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# A Note from the **E** DITOR



After an action packed bank holiday weekend, we have lots for of local news in this week's Killarney Outlook. The Bikefest roared into town, bringing thousands of visitors to town, Killarney Club 7's was, once again, a fantastic success and a Fossa man has conquered the world's highest mountain.

The Kenya Education Project continues to thrive thanks to community support, Killarney Legion officially renames its grounds this weekend in honour of the legendary Johnny Culloty and a recycling initiative has raised funds for Comfort for Chemo.

Sister Act has been announced as the next KMS Show, three generations of the O'Connor family have taken part in the Killarney House Park Run and a very special mass took place at St. Mary's Cathedral.

Kerry have been crowned Under 14 champions, Killarney Judo Club are celebrating historic gold medals and Angelina Robles has signed on the dotted line for St. Paul's.

Hope you all enjoy this week's Killarney Outlook.

*Aisling Crosbie*



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# Business as Usual on Main Street as Improvement Works Continue

While major enhancement works are underway on Main Street, Killarney, local businesses are reminding customers that it is very much "business as usual" in the town centre.

The significant investment by Kerry County Council is set to transform the area, enhancing the streetscape, improving accessibility, and creating a more attractive and welcoming environment for residents, businesses and visitors alike. The project forms part of Killarney's ongoing development as one of Ireland's premier tourism and commercial destinations.

Despite the construction activity, businesses along Main Street remain open and continue to welcome customers.

Food lovers can enjoy the finest local produce at The Flesk Restaurant, while Smoke & Vape continues to trade as normal. Banking services remain available at AIB, and customers can still exchange currency at Fexco.

Coffee enthusiasts can call into Boardwalk for their favourite brew, while those looking for a sweet treat and a friendly chat can visit Des. Beauty and wellness services continue uninterrupted at Croi and Face First Aesthetics & Skincare, while Gallivan Financial remains fully operational.

New businesses are also continuing to thrive, with the recently opened Well coffee shop and FLX Pilates welcoming customers throughout the works.

The Grand Hotel continues to offer its renowned hospitality, while Deros Tours is available to



guide visitors on memorable journeys around the Kingdom. The Ring Sale continues at Celtic Jewellery and for those seeking a delicious meal, Milano's remains open and ready to serve its popular pizzas and family favourites.

Construction on the Main Street Enhancement Project commenced on Monday, April 20, 2026, following the appointment of a contractor by Kerry County Council.

To facilitate the works, the R-878 Main Street route between Kenmare Place and Plunkett Street will remain closed during two construction phases:

- April 20 to July 3, 2026
- October 5 to December 4, 2026

The street will fully reopen between July 4 and October 4 to accommodate the busy summer

tourism season.

Throughout the project, pedestrian access will be maintained and emergency service access will remain available at all times.

Kerry County Council has thanked the public, local businesses and visitors for their patience and cooperation during the works, which are designed to improve safety, accessibility and the overall quality of Killarney town centre for generations to come.

In the meantime, Main Street remains open for business, with local traders encouraging residents and visitors alike to continue shopping local and supporting the businesses that give the town its unique character and charm.

Job done... Frank McCarthy on the summit of Mount Everest.



## Fossa Man Reaches Summit of Mount Everest After Dramatic Climb

Fossa native Frank McCarthy has successfully reached the summit of Mount Everest, conquering the world's highest peak on May 25, 2026, following a remarkable expedition marked by resilience, determination, and survival at extreme altitude.

The son of Mairead and Frank McCarthy Snr, Frank grew up on the Narrow Road in Fossa, where daily views of Carrauntoohil, Ireland's highest mountain, inspired a lifelong passion for climbing and adventure.

That passion first took shape more than a decade ago when he completed a climb of Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania. Since then, McCarthy has steadily built his mountaineering experience, culminating in his successful ascent of the 8,849-metre Himalayan giant.

Now based in Dubai, where he has worked as a consultant for the past 13 years, Frank undertook the demanding physical preparation for Everest in the challenging conditions of the desert climate. The expedition itself took a significant toll, with the Kerry man losing more

than 13 kilograms during the journey.

The final push to the summit proved especially dramatic. At an altitude of 8,300 metres, McCarthy faced a potentially life-threatening situation when his oxygen supply ran out. Despite the crisis, he managed to continue safely and complete the ascent.

The expedition was further complicated when a falling rock struck his Sherpa guide, breaking the guide's arm and creating a high-altitude emergency in one of the most dangerous environments on Earth.

Undeterred by these setbacks, McCarthy successfully reached the summit on May 25, fulfilling a dream that began in the Kerry mountains.

His achievement places him among a select group of Irish mountaineers. McCarthy is the seventh Irish person to summit Everest during the 2026 climbing season, the third Kerry native to stand atop the world's highest mountain, and the 91st recorded Irish summit of Everest overall.

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*Cathal Cudden Fossa launching website for Kenya Education Project*

The Kenya Education Project continues to go from strength to strength under the dedicated leadership of Eddie Sheehy and his family, with support from the people of Killarney and beyond helping to make a real difference in the lives of children and families in Kenya.

The project, which has been supported by local organisations, businesses and individuals for many years, has enjoyed another successful period of fundraising and community engagement.

One of the highlights of the year was the annual Table Quiz, held at the Castlerosse Hotel in March. The event attracted a large attendance and proved to be a tremendous success. The organisers have extended their sincere thanks to everyone who supported the quiz, particularly the many business people of Killarney who generously donated an excellent range of spot prizes.

The project has also launched its new website, a significant development that will help supporters stay informed about its work and achievements. Special thanks have been expressed to Cathal Cudden, Graphic Designer, Fossa, who generously sponsored and developed the website.

Further encouragement came recently when the Euro Bridge Club, Fossa, presented a cheque to the Kenya Education Project. The contribution will assist with the completion of the Girls' Hostel at Edmund Rice School in Kenya. The project committee expressed its delight at receiving support from the members of the club and looks

forward to building on this new partnership.

Young people in the local community have also continued to play their part. For a number of years, the Chess Club at Fossa Primary School has been a valued supporter of the project. Once again this year, club members donated their weekly contributions towards school sponsorships. A special word of thanks was extended to teacher Jason Culloty for his ongoing assistance and encouragement.

The Killarney Active Retirement Group, which meets every Friday, has also made a significant contribution. Members recently donated a large quantity of new baby and infant clothing for distribution to families in need in Embulbul Village. Plans are in place to deliver the clothing during visits scheduled for July and September. Speaking on behalf of the Kenya Education Project, Eddie Sheehy expressed his gratitude for the continued support received from individuals, schools, clubs and community groups. He noted that every donation, no matter how large or small, plays an important role in helping the project continue its work in education and community development.

The Kenya Education Project remains deeply appreciative of the generosity shown by the Killarney community and all its supporters, whose contributions continue to transform lives and create opportunities for children and families in Kenya.

# Kenya Education Project Continues to Thrive

## Thanks to Community Support



*Euro Bridge club members donating cheque to Kenya Education volunteers*



*Killarney Active Retirement Group donation of new baby clothes*



*Fossa NS chess club has been a valued supporter of the project.*

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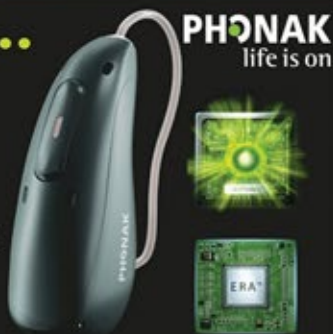


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*A beautiful life cut short....*

## SADNESS SURROUNDS THE PASSING OF SARAH

A profound sense of sadness has descended upon Killarney and the surrounding community following the passing of Sarah Egan, a remarkable young woman whose kindness, warmth and dedication touched countless lives.

Sarah, from Kilcummin, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, 27th May, surrounded by her loving family and in the compassionate care of the nurses and staff of the Palliative Care Unit at University Hospital Kerry.

While her passing has left an immense void in the hearts of all who knew her, the outpouring of love and tributes from across the community is a testament to the extraordinary impact she had during her life.

Sarah was a cherished preschool teacher at Holy Cross Mercy School in Killarney, where she became much more than an educator. To the children in her care, she was a guiding light whose patience, encouragement and infectious smile brightened every classroom she entered. To her colleagues, she was a treasured friend whose generosity of spirit and unwavering positivity made the school a happier place.

In a heartfelt tribute, the Parents Council of Holy Cross Mercy School extended its deepest sympathies to the Egan family, reflecting the

deep affection and respect in which Sarah was held by parents, pupils and staff alike.

Beyond the classroom, Sarah dedicated sixteen years of her life to teaching swimming at the Aquila Leisure Club in the Gleneagle Hotel. Over those years, she taught generations of children from Killarney and across Kerry not only how to swim, but how to believe in themselves.

For so many young people, Sarah's lessons were about much more than mastering strokes and techniques.

She nurtured confidence, celebrated achievements both big and small and encouraged every child to dream beyond their fears. Her patience, care and natural ability to make every child feel valued created memories that will endure for a lifetime.

Those who worked alongside her described Sarah as "the most beautiful soul we ever had the privilege to know", beautiful not only in appearance, but in the kindness, warmth and love she shared so freely with everyone around her.

She possessed a rare gift for making people feel special. Whether comforting a nervous child before a swimming lesson, supporting a colleague through a difficult day or simply greeting someone with her radiant smile, Sarah had a way of bringing light into the lives of others.



Her presence was one that could never be ignored and can never be replaced.

The loss felt by her family is immeasurable. Sarah was the beloved daughter of Bridget and John, a devoted sister to Stephanie, Chris, Mark and Darragh, and a treasured aunt whose nieces and nephews adored her. She was also a cherished sister-in-law to Chris's wife Sarah and Stephanie's husband Daithi, and a much-loved member of her extended family circle.

As news of her passing spread, messages of sympathy and remembrance flooded social media, with former pupils, parents, colleagues and friends sharing stories of the countless ways Sarah had touched their lives.

While hearts throughout the community are broken, many have found comfort in the thought

expressed so beautifully by those who knew her best: that what has been lost on earth has surely been gained in heaven.

Sarah's legacy will live on in the confidence of the children she taught, in the laughter she shared with friends and family, and in the memories of a life lived with extraordinary compassion and grace.

Killarney has lost one of its brightest lights, but the love Sarah gave so generously will continue to shine in the lives of all who were fortunate enough to know her.

As her family, friends and community come to terms with this heartbreaking loss, they do so united in gratitude for having known such a special person.

May her gentle soul rest in eternal peace.

## Minister Foley confirms over €11 million in funding for Kerry FC and Valentia Transatlantic Cable project

Minister for Children, Disability and Equality and Kerry T.D Norma Foley has confirmed over €11 million in funding for Kerry FC and the Valentia Transatlantic Cable project. The funding is being provided from the Department of Justice's Immigrant Investor Programme (IIP). The funding will provide vital support to Kerry FC which is competing in the League of Ireland SSE Airtricity First Division. It will also support the Valentia Transatlantic Cable Foundation Board in its ongoing work to advance the scientific heritage of the world's first successful transatlantic telegraph cable between Valentia Island and Newfoundland, Canada. Minister Foley said: "I am pleased to confirm that funding of €5.2 million has been sanctioned for Kerry FC and funding of €6 million sanctioned for the Valentia Island Transatlantic Cable project. I have worked very hard to secure this vital funding of over €11.2 million and I would like to thank my cabinet colleague, Minister for Justice Jim O'Callaghan for his work on the IIP funding. Congratulations to all involved in Kerry FC and the Valentia Transatlantic Cable Foundation Board who have worked so diligently to advance the application."



Minister Foley at the home of Kerry FC, Mounthawk Park with Sean O'Keefe and Geraldine Nagle of Kerry FC and former FAI President Gerry McAnaney.



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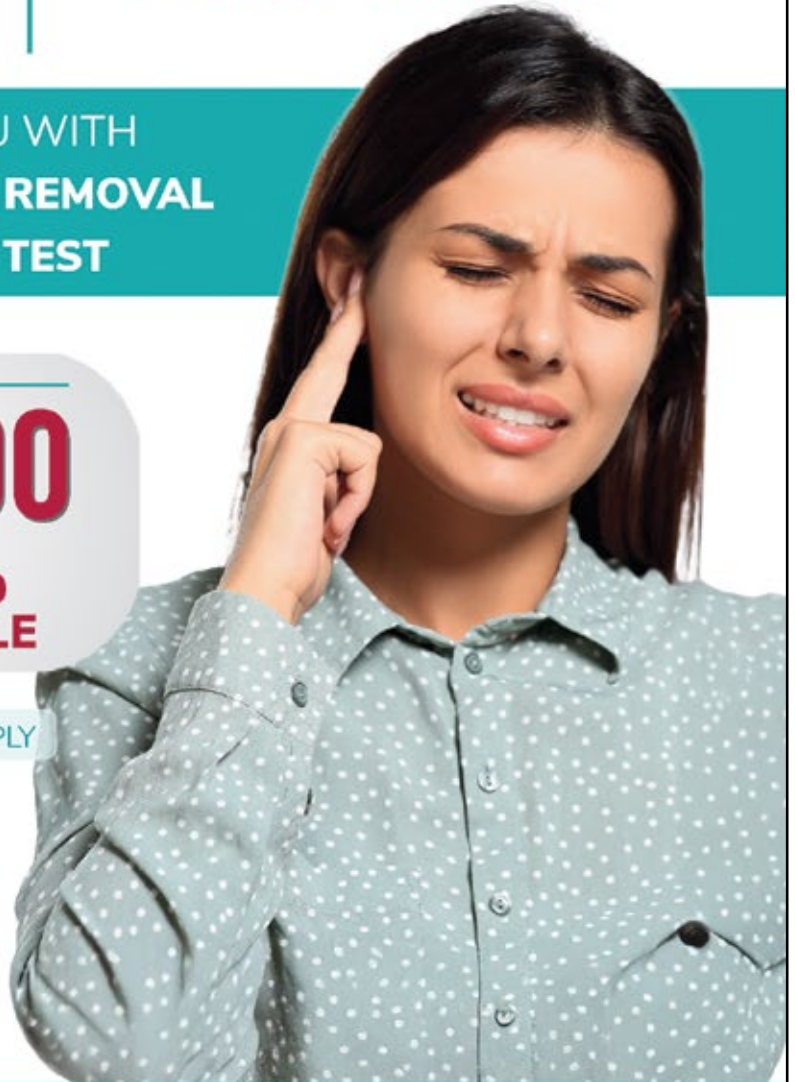
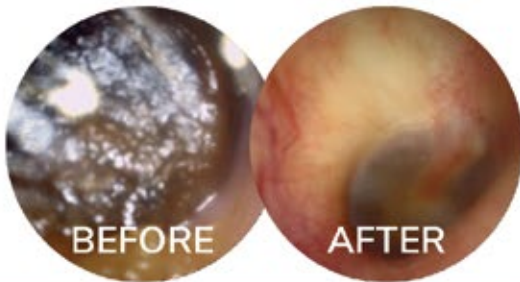
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# Killarney Mourns the Heartbreaking Loss of Talented Young Sportsman

## Ewan MacIndoe

The town of Killarney has been plunged into deep sadness following the sudden and untimely passing of one of its most cherished young sportsmen, Ewan MacIndoe, who died unexpectedly on May 27, 2026, at just 22 years of age.

A gifted all-round athlete, Ewan was a familiar and much-loved figure on sporting fields throughout the town. Whether wearing the colours of Killarney Celtic FC or Killarney Legion GAA Club, playing the fairways and greens at Killarney Golf & Fishing Club, he represented his teams with pride, determination and an infectious enthusiasm that endeared him to teammates, coaches and supporters alike.

News of his passing sent shockwaves throughout the community, leaving family, friends and sporting colleagues struggling to come to terms with the loss of a young man whose future held so much promise.

Ewan was the dearly loved son of David and Louise and a devoted brother to Amber. He was also a treasured grandson of David and Sharon MacIndoe and Tom and Breda Holohan. His passing is mourned by his great-grandmothers Hazel and Jenny, godmother Lauren, godfather Ian, his aunts, uncles, cousins, relatives,



The late Ewan MacIndoe, pictured at Killarney Golf & Fishing Club in 2021.

neighbours and a wide circle of loyal friends.

Tributes poured in from across the sporting community over the Bank Holiday weekend, reflecting the enormous impact Ewan had on those around him.

Killarney Celtic FC, where Ewan played from underage through to senior level, described him as a vibrant, kind-hearted and well-liked young man who was valued by everyone fortunate enough to know him.

The club spoke of the devastation felt throughout its ranks, noting that Ewan came from a family

with a proud and longstanding association with Celtic. His loss, they said, leaves an enormous void both on and off the field.

Meanwhile, Killarney Legion GAA Club remembered Ewan as a hugely popular member of their Senior B squad who had recently battled back from a back injury to once again line out alongside his teammates and friends. Coaches recalled his commitment and positive attitude from his earliest academy days right through to the senior ranks.

Those who knew Ewan best speak of a young man whose

warm smile, gentle nature and genuine kindness made him stand out. He was the type of person who brought people together, someone who was equally respected for his sporting ability as he was for his character.

Hundreds of mourners gathered over the Bank Holiday weekend to pay their respects and celebrate Ewan's life. The large attendance at his funeral was a powerful testament to the affection in which he was held and the profound sense of loss being felt throughout Killarney and beyond.

While words can do little to ease the pain of those closest to him, the overwhelming support shown to the MacIndoe family serves as a reminder of the remarkable impact Ewan had during his short life. His memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew him, in the dressing rooms he shared, on the pitches where he excelled and in the community he proudly represented.

As Killarney continues to mourn, thoughts remain firmly with David, Louise, Amber and the entire MacIndoe and Holohan families during this most difficult time.

May his gentle soul rest in peace.



## Killarney Legion to Honour JOHNNY CULLOTY with Grounds Renaming Ceremony

KILLARNEY LEGION GAA CLUB WILL CELEBRATE A LANDMARK OCCASION THIS WEEKEND AS THE CLUB OFFICIALLY RENAMES ITS GROUNDS IN HONOUR OF THE LEGENDARY JOHNNY CULLOTY ON SATURDAY, JUNE 6.

The special event will recognise the immense contribution made by one of Kerry football's most iconic figures, whose name is synonymous with both Killarney Legion and Kerry GAA.

A number of distinguished guests are expected to attend the ceremony, including GAA President Jarlath Burns and Kerry football legend Mick O'Connell, alongside local representatives, county officials and



members of the wider GAA community.

As part of the celebrations, the inaugural Johnny Culloty Golf Classic will take place at Killarney Golf Club on Friday, bringing together supporters and friends of the club ahead of the official renaming ceremony.

The weekend promises to be a fitting tribute to a man whose legacy has left an indelible mark on Killarney Legion, Kerry football and the GAA as a whole.

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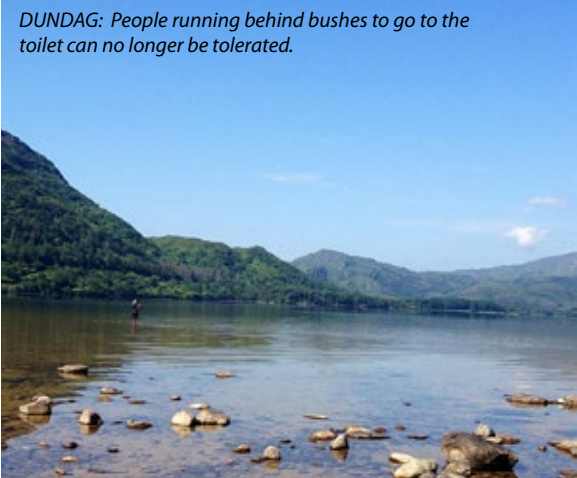
**Anne Lucey** looks at the positive news happening in Killarney



**GREATER USE OF THE NATIONAL PARK IS NEEDED - BUT BASICS MUST BE ADDRESSED**

Mayor of Killarney Councillor Martin Grady is anxious greater use is made of the national park for events. This could be recreational community and such, Martin said. It follows an interesting and excellent motion last year by Martin to lower the wall along the Demesbe so people can get a better view of the park from the town. Both are issues worth pursuing. We don't use the national park enough. We allow commercial jarveying, commercial boating,

cafes etc. So I can't see why we cannot have more concerts and gatherings. We should have a dog park too, for instance. We also need to get the basics right: Where for instance is the much needed toilet and showers in Dundag? The most popular beach in Killarney saw hundreds gather on the sand two weeks ago. People running behind bushes to go to the toilet can no longer be tolerated. And there are no showers. According to the council, a meeting is being arranged between NPWS management in order to discuss issues. Dundag must be high on the agenda, surely?



