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EDITOR'S NOTE

With the countdown to Christmas in full swing....we have packed magazine for you this week. Retailers, hairdressers, beauty therapists and gyms in the town opened their doors this week after a six week lockdown with restaurants and gastro pubs preparing to

open today. The pages of this week's Killarney Outlook are filled with fantastic offers and ideas for Christmas from our loyal advertisers and I encourage each and every one of you to shop local this Christmas. Now more than ever our local businesses need our help.

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Busy streets of Killarney as Level 5 Covid 19 restrictions are lifted and we open up for Christmas. PICTURE:MARIE CARROLL-O'SULLIVAN

Killarney springs back to life as retail reopens this week

Killarney town was buzzing this week following the reopening of retail shops in the town.

With the countdown to Christmas well and truly on, shoppers were out and about picking up gifts and most importantly shopping locally.

Business owners in the town have welcomed the reopening, having spent the last six weeks closed.

Restaurants and Gastro Pubs are set to open today, Friday 4th December also just in time for the Christmas Season.

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DRIVE THRU BAKE SALE FOR RECOVERY HAVEN

A drive thru bake sale in aid of Recovery Haven will take place at the home of the Leen Family in Arabella, Ballymacelligott on Saturday next, December 12th.

Kate Leen along with her sons Harvey and Sam are hosting the charity fundraiser in memory of their beloved husband and father David who passed away earlier this year.

All proceeds from the Drive Thru Bake Sale will go towards Recovery Haven Kerry Cancer Support House who were a huge support to Kate and the boys during David's illness. All the baking will be made locally and there will be €5 Boxes, €10 boxes, Kids treat Boxes and will include homemade buns, cakes, pastries and breads.

The event will follow COVID guidelines and all collections are outside and Kate asks that everyone would drive in the left and exit out the right of the house.



STILL TIME TO DONATE

to the Christmas Together Campaign

The Christmas Together Campaign which was launched at Killarney Garda Station by Garda Brendan Donovan and his colleagues is now in its final week.

"We are asking members of the community to to donate something to remind the nurses, carers, health care workers and residents of nursing homes that we are all in this together" Garda Donovan told Killarney Outlook.

"COVID-19 has been difficult for everyone but hopefully the gifts will raise the spirits of many who have been affected by the pandemic", he added. Items suggested include puzzles, candles, slippers, hats, scarves, gloves, blankets and knitting wool and needles. Items can be dropped into Killarney Garda Station where their will be sterilised and isolated for a number of days before being donated to local centres in Killarney.





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In her column with the Killarney Outlook - Marie takes to the highways and byways meeting locals and telling their story

Amidst the surreal time that is Covid19, I sat and my piano and 'Together Apart' came out!

Marie catches up with vocalist Grace Foley

This week I met up with contemporary female vocalist Grace Foley who is from Fossa. Grace attended Fossa NS & St Brigid's Presentation College throughout her schooling years in Killarney.

Grace began singing at a young age through the Royal Irish Academy and sang also with The Church of Resurrection Choir under Carmella Sheehy & Paul O'Ray. She then went on to study Classical Performance with the late Aine Nic Ghabhann.

With the support of the Arts Council Ireland, Grace Foley has recorded 'Goodbye to Dublin'. The song tells of the breakdown of a relationship in the midst of the happiness of Christmas. "I wasn't a writer at all Marie but I really wanted to try. I had many pieces that I had half written but I wasn't happy enough with them. My husband John O'Sullivan said I needed to write from personal experience, tell a story from the heart. I said 'John I can tell a story about heart break but it's not about you'. 'That's grand' he said 'I'm delighted the heartbreak is not about me' and that Marie is how 'Goodbye to Dublin' was born. It was a break up for me at Christmas time. It really made me relate to how all can be bright and merry over the festive season but inside that light and joy is quenched.

Christmas is wonderful but also a time that can be difficult for many" Grace explained. The track 'Goodbye to Dublin' was recorded at Ventry Recording Studio Balbriggan where it was produced by Brian Connor who also plays piano on the song. The other incredibly talented musicians featured are Dave McCune (percussion), Kevin Rowe (guitar) and Sebastien Petiet (violin). The beautiful video was captured by NothinToFancy Productions at the stunning St. Mary's Cathedral, Killarney, Co. Kerry.

I agreed. Everyone in some shape or form can relate to a break up and the feelings that go with it. The single featured on Grace's new EP which is available online at gracefoley.ie for just €8 accompanied by 4 other great songs including Silent Night & Santa Baby.

Grace was a busy lady regardless throughout Covid19 and continued to perform throughout the pandemic on her online concerts titled, 'Live From My Living Room'. In May 2020 Grace sang live on RTE's TV show 'Today' with Daithi O Se and Maura Derrane who described her



performance as 'fantastic' and 'like nothing they had had before'.

I was particularly impressed with Grace's pandemic related single 'Together Apart' which she wrote and I also wanted to ask her about the beautiful concert she performed with popular local pianist Noel O'Sullivan at an empty St Mary's Cathedral for us all to view on live stream, a time the cathedral doors were closed to the public.

Would you believe it Marie amidst the surreal time that is Covid19, I sat and my piano and 'Together Apart' came out! I have found with writing you truly have to write and sing from the heart.

The words and melody reach right into your heart and provide solace & comfort. The vocal was recorded in my wardrobe. I know, the wardrobe Marie. The quality of recording over zoom or the phone was very poor so Dave McCune sent me a proper voice recorder in the post.

The wardrobe was the best place, for home made acoustics, in a pandemic. The whole accompanying track was recorded and brought together by Dave McCune at Ventry Recording Studio, Balbriggan, Dublin, Ireland. It came together beautifully and I have had amazing feedback.

My concert with Noel at St Mary's was simply wonderful. I have so many connections with the Cathedral and it was unbelievable to be inside those doors when no one else

could. Noel was fantastic. I closed my eyes and imagined the Cathedral was packed to capacity and enjoyed every minute of performing. At one point Noel was doing a solo and I stepped aside. There was a white feather on the floor beside me. I knew what it represented so the next song I sang, in my mind, was sang for my grandparents. I have kept the feather. How random and how special". Grace said.

Grace Foley is taking part in "A Ray of Hope" concert which will take place on Sunday 20th December at the Cathedral where members of Killarney International Choir. The concert will of course be streamed live on Killarneyparish.com, and on Facebook live.

Free entry to the Cathedral on the night but entry will be by ticket only. In line with COVID 19 regulations a limited amount of tickets will be available in the Parish office and the Friary Shop where a small donation greatly appreciated for the night! "I can't wait Marie. I am so looking forward to it and was thrilled to be asked".

Thank you for taking the time out to chat Grace Foley.

PICTURE MARIE CARROLL-O'SULLIVAN FOR GOGGLEVOX WITH THE KILLARNEY OUTLOOK AT THE INTERNATIONAL HOTEL.

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PAUL HANDS OVER HIS CHAIN AS NIAL TAKES THE HELM AT THE CHAMBER



Creating new history: Outgoing Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce President Paul Sherry (left) passes on the chains of office to his successor Cllr Niall Kelleher at the Monk of Innisfallen sculpture on East Avenue Road, Killarney.

PICTURE: DON MACMONAGLE

AS his two-year term as President of Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce draws to a close, businessman Paul Sherry said Brexit and Covid-19 provided an unfortunate backdrop to his tenure but he focused on ensuring that chamber kept doing what it does best to keep the show on the road.

Despite the major challenges, he said there were a number of key projects worked on during the pandemic that ensured Killarney's great reputation was not only maintained but enhanced.

"We have been engaged in the Wild Atlantic Gateway project with Fáilte Ireland, Kerry County Council, the National Parks and Wildlife Service, hoteliers and vintners and a host of other stakeholders in developing a plan to help further develop Killarney as a world class, sustainable tourist destination into the future," Mr Sherry said.

"The plan is nearing completion and sign-off by all stakeholders is expected prior to Christmas. This project has the potential to greatly improve Killarney's standing and to remain the world class destination we know it to be," the outgoing president said.

Mr Sherry said joint campaigns with the Kerry Tourism Industry Federation and Fáilte Ireland

were contributing factors to a very good summer season Killarney managed to salvage during the pandemic.

"We were informed by Fáilte Ireland that the top two go-to destinations for staycations following lockdown were Killarney and Galway," he confirmed. Key projects undertaken in 2020 included the formation of the Kerry Tourism Industry Federation which has been a resounding success.

"When we were asked to nominate a representative for the board of the organisation we were fortunate to have Pat O'Leary, the former managing director of Liebherr Container Cranes Ltd, to come forward. He has assumed the role of chairman of the board and is giving us a strong voice within," he said.

Earlier in the year Killarney Chamber obtained a seat at the table of the Irish Tourism Industry Confederation, in association with its partners on the Kerry branch of the Irish Hotels' Federation and Kerry Airport.

"This is the high altar of Irish tourism and it represents an important step for Killarney. We are fortunate to be represented here by Niamh O'Shea who keeps us updated and ensures our voice is heard within this important body," Mr Sherry said.

With the onset of Covid-19 and the pandemic, the chamber became involved with the Kerry Business and Economic Stakeholders Forum, set up by Kerry County Council Chief Executive Moira Murrell, to address the challenges the pandemic was presenting for business and to plan for a recovery and exit from the crisis.

"This forum is ongoing and has moved from biweekly meetings to monthly meetings as the challenges have been tackled. During this period, we have continued to work with our partners in Kerry County Council and the Killarney Municipal District," the outgoing president said.

Lobbying has become a very important part of the chamber's role in recent times and members have been consistently meeting with TDs, councillors and all the other groups on behalf of the town.

"Chamber was especially pleased to be able to invest in excess of €30,000, supported by Kerry County Council, in the Space marketing campaign – promoting the great outdoors – and it achieved a social media audience reach of nearly 800,000 and the overall campaign had a total online reach of 5.7 million impressions.

The chamber spearheaded two important surveys this year – Let's Talk About Town and the Killarney Visitor Sentiment 2020 – to determine public attitudes in all aspects of Killarney life and the key findings will prove very useful when addressing what the people of Killarney and visitors want and expect from the town. Mr Sherry welcomed the great progress that has been made in the development of the walking trail and car park at Tomies Wood and the fact that work has started on the Flesk cycleway and walkway. In his address at the virtual annual general meeting of the organisation, Mr Sherry remarked: "Becoming President of Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce was never on my radar. It is not something that one seeks out or that you put your hand up for, nor is it something that should be taken lightly.

"Once you are selected you quickly realise that it is a very important role and just how important Killarney is as a business town and at the high altar of tourism, both within the county and nationally.

The new President of Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce is Cllr Niall Kelleher, a Killarney businessman who is also an elected member of Kerry County Council for the Killarney Municipal District.

Mr Kelleher, whose term officially commenced on January 1 next, was proposed by insurance broker John Healy and seconded by hotelier Bernadette Randles.

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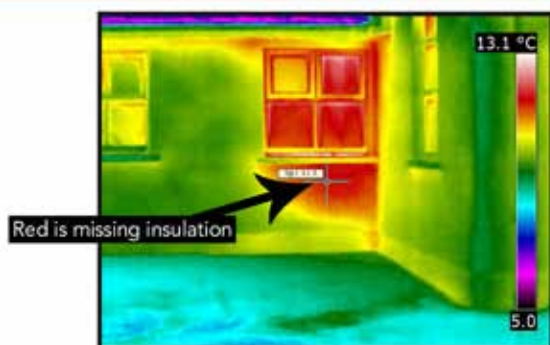
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"I'm dancing 50 years come next May Marie. I began when I was 4"



Marie chats with David Rea of Celtic Steps

I had been following the updates online at MC Construction and how the renovations at Killarney Race Course were coming along.

I later read the announcement in the Killarney Outlook of the 12 performances funded by the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport & Media set to take place at the Gleneagle INEC Arena in December. It came as no surprise to me that our very own Celtic Steps was one of the gigs, so I took some time this week to catch up with David Rae.

Dying for nosey I arrived at Killarney Race Course complete with mask. I don't know about you but I'm finding myself returning to the car less often these days to retrieve the forgotten mask. Isn't it strange how we adapt so quickly? I can't wait to adapt in reverse can you??

"We've spent over €300,000 in here Marie and to look at it you wouldn't see a cent of that. The venue for Celtic Steps is now entirely sound proof, new windows, new doors, the works Marie" David explained. I did notice a huge difference. Fair enough not in appearance but definitely a less hollow feel which could only

mean an improvement in acoustics too. "It'd make a great nite club David". He laughed but I was half serious. Oh to be on a dance floor anywhere!

"Let's start from the very beginning David. Of you go" I said. "I'm dancing 50 years come next May Marie. I began when I was 4. My sister Annette used to dance so I did too and I never stopped. I suppose I got lucky really. Usually by the time you'd hit your 30's you'd graduate to Sean Nós or Set Dancing. I used to teach for 15 years which is something I gave great thought to returning to during the pandemic as I have been without work for over 9 months now" David said.

Performing arts has been hit so badly. I wondered how the cast of Celtic Steps were getting on. "So many of our great dancers at Celtic Steps have been with us since the word 'Go' Marie. We have a fantastic dancer with us called Sean Dows from Motherwell. A 7 time World Irish Dancing Champion. I bring the comedy element to Celtic Steps Marie. You won't see me dancing along side the likes of Sean for the night, oh no. The old fat guy makes an appearance for 30 second bursts. It's like riding a bike, you never forget" David laughed. "From the age of 16 I had some amazing years dancing abroad. This was all pre Riverdance. We used to travel with Comhaltas world wide. I have the best memories of that. It continued into my 20's and on occasion since. I remember well that night the famous Riverdance performance took place at the Eurovision in 1994. I was working at Killarney Manor (1990-2001) entertaining the tourist who had booked in. No one could ever have imagined Irish dancing with your arms out. Only Michael Flatley could have carried it off. He made Irish dancing so cool, especially for boys. What was there not to like.... lots of girls and you were getting paid too!!" David laughed. "It's a pity he wasn't around to make it cool when I attended The Green CBS in Tralee. I might have won the biggest competition with the biggest trophy ever but I'd go to school praying it wouldn't be printed in the local papers for the boys to see. I'd be destroyed. You see Marie now a days the men wear slim fit chinos when dancing. Back in my day we all wore kilts. Do you understand where I'm coming from?? Oh stop it, the whistles and screams I'd get if walking through the town on my way to work at whatever venue was hilarious. The laugh was on the other side of their faces though when they'd be asking me to give them a few tips on waltzing for their weddings" David joked.

"So how did Celtic Steps begin David"? I asked. "Myself & Sean Murphy from Abbeyfeale set up

Celtic Steps in 2011. We began doing shows at the Gleneagle Hotel in the Mangerton Suite, now called the Acoustic Club. All our dancers & musicians were Kerry based. We succeeded in testing the market and we were delighted with the outcome. The management at the hotel saw potential in us I suppose and asked us to move venue to the INEC. I won't lie to you Marie it was a night I will never forget. Can you imagine 49 people in the INEC and I was the narrator. That was the first and last time there was 49 people at a Celtic Steps performance. The next night there were 450 people in attendance. The hotel saw potential in us and we grew from there".

"And what have you been up to for the last 9 months David? It can't have been easy"? I tried the housework, cooking & cleaning etc but I'm not one for staying at home Marie. I walk into town most days for a coffee at Lir and meet up with Billy Tangney. Our paths cross regularly with all our tour bookings pre Covid" David said. We both agreed that Billy Tangney had done an amazing job on the Christmas Tree lights at the Cathedral this year. "I hadn't played golf in over 10 years Marie so I took that up again too. I really don't think the golf courses should have been closed this time round. I can see from Ross Golf Course here that its a major outlet for the members" David continued.

As we got ready for David's snap he told me that he was heading off after, to meet up with the tech crew at the Gleneagle, for the new gig which was due to take place this month and how great it was to have something to look forward to. "We're a 9 piece band Marie and we have combined the people from both our Killarney & Tralee shows for our performance on Saturday. I'm really looking forward to the buzz again".

