigger crowd than the senior final – the brothers are as phenomenal in terms of marketing as they are in football.

This was no cakewalk, far from it. David McCarrthy's early point for Kilmurry showed

that they weren't here for any selfies or autographs – that could and probably should have been a goal. David Clifford had two frees of his own and a great point from play. Two more frees made it 0-5 to 0-1 before Daniel Cahalane got Kilmurry's second point – and quite honestly that one could very well have been a goal as well. I suspect that Fossa management will have a few words about closing down those gaps, but that's for another day. They were putting considerable pressure on Kilmurry's kick-outs and it was paying dividends as Kilmurry's forwards were lacking support when they did get forward with possession. Liam Wall kicked two good points for them – one was a real beauty from very long range – but David slotted further frees and Paudie had two points of his own to give Fossa a 0-9 to 0-5 half-time lead. Emmett O'Shea opened the second half scoring but a long ball to David McCarthy paid rich dividends for Kilmurry when he laid off sharply to Liam Wall, who made no mistake from close range. 0-10 to 1-4, and it got worse when Pádraic Berhanu lofted over after Kilmurry won the kick-out. To add to Fossa's woes, Eoin Talbot picked up a second yellow card and departed. It was Fossa's turn to be under the cosh.

The response was magnificent, a true sign of champions. Tadhg O'Shea picked out his brother with a great pass and Emmett coolly split the posts. Paudie Clifford kicked his third point and David, unflappable as ever, calmly slotted over three frees on the trot. Paudie



Action from the Fossa V Kilmurry AIB Munster Junior Football Championship Final





executed the coup de grace, cleverly back-heeling to the net for a goal to seal victory. Kilmurry left no pride behind them on Mallow's frozen ground – that's a good team who were slightly unlucky with a few chances on the day – but Fossa are growing with every game. The Clifford's scoring prowess will deservedly get the plaudits, but the work-rate of the team as a whole is just as key to victories like this.

Fossa: Shane O'Sullivan, Brian Myers, Fintan Coffey, Kevin McCarthy, Daniel O'Keeffe, Paddy Sheehan, Daniel O'Connell, Paudie Clifford (1-4), Cian O'Shea, Harry Buckley, Eoin Talbot, Matt Rennie (0-1), Tadhg O'Shea, David Clifford (0-10, 7f), Emmett O'Shea (0-2, 1f). Subs Ruairi Doyle (for Kevin McCarthy, 37 mins), Rian Collieran (for Tadhg O'Shea, 45 mins), Anthony Wharton (for Daniel O'Keeffe, 53 mins), Harry Kelly (for Emmett O'Shea, 56 mins)

Kilmurry: Jason McDonald, Fionn Warren, Kevin Barrett, Gearoid O'Mahony, Brian Hinchion, William Ronan, Tomás Collins (0-1), Kyle Kelleher, James O'Mullane, Laurence Ashling, Liam Wall (1-2), Rory Duggan, Pádraic Berhanu (0-1), David McCarthy (0-1), Daniel Cahalane (0-1). Subs John O'Mullane (for Daniel Cahalane, half-time), Ryan Leahy (for Pádraic Berhanu, 45 mins), Greg Barrett (for Rory Duggan, 56 mins) Referee: Niall Quinn (Clare).

## O'DONOGHUE CUP PREVIEW



It's a repeat of the 2020 Final (actually played last year) between Dr. Crokes and Spa. Dr. Crokes won out on that occasion, having taken command with three first half goals. Spa actually closed the gap to a single point but just couldn't quite get over the line.

There's no doubting the different pedigrees here. Spa haven't lifted the O'Donoghue Cup since September 24th, 1989, when they beat Gneeveguilla by 1-8 to 2-3 in a replay. Spa had trailed by 1-2 to 0-4 at the break, having played with the wind, and a second James Brosnan goal ten minutes into the second half had Gneeveguilla in control. However, veteran Seánie Kelliher came off the bench to score a great gaol in the 53rd minute and Spa finished strongly to take the title. For the record, that Spa team lined out as Joe O'Leary, Denis Cremin, Dermot Cronin, James Cahill, Michael O'Leary, John Cahill, Philip Coffey, Mossy Cronin (0-1), Dan Kennedy, Francis Doherty, Maurice Cronin, Pat Cronin (0-1), Paul O'Donoghue (0-1), Jer Morris, Michael McAuliffe (0-4). Subs Seánie Kelliher 1-0 (for Ger Morris), Seán Cronin (for James Cahill), Joey McAuliffe 0-1 (for Paul O'Donoghue), Billy Morris, Anthony McAuliffe, Ger Cronin, Colm Healy, John O'Neill, Pat O'Neill. The team was trained by Pat Kelliher and coached by Mick Gleeson.

Dr. Crokes have won the East Kerry

Championship a whopping eighteen times since that 1989 game and 31 times in total, including an unbeaten run from 2006 to 2013. Eoin Brosnan and Colm Cooper head the roll of honour with twelve titles, with Kieran O'Leary bidding to join them and Mike Moloney, John Payne, and Brian Looney all looking to win an eleventh medal this Sunday.

Both sides are likely to miss key players – fairly inevitable after a very long playing year. Fionn Fitzgerald, Gavin White, and Cian McMahon are very unlikely to play any part, while Michael Potts is also a serious doubt for Dr. Crokes. Micheál Burns did come on against Killarney Legion in the semi-final, while Tom Doyle is expected to return to action.