*DUNDAG: People running behind bushes to go to the toilet can no longer be tolerated.*

**BLOOMING GREAT!**

A visit to Bloom Friday last led me to conclude we blossom for the big occasions. Whether it is Killarney or Dublin. The 20-year-old flower festival brought out the best. Free rolling shuttle buses and plenty of helping staff led to seamless transfer at Heuston Station to and from the Phoenix Park. The organisation from door mats to toilets was impressive. James Joyce 100 years back would have written about a gay party atmosphere - when gay held its original meaning.. It was the same at the CMAT concert in Clontarf on Saturday night, I am reliably told. Free Darts and plenty of good will guides left family members home from France wowed and deeply lonely for Irishness. We can do stuff so well when it comes to the big events. Killarney Races is usually seamless too. This outlook has highlighted it. Lots of gardai on point duty, and traffic flows easier. But why is it we can do the big days well, but not the small everyday ones? The everyday traffic in Killarney and no solution in sight grinds us down because no-one seems to be in charge. Mind you, we only do some big days

well. People live in dread of the nicest weekends of the summer in Killarney - car rally in May and bike rally in June is fine for some, but there is major local anxiety. People were stuck in cars in New Street for over an hour the day of the Munster Final. Meanwhile, Bloom itself on Friday was a rival to any fashion show. People were colourfully dressed. Taoiseach Micheal Martin arrived stuffed in dark suited security and dressed in dull navy and dull black - he could have done with a red polka dot bow tie and a linen jacket to lighten up a bit! In contrast, elderly Dublin ladies were out in magnificent colour. I spotted one woman with a walking aid. 90 if she was a day, in Kermit Green glasses and matching earrings with a wonderful citrus green linen dress and more eye-catching than any of the flowers. As for the gardens - not very inspirational. Mauve alliums and more mauve alliums. And if not mauve, it was purple - the colour purple was all over the place. There was a sameness to the displays and most were for small urban areas, evening time, or for balconies. But there was a great trade in plants and



I fell victim to a blue sea holly and a purple and red primula as well as a bag of the latest lily bulbs straight from Holland. Lots of commercial tents means Bloom could be a rival to the ploughing - if only because it is so much easier to access. A cloud on the horizon: Bloom was down over ten thousand visitors on last year. Is Bloom wilting with the cost of living?

**COULD CLEANING UP THE ELECTORAL REGISTER MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

The next elections will be interesting in Kerry. If only because the electorate will be substantially down. Not because of emigration. But because the register is being cleaned up. "Cleansed" is how the electoral commission, an Coimisiún Toghcháin put it. Some 3,530 have so far been removed in Kerry. The reasons are interesting and the figures more so. Some 1046 dead people were registered to vote in Kerry. Some 389 people came under the category "duplication" which means they were in the register at least once, certainly twice and who knows maybe more. 48 people were out of the country and almost a thousand - 922 - no longer lived in Kerry but were in Cork, or Dublin or somewhere else. The checkers took out 307 people whose identity or otherwise they were unable to establish. And 762 had changed addresses. What we must find out of course is if any of the dead, God rest them, voted. Or if the duplicated votes or those no longer living in Kerry were used. This is something the council and the electoral commission should provide. Automatically.' Overall, according to data collated from local authorities over 300,000 entries were deleted from the 31 electoral registers during 2024 and 2025. As it stands, the total electorate in Kerry in May 2026 is at 127,153. Door-to-door enumerators were last year ruled out by Kerry County Council. But the council does conduct random postal checks. 'Unable to establish' would be unverified or, for example, returned in the post at election time. Random checks sent out by post would sometimes come back in the post with 'No longer living here' or 'outside county' etc. Last year we were told Voter.ie the new National voter Registration System is expected to be rolled out fully in 2026. This will result in one shared online registration system so fellows registered in Kilcummin or Kilgarvan or Muckcross could not also be registered in Dublin or Cork for instance.



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# Donation Boosts Three Peaks Cycle and Comfort for Chemo Kerry

A remarkable act of community generosity by Kevin and Patricia Ennis who work at Centra Muckcross Road has provided a welcome boost to this year's Three Peaks Cycle and its chosen charity, Comfort for Chemo Kerry.

Fiona O'Donoghue and the Three Peaks Committee of Killarney Cycling Club were delighted to receive a donation from the popular local initiative ahead of this Saturday's Three Peaks Cycle, taking place on June 6.

The donation was made possible through the Deposit Return Scheme (DRS), with shoppers and local residents regularly dropping plastic bottles and cans into the blue recycling bins located outside Centra on Muckcross Road. Kevin and Patricia then process the recyclables through the DRS machine and donate 100 per cent of the proceeds to charitable causes.

Their commitment goes even further, as they routinely collect recyclable containers that have been discarded in general waste bins to ensure every possible contribution is captured. Thanks to their dedication and the support of the local community, the initiative has raised almost €17,000 for worthy causes to date.

The latest donation will support Comfort for Chemo Kerry, the beneficiary of this year's Three Peaks Cycle. Every euro raised by the charity goes directly towards supporting the Oncology Unit at University Hospital Kerry.

Comfort for Chemo Kerry is uniquely positioned to identify where support is most needed, with several members of its committee working on the frontline within University Hospital Kerry. Their direct experience allows funds to be targeted where they can make the greatest



Photo from the left; Noel Ryan Three Peaks Committee, Cora Walsh Comfort for Chemo Kerry, Patricia Ennis DRS handing over a cheque to Lisa Barton Of The Three Peaks Committee, Fiona O'Donoghue Three Peaks Committee and Kevin Ennis DRS

difference to patients undergoing cancer treatment.

Killarney Cycling Club has expressed its sincere gratitude to Kevin and Patricia, as well as to everyone who continues to support the recycling initiative.

Members of the public are encouraged to

continue depositing their plastic bottles and cans in the blue bins outside Centra on Muckcross Road. Cyclists are also invited to take part in this Saturday's Three Peaks Cycle and help raise vital funds for a truly deserving cause. Full event details and registration information are available at [killarneycyclingclub.com](http://killarneycyclingclub.com).

## JOIN THE SUMMER STARS READING CHALLENGE AT ANY KERRY LIBRARY THIS SUMMER!!

Summer Stars is the public library national summer reading programme for children. Kerry Library invites all children throughout the county to join in the adventure and discover the fun and pleasure of reading over the summer by taking part in our Summer Stars Reading Challenge.

Summer Stars is non-competitive and every child who reads even one book or eBook is regarded as having completed the programme – and it's all completely free!

From Saturday, 13 June children are invited to visit their local Kerry library and collect a Summer Stars Reading Challenge card to track their reading. Children are welcome to join Summer Stars at any point over the summer and when they complete the challenge, they will receive a medal and a certificate of achievement.

Kerry Library stocks a vast range of children's books suitable for all ages and interests. In addition, BorrowBox, the e-Book / e-Audiobook / eMagazine service, offers a large selection of titles for children. A Summer Stars collection is available on BorrowBox. Kerry libraries are fully stocked with a vast array of books, and library staff are available to provide recommendations, helping young readers discover exciting new gems and authors.

During the Summer Stars Reading Challenge libraries will be hosting nature workshops and displays together with the Killarney National Park Education Centre, 'Music for All' workshops with Music Generation, biodiversity workshops with the Kerry Biosphere Officer and events with Kerry County Museum. Regular storytime, sensory sessions and other events will also take place throughout the summer.

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# KILLARNEY MUSICAL ANNOUNCE

# Sister Act

## AS THEIR NEXT SHOW

**A**ward-winning society set to bring the smash-hit musical comedy to the Gleneagle Arena from 2nd–4th March 2027

Killarney Musical Society has officially announced that its 2027 musical production will be the internationally acclaimed hit musical *Sister Act*, which will take to the stage of the Gleneagle Arena, Killarney, from Tuesday 2nd to Thursday 4th March 2027.

The reveal was made through a specially produced video shared by the Society, creating excitement among members, supporters, and musical theatre audiences throughout Kerry and beyond.

Based on the much-loved film, *Sister Act* tells the story of Deloris Van Cartier, a nightclub singer who is forced into hiding in a convent after witnessing a crime. What follows is a joyful and uplifting tale filled with comedy, friendship, and unforgettable music as Deloris helps transform the convent choir into a sensational musical act.

Speaking following the announcement, Derek O'Leary, Chairperson of Killarney Musical Society, said:

"We are absolutely thrilled to reveal *Sister Act* as our 2027 production. It is a show that combines humour, heart, spectacular music and an inspiring story, making it a perfect fit for Killarney Musical Society and our audiences."

He added: "The Society has enjoyed tremendous support from the people of Killarney and beyond over many years, and we are looking forward to bringing another high-quality production to the Gleneagle Arena. *Sister Act* offers wonderful opportunities for a



*KMS Committee members, Conor O'Leary, Jack Brosnan, Debra Hayden, Shinann Buckley O Sullivan, Sorcha O Connor, Michael Cunningham, Lisa Campbell, Janine Conway & Derek O'Leary during their recent filming of their Show Reveal for 2027!*

range of performers and we know audiences will enjoy every minute of it."

"We are delighted to welcome back award winning director Oliver Hurley and musical director Jimmy Brockie. We are assured that this combination will produce something special for the society in March 2027!"

Killarney Musical Society has established a reputation for delivering ambitious, high-quality musical productions and remains one of the leading voluntary performing arts organisations in the region. The Society continues to bring together talented

performers, musicians, backstage crew, and volunteers from across Kerry and neighbouring counties.

Preparations for the production are already underway, with further details regarding auditions and production updates to be announced in the coming months.

Tickets for *Sister Act* will be available through the Gleneagle Arena Box Office in the immediate future, with details to be announced shortly through Killarney Musical Society and Gleneagle Arena channels.

## Three Generations of O'Connor Family

### Take Part in Killarney House Parkrun

**T**hree generations of the O'Connor family took part in the KH parkrun last Saturday morning, highlighting the inclusive and community spirit at the heart of the weekly event.

Grandfather Mike O'Connor, his son Jeremiah and grandson Brian all participated together in the popular 5k event held in the beautiful surroundings of Killarney House and Gardens.

Their participation reflects what parkrun is all about. bringing together people of all ages and abilities in a fun, friendly and welcoming environment. KH parkrun takes place every Saturday morning at 9.30am sharp in Killarney House Gardens (V93 HE3C). The free weekly community event welcomes walkers, joggers, runners, volunteers and spectators alike.

Organisers encourage anyone interested to come along and take part at their own pace while enjoying the social and health benefits of the event.

*Grandfather Mike O'Connor, his son Jeremiah and grandson Brian all participated in 5k event*



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(1)(2)(3)(4-wheat)(5)(6)(7)(10)  
*Selection of fish & shellfish in creamy soup with soda bread.*
- Vegan Superfood Bowl** (4-wheat)(5)(9)(10) €12.00  
*Mixed leaves, Bulgar wheat, quinoa, butternut squash, pomegranate seeds, edamame beans.*
- Add grilled chicken** €4.00
- Add poached jumbo prawns** €5.00
- Warm Goats Cheese Salad** (1)(5)(9) €12.00  
*Grilled goats cheese with baby leaves, beetroot & honey salsa, balsamic reduction.*
- Classic Caesar Salad** (1)(3)(4-wheat)(5)(9)(10) €12.00  
*Baby gem lettuce, fresh parmesan shavings & croutons.*
- Add Grilled Chicken** €4.00
- Add Crispy Bacon** €2.00
- Crispy Chicken Wings** €12.00  
(1)(2)(4-wheat)(5)(9)(10)  
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- Salt & Pepper Calamari** €12.00  
(2)(4-wheat)(5)(7)(9)(10)  
*Tender dusted squid with a sweet chilli dip.*
- Baked Garlic Focaccia Flatbread** €10.00  
(1)(4-wheat)(8)(9)(10)(11-cashew)  
*Mozzarella cheese, rocket & basil pesto.*

### Big Plates

- Slow cooked Irish Pork Belly** €24.00  
(1)(2)(4-wheat, oats, barley)(5)(9)(10)  
*Champ potatoes, vegetables, mustard sauce, Harleys black pudding crumb.*
- Salt & Chili Shredded Chicken** €18.00  
(2)(4-wheat)(5)(9)(10)  
*Seasoned chicken strips with fries, salad & garlic mayonnaise.*
- Irish Lamb Stew** (2)(4 barley) €24.00  
*Local lamb, Root vegetables, pearl barley & potatoes.*
- Blackened Cajun Salmon** (1)(9) €26.00  
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- Cronin's Beef Casserole** (1)(2)(5)(10) €22.00  
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- Cottage Pie** (1)(2)(5)(9)(10) €20.00  
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- Vegan Chickpea & Sweet Potato Kerala Curry** €18.00  
(4-wheat)(9)  
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- Add Chicken** €4.00
- Add Prawns** €5.00
- Roast Irish Chicken Supreme** (1)(2)(3)(10) €24.00  
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### From the Grill

- Prime 10oz Irish Sirloin Steak** €35.00
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- Vegan Sicilian Lemon Cheesecake** (4-wheat) with fruit salad €9.00
- Vanilla Ice-Cream & Chocolate Cookie Sandwich** €5.00  
(1)(4-wheat)(10)
- Trio of Gourmet Ice-Creams** €5.00  
(1)(4-wheat)(10)(11)(12)(13-cashew)  
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# A VERY SPECIAL MASS AT ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL



Saturday night last marked an important Annual event in the calendar of Killarney Parish. St. Mary's Cathedral 6:15pm Mass saw the celebration of significant wedding anniversaries that occur in 2026. Fifty or so couples came to mark their significant milestones, ranging from 25 years of marriage to 60+.

Fr. Kieran O'Brien, the Cathedral Administrator, presided over this Mass. Fr. O'Brien spoke of how times have changed in the years since these couples celebrated their marriage – society, values, the introduction of social media to mention both of you. However, he reminded everybody that what has not changed is the essence of the Sacrament of Marriage, and how these couples can be an inspiration to those who may now be embarking on their own matrimonial journey.

In what was a tangibly moving moment within the walls of the Cathedral, the couples held hands, looked into each other's eyes, and renewed their marriage vows to each other. After the ceremony, several of the congregation including the family members of the couples being celebrated, spoke of how beautiful that moment was.

The communion reflection was sung by the Cathedral director of music, Paula Gleeson, and what made it so poignant was that one of the 'grooms' had sung that song to his wife on their wedding day – 'I'll walk beside you through the passing years, through days of sunshine, joy and tears, and when the great call comes and sunset gleams, I'll walk beside you through the land of dreams.'

After the Mass concluded, the couples were each presented with a certificate to commemorate

the special night. As everybody stood around the front of the altar taking photographs, it was heartwarming to hear couples reminisce amongst themselves and to their families about their wedding days all those years ago. There was such a strong feeling of unity, love and above all gratitude that they were here to celebrate together.

The celebrations continued with refreshments in Saint Brendan's College. Everybody was so thrilled to partake, to share stories, and reflect on their wedding days and the many years since..

Killarney Parish wish to congratulate each and everyone of these couples on reaching their significant milestones. We wish them many more years of happiness and togetherness ahead.



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## BEAUFORT FILM NIGHT IS BACK

Beaufort Film Night is delighted to announce that it will return on Friday 12th June at Kilgobnet National School, Beaufort.

Beaufort Film Night will be showing the Italian coming-of-age classic Cinema Paradiso.

Giuseppe Tornatore's loving homage to the cinema tells the story of Salvatore, a successful film director, returning home to Sicily for the funeral of Alfredo, his old friend and father figure, who was the projectionist at the local cinema throughout his childhood. Soon, memories of his first love affair with the beautiful Elena and all the highs and lows that shaped his life come flooding back, as Salvatore reconnects with the community he left 30 years earlier.

A winner of awards across the world, including: Best Foreign Language Film Oscar; 5 BAFTA Awards including Best Actor, Original Screenplay and Score; the Grand Prize of the Jury at the Cannes Film Festival; and many more. The film's soundtrack was written by the



legendary composer Ennio Morricone.

Cinema Paradiso will screen at Kilgobnet National School (Eircode V93 DW26) on Friday 12th June at 8.30pm. The full admission price is €8. There is no card payment facility. The admission fee will go towards covering the motion picture licence fee. Cinema Paradiso has a PG rating, and is in Italian with English subtitles.

Beaufort Film Night is a non-profit community organisation founded by local film enthusiasts whose aim is to screen cultural English language and international language films, fostering an interest in and appreciation of these category of films, films that normally

don't get a general release screening in Kerry. Films screened at Beaufort Film Night are carefully curated in order to appeal to a general audience. Beaufort Film Night is supported by Kerry County Council Arts Office and is working in conjunction with Access Cinema, the Arts Council funded organisation which assists film clubs and film nights in Ireland with their screenings.

Beaufort Film Night would like to thank Kilgobnet National School for providing the venue for this cultural and entertainment opportunity. Further information can be viewed on Beaufort Film Night's Facebook page (@BeaufortFilmNight).

CALL FOR ALL TO TAKE PART IN

## *Cruinniú na nÓg 2026*



Cathaoirleach of Kerry County Council, Cllr. Michael Foley, pictured with Kerry County Council Arts Officer and Kerry Creative Ireland co-ordinator Kate Kennelly, Niamh De hOra (Arts Office Kerry County Council and Creative Ireland Kerry Office) and Bridget Fitzgerald (Acting Director of Services Kerry County Council), is urging parents, families and children across Kerry to take part in the wonderful opportunities on offer for Cruinniú na nÓg, which takes place on Saturday, June 6th. Photo: Michelle Breen Crean Photography

The Cathaoirleach of Kerry County Council, Cllr. Michael Foley, urges parents, families and children across Kerry to take part in the wonderful opportunities on offer for Cruinniú na nÓg, which takes place on Saturday, 6th June.

Cllr. Foley stated that 'these events are free, so I am urging parents and children to have a look and book a space to enjoy this day of creativity.' Pre-booking is required.

Over thirty events will take place from Caherdaniel to Caherciveen, from Kenmare to Killorglin, Killarney, Tralee, Listowel and Dingle/Daingean Uí Chúis. Cruinniú is co-ordinated by the Kerry County Council Arts Service and funded by Creative Ireland.

Kerry County Council Arts Officer and Kerry Creative Ireland co-ordinator Kate Kennelly noted that 'activities on offer include drumming, creative writing, origami, dance, painting and film' and that 'the magic on the day is amplified by the children having fun as they create and explore their creativity.'

Details on all Kerry events are available at [www.cruinniunanog/Kerry](http://www.cruinniunanog/Kerry), [arts.kerrycoco.ie/Cruinniú](http://arts.kerrycoco.ie/Cruinniú) on @KerryCoArts or by contacting the Arts Office at 066 7183541.



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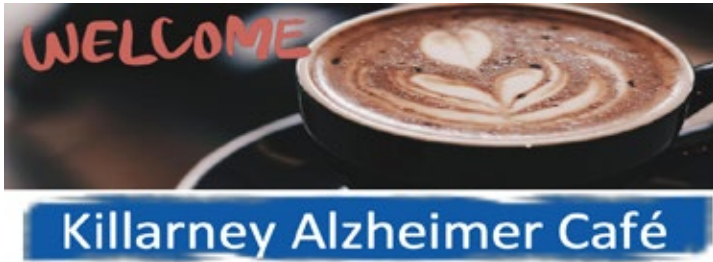
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## Killarney Alzheimer Café

### Welcomes Community for Monthly Support Gathering

A welcoming community event aimed at supporting people living with dementia, their families, and carers continues to take place in Killarney on the third Wednesday of every month.

The next Killarney Alzheimer Café, organised by the The Alzheimer Society of Ireland, will be held on Wednesday, 17 June 2026, from 11am to 1pm at Coill na Darrach Community Room Eircode V93 VXY8. The café takes place on the third Wednesday of every month, offering a regular opportunity for people affected by dementia to meet, share experiences, and access helpful information in an informal setting.

The event is open to everyone, including individuals living with dementia or cognitive impairment, family members, carers, and healthcare professionals. Organisers say the café provides a warm and welcoming space where attendees can connect with others facing similar challenges

while learning more about available supports.

This month's guest speaker will be Melissa Molyuneaux, Dementia Advisor with Kerry ASI, who will provide information and advice related to hearing health, an important aspect of wellbeing for many older adults.

Representatives from the Alzheimer Society say events like the café help reduce isolation and provide valuable support for families navigating dementia.

Anyone interested in attending or learning more can contact Lynda Phillips on 087 355 6508 or via email at [lynda.phillips@alzheimer.ie](mailto:lynda.phillips@alzheimer.ie).

More information about dementia support services is also available on the Alzheimer Society of Ireland website.

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# SUCCESSFUL KILLARNEY CLUB 7S WEEKEND DRAWS HUGE CROWDS



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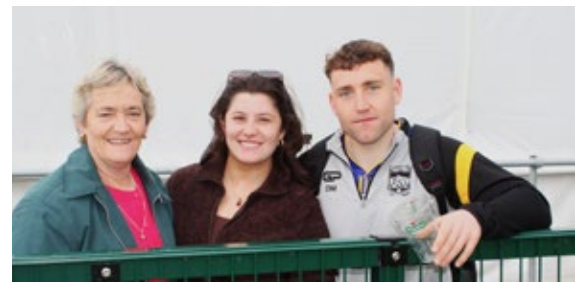
The fifth annual Killarney Club 7s took place over the bank holiday weekend, attracting thousands of visitors for a festival of football, music, food and family entertainment.