The subject of taking the vaccine for Covid 19 arose as I left. "Would you take it David" I asked. "I surely would Marie. I'm not going to wait to see if someone grows a third ear resulting the vaccine. I think going forward it will be a stamp on our health passport and will assist greatly in opening up the world again. And before you put away your notebook Marie can I just say thank you. To say Sean & I were humbled by the astounding response we had from the people of Killarney when the possibility arose of Celtic Steps being no more. We are forever grateful. We did not seek that but I can tell you from the bottom of my heart, thank you to the supportive people of Killarney. We hope we will always remain a cog in the tourism wheel of the community of Killarney".

PICTURE MARIE CARROLL-O'SULLIVAN FOR GOGGLEVOX WITH THE KILLARNEY OUTLOOK.

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Luxurious Kerry castle sells for €4.5 million



One of the largest country residential property sales in Ireland this year took place in Kerry.

This week, Savills confirmed the sale of An Cúla – a luxurious castle property situated on the edge of Kenmare Bay in County Kerry, Ireland.

The sale, which was agreed at a price close to the asking figure of €4.5m, represents one of the largest country property transactions in Ireland this year.

An Cúla – a former ‘tea folly’ house – sits on 4.5-acres of land overlooking the stunning setting of Kenmare Bay and was meticulously renovated late 90’s after it was purchased by UK entrepreneur and business man, Kevin Reardan. The 9,000 sq. ft. property is located amongst vast Coillte forest lands and has been often described as one of Ireland’s best kept secrets due to its

hidden nature – a feature that attracted its new owner. Most definitely not your typical fairy-tale castle, An Cúla was designed and decorated to ensure its residents have a full authentic castle experience. In other words, to believe that it existed in a long forgotten era with its moat, drawbridge, castellated entrance, stained glass windows and cut stone staircase which serves all five storeys to include a top floor living room with domed frescoed ceiling and magnificent terrace to inhale the amazing views over Kenmare bay with the Caha mountain backdrop. Modern luxuries such as a leisure basement with heated swimming pool, steam room and sauna, a lift serving all floors, full Bose sound system throughout and an extensive gas fired central heating system all remind you of its actual age. The extensive use of material in silk padded walls, bed canopies and sumptuous drapes and

curtains certainly portray the historic theme to the building, together with extensive use of cut stone fireplaces and oak and cherrywood panelling and carpentry throughout.

The octangular conservatory has superb views of the bay and over the purpose built harbour with deep water quay and floating marina.

The outgoing custodians certainly had an excellent eye for detail and their wide-ranging knowledge of building and construction is evident throughout this project.

The lucky new owner plans to spend a large part of the year at An Cúla where he plans to entertain overseas guests and business associates as well as being able to appreciate some down time in this luxurious haven.

Letters sent with love to Nursing Home Residents

Kindhearted students from Second and Third class in Scoil Bhríde, Loreto National School were busy during the week writing letters to some of the residents of St Columbanus Community Hospital, Killarney. The class, led by their teacher, Mr. Pádraig O’Sullivan acknowledged the effect that the Covid 19 restrictions were having on the residents and decided that this would be a nice way for a little bit of happiness to be brought to their day!

“Some 32 letters along with questionnaires based on school Long ago, made their way to the community hospital where they were kept in quarantine for a number of days. They were then distributed to some of the residents who were thrilled to receive them”, Mr. O’Sullivan told

Killarney Outlook.

“The questionnaires will form part of a history project and will be enclosed in a time capsule to be opened on Christmas week 2050!

The boys and girls were delighted to be involved in this lovely project and they really benefitted from the development of their letter writing skills”, he added.

All other classes in the school are also working hard to create beautiful pieces of Christmas art and producing a musical performance which can be viewed by the residents online. These will be gifted to the residents and staff in the coming week.

A huge thanks to all the staff in St. Columbanus Community Hospital for making this project possible.



The school will also be taking part in the Christmas Together Campaign led by local Gardaí. A no uniform day will be held on Friday and all money raised will

be used to buy Christmas gifts for the residents of local nursing homes.



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In her column with the Killarney Outlook - Marie takes to the highways and byways meeting locals and telling their story

“Really and truly it’s better to get the parcels and letters off early this year... **it’s 2020 after all Anything could happen!!**”

Marie chats with An Post staff in their Christmas Hut

‘And if we have a minute why don’t we go? Talk about it somewhere only we know. So why don’t we go... somewhere only we know?’ ~ Lily Allen, John Lewis Christmas advert.

This week, I bring you an exclusive viewing of the An Post Christmas Hut. For the eyes of An Post personnel normally but there is nothing normal about 2020 which actually went in my favour this time!

The Christmas Hut at the rear of Killarney Post Office is an outdoor sanctuary like no other for these busy bees at Christmas, established in 2015 by Mary O’Shea. I think it’s important to note that these girls and their colleagues have worked hard throughout both lockdowns and this lengthy pandemic, giving an essential service daily within our community. It is far more than a sanctuary they deserve. December is usually a very busy time of year at Killarney Post Office outside of Covid19 so I was thrilled with my special invitation to visit the Christmas Hut at Killarney Post Office to Gogglevox and sincerely grateful to the girls for their time.

Our ‘clickity-click’ nature of ordering is something we’ve become accustomed to. In some ways the pandemic has brought our community closer together. Many of our local business now visit the post office daily to remain trading.

“It all began with a 4 inch Christmas decoration Marie” Anne explained. I was intrigued. “A Christmas tree that Mary made at home whilst practising with her new sewing machine. Can you see there? (photo enlarged) There’s a tiny nail on the wall?? Mary hung up the miniature tree on a nail hook and every year since each member of staff has added to our winter wonderland. On a very busy day, it’s a delight, especially as the evenings close in and it looks all sparkly. Myself, my husband Donald & daughter Zarah absolutely love Christmas Marie. We update our Christmas decorations at home every year so we add to the outdoor Post Office Christmas Hut as a result” Anne explained.

“It’s been crazy busy Marie. People have been great throughout the pandemic, sending care packages to loved ones abroad and relatives in



Ireland who they are missing dearly. So many of our local business are selling online now. We’ve gotten to know more people in the community because of this. We are missing our pensioners but we are glad everyone is taking precaution. The hut is a gift when the going gets tough. Its a breather to have a cup of coffee and be just be outdoors” Mary said. “And it’s good that Anne Clifford doesn’t like the heat because some wouldn’t stay out here for too long in the winter” Mary laughed. “Oh the heat doesn’t suit me Marie. But haven’t we the boiler house right beside us here Mary? Isn’t that enough heat for you?” Anne replied. “To be fair we don’t get to sit here long enough to get cold Marie” Mary joked. Mary O’Shea is 26 years working with Killarney Post Office and Anne Clifford has 16 years under her belt. “So do the postmen get to enjoy the hut over the festive season girls?” I asked. “They don’t” Anne replied. “They don’t have time anyway Marie”. “We better go back in Marie, our break is nearly over” Mary said. “Two more mins there Mary, you’re too indispensable to be given a P45 at this time of year” I replied.

“We will be opening at 8:30am for the final 3 Friday’s leading up to Christmas Marie and working a full day each Saturday instead of our usual half day too. Stamps are €26 for 20 National & 5 International and don’t worry we have An Post festive envelopes & boxes for those who are unsure how to send their items. We will look after them.” Mary explained. Most

informative. Good to know ladies thank you.

Before I left, I wanted to ask about Santa’s Post Box. He spoke about it in last weeks Gogglevox and checks in with Geraldine, his helper, every week when he returns with the replies to all the letters that he has received from the children of Killarney. “It’s so exciting to see the children coming in to post their Santa letters. That’s what makes Christmas” Anne said.

“We’re all doing extra hours for the month of December Marie but we have three new staff on board so it’s all systems go behind the counter” Mary told me. On that note I said I’d better let the girls get back to work.

“Just to let everyone know the deadline for International posting is 7th December” Anne said as she buzzed me out the gate of the An Post Winter Wonderland “But really & truly it’s better to get the parcels and letters off early this year.... it’s 2020 after all Marie. Anything could happen!!” Anne laughed.

Never a truer word Anne. Thank you for having me Anne Clifford & Mary O’Shea. My pleasure entirely.

L-R Anne Clifford & Mary O’Shea and Mandy Lyne at Santa’s Post Box which is located at the exit door of the Post Office.

PICTURE MARIE CARROLL-O’SULLIVAN FOR GOGGLEVOX WITH THE KILLARNEY OUTLOOK

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A Ray of Hope

A feast of Christmas songs, reading and reflections will be held in St. Mary's Cathedral Killarney on Sunday December 20th at 7.30p.m. 'Killarney International Choir presents 'A Ray of Hope' which will also be streamed live on Killarneyparish.com, and on Facebook live.

Among the performers will be Grace Foley, Killarney Golf Club Choir, Foley Sisters. Free entry, entry by ticket only. In line with COVID 19 regulations a limited amount of tickets will be available in the Parish office and the Friary Shop - a small donation greatly appreciated for the night!

Pictured at St Mary's Cathedral for the launch of "A Ray of Hope" concert which will take place on Sunday 20th December at the Cathedral were members of Killarney International Choir L-R Paul O'Raw, Maura Horgan, Sheila Casey, Liam Barry & Deirdre Carroll. PICTURE:MARIE CARROLL-O'SULLIVAN

Jessica welcomes you to *A Relaxing Retreat*



Local therapist Jessica Horgan is delighted to announce the recent opening of her treatment room based in Kilcummin, offering Reflexology and Massage treatments such as Swedish Massage, Deep Tissue Massage and Indian Head Massage.

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throughout Ireland and providing hands on training to therapists in treatments.

On opening her own treatment room Jessica hopes to share her experience and knowledge with clients to provide much needed relaxation with the therapeutic treatments she provides. Especially at a time such as this, where anxiety and stress is elevated, Jessica hopes to offer relief with treatments such as Reflexology and Massage providing much needed self care to aid overall health and well being. Reflexology and Massage relieve stress and tension, aid better sleep and help bring the body back into balance. Following a personal consultation, Jessica will tailor the treatment to suit your specific needs.

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Christmas Bonus will be paid to Kerry social welfare and PUP recipients this year - Griffin

Deputy Government Chief Whip, Brendan Griffin TD said: "I am pleased to say that the full Christmas Bonus will be paid to social welfare recipients in Kerry the week beginning 7th December. This year, due to the challenges of COVID-19, the Christmas bonus will also be paid to recipients of the Pandemic Unemployment Payment.

"This was confirmed to me by my colleague the Minister for Social Protection, Heather Humphreys, who has announced the details of the largest ever Christmas Bonus.

"As always, people on long term social welfare benefits such as pensioners, people with disabilities, carers and lone parents will receive the 100% Christmas bonus.

"Those who have been in receipt of the

Pandemic Unemployment Payment (PUP) continuously or otherwise - for at least 4 months (17 weeks) since March will also receive the Christmas Bonus this year.

"Minister Humphreys has also taken care to ensure that anyone returning to work next week as restrictions ease, will not be excluded from the Christmas Bonus. Any person in receipt of PUP for any one day from Friday 27th November to Thursday 3rd December will still receive the Christmas Bonus provided they also meet the 17 week requirement. So anyone returning to work this Monday or Tuesday will still receive the Christmas Bonus as they worked at least one day during the said period.

"The same criteria is also being applied to those on Jobseeker's payments, who in previous years

would have only received the Bonus if they had been out of work for at least 15 months", Deputy Griffin concluded. Announcing the record Christmas Bonus, Minister Humphreys urged people to spend it locally in order to support small businesses: "Christmas brings many extra financial pressures and I am particularly pleased to provide a 100% Christmas Bonus this year for over 1.6 million people.

"I would strongly encourage people to spend their Christmas Bonus locally this year and support our local shops and businesses in our towns and villages throughout the country. This will be a €390 million injection into the Irish economy at a time when many small businesses will be reopening their doors as restrictions are eased."

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Little Katie O'Flaherty from Ballymac turns on the Christmas tree lights at the Ballygarry House Hotel Christmas Tree lighting ceremony on Friday, with their special guests the O'Flaherty family from Ballymac. L to r: Thomas, Rose, Karen and Katie O'Flaherty, Santa Clause. Padraig and Carmel McGillicuddy, Aoise Healy,

Every year Ballygarry invites locals and guests to attend a "Turning on the Lights ceremony" where guests come out for an evening of Mulled Wine, Mince pies & Music and of course Santa Claus was there to meet all the young girls & boys. This year of course was different.

"We knew it was going to be different this year as unfortunately due to COVID this event was not allowed to go ahead. So the team here came up with a wonderful idea. We ran a recent Facebook competition to pick one lucky family to come out and meet Santa and also turn on the Ballygarry Tree lights. We also wanted to kick off some Christmas goodwill & raise money for local charity Enable Ireland – so we collaborated

with our Facebook and Instagram followers and donated one Euro per shares and we got a great response raising over €800 for Enable Ireland which my niece, Aoise Healy is very involved in", Padraig McGillicuddy told Killarney Outlook.

The famous Ballygarry Christmas tree has become well known in Tralee & surrounding areas due to its location into Tralee & Kerry and its size. Remaining very upbeat through this second lockdown Padraig McGillicuddy - "A beacon for hope in such a difficult year & a shining light for 2021 to lift everyone from the COVID gloom and get everyone in the Christmas spirit".

"We are looking forward to a busy December & re-opening our hotel so we can get our full team of staff back into work", he added.

€1.6 million ICT grant funding for Kerry schools

Minister for Education and Kerry TD Norma Foley has this week announced over €1.6 million in Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Grants for Kerry primary and post-primary schools to be paid in early December, 2020.

Minister Foley said: "We are all aware of the importance of digital learning and skills in our modern world, and I am delighted to announce this funding to equip our schools for this purpose. This funding will allow Kerry schools to purchase the digital devices and technologies that their students need. Approximately 162 schools in Kerry will benefit from this funding.

"This funding can be used to purchase equipment such as projectors and tablets or to support the use of online learning platforms. These grants will be automatically issued to all primary, special and post-primary schools in early December. Grants are paid on the basis of school type and enrollment.

"For example, a 60 pupil primary school will receive €4,365 and a 300 pupil school will receive up to €12,475.

"In the case of a post-primary school this will consist of a €2,000 basic grant plus €43.26 per mainstream student and €47.58 per student in DEIS schools (as of 30 September 2019).

"A 500 student school will receive up to €36,880 and a 1,000 student school would receive up to €62,560.

"This year's extended period of school closure has served to underscore the immense value of education and its power in our children and young people's lives. Funding of this scale can really make a difference to a school and its students.

Maine Valley Turkey Gobbler 2020



The Maine Valley Family Resource Centre in Castlemaine partnering with Happy Valley

Childcare, present a Virtual Turkey Gobbler Fundraiser for 2020. The Event launches at 2pm this Sunday, 6th December virtually via Zoom and Facebook.

The limited number of 500 - €5 Turkey Gobbler Tickets go on Sale this weekend and the usual Community Volunteers will have them for Sale or you can e-mail turkeygobbler2020@gmail.com

. Tickets can be purchased from a staff member or management committee at the Community Centre – Telephone 066-9767833. Follow them on Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/maine.valley.9/> The main attraction is the opportunity for people to take part in the Maine Valley Family Centre's fund-raising initiative, aptly named the Turkey Gobbler Christmas Raffle. The winner collects €500 ideally timed for New Year 2021 on Sunday 10th January. The draw for the prize is always great fun, involving children and parents in a grid floor game to uncover the winning ticket and THE WINNER! The game starts at 2pm.

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It's Christmas In Killarney



Let the season begin... Cathaoirleach of the Killarney Municipal District Cllr Brendan Cronin, with Killarney Municipal District Manager Angela McAllen, and President of the Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce, Paul Sherry, at the virtual switching on of the Christmas Lights in Killarney town on Sunday night. PHOTO: VALERIE O'SULLIVAN

Killarney town has pulled out all the stops for the much anticipated festive season.