For Spa Liam Kearney played 45 minutes against Gneeveguilla successfully, while Niall McCarthy, Eoin Fitzgerald, and Dara Moynihan all came off the bench to telling effect. Mike 'Stam' O'Donoghue didn't come on but was toggled out and ready. David Spillane came off with an injury and, like Kaerney and Moynihan, hasn't trained since but will hopefully see some action.

It will be a very tight game. There's very little between the sides at the moment. Crokes won the corresponding league game, but neither side as anywhere close to full strength for that one and it won't have any real bearing. Crokes, with Tony Brosnan and Mikey Casey in shorting form at the moment, will probably go in as very slight favourites, they have the experience to see out tough games like this. They'll probably need it all, though, the likes of Dan O'Donoghue, Shane Cronin, Liam Kearney, Evan Cronin, and Michael Foley form a very formidable Spa spine.

The two teams have met before in finals. The first time they met in the final was in 1968, when the honours fell Dr. Crokes way as they won their tenth O'Donoghue Cup in thirteen years.

The game was played on September 6th, 1968 in the Fitzgerald Stadium. Spa, with Mick Gleeson in top form, made the better start, but that was before his Kerry team-mate Tom Long cut loose. Jackie Foley could only parry a Long rocket that Con Clifford deftly fisted to the net. Tom fielded the kick-out and drove through for a goal himself before adding a point. That gave Crokes a half-time lead of 2-1 to 0-5.

The second half followed a similar pattern as Spa closed the gap with good scores, only to be caught again by another brilliant Tom Long goal. Con Clifford slotted a penalty and, although Spa never gave up, they could never quite close the gap. Three of the best players on the day were Donie O'Sullivan and Mick Gleeson for Spa and Eamonn Fitzgerald for Dr. Crokes. All three had travelled together down from Dublin in Donie's car for the game. It was Jackie Looney's 10th O'Donoghue Cup medal. The game was refereed by Seanie Burrows of John Mitchels, whop had played both with against many of the players on both sides and was himself a Kerry player in both football and basketball.

Dr. Crokes: Con O'Meara, Paddy 'Bomber' O'Shea, Mick Spillane, Donal 'Sockie' Lynch, Willie O'Sullivan, Eamonn Fitzgerald, Gerard

Cullinane, Con Clifford (2-0), Fergus Moroney (0-1), Jackie Looney, Patsy O'Connor (0-1), Timmy Kelliher, Dan Kelliher, Tom Long (2-1), Jerry O'Connor. Subs Tom Looney, John Murray Spa: Jackuie Foley, Denis Doolan, Jack Morris, Brian Fenton, Jim Gleeson, Donie O'Sullivan (0-1), Johnny Batt Cronin, Pat Casey, Tom Morris (0-1), Seán O'Sullivan (0-1), Mick Gleeson (0-5), Mickey Cronin (0-2), Connie Doolan, John Kelly, Michael Myers.

## SOCCER World Cup

It's been manna from heaven for a lot of sports writers, but I'm not so convinced that it's been top quality bin terms of actual soccer. A lot of journalists had great fun commentating on what a disgrace it was that Qatar were hosting the World – they would have been a lot more credible if they weren't actually broadcasting from....Qatar. We shall gently pass over Gianna Infantino's meandering speeches and self-justifications.

Cristiano Ronaldo's uncomfortable departure from Man United and his relegation to the bench for Portugal was a big talking point. I'm less convinced – Ronaldo has been one of the greatest goalscorers in the history of the game, but he has always operated in a free role. He doesn't press and never really did – the same is very true of Lionel Messi, Barcelona was built around their fulcrum. I can see parallels between Ronaldo for Portugal and Aidan O'Shea for Mayo – great players who don't suit their team's style of play. He was great, but 'was' is the operative word. That said, attempts at a narrative of this tournament being all about young players or a changing of the guard have been blown apart by the likes of Lewandowski, Giroud, Messi, and Luka Modric. The Croatian midfielder has been genuinely sensational (Morocco are everybody's favourite underdog story, and with good reason, but they remind me of Greece in 2004. Ultra compact and hard-working, but you had your work cut out to make a highlights reel of their games. Leicester famously won a Premiership by inviting teams on and counter-attacking with ferocious pace; that's the best Morocco can hope for. It would be sensational if an African team were to win the World Cup and the rattling of traditional superpowers like Italy (who didn't qualify) and Germany (who didn't get out of the group) could pay long term dividends. But it hasn't been done by playing the 'beautiful game' in any beautiful way; personally I'd like a bit of flair and imagination along the way. Germany in particular came in for a lot of schadenfreude after their initial protests about human rights violations by the hosts were shut down. Supposedly that's why they lost soccer matches – I don't actually see any connection myself. I put it down to the two second half goals scored by Japan in their opening game that ultimately cost Germany, not anything else, unless some commentators are actually trying to suggest that Japan or Spain were somehow inspired by the deaths of migrant workers? It's just bizarre, you could make an equally cogent argument that their horoscopes were out of alignment. The joy of sport is that each game