Clubs from across the country competed in a highly successful tournament, while festival-goers enjoyed a packed programme of live music and activities throughout the weekend. Entertainment included performances from local artists, with renowned UK DJ and producer Sigala headlining on Saturday night and the popular Blessed Irish Duo taking centre stage on Sunday.

On the field, Spa GAA claimed the Men's Cup title with a 4-10 to 3-09 victory over Kilbride GAA of Meath. Ratoath GAA won the Men's Shield after a dramatic penalty shootout victory over Keel GAA following a 0-08 to 0-08 draw.

In the Ladies' competitions, Aghada GAA of Cork captured the Cup title, defeating Mounseabbey GAA by 4-04 to 3-05, while Southern Gaels secured the Shield with a 5-05 to 1-02 win over Legion GAA.

Organisers expressed their gratitude to all participating clubs, sponsors, neighbours and the hundreds of volunteers whose efforts helped make the event another memorable success. Their generosity, commitment and community spirit were instrumental in delivering a fantastic weekend for players and spectators alike.





# Kilcummin Comhaltas Celebrates County Fleadh Success

Kilcummin Comhaltas enjoyed outstanding success at Fleadh Cheoil Chiarraí, with musicians, singers and Gaeilgeoirí achieving excellent results across a wide range of competitions and securing numerous qualifications for Fleadh Cheoil na Mumhan in Lismore this July.

In singing and Gaeilge competitions, Brynn McCarthy was crowned County Champion in U12 English Singing, placed second in U12 Amhránaíocht Gaeilge and qualified for the Munster Comhrá Gaeilge competition. Ella Rose Lyons also achieved an excellent third place in U12 Amhránaíocht Gaeilge.

Instrumental successes included Michael O'Connor, who won the U12 Button Accordion title, while Catriona Blake and Brynn McCarthy were County Champions in the U12 Duet competition. Catriona also joined members of Tralee CCÉ to win the U12 Trio title.

In the 12–15 age category, Aoibhinn O'Connor secured third place in Fiddle, Fiddle Slow Airs and Duets alongside Colm Fleming. Colm enjoyed further success, winning Miscellaneous Slow Airs and placing second in Button Accordion. Both also qualified for Munster as members of "Ceoltóirí na Ceolainne," which placed third in Grúpaí Ceoil. Grace Doyle also represented the branch in Concertina.

At 15–18 level, Seán Fleming earned third place



in both Whistle and Whistle Slow Airs, while Eoin Foley was crowned County Champion in Button Accordion.

Senior competitors continued the branch's success, with Michael Healy winning the O18 Button Accordion title and placing second in Melodeon. Seán Butler claimed the O18 Melodeon County Championship and finished second in Button Accordion.

Kilcummin Comhaltas extends sincere thanks to all parents, families, teachers and mentors for their continued support and dedication.

The branch also acknowledges the efforts of CCÉ Barr na Sráide and Kerry County Board Comhaltas in hosting a successful Fleadh Cheoil Chiarraí.

The branch is immensely proud of every competitor who represented Kilcummin Comhaltas with such talent, commitment and community spirit. Best wishes are extended to all competitors as they prepare for Fleadh Cheoil na Mumhan in Lismore this July.

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# TY END OF YEAR GRADUATION

*Celebrated at St. Brigid's*

St. Brigid's Presentation Secondary School celebrated the graduation of its Transition Year students, marking the end of an exceptional year filled with growth, opportunity and memorable experiences.

The Transition Year programme is designed to help students develop confidence, independence, communication skills and a greater sense of responsibility. This year's group embraced every opportunity presented to them, demonstrating enthusiasm, positivity and a willingness to challenge themselves throughout the year.

From educational trips and workshops to work experience placements and a wide range of activities both inside and outside the classroom, the students immersed themselves fully in every aspect of the programme. Along the way, they created lasting memories and friendships that will remain with them long after their TY journey has ended.

Parents joined staff and students for a special awards celebration, which recognised the achievements, efforts and personal development of the students over the course of the year.

A special congratulations was extended to Mia Garvanovic, who was named Transition Year Student of the Year in recognition of her outstanding contribution and achievements throughout the programme.



*Paudie Spillane and teacher Peggy Dowling pictured with students at the TY Grad*



*Students from St. Brigid's Presentation Secondary School who celebrated their TY Graduation this week*



*Students from St. Brigid's Presentation Secondary School who celebrated their TY Graduation this week*

*Fiona Crowley, Mary Brosnan and Peggy Dowling at the graduation.*

*Mary Brosnan pictured with her daughter t the TY Grad*



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# TRIBUTES PAID TO THE LATE TOMI REICHENTAL

The members of The Hugh O'Flaherty Memorial Society are saddened to hear of the passing of Tomi Reichental, - Holocaust survivor, inspirational speaker and a wonderful human being.

Tomi was the Keynote Speaker at our 2014 Hugh O'Flaherty Award Ceremony when the Hugh O'Flaherty International Humanitarian Award was presented to another incredible Humanitarian, Dr John Beavis – Founder of the Medical Charity IDEALS.

In his address, Tomi spoke of the loss of his family and the horrors experienced by so many people of the Jewish race in the Nazi concentration camps during WW2. He spoke of his own survival and of his subsequent move to Ireland. He devoted the rest of his long life to increasing awareness within succeeding generations of young Irish people of the horrors of war, man's cruelty to his fellow man and above all, the need for forgiveness and reconciliation.

Dr John Beavis, the Award Recipient that year, was performing nothing short of medical miracles in the refugee camps of Gaza, operating on Palestinian children and others injured in Israeli attacks. In keeping with the theme of Tomi's address, Tomi and John formed a strong bond and remained firm friends until John's passing in 2018.

The Memorial Society extends its Deepest Sympathy and Sincere Condolences to Tomi's partner, family and friends. Codladh Sámh Tomi.



Tomi with Dr John Beavis at the Award Ceremony.



\*Tomi at the O'Flaherty Exhibition in Killarney Library with Joyce, John Beavis and Gerry Gregg (Praxis Pictures). Gerry Gregg produced the 2017 documentary on Tomi's life titled "Condemned to Remember".

## Community-based recovery programme delivers strong outcomes for people experiencing addiction

A new evaluation by HSE South West Addiction Services shows that a community-based addiction recovery programme in Tralee is delivering strong outcomes, with high rates of abstinence and clear improvements in people's health and quality of life.

The report, launched this week at the Rose Hotel, Tralee is called "Recovery without walls" and evaluates the Adult Recovery Group (ARG) at Brandon House Treatment Centre. It is a structured programme that

supports people to stop using drugs and alcohol while continuing to live at home and stay connected to their families and communities.

The evaluation found that:

- 79% of participants were abstinent from both alcohol and drugs after 12 months
- 97% were abstinent from drugs at follow-up
- People moved from high-risk substance use to low-risk use or full abstinence over the course of the programme.

Participants also reported clear improvements in:

- Mental and physical health
- Family relationships
- Work, training and education
- Social life and overall wellbeing

The evaluation shows that recovery goes beyond stopping substance use. Participants built what is known as "recovery capital" – the personal and social supports needed to stay well.

People described

- Rebuilding trust with family members
- Returning to work or study
- Developing healthier routines
- Building new, drug-free and alcohol-free friendships

The programme also has wider benefits. It can help reduce stigma, strengthen local communities and support better outcomes for children and families.

The report finds that the Adult Recovery Group at Brandon House is an effective community-based pathway to recovery, with strong potential to expand and be replicated in other areas.



Pictured at the Rose Hotel Tralee were Barry Corkery senior addiction counsellor at the HSE, Ronan Doherty NOVAS, Daniel O'Shea Kerry ETB and Patrick Conway O'Connell HSE. Photo By: Domnick Walsh © Eye Focus LTD.



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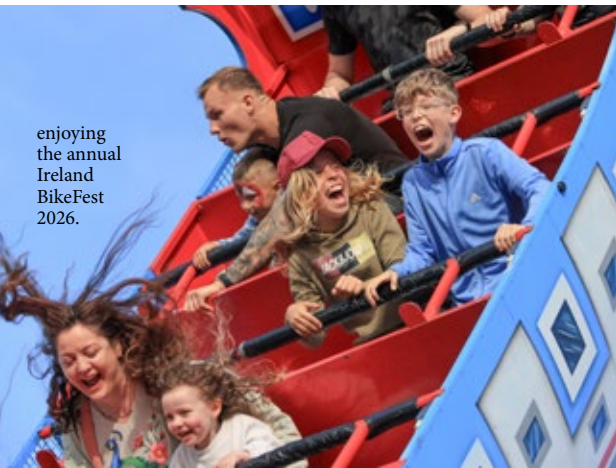
# Bikefest Roars Into Town



A test of road skills at Caragh Lake, Glencar, Co Kerry, as the biking fraternity arrive early in Killarney for the annual Ireland BikeFest 2026, which takes place from 29th-31st May. The festival will welcome thousands of bikers and visitors to the town for a weekend of live music, ride-outs, entertainment and biking culture across the June Bank Holiday weekend.

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ALL ROADS LEAD TO KILLARNEY

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enjoying the annual Ireland BikeFest 2026.



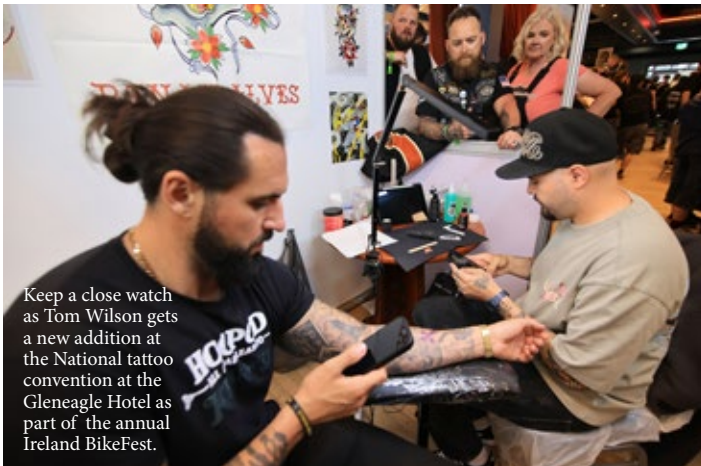
'Biker James' enjoying the annual Ireland BikeFest 2026.



Martin McKenna enjoying the Rock music at the annual Ireland BikeFest 2026.



Breda and Colm Ó Súilleabháin, enjoying the annual Ireland BikeFest.



Keep a close watch as Tom Wilson gets a new addition at the National tattoo convention at the Gleneagle Hotel as part of the annual Ireland BikeFest.



Aileen O'Sullivan, enjoying the annual Ireland BikeFest 2026.



Mike Quirke and Breda Joy enjoying the annual Ireland BikeFest 2026.



Plenty of Rock 'n' Roll at the annual Ireland BikeFest 2026.

A test of road skills at Caragh Lake, Glencar, Co Kerry, as the biking fraternity arrive early in Killarney for the annual Ireland BikeFest 2026.



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Lauren O'Sullivan, Maxim Khokhlov and Kevin Troy, enjoying the annual Ireland BikeFest 2026.



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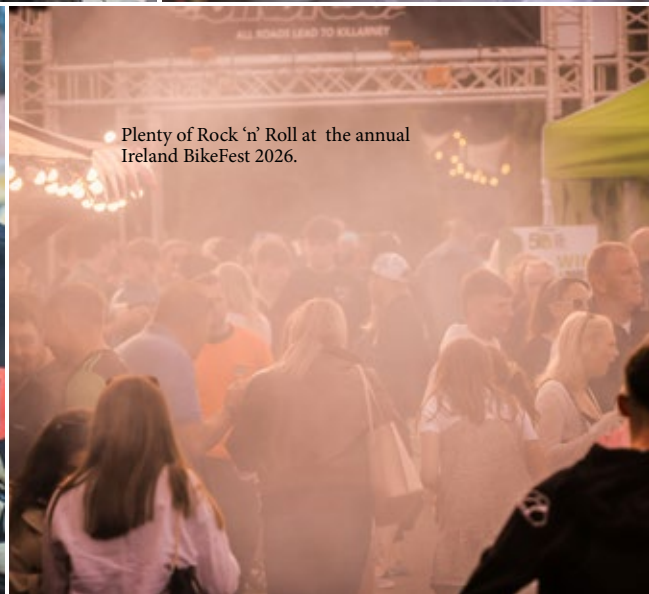


Miah O'Shea enjoying the annual Ireland BikeFest 2026.



Patrick and Gerry Fleming, left, Jake Cronin and Colm Óg Ó Súilleabháin.

Dave and Angie McGarry, enjoying the annual Ireland BikeFest 2026.



Plenty of Rock 'n' Roll at the annual Ireland BikeFest 2026.

# CASTLEISLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE MAKES HISTORY

## With Triple All Ireland Basketball Triumph

Castleisland Community College has etched its name into Irish schools' basketball history after securing three All-Ireland A Division Cup titles in a single day, completing a remarkable clean sweep at the National Basketball Arena in Tallaght on Thursday, 21st May. In an extraordinary display of talent, determination and school spirit, the college competed in three A Division Cup finals—and won every one.

### Dominant U14 Girls Set the Tone

The day began with a commanding performance from the U14 Girls, who overpowered Malahide Community School with a resounding 30–8 victory. From the opening whistle, Castleisland's defensive intensity and fastpaced offence left no doubt that they were on a mission. Their win set the tone for what would become an unforgettable day for the school.

### U15 Boys Edge a Thriller

Next onto the court were the U15 Boys, who faced a formidable St Mary's CBS Portlaoise side. In a gripping contest that kept supporters on edge, Castleisland held their nerve to claim a 40–35 win. The match showcased the team's resilience, composure and tactical discipline—qualities that have defined their season.

### U15 Girls Seal the Historic Treble

The final game of the day proved to be the most dramatic. The U15

Girls battled SCR Portlaoise in a nailbiting encounter that featured five ties and six lead changes. In a contest where momentum swung repeatedly, Castleisland's grit shone through as they edged out a 34–32 victory, sealing the school's historic treble.

### A Golden Era for Basketball at Castleisland Community College

This extraordinary achievement comes on the back of an already exceptional season.

- The 2nd Year Girls were crowned A Division League Champions.
- The 2nd Year Boys finished as A Division League RunnersUp.
- The U16 Girls and Boys A Division Cup teams were both All-Ireland RunnersUp.
- The 1st Year Girls also reached the All-Ireland U14 Cup Final, finishing as runnersup.

The consistency across age groups highlights the depth of talent and the strength of the school's basketball programme.

Coaches Praised for Dedication and Leadership

Great credit has been directed toward the coaching and management team whose commitment has been central to the school's success. Denny Porter (Girls Coach), Yvonne Rice (Manager), Máire McLoughlin (Boys Coach) and Maurice Casey (Assistant Boys Coach) have invested countless hours—training teams over school holidays and holding early morning sessions at 8am. Their dedication has helped



### U15 A Division Cup Championship Girls team

Máiréad Corridan (Principal), Máire Curtin, Ellie Doyle, Meghan Brosnan, Danielle Sheahan, Chloe McElligott, Mikaela Murphy, Holly O'Neill, Emily Galvin, Yvonne Rice (Manager) Denny Porter (Coach)

From left middle row: Eimear McMahon, Rachel Prendergrast, Orraith Murphy, Nessa McAuliffe (Joint Captain), Julie McAuliffe (Joint Captain), Leah Kelly, Róisín O'Donoghue, Niamh O'Sullivan, Brid McCarthy, Elizabeth O'Mahony, Alana Walmsley, Aoibh Brosnan, Jean McGuire, Hannah O'Rahilly.

build a culture of excellence that is now bearing remarkable fruit. A special mention to Maurice Casey who won his 20th A Division Championship as a coach for the boys teams!

### Principal Commends Students and Staff

Principal Máiréad Corridan praised the teams and coaching staff, noting: "The school is operating at the top tier of postprimary school basketball. Castleisland Community College continues to build a strong reputation as a centre of excellence for basketball."

The triple All-Ireland victory marks a milestone not only for the school but for the wider community, which has long supported and celebrated youth sport. Last year the school celebrated another outstanding achievement in basketball by winning 4 All-Ireland A Division Basketball competitions in a week which resulted in an amazing 6 All-Ireland A Division titles in total for the year. This year's basketball achievements will be remembered as one of the greatest sporting days in the school's history.



### U14A Division Cup Championship Girls team

In the photo from left standing: Máiréad Corridan (Principal), Ellie Doyle, Meghan Brosnan, Máire Curtin, Róisín Lyons, Doireann Broderick, Aobha Bolger, Shanna O'Sullivan, Jessie Horgan, Jean McGuire, Yvonne Rice (Manager), Denny Porter (Coach) Middle row from left: Orraith Murphy, Leah Murphy, Ava Casey, Róisín Donnelly, Chloe McElligott (Joint Captain), Eimear McMahon (Joint Captain), Katie Reidy, Alana Walmsley, Emily Brosnan, Niamh O'Sullivan.



### U15 A Division Cup Championship Boys team

In the photo from left standing: Máiréad Corridan (Principal), Máire McLoughlin (Coach), Darragh O'Sullivan, Fionn Browne, Emmet Hickey (Joint Captain), Olly O'Shea (Joint Captain), Connie O'Connor, Emmet O'Grady, Tom O'Neill, Conor O'Donoghue, Maurice Casey (Assistant Coach).

From left kneeling: Seán Kerin, Cillian Murphy, Aaron Brosnan, Ryan O'Connor, Charlie Tarrant, Leo Flynn, Reuben O'Leary-Griffin, Adam Walsh, Brian McShane, Seán Eamonn O'Donoghue.

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# CLODAGH O SULLIVAN TO REPRESENT IRELAND

## at the Under 17 International Tournament

St Pauls Basketball Club are very proud that Clodagh O Sullivan has been selected to play for the Irish U17 team in the upcoming Four Nations tournament in Glasgow.

Chairman Paul Sheehan, on behalf of the club, made a contribution towards Clodagh's expenses and spoke of the pride and delight amongst the club members at her selection.

"Aoife O Leary was her first coach and from the first moment Clodagh exhibited a quick ability to learn. Allied to that she put in huge hours of practice, something I saw first hand myself, when I helped Aoife with the team. More recently Cormac O Donoghue will tell you the same thing, fast learner and great worker. It's a great achievement, one which she thoroughly deserves."

Her progress through the club has seen her train and line out with the Womens Superleague and it is envisaged that she will be the cornerstone of that team for years to come. The Irish squad assemble and depart Dublin on Friday June 12th and will face England on Saturday morning. Later in the day Wales will provide the opposition with the final game against the hosts Scotland on Sunday morning. Paul concluded "We wish Clodagh and the Irish squad the very best of luck in the Four Nations Tournament and we have no doubt she will do herself, her family, her club and her country proud."

Clodagh is a daughter of former Glenflesk footballer Timmy and Maura O Sullivan



L to R: Timmy O Sullivan, Aoife O Leary, Clodagh O Sullivan, Paul Sheehan (St Pauls Club Chairman), Maura O Sullivan.



## CELTIC ARTS WEEKEND

### Comes to Listowel

Kerry Writers' Museum will host a Celtic Arts Weekend from June 11–14, welcoming artists and cultural practitioners from Ireland and around the world to celebrate traditional and contemporary Celtic art.

The festival will feature exhibitions, talks, workshops and live performances, with local artists Darren Enright and Seán Lynch joining an international line-up. Organiser Stephen Rynne described Listowel as "the world capital of modern Celtic art," highlighting the town's rich artistic heritage.

A highlight of the weekend will be a keynote address by artist and researcher Thomas Keyes, whose work explores the techniques used by medieval scribes, including those behind the Book of Kells.

Visitors can enjoy a free exhibition at Kerry Writers' Museum, featuring contemporary Celtic artwork and Celtic Revival pieces. The exhibition will also include the first public display of the Book of Ballykinlar, presented with the support of the Irish Military Archives. Workshops covering Celtic design, jewellery making, stone carving, traditional music and decorative arts will run throughout the event. The programme also includes live performances and cultural demonstrations, concluding with a Celtic sand art project on Ballybunion Beach.

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# Sunflower Day 2026 Launched in Killarney in Support of Kerry Hospice Foundation

The annual Sunflower Day fundraiser in aid of Kerry Hospice Foundation and Palliative Care services was officially launched this week, with volunteers and organisers calling on the public to once again support this vital community initiative.

The designated Sunflower Day for Killarney will take place on Friday, June 12th, with volunteers collecting donations at several locations throughout the town and surrounding areas. This year's fundraiser is particularly important as work continues on a major expansion of the Palliative Care Unit at University Hospital Kerry. The development includes the addition of five extra state-of-the-art patient rooms along with dedicated family accommodation, enhancing the level of care and comfort available to patients and their loved ones during difficult times.

For many families across Kerry, the services provided by the Palliative Care Unit have been a source of invaluable support and compassion. Funds raised through Sunflower Day help ensure that these essential services can continue to develop and meet the growing needs of the community. Organisers are encouraging members of the public to give generously on the day and support the volunteers who will be stationed throughout Killarney and the surrounding areas.