This week the people of Killarney welcomed a wonderful display of colour and magic after a very difficult year for so many, in Killarney and around the world. The much anticipated 2020 Christmas lights were 'virtually' switched on in Killarney on Sunday night by Cathaoirleach of Killarney Municipal District Councillor, Brendan Cronin, assisted by Killarney Municipal District Manager Angela McAllen and President of Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce, Paul Sherry. The Country was in Level 5 on Sunday, so the normal excitement of the Christmas in Killarney Magic Parade was confined to just a few people out walking who were just lucky to experience the magic even as the eerie fog descended in the town centre. It definitely added to the atmosphere in town. Kerry County Council is delighted to share with those at home and those away a short video of the lights and a very special message from our Cathaoirleach Councillor Brendan Cronin. This year has taught us the importance of the outdoors and our public space and the Looking Good Committee have raised the bar in enhancing our public space with a number of Christmas lighting pieces. Light and colour play such an important part in lifting our mood these are sure to catch the eye as you walk around our

town. "The turning on of the Christmas lights is always a very important night for all of us. It is always a night enjoyed by each and every one of us as it welcomes in the Christmas season, and our town puts on a great spectacle at Christmas, but this year things are very different", Cathaoirleach Councillor Brendan Cronin told Killarney Outlook.

"It's been a very challenging year for all of us. We've missed meeting friends and family and marking those important events in our own and our families lives, but we are getting through it together and there's finally hope on the horizon with a vaccine and we will, with God's help persevere through this", he added.

This Christmas it is very important to remember to buy local and support local businesses. These are the businesses and their staff that contribute to making our town what it is. We can see their resilience when we walk the streets admiring the window displays and Christmas lighting. They have excelled themselves with their lights and creativity, all for you to enjoy as you wander through the town. "We must not let our guard down over the Christmas period. We must ensure to continue to keep up the standards, maintain social distancing, keep washing our hands and practice cough etiquette. It is critically important to keep ourselves and our families safe", Cllr. Cronin said. "We must deliver compassion and empathy in spades to

those around us. We must remember the more vulnerable in our community, those living alone and particularly those who have not seen family and friends in the last number of months. This has been an extremely difficult time for them and I am appealing to every one of you to make an extra effort to pick up the phone and make that contact to check in and say a friendly hello. And last but not least I was delighted to get confirmation from the main man himself Santa that he has gotten the green light to fly. The elves have been working extremely hard all year and like all of you it has been extremely difficult but the final preparations are underway. Everything is ready for Santa Claus to call to all the boys and girls on Christmas Eve.

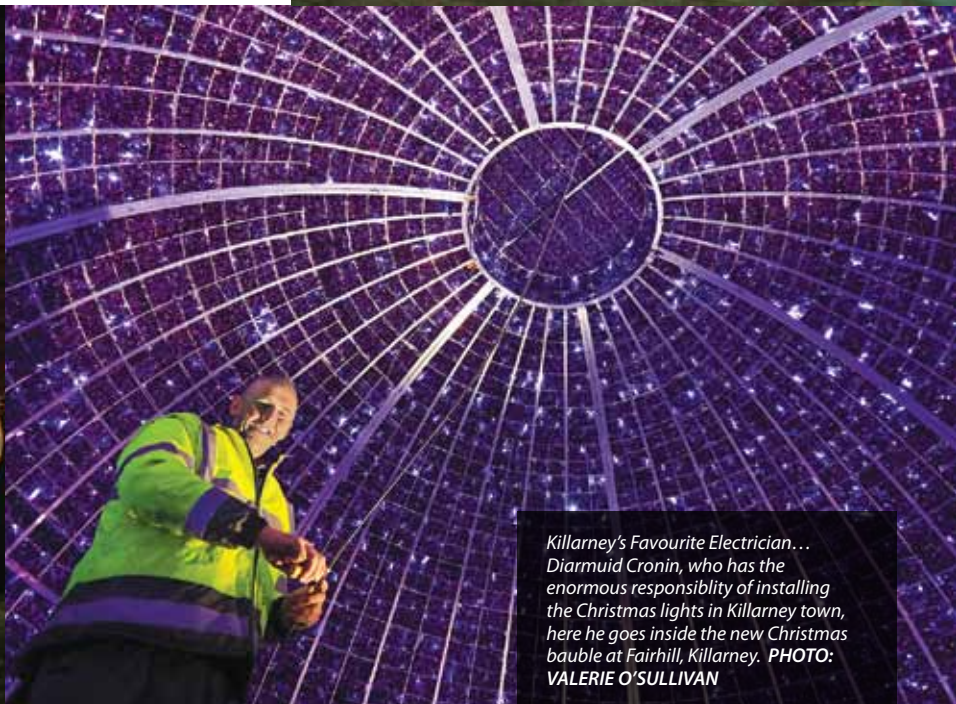
I'm delighted to be turning on the Christmas lights tonight. I know while many of you are missing the atmosphere and celebration of the turning on, I'm sure you will see them over the next 5 weeks. We fully understand the sacrifices each person in our community has made this year and Kerry County Council, the Chamber of Tourism & Commerce and the Looking Good Committee have worked to add an extra sparkle to our town to give each and every one of you an extra bit of happiness and joy over the Christmas period. I want to wish everyone a happy, holy, peaceful and enjoyable Christmas and to stay safe".

Festival glow...lighting up the traditional crib on the grounds of St Mary's Church of Ireland, Killarney town centre. PHOTO: VALERIE O'SULLIVAN





First letter to Santa... Cathaoirleach of the Killarney Municipal District Cllr Brendan Cronin, with his Grandson Riain Cronin, posting his first letter to Santa Claus at the virtual switching on of the Christmas Lights in Killarney town on Sunday night. PHOTO: VALERIE O'SULLIVAN



Killarney's Favourite Electrician... Diarmuid Cronin, who has the enormous responsibility of installing the Christmas lights in Killarney town, here he goes inside the new Christmas bauble at Fairhill, Killarney. PHOTO: VALERIE O'SULLIVAN



The Late Late Toy Show 2020 inspires local hotel to give back

The eagerly anticipated Late Late Toy Show 2020 captured the hearts of viewers at home and across the world at the weekend, raising a staggering €6.5 million for The Late Late Toy Show Appeal, with viewers watching from 138 countries.

The show inspired The Europe Hotel to donate 100% of the proceeds from the sales of its much loved mascot, Bertie the Bear, to the Late Late Toy Show Children's Charity Appeal in aid of Children's Health Foundation, Barnardos and Children's Books Ireland.

Priced at €25, Bertie the Bear is so soft and cuddly that you won't want to let him go! Full of character and with a love of travelling, Bertie is 27cm high when sitting down and 42cm from top to toe! Bertie comes with his own Europe Hotel & Resort jumper to keep him warm on his travels.

"We want to spread some joy this Christmas with this perfect cuddly companion and give back to some of Ireland's most important children's charities", a spokesperson for the hotel said.

Bertie the Bear costs €25 and this includes postage & packaging within Ireland and can be purchased from the online Gift Shop at <https://gifts.theeurope.com>.



Everything you need to know on Little Steps, Big Futures

Two Early Years Professionals from Killarney, who recently set up an informative and educational platform for educators, carers, parents and guardians have filled a much needed gap in the market.

Jenny McCarthy and Aoife Murphy both have BA in Early Years and Childhood Studies from UCC are offering their knowledge on social media platforms to everyone who is interested.

"We both have a BA in Early Years Education and wanted to set up an informative and educational platform for educators, carers, parents and guardians", Aoife told Killarney Outlook

"As a result, we also have a Podcast called Little Steps, 'Little Steps, Big Futures' where we have guests and professionals in the areas of Nutrition, Therapies, Teachers, Business Owners and many more", she added.

The girls, who are sisters in law have nine years experience between with Jenny managing a creche in Limerick and Aoife recently managed a Naoinra in Killarney before moving to Washington DC.

"During August we got chatting about the changes in childcare over the years and how there were no real resources out there for parents and guardians so we created the instagram account", Aoife said.

Little Steps, Big Futures cover a range of topics like; setting in, biting, toilet training, screentime, attachments, The childcare schemes available to parents, wages, men in childcare.

With the success of their instagram the girls



decided to start a podcast and to date have invited a number of people who work in childcare to take part. "When you work in childcare you get to know so many different people and often find resources that are not well known for parents", she added.

The girls have covered a wide range of topics to date with different professionals from all aspects of childcare, those include a Nutritionist, a Music Therapist for all ages, a Play Therapist and a couple who had a baby during COVID

They also spoke with a creche owner, a school Principal, Men in Childcare, ASD Preschool

Teacher (Autism Spectrum Disorder) and a Child Psychologist "We received lots of messages about the Music Therapy and the ASD Preschool guests as many parents did not even know these resources existed. Helping spread awareness about the different channels available for children and families is so rewarding", Jenny said. Little Steps, Big Future welcomed a local guest Megan Buckley Heelan who spoke about her sister Mia who has a very rare condition called Chromosome Deletion Syndrome 13q. The response we got from that episode was unreal and because of that we have set up a fundraiser for CUH Children's Charity and Bumbleance both picked by Mia and Megan's family as they are close to their hearts. This week they held a 'Raise awareness day' for this condition using the #wearpurplefor13Q

If you would any more information on Little Steps, Big Future you can follow them on their social media on Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/little_steps_big_futures/?hl=en

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/littlestepsbigfutures/>

Their Podcast Links are: <https://linktr.ee/LittleStepsBigFutures>

And if you would like to donate to their current GoFundMe - you can do so at: https://www.gofundme.com/f/cuh-children039s-charity-amp-bumbleance?utm_medium=copy_link&utm_source=customer&utm_campaign=p_llico+share-sheet



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Bishop Ray welcomes new guidelines

Bishop of Kerry, Ray Browne has welcomed the Taoiseach's announcement on Friday night concerning a relaxation of all the guidelines: congregations are permitted in church, shops are reopening and other activities can recommence. In a statement this week he said, "we will have greater freedom of movement these weeks and over the Christmas. People are struggling and therefore this news and the good news concerning vaccines will help us all. Thank God for NPHET, all our public services, and our government and public representatives. They have served us well in the pandemic. Please give 100% in following the public health guidelines to keep all safe from the corona virus.

The move to Level 3 has given us all a great boost as we begin Advent. As we prepare for Christmas our spirits are lifted. Amid all the material preparations, be sure to prepare to honour the birth of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Put the crib, the marvellous Good News of the incredible mystery of the baby born to Mary in a stable in Bethlehem, at the centre of your Christmas. During the coming week we hope to have a clearer idea of how we will celebrate our Christmas faith in our churches and in our homes. "It will be a quieter Christmas, a simpler Christmas and it will still be a good Christmas. Give priority to the happiness of all children. Their happiness is most important", he added.



FEXCO KERRY HEROES OF 2020

2020 has been a challenging year for everyone in Kerry. Covid19 has affected every aspect of our lives. We've lost loved ones, jobs and missed sports, family and cultural events. It's been a year like no other but through it all many individuals and groups have shown outstanding courage, vision and leadership. They made us especially proud to be from Kerry and as 2020 comes to a close Radio Kerry and Fexco will honour them, with your help, through the Kerry Heroes of 2020 Awards. Each award recipient will receive a specially created 2020 award, crafted and sponsored by Louis Mulcahy Pottery/Potadóireacht na Caolóige, Clogher, Ballyferriter. "We are inviting Radio Kerry listeners to let us know who they consider to be the Kerry Heroes of 2020. It can be a frontline worker, someone in your community or just someone you think deserves to be honoured and thanked. Once all the entries have been received a panel comprising of Radio Kerry and Fexco representatives will

decide on the 2020 recipients. On Wednesday, December 23rd Jerry O'Sullivan will name and honour them on a special Kerry Today programme", Melanie O'Sullivan from Radio Kerry told Killarney Outlook. "We welcome nominations for Kerry Heroes of all ages. Please let us know, in no more than 500 words, who you wish to nominate, along with a photograph if possible by email kerrytoday@radiokerry.ie or by post to Kerry Heroes, Kerry Today, Radio Kerry, Maine Street, Tralee, Co Kerry", she added. Closing date for receipt of nominations is midday on Wednesday, December 16th 2020.



Covid tests offered for travellers to Kerry

KERRY Airport Ireland have teamed up with Bon Secours Hospital Tralee to provide Covid-19 tests for pre and post air travellers in and out of Kerry Airport this Christmas and into the New Year. The 5-step online self-referral tests will be carried out at Bon Secours Hospital Tralee, not at Kerry Airport. The cost of the test will be €80 and after the correct isolation period, to reduce risk of false negatives, the service will provide this essential testing to help keep people safe and reunite those who need somebody this Christmas. To access a test you must complete a self-referral form which can be found on www.bonsecours.ie and click on Covid Tests





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Killarney Kids say Hi to Santa!



Thank you to all the children who sent in their Christmas photos for Santa to see you all this week. Santa Claus is missing all the boys and girls at the weekly Christmas In Killarney Parades and has asked everyone to send their Christmas Selfies to Marie at thelittlememorygallery@gmail.com and we will include them in the Killarney Outlook in the run up to Christmas.

NEW ISSUE OF SLIABH LUACHRA JOURNAL ON SALE

The annual *Sliabh Luachra* journal, which is compiled by Donal Hickey and is sent to exiles in many parts of the world is now on sale. The journal is published by the local history society, Cumann Luachra.

It contains a wide range of articles covering the life and lore of historic Sliabh Luachra and is on sales in shops throughout the area as well as in Killarney and surrounding towns.

Stories of how a visitor from New Zealand to his mother's birthplace in the Gneeveguilla area, in 1959, found himself at the Stations in a local house is one of many outlined in the latest issue of the Sliabh Luachra Journal.

About 60 people were in the house, from babies to ninety-year-olds. He could get no further than the porch where he sank to his knees, chilled from head to toe.

After returning to New Zealand, Michael O'Leary wrote about his experience in his local newspaper. Describing himself as a "warm-weather Christian", he was moved by the piety of the folk at the Station Mass.

"I wondered what sins were committed in this corner of rural Kerry; what would be known of pornographic magazines, suggestive films,

colour bars, abortions, business frauds, immoral books or atheism?," he mused.

When the priests left the house, fiddles were produced, drink started to flow and set dancers were on the floor. "When one (polka) set was puffed out, another eight took the floor and the house rocked to the dancing of reels, jigs, sets and hornpipes," O'Leary recalled.

Still on matters musical, winning the senior fiddle competition at Scartaglen Feile Cheoil, in 1968, was the beginning of close ties with the traditional music of Sliabh Luachra for Matt Cranitch.

Now regarded as a foremost authority on the music of the region, especially that of the renowned fiddle master, Pdraig O'Keeffe, he is also a leading musician on the national scene.

On the day Matt won the fiddle competition in Scartaglen, Jackie Daly won the senior accordion competition. "Little did we realise at the time that, many years later, we would go on to form a music partnership which, indeed, would bring us back to Scartaglen many times," Matt recalls in an article headed My Life and Music.

A native of Rathduff, Co Cork, Cranitch went on to win All-Ireland Fleadh Cheoil titles and



numerous other awards and has performed widely at home and abroad. He also received a PhD from the University of Limerick for his study of the fiddle-playing of Sliabh Luachra. The 112-page journal is now on sale in Killarney and surrounding towns for €12.

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CALL FOR ADDITIONAL COVID TESTING CENTRES

A Kerry County Councillor has renewed his call for additional Covid Testing Centres to be rolled out around the county.

Councillor Michael Cahill said this week "If we are to defeat this horrible threat to our lives and livelihoods, we must track down all cases of the infection that we can physically possibly do". "If people, who own their own transport, find it difficult to organise themselves and their families to do a three to four hour round trip to attend for a three minute test, then many cases of this disease will be missed and lockdown will drag on and on" said a clearly determined Councillor Cahill.