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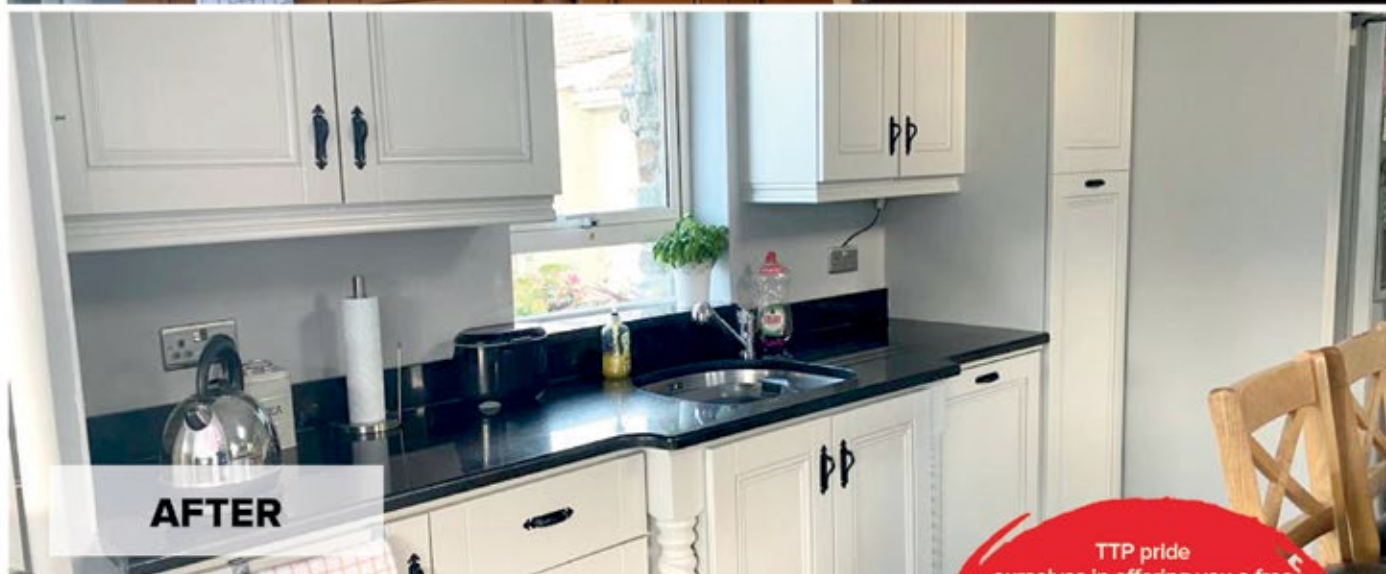
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**BOOKING OUT QUICKLY FOR CHRISTMAS DON'T MISS OUT**



is a meritocracy in its own right. Germany didn't qualify from the group stage of a soccer tournament because they didn't win enough soccer games. Quod est demonstratum.

The last sixteen was worryingly predictable for the most part. The Netherlands saw off the United States, no surprise there, although the US are improving rapidly in soccer terms. Argentina beating Australia...again, no surprise. England beat Senegal and looked good doing it; I was starting to think that England could be real contenders here. Croatia got past Japan on penalties, and I didn't really expect Croatia to go too much further (shows what I know). Brazil won comfortably against South Korea, I think we all had Brazil as overall favourites by this stage. France putting three goals past Poland also raised a few eyebrows; France were making light of their injury list. I did think a more adventurous Morocco would see off Spain, instead a goalless draw went to penalties and Morocco won. In the great and truly fascinating history between those two great cultures, it will make a fine footnote. Portugal destroyed Switzerland, with Ronaldo's replacement stifling a lot of debate by scoring a hat-trick.

Quarter-finals. This is basically where metal meets meat and things get really serious. All the chaff has been swept away by now, every remaining country has a real chance of seizing immortality.

Croatia and Brazil looked like the best tie of the round. Brazil looked better and made the breakthrough in extra-time, a superbly controlled finish by Neymar. Croatia held their nerve and forced an unpretty but vital equaliser and went on to nail every penalty superbly and go through. A very tough result on Brazil, but arguably deserved, they had been caught fairly. That only incentivised other teams. There were reports of Argentine players celebrating – well, of course they did. Wouldn't you in their position?

Argentina looked in control against the Netherlands and a Messi penalty put them into a 2-0 lead. Frankly, I was amazed that the Netherlands got in for two goals to equalise. Is it just me, or did Argentina look tired in the

latter stages? Once again it went to the lottery of penalties; it's a truly awful way to decide any game. I'd honestly prefer a simple coin toss. Anyway, Argentina through and smelling blood in the water now as they draw nearer to the big prize. They were obviously fairly bitter in the immediate aftermath – Messi was frankly petulant. Some gods have feet of clay – I think it's a mistake to dwell on anything after you survive a test like that. Remote impassivity is the wisest approach, but sure it's easy to talk on the sidelines and passions were running high. Morocco dismissed Portugal 1-0 to become the first African and Arab nation to reach a semi-final. I think Portugal did very well to get this far, they seem to have been in a slow but discernible decline at the same time as their greatest player.

Last but not least, France v England. Again, there is a fascinating and frequently bloody history between two nations whose stories are incredibly intertwined, but a soccer match is just a soccer match. And this was a very good match. Look, of course I was cheering for France; I couldn't be listening to English commentators if they actually won a World Cup. It's nothing personal to my many English friends and relatives, who generally speak in hushed tones and with sympathy whenever Irish soccer is mentioned nowadays. I remember when Ireland were at least equal to England in soccer – but that is a far distant past now. England have built quietly, cleverly, and carefully, and investment in youth facilities in particular is starting to pay off. Southgate came in after they were beaten by Iceland and basically a laughing stock; in hindsight, it was no bad time to take the reins. Remember the 'golden generation' when they were trying to accommodate Gerrard, Lampard, and Paul Scholes (a truly great player, but a left winger? Isn't fast and doesn't tackle, but he's going to control the flank? Wow). This team isn't that. Southgate admirably resisted pressure to throw the likes of an over-rated Foden (he's very, very good, but he's not ready to dictate a game at this level) or Grealish into this. He's fairly conservative, but there's no harm in that. I was deeply, deeply sceptical of Maguire