"Sunflower Day remains one of our most important annual fundraisers, and the generosity of the people of Kerry has always



Members of the Killarney Branch of the Kerry Hospice Foundation pictured at the launch of Sunflower Day. In front are Maria and Ryan O'Sullivan. Maria's father Andy O'Sullivan availed of services from the Hospice before his passing and the family are great supporters of the charity.

played a crucial role in supporting palliative care services in the county," a spokesperson said.

The Kerry Hospice Foundation expressed its gratitude to all volunteers, businesses and supporters who continue to contribute to the success of the event each year.

Everyone is invited to wear a sunflower with pride on June 12th and help make a meaningful difference to patients and families throughout Kerry.

Your support would be greatly appreciated.



The annual Dylan Crowley Memorial Under-11 Tournament, hosted by Gneeveguilla GAA club had their launch on Tuesday night in the Clubhouse. Front Saoirse O'Leary, Killian Brosnan, Aidan O'Connor, Fionn O'Leary and Ross O'Connor. Middle row, Denis McCrohan, Sean O'Sullivan, Elaine Keane, Christy Crowley, Eileen Crowley, Emma Kelleher, and Kit Crowley. Back row Tadhg O'Connor, Mike O'Keefe, Tommy Brosnan, Martin Crowley, Paddy Crowley, Sean O'Keefe, Cathy O'Leary, Una O'Connor, Denis O'Leary, Donie O'Connor and Steven Crowley.

## PLANS IN PLACE FOR THE DYLAN CROWLEY MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT

The Dylan Crowley Memorial Tournament will take place at Gneeveguilla GAA Grounds on Saturday the 13th of June.

The teams taking part are Furies, Kilcummin, Rathmore, Legion, Listry, Kenmare, Golenflesk, Currow, Scartaglin, Cordal, Fossa and Gneeveguilla. Games start at 10am sharp with the finals set for 3pm.

Dylan who passed away in 2013 loved sports and heading off to football so it is a fitting tribute to his memory. Refreshments served on the day. As always a great day of fun and football is promised while remembering a very special young man, Dylan Crowley. All Welcome.



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## La Leche League Killarney Reunion

Former members of La Leche League (LLL) Killarney are invited to a special reunion gathering at Fossa Community Centre on Saturday, June 20, from 3pm to 5.30pm.

From the late 1970s through to the 2000s, LLL Killarney provided monthly support and information meetings for breastfeeding mothers and their babies, creating lasting friendships and a strong sense of community.

The reunion offers an opportunity for past members and their families to reconnect, reminisce and share memories from those special years. As in the old days, there will be plenty of tea, conversation and a warm welcome for all who attend.

Organisers are encouraging attendees to bring along photographs from the time, as well as more recent photos of the now grown-up children

who once accompanied their mothers to meetings.

The event takes place at Fossa Community Centre (Eircode V93 FC9F), and guests are welcome to drop in at any time during the afternoon.

For further information, contact Nora on 086 375 5558 or Fiona on 085 789 7725.



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## 'Discover Derrynane' Family Festival



The Office of Public Works (OPW) is delighted to announce the return of the 'Discover Derrynane' festival, taking place from Friday 5 June to Sunday 7 June, offering a weekend of free events and activities for visitors of all ages. Produced and curated by the Office of Public Works, the programme showcases the rich biodiversity, history and creative life of Derrynane Parklands.

Across the three-day festival, visitors can enjoy a wide-ranging programme of walks, talks, guided tours, workshops, exhibitions, film screenings, music, storytelling, art, wildlife experiences and outdoor activities. The weekend invites the public to explore Derrynane through conservation, learning, creativity and shared community experience.

Minister of State with responsibility for the OPW, Kevin "Boxer" Moran will officially launch

the festival followed by marine creature workshops, musical guided tours with Peter Mullarkey, photography workshops with Patrick Kavanagh, Bog Jazz with Cáit Ní Rian and closing Friday activities with 'Dusk' a themed storytelling and astronomy tour celebrating stillness.

On Saturday and Sunday, visitors can take part in wild plant medicine walks, photography sessions with Vinny Hyghland and Patrick Kavanagh, seashore safaris, face painting, bee observation, beach yoga and heritage walks to Abbey Island with Paddy Bushe, alongside guided tours of Derrynane House and film screenings. The weekend programme also features music and storytelling, including themed performances connected to the life of Daniel O'Connell.

Discover Derrynane 2026 presents an

opportunity for local residents and visitors to experience the unique environment and heritage of Derrynane in an engaging and accessible way.

Join us at 'Discover Derrynane' from the afternoon of Friday, 5 June to Sunday, 7 June to celebrate Derrynane's heritage and experience all that this stunning location has to offer. All events are free, although some require booking.



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**KILCUMMIN PARISH**

Written by: Helen Moynihan

**KILCUMMIN LOOKING GOOD**

Kilcummin Looking Good are hosting a Coffee Morning on Sunday, June 14th at 12pm in Kilcummin Recreation Hall to support the Kilcummin Looking Good. Donations of home baking & confectionary items will be gratefully appreciated can be dropped to the Recreational Hall the evening before from 7-8pm and Sunday morning from 11am. All welcome.

**TIDY TOWNS ADJUDICATOR**

With the impending arrival of the Tidy Towns Adjudicator expected over the next few weeks, we would ask all house holders to make a special effort outside their houses to ensure it is presented at its very best. Please ensure if you are a dog owner that you take on your responsibilities associated with dog fouling on footpaths and park. We appreciate and thank you for your assistance and co-operation.

**CHURCH EVENTS**

This year's Corpus Christi Procession will take place on Sunday, 7th June, after 11.30am Mass in our Lady of Lourdes Church. Other events includes Novena to the Sacret Heart from 4th to 12th June (Novena Prayer & Reflection leaflets available in Kilcummin church). Our Lady of Lourdes Church will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary Mass on Saturday, 20th June at 7.30pm. Holy Cross Graveyard Mass on Wednesday, 1st July @ 7.30pm and Old Kilcummin Graveyard Mass on Wednesday, 5th August @ 7.30pm.

**KILCUMMIN GAA LOTTO**

There was no winner of our lotto on Monday 01st June for the Jackpot of €8,500. Numbers drawn were 05,11,19,28. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Emma Coffey, Carmel O'Riordan, Maureen Murphy, David Slattery. Our next draw will be on Monday 15th June for Jackpot of €8,750. Thank you for your continued support.

**HISTORY MADE AS KILCUMMIN NS EDGE OUT SLIABH A'MHADRA IN TENSE COUNTY FINAL**

*Cumann na mBunscol Girls County Football Final*

A historic day unfolded as East Kerry champions Kilcummin NS captured their first-ever Cumann na mBunscol girls' county football title, overcoming a fierce challenge from North Kerry champions Sliabh A'Mhadra. In a game defined by defensive battles, powerful midfield displays, sharp shooting forwards and crucial goalkeeping, it was Kilcummin's second-half surge that ultimately sealed a famous victory.

The match opened with an intensity fitting for a county final, as both teams traded blows in a tight, cagey opening period. Long kickouts from both keepers became the primary launchpads for attacks, but clearcut chances were hard to come by as both sets of defenders started on the front foot. Kilcummin did however find early joy thanks to the attacking prowess of Gracie Maher, who hit the net with a beautifully taken opening goal. Supplemented by fine scores from Mia Lynch O Doherty and Hollie O Sullivan, Kilcummin held a narrow 1-04 to 1-02 advantage by the first water break.

The middle of the park was a battle throughout the opening half. For Kilcummin, their captain Mia Lynch O Doherty was outstanding as she has been all year and star forward Gracie Maher who has come back to help out in midfield many times this year, both put in a mammoth shift, turning over possession and driving their side forward at every opportunity. Behind them, the formidable defensive partnership of Abbey Ocampos and Leah Brosnan, both critical to Kilcummin's road to the final, stood like a wall. Sliabh A'Mhadra were far from done, however. Just before the interval,

the North Kerry champions hit their own purple patch. Striking with a clinical goal of their own alongside a couple of unanswered points, they put heavy pressure on the East Kerry girls. Despite the late onslaught, Kilcummin managed to retreat to the dressing rooms with a slender two-point cushion.

Just as they had done in their semi-final victory over Scartaglen, Kilcummin came motoring out of the blocks for the second half. Mia Lynch O Doherty and Gracie Maher began to assert significant dominance around the middle of the field combining very well together. With the game in the melting pot, Kilcummin moved forward Hollie O Sullivan into midfield for a few minutes, providing the extra numbers needed to wrestle momentum back for the Kilcummin side.

At the back, Ocampos and Brosnan continued to curtail Sliabh A'Mhadra's attack, stopping their goal-scoring opportunities and restricting them strictly to points and long range efforts.

Twice in quick succession, Kilcummin's wing-back, Abbey Ocampos, read the game flawlessly to intercept dangerous attacks, soloing out of defence both times with an assurance well beyond her years. Inspired by her defensive partners heroics, Leah Brosnan began marauding forward from the back line, trying to help unlock the Sliabh A'Mhadra defense and put the game to bed. Sliabh A'Mhadra remained stubborn at the back though and were proving tricky to put away.

The pressure eventually told. It took two moments of pure quality to split the sides, as clinical finishes from Maher and Lynch O Doherty hit the back of the net in quick succession. These were supported by points from Hollie O Sullivan and Abbey Ocampos. The goals gave Kilcummin a healthy cushion, but the drama was far from over.

In the dying minutes, Sliabh A'Mhadra threw caution to the wind, launching wave after wave of attacks to try and cut Kilcummin's lead. It required bravery from Kilcummin goalkeeper Faye O Connor, who pulled off two spectacular, point-blank saves under immense pressure to preserve the lead, along with a little bit of luck when Sliabh A'Mhadra hit the post with a goalbound effort.

In the end though, Kilcummin held firm against the late onslaught. The sound of the final whistle was greeted by rapturous cheers from the travelling support, signaling a historic, maiden county title for the delighted Kilcummin NS girls



**LISTRY PARISH**

Written by: Colette Leslie

**LOTTO**

Jackpot €5,250. Numbers Drawn: 3,14,16, 2. No Winner. €100 Abigail Gallagher, Listry. €50 Brid Horgan, Dennehy's Bohereen, Killarney. €50 Pat Breen, Currow. €25 Mary O'Connor. €25 Seamus O'Connor, Kilclogherane. Jackpot next weekend 7th June 2026 €5,400

**SENIORS**

Best of luck to Our senior team who play Currow in Co League next Sunday June 7th at 2pm and all support welcome.

**CUMANN NA MBUNSCOL CHAMPIONS**

Congratulations to the girls and teachers of Faha National School who

were crowned Cumann na mBunscol champions following their victory in the final at Austin Stack Park last week. This was a fantastic achievement and a proud occasion for all involved. Well done to everyone on a wonderful success.

**U8**

U8 Boys & Girls and U10 Boys play Saturday, June 6th in a Blitz at Legion

**U12**

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RATHMORE | GNEEVGUILLA PARISH

By Michael O'Mahony

**RAMBLING HOUSE** at Heritage Centre, Scartaglen Monday 8th June at 8pm. Refreshments served, all are welcome.

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**KERRY U14 GOLD CHAMPIONSHIP IN CROKE PARK ON SATURDAY LAST**

Congratulations to Aisling Fenton (captain), Sinead, Hurley, Eabha Moyihan and Clodagh O'Connor who were part of the u14 Kerry team who won the All Ireland Gold Championship Final. We are very proud of our 4 Rathmore girls

**SHARE THE BUCKET**

Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group reminds you that Share the Bucket takes place weekly. The draw is every Friday evening in Teach Fáilte @8pm and can be viewed live on our Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group Facebook Page. This week's jackpot was winner was Tadhg & Laoise, Fleming who won €205. Tickets cost €2 each or 3 for €5. They are available at Teach Fáilte and can be bought online at <https://tinyurl.com/y2ade5om>, or in local businesses where you see the Green Share the bucket.

**BEST OF LUCK TO DECLAN O'DONOGHUE** - of 'Triumph Spinning and Coaching' and from Beheenagh, Rathmore - as he represents his country in the upcoming European Triathlon Championships in Tarragona, Spain. He will be participating as part of the Irish Triathlon team competing in the Sprint Distance - which will see him complete a 750m swim, 19km bike, 5km run on Saturday June 14th. We wish Declan and the Irish team the very best of luck.

**IRD DUHALLOW WESTERN DUHALLOW ELECTION TO BOARD OF IRD DUHALLOW**

The western Duhallow Election & community Forum Meeting will take



Kerry captain Aisling Fenton Rathmore receives the trophy from LGFA President Trina Murray following the LGFA All-Ireland U14 Gold Final between Down and Kerry at St Brigid's GAA!

place on Tuesday 23rd June in BallyDesmond community centre at 8pm on the night of two representatives will be elected on to Board of IRD Duhallow to represent the needs of communities in the region, one from the cork side of western of Duhallow one from Kerry side of communities are reminded of gender balance when putting forward nominations c All nominations to be submitted to Helen O'Sullivan's at Helenosullivan@irdduhallow.com by Tuesday Tuesday 16th June 2026

A community Forum meeting will be held to discuss the needs and issues in western Duhallow. This information evening is open to all western Duhallow comprises of the following communities: Ballydaly, BallyDesmond, Boherbue, Cullen, Gneeveguilla, mislead, knockaclarig, Knocknagree, Meelin, Rathmore, Rockchapel, Taur, knocknaboul, Toureencahill, Ballinahulla, shrine, Foilogohig & Glasgow.

**NOTES**

If you would like to add to the notes please email Michael O'Mahony (momahony14@gmail.com) or ring or text 087-6676817 Before 6pm Sunday evening



Best wishes to Shrone National School 6th class pupils Aoibhinn Creedon, Esme Leonard, Shay Buckley, Daniel Lenihan and Eanna Murphy who will transition to secondary school in September.

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SPA PARISH

By Leanne Cronin



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**KILLARNEY CLUB 7S WEEKEND**

The 5th annual Killarney Club 7s event took place over the bank holiday weekend.

A fantastic event attended by all ages whereby football, music, food & kids' entertainment was a plenty.

Off the pitch thousands of festival goers were entertained throughout the day by local musical talents. Renowned UK DJ/Producer Sigala headlined on the Saturday night & Blessed Irish Duo headlined on Sunday.

On the football front, Spa Gaa won the men's cup beating Kilbride Gaa (Co Meath) in the final on a scoreline of 4-10 to 3-09.

Ratoath Gaa (Co Meath) won the men's shield beating Keel Gaa in the final. With the scores tied 0-8 apiece at the final whistle, the game was decided on penalties with Ratoath Gaa victorious.

Aghada Gaa (Co Cork) won the ladies cup beating local rivals Mourneabbey Gaa (Co Cork) in the final on a scoreline of 4-04 to 3-05.

Southern Gaels won the ladies shield beating Legion Gaa in the final on a scoreline of 5-05 to 1-02.

A special thank you to all the Clubs who took part to make this year's event such a memorable occasion.

Lastly, the Club wishes to express its profound gratitude to its neighbours &

the hundreds of volunteers that gave up their weekend to make this event possible. We wholeheartedly appreciate your generosity & community spirit.

**ALL IRELAND U20 SUCCESS**

Congratulations to Joey McCarthy (Spa Senior Player & Kerry U20 Squad Member) & Conor Gleeson (Spa Member & Kerry U20 Backroom Team) on winning the U-20 All Ireland Final last Saturday versus Tyrone.

We are immensely proud of you & trust you enjoyed the reception you received on Sunday evening at the Club 7s event.

**SPA MOTHERS & OTHERS**

Spa Mothers & Others travelled to Beaufort last week for their first game of the year on Kerry Soil. A great evening was both on the pitch and off the pitch by all accounts. Many thanks to Beaufort Gaa for hosting and we will return the favour later in the season.

**WEEKEND FIXTURES (SENIOR TEAM)**

Senior Men – McCarthy Insurance Group County League Division 1, Dingle v Spa, Saturday 06th June at 7pm, Away

Keep an eye on our social channels, website [www.spagaa.com/fixtures](http://www.spagaa.com/fixtures) and via the Games Tab on the ClubZap app for details on any changes.



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By Dermot Cronin  
Financial Advisor

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You can normally get access to your pension from age 60, a lot of the rules depend on whether you are an employee or self-employed. If you are coming close to retirement then you are probably wondering what options you have when you want to get access to your pension. It depends on what type of pension you have but generally there are four options:

**Tax Free Cash:** Most people will be entitled to a tax free lump sum, the amount varies however generally you will get at least 25% of the value of your pension in a tax free cash lump sum.

**Taxable Cash:** You may also be able to take a sum of your pension in taxable cash.

**Annual Pension:** This is a guaranteed income usually paid monthly for the rest of your life that is purchased with the money left after your tax free lump sum, this is subject to taxation.

**Approved Retirement Funds:** You may be entitled to keep some of your money in an approved retirement fund, money can be taken from the fund to give you a regular income, usually monthly. This is subject to taxation also. Taxation at retirement is often much lower than when you are working.

It is extremely important that you take your time and have all the options explained to you in plain simple English and that you understand all your options clearly before you make your final decision. As well as the above there is much more to be discussed about your pension. You should discuss your retirement options with a financial advisor who has access to a number of different pension providers before making any decisions, he or she will help you with the above options and any other queries you may have.

*To discuss the above or any other matter Dermot Cronin QFA can be contacted at 0646622775 or [info@dermotcronin.ie](mailto:info@dermotcronin.ie)*

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FROM UKRAINE TO THE KENNEDY CUP.....

# Soccer Players Proudly Wear the Kerry Jersey

Four years ago, Artem Dzhandra and Yevhenii Mamontov arrived in Ireland from Ukraine. The two teenagers will proudly wear the Kerry jersey at one of the biggest schoolboy soccer tournaments in the country, the Kennedy Cup from June 8th to June 12th.

For both players, the journey from southern Ukraine to representing Kerry has been shaped by soccer. It helped them settle into a new country, make new friends and build a new life far from home.

Killarney Athletic player Artem quickly discovered the role soccer could play after arriving in Kerry.

"Soccer was important because when I came here, I didn't know anyone" he said.

"And I found new friends and they helped me to settle in. I would like to thank all my friends, coaches, because they support me, they help me, because it's not easy to move from one country to another."

Artem, who arrived in Ireland four years ago, soon found a home with Killarney Athletic and has continued to develop his game ever since.

"I arrived like four years ago and I lived in the south of Ukraine. I found Killarney Athletic and I went there. I try to do my best every game to help my team."

His love for soccer stretches far beyond simply playing at club level.

Artem has ambitions of reaching the highest levels of the game and sees every opportunity as another step on that journey.

"Soccer has meant a lot because I played the sport for a long time and I want to be a professional soccer player, so I try to do my best to level up."

Castleisland player Yevhenii Mamontov, better known to teammates and coaches as Eugene, followed a similar path after arriving in Kerry.

"Everyone calls me Eugene because it's so hard for people to pronounce my real name" he laughed.

Like Artem, he came from southern Ukraine and found soccer to be the perfect way to settle into his new surroundings.

"I came from south Ukraine the same as Artem and I also came like four years ago. My friends from school told me about Castleisland, they were all so supportive when I joined, and there were a lot of lads from school, so I knew a lot of people there."

Now both players find themselves part of the Kerry Kennedy Cup panel, a squad they joined just a couple of months ago. While the tournament



Kerry's Ukraine Players From L To R Yevhenii Mamontov Castleisland and Artem Zhandra Killarney Athletic

was unfamiliar to them initially, they quickly realised the significance of representing the county.

"I had not heard about the Kennedy Cup before, but I am proud to wear the Kerry jersey and I'm proud because not everyone can play on this team" Artem said.

"I came into this team two months ago. It's new teammates, new team, new tactics."

Eugene shares that pride as Kerry prepare for Group 8 clashes against North Tipperary and West Cork on Tuesday June 9th at 11:45am and 5:45pm respectively

"It's something new to me" he said.

"I'm really proud to wear the Kerry jersey. It will be a long week and I'm looking forward to playing all these teams and trying to do our best."

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By Nicky Barry

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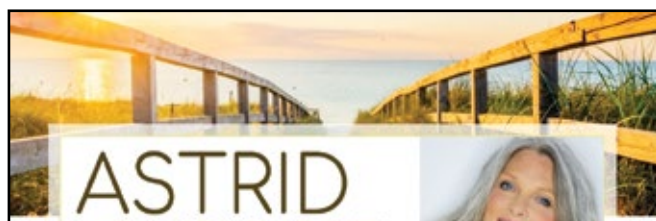
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### FEELING STUCK? TRY THIS...

When we feel stuck in our lives, it can feel as if nothing will ever change or that we don't know which way to go. Instead of feeling frustrated by this, try to see it as a potential turning point or a vital opportunity to reflect, rethink and recharge.