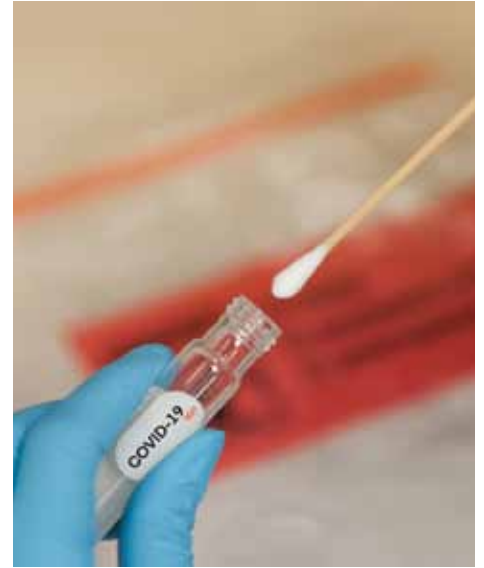
"This is in our own hands and our Health Authorities need to step up and unveil Covid Testing Centres that are accessible to the vast majority of our citizens, not just those in our large towns and cities" stated the Fianna Fáil

Councillor.

"There are also many people who depend on Public Transport to get about, to whom attending the present Testing Centre is indeed testing or almost impossible " stated the Rossbeigh based Councillor.

"I would ask officials to imagine that they are living in Lauragh or Kenmare or anywhere in Iveragh such as Caherdaniel, Ballinskelligs, Waterville, Dromid, Cahersiveen or Valentia for example or in West Kerry and that they, or one of their loved ones are showing symptoms of Covid-19, Imagine the logistics involved in organising a three hour plus round trip for the test, with or without your own transport" asked Councillor Cahill.

"A Test Centre in Tralee is not sufficient for the needs of everybody in Kerry". "We need to increase and roll out as a matter of priority the number of Test Centres to all towns in



our county inclusive of Tralee, Killarney, Cahersiveen, Dingle, Kenmare, Killorglin, Castleisland and Listowel" added Councillor Cahill.

EP votes to make Covid 19 vaccines and testing kits VAT free until 2022 - MEP Kelleher

Fianna Fáil MEP Billy Kelleher has welcomed the recent European Parliament vote to allow member states to apply a zero VAT rate on Covid 19 vaccines and testing kits until 2022. The Ireland South MEP was commenting following the European Parliament's green light to the European Commission's proposal. They will now go to the European Council for final approval.

"This is a common sense, but important, change, and one which I was proud to support when the proposal came before MEPs today.

"No effort should be spared to ensure that vaccinations reach every single citizen in the European Union as quickly as possible. This means keeping costs low, ensuring fast distribution, and coordinating all public authorities.

"Early on in this pandemic, some questioned the value of the European Union, and while there were difficulties, the Union has risen to the challenges facing it both in coordinating, and in removing obstacles to, the response.

"The European Commission has secured hundreds of millions of doses of vaccines,



at cheaper prices than most other countries, due to the size and strength of the Union and its member states.

"Reducing the VAT rate is the next logical step, and one that will make the roll out of a comprehensive vaccine scheme more efficient and cheaper. This is why Ireland's membership of the European Union continues to make sense for our citizens," concluded Kelleher.

Kerry County Councillors seek meeting with Justice Minister to discuss paying of coroner's fees

At Monday's Budget meeting Councillor Michael Cahill proposed that the Council seek an urgent meeting with the Minister for Justice, Helen McEntee in respect of the payment of Coroners salaries, fees and expenses from the carrying out of post-mortems and inquests. Next year this will cost Kerry County Council in excess of €300,000. The Fianna Fail Councillor said the Council should not be liable for this bill as it has nothing to do with Council business and that this funding could and should be spent on the Council's own services such as repairs to Local Authority Houses, heating, roads, etc. "This Council has paid millions of euros over the years for a service that they should not be responsible for and should be reimbursed" stated the Killorglin Councillor. Councillor Cahill's colleagues supported his proposal and the Council agreed to write to Minister McEntee seeking a meeting.



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A strong message of optimism, confidence and solidarity has been issued by the Chairman of Killarney Cycling Club, Mark Murphy, on the occasion of a new three-year sponsorship agreement between the club and local businesses.

In a message to the club titled 'Together for 2021-23: please support our sponsors', Mark said that such a commitment of support in the current trading difficulties was a strong endorsement of the contribution made by the club to the community. In turn, he added, the club will reciprocate by re-doubling its efforts in developing support for all cyclists in the region and by supporting the club's sponsors and shopping locally in general. Mark outlined how the club's inclusive ethos –serving every ability, interest and age group – had made it into one of the most diverse and successful clubs in the country with a large range of activities and achievements in road racing, leisure cycling, mountain-biking and youth development. He stressed that the pandemic must be neither a barrier nor an excuse to stall this progress:

"The Club will plan for whatever 'new normal' we will have to live with. As with many situations in life there is the rough with the smooth and we will embrace the challenge and be determined to make our club function to its maximum and make the most positive impact possible. We will ride our way through the present situation and it will make us into a stronger unit." He also said that the pandemic had seen a lot more people taking up cycling and that the club would be welcoming and supportive for those interested in joining.

Mark's message also contained a call for solidarity and urged members to spend locally: "We know that multinational corporations which deal in on-line trading would not have sponsored us. We also know that, directly or indirectly, we are all part of the bigger club which is the wider Killarney region and it must be our priority to make this sustainable in every respect, from sporting to business and jobs."

The club's headline sponsor for 2021-23 is again KWD (Killarney Waste Disposal) and its other supporters are: Ahern's Garage Castleisland; Aqua Design, Killorglin; Autopoint Motor Group, Tralee; the Big Little Bike Shop, Killarney; Kayne's Bar and Bistro, Killarney; Killarney Coffee Roasters; Killarney Credit Union; Leane's Kitchens and Bedrooms, Killarney; REC-Renewable Energy Centre, Killarney; and the Ross Hotel and the Killarney Park Hotel in Killarney.

The full message can be read on the club's website at [HYPERLINK "http://www.killarneycyclingclub.com/message"](http://www.killarneycyclingclub.com/message)

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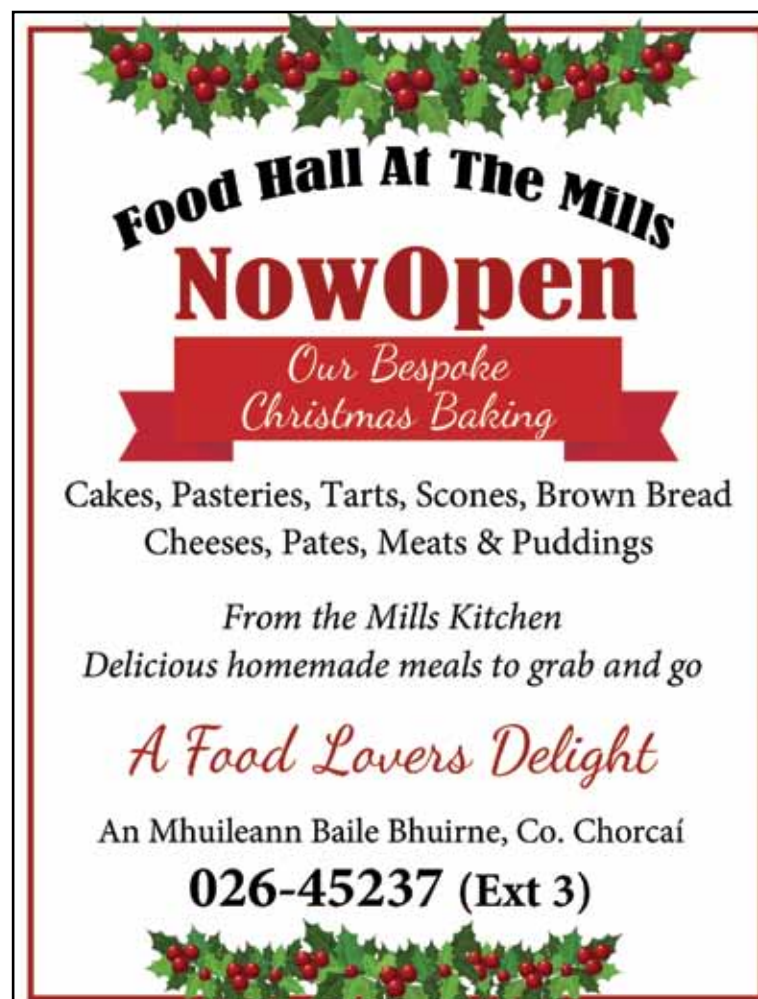


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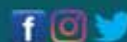
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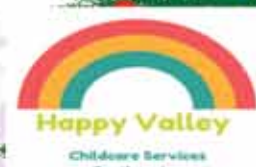
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BER: C3



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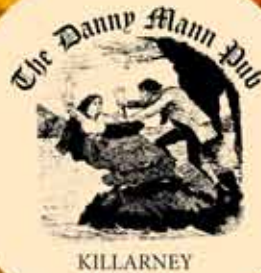
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Atlantic Seafood Chowder (1)(2)(3)(4)(5)(6)(7) €7.50
Selection of fish & shellfish in creamy soup with soda bread.

Vegan Power Bowl (4)(10) €8.50
Mixed leaves, bulgur wheat, quinoa, butternut squash, pomegranate seeds, edamame seeds, orange & shallot dressing.

Warm Goats Cheese Salad (1)(9) €8.50
Grilled goats cheese with baby leaves, beetroot & honey salsa, balsamic reduction.

Chicken and Forest Mushroom Vol Au Vent (1)(2)(4)(5) €8.50
Creamy mushrooms and tender chicken in puff pastry.

Classic Caesar Salad (1)(3)(4)(8)(9) €8.50
Baby gem lettuce, fresh parmesan shavings & croutons.
Big Bowl €11.00
Add Crispy Bacon €1.00
Add Grilled Chicken Pieces €2.00

Spicy Chicken Wings (2)(4)(8) (9)(10) €8.00
Juicy wings with ranch dip.
Big Bowl €12.00

Danny Mann Dirty Fries (1)(8)(9) €7.50
Fries topped with melted cheese and a choice of chili con carne, pepper salsa or bacon bits & garlic mayo.
Big Bowl €10.00

Panko Breaded Calamari (2)(4)(7)(10) €8.50
Crispy squid rings with a classic tomato sauce dip.

Warm Khobez Flatbread (4)(9)(10) €8.00
Served with garlic & chilli hummus, black olive tapenade.

Big Plates

Braised Irish Lamb Shank (1)(2)(5)(10) €21.00
Champ potatoes, root vegetable puree & gravy.

Roast of the Day (1)(2)(5)(10) €16.50
Red wine jus, vegetables & potatoes.

Homemade Beef Lasagne (1)(2)(4)(5)(8)(9) €15.50
A classic served with salad and fries.

Salt and Chili Shredded Chicken (2)(4)(8)(9)(10) €15.50
Spicy coated chicken strips with salad, fries and garlic mayo.

Confit Leg of Barbury Duck (1)(2)(5)(10) €17.95
Gratin potato, braised red cabbage, honey & thyme jus.

Blackened Cajun Salmon (3)(6)(9) €21.00
Sautéed new potatoes, long stem broccoli, samphire, sweet chili citrus dressing.

Traditional Fish and Chips (3)(4)(5)(10) €17.50
Fresh fish in crisp batter with salad & fries.

Beef and Guinness Casserole (1)(2)(4)(5)(10) €16.50
Tender beef & vegetables with colcannon potatoes.

Cottage Pie (1)(2)(5)(9)(10) €16.50
Slow cooked ground beef, vegetables and mash topped with cheddar. Served with salad or fries.

Vegan Chickpea and Sweet Potato Curry (9) €15.50
Garam masala, spinach, basmati rice & poppadom.

Vegan Creamy Mushroom Pie (4)(5)(9)(10) €15.50
Served with salad & fries.

From the Grill

Prime 10oz Irish Sirloin Steak €25.00
Prime 6oz Irish Minute Steak €16.00
Prime 8oz Rib Eye Steak €21.00

All the above accompanied with colcannon or fries, giant onion rings and a choice of garlic & herb butter, pepper sauce or béarnaise sauce
(1)(2)(4)(5)(8)(10)

Danny Mann Burgers

Prime 8oz Burger (1)(2)(4)(5)(8)(9)(10) €14.00
Build your own burger. Add bacon €1.00, cheese €0.50, crushed avocado €1.00, sautéed onions €1.00, fried egg €1.00, washed mushrooms €1.00.

Cajun Chicken Burger (1)(2)(4)(5)(8)(9)(10) €14.00
Summed chicken fillet butterfly, cajun mayo.

Irish Lamb Burger (1)(2)(4)(5)(8)(9)(10) €14.00
Kerry loc lamb burger, horseradish.

Vegan Burger (4)(9)(10) €14.00
Plant based patty, vegan cheese & vegan mayo.

The Full Irish Burger (1)(2)(4)(5)(8)(9)(10) €16.00
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Side Orders

Selection of Vegetables (1) €3.50
Tossed Salad (9) €4.00

Garlic Bread (1)(4) €3.50
Garlic Bread with Cheese & Pesto (1)(4)(11) €4.50
Sautéed Mushrooms and Onions €3.50
French Fries €3.50
Colcannon Mash (1) €3.50
Coleslaw (8)(9) €2.00
Onion Rings (4)(8) €3.50

Desserts

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Banoffi Pie Chantilly Cream (1)(4)(10) €7.00
Cheesecake of the day (1)(4)(5)(8)(10) €7.00
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Banana Longboat (1)(8)(11) €7.95
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has been increased to €360,000 in 2021, up from €225,000 in 2020. This will allow LAWPRO to support even more locally led community projects next year." A link to a recording of the seminar is available at www.lawwaters.ie.

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- Grants awarded will range from €500 to

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For the 2021 Open Call, applicants are asked to complete the application form online and in conjunction with the guidelines provided at www.lawwaters.ie. If you experience any technical difficulties on the website or need advice please contact Sheevaun Thompson, Funding Lead, at 087 2436804, email funding@lawwaters.ie or at [Facebook.com/LAWPROteam](https://www.facebook.com/LAWPROteam). Closing date for receipt of applications is Tuesday 9, February 2021 at 12 noon. Please contact the **Community Water Officer for Kerry, Breda Moriarty, bmoriarty@lawwaters.ie, 085 8820848** in advance of applying for the fund and to discuss any projects or ideas that you may have for improving water quality in your local area. For further information visit our website www.lawwaters.ie.



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309768	Healthcare Support (Carers), Tralee Become a qualified carer.	1 February	41
269805	Skills to Compete Food Preparation and Cooking (Culinary Arts), Kenmare An excellent introduction to the Culinary Arts.	8 February	21
307248	Skills to Compete Digital Photography, Tralee Learn the craft of digital photography.	15 February	14
301238	Traditional Stonewall Construction, Tralee Learn the art and craft of traditional stonewall.	22 February	34
307230	Skills to Compete Bus Driving - D Licence, Tralee Achieve D-Licence & CPC Pre-Requisite: D-Licence Learner Permit.	22 March	12
301684	Skills to Compete Welding Intermediate, Tralee Get EN9606-1 VOB1, EN9609-1 SSP and EN9609-1 ALO1 certified.	29 March	18
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This has been such a strange year with so much change. For some it has been a time of loss and deep despair, for others it has been the change that they needed to really evaluate what truly matters for them. No matter what your personal experience, it is safe to say that we have all been impacted by the events of 2020.

As we head towards the end of this year, I find myself reflecting on the highs and the lows, the huge appreciation and gratitude for all those who kept us going and looked after those who were ill. I stand back in wonder at the way we can mobilise ourselves into action when we really need to. I am in awe of the kindness of strangers and the way that our amazing human spirit has risen up to face the challenges presented to us.