heading into this tournament, and I still say that's he's brilliant at attacking the ball but poor at turning back onto danger, but he fit perfectly into three at the back for England and he looked far more assured than he does at club level. England gave as good as they got and played very well. Bukayo Saka was a revelation, I had no idea that he was that good at that level. I don't agree with all the complaints about the referee afterwards, anymore than I did in the Argentina game. France did give away a fair few fouls, but they weren't bad or nasty fouls and I wouldn't have been issuing all that many cards either. No harm in getting stuck in, and both sides gave as good as they got. Tchouaméni scored a real cracker of an opening goal, that was precision. Harry Kane equalised from the spot. Giroud scored a second for France (I've always like Giroud, rarely a headliner but always does his business quietly and well at both club and national level) and England just couldn't break them down. That's all that happened. Complaints about the referee....ah, go on out of it. Did Southgate run his subs too late? Well, England were attacking well at the time. I'd probably have brought in Grealish a bit earlier, but that's about it.

I don't get the speculation about Southgate's future. England performed very well and were unlucky to lose. That's after losing the European Championship Final on penalties. It's a young team with genuine potential superstars in the likes of Bellingham, Foden, and Saka. Something about that record makes people think that some un-named figure can do better? I really don't get it.

Argentina, France, Morocco, and Croatia. The latter two appear better at penalty shootouts (not exactly a metric that I'd trust) but the former two will be hoping to finish their respective semi-finals within the ninety minutes.

By the time you read this, you'll know who is contesting the final on Sunday. My heart says Croatia, my head is saying that France should just about have enough to beat Argentina, and and my gut is saying that Morocco are going no further.c

## COUCH TO 5K PLANNED FOR JANUARY

The very successful Killarney Valley AC Couch to 5k is back and starting on Tuesday January 10th. Hosted at the Killarney valley ac arena by the experienced team in a safe, welcoming and encouraging environment with a wonderful atmosphere also is guaranteed. Registration is online only through the link provided so early registration is advisable.

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the results will amaze you. The benefits of starting early in the year not only helps to shed those pounds but helps to release those endorphins also, which is a great help for your mental help.

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## KILLARNEY LEGION

### ROBBIE O BRIEN

The Club extends its sympathies to the family of Robert (Robbie) O'Brien who passed away last weekend. While the involvement of Robbie's family in the club today is well known, what may not be common knowledge is that Robbie himself was an outstanding footballer for the club in his day. He won an East Kerry Minor Title beating Rathmore in the final in 1958 and in the very same year he lined out for the senior team in the O'Donoghue Cup Final against town rivals Dr Crokes. He established himself on the senior team thereafter and played a starring role in the 1960 County Championship run which culminated in a defeat to Feale Rangers.

Unfortunately a bad accident put pay to his football career but he remained a Legion man at heart. Having attended and played football also at St Brendans College he worked in the family Building business until he decided to train as a teacher. He then found himself back at his alma mater after spells in Dublin and Castleisland, and taught at the famed school until his retirement. A number of club members would have known Robbie as Mr O'Brien in the Sem but what always shone through was the duty of care he gave to every student. He also was involved in training numerous of the Colleges football teams, most notably the 1986 Corn Ui Mhuiri title. and it was obvious in many of the tributes paid to him that he was held in very esteem.

Never a man to rest on his laurels he went down the College road again in later life and graduated with a degree in law the same day as his daughter Lara.

Robbie's brother, the late Noelle, also lined out for the Club, winning an O'Donoghue Cup medal in 1967. Back to the present day Lara is the current Club Secretary, another daughter Noelle coaches the U14 Girls team. Sons in law Liam O Toole and Shane McSweeney also coach at Juvenile level while all his grandchildren, namely David, Kate, Lauren, Millie, Briain, Darragh, Erin and little Charlie Mae, are all staunch Legionnaires.

### MUNSTER TITLES

Congratulations to our fellow East Kerry clubs Fossa and Rathmore on capturing their respective Junior and Intermediate Munster titles over the weekend in Mallow. Not forgetting Kerins O'Rahillys who were successful in annexing the Munster Senior title with a win over Newcastlewest in the same venue. Best of luck to all three sides in their quest for All Ireland glory.

### FITZGERALD STADIUM

For anyone familiar with the environs of the dressing room area in Fitzgerald Stadium they will be aware that the walls are adorned with portraits paying tribute to Kerry players, past and present. The latest addition to the walls of fame is our own James O'Donoghue who had the honour of being the 2014 GAA/GPA Footballer of the Year. It is nice to see James being hailed in the same exalted company of legends of the game.

### LOTTO

Numbers were 6, 8, 16, 21 Bonus 5. Sunday

December 4th. 1.Gerry Looney 33 Woodlawn Park. 2. Pat Moynihan Rock Road. 3. Eamon O'Brien Two Mile. 4.Tara and Anissa Fleming, 60 Willow Brook. 5.Chris Cronin Muckcross

## DR. CROKES GAA CLUB

### DR. CROKES' LAP OF LIGHT 2022

Members are invited to come along to walk laps of the pitch on Saturday 17th December at 4pm to remember loved ones of the past & present living with Alzheimers. Hot chocolate, tea and coffee will be provided afterwards in the clubhouse. Voluntary contributions can be made for the new Dementia specific rooms in the new Community Hospital.

### CHRISTMAS CARDS

If anyone has a family member or friend abroad who won't be home for Christmas, the club will be sending them a seasonal message and special greeting card, designed by the juveniles from the academy. Email the persons name and country/city where they now live to [fitzgeraldfam48@gmail.com](mailto:fitzgeraldfam48@gmail.com).