**3 steps for finding more clarity**

- **MOVE** – get up and go for a walk, dance, shake, stretch, jump. It doesn't matter what you do, just move. Movement helps you to stop feeling stuck in your head and helps bring you back into your body – into energy, into aliveness and into more possibilities.
- **Drop your resistance to feeling stuck.** Say to yourself, "It's okay not to know. It's okay to be where I am right now. I trust my answers will come in the right time for me." This helps to minimise any struggle which only creates more stuck feelings. Feeling stuck is part of the process and journey of life. We need the space that not knowing brings in order to reflect.
- **Ask yourself the following questions:**
  - Am I clinging to old ideas of what "should" be happening?
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**UV-A**

can hurt your central vision. It can damage the macula, a part of the retina at the back of your eye.

**UV-B**

The front part of your eye (the cornea and the lens) absorbs most UV-B rays, but these rays may cause even more damage to your eyes than UV-A rays.

**What Eye Problems Can UV Rays Cause?**

UV rays may lead to macular degeneration, a leading cause of vision loss for older people.

**Cataract**

UV rays, especially UV-B rays, may also cause some kinds of cataracts. A cataract is a clouding of the eye's natural lens, the part of the eye that focuses the light we see.

**Pterygium**

Another UV-related problem is a growth called pterygium. This growth begins on the white of the eye and may involve the cornea. Eventually,

the growth may block vision. It is more common in people who work outside in the sun and wind.

**Skin Cancer**

Skin cancer around the eyelids is also linked to prolonged UV exposure.

**Corneal Sunburn**

Corneal sunburn, called photokeratitis, is the result of high short-term exposure to UV-B rays. Long hours at the beach or skiing without proper eye protection can cause this problem. It can be very painful and may cause temporary vision loss.

**Protecting your eyes from the sun**

If you are spending time outdoors, especially in the summer or on holidays abroad, make sure that you and your children have good quality, dark sunglasses with UV protection. Look for the British Standard (BS EN ISO 12312-1:2013) or the CE mark, which is the manufacturer's assurance that the sunglasses have been made to the appropriate safety standards. You can also protect your eyes by making sure to wear a hat with a brim or a sun visor in bright sunlight.

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# KERRY CROWNED ALL-IRELAND U14 GOLD CHAMPIONS

## Kerry 1-8 Down 1-5

By Anthony Newman

Kerry were crowned All-Ireland U14 Gold champions at St Brigid's, Kiltoom in Roscommon.

They made up for last year's loss and were deserving winners after a magnificent game of football.

Up front Amyrose Shanahan was a handful for the Down defence all through while at the other end Aisling O'Keeffe was outstanding at full-back for the winners.

When needed in the second-half Lucy O'Connell stood up at midfield as Down piled forward in search of scores.

Down for their part can't be faulted for their efforts and gave it their all, led by the likes of Mollie Morgan, Dacey Carr and Tiarna Rogan.

Down opened the scoring after seven minutes when Morgan pointed from distance, aided by the wind.

From the restart Chloe Coffey set up Shanahan to equalise for Kerry. With ten minutes gone Kerry took the lead when Shanahan pointed again, before they had their first goal chance.

A shot from Éabha Moynihan went just wide and minutes later Shanahan hit the post as Kerry start to get the upper hand.

Down hit back with Morgan on target again, before Dacey Carr pointed to put them in front, 0-3 to 0-2, after 15 minutes.

Coffey had the sides level three minutes later, before Niamh Ní Shé went close to scoring a goal for Kerry.

The pressure paid off, after 27 minutes, when Ní Shé played Shanahan in and this time she found the back of the net, to make it 1-3 to 0-3. She had another goal chance a minute later, with her shot coming back off the crossbar.

Just before the break Erica Moloney pointed for the Kingdom to see them lead by 1-4 to 0-3 at half time.

Down started the second half well, with Morgan being denied a goal by the Kerry goalkeeper, Shauna O'Riordan, one of several great saves she made in that half.

Morgan pulled a point back, with Shanahan replying at the other end, before O'Riordan made another top-class save, this time denying Sophia Black.

With 44 minutes gone Eadaoin Napier pointed for Down to put three between the sides, before Tiarnagh McGill extended Kerry's lead again to 1-6 to 0-5.

Down were back in contention when they scored a goal. A shot from Carr came back off the crossbar and Black was quickest to react to set up a grandstand finish.



Action from the LGFA All-Ireland U14 Gold final match between Down and Kerry at St Brigid's GAA in Kiltoom, Roscommon. Photo by Thomas Flinkow/Sportsfile



Kerry players celebrate with the cup after their victory in the LGFA All-Ireland U14 Gold final match between Down and Kerry at St Brigid's GAA in Kiltoom, Roscommon. Photo by Thomas Flinkow/Sportsfile

But Kerry didn't panic and two late points from Shanahan secured the title for her side after an entertaining game.

Scorers: Kerry: A Shanahan 1-5 (3f), E Moloney, C Coffey, T McGill 0-1 each.

Down: S Black 1-0, M Morgan 0-3, D Carr, E Napier 0-1 each.

KERRY: S O'Riordan; É Dolan, A O'Keeffe, R Fleming; S Hurley, O Lyons, N Ní Shé; A Fenton, L O'Connell; A Deenihan, E Brosnan, C Coffey; A O'Shea, A Shanahan, É Moynihan. Subs:

E Moloney, S Curran, R O'Shea, T McGill, A Deenihan, C Coffey.

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# Michael Healy-Rae TD Calls for Delivery, Not Further Promises, on Killarney Community Nursing Unit

Deputy Michael Healy-Rae has said that while the latest update from HSE management regarding the Killarney Community Nursing Unit is welcome, the public is now entitled to remain cautious given the repeated delays that have plagued the project.

Deputy Michael Healy-Rae attended a briefing of Kerry Oireachtas members with the HSE in Tralee today, where it was confirmed that the HSE is now hoping to have patients transferred into the new Killarney Community Nursing Unit by the end of June.

While acknowledging that this is the latest timeline being provided by HSE management, Deputy Michael Healy-Rae said confidence in previous assurances has been severely undermined.

“At today’s meeting, HSE management informed us that they are hoping to have patients in the new Killarney Community Nursing Unit by the end of June. Naturally, everyone wants to see that happen and I sincerely hope that this latest timeline is achieved.”

“However, it has to be said that this update



will be taken with a pinch of salt by many people, and understandably so. We have heard previous timelines come and go.”

Deputy Michael Healy-Rae pointed to the fact that his son, Cllr Jackie Healy-Rae, repeatedly raised the issue at Regional Health Forum meetings and was given assurances that the facility was expected to open by the end of March.

“Only weeks ago, Cllr Jackie Healy-Rae sought

clarity directly from HSE management and was told that the intention was to have the facility operational by the end of March. That date has now passed.”

“The people of Kerry have listened to promises of September 2024, then early 2025, then March 2026, and now June 2026. It is little wonder that confidence has been eroded.”

Deputy Healy-Rae said that while the state-of-the-art facility will be a hugely important addition to healthcare services in Kerry, the continued delays are deeply frustrating for patients, families and staff alike.

“This is an exceptional facility that has the potential to make a real difference to the lives of older people and their families. It will also help relieve pressure on existing services throughout Kerry and beyond.”

“Yet the reality is that the building has been standing ready while patients continue to wait. Deputy Healy-Rae said he would continue to engage with the HSE and seek regular updates on progress over the coming weeks.

## Cahills Demand Action on “Outrageous” Uisce Éireann Water Connection Charges

Fianna Fáil Councillor Tommy Cahill and Fianna Fáil TD Michael Cahill have called for urgent action to address what they have described as excessive and prohibitive charges being imposed on rural families seeking domestic water connections.

Councillor Tommy Cahill has submitted a the following motion for the June meeting of Kerry County Council: “That Kerry County Council calls on Uisce Éireann and the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to urgently review the excessive and prohibitive costs being imposed on rural homeowners and families seeking new domestic water connections, particularly in cases where applicants are being quoted tens of thousands of euro for relatively short network extensions.”

“One recent case brought to my attention involved a family being quoted approximately €27,000 to extend a watermain by just 60 metres. At a time when we are encouraging people to build homes in rural Ireland, these types of costs are simply outrageous.

“This is not an isolated incident. Deputy Cahill and I have dealt with several similar cases in recent times and there is a growing sense of frustration among rural families and couples who feel they are being priced out of accessing a basic public utility.”

Deputy Cahill raised the issue directly with both the Minister for Housing James Browne and the Taoiseach during a recent Fianna Fáil Parliamentary Party meeting where there was unanimous agreement. The Minister confirmed to Deputy Cahill that he would take this issue up with Uisce Éireann. Speaking at the parliamentary party meeting Deputy Cahill said “Think of the 100m sprint, 60m is 2/3s of that and people are

being charged €27,000. It is completely unacceptable.”

Deputy Michael Cahill has also submitted a Parliamentary Question to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage seeking clarification on the measures in place to ensure connection charges are proportionate and affordable and whether supports can be introduced for applicants facing exceptional costs.



“It cannot be acceptable that families are being quoted tens of thousands of euro for what are, in many cases, very short water connections,” Deputy Cahill said.

“Uisce Éireann should not be allowed to hold people to ransom over access to an essential public service. Water infrastructure is a public utility and there must be a fair and reasonable approach to connection costs.

“The Government is rightly trying to address housing supply challenges,

particularly in rural Ireland, but these types of charges are acting as a significant barrier for people trying to build or occupy their homes.

“I have asked the Minister to examine what safeguards are in place, whether the current charging model is appropriate and whether grant assistance or alternative funding mechanisms should be introduced where network extensions are required.”

“People understand that infrastructure comes at a cost, but there must be a degree of common sense and proportionality. No family should be faced with a bill of tens of thousands of euro simply to access a domestic water connection. We will pursue this issue with UE and the Minister until a more equitable solution is found. The current situation is unsustainable and must be addressed as a matter of urgency,” they concluded.

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## Minister Foley welcomes €2,000 grant for over 4,900 carers in Kerry

Minister for Children, Disability and Equality and Kerry T.D Norma Foley has welcomed the Carer's Support Grant being paid this week to over 4,900 carers in Kerry

The annual grant is available to all carers providing full-time care. Over 147,000 carers will benefit, with the total payments expected to be in the region of €336 million.

Minister Foley said: "Carers provide an invaluable service in our local communities, supporting older people and people with disabilities with dedication and dignity. This year's grant will provide meaningful financial support to carers in Kerry."

The grant is paid automatically to people receiving Carer's Allowance, Carer's Benefit, or Domiciliary Care Allowance. It's also available to other full-time carers who are not receiving any of these payments.

Minister for Social Protection, Dara Calleary, increased the grant to €2,000 as part of ongoing improvements to supports for carers.

The grant is paid in respect of each person being cared for. Over 18,000 carers are providing care for two or more people and will receive a grant for each person they are caring for.



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## DEPUTY MICHAEL HEALY-RAE QUESTIONS LONG-TERM VIABILITY OF TFI ANSEO PILOT WHILE ACKNOWLEDGING ITS SUCCESS

Deputy Michael Healy-Rae has said that while the TFI Anseo pilot project in Killarney has undoubtedly provided a valuable public transport service for many people, serious questions now need to be asked about its long-term financial sustainability.

The comments come following a reply received from the National Transport Authority (NTA), which confirmed that fare revenue generated by the service between August 2025 and March 2026 amounted to €62,565, while the operating cost over the same period was €495,000.

Deputy Healy-Rae said:

"There is no doubt that many people have benefited from the TFI Anseo service. It has provided a flexible transport option, particularly for those without access to a car, older people, students and workers who need to get around Killarney. I have heard positive feedback from a lot of users and that should be acknowledged."

"However, we also have to be honest and ask questions about the figures that have now been provided by the NTA. The service generated just over €62,500 in fare income during the period in question, while costing almost half a million euro to operate. That means the taxpayer is carrying the overwhelming majority of the



cost."

Deputy Healy-Rae said that while public transport services will always require some level of subsidy, there must be a clear understanding of whether the current model can be sustained in the longer term.

"Nobody expects rural or local transport services to make a profit, nor should they. Public transport is a public service. However, there is a difference between subsidising a service and having a situation where the cost and income are so far apart. It is only fair that questions are asked as to whether the model is sustainable and whether value for money is being achieved."

He stressed that any review of the service should take account not only of financial costs but also of the wider social and economic benefits delivered.

"The benefits of the service should not be measured purely in euro and cent. If it is helping people get to work, attend appointments, access education or remain connected to their communities, that has a value too. Those benefits need to be weighed alongside the financial figures."

Deputy Healy-Rae said he would like to see a full assessment of the pilot project before decisions are made on its future.

"The pilot has clearly proven popular and has filled a gap in the transport network. The challenge now is determining whether the model can be refined, improved and made more financially sustainable going forward. That is a discussion worth having and one that should be based on facts rather than ideology." "I believe the public deserves transparency around the costs and outcomes of the service. We should acknowledge what is working well, but equally we should not be afraid to ask reasonable questions about long-term viability and value for money."

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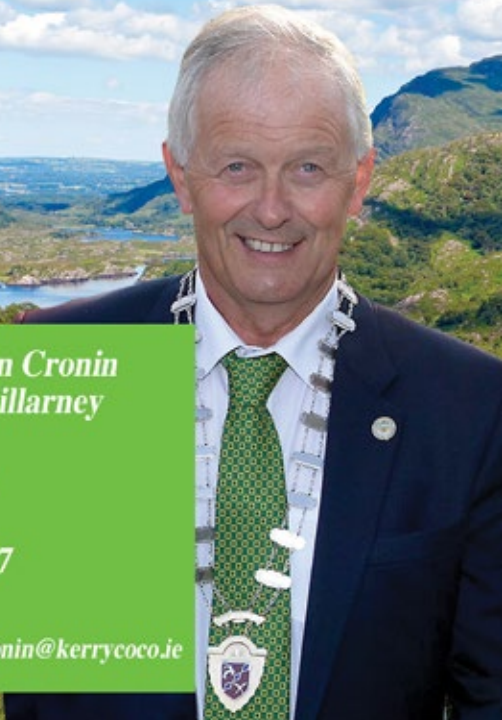


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## KILLARNEY VALLEY AC

### KVAC ATHLETES SHINE AT IRISH SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Killarney Valley AC athletes enjoyed a successful outing at the Irish Secondary Schools Track & Field Championships, producing a number of medal-winning and finalist performances while representing their schools.

The highlight came from the St Brigid's Presentation Killarney Junior Girls 4x100m relay team, who sprinted to a superb silver medal. The quartet of Elle Fluery, Ellie O'Sullivan, Sophie Culloty and Elsie O'Doherty delivered an outstanding performance to claim national honours.

David Watson of Coláiste Íde agus Iosef, Abbeyfeale, also reached the podium, securing a bronze medal in the Inter Boys High Jump.

Several other KVAC athletes achieved top-six finishes at the national finals. Charlie Clarke (Inbhear Sceine, Kenmare) placed fifth in the Inter Boys 100m and sixth in the 200m, while Fionn Culloty (St Brendan's College) finished sixth in the Minor Boys 800m. Gabriel Kowalczyk (St Brendan's College) was sixth in the Senior Boys 110m hurdles.

In the relay events, St Brendan's College finished fourth in the Inter Boys 4x100m relay, with KVAC athletes Leo Allen and Jack Culloty part of the team.

Qualifying for the Irish Schools Championships is a notable achievement, and KVAC's athletes can take great pride in returning home with national medals and several top-six finishes.

Please email the club on killarneyvalleyac@gmail.com if you would like to join the club.

## KILLARNEY JUDO

### HISTORIC GOLD FOR KILLARNEY TRIO AT JUDO INTERPROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Three Killarney Judo Club athletes helped make history for Munster at the annual Interprovincial Championships on Saturday.

Saba Kadaleki, Carolina Kelly and Zarah Tomlinson were part of the Mixed Pre-Cadet team that defeated all three rival provinces to claim Gold, securing Munster's first-ever Interprovincial title in the division.

The trio were among ten Killarney athletes selected to represent Munster, underlining the club's growing influence at provincial level.

Elsewhere, Devon Koen competed for the Minor Boys team winning Bronze, while Emily O'Donoghue De Vries, Michelle Walsh, Danielle Walsh and Cliona Hegarty represented the Minor Girls winning Silver. Ciara Forde helped the Cadets to a bronze medal, while 15-year-old James Maher stepped up to the Junior division and earned silver.

The performances capped another successful season for Killarney Judo Club, with its athletes playing a leading role in Munster's strongest Interprovincial showing in recent years.

## KILLARNEY BRIDGE CLUB

### RESULTS MONDAY 25TH MAY

North/South

- 1st: Ursula Daly and Hazel O'Connell
- 2nd: Therese McCarthy and John O'Shea
- 3rd: Anne Looney and Marie Moloney



Vladizlav Zladan (Kaizen Judo Club), Saba Kadelaki (Killarney), Jonathan Flynn (Kerry School of Judo), Carolina Kelly (Killarney) and Zarah Tomlinson (Killarney) - Gold Pre-Cadet Team



Flesk Valley Rowing Club Ocean to City 2026: L-R Peter O'Sullivan, Donal Kelly, Karol Kelly, Paul Burke, and Colm O'Suillebháin.

East/West

- 1st: Margaret O'Sullivan and Anne Wrenn
- 2nd: Maura Horan and Imelda Healy
- 3rd: Nuala Ward and Assumpta Sommers

### RESULTS MONDAY 1ST JUNE

North/South

- 1st: Anne Looney and Marie Moloney
- 2nd: Therese O'Donoghue and Brenda Moynihan
- 3rd: Ursula Daly and Carmel Daly

East/West

- 1st: Tim Corcoran and Mai Corcoran
- 2nd: Margaret O'Sullivan and Anne Wrenn
- 3rd: Hazel O'Connell and Eithne Coffey

**SUMMER BRIDGE CONTINUES** Mondays at 7.00pm. All are welcome

## FLESK VALLEY ROWING CLUB

### OCEAN TO CITY

Last weekend Flesk Valley sent a well-seasoned crew across the county bounds to compete in the Ocean to City race (An Rás Mór). The crew of Peter O'Sullivan, Colm O'Suillebháin, Karol Kelly and Donal Kelly, was superbly piloted by Carrigaline-native Paul Burke. Paul brought his local knowledge to bear with great effect, navigating the shortest course possible and educating the captive Kerry men about all things

Cork! In beautiful conditions the lads navigated the course with style and apparently a little effort, from Crosshaven to Cobh, through Monkstown and Lough Mahon, all the way to the finish line in Cork city. Thanks to Colm O'Suillebháin for organising, Karol Kelly for towing the boat, Breda Burke for logistical support and the travelling supporters who cheered the crew home. The crew prepared for this event with some marathon spins on Lough Lein over the past few weeks and are very grateful to Orlaith O'Sullivan, Caoimhe Kelly, Aodhagán O'Sullivan and Noel Prendergast for their coxing assistance. Thanks also to Fossa Rowing Club for the use of their trailer at the weekend.

### KILLARNEY HEAD OF THE LAKE 2026

Next weekend the action returns to local waters, where the rescheduled Killarney Head of the Lake time-trial takes place in Castletrough Bay on Sunday June 7th between 11am and 2pm. Following the very successful first event of the season in Cahersiveen a few weeks ago, Flesk Valley are looking forward to welcoming the clubs of South Kerry and Killarney to the Valley on Sunday.

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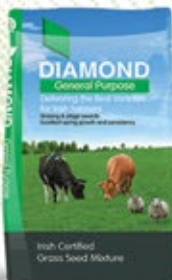
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Edie Canty & Ellen McCarthy at the Fossa Community Games Athletics evening.



Group of children enjoying the Fossa Community Games Athletics in Killarney Valley Athletic Club.



Anna McCarthy, Saoirse McCarthy, Emma Leane & Olivia Beasley at the Fossa Community Games Athletics evening.

# Angelina Robles signs for Utility Trust St Pauls

Angelina Robles will join Utility Trust St Pauls ahead of the start of the Women's Super League season. She will team up with fellow new signing Paula Reus Piza and the returning Maisie Burnham as coach James Fleming looks to build on a strong two year showing in the league.

Angelina had a stellar college career where she stood out for both South Dakota and Denver. She was in Denver from 2022 to 2025 where she made 87 appearances and averaged 7.6 points per game.

She then moved onto South Dakota where her form really flourished. Helping them make the Womens National Invitational Tournament she performed to an elite level, making the All Tournament team. She

started all 36 games and just like her time in Denver she led the season in assists to turnovers ratio.

A native of San Diego the 5ft 5 guard will be hoping to bring her creativity to the fore in her first professional season.

Coach James Fleming is very enthusiastic about the signing. "Having seen the standard in the Women's Super League the last two seasons and scouting Angelina, we've no doubt she will bring us the dimension we need to drive things on further."