When so many things have broken down, we have broken through to create something new and vital. We have found ways through and in so doing we are creating a new future for us all. The old ways of thinking, doing and behaving no longer work and we are having to ask important questions about what it means to live our lives in the happiest most fulfilling ways that we can.

With any change comes the hope of new beginnings and it is this that will shape our days, months and years ahead.

So, when the days feel really dark keep lifting your head towards the light and make this your priority. We have all come so far...trust that with change comes new hope and with hope comes new potential & new beginnings.

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LOTTO

draw took place on Monday November 30th numbers drawn were . 3 12 20 25. JACKPOT €6,500 not won 6 Patrons matched 3 numbers Roger O'Sullivan Clubforce, Der Brosnan, Maura McCarthy c/o Maggie, Cillian O'Connor Kilcummin, Harry O'Donovan c/o Chris, Diarmuid O'Riordan c/o 80 Hawthorn Ave., receive €70. £3 draws for Xmas Vouchers Anthony Russell St. Annes Road, Miceal Fitzgerald, Conor Lynch 49 Ballyspillane. Jackpot for draw on December 7th will be €6,500 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's 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_new.asp#Anchor. When you click on the link it brings you to the Clubforce Main page. From here click Club name Dr. Crokes Gaa. This brings you to another page that you again put in Dr. Crokes, which in turn brings you to the Dr.Crokes home page. From here click lotto and the rest follows on. Alternatively download the Clubforce app,

KEEL GAA CLUB

WALKING TRACK

The lights will be on between 6:30-8:30 on Tuesday and Thursday to allow the community to use the walking track. We hope that this will allow people to get out and get active within their 5km radius. Please adhere to social distancing and government guidelines. Maintenance is currently being carried out on the pitch so please keep off the grass.

FUNDRAISER

The bell at St Joseph's church Inch was gifted to the community by Captain Couch from his ill-fated ship, The Manchester Merchant. It is presently being restored. A raffle will take place on December 11th to help with costs. Tickets can be purchased locally at Bensons Shop. Thank you for your continued support.

EAST KERRY GAA NEWS

By Michael O'Mahony

CONDOLENCE

Sympathy To the families & friends of late Rita Higgins Tralee & currow & Mary B O'Sullivan Currans. Noel (Charles) O'Brien, Legion GAA peggy O' Mahony kenmare sister of john somers currow member of Ek C.C. C. john Anthony O' Sullivan snr BallyDaly Rathmore. Ar dheis De go raibh a hanam dilis

THE RATHMORE GAA LOTTO

in association with rathmore Social Action Group restarts on Monday the 7th of December the jackpot is 11,200 euro tickets can be bought in all local shops yearly tickets for the 2019/2020 year will continue to be valid for another 13 draws. tickets can also be bought online check our Facebook page for more information

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CONGRATULATIONS

to spa Coiste na nÓg Chairman Seamus Moynihan on his new role as the first male Principal at Muire Gan Smál Primary School in Castleisland! kenmare Shamrock

CONGRATULATIONS

to Paddy Harkin from Kenmare town on winning our lotto jackpot of €20,000. We are sure it will be a very Happy Christmas !! Paddy's lucky numbers were 9,12,16 1 Next weeks draw is for a jackpot of €5,000 and we will be selling tickets in Kenmare town on Sunday evening.

Thank you for all your support

KILGARVAN GAA LOCKDOWN

CLOTHES COLLECTION

Are you doing a clear out? Getting ready for Christmas? We would be delighted to take any clothes, shoes, bags, sheets, towels and curtains from you! Items must be clean and in bags. Bags can be dropped to Kilgarvan GAA pitch on Monday evenings from 7.00- 7.30pm or contact JoAnn Murphy 0879893133 to make arrangements!

HURLING WALL

Please Help Kilgarvan GAA Club! We are putting up a hurling wall, this will be the first hurling wall to be put up by a South Kerry Hurling Club! We also need to buy a new lawnmower! Any donation no matter how much would be gratefully appreciated and put to good use. Thank you

KERRY HURLING

Good luck to Kerry team members in the Joe McDonagh Cup Daniel Casey, Kilgarvan, Fionan O'Sullivan, Kenmare club Michael Lenihan Dr Crokes Club & the Kerry Hurling team and management the very best of luck as they prepare for the Joe McDonagh Cup Final on All Ireland Hurling Final day at Croke Park on 13th December. Let's support our Kerry Hurlers and put up some kerry colours in our village & town and surrounding area!

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We also are giving one lucky reader the opportunity to win one of these Ciarrai Og Part Of The Team boxes right now. Simply go to our Facebook page (Click here) and like and share. We will pick a winner at the end of November. As this is the first year of Ciarrai Og Part of The Team, there has been huge demand and we would advise that you place your order as soon as possible as there are only a limited amount of these boxes in stock. You can order yours now right here Kerry GAA store.

BALLYHAR-FIRIES GAA

LOTTO

Lotto results from Monday 30th November Numbers drawn were: 4, 7, 14, 21

No jackpot winners

5x€30

Mike O Leary Ballyhar

Liam Kelliher Roxborough

Steve Pendergast, Furies

Liam O Regan, c/o Bridie

Peter Costelloe, Roxborough

The draw took place on Monday 7th for this weeks Jackpot of €4,100.

Thanks to everyone who purchased a ticket and don't forget to get one for next week!!

Get your lotto tickets online via the Furies page on Clubforce or tickets are also available to purchase physically in some of the local shops incl. Aherns Pharmacy, Farranfore, Sherwood Bar and Restaurant Farranfore, Sheehans Shop Farranfore, Moriarty's Centra Farranfore, Bridies Shop Furies, Hendersons Shop and Bar Furies and from all the usual sellers. We thank these businesses for their continued support. Thanks you all for your continued support.

AGM

Given the current restrictions in place the club executive has taken the decision to reschedule our AGM until early January 2021. Options to host the AGM online are available to us, however, we feel that this option, at the moment, might not be inclusive to all our members being able to take part in our AGM. Thank you for your continued support throughout 2020 and we are already looking forward to the coming year. Wishing you and your family a safe and healthy Christmas.

MILLTOWN CASTLEMAINE GAA

RE-OPENING OF BUSINESSES

We are no doubt all delighted with the news regarding the easing of restrictions and the reopening of businesses. This has been a very difficult time for many people and we wish



each and every one the very best as they look forward to returning to a more open and relaxed way of life. We hope that we will all try to support our local businesses in whatever way we possibly can. While all this is happening, please stay safe.

LOTTO JACKPOT FUNDRAISING DRAW

Lotto Jackpot is €12,600: Here are the six lucky prize winners in our last draw. €50 each to Helen McClure, Milltown and Liam Doherty, Callinafercy. €25 each to Stephen Roche, Callinafercy, John Hegarty, Ballygamboon, Norma Walsh, Milltown and Catherine Giles, Castlemaine. Numbers drawn were 7, 12, and 32 with the bonus number being 22.

Congratulations to you all and sincere thanks for supporting our fundraising lotto.

The next draw, which will be streamed live, will take place this Friday, December 4th 2020. Christmas is just a few short weeks away so there is no better time than right now to have some extra money at our disposal. Tickets available at local outlets.

CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS

Milltown-Castlemaine Online Shop Now Open: With just about 24 sleeps to go to Christmas Eve, why not avail of our GAA online shop to pick up some of your Christmas gifts. This is the link to order your merchandise <https://milltowncastlemaine.sumup.link/>. Once your order has been processed, we will contact you to arrange delivery to Milltown or Castlemaine (at no additional charge) a few days after payment. If you have any queries in regards to the on-line shop; please contact Liam (086 041 3593) or Suzy (087 237 2729). Check out our Facebook page for more information.

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SPA GAA CLUB

NEW CHAIR OF MUCKROSS BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Congratulations to Donal Hickey who has been named as the new Chair of Muckross House Board of Trustees.

SPA LOTTO RESULTS 30/11/20

Numbers drawn 6, 16, 18, 22. No winner and Lucky Dips receive €50 each to Gary Stack, Ruth Allen, Conor Kearney and Tom O'Sullivan. Our first Turkey Voucher winners are Paudie O'Mahoney and Paudie Horgan. Our Spa weekly Lotto draw continues each week and the JACKPOT this Monday is €6,000! Tickets are on sale online on spagaa.com or can also be purchased at Dalys Supervalu, Killarney Hardware, Centra Muckross Rd, Spa clubhouse or from usual sellers. Thank you all for your continued support as this is our only income for the club at the moment.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO

SEAMUS MOYNIHAN

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CHRISTMAS POST BOX FOR YOUR SANTA LETTERS

The Santa post box in Spa continues to fill up and everyone in the community is invited to post their Santa letters here for express delivery to the North Pole. The post box will remain open for another two weeks, and for anyone dropping off their letters it is located near the road entrance under the sponsorship sign.

When posting your letter why not take a photo and send to your coach or to 0857780883 / 0851216359 or send them to us through Facebook and we will add them to our 2020 Christmas photo album!

The juvenile coaches can send you one of our personalised Spa GAA Santa Letters or they

are be available to collect from the clubhouse reception, or you can also create one of your own Santa letters.

SPA GAA ON YOUTUBE

We are continuing every week to upload Spa football games and videos of club events online for people to watch in their own time. Please visit our YouTube channel, under the name Spa GAA Club Killarney. And if anyone has any videos, DVDs or photos that we can copy please send them on to 0851216359 or pro.spa.kerry@gaa.ie

ITEMS FOR NOTES

Any items for the club notes please contact Deirdre at pro.spa.kerry@gaa.ie or 0851216359 before 8pm on Sundays.

LEGION GAA

AGM

The club AGM will take place on the 11th of December at 8pm. Further details will follow closer the date.

CLUB MERCHANDISE

"Christmas Orders" - Plenty of stock Available - 1/2 zips, jackets, hoodies, bags, hats and kits for juveniles. Place your orders direct with Maura on (087) 763 4372.

LEGION LOTTO

Support your club. Jackpot €6,300 plus €10,000 bonus! Play online or Tickets are available from Ulster Bank, Healy's Newsagents, The Reeks, Sheehans & Hegartys, Muckross Rd.

Drop Off tickets Sunday before 5pm to The Reeks, Sheehans or Hegarty's Muckross Road. Thank you for your support.

SYMPATHIES

The club extends its deepest sympathies To the O'Brien Family on the recent death of Noel O'Brien, to his wife Ann, sons ciaran and Gareth, Brothers and sisters Robbie, Kearney, Seano, Sr. Margaret and Mary Ann, nieces Lara (Our club Secretary), Noelle and Families, a staunch Legion corner back in his day. RIP.

The club extends its deepest sympathies to Tim Brosnan & his Family on the death of his father Christy recently. Tim is a great supporter of the Legion Club. RIP.

CATHAOIRLEACH WELCOMES COMPLETION OF COLUMBARIUM WALL AT KILLARNEY CEMETERY

Cathaoirleach of the Killarney Municipal District, Cllr Brendan Cronin has welcomed the recently completed columbarium wall at the Killarney Burial Ground. The wall is now available for the placement of ashes at the burial ground at Knockeendubh which contains 100 niches for the placement of ashes.

"I am pleased to see this vital infrastructure being completed and offering those who opt for cremation the opportunity to place urns containing ashes in an appropriate setting. The elected members of the Killarney Municipal District approved the Part VIII planning provisions for the burial ground. I would also like to acknowledge the support of former councillors, John Joe

Culloty and John Sheahan in that regard. Significant work has been undertaken by our Burial Grounds staff in bringing this new provision within the burial ground to fruition.

"This is, of course, a facility which is available to everyone in the county and was developed in recognition of the increased popularity of cremation in recent years. It is a beautiful setting and a very dignified and appropriate installation which provides that option to many bereaved families," he said.

Councillors have recently agreed the policy and guidelines for the columbarium wall. Anyone wishing to use the new facility can contact the Burial Grounds Section of Kerry County Council.



FOSSA NEWS

Written by: Shane Kelly

50 YEARS

To mark the 50th year of our club and to kick off the Christmas Cheer, (Send in your 10 second festive message - See our Facebook page) we will be turning on the lights on our new Christmas tree, you never know who might appear on our live streaming this Sunday 6th at 7pm. We hope as many people in the parish

can tune in to mark the occasion.

LOTTO

Club lotto returns this Sunday tickets from usual sources. Jackpot is €9,600.00 please support.

O'DONOGHUE CUP

Following a County CCC meeting, the East Kerry, O'Donoghue cup will resume in early

January we play Spa date and time TBC.

AGM

Our AGM will be held on Sunday 13th of December live streaming full details next weekend.

KILCUMMIN NEWS

Written by: John Moriarty Email: info@kilcumminparish.com

CHRISTMAS WREATHS

Christmas Wreaths (Grave & Door) for sale PRE-ORDER only. Collection outside Kilcummin Recreational Hall on Sunday 12th December, Time 11am -12noon. Grave Wreaths €11 and Door wreaths €13.50. Contact Mary at 0876447536.

COOLICK PRE-SCHOOL

Coolick Pre-school is now enrolling for September 2021. Morning Session 9.00-12.00 (limited availability) and Afternoon Session 12.30 -3.30. For further information please contact Ciara Moynihan on 0871181993 or 0669764549

KILCUMMIN COMHALTAS

Kilcummin Comhaltas is now accepting membership. Please email

kilcummincomhaltas@gmail.com or contact Helen on 087 119 1353 for more information.

New members welcome.

KILCUMMIN MEMORY TREE

Cards will be available next week at the Kilcummin Post Office for our deceased loved ones.

KILCUMMIN GAA LOTTO

The club lotto has recommenced once again and tickets available from the usual outlets.

BOG WALKS

Brochures now available at the Rural Development Office.

GLOUNONEA GROTTO ROSARY GROUP

The Holy Rosary will continue at 7 pm instead of 8 pm on Monday nights, for the winter months. New members are most welcome to

join with us.

HEALTHY IRELAND KEEP WELL CAMPAIGN

The new 'Keep Well' campaign is a cross-Government wellness campaign launched by An Taoiseach. The aim of this campaign is resilience in the months ahead, as we look towards living with COVID-19 in the winter months. It's important to mind yourself and your physical and mental well-being. This campaign, funded by Sláintecare and led on by Healthy Ireland, involves a wide range of supports for this time – across sports, creativity, connectedness, eating and community outreach. Visit gov.ie/healthyireland for more information and resources.

BEAUFORT NEWS

Written by Cliona Coffey

LOTTO

Fixtures

Beaufort senior men will play Na Gaeil in the 2020 Intermediate Championship semi-final in January 2021 on date and venue to be decided.

SPORTS PREDICTION QUIZ

With only a few events to go, the leader-board as of 22nd November is as follows:

79 John Joe Dineen, 72 Frankie Hallissey, 70 Nora Hallissey, 67 Shane Murphy, 67 Sheahan's Bar.

LOST PROPERTY

There are a few items of lost property, mainly tops, including a couple of Beaufort half zip tops, size 11-12 in the Clubhouse after the season. If you own any of them, you can contact the Club at 087 9975737.