**LOTTO** TOOK PLACE ON December 12th Numbers drawn were 2, 10, 23, 24 Jackpot not won. 9 patrons matched 3 numbers and receive €40 each. Jackpot for draw on December 19th will be €14,000. We are calling on all members to support our weekly lotto as this represents one of the main sources of revenue for the club. With activity likely to recommence on the fields over the next few weeks we need people's support to maintain our facilities in Lewis Road. We have made a number of alterations to make things easier for members to play the easiest one being to play it online by following the link below and follow instructions attached

[https://play.clubforce.com/play\\_newa.asp?l\\_id=734#Anchor](https://play.clubforce.com/play_newa.asp?l_id=734#Anchor)

### BINGO

Dr Crokes Bingo continues every Sunday night in St. Marys Parish Hall at 8pm. Doors open at 6:45. This week's jackpot is worth a whopping €1,700 with another €1,650 in prizes to be won in 10 games of bingo. Everyone Welcome.

**PROGRESSIVE '31'** continues on Wednesday nights at 8pm. Bring a partner and €5. All welcome.

### NOTES

If anyone has anything they want to add to our club notes please email [pro.drcrokes.kerry@gaa.ie](mailto:pro.drcrokes.kerry@gaa.ie).

**SYMPATHY** to senior player Evan Looney on the death of his grandmother Kathleen Loughnane. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam.

## EAST KERRY GAA NEWS

By Michael O'Mahony

**WELL DONE** to the 3 Kerry clubs in their Munster titles. Kerins O'Rahillys and Fossa and Rathmore, winners of AIB Munster Club Intermediate Junior Senior Championship Football Championship Final. Congratulations to them all

### FIXTURES

**East Kerry Intermediate Championship Fr Gavin Cup Semi Final** sponsored By Aquila



The latest addition to the walls of fame at Fitzgerald Stadium is James O'Donoghue who had the honour of being the 2014 GAA/GPA Footballer of the Year.

Club: Listry v Scartaglin at Lstry this Saturday December 17th 2pm.

**East Kerry Senior Championship O'Donoghue Cup Final:** Spa v Dr Crokes at Fitzgerald Stadium at 2pm. Sponsored By Aquila Club Dr O'Donoghue Family. Streamline By Cubbler.ie Man of Match Award sponsored By Irish Drains

### EAST KERRY MEDAL PRESENTATION DINNER

to the County senior and U21 championship winning teams Friday 6th January @ Killarney Heights Hotel at 7pm. Tickets available from clubs and board officers

### DR O DONOGHUE CUP ALL STAR BANQUET.

Sponsored by Aquila Club & Kerryman. Thursday 2nd February @ Gleneagle Hotel. Tickets available from clubs & Board officers

## KEEL GAA NOTES

### CLUB LOTTO

Keel GAA Lotto Draw Monday the 5th of December. Numbers drawn: 6, 9, 10, 14. There was no winner of our jackpot of €2,550. Lucky dip winner of €50 each were Kay Donoghue, Keel and Kieran Cahill O'Connor, Tralee. The jackpot will be €2,600 for the draw on Monday the 12th of December. Many thanks for all your support this week and thank you to this week's lotto team for facilitating the draw. You can purchase your tickets for the draw via Clubforce or through the local outlets.

### CLUB EXECUTIVE

Keel GAA held its Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 30th of November in the Keel clubrooms. Keel GAA's executive is as follows for 2023: President: Mary Foley, Chairperson: Ian Foley, Vice Chairperson: David Clifford, Secretary: Mary T Murphy, Assistant Secretary: Willie Evans, Treasurer: Rachel Hilliard, Assistant Treasurer: Aidan Benson, PRO: Ailís Murphy, Assistant PRO: Terry O'Sullivan, Children's Officer: Ciara Prendiville, Chairperson of Coiste



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## KEEL GAA LAST MAN STANDING

Keel GAA Last Man Standing will return on St. Stephen's Day with a fantastic cash prize to be won! Entry cost is €10. You don't need to have an interest in soccer to take part in this fundraiser. You can take part from anywhere in the world as tickets can be bought online as well as local businesses. Clubforce link is available on our social media or text 'LAST MAN' to (087) 649 7639. Anyone who enters will be added to a WhatsApp group to follow their progress. Your support with our first Last Man Standing fundraiser allowed us to develop Phase 1 of our club gym. Funds raised from this Last Man Standing fundraiser will go towards the Phase 2 development of the gym which will include buying additional equipment. Please support if possible and share with friends & family.

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Congratulations to Tadhg Evans who was part of the Maynooth Freshers panel the beat UCC in the Division 1 Final last week. Final score: Maynooth University 1-08, UCC 2-04.

## CLUB SUCCESS

Congratulations to Kerins O Rahillys, Rathmore and Fossa on their victories in their respective Munster campaigns over the weekend.

## FOSSA GAA

### AIB MUNSTER JFC FINAL

**Full Time: Fossa: 1-17(20) Kilmurry: 1-6(9)**

Congratulations to our senior team who became Munster champions last Sunday All-Ireland semi-final TBC 6/7 January.