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### MEN'S

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#### White tees

1st: Emmet O'Grady 41 points (21)

2nd: Graham Hudson 40 points (17) last nine holes

3rd: Mark O'Connor 40 points (16)

#### Yellow tees

Jim Crowley 42 points (19)

Paudie O'Connor 39 points (26)

#### MEN'S COMPETITION ON SAT 6/SUN 7 JUNE

18 Hole Stableford – White & Yellow Tees

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## BEAUFORT GOLF CLUB -

### LADIES

#### 18 HOLE STABLEFORD COMPETITION PLAYED ON SATURDAY 23RD AND SUNDAY 24TH MAY.

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1st: Mary O Sullivan (20) 37 pts

2nd: Patricia O Connor (24) 37 pts

3rd: Mary Jo Coffey (42) 35 pts

#### 9 HOLE STABLEFORD COMPETITION PLAYED ON TUESDAY 26TH MAY.

The competition was very generously sponsored by Ladies Club.

1st: Noeleen MacKessy (15) 21 pts

2nd: Mary Jo Coffey (21) 21 pts

3rd: Rita Kelleher (13) 18pts

#### LADIES SCOTCH FOURSOMES COMPETITION PLAYED ON SATURDAY 30TH AND SUNDAY 31ST MAY

The competition was very generously sponsored by Peadars Bar.

1st: Maire Ni Loinsigh & Stephanie Lane 88 – 21 = 67

2nd: Patricia O Connor & Kathleen Cronin 89 – 21 = 68

3rd: Grainne McShortall & Maeve Quirke 86 – 16 = 70

## DEERPARK PITCH & PUTT

## CLUB

### NATIONAL MATCHPLAY

Well done to David Harnett on his run to the semi-finals of the Junior Mens event on the June Bank Holiday Monday in Rocklodge in Cork as there was a slight hope for an all-Deerpark Junior Final with James Foley having made the quarter-finals on the other side of the draw. While it didn't come to pass we are proud of both players performances as well as Jean O'Shea who put in a great performance in her Junior Ladies semi-final. David replicates his brother Robbie's achievement of winning a bronze medal at a National Adult Junior Championship.

### BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND DRAWS

Closer to home our first Sunday draw in a month produced a rather unique achievement from a certain Mike 'Seve' O'Leary!

### SUNDAY DRAWS

Two Ball Scramble- First Nett: Alan O'Sullivan & Dan Kiely 38 (B9), Gross: Gearóid Cronin & Mike 'Seve' O'Leary 46, Second Nett: Mike 'Seve' O'Leary & Dan Kiely 38 and Hole-In-Ones: Mike 'Seve' O'Leary (10th and 13th Holes-Same Round!)

### MONDAY DRAWS

Singles Strokeplay- Winner: Dan Kiely 43 and Runner-Up: Sean O'Brien 44.

### BOB CASEY

The County Board's Inter-Club Strokeplay competition was due to start in Castleisland on Tuesday night (June 2nd) as we will host Round 2 next Tuesday night June 9th. Best Wishes to the club's two teams taking part in the event.

### FLESK RESTAURANT SUMMER SERIES

This series is now back for the summer months. Names to be entered every Wednesday night at 6.45pm.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Ben Kelliher, Mark O'Carroll, Joey McCarthy and Adam Byrne on their involvement in the Kerry U20's All-Ireland success in Croke Park last Saturday.

**BEST WISHES** To all club members sitting State Examinations at present.

### DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

In what was a very sad week in Killarney in general we want to offer our condolences to all those who have lost loved ones. We especially want to offer our condolences to the O'Leary and MacIndoe families along with our CE Scheme worker Pat O'Sullivan on the death of his mother



Winner of 18 hole at President Maurice Coffey's president's prize pictured President Maurice Coffey and Betty O'Farrell



Winner of 9 hole at President Maurice Coffey's president's prize pictured President Maurice Coffey and Kathleen Fitzgerald

Maureen. May they Rest in Peace.

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Photographed at the Ross Golf Club presentation of prizes for Maurice Coffey's President's Prize to the Gents are front (l to r) : Darragh Collins, Daniel Cronin, Captain, Maurice Coffey, President, Anthony O'Mahony, Winner, Peg Coffey. Back (l to r): Donie Broderick, Tony Fagan, John Cuskelly, Gerard Murphy, David Murphy, Seamus McCarthy, Terence Mulcahy



Deerpark Pitch & Putt Club's David Harnett receiving his prize as a beaten semi-finalist for the Pitch & Putt Ireland National Junior Mens Matchplay Championship from Pitch & Putt Ireland President Davy Reddin on Monday in Rocklodge, Co Cork.

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At President Maurice Coffey's prize giving pictured left to right Lady Captain Elaine Casey, Betty O'Farrell 18 hole winner, President Maurice Coffey, Kathleen Fitzgerald 9 hole winner and Peg Coffey



Winners of President Maurice Coffey's president's prize pictured front left to right Lady Captain Elaine Casey, Betty O'Farrell, President Maurice Coffey, Kathleen Fitzgerald, Peg Coffey. Back left to right Emer Brosnan, Jennifer Nash, Sarah Scanlon, Therese O'Keefe, Maureen Beecher Crowley. Emir Coffey and Mary Moynihan

The scoring was keen and the golf was followed by the President's Dinner and Prize giving where a great social evening was enjoyed by all in the best of Ross GC traditions. Many thanks to all involved including the catering staff and musicians.

**The winners were:-**

- 1st: Anthony O'Mahony 40 pts
- 2nd: Daragh Collins 41 pts
- 3rd: David Murphy 40 pts
- 4th: Tony Fagan 39 pts
- 5th: Cormac O'Donoghue 39 pts
- 6th: Barry O'Grady 38 pts
- 7th: John Cuskelly 37 pts
- Past President: Terence Mulcahy
- Seniors Comp Winner: Sean Hickey

**Division 1**

- 1st: Gerard Casey 37 pts
- 2nd: John M O'Brien 37 pts

**Division 2**

- 1st: Derek McAllister 37 pts
- 2nd: Donie Broderick 36 pts

**Division 3**

- 1st: Gerard Murphy 37pts
- 2nd: Seamus McCarthy 36 pts

**ON FRIDAY MAY 29TH WE HELD THE FIRST OF OUR FRIDAY EVENING MIXED SCRAMBLES WITH A GREAT TURNOUT.**

**The winners were:-**

- 1st: Luke Looney, John Hurley, Mary B O'Sullivan, Mike O Leary.
- 2nd: D J Hayes , David Coughlan, Elaine Casey, Mike Casey.
- 3rd: Daniel Cronin, Patrick Gallagher, Miriam Hickey, Anthony Cahill.

**SYMPATHY**

We offer our sympathy to Ross GC member David MacIndoe and Family on the recent death of his grandson, Ewan . R.I.P.

**KERRY PITCH & PUTT**

Three bronze medals was the outcome of the National Matchplay Weekend for Kerry in Cork after the June Bank Holiday Weekend after Tralee father and daughter Tony and Charlotte Blake along with Deerpark's David Harnett made it to the semi-finals of their respective grades.

Tony Blake made the semi-finals of the Intermediate Mens competition in Rocklodge as he looked in good form on Sunday afternoon in the quarter-finals defeating Tipperary's Sean McCormack 10&8 but he lost out by 7&6 in the semi-finals to eventual runner-up Darren Temple of St Stephens in Glanmire. Tony's daughter Charlotte reached the semi-finals of the Junior Ladies event in Ranges in Ballincollig as she missed out on the chance to hold both the



Fossa locals Brian Fitzgerald and Larry Daly enjoying the President's Prize at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club on Sunday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin

Junior Ladies Strokeplay and Matchplay titles at the same time following a 5&4 semi-final defeat to eventual Theresa Venables of Lakewood in Cork.

Deerpark's David Harnett came the closest to reaching a final as he came back from a deficit of six down with seven to play against eventual runner-up Aidan O'Rourke of Cunnigar in Dungarvan before losing out 3&2 in the finish.



Killarney Golf and Fishing Club President Michael O'Donoghue presenting first prize in the President's Junior Girls 18 Hole competition to winner Lylmae O'Sullivan with (front from left) Orlagh O'Sullivan winner of the 9 Hole Scramble, Lily Moynihan winner of the 6 Hole Cramble and Annette McNeice Captain (back from left) Junior Officers Marguerita Mulcahy, Julie Kelly and Eileen Whelan at the President's Prize at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club on Sunday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Killarney Golf and Fishing Club President Michael O'Donoghue presenting first prize in the President's Junior Boys competition to Overall winner Matthew Lucey with (front from left) Conor Clifford, Novice Boys Div 3 winner; Cian Lenihan, Junior Boys Div 2 winner; Odhan O'Se, Novice Boys Overall winner; Tadhg Horgan, Novice Boys Div 1 winner and Finn Cronin, Novice Boys Div 2 winner. (back from left) Luke Twiss, Junior Boys Div 2 2nd; Brian Horgan, Junior Boys Div 1 2nd; James O'Meara, Junior boys Gross winner; Sean Lyne, Junior Boys Div 1 winner and Captain Tomas Kelliher at the President's Prize at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club on Sunday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin

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The County Board congratulates all three on their performances as there were some other noteworthy showings over the weekend itself. Listowel's Chris Gibney had a great run to the quarter-finals of the Senior Mens event before losing out to the eventual winner John Walsh of Collins in Cork.

All the other three Kerry players in the Senior Mens event fell in Round 2 with former three-time winner Damien Fleming of Deerpark along with Tralee duo Jason Cregan and Gavin Carroll losing out in the Last 32. Listowel's Ajay Barrett reached the Last 16 of the Intermediate competition only losing to eventual winner Ian Leech of St Annes in Cork on the last hole. Deerpark's James Foley lost to eventual Junior winner Kieran Kenneally of Claycastle in Cork in the Junior Mens quarter-finals meaning four of the six winners at the event had to beat a Kerry player along the way. Deerpark's Jean O'Shea was also a beaten quarter-finalist in the Junior Ladies event losing to eventual runner-up Angela Royer of Bishopstown.

Elsewhere the Bob Casey Memorial Inter-Club Strokeplay was due to begin in Castleisland



Kerry's three beaten semi-finalists at the 2026 Pitch & Putt Ireland National Matchplay Championships pictured in Rocklodge in Cork on Monday afternoon. L to R: David Harnett (Deerpark, Junior Mens), Charlotte Blake (Tralee, Junior Ladies) and Tony Blake (Tralee, Intermediate Mens).

on Tuesday night last as the event will be held in Deerpark (June 9th), Tralee (June 16th) and Listowel (June 23rd) in the coming weeks. We wish all those from the county heading to the

Riverdale Scratch Cup this weekend the very best of luck as the event forms part of some of our Inter-County Teams trial process.



Killarney Golf and Fishing Club President Michael O'Donoghue congratulates Pdraig Sheahan on winning the President's Prize with (front from left) David O'Donoghue Best Gross, Denis Murphy 2nd, Jack Buckley Past President's prize, Captain Tomas Kelleher (back from left) John Brennan 4th, Bryan English 5th, Rory F O'Sullivan 6th, Colin McCarthy 9th, Eoin O'Donoghue Cat 1 winner, Marcus Treacy Over 70's prize at the President's Prize at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club on Sunday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Killarney Golf and Fishing Club President Michael O'Donoghue presenting the President's Cup to Eimear O'Donnell winner of the President's Prize Ladies competition with (front from left) Sinead Lynch runner up, Kelly O'Donoghue Best Gross, Mary McMonagle 4th and winner of Loughguittane Cup, Mary Geaney Past President's prize Captain Annette McNeice (back from left) Kathleen Brosnan 5th, Anna Marie Gallivan 6th, Jane O'Dwyer 7th, Maureen Creedon 9th and Mary Treacy 13 Hole competition winner at the President's Prize at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club on Sunday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



The students of Aughacsla National School in County Kerry have been named the Marine Institute's 2026 National Explorers Ocean Champions. The students were honoured for their exceptional documentary film and marine science project, "A Nursery Beneath the Waves." The students stepped into the shoes of real marine scientists and filmmakers, exploring the seashore and identifying "mermaids' purses" the egg cases left behind by sharks and skates. Through their work, the children showcased Tralee Bay as a vital "living nursery" and one of the most ecologically important marine environments in Ireland and Europe, making significant discoveries of egg cases from elusive species like the White Skate.

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## KILLARNEY CELTIC

### CELTIC LOTTO

Numbers drawn 1,2,10,27. No Jackpot winner. Match 3 winners received €50. Next jackpot €10,100 on Monday June 8th. Tickets available from The Dungeon Bookshop, Amber Shop (Top of Ross Road), club members and online through Clubzap.

**BOOKING FOR THE KILLARNEY CELTIC SUMMER CAMPS** are now open. Week 1 is Monday June 29th - Friday July 3rd. Week 2 is Monday July 13th - Friday July 17th.

### U13 PREMIER PLAY OFF

*Killarney Celtic 4-4 St Brendan's Park aet.*

*St Brendan's Park won on penalties.*

After an enthralling league playoff Celtic just came up short against St Brendan's Park. Celtic hit the front 3 times in normal time with St Brendan's Park responding. Again in extra time Celtic went ahead and just when it seemed that the title was destined for Killarney a last second equaliser took the game to penalties where St Brendan's Park were victorious. Well done to our players and coaches who contributed to an amazing league finale.

### SYMPATHY

It was with profound sadness that Killarney Celtic learned of the passing of Ewan MacIndoe. The club extends its deepest sympathies to his parents David and Louise, his sister Amber and extended family. The club would like to thank the members, players, coaches and volunteers who represented the club at Ewan's removal and funeral.

Killarney Celtic extends its condolences to our U13 coach James Murphy and family following the passing of Jame's brother in law.

Killarney Celtic would like to thank Killarney Athletic for their cooperation and support with regard to the cancellation of the KDL Premier A Final last Sunday.

## MASTERGEEHA

### U15 DIVISION 1 LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

*Tralee Dynamos 1-3 Mastergeeha*

*Goal Scorer: Anna Lenihan (3)*

Our fantastic U15 girls were crowned Division 1 League Champions after securing a crucial and hard fought victory away to Tralee Dynamos on Wednesday evening.

Having lost to the same opponents only a few weeks ago, the girls knew they would have to

significantly raise their performance levels this time around. Playing against a strong wind in the opening half, they suffered an early setback when Dynamos struck with an excellent goal.

The girls in red and black dug deep, absorbed sustained pressure and continued to threaten on the break. One such counter attack resulted in captain Anna Lenihan being fouled in the box, earning Mastergeeha a penalty. Anna stepped up confidently and coolly slotted home to level the game at 1-1.

That was the way it stayed at half time.

With the breeze now at their backs and knowing only a win would secure the title, Mastergeeha started the second half strongly. It wasn't long before captain Anna Lenihan struck again, producing a brilliant dribble through the defence before finishing excellently to make it 2-1.

Now full of confidence and momentum, the girls pushed on and Anna completed a superb hat-trick with another excellent finish to put Mastergeeha firmly in control.

Dynamos threw everything at the girls in the closing 15 minutes, but the Mastergeeha defence stood tall and showed tremendous determination to protect the lead.

In goal, Melissa O'Connor had a tremendous game and made some vital saves throughout. In defence, Michelle Doolan, Isla Cronin and Evie Guerin were simply unbreakable. Midfielders Ava Brosnan, Lily O'Leary, Anabelle Casey, Chloe O'Sullivan and Sophie Moynihan worked tirelessly throughout, while up front captain Anna Lenihan, Ella Kate Piggott and Julia Casey were brilliant all evening. The entire squad were also ably supported from the side-lines by the injured Lucy McCarthy.

The final whistle was greeted with huge roars from the large travelling Mastergeeha support as captain Anna Lenihan lifted the league trophy on behalf of her teammates.

A superb finish to the season for this outstanding group of players.

Thanks to Tralee Dynamos for a great sporting contest and to Tom O'Sullivan for officiating.

The victory also brings the curtain down on a remarkable season for girls soccer in Mastergeeha, with an incredible haul of silverware achieved across all age groups — a testament to the huge work being done throughout the club and the fantastic talent coming through the club.



*Shauna O Riordan who plays with Mastergeeha and who has been selected on the SFAI U14 Ireland squad.*

### U12 DIVISION 1

*Mastergeeha B v Iveragh A*

Our U12s finished their league campaign at home to a strong Iveragh A side putting in a great performance full of heart and work rate from our boys.

Iveragh showed why they're pushing for the title, but our lads matched them all over the pitch and were unlucky to come out the wrong side of a tight 1-0. Massive credit to the whole squad for the performance and the progress they've made this season.

Best of luck to Iveragh in their final games, and thanks to the referee for a well-handled match

Captain: Jake Kelly

POTM: Zach Moynihan

### CONGRATULATIONS

A huge congratulations to our very own Shauna O Riordan, who has been selected to represent Ireland! An absolutely incredible achievement and one that is so richly deserved. Everyone at Mastergeeha FC is immensely proud of you. This is a truly historic moment, not just for our club, but also for Kerry Schoolgirls Soccer. Shauna will represent Ireland at the upcoming tournament in UL from 19th-21st June. What a fantastic achievement for Shauna, her family, coaches and everyone who has supported her along the way. Congratulations Shauna – we are all behind you and wish you every success in the green jersey!

### MASTERGEEHA LOTTO

There was no winner of our lotto on 29th May



*Ballyhar Dynamos FC senior ladies who lost away to Inter Kenmare FC in the Kerry District Shield semi final last weekend.*



*Ballyhar Dynamos FC U14 girls who won the school girl Shield competition by defeating Fenit Samphires last weekend*



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## KERRY SCHOOLBOYS/ GIRLS

### GIRLS BALLYHAR CROWNED EVE O'CALLAGHAN SHIELD CHAMPIONS

Ballyhar Dynamos were crowned U14 Girls Eve O'Callaghan Shield champions after an impressive 4-1 victory over Fenit in the final. Goals from Anna Kate Daly, Niamh O'Sullivan from the penalty spot, Emma O'Callaghan, and Mollie O'Connor sealed a memorable win for Ballyhar.

After a competitive opening, Ballyhar took control of the contest with a strong attacking display and showed great composure to convert their chances when it mattered most. Fenit battled throughout and managed to get on the scoresheet, but Ballyhar's quality in front of goal proved decisive as they lifted the shield in style. A superb team performance capped off an excellent cup campaign and earned Ballyhar well deserved silverware.

### HONOURS EVEN IN EIGHT GOAL THRILLER AS DINGLE SHARE TITLE

There was nothing to separate Camp and Dingle as they played out an entertaining 4-4 draw in the O'Sullivan's Bakery U14 Girls Division 1.

Robyn Flynn led the way for Camp with two goals, while Aoibhinn Lyon and Abbie McCarthy also found the net in a strong attacking display. Dingle responded with goals from Temi Aderonmu, who struck twice, while Eilís Nic Gearailt and Lucy Keane also got on the scoresheet in an equally impressive performance going forward.

Both sides created plenty of chances throughout a thrilling contest, with neither team able to find a decisive winner despite eight goals being shared between them. That result combined with a walkover from Inter Kenmare saw Dingle and Tralee Dynamos finish on the same points, as the pair were crowned joint champions.

### MASTERGEEHA CLINCH U15 DIVISION 1 TITLE

Mastergeeha were crowned Muckross Park Hotel

U15 Girls Division 1 champions after a crucial 3-1 victory over Tralee Dynamos.

Knowing that only a win would be enough to secure the league title, Mastergeeha rose to the occasion with a composed and determined performance. The star of the show was Anna Lenihan, who produced a superb hat-trick to guide her side to victory and ultimately to the title.

Tralee Dynamos battled hard throughout and made Mastergeeha work for every opportunity, but the league winners showed their quality when it mattered most to get over the line.

The result sealed the title for Mastergeeha as they jumped ahead of Fenit and caps off an excellent campaign, with the players delivering under pressure on the final day to secure well-deserved silverware.

### BOYS IVERAGH CROWNED U12 DIVISION 1 CHAMPIONS

Iveragh United A were crowned EBS U12 Boys Division 1 champions after recording two important victories in a title-clinching week.

The first success came with a hard-fought 1-0 win over Mastergeeha B, where Will O'Sullivan scored the decisive goal to secure all three points.

Iveragh then ended their title winning season in style with a 4-0 victory over St Brendan's Park B. Chris Winton led the scoring with two goals, while Ernesto Moral and Michael John Moran also found the net in an excellent team performance.

The back to back victories proved the perfect way to end the season, bringing the league title to South Kerry capping off a superb campaign for Iveragh. Their consistency, quality, and determination throughout the season have been rewarded with well-deserved championship honours.

### PARK COMPLETE LEAGUE AND CUP DOUBLE AFTER EPIC PLAY-OFF FINAL

StBrendan's Park were crowned U13 Boys Premier League champions after an unforgettable 4-4 draw with Killarney Celtic after extra time, before winning the penalty shootout 4-1 in a dramatic play-off final.

The two sides finished level on points after outstanding league campaigns, and the final lived up to expectations. It always looked like it would come down to these two based on how close the season had gone, and it was a play-off

decider that lived up to the billing.

Celtic struck first after just three minutes, but Igor Jasiński responded almost immediately with a superb equaliser. Celtic regained the lead midway through the first half, only for Jasiński to strike again and make it 2-2 at the break.