CLUB GEAR

It's time to start getting the presents ready for Christmas and we have plenty of gear to choose from. Some of the items include jerseys, shorts, socks, half zips, hoodies, bags, hats, training

tops and polo shirts. For more information or to order gear, please contact Mary on 086-0640065 or Nora on 086-1556181

CALENDAR

The Beaufort GAA Calendar for 2021 is now on sale. They are brilliant value at only €10 and there is a limited supply so get your orders in. Contact Mary on 086-0640065 or Eileen on 086-8311811

A Very Different Christmas by Nicky Barry

*It's beginning to look a lot less like Christmas,
From Yuletides we have known, with mistletoe and kisses.
Things we took for granted, since we all were kids,
Could this year be put on hold, because of that Covid.
Imagine Santa and his helpers, all in quarantine,
Way up there in Lapland, just waiting for a sign.
The toys could be stacked on high, awaiting the all clear,
With the elves on high duty, tending the reindeer.
Rudolph knows there's something up, with the lack of panic,
In around the toys sheds, for things now should be frantic.
Meanwhile publicans are in two minds, about bar decorations,*

*And thinking what's the point, if there'll be no celebrations
Guys who gig with guitars, are rehearsing Jingle Bells,
Just in case they get the call, to tell them all is well.
Grandparents are wondering, if the kids will call with toys,
To create pandemonium, with laughter, fun, and noise.
The parish priest is wondering, if there'll be a midnight Mass,
And if he should put up a crib, as he did in the past.
But still, that humble birth in Bethlehem of Mary's baby Jesus,
Will be celebrated worldwide, by believing Christians
And here's wishing all of you, a very merry Christmas!*



Norma Foley TD

Minister for Education & TD for Kerry

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Written by: Michael O'Mahony | Email: momahony14@gmail.com

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OR 2. You can donate online through www.svp.ie

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food items and toiletries help to fill hampers

at Christmas for needy families in our area. We

thank you for your continued support.

LOTTO

The Rathmore gaa lotto in association with

rathmore Social Action Group restarts on Monday

the 7th of December the jackpot is €11,200 euro

tickets can be bought in all local shops yearly

tickets for the 2019/2020 year will continue to

be valid for another 13 draws. tickets can also be

bought online check our Facebook page for more

information.

GNEEVEGUILLA COMMUNITY DEPARTMENT**ASSOCIATION & BASKETBALL CLUB**

had our weekly draw for our Share the

Bucket on Friday evening 27/10/20.

The Jackpot was Congratulations to Edel

O'Connor this week's jackpot winner of €291.

Also to Patrick Kelliher winner of our extra draw

of €100. More extra draws coming on the run up

to Christmas and our winner. Guaranteed winner

every week, go to our Facebook page to find out

how and where you can play. REMEMBER if YOU

are not in you can't win. <https://www.facebook.com/gneeveguilla/Draw> takes place every Friday

evening @8:30 pm on Facebook live

GNEEVEGUILLA COMMUNITY ALERT

Gneeveguilla Text Alert is now due for renewal.

If you wish to continue receiving text messages,

please drop in €10 with your name & mobile no,

to any of the following. Eileen Fleming, Joan

Riordan, John Vaughan, Ted O'Connor & Dillane's

Garage. New members are welcome. Also, we

wish to bring to your notice to be aware of "Cold"

callers to your home especially those travelling

by vans or cars. Do not entertain them, report to

Millstreet Gardaí 029/ 70002

THE RATHMORE SOCIAL ACTION GROUP

Will continue to run Our Meals on Wheels Service,

which is a vital service especially at this difficult

time. To avail of this service, please call Norah

& Marie on 064 77 58588. These meals will be

dropped to the door of the person's home. We will

help to deliver this service to as many as we can.

Social Action Group Receiving CLAR funding of

€5,351.78 for equipment This is a new initiative

under CLÁR for 2020 in recognition of the critical

role played by community groups in responding

to COVID-19, with a particular focus on those

groups providing Meals on Wheels services.

Rosary will be recited at Gneeveguilla Grotto on

Sunday @ 10am

RATHMORE PARISH USHERS

An important feature of our reopening after the

last lockdown was the comfort and reassurance

provided by our wonderful group of ushers. We

would ask existing ushers to note the changed

Mass schedule, and we hope that you will

continue to be able to volunteer.

AS Christmas approaches we will also need

additional ushers to help out: if you are willing

to be part of this wonderful ministry, please

contact either the Parish Office (064) 7761669 or

one of our Sacristans indicating the Day/Church/

Mass for which you are volunteering.

BOOKING SEAT AVAILABILITY FOR MASSES -

Bookings are now open for all Masses - No need

to book seats for Mass on Thursday morning at

9.30am. We ask that family members for the

Mass intention use the booking system. We

ask that you make separate bookings for each

household e.g. book two seats if there are two

from household going and if you are booking

for someone else or household, make a separate

booking. HOW TO MAKE A BOOKING?

Either online at www.rathmoreparish.ie or phone

the Parish Office during Office Hours 0647761669

SYMPATHIES

To Barry O'Leary, Siobhan and family Couterough

on the death of Barry's father Jerh Nelius O'Leary

whose funeral took place in Ballygeary. To Denis

O'Sullivan, his mother Ann, Kay, Hugh, John A

& Willis & family on the death of his father John

Anthony O'Sullivan whose funeral took place in

Millstreet. To Denis McSweeney & family on the

death of his brother Donal McSweeney whose

funeral took place in Cullen. May Jerh Nelius,

John Anthony & Donal May they rest in peace.

RATHMORE COMMUNITY COUNCIL**JOHN ANTHONY O' SULLIVAN****SNR BALLYDALY**

Sincere sympathy to Anne and All the O'Sullivan

Family on the very sad departure of John

Anthony to his Eternal Heavenly Reward. R.I.P.

Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers are with you

all in coping with your challenging bereavement.

John Anthony was such a True Gentleman of the

very highest calibre always meeting everyone

with an uplifting cheerful smile and a sincere

greeting. John Anthony has left many a very

happy memory which will forever be treasured

in the Rathmore area and far beyond....when we

reflect on his unique talent in providing the very

best public address sound system at countless

events such as Rathmore St Patrick Day Parade

and numerous other Events in Rathmore John

Anthony has enriched the lives of All and has

been a very real inspiration in the courageous

and dignified manner by which he met his health

challenges. He will be greatly missed especially

by his own beloved Family as well as his many

Relatives and Friends. John Anthony's Ar dheis

Dé go raibh a anam uasal.

CHOIR

A wonderful opportunity for young people in

our parish To celebrate Christmas 2020, we are

bringing young singers together from all over the

Diocese of Kerry. Whether you sing in a parish

choir, school choir, folk group or youth choir, or

alone in your room, you are all welcome.

If you are between the ages of 16 and 30 and are

interested in this exciting new venture, please

contact Tomás at tomaskenny@dioceseofkerry.ie

or call 086 3683778. How will this happen? The

piece we will perform is 'Immanuel' by Michael

Card - check it out here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mrmMQdkBPwY> if you'd like to

listen. When you sign up, Tomás will forward

you the backing track, the musical score and a

step by step guide on how to record the piece

on your phone/laptop/camera. When the clip is

edited it will be released as a YouTube clip before

Christmas.

CHRISTMAS MASS BOUQUETS

Now available in Parish Office. As the Opening

hours are limited behind closed doors Mass

Cards, any query, just leave a message on the

phone, email or leave in the post-box and we will

get back to you.

RATHMORE COMMUNITY ALERT

Text Alert. If you wish to continue to receive text

messages, please drop €10 in envelope with

your name and mobile no. To Dermie Moynihan's

letterbox. New members welcome before 12th

Dec. Macroom Garda Station 026 20590.

THE CUMANN LUCHRA JOURNAL

The 19th Edition of the Cumann Luachra Journal

will be published in the coming weeks in good

time for Christmas. Due to the Covid 19, we regret

that the usual launch cannot take place this year,

but copies will be on sale at all the usual shops.

Price €12. Kerry Hospice Christmas Cards are now

on sale at Reen's Pharmacy, Rathmore Post Office,

Rathmore Credit Union and from Maria Ryan and

Donal O'Keeffe. Priced at €7.00 for a pack of 10.

Your support as always is much appreciated

HELPFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

Jigsaw Kerry: (Young Peoples Health in Mind)

Contact 066-7186785 Email: kerry@jigsaw.iePieta House: Contact 01 6010000 or www.pieta.ie

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People: ALONE

has launched a national support line and

additional supports for older people who have

concerns relating to COVID-19. The support line

is open Monday to Friday, 8am-8pm, by calling

0818 222 024.

ILLEGAL DUMPING

All illegal dumping on our roadsides and

countryside should be reported to Kerry Co.

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GOLF CLUB REOPENS UNDER LEVEL 3

Golf Ireland welcomes the Government's decision this week that golf courses can reopen from Tuesday next 1st December. This decision means that golf can resume subject to strict health protection protocols. Killarney man and Golf Ireland CEO Mark Kennelly said: "The golf community is pleased that courses can reopen from Tuesday next. Golfers welcome the opportunity to resume play on a responsible and safe basis, as they did during the May to October period.

"The governing bodies are issuing renewed guidance to our member clubs today and we strongly urge all golfers to continue to fully adhere to these protocols which are aimed at keeping golf and the wider community safe while the Covid-19 pandemic remains such a serious threat. We also ask golfers to fully comply with the wider public health restrictions, particularly the travel restrictions that will remain in place until 18th December.

"Earlier this year, Irish golf demonstrated how our sport could be enjoyed by women and men of all ages in a safe and secure environment. As golf resumes, we hope that golfers enjoy their play but continue to be vigilant in adhering to the safety protocols".

Following the Irish Government's announcement in relation to Level 3 restrictions due to COVID-19, golf clubs and golfers must adhere to the following:

Golf courses were allowed to reopen from Tuesday 1st December, however golfers must not travel outside their county of residence to play golf. This also means that golfers in counties either side of the border between Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland must adhere to the restrictions that apply in both jurisdictions. Further guidance for golfers and golf clubs is contained in the General Guidance document attached.

From December 18th to January 6th, golfers can travel to another county to play as restrictions are eased over the Christmas period.

There should continue to be no organised social gatherings, of any size, at the facility. All golf activities should be organised on the basis of arrival-play-depart without delay. Shotgun starts are not compatible with this guidance as they create large gatherings.

All retail, including pro shops, can reopen while



Golf Ireland announce Mark Kennelly as the new CEO designate.

adhering to strict physical distancing and hygiene guidelines (please consult www.gov.ie for details).

Daily timesheets are restricted to a minimum of 8, 9 or 10 minute intervals. Clubs may only choose one interval for each day. If clubs choose 8+ minute intervals, play is restricted to 2 golfers per start time. If clubs choose 9+ minutes, up to 3 golfers may play per start time. If clubs choose 10+ minutes, up to 4 golfers may play per start time.

Tee times are booked in advance online or over the telephone. Clubs must ensure that players names (including members' guests) are recorded on timesheets and timesheets must be kept for a period of at least 6 weeks to assist with contact tracing should the need arise.

All cafes and restaurants, including bars that serve food, can reopen from December 4th while following strict physical distancing and hygiene guidelines (please consult www.gov.ie for details). In the meantime, restaurants can continue to offer a takeaway service only.

Golf activities at club level may be resumed, including those which are acceptable for handicapping purposes where such conditions can be met under the World Handicapping System. All participants must abide by the domestic travel restrictions at Level 3 (see first two points above).

In addition, golf clubs and golfers are asked to ensure the following:

Members, visitors and staff with colds or any symptoms of COVID-19 must stay away from the golf course/clubhouse.

Physical distancing rules are observed by all members and their guests at all times in the car park, clubhouse and on the course.

Personnel are on hand to monitor adherence with physical distancing rules and the rules for golfers set out in this document.

Those aged 70 years and over and the medically vulnerable should exercise judgement regarding the extent to which they engage with others and in activities outside home.

Training: Outdoors – non-contact training only in pods of up to 15. Indoors – individual training only.

Players are instructed not to touch the flag or flagstick.

Rakes are removed from the course. Players are requested to smooth bunkers using their feet or a club.

Hire trolleys (electric and pull trolleys) must be sanitised prior to each use.

Caddies are not permitted (exception: where the group of golfers and the caddies are from the same household).

DEERPARK PITCH & PUTT CLUB REOPEN FOR PLAY

As of last Tuesday we are re-open to play for members only following the placing of the country into Level 3 Public Health guidelines. Members are reminded they must leave confirmation of entry and exit from the course on club phone (087 7823138) for contact tracing purposes.

CHRISTMAS TURKEYS

We resume the Turkey draws this Sunday with an entry of €5 per draw. Please have names entered for 9am and 10.45am respectively for the two draws. Handicap adjustments from the first weekend played back in October apply.

REST OF 2020

We intend to have another weekend of Turkey draws on Sunday December 13th followed by

a Hamper competition on Sunday December 20th. The Danny Nolan Memorial is scheduled for St Stephens Day once more this year while we hope to make an announcement about U16 competitions in due course.

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JIMMY O'SULLIVAN-DARCY

takes a look at all things sport...

Things are getting back to a semblance of normality. The timing is good, with the All Ireland competitions nearing a close. I expect no more major shocks in the football – Dublin to beat Mayo in the Final – mind you, Cavan have surprised me hugely twice already and Tipperary once, so best of luck to both. The Kerry hurlers have an All Ireland of their own to look forward to, which is a big boost for everyone. The Irish rugby season played out like a damp squib. The Irish soccer season....Dundalk beating Sligo 11-0 in a cup semi-final? Ah, lads!

Pro Boxing managed to sink to a new low in the past week. And it's pro boxing, which has never exactly encouraged paragons of virtue behind the scenes (unlike amateur, a brilliant sport that I would encourage anyone to take up, it's actually among the best fitness training that you can do).

A strange week in a strange year, but it makes for great entertainment.

GAELIC FOOTBALL

The fallout from Kerry's defeat to Cork continues behind closed doors. And it's best that they stay closed. County Convention is approaching rapidly – the only real item of interest in the agenda will be the change of age grade from U20 to U19. Personally I'm opposed, just as I opposed the change from U18 to U17. It was convenient in that it removes any overlap between minor and senior football – unfortunately, it also removes U18s who aren't making their club's first fifteen from any meaningful football. In my opinion, the solution is a lot worse than the original problem. Putting B teams into the County League won't help either, Junior Football was a great way to keep players involved on the Friday night without the intensity. County Convention has been a fairly anodyne affair in recent years, and this year on zoom conference isn't going to be any different. There's no question that mistakes were made by Kerry or that there needs to be better communication between management, players, and the supporting public. The abrupt departure of Donie Buckley came with a big price tag and Kerry paid it. We have some of the best forwards in the country but we don't see them on the pitch. But let's get something clear. Peter Keane has managed Kerry for 24 games. 18 wins, 2 draws (Donegal and Dublin) and 4 losses (Mayo twice in last year's League, and Cork this year). We aren't doing badly at all. Three major Finals, won one (2020 National League, lost two (2019 National League and All Ireland). It's not exactly a bad record; other counties would snap your hand off for it.

I've heard the same stories as you have and



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maybe a little bit more than most. It isn't all rumours, there are some flames behind that smoke, but there are very good people who have given enormous effort into representing Kerry as best they can on all sides. They are all adults and they are decent people; I'm going to let them get on with it and hope that everybody can be united in looking forward to a better year. You know what turns small fires into raging infernos? Oxygen – I'm not going to be feeding that particular beast. We all have better things to be doing.

CORK

Cork football supporters are extremely disappointed with Ronan McCarthy's team losing a Munster Final to Tipperary. That's just bizarre ingratitude, to be honest. Ye beat Kerry for the first time in eight years, and ye are complaining? Cork's biggest problem, in my not-at-all humble opinion, is the unrealistic expectations of their supporters. The hurlers are in the same boat. In my opinion, Kieran Kingston is doing a fine job, but Cork just don't have the physical presence to compete with the top guns right now. That's not an easy fix, especially given how many top hurling teams there are right now. In my opinion, Cork are making progress on both fronts. There are no easy fixes, but they are on the right road and, frankly, their County Board seems to be a lot more invested and interactive than previous

incarnations. That'll hurt Kerry's chances long term, but I'm delighted to see it; the overall quality in Munster will improve for everyone.

Dublin

Good on John Connellan. His letter about the disparity in funding towards Dublin was superbly written, and respectful to Dublin's achievements and attitude. It made a lot of fair points.

There is a problem in the Leinster Championship, no question about it. Dublin simply are too strong. I wasn't too worried in the long term – players like Jack McCaffrey, Brian Fenton, and of course Stephen Cluxton are, in my honest opinion, up among the best ever to play the game. James McCarthy, Paul Flynn, Ciaran Kilkenny, Philly McMahon aren't far behind them. Players like that will stand out in any generation; put several of them on one team and they will inculcate an attitude along with their ability. Jim Gavin's ability to ruthlessly eradicate ego, including his own (Diarmuid Connolly was brilliant – but I'd pick any of the aforementioned ahead of him) was a key ingredient.