## LOTTO

11th December 2022. Numbers Drawn: 20,12,21,25. €40 WINNERS: GEARY MCCORMACK, CURRAGH AGHADOE; MIKE RUSSELL, GORTROE

FOSSA. GEARY MCCORMACK, CURRAGH AGHADOE; MADGE CAHILL, TULLIG KILLARNEY. DEIRDRE FLEMING C/O TINA MYERS VOUCHERS: MARY O'CONNELL, CATH O, CONNOR, FIRIES. Thanks for playing. Next week jackpot €10,500

## BALLYHAR-FIRIES GAA

### LOTTO 12/12/22

Draw postponed due to bad weather

### CELEBRATION NIGHT

Firies GAA will be hosting a Celebration Night on Saturday 14th January at 7pm in Ballygarra Estate Hotel. Tickets are €50 and will be available from usual outlets from Friday 16th December.

## MILLTOWN/CASTLEMAINE CLUB

### LOTTO

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The fortnightly club lotto draw took place on Monday, December 12th at the club grounds. There was no jackpot winner on this occasion. The numbers drawn were 11, 17, 28 and the bonus ball was 3. Lucky Dip winners were as follows: €50 - Paddy Browne, Firies. €50 - Tony Griffin, Firies. €25 - Jim Stephens, Milltown. €25 - William Burke, Castlemaine. €25 - Seamus Burke. €25 - John Foley, Firies

Our next club lotto draw is scheduled to take place on Friday, 23rd December at 5:30pm in the Clubhouse where the jackpot will be €12,600. Get your draw tickets or renew your yearly tickets online on Clubforce or get your tickets for the next draw from all the usual local outlets.

### CLUB GEAR: CHRISTMAS GIFTS

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## MILLTOWN/CASTLEMAINE GAA: VIDEO RACE NIGHT

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## CONGRATULATIONS: MUNSTER CLUB CHAMPIONS

All at Milltown/Castlemaine GAA would like to offer our deep congratulations to William Harmon who is the manager of the Kerins O'Rahillys senior side who were victorious on a score of 2-06 to 1-08 against Newcastlewest of Limerick in the AIB Munster Club Senior Football Championship Final on Saturday last in Mallow. A tremendous victory indeed and now William along with the rest of the Kerins O'Rahillys management and squad will look forward to the AIB All-Ireland Club Football Championship Semi-Final against Kilmacud Crokes of Dublin early in January 2023. We wish them all the best in their preparations and look forward to showing our support once again for our clubman. A word of congratulations are also due to Fossa and Rathmore who were victorious at the weekend in the Munster Club Junior and Intermediate Football Finals and now move on to the All-Ireland series in the new year. Best wishes to all the Kerry sides.

## Forget me not...

## DR. CROKES REMEMBER EVERYONE AT CHRISTMAS

To ensure that everyone is remembered at Christmas, juveniles members from the Dr. Crokes Saturday morning coaching academies have been busy designing and creating individual Christmas cards and greetings to link with the older generation of Dr Crokes.

"These cards and accompanying letters will be delivered in person by club members to club members/families who suffered bereavements

during 2022. Also, those who live alone had health issues, or endured hardships during the year" Eamonn Fitzgerald Healthy Club Officer at Dr. Crokes told Killarney Outlook.

"There will even be time for a chat and a cuppa when we deliver to our club members", Eamonn added.

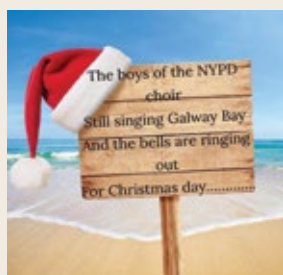
There is still time to get your original card in by emailing them to [cloontees@gmail.com](mailto:cloontees@gmail.com).

The Christmas Card initiative is not the only one that the Healthy Club Committee of Dr Crokes are undertaking this year.

In a bid to "never forget their own", members are being asked to send an email address to target the Dr. Crokes diaspora world wide.

The "I won't be home for Christmas" project will see Dr. Crokes members world wide getting a digital Christmas Card from the club.

Anyone who would like a family member to receive a card is asked to forward the persons name, the city or country where they now reside, and their email address to [fitzgeraldfam48@gmail.com](mailto:fitzgeraldfam48@gmail.com) and a Christmas greeting will wing its way worldwide. Dr Crokes never forget





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9.30 PM

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8.00 PM  
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9.00 PM  
9.30 PM

### 1st Thursday

8.30 PM  
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9.30 PM  
10.00 PM

### 1st Friday

9.30 PM  
10.00 PM  
10.30 PM

### 3rd Monday

8.30 PM  
9.00 PM  
9.30 PM  
9.45 PM

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### 4th Thursday

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9.45 PM

### 4th Friday

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### Last Monday

8.00 PM  
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A Christmas card for Norma Foley TD. The top half has a pink background with white stars and Christmas ornaments. The text 'Warm Christmas Greetings' is in a red cursive font, and 'and every good wish for 2023' is in a blue serif font. Below this is a green band with 'Norma Foley TD' in large white letters and 'Minister for Education and TD for Kerry' in smaller white letters. To the right is a portrait of Norma Foley in a red blazer. The bottom is a dark blue band with the Fianna Fáil logo and name.

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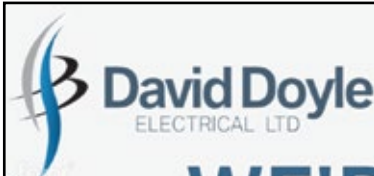
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## A Word of Victory

Welcome back dear student "commit everything you do to the Lord. Trust Him and He will help you. He will make your innocence (righteousness) radiate like the dawn, and the justice of your cause will shine like the noonday sun" (Psalms 37:5-6 NLT). Who doesn't love a bit of radiance? Many are the bottles we've bought down through the years looking for a glow! Last week, we spoke about the power of Light and Good News for healing in relation to Jesus "the Light of the World" (John 8:12). God's Kingdom is founded upon two things – Righteousness and Justice (Psalms 89:14). God is Holy, He is the God of Justice and all His ways are fair and upright (Deuteronomy 32:4). Jesus told us to "...seek first the Kingdom of God" (His values and laws) ...."and His Righteousness" (rightstanding with God, which only comes through the blood that Jesus shed for us on the cross), and all the things that we need to live a life of Peace and Joy shall be added by His hand (Matthew 6:33). Friend, when we approach God in humility and repentance, no matter how bad the situation or how awful the past, God's hand is not too short that He cannot save you or hear your cry for help! (Isaiah 59:1).