Celtic went ahead for a third time early in the second half, but Park refused to give in and Tadhg Gilligan levelled with ten minutes remaining to force extra time. When Celtic edged ahead again during the additional period, it looked as though the title was slipping away.

Park threw caution to the wind in the second half of extra time to chase down that equaliser. And with seconds remaining, Oran Maguire delivered a brilliant free kick into the box and Kyle O'Flaherty rose highest to head home a dramatic equaliser and make it 4-4. Delirium for Park, heartbreak for Celtic.

The title was then decided on penalties. Tadhg Gilligan, Oran Maguire, and Adam O'Leary all converted, while goalkeeper Colm Horgan produced a crucial save to leave it at 3-1 and next to take a penalty for Park was Noah O'Driscoll, with the pressure of potentially winning the league with his spot kick on his young shoulders. Ice cool and composed, he drove the ball into the top corner and turned to his team mates to celebrate an unbelievable match win and league title.

The triumph completed a remarkable league and cup double for the Park, who have now achieved the feat in successive seasons after claiming U12 honours last year and U13 silverware this season, winning both the Premier Title and John Joe Naughton Cup

### KILLARNEY ATHLETIC FINISH SEASON ON A HIGH

Killarney Athletic signed off their U13 Boys Premier Division campaign with a hard-fought 2-1 victory over Listowel Celtic.

Goals from William Sjogren and Trey Hurley secured the win for Athletic in their final game of the season, ensuring they ended the campaign on a positive note.

Listowel Celtic made Athletic work for the result, but the home side showed good character and composure to hold on for all three points. It was a fitting finish to the season for Killarney Athletic, with the players rewarded for their efforts with a well-earned victory in their final outing.

### DINGLE SECURE DIVISION 1 HONOURS

Dingle Bay Rovers secured an impressive 3-1



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victory over Ballyhar Dynamos in U13 Boys Division 1, to be crowned league champions. Just two points separated the teams headed into the tie in Murt Scott Park, knowing the title was up for grabs for both.

After a competitive opening, Dingle led by goals from Krystian Dudus, Daniel Murphy and Noah Eadie fired their way to the three coveted points. Tadhg Fitzgerald scored for Ballyhar and continued to pose a threat going forward, but Dingle's defensive organisation and clinical finishing proved decisive.

A composed performance from Dingle saw them take the points and the league silverware back to West Kerry, while Ballyhar battled hard throughout but were unable to find a way back into the game.

### UNBEATEN KILLARNEY ATHLETIC CROWNED U14 PREMIER CHAMPIONS

Killarney Athletic were crowned The Golden Nugget U14 Boys Premier Division champions after finishing their campaign in style with a commanding 5-1 victory over Park.

Goals from Lucas Uchytel, Artem Dzhandra, Ryan O'Donoghue, Trey Hurley, and Rory Moynihan sealed an impressive final-day performance as Athletic once again showcased the quality that has defined their season.

The victory confirmed an outstanding achievement for this talented group, who completed the league campaign unbeaten, winning eight of their nine matches and drawing the other in what proved to be a highly

competitive Premier Division.

Their success was built on consistency, teamwork, and resilience throughout the year. Alongside their league exploits, the squad also enjoyed an excellent National Trophy run, travelling around the country and reaching the quarter-finals before their journey came to an end.

Rather than allowing that disappointment to define their season, the players responded in the best possible way, finishing strongly to secure the league title and cap off a memorable campaign.

An unbeaten league season is a remarkable accomplishment, and one that reflects the commitment, quality, and character shown by this special Killarney Athletic side throughout the year.

### U14 GIRLS EVE O'CALLAGHAN SHIELD FINAL

*Ballyhar 4-1 Fenit*

### O'SULLIVAN'S BAKERY U14 GIRL'S DIVISION 1

*Camp 4-4 Dingle*

### MUCKROSS PARK HOTEL U15 GIRL'S DIVISION 1

*Tralee Dynamos 1-3 Mastergeeha*

### EBS U12 BOY'S DIVISION 1

*Mastergeeha B 0-1 Iveragh A*

*Iveragh 4-0 Park B*

### U13 BOY'S PREMIER LEAGUE PLAY-OFF FINAL

*Killarney Celtic 4-4 Park AET (Park won 4-1 on*

*pens)*

### U13 BOY'S PREMIER

*Killarney Athletic 2-1 Listowel Celtic*

### U13 BOY'S DIVISION 1

*Ballyhar 1-3 Dingle*

### THE GOLDEN NUGGET U14 BOY'S PREMIER

*Killarney Athletic 5-1 Park*

### BOYS TEAM OF THE WEEK:

1. Rylan Flynn (Killarney Celtic U14)
2. Cathal O'Shea (Dingle Bay Rovers U13)
4. William Duggan (St Brendan's Park U14)
5. Eoghan O'Leary (Mastergeeha U13)
3. Ruben Culhane (Ferry Rangers U13)
6. Luke Walsh (Listowel Celtic U15)
8. Tadhg Gilligan (St Brendan's Park U13)
10. Iarlaith Clifford (St Brendan's Park U13)
7. Chris Winton (Iveragh United U12)
9. Ben Leonard (Inter Kenmare U14)
11. Ryan Bolger (MEK Galaxy U16)

### GIRLS ROLL OF HONOUR

1. Melissa O'Connor (Mastergeeha)
2. Eve McEvoy (St Brendan's Park)
4. Laura Breen (Mastergeeha)
5. Grace Ryan (MEK Galaxy)
3. Niamh O'Sullivan (Ballyhar Dynamos)
6. April Kerins (Tralee Dynamos)
8. Lillian Slattery (Killarney Athletic)
7. Erica Moloney (Killarney Athletic)
10. Temi Aderonmu (Dingle Bay Rovers)
9. Anna Lenihan (Mastergeeha)
11. Kayleigh Crean (Camp Juniors)

# Glenflesk GAA Unveils Biggest-Ever Flesk Fest & Summer Soirée Weekend

Glenflesk GAA is proud to announce the full programme for Flesk Fest 2026, a four-day celebration of music, entertainment, food, fashion, and community spirit taking place 18th –21st June at Barraduff Community Field (V93 WF6F). This year's festival is set to be bigger, brighter, and more exciting than ever, featuring the hugely popular Summer Soirée on Friday, 19 June.

Organisers say both events are designed to bring families, neighbours, and supporters together for a weekend that showcases the very best of Glenflesk.

Club Chairperson Tim Murphy said: "Flesk Fest has grown into a highlight of the local calendar. It's a chance for our community to come together, support the club, and enjoy a fantastic weekend of music, sport, talks, food, and fun."

## Thursday 18th June is Opening Night

A lively start to the festival with an evening of dance and music. Line Dancing with Bridie and The Paudie Coffey Band Gates open: 7pm

## Friday 19th June is a new addition - Summer Soirée in the Marquee,

A stylish, vibrant evening in the marquee, fashion, food, music, and atmosphere. Guests welcomed from 6pm with prosecco and light bites. Main programme begins at 7pm, hosted by Brendan Fuller. Culinary experience by Head Chef Chad Byrne; Fashion & beauty segments with Mary O'Donnell and Kerry O'Connor; Live finale performance by Jack Patrick Healy (piano & vocals) Amazing spot prizes throughout the night and a Most Stylish Lady Competition with a prize of a : One-night luxury stay at The Europe Hotel & Resort. Tickets: €35 - limited availability and strong early demand.

## Saturday 20th June "The Big Stage"

A full day of outstanding local talent. Performances from: The O'Donoghue Sisters, Hacksaw Céilí Band, Johnny Courtney & Friends; Abby Cronin; Noreen Kelliher; Paud, Molly & Aoise. Glenflesk LGFA will host their sell out G4MO Blitz at 2pm Evening entertainment: The Byrne Brothers and DJ Gav. Gates open: 12.30pm

## Sunday 21st June is Family Fun Day

A day dedicated to families, children, and community connection. Activities & Entertainment ; MACademy workshops, Facepainting, Inflatables, Alpaca experience, Kids' disco, Live sports on big screens. Performances by The Hairós (Wolfe Tones Tribute) and The Rising. Sensory Hour: 12.30–1.30pm General Kids' Entertainment: from 2pm Gates open: 12.30pm

## Tickets & Admission

Under 16s go free (accompanied by an adult) Weekend Pass: Thurs/Sat/ Sun €35 (online presale only until 17 June) Gate Prices: €15 Thursday €20 Saturday or Sunday Tickets: QR code, ClubForce app, or <https://bit.ly/FleskFest> The Summer Soirée in the Marquee is a separate ticket event. All enquires :Enquiries: 085 754 7586

A fully licensed bar, handcrafted cocktails, and a selection of food trucks will be available all weekend.

Organisers added: "Events like these are vital fundraisers for Glenflesk GAA. Every ticket sold directly supports , our players, and the future development of the club. We can't wait to welcome everyone."

## EMERGENCY SERVICES OPEN DAY WAS A GREAT SUCCESS

A large crowd gathered at Killarney Garda Station on Monday for the Emergency Services Open Day, which brought together a wide range of emergency and voluntary response organisations from across the region.

Representatives from An Garda Síochána, the Fire Service, Cardiac First Responders, Mountain Rescue, Civil Defence, Water Rescue, the Order of Malta, and the Coast Guard were all in attendance, showcasing their vital work within the community.

The event was extremely well attended and provided an interactive experience for visitors of all ages, who had the opportunity to learn about the various services and take part in activities at the different stands.

An Garda Síochána displayed a number of specialist units, including the Public Order Unit, Scenes of Crime, the Armed Support Unit, and the Traffic Corps. Visitors were given a unique insight into the equipment, vehicles, and expertise used by emergency personnel in their day-to-day roles.

The open day proved to be both educational and enjoyable, highlighting the dedication and professionalism of the emergency services while strengthening community engagement and awareness.



**FOSSA**

**LOTTO**

The numbers drawn on 31/05/2026 for a jackpot of €8,700 were 14, 23, 24, 28. There was no jackpot winner. The €40 consolation prize winners were; Niamh Cronin, Kenneth Clifford, Jade Houlihan, Patrick Mahony, Alan O'Sullivan. Tickets are available from our sellers and can also be bought online with the following link <https://fossagaa.clubforce.com/products/lotto/fossa-gaa-club-lotto>

**COMMUNITY GAMES**

Congratulations to the Fossa U12 Girls who won the Pewter Medal in the Community Games, this competition was held in Ballyduff on Sunday. This is a great achievement by these girls to come 4th in Kerry.

**SPA 7'S**

Well done to the Fossa Senior Ladies who qualified for the Killarney 7's Shield competition and met Kerry big guns Southern Gaels in the 1/4 final. In an ultra competitive game Southern Gaels got the rub and came out on top by two scores and then went on to win it out easily. Thanks to all 16 players who appeared variously across both days and we all wish Sophie a speedy recovery and look forward to her return. In all it was a great weekend for the team.

**DR. CROKES**

**SENIOR HURLING LEAGUE**

*Dr. Crokes 1:20 Crotta O'Neill's 0:10*

This past week, we hosted Crotta O'Neill's. Due to Crotta's numbers deficit, the match was played as 13-a-side. We opened the scoring immediately with Mark Heffernan, Jack O'Riordan and Kevin Landers on target from play. Brian O'Connor's goal effort was well blocked by Crotta's full-back however, shortly after, he teamed up with his brother, Kieran, who made sure with a powerful strike to the net from 20 yards. We had a commanding lead at the water-break of 1-05 to 0-02. Following resumption, Crotta got more into the game but left a number of chances after them, including a goal chance which was blasted wide. Our defence was flawless, using the additional space wisely and not committing any unnecessary fouls throughout the game. HT Dr. Crokes 1-09 Crotta O'Neill's 0-04. It was much the same for the second half - Mark Heffernan's pinpoint accuracy from frees kept our scoreboard ticking over; Brian O'Connor utilised his brilliant pace to score from play; Nathaniel Doncel marshalled mid-field, and the entire defence worked tirelessly in the dead heat to limit Crotta's scoring.

**CROKES CUBS AND ACADEMY** takes place every Saturday. Hurling from 10am-11am and football From 11:15am-12:15pm.

**CHAIR YOGA** with Hanne takes place every Thursday at 11am in the clubhouse. This is perfect for beginners. Stretch and relax from the comfort of your chair. Cost: €7. Contact 0871471592 for more information.

**LOTTO** took place on June 1st Numbers drawn were 6, 13, 19, 24. Jackpot of €6,500 was not WON. 10 patrons matched 3 and receive €40 each. Jackpot for draw on June 8th will be €6,800. Play online by following the link below <https://member.clubspot.app/club/dr-crokres-gaa/fundraisers>



**BINGO**

Dr. Crokes Bingo continues every Sunday in St. Mary's Parish Hall. Doors will open at 7pm with the first game commencing at 8pm.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Kacper, Adam, Neil, Ben and the Kerry U20 Footballers, as well as Elizabeth and Erica and the Kerry U14's on winning their respective All Ireland Championships.

**CONDOLENCES** to the Egan Family on the passing of Sarah, and to the O'Regan Family on the passing of Brian 'Chompy'. May they rest in peace.

**NOTES**

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

**LEGION GAA**

**EWAN MACINDOE**

As a club and as a community, we were deeply saddened by the terrible news of Ewan MacIndoe's passing. Ewan was a popular member of our Senior B squad and recently battled through a back injury to tog out with his Legion clubmates and friends. Hugely popular on the pitch and in the dressing room with his teammates Ewan was always a pleasure to coach from his academy days through juvenile football to the senior ranks. While club members may feel powerless to help Ewan's family and friends at this dark time of incalculable loss, we want them to know - especially David, Louise & Amber - that Killarney Legion will cherish Ewan's memory and will help you however we can. As a mark or respect to our player and neighbour, Legion's pitches remained closed over last weekend.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh anam. Rest in Peace, Ewan.

**SYMPATHIES**

Sympathies also to the family of Sarah Egan who passed away last week. To her parents John and Bridget and her sister Stephanie and brothers Mark and Chris and Darragh, we offer our condolences.

Sympathies also to the family and friends of Brian Chompy O Regan who sadly passed away during the week.

**KERRY U 14 LADIES**

A huge congratulations to our latest All-Ireland

winners, Reagan O'Shea and Clodagh Hegarty, who were both part of the victorious Kerry U14 Ladies team that claimed the All-Ireland Gold Championship title on Saturday.

What a fantastic achievement and a proud moment for our club. Your hard work, dedication, and commitment have been rewarded on the biggest stage.

**LOTTO**

Lotto numbers: 2,7,14,24. Bonus 11. No jackpot winner. Lucky Dips: Eoin O Carroll. Brendan Griffin. Dan Moynihan

**JOHNNY CULLOTY PARK**

Our club grounds will be officially renamed after our sporting legend Johnny Culloty this Saturday 6th June. This honour is being bestowed on Johnny, not only for his may sporting exploits but also for his massive dedication and contribution to the development of the club grounds that we have today. There will be a feast of juvenile football in the morning. Following this at 2pm we are honoured to have GAA president Jarlath Burns and former Kerry hero Micko Connell in attendance to perform the official unveiling. All are welcome to attend this special day free of charge and anyone who wishes to stay on afterwards, there will be a BBQ and craic for just €10.

**EAST KERRY**

**BECKETT O CONNOR CUP**

St Brendans College teachers completed Third Year League over the month of May. The format of the competition was panels of eleven players playing seven aside games. Every player played some part during the games. Eight teams took part with over eighty players playing small sided games. The standard of football was excellent with all players showing great skill levels during the event. Twenty teachers contributed to the organisation of the tournament in St Brendans College. Congratulations to all teachers and students for playing a vital role in developing strong GAA culture in the school supporting Vince Cooper East Kerry GDC work in the division.

**TWO TEACHER COMPETITION**

Rathmore Credit Union two teacher competition took place over the last few weeks. The format was seven aside games with all teams getting lots of games improving and developing every player during the tournament. Raheen NS defeated a spirited Glenflesk NS team in the decider. Jimmy O Shea (Glenflesk) was an excellent referee. Thanks to all teachers for supporting the well run event giving schools outside East Kerry catchment area a chance to play raises standards in ever school supporting the work of Vince Cooper East Kerry GDC in the region.

**U13 EAST KERRY LEAGUE**

Cordal 1-03 Currow 5-14  
Scartaglen 2-03 Kenmare 5-19  
Spa 5-21 Na Fianna 0-07

**ALL IRELAND U20 FINAL**

Congratulations to the Kerry team on winning All Ireland U20 Final.

**U 14 ALL IRELAND FINAL.**

Congratulations to the Kerry U14 girls, on winning All Ireland Gold Final.

# Celebrating Their Special Day

Photos: Michelle Cooper Galvin



Cian O'Hara (centre) who graduated from St Francis' Special School with his parents Esther and Kevin, sister Roisin and family members Eileen O'Dwyer, Elizabeth Arthurs and Conor Normoyle at the graduation celebration in St Francis' Special School, Beaufort on Wednesday.



Bella Oum (centre) who graduated from St Francis' Special School with her family members Dillon, Maura, Monique and Dara at the graduation celebration in St Francis' Special School, Beaufort on Wednesday.



John O'Brien (centre) who graduated from St Francis' Special School with his parents Helen and Pat and family members Philip and Cecilia Callopy, Patrick, Martina, Michael and baby Pa O'Brien at the graduation celebration in St Francis' Special School, Beaufort on Wednesday.



Ed Neeson (centre) who graduated from St Francis' Special School with his parents Ger and Ann Marie, brother James and sister Rose at the graduation celebration in St Francis' Special School, Beaufort.



Ryan Looney (centre) who graduated from St Francis' Special School with his parents Brigitta and Aengus, sister Ava and family members Catsy and Sonny Looney, Fiona O'Shea and Rob Hunt SNA at the graduation celebration in St Francis' Special School, Beaufort on Wednesday.



Clodagh Tangney (centre) who graduated from St Francis' Special School with her Mother Siobhan and family members Dervla, Joan and Eithne Murphy and Thomas O'Sullivan.



Daithi Carroll (centre) who graduated from St Francis' Special School with his parents Sean and Helena.



Irfan Ahmad Akhand who graduated from St Francis' Special School with his family members.



Billy Alexander of Kell's Bay awarded Gold in the Nursery category at Bord Bia Bloom, pictured with Kerri Gardiner, Bord Bia Bloom Show garden manager.



Legacy elites head coach Hayley Murphy was honoured to win a women of vision award last Saturday at the Garryvoe hotel in Co.Cork. Hayley coaches cheerleading and gymnastics in Killarney and throughout Kerry. It was an honour to receive this award and celebrate with talented women from all over the country. It was an amazing experience .  
Picture- Left- Hayley Murphy right- Terrie Shirtliff



5 star breakfast for the tidy towns volunteers who have been out very early helping to keep our town centres 5 star standard Compliments of the 5 star Great Southern Hotel



Grace O Connor celebrating her First Holy Communion with her parents Anthony & Michelle and her brother Callum. Conor Healy Photography



A stop off for handmade yogurt and coffee at Muckcross Creamery, owned by John Fleming (1st left) a fifth-generation dairy farmer. The Fleming family have been farming in Muckcross, Killarney since the 1840's. The biking fraternity arrived early to Killarney ahead of Ireland BikeFest 2026, which takes place from 29th-31st May. The festival will welcome thousands of bikers and visitors to the town for a weekend of live music, ride-outs, entertainment and biking culture across the June Bank Holiday weekend. Patrick O'Donoghue, CEO Gleneagle Group, left, Jadwiga Surmiak, Gleneagle Group, Vicki Green, Harley-Davidson\*, Rob Miller, Matt Green. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



Jamie Ellard celebrating his First Holy Communion with his parents Katie & James and his siblings Ryan & Lauren

## Families in County Kerry to Receive Back-to-School Allowance as Scheme Extended

– Deputy Michael Cahill

Fianna Fáil Deputy Michael Cahill for County Kerry has welcomed the extension of the Back-to-School Clothing and Footwear Allowance to include children aged 2 and 3 for the first time.

The scheme opened for applications today and will see 3,436 families in County Kerry automatically receive payments in July. Nationally, an estimated 37,000 additional children will qualify for support this year as a result of the expansion.

Deputy Michael Cahill said:

"I am delighted to see children aged 2 and 3 included in the Back-to-School Clothing and Footwear Allowance for the first time.

"Anyone raising young children knows just how quickly they grow. Clothes and shoes need to be replaced constantly and those costs can really add up for families.

"This extension recognises that reality and will help parents with some of those everyday costs.

"For many families, every bit of support matters. The Back-to-School Clothing and Footwear Allowance is a practical measure that helps families with the costs that come with raising children and preparing for the year ahead.

"I also want to acknowledge the work of Minister Dara Calleary in securing this extension, which will benefit families in County Kerry and right across the country."

The rate of payment for 2026 is €160 for children aged 2 to 11 and €285 for children aged 12 years and over in second-level education. More than 109,000 families will automatically receive the allowance nationally during the week beginning 13 July, with payments being made in respect of almost 202,000 children.

Families who do not receive notification of an automatic payment should make an application through MyWelfare.ie, even if they received a payment last year. Applications are now open and the closing date is 30 September 2026.