The problem is the seamless transition to the likes of Howard, Small, Bugler. Now I am worried about the Leinster Championship. I remember the days when the likes of Meath (uncompromising but compelling; they would chew up teams without salt) and Offaly (despite 1982, we loved them; they never had numbers but always had quality) could always go toe to toe with Dublin. Lifetimes ago. At this stage I do believe that Central Council need to prioritise other Leinster counties for funding. Croke Park pays half the salary for 70 GDAs in Dublin (2018 figures) – in fairness, Dulin can now afford to pay them out of Dublin funds, and Croke Park should start paying for half the salary of GDAs in the weaker counties.

But that's it. Please forget any nonsense about artificial splits of Dublin; it's not feasible. Kerry would certainly want to think twice about complaining about disproportionate funding, unless they want the other Munster Counties to take another look at how much we get. Our players are not left under-resourced. In 2018, Kerry received GAA grants totalling E1,354,847. Munster as a province got E1,260,912. Cork did get E2,138,845, but E1,333,333 went directly to that white elephant called Pairc Uí Caíomh. We put a lot of money into Currans ourselves – that has been a well-intentioned disaster. I'm not so sure that ourselves or Cork can do a lot of finger-pointing at Dublin spending.

KERRY FINANCE

In fairness, Kerry treasurer Tom Keane has done a fantastic job in very tough circumstances. Gate receipts fell by E308,000 (E513,000 to E205,000, 61% of which came from pay per view streaming. There were teething problems, the streaming quality for some of the high profile

games was simply not good enough, but it is the future and even when crowds are allowed back, I expect streaming to remain a revenue source.

Commercial income dropped by €300,000, and fundraising dropped by €720,000. All told, overall income up to October 31st fell from €6,397m to €2,141m. The current bank debt is €2.4m. Team expenses dropped considerably from €1.4m to €780,000.

Frankly, that's still very high. Tom did point out that Kerry training sessions can cost up to €20,000 a week. That sounds huge, but think of travel expenses and good quality meals for up to 60 people (we aren't actually told how many players are training with Kerry or how often) two or three times, plus the amount of professional backroom staff, and the figure is understandable. All in all, Kerry are looking at an operating loss for the year of €97,5559.

That's as good as it could possibly be in this year of years and far better than I felt could reasonably be expected. Kudos to Tom and to everybody else involved.

WOMENS' SPORT

Interesting to see that the Dublin ladies are into their seventh All Ireland Final on the trot and aiming for four in a row. Nobody mentions their funding. That big investment in coaching in Dublin by Seán Kelly back in 2003 has been criticised of late – it was absolutely the right thing to do at the time.

2020 was meant to be the year of 20 x 20 in Womens' Sports. Obviously that needs a do-over, given the year it is, and I have to say that even before the covid pandemic, back in January and early February, I was seeing a lot of lip service, but not a lot of funding. Money where mouths are, please.

The Irish Womens' Team bowed out of European Championship qualification, going down 3-1 to Germany. That's the second best team in the world right now (the US are well on top of the pile; they are a fantastic team). Vera Pauw's side started their campaign brilliantly but the wheels came off the wagon against the Ukraine (we just couldn't click that night) and Greece. Germany in our last game was always going to be too big an ask, but Ireland bowed out with their heads high. Personally I think that Pauw is a superb manager and a young and talented team clearly like and trust her; I really hope she stays on.

HURLING

Yet again, it looks like there's going to be better entertainment in the hurling than the football this year. For several years, hurling was basically a monopoly of Kilkenny, Tipperary, Cork, and occasionally Galway. Waterford – my sympathies



to Dan the Man, Ken McGrath, et al, but Brick Walsh above all others deserved an All Ireland medal – Limerick, and especially Galway would hammer on the door. Clare shook up the hegemony brilliantly.

But it was mostly a closed shop, whereas football was more open and inclusive. Now it's the opposite. The truth is that Dublin have dominated the football landscape like no team ever has, and only Mayo and Kerry are hanging onto their coat-tails, with Donegal and Tyrone a fraction behind. Everybody else is way behind in the slipstream. Hurling? Your guess at the winners in any given year is as good as mine. We have had three different winners and five different finalists in three years. It doesn't get much better than that. And going by this year's semi-finals, 2020 could be the most entertaining of them all.

Waterford 2-27 Kilkenny 2-23

After ten minutes, I was just shaking my head. I have a soft spot for Waterford. They are basically the Mayo of hurling. They haven't won it since 1959, but they are always there or thereabouts and they never give up. Their supporters are an absolute howl. Kilkenny are sound, but they are Kilkenny, the aristocrats of the game. I was always going to root for Waterford.

Hence the head-shaking. Because they were absolutely brutal. Their 'passes' were like something out of a pinball machine and their first touch was....well, generally the first of many in trying to get the ball under control. Kilkenny had two goals and looked like getting plenty more. They were seven points clear at half-time and in all honesty it should have been more.

Then Waterford came out in the second half and started playing hurling. A clinical Stephen Bennett and effervescent Austin Gleeson led the line and deserved the plaudits, but for me Tadhg de Burca was the rock that Kilkenny foundered on. They scored 2-17 in 39 minutes of hurling while up against one of the great teams. Kilkenny are not quite what they were in terms of remorseless efficiency and power – but this is a different Waterford as well.

Limerick 0-27 Galway 0-24

It followed a similar pattern to the day before, but with less extremes. Like Waterford, Limerick made a poor start, hitting aimless long balls that were comfortably gathered by Galway's sweeping defence. Galway picked off neat scores to go ahead. The thing is that it was already pretty clear that Limerick were playing below par and being outfoxed tactically by Galway....but were still able to stay in touch. Once they got to grips with it, there was only going to be one winner – though that late rally by Galway was heart-stopping entertainment, it would have been larceny on a grand scale. Look, I hate saying it, but Galway's puck-outs

were just disastrous. Sometimes the flaw is simply so big that you can't look past it. Limerick also hit some incredible long range shooting. Everybody talks about the bursting power of the likes of Cian Lynch, and with good reason, but Gearoid Hegarty's shooting....wow. You simply cannot shut down every shooting chance from that sort of range. Now, he did play on the edge. The absolute best interpretation of that belt on Joe Canning is that it was amazingly clumsy, and I'm being generous. I did think it dominated the analysis far too much – it should have been a red card for me, but it wasn't going to turn the game. The loss of Cathal Mannion was far, far more significant. Limerick versus Waterford in the All Ireland Final. A repeat of the Munster Final and I expect a similar result. My focus, of course, will be on the Joe McDonagh curtain-raiser more than the Liam McCarthy. That one's gotten under my skin; I'm already jittery.

SPECTATORS

I'm glad to see that full panels will be allowed into the matches. Frankly, I haven't agreed with the complete lock-out of supporters in outdoor stadia from day one; it has never made sense to me.

That said, I was very disappointed at all of the calls for family members and how hard and unfair it all is on them by some prominent GAA figures. There are families who have lost loved ones in the middle of this global pandemic. There are sports that are completely shut down. There are family businesses and livelihoods going to the wall as we speak. We are just getting back to a semblance of normality, with shops and amenities reopening under controlled systems. People need this, and not just economically. Keep pushing too hard and too fast on that door, and you'll be putting that at risk and jeopardising the progress that has been made. Delighted to hear that the U20 and minor competitions have the green light. We are out of the U20 – both teams did very well in my opinion, the footballers reached an All Ireland semi-final and the hurlers gave a strong Cork side a fantastic rattle. The Kerry minor hurlers are also out, but the footballers have yet to commence their competition. Without going into names, I know that Jason Costello has assembled a strong panel. Perhaps more importantly, I know how much work they have done so far behind the scenes and in the tough circumstances of this year. They have character, and I consider it the most important trait in any team. I'm hugely looking forward to it.

BASKETBALL

The 2021 League season had to be shut down. It's a hard decision, and hugely disappointing for those of us who love watching the game, let alone the players and clubs. But I can understand why a semi-pro sport had to make that call; people couldn't keep their futures in limbo indefinitely. I don't really think it was a justifiable risk to open up indoor sports to spectators yet and basketball without door revenue just isn't viable; it's a sport that has difficulty balancing revenue and expenditure

as it is. Hopefully the National Cups will get to go ahead.

RUGBY

IRELAND 23 GEORGIA 10

Ireland have had a bad Nations Cup. No point denying it. Our final game was against Georgia, and we beat them by 23-10. And there was much wailing and gnashing of teeth in Montrose, and tears were shed, and laments for the days when we bestrode the world like giants....or something.

Jaysus, but the fuss over a friendly. Sure, we were limited, and, horror of horrors, we coughed up a try to Georgia. Call Donald Trump, he's been trying to get the courts to reverse Georgia decisions for days now.

MUNSTER 52 ZEBRE 3

There's something in the water in Currow. It shouldn't really be a stronghold of rugby – Kerry never really had a strong rugby tradition since a Dublin trained teacher named J.P. O'Sullivan convinced the Killorglin Rugby team to switch to a brand new game devised by Maurice Davin that he called 'gaelic football'. But look at the names that came out of the Castleisland area – Mick and Tom Doyle, Moss Keane, Mike Galwey (he was never 'Mick' among his own people).

JJ Hanrahan joined that list a while back and is one of Ireland's top out halves (it's worth mentioning that Johnny Sexton is half a Kerryman too). Jack Daly is a new name on that roll of honour. The Garryowen player made his Munster senior debut last weekend against Zebre in a very convincing win. Now, let's not get carried away, Zebre are not exactly among the top guns, to be nice about it, and were depleted on the night. JJ was on fire and Jack came on in the 58th minute and acquitted himself well. We've had worse days!

The addition of South African franchises means that the Pro14 is expected to expand to a Pro16 fairly soon. Not a wise decision in my opinion; there are too many mismatches already. They need to look at quality of games, not quantity, especially while trying to expand international fixtures as well; bodies can only take so much.

ADIOS DIEGO

Pele was better. There, I've said it. You'd win more games with Pele than you would with Maradonna. You'd score more goals with Puskas or Di Stefano. He would dance past Johann Cruyff every single time, but Cruyff's team would win the game every single time.

But he was by far the most iconic soccer player of all time. Nobody could dance with a football like he did. He was as combative and tough as they come, but he absolutely loved playing. It often seemed to me that it was life outside of the rigid certainties of the game where he fashioned magic that he found difficulties.

Kerry GAA has the trope of the 'fear laidir'. The high fielder and accurate distance kicker; the antithesis of blanket defences and tactical play. Quiet and humble, probably a farmer. One of De Valera's dancers at the crossroads. Mad for his bacon and cabbage, wouldn't touch lasagne, assumes avocado toast is a myth. Disdainful of media, isn't on twitter or facebook. Doesn't



know what they are.

Argentina has the trope of the 'pibe'. The street kid with a ball. Small, but quick-witted and agile. Dances with the ball and the edges of the law. Disrespects the rich and thrills the poor. A loveable urchin who dreams with his feet. It has been their quintessential player for over a century now. So you can guess what they felt when they came across Diego Maradonna, this fearless teenager with Boca Juniors who would try absolutely anything on a pitch....and succeed. Where the likes of Pele were clinically efficient, this kid was capable of anything. He dazzled in 1982 until he reacted and threw a punch, he was raw passion rather than clinical concentration – they loved him for that too. Then came 1986.

I remember it. And I never have and never will see anything like it again. No player has ever dominated any competition in any code like he did. Not Jordan in basketball, not Woods in golf, not Tyson in boxing. Even Ali, not even Muhammed Ali could match what Maradonna did in 1986. Burrachaga was good, you could see that, but Argentina were not a great team at all. They just had one great player. As for the Hand of God....look, that would be hilarious even if it wasn't England – and it was England. In fairness, they have been gracious about him – remember how much we whinged about the Henry handball? Sauce for geese, my friends....

My favourite thing about him was Napoli, though. Players like Maradonna don't join Napoli. They join Juventus or AC Milan. Napoli is the poor town with Camorra links (let me sum up the Camorra – the mafia at their height never went near these guys), not the rich Northern Italy with money and fashion. It would be like Cristiano Ronaldo joining Birmingham City. And winning Premier Leagues and European titles with them. It was an even better achievement that the World Cup, in my honest opinion.

Maradonna burned very bright – and not kindly, he was a monstrous human being in many ways

and there is no glossing over his appalling treatment of people, especially women. How he managed to stay so consistently brilliant at the game while living the wild (and obviously unhappy) lifestyle that he did is testament to the most phenomenal talent that the game ever saw. That he passed away so young is, sadly, testament to other things. A mercurial genius; they rarely have happy endings. But he lit up the whole world with the game he played, and I think he would be okay with that legacy. It made less headlines, but the loss of French winger Christophe Dominici at far too young an age also deserves a mention. Domenici epitomised the flair and drama of great French rugby – something that has been sadly absent from their game of late. He was a throwback to the likes of Rives or the great Serge Blanco, an artisan with ball in hand. France were always the team that were capable of doing anything. It didn't make them perennial winners – but it made them incredibly entertaining to watch. Au revoir Christophe.

MIKE TYSON VERSUS ROY JONES JNR.

Roy Jones Jnr. was rated by many people as the best pound for pound fighter in the world. I agree with that assessment; at their comparative peaks, he would have taken Floyd Mayweather Jnr. apart (mind you, Mayweather never fought anybody at their peak). Mike Tyson was a phenomenon in heavyweight boxing. He was like a primal force raining destruction. 'Was'. Last weekend, these two former greats had a.... well, a sort of make-uppy boxing match. It wasn't a real boxing match.

The 54 year old and the 51 year old couldn't get a license. It was, of course, a draw. Watching them lumber around each other, waving a paw on occasion and clasping each other in awkward hugs....lads, it reminded me of nothing so much as a pre-teen disco romance. Now, people have the right to follow any legal sport they want. I absolutely encourage people to do so.

Did I watch it myself? Pay E30 on pay per view and wait until 4.00am to watch these two lumber and shuffle around each other like two tired dancing bears? No, and I'd be too ashamed of myself to admit it if I had. The sheer fact of this nonsense being sold is a disgrace to boxing and everyone involved should be ashamed of themselves. There's already talk about a rematch. Ah, in fairness, can we just pass a hat around for the crathurs instead?



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KILLARNEY RUGBY CLUB NEWS

MUNSTER RUGBY COACHES SUPPORTING KRFC

A warm thanks to Euan Gee, Fiach O'Loughlin and Ray Gadsen of Munster Rugby for fantastic training sessions last week with the U16 and U18 boys squads, at Aghadoe. Great to see the use of games throughout to work on skills - the boys really enjoyed it and have some work-ons. Thanks also Munster Rugby Club and Community Rugby Officer Dan O'Sullivan who ran a fantastic training session with our U18 girls on Wednesday night and again Sunday morning along with KRFC coaches Paidi and Brian at Aghadoe.

CLUB CALENDAR

Our fantastic new club calendar has been sent to the printers and we hope to have them for sale next week. Thanks to all of the sponsors who came on board, to Tony Dunne of Kingdom Media for his outstanding design work and to Tony, Mary McCarthy and Ian Cronin for some fantastic photos! A stunning calendar with team photos of all teams included, this calendar promises to be a very popular item so be sure to place your order once available. These would make a lovely present for parents and grandparents for Christmas! For more details keep an eye on our social media channels.

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MUCKCROSS ROWING CLUB

LEVEL 3

Some welcome news this weekend as the public health restrictions have been eased from Level 5 to Level 3 until at least Wednesday, January 6. The main change for club activities is a return of adult training and indoor training is again permitted but on an individual basis only. This does mean the Muckcross Community Centre will remain off limits for all group training. All outdoor group training continues to be limited to groups of 15 only. Face masks must also continue to be worn in and around the boathouse and community centre when not in a boat and before/after all training.