This is Good News indeed! That the Almighty and Most High God, the Creator of the heavens and the earth so longs for relationship with His children that in His love, He gave His only begotten Son to be the Ransom to buy us back from the powers of sin and darkness and hell (John 3:16-21). This week many are heading out to Christmas parties, excited about the holiday: but this is the message we need to be excited about – that because of Jesus Christ - our sins are forgiven and we have Victory over sin and death (1st Corinthians 15:56-57).

Let's pray aloud....Dear God, please forgive me for my sins – I'm sorry for all I've done wrong. Lord Jesus, You are my Redeemer! You came to this earth to pay the price for my sins to be forgiven, so that I could be given Your Righteousness. You wash me in Your Blood making me right with God as if I had never sinned. Lord Jesus, You are no longer a baby in a crib – You are the Resurrected Lord! God raised You from the dead so that I could be acquitted, cleansed and made whole in my body, soul and spirit (1st Thessalonians 5:23-24). Baptise me with Your Holy Spirit Lord Jesus, and come and live inside of me. Take over my life as my Lord; fill me with Your Love and Peace. May I live to bring You Glory in all I do and say. Give me the grace to forgive those who have wounded me, and I pray that You would forgive them, and bless them with Your Love. I renounce and release all unforgiveness, bitterness, pain and grief from my life. Thank You O God for restoring me back to You as Your beloved child, living in the Light and delivered from darkness, in Your Son Jesus' Name I pray. Amen. Now friend that prayer will give you a glow that no drink or cosmetic ever will! "I prayed to the Lord and He answered me and freed me from all my fears. Those who look to Him will be radiant with Joy, no shadow of shame will darken their faces" (Psalms 34:4-5).

Bible Study & Prayer every Sunday @ 11am and Thursdays @ 7.30pm in person and on Zoom at Word of Victory Christian Fellowship Killarney - Eircode: V93V6X4.

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### 1ST ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

JERRY  
MC CARTHY



STAGMOUNT, HEADFORD,  
CO KERRY  
WHO DIED ON  
15TH DECEMBER, 2021  
AGED 89 YEARS

*Softly in the morning  
You heard a gentle call  
You took the hand God offered you  
And quietly left us all  
You were always there when we needed you  
No task too great or small  
With loving heart and willing hands  
For us you did it all  
For the rest of our lives we will miss you  
Our silent tears will fall  
Oh how we really loved you  
No one will ever know*

Always remembered and dearly loved  
by his wife Maime, sons Sean & Maurice,  
daughters Mairead, Sheila and Maura  
along with their families.

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### THANKSGIVING

Praise and thank you Father in heaven  
your loving son Jesus, and the Holy Spirit  
for all the blessings you have given  
me and my family. Praise and thanks to  
our Lady of the Sacred Heart, our  
Blessed Mother, St. Joseph,  
St. Padri Pío, St. Martin, St. Anthony, St.  
Theresa of the little flower, St. Faustina,  
the Holy Souls, our Guardian Angel and  
all the Angels for their inter sessions to  
the good Lord for us.  
I trust in this wonderful Prayer, O Jesus I  
surrender myself to you, take  
care of everything, thank you Jesus.  
I believe in the power of prayer.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & 1ST ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

JERRY  
MC CARTHY



STAGMOUNT, HEADFORD,  
CO KERRY.  
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15TH DECEMBER, 2021  
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As we approach Jerry's 1st anniversary, his wife Maime along with his sons Sean and Maurice, his daughters Mairead, Sheila and Maura and their families, His sisters and all the extended family, we wish to acknowledge and thank all who supported us through those first days of grief and continued to support us through the past year. Your gentle sympathy and practical kindness will be remembered always.

As covid restrictions were in place at that time we wish to thank those who left online messages on RIPie, the telephone calls and texts we all received, the mass cards and letters. We wish to thank all who attended the funeral home and respected the protocols that were in place. Sincere thanks also to those who lined the roads as we travelled to the church for his requiem mass.

We appreciated the professional help and kindness of the Public health nursing team in Rathmore, his home help and carers who all did so much for him and for us a family to care for him at home for as long as we could. We will always be grateful to the staff in Araglen Nursing home who cared for him in final weeks and in particular allowing us the time with him in those final few days. We wish to thank the doctors at Dr Michael Caseys practice in Millstreet.

A special word of thanks to Fr Pat O'Donnell for his visits to Jerry at home over the past few years. Fr. Pat guided us through the few days after Jerry's death and helped us in organising the funeral Mass. Thank you also to our neighbours Fr Pat Mc Carthy and Fr Michael Moynihan who concelebrated at the Mass. Thank you to John O Donoghue who organised the music along with his brother Paud and Mr Kiely. Their musical enrichment added to the funeral mass. Thanks also to John D and his son George of O Keffe funeral directors for their professionalism in carrying out their duties. Thanks to all that brought food to the house and to all our friends, family and neighbours for their time and help shown to us at that time. Thanks also to neighbours and family friends that visited Jerry over the past number of years at home and continue to visit Maime there since Jerry died.

It would be impossible to thank everyone individually who helped us in any way we hope this acknowledgment with reflect our gratitude. The holy sacrament of mass has been offered for your intentions.

**First anniversary mass is on 18th  
December at 11.30 in St Josephs Church,  
Rathmore**



## IN MEMORIAM

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## 20TH ANNIVERSARY

### IN LOVING MEMORY OF DANIEL (DAVE DAN) CRONIN



GNEEVGUILLA UPPER,  
RATHMORE, CO. KERRY.  
WHO PASSED AWAY ON  
21ST DECEMBER 2002

*We did not see you close your eyes;  
we did not see you die,  
all we knew was that you were gone,  
without a last goodbye.*

*It was a sudden parting, too bitter to forget.  
Only those who loved you are the ones  
who won't forget.*

*The happy hours we once enjoyed,  
how sweet their memories still,  
but death has left a vacant place,  
this world can never fill.*

*Your life was full of kindly deeds,  
a helping hand for other's needs.  
Sincere and true in heart and mind,  
beautiful memories left behind.*

***We have lost, heaven has gained, the most  
wonderful Dad the world contained.  
There's just one thing that makes us glad,  
That God chose you... to be our Dad.***

***Dad you are loved and remembered  
always by your daughters, sons,  
daughters and sons in law, grandchildren,  
nieces, nephews, extended family,  
relations and many friends.***

Mass for Daniel will be on Sunday, 18th  
December 2022 at 9:30 am in the Church  
of the Holy Rosary, Gneevguilla.

## 1ST ANNIVERSARY

### IN LOVING MEMORY OF MARY BARRY



TRALEE ROAD,  
KILLARNEY, CO. KERRY  
WHO PASSED AWAY ON  
21ST DECEMBER 2021

*Today is full of memories  
of our sister laid to rest  
And every single one of them  
is filled with happiness.*

*For you were someone special  
Always such a joy to know  
And there was so much pain  
When it was time to let you go.*

*That's why this special message  
is sent to heaven above  
For the angels to take care of you  
And give you all our love.*

Always loved and remembered by  
your brothers Dermot and Donie and  
sisters Sheila, Margaret,  
Anne, Carmel and families.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & 1ST ANNIVERSARY

### IN LOVING MEMORY OF MARY BARRY



TRALEE RD, KILLARNEY  
WHO PASSED AWAY ON  
21ST DECEMBER 2021

As we lovingly remember Mary Barry on her first anniversary, we her family would like to express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to our wonderful extended family, friends and neighbours for their support and kindness following Mary's sudden passing.

To all those who sympathised with us through attending Mary's funeral (including those watching online), phone calls and messages, online condolences, mass cards, letters, and floral tributes, we greatly appreciate your support. We thank Fr. Danny Broderick, a close friend of Mary's and Fr. Kieran O'Brien for their house calls, prayers, and beautiful funeral mass on Christmas Eve. Also, we would like to thank Mike Sheehan, Sheehan Funeral Directors for his guidance and professionalism as well as O'Shea's Funeral Home, Killarney, and the caretakers of the Old Kilcummin cemetery.

We thank Mary's friends and colleagues at Kerry Parents and Friends who provided a guard of honour at St Marys Cathedral and through Killarney town following her funeral mass. We also thank Denis and Niall Crowley, and Helen Kerins for their beautiful, heartfelt music, and all those who participated in the funeral mass.

From the bottom of our hearts, we thank the nurses, doctors, consultants and all the staff at University Hospital Kerry. We will always remember the kind and caring way in which they cared for Mary. Their efforts and compassion will never be forgotten.

A special word of thanks to those who called to the house providing refreshments and support throughout those difficult days including those who cared for Mary's grandchildren during her short illness and in the days following her passing.

It would be impossible to thank everyone individually who helped us during the funeral and throughout the year since. We hope this acknowledgement reflects our sincere gratitude. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

Mary Barry loved life and lived every day to the full. She brought a helping hand along with a spark of joy to so many people, and we her family hope that her memory will live on in the shared stories, good times and laughter we recall together. Always on our minds, forever in our hearts.

*Your life was a blessing,  
Your memory a treasure  
You are loved beyond words  
And missed beyond measure*

**1st anniversary Mass for Mary will be held at  
St. Mary's Cathedral, Killarney at 6.15pm on  
Monday, 19th December.**

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## NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART

You have said O Divine Jesus, ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and the door shall be opened to you. Relying on these promises, I come with confidence during this novena to beg of you the favours that I need (make request). For whom shall I ask Lord Jesus if not from you whose heart is an unfailing source of graces and merits. Most loving heart of my God. I believe in your power, I believe in your knowledge I believe in your personal love for me, and therefore O Sacred heart of Jesus I place all my trust in you. Our father, Hail Mary and Glory, say 3 times for 3 days must promise publication.

## NOVENA TO ST. JUDE

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world now and forever.

Oh Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us.

St. Jude worker of miracles, pray for us.

Helper of the hopeless, pray for us.

Say this prayer nine times a day, by the eighth day the prayer will be answered.

It has never been known to fail.

## 1ST ANNIVERSARY

### IN LOVING MEMORY OF MARY BARRY



TRALEE ROAD,  
KILLARNEY, CO. KERRY  
WHO PASSED AWAY ON  
21ST DECEMBER 2021

*In life we loved you dearly  
In death we love you still  
In our hearts you hold a place  
No one else will fill.*

*There is always a face before us  
A voice we would love to hear  
A smile we will always remember  
Of an Auntie we loved so dear.*

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