EVENTS UPDATE

As expected, no competitive rowing events are permitted to take place for the duration of the Level 3 public health restrictions. In a normal year, our own Muckcross Head Of the River time trial event would have been due to take place this Saturday. With the promising news surrounding COVID-19 vaccines, the prospect of a regatta season next year is increasing greatly. Subject to a successful rollout of vaccines, it looks almost certain that we will be making preparations for a Muckcross HOR event once more for December 2021.

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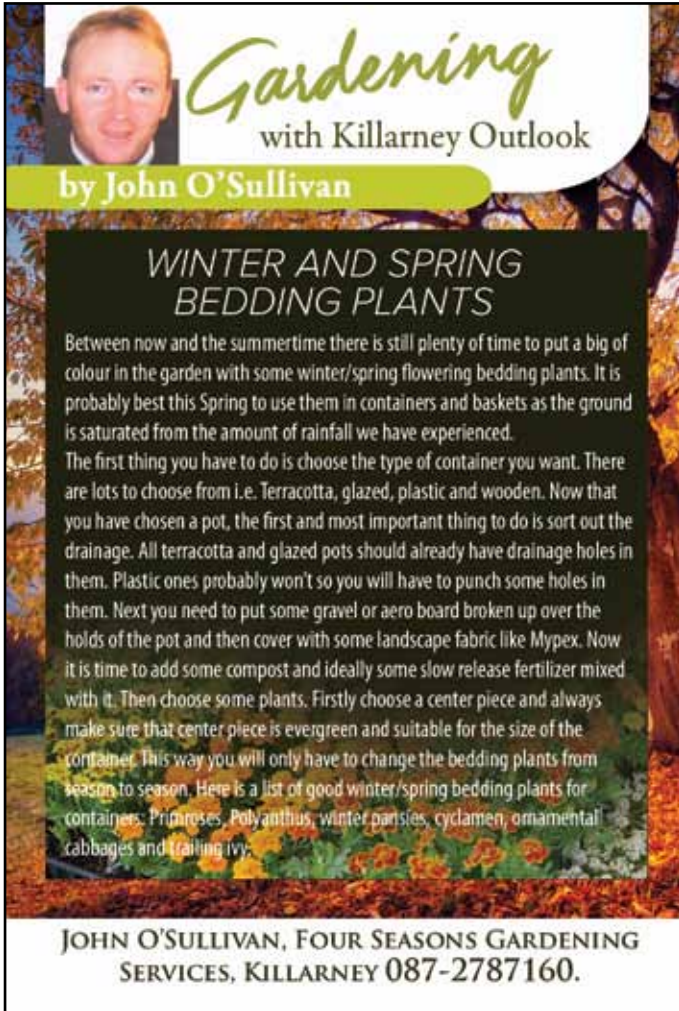


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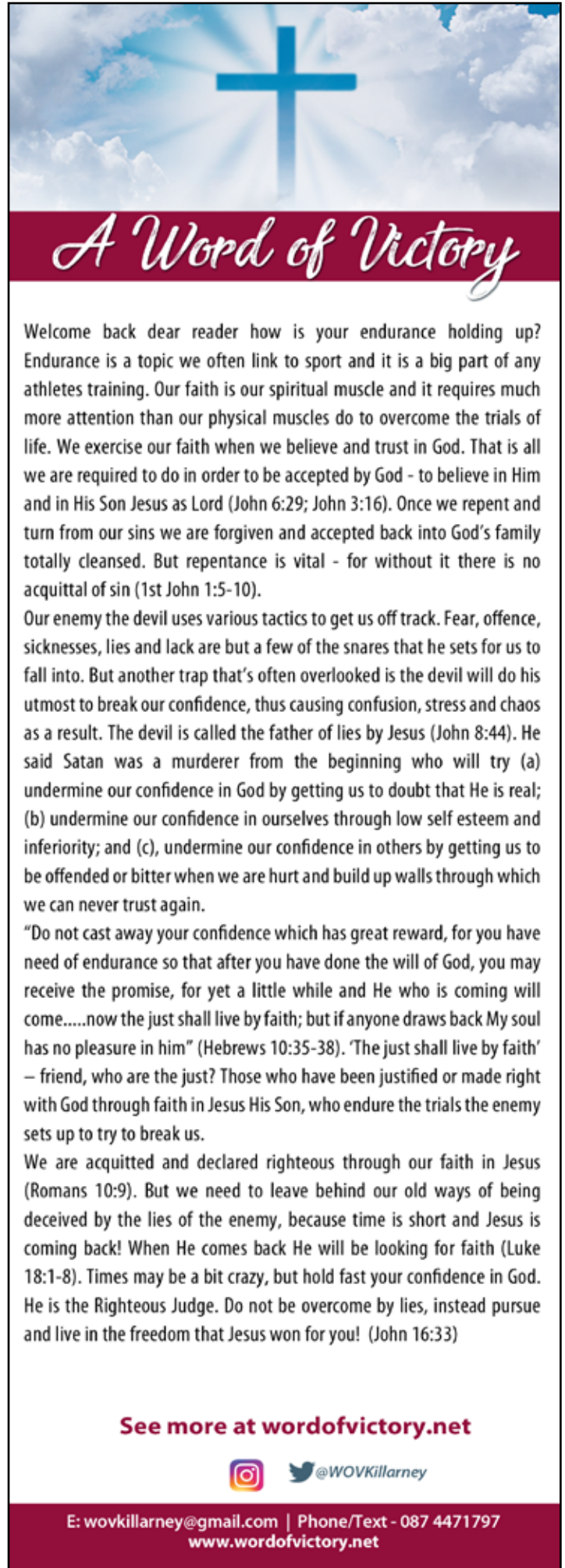
WINTER AND SPRING BEDDING PLANTS

Between now and the summertime there is still plenty of time to put a big of colour in the garden with some winter/spring flowering bedding plants. It is probably best this Spring to use them in containers and baskets as the ground is saturated from the amount of rainfall we have experienced. The first thing you have to do is choose the type of container you want. There are lots to choose from i.e. Terracotta, glazed, plastic and wooden. Now that you have chosen a pot, the first and most important thing to do is sort out the drainage. All terracotta and glazed pots should already have drainage holes in them. Plastic ones probably won't so you will have to punch some holes in them. Next you need to put some gravel or aero board broken up over the holds of the pot and then cover with some landscape fabric like Mypex. Now it is time to add some compost and ideally some slow release fertilizer mixed with it. Then choose some plants. Firstly choose a center piece and always make sure that center piece is evergreen and suitable for the size of the container. This way you will only have to change the bedding plants from season to season. Here is a list of good winter/spring bedding plants for containers: Primroses, Polyanthus, winter pansies, cyclamen, ornamental cabbages and trailing ivy.

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Getting ready for Santa and having a browse around town. Callum Brosnan & Grace O'Sullivan, both of Innisfallen, Bockery Road, Killarney.



A Word of Victory



Welcome back dear reader how is your endurance holding up? Endurance is a topic we often link to sport and it is a big part of any athletes training. Our faith is our spiritual muscle and it requires much more attention than our physical muscles do to overcome the trials of life. We exercise our faith when we believe and trust in God. That is all we are required to do in order to be accepted by God - to believe in Him and in His Son Jesus as Lord (John 6:29; John 3:16). Once we repent and turn from our sins we are forgiven and accepted back into God's family totally cleansed. But repentance is vital - for without it there is no acquittal of sin (1st John 1:5-10).

Our enemy the devil uses various tactics to get us off track. Fear, offence, sicknesses, lies and lack are but a few of the snares that he sets for us to fall into. But another trap that's often overlooked is the devil will do his utmost to break our confidence, thus causing confusion, stress and chaos as a result. The devil is called the father of lies by Jesus (John 8:44). He said Satan was a murderer from the beginning who will try (a) undermine our confidence in God by getting us to doubt that He is real; (b) undermine our confidence in ourselves through low self esteem and inferiority; and (c), undermine our confidence in others by getting us to be offended or bitter when we are hurt and build up walls through which we can never trust again.

"Do not cast away your confidence which has great reward, for you have need of endurance so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise, for yet a little while and He who is coming will come.....now the just shall live by faith; but if anyone draws back My soul has no pleasure in him" (Hebrews 10:35-38). 'The just shall live by faith' - friend, who are the just? Those who have been justified or made right with God through faith in Jesus His Son, who endure the trials the enemy sets up to try to break us.

We are acquitted and declared righteous through our faith in Jesus (Romans 10:9). But we need to leave behind our old ways of being deceived by the lies of the enemy, because time is short and Jesus is coming back! When He comes back He will be looking for faith (Luke 18:1-8). Times may be a bit crazy, but hold fast your confidence in God. He is the Righteous Judge. Do not be overcome by lies, instead pursue and live in the freedom that Jesus won for you! (John 16:33)

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3RD ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

SEAN O'SULLIVAN



DUNLOE UPPER, BEAUFORT.
WHO DIED 9TH
DECEMBER 2017.

*A loving thought, A silent tear
A constant wish that you were here
A loving place no one can fill
We miss you Dad and always will
Rest in Peace.*

Love always
Your daughter Geraldine, Denis,
Rory, Ashling and Ryan.

6TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

JACKIE HEALY-RAE



LATE OF KILGARVAN
WHO DIED ON THE 5TH
DECEMBER, 2014

*Our hearts are so full of memories,
With pride we speak your name,
Though life goes on without you,
It will never be the same.*

Sadly missed by Danny, Eileen, Johnny,
Patie, Dan, Maura, Elaine, Theresa,
Caroline, Linda and Emma.

Anniversary Masses
Kilcummin 7.30pm on the 7th December
2020 and Kilgarvan 7.30pm on the
8th January 2021.

2ND ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

MARGARET O'DONOVAN



LATE OF SHRONEDRAUGH,
HEADFORD
WHO DIED ON
9TH DECEMBER 2018.

*Those we love don't go away
They walk beside us every day
Unseen, unheard, but always near
So loved, so missed, so very dear*

Always remembered by your husband Larry,
sons, Laurence, Harry and Richard,
daughters Margaret and Mary, your
grandchildren Eire and Morgan Óg,
Caoimhe, Aoife, Fionán and Timmy.

2ND ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

MARGARET O'DONOVAN



LATE OF SHRONEDRAUGH,
HEADFORD
WHO DIED ON
9TH DECEMBER 2018.

To Those I love and those who love me

*When I am gone, release me, let me go
I have so many things to see and do.
You must not tie yourself to me with tears.
Be thankful for our many beautiful years
I gave you my love. You can only guess
How much you gave me in happiness
I thank you for the love
you each have shown*

*But now its time I travelled on alone
So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must
Then let your grief be comforted by trust
Its only for a time that we must part
So bless the memories within your heart.*

*I won't be far away, for life goes on
So if you need me, call and I will come
Though you can't see or touch me,
I'll be near
And if you listen with your heart,
you'll hear
All my love around you soft and clear
And then, when you must come
this way alone,
I'll greet you with a smile and say*

"Welcome Home"

Loved and missed
Richard, Tricia, and baby Timmy.
Daughters-in-law and sons-in-law.

7TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

DENIS (DENNY ARTHUR) MOYNIHAN



LATE OF RUSHEENMORE,
GLENFLESK, KILLARNEY
WHO DIED ON THE 7TH
DECEMBER, 2013

*Wrap your arms around him Lord,
Don't leave him on his own,
For it is his Anniversary,
And he can't come home.
Call his name softly,
And when he looks your way,
Tell him we love him,
And miss him everyday*

Always remembered by his loving wife Mary,
Daughter Margaret, Sons Arthur & Padraig,
Son-in-Law, Tadhg, Daughters-in-Law Helen
& Brenda and Grandchildren.

THE MIRACLE PRAYER

Dear Heart of Jesus in the past I have asked
many favours. This time I ask you this
special one, (mention favour).

Take it dear heart of Jesus and place it
within your own broken heart where your
Father sees it.

Then in his merciful eyes it will become
your favour not mine.

Amen.

Say this prayer for three days. Publication
of prayer and favour will be granted.

M.M.

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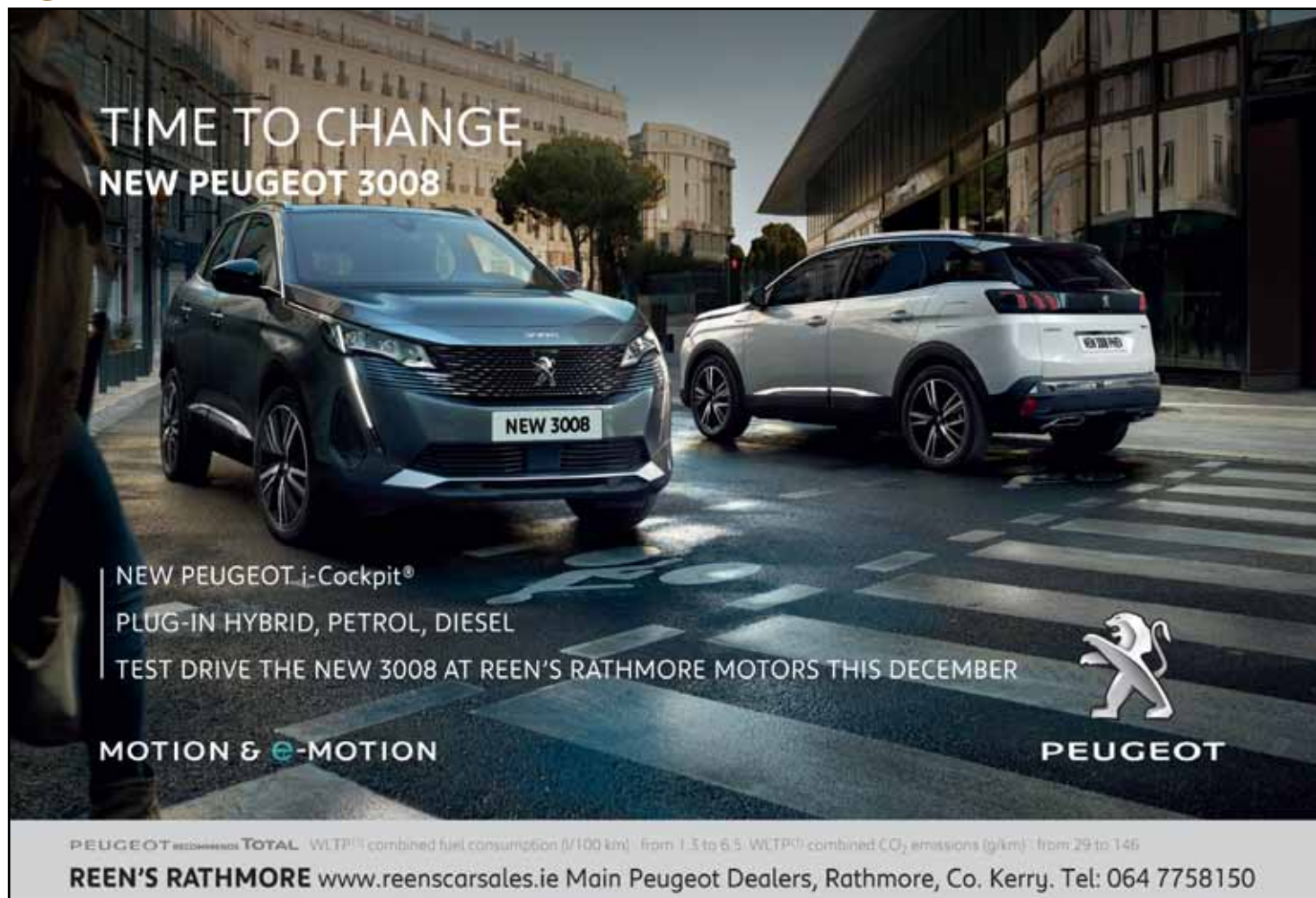
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