## New €8,500 EV Grant for Irish Motorists



Irish motorists will be able to avail of a new €8,500 grant towards the purchase of an electric vehicle under a Government scrappage scheme launching in July 2026.

The initiative combines a €5,000 scrappage payment for eligible older petrol and diesel vehicles with the existing €3,500 SEAI grant for new electric cars.

To qualify, motorists must scrap a petrol or diesel vehicle that is more than 13 years old and purchase a brand-new battery electric vehicle priced between €14,000 and €60,000. Hybrid and second-hand electric vehicles are not eligible.

The pilot scheme, announced by Transport Minister Darragh O'Brien, will operate on a first-come, first-served basis and is expected to support approximately 2,000 motorists through an initial €10 million fund.

The Government says the measure will help reduce transport emissions while making electric vehicles more affordable for households.

# Killarney Outlook

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JIMMY O'SULLIVAN-DARCY

## takes a look at all things sport...



### ALL IRELAND CHAMPIONSHIP DRAW

Well, bated breath and all that. There are still some small issues with the format, i.e. the provincial championships being rendered virtually meaningless – but oh lads, it is so much better than that appalling nonsense of a group stage. That always sucked so much life and energy from the championship in recent years it belonged in a Bram Stoker novel. This brilliant. There are a lot of games here that I find really intriguing and am looking forward to – been quite a few years since I said that about the football!

#### ROUND 2A TYRONE V MAYO

Tyrone are a bit of a sleeping giant. They have all the ingredients, they just don't see to have really put it together. I keep tipping them among the favourites in the past years, and they keep stumbling just before the latter stages. On paper they should win this. Especially when you factor in that performance against Monaghan. Mayo looked brilliantly going forward...then Monaghan started kicking long ball in and it really exposed a very porous defence. But Mayo always have one giant-killing performance in them. Go back a decade, and hey were always capable of beating Kerry, Dublin, Tyrone.... just never two of them in any one year. Really tempting fate, but I'll put heart above head and tip Mayo.

#### LOUTH V ARMAGH

Louth have been a revelation in recent years, they really have. They took Dublin to town; that was no underdog surprise. They were just better, a lot better. I'd give them a puncher's chance or better against all but two teams. The thing is, one of those teams is Armagh. They just have too much power, mass, acceleration, and they are accurate from inside and outside as well. Frankly, I think on their current form I could see Armagh being the last team standing, and I don't just mean in this round.

#### DONEGAL V CORK

Lads, that's a cruel draw. I liked the look of Cork against Meath. The sending off was unlucky (albeit correct, a wild but not malicious swing). Sherlock shot the lights out. Can they stay with

Donegal? I thought Kerry made Donegal look a bit better than they were (for the second time in as many meetings – maybe I'm just wearing green and gold tinted glasses). Cork will put up great battle, but I don't think Donegal were at full peak for the Ulster Championship and in Ballybofey I can't see Cork staying with them all through.

#### GALWAY V WESTMEATH

I'm finding it hard to read Galway this year. Have they been quietly building or are they reaching their peak? Will this game have more viewers than Seán Fitzgerald on Love Island? Westmeath, the Leinster champions, have been another surprise package to me. Again, pace and accuracy...that's a really good football team. As I say, Galway have been inches away from an All Ireland in recent years. But have they gone up or, as I suspect, dipped a little bit? On home ground, they should take this.

#### ROUND 2B

That's reveille calling, people. Up and at them, this is knockout. And as I say, I love the excitement of it.

#### KILDARE V KERRY

A clever man would say nothing or poor mouth it. I've been called many things, but 'clever' would be new word on the list. Look, I think Kerry have more in hand than they have been letting on. I'm not saying that Lazarus is transferring to a Kerry club, but some of our walking wounded will be doing more than walking in Newbridge. Speaking of which, it might be the bad mind of me, but wouldn't it be funny to suggest that the game be switched to Semple Stadium to accommodate the big crowd? Just to rise the "Newbridge or nowhere" people? Ah, no, let's not go poking any alligators until we are safely across the river.

The thing is, Kildare are only in the competition by virtue of winning the Tailteann Cup last year. It's not quite the same gulf as a McDonagh Cup winner competing for the Liam McCarthy Cup, but it's in the same territory. Anything but a comfortable Kerry win would be a massive shock.

#### DERRY V MEATH

Nobody, but nobody, wanted to travel to Derry. It's very far from a gimme, Meath are a strong team and have helped breathe vibrant life into a Leinster Championship that was attracting smaller attendances that early mass on a weekday. But on home ground...I mean, Derry kicked 2-23 and then 2-23 against Ulster opposition. 2-23 against Monaghan and still lost? Lads, that's some cauldron. I know Meath gave a good battle against Cork, and there won't be a huge gulf on the scoreboard, but I can't see the home side losing this one.

#### CAVAN V DUBLIN

Dublin....remember all the talk about how they should be split? How they were an unstoppable force and would kill the game with their eternal dominance? I resisted that distillation of sour grapes for a long time (and let's call it what it was in hindsight) but I was beginning to worry about it by the finish. And yet....I mean, they barely lost to us in a classic in 2022 and came back to win in 2023. And yet, suddenly....tumbleweeds. Literally as well as metaphorically, where have the Blue Army gone? I've always liked the Dublin supporters, but that's because I met many of them on Dublin's hard days as well as the good ones. Now, I will say that charging €40 a ticket for their last game....lads, that's like trying to milk cattle with pincers. Give the genuine supporters a break. Those are the ones you'll see in Cavan. And maybe Dublin are still in my head a little bit, but I still think they are not too far away from getting back into contention. My opinion is that they got so good at manoeuvring to get a good shooter free in a good position, that they haven't quite adjusted to the defenders back rule and the arc. Put two pointers back in their arsenal – and the likes of Kilkenny and Costello are well capable of scoring them, and you'll be dealing with a different animal. I think they will beat Cavan – but sure, I tipped them to win their last two games as well. I'd suggest don't mind my ramblings on this one!

#### MONAGHAN V ROSCOMMON

Honestly, you'd say Tyrone v Mayo is the big mix-up. But I could only attend one game, and it couldn't be Kerry, I would opt to go this one. I think this will be a cracker. I see a lot of similarities between both teams. They are fit (it seems to be the primary requirement nowadays, gaelic footballers seem to be developing physiques more traditionally common in rugby league) and they play very clean, very honest football. And I don't mean that in any patronising way. I genuinely believe that either of these would give us a very real rattle. I'm not predicting any result here. Pin to the collar, I'd have Roscommon a point better, but Monaghan on home ground...no. I'm not predicting anything. Your guess is as good as mine, probably better.

### DERRY RUN RINGS AROUND KERRY

#### CHRISTY RING FINAL Derry 3-24 Kerry 3-19

Oh boy. We are not going to dwell too long on this one. There is simply very little to be said. If this was an autopsy, we'd be using smelling salts. It would be a scene from a Patricia Cornwall

novel or David Fincher movie, not Agatha Christie (bless her dear heart). This was bad. I'm sorry, I hate saying it, but anything else would simply be a falsehood. It was a very bad day for Kerry hurling.

Look, I'll admit straightaway that I was guilty of a certain amount of hubris. We beat Derry handy enough in the league, and I felt that we had another gear in the tank that day if it was needed. Sure, we lost our last game in the group stage of the Christy Ring away to Derry, but frankly that game was a free pass. I was actually surprised that we put out a fairly strong team that day but brought little enough intensity. Even then, I felt that we had more scoring power; Derry just got goals at the vital times. That loss didn't bother me in the slightest. I've been saying it all year; I consider Kerry to be a Joe McDonagh standard team who had slipped through the cracks but should return fast enough to the higher level. I suppose I should be using the past tense; I considered Kerry to be that standard. Obviously, I have to reconsider my position there. Like I said, hubris. No excuses. Yeah, Kerry were down a few players, but Derry have been without four starters all year and made light of it. The game itself is a story that can be quickly told. Derry fired in two quick balls into the corner and Rian Collins snapped hem up smartly and fired over the bar. Conor Coyle – lads, what a display – fired over another.

Kerry had racked up three wides by then and Pádraig Boyle had another after Gavin Dooley found him space along the endline, his snapshot cracking off the post and wide. You can argue that it was a potential goal chance, I'm not convinced, even for Podge that was a very tight angle under pressure.

Pressure is very much the word. Derry were faster, sharper, hungrier...they were ahead of their Kerry counterparts in every possible metric. A foul on Darragh McGiligan saw Cormac O'Doherty score his first free. Kerry's dull back line are very skilful hurlers, but height is a problem, and one that Derry obviously came to exploit. At the other end, Kerry's Plan A was clearly to keep lamping ball down on top of Pádraig Boyle, and Plan B was to keep repeating Plan A. Boyle was absolutely superb from start to finish, but Derry had seen that gameplan from a long way out.

A long ball from Jason Diggins saw Michael Slattery open Kerry's account. A little bit of me still felt that Kerry simply hadn't fired up their engines.

And then Conor Melaugh simply raced through the Kerry defence without a glove laid on him and banged the sliotar into the net. Kerry didn't look as if they had the pace, power, or possibly even the inclination to do anything about it.

Look, I'm not cutting into anybody here. All of these lads put a huge amount into representing Kerry. They were there over the cold winter nights. I wasn't.

Padraig and Cormac O'Doherty exchanged frees. It jut elt like every time Kerry showed a spark, Derry were able to instantly swarm it and score in reply. Seán McGrath slotted a point and Gavin Dooley tried to nip in as a '5 dropped short....close, but definitely no cigar. Deaghláin

Foley opened his account – he is a player I always out for – and O'Doherty added another free. 1-7 to 0-3; Derry in control. Pádraig Boyle with two points, but Shea Cassidy replied in kind. His first one was special, one touch control on the hurley and straight over. Pure class.

A good burst by Kerry, Boyle with two (1f) and Michael Slattery with his second. 1-9 to 0-8 now. But Shea Cassidy and Darragh McGilligan replied to push out the lead again. Just before the whistle for the break, substitute Jordan Conway split the posts for Kerry.

#### Half-time Derry 1-12 Kerry 0-9

Kerry really needed to come of the blocks fast for the second half. An early goal could rattle the cage a bit. But it was Shea Cassidy who opened the scoring. Padraig Boyle and Hugh Lenihan replied, but Thomas Brady and Conor Melaugh nullified those immediately. Kerry were playing with a bit more urgency, but so were Derry. By the time Conor Melaugh once again raced through to score an almost identical goal to his first, Kerry trailed by 2-15 to 0-12, and there was nothing flattering about the margin. Kerry did get a goal through Pádraig Boyle – sure, who else? – but Shea Cassidy immediately replied in kind.

Look, Kerry did finish strong. Padraig Boyle with a flurry of points, Liam Óg O'Connor and Michael Leane joining him on the scoreboard. Oisín Maunsell came on and blasted two late goals. The first one in particular, great turn and strike. But look, the horse hadn't just bolted by then, it had established residency and applied for citizenship elsewhere. 18 wides. Now, that was because of sustained pressure by Derry, I'm not suggesting that lads were just striking at random. But....arrah look, no point in salting womds. We'll play the County Championship and regroup for next year.

Derry: Seán Kelly, Cathair McGilligan, Patrick Turner, Jamie Lee McGlade, Tiernan Melaugh, Conor Coyle (0-3), Eamon Cassidy (0-1), Cormac O'Doherty (0-5, 5f), Thomas Brady (0-1), Connor Melaugh (2-2), Deaghlán Foley (0-4), Darragh McGilligan (0-2), Rian Collins (0-2), Joe Mulholland, Shea Cassidy (1-4). Subs: Ryan McGarvey (for Eamon Cassidy bs, 25-34 mins), Eamon McGill (for Joseph Mulholland, 46 mins), Ryan McGarvey (for Thomas Brady 51mins), Eunan Boylan (for Rian Collins, 67 mins), Seán Quinn (for Shea Cassidy, 68 mins), Ryan McGill (for Connor Melaugh, 70 mins).

Kerry: Conor Bohane, Eric Leen, Seán McGrath (0-1), Kyle O'Connor, Hugh Lenihan (0-1), Jason Diggins, Michael Leane (0-1), Kevin Goulding (0-1), Adam Segal (0-1), Jordan Brick, Ronan Walsh (0-1), Tom Doyle, Gavin Dooley, Pádraig Boyle (1-10, 6f), Michael Slattery (0-2). Subs: Jordan Conway 0-1 (for Adam Segal, 34 mins), Oisín Maunsell 2-0 (for Gavin Dooley, 40 mins), Ivan Conway (for Jordan Brick, 48 mins), Liam Óg O'Connor 0-1 (for Michael Slattery, 55 mins), Daniel Casey 0-1 (for Jason Diggins, 63 mins).

Referee: Matthew Farrell (Offaly).

## KERRY U20S END 18 YEAR WAIT

## All Ireland U20 Final Kerry 0-21 Tyrone 1-10

Both sides had seen their hurlers lose beforehand – Tyrone lost the Nicky Rackard Final to New York – but I doubt if they were paying too much attention. Of course, there would be plenty of links between the two Kerry teams, especially with the Tralee CBS connection.

Much like the hurling match earlier, the Ulster outfit came out very fast and very hard against Kerry. We hadn't settled yet, and we weren't going to be given a chance to do so. Our first attack was shut down with almost dismissive ease – Kerry seemed to be looking for space that just wasn't there. Tyrone finally turned it over and raced out at top speed. Conor O'Neill drew an obvious foul and Shea McDermott stepped up to raise an orange flag. Tyrone won the kick-out and Adrian McGurran from the corner neatly dummied Aodhna Ó Beaglaíoch to make it 0-3 to 0-0. Once again Tyrone turned over Kerry on the kick-out and Peter Colton had all of Tyrone's full forward line on the scoreboard before a single Kerry player. Tyrone looked bigger, faster, and much more direct. Kerry were a bit tentative at going forward, nursing possession a little bit too much. Of course you can't give the ball away cheaply, but you have to actually use it some it as well. Brilliant turnover by Aodhna Ó Beaglaíoch and this time Kerry moved fast, Daniel Kirby splitting the posts for a good score. A clever pass by Gearóid White found Eoin O'Flaherty on the overlap for another point, and Kerry were up and running.

Then disaster. Tyrone just ran right through us at high speed, Shea McDermott starting and finishing a brilliant move and giving Kacper Robak no chance from close range. 1-4 to 0-2. We really were floundering. Conor Devlin picked out Adrian McGurran for his second point. McDermott, who was pulling all the strings, added another. McGurran again, 1-7 to 0-2. Deja vú after the hurling. I wondering now, if I could get a taxi fast enough, would I make the early train home? Some of you might think I'm joking....

Tomás Kennedy with a good effort. Advantage played, and he made no mistake with the free. Tyrone very nearly got in for a second goal at the other end, though, Kacper Robak getting down fast to deny Peter Colton.

Tomás Ó Sé is ringing the changes now. Not like he has much choice, we are getting taken apart here. Killian Dennehy on for Michael Lynch. Tough on Lynch, a very good defender, but he caught a real tartar today in Shea McDermott. Aodhna Ó Beaglaíoch drops back to pick up the dangerman, with Dennehy slotting in to add heft to the middle third.

It worked. My word, did it work. Don't mind Harry Potter, Albus Dumbledore never cast as effective a transformation spell.

A foul on Ronan Carroll saw Gearóid White pick off a free. Shea McDermott replied in kind, though, after good work by Peter Colton. The tide was shifting, though.

Evan Boyle's uncle was certainly Kerry's best player in the hurling, arguably the best player

on the pitch. Black cat, black kitten, as the saying goes. He didn't lick his football off the stones. He rose high to grab the kick-out and drove forward to drive over a magnificent two pointer. Honestly, I doubt if you will see a better score this year. Killian Dennehy, already having a massive impact, kicked a score of his own. Just like that, it felt like the positions have reversed and it was Tyrone who were struggling. Evan Boyle wit another, he is absolutely imperious. Daniel Kirby isn't far behind him, and he closed out the first half scoring.

## Half-time Tyrone 1-8 Kerry 0-9

This time it's Kerry who come out hunting the game. Gearóid White cut in along the endline to force a save. Evan Boyle laid off to Paddy Lane for a goal chance, but it was smothered by the defence. Legally? I've seen penalties given and refused in similar situations. It's a judgement call either way, not an absolute. Paddy had to limp ashore, with Dara Hogan coming on. At the other end, Ruairí McCullagh came on for Peter Colton. I'll be watching out for that one; I rate McCullagh and Tyrone need to make something happen in midfield.

Tomás Kennedy pointed another free. A seamless Kerry move, and Ronan Carroll was on hand to level matters. 0-11 to 0-8. Daniel Kirby nudged Kerry ahead. Tomás Kennedy won another free – Tyrone were marking him tightly but couldn't match his physicality – and playmaker Gearóid White calmly sent it over the bar for two points. It was all Kerry now, Tyrone were creaking at the seams. Pa White came up for another Kerry point. 0-15 to 1-8. Kerry have just kicked the last ten scores. Shea McDermott tried to inspire Tyrone with a superb point off his left leg. Great kick. Leo Hughes with a fine crossfield pass to Adrian McGurran. Bit of loose marking by Kerry there. He teed up McDermott and it's two on the trot for Tyrone. 0-15 to 1-10. This game as has seen one team or the other dominate completely, but it feels like it could go into the melting pot now.

McDermott fisted across the Kerry square but it's mopped up and Kerry race out for Jack Joy to fist over at the other end. He could have gone for goal, but a point at that stage was invaluable. Gearóid White once again drilled over a two point free and Kerry were five points clear.

One of the things that really pleased me was Kerry's pace and fitness in the end stages. We've all seen Kerry fade out of games in the dying minutes at all grades in recent years. There's been a lot of work gone into correcting that in the background and it really showed here. Gearóid White won a free converted by Tomás Kennedy. Jack O'Sullivan, who battled hard in the trenches all game, notched a point. Tomás Kennedy closed out the win, one we have all been waiting for a long time.

Kerry: Kacper Robak, Michael Lynch, Gearóid Evans, Dara Stack, Eoin O'Flaherty, (0-1) Aodhna Ó Beaglaioich, Pa Walsh (0-1), Daniel Kirby (0-3), Evan Boyle (0-3, 1tp), Jack O'Sullivan (0-1), Gearóid White (0-5, 2tpf, 1f), Seán Ó Cuinn, Ronan Carroll (0-1), Tomás Kennedy (0-4, 4f), Paddy Lane. Subs: Killian Dennehy 0-1 (for Michael Lynch, 24 mins), Dara Hogan (for Paddy Lane, 34 mins), Jack Joy 0-1 (for Ronan Carroll,



Dr. Crokes Footballers, Kacper, Mark, Adam, Ben who were part of the Kerry U20 Footballers who won the All-Ireland Final

46 mins)), David Sargent (for Seán Ó Cuinn, 52 mins), Máirtín McKivergan (for Jack O'Sullivan, 60 mins)

Tyrone: Oisín Watson, Seán Broderick, Luke Neeson, Michael McNamee, Aodhán Quinn, Conor Devlin, Brian Gallagher, Enda Donaghy, Conor O'Neill, Conall Sheehy, Leo Hughes, Turlough Muldoon, Adrian McGurran (0-3), Peter Colton (0-1), Shea McDermott (1-6, 1tpf, 1f). Subs: Ruairí McCullagh (for Peter Colton, 35 mins), Jamie Concannon (for Turlough Muldoon, 53 mins), Darragh Donaghy (for Adrian McGurran, 54 mins)

Referee: Thomas Murphy (Galway)

## ANNUS MIRABILIS

Of course winning a U20 All Ireland, having been so near and so far away for most of these players' lifetimes, is special for each and every one who took part – and that includes all of the hardworking and committed backroom team, many of whom never get the credit that they deserve. However, I'd feel that I have to single out one player in particular for special mention. Sometimes a player seems to have that Midas touch. Everything they touch seems to turn to gold. This year, Máirtín McKivergan has won ...deep breath here...Frank King Cup (County Minor Championship, St. Kierans District), County Minor League Division One (Ballymac), O'Sullivan Cup (Kerry Colleges, Tralee CBS), Corn úí Mhuirí (Munster Colleges, Tralee CBS), Corn na Cásca (Munster U20, Kerry), Clarke Cup (All Ireland U20, Kerry), County Junior Championship (Ballymac), Munster Junior Championship (Ballymac) and an All Ireland Junior Championship (Ballymac). That's fair going – a lot of good footballers would have been happy to end their careers with just one of those medals. Very, very few have done as much in one year. Mike Frank Russell was on the sideline for the Kerry U20s; I wonder if Máirtín knows what Mike Frank won in 1996. I'd be a while listing all of them. I think Pa O'Sullivan was on most of those teams as well. You had Seamus Moynihan in 2000 – I'd say that had to

be the shortest discussion about the Footballer of the Year Award of all time. Johnny Culloty in 1969 in two codes. Tom Collins of Ardfert and Kilmoyley, he played in three Munster Finals in a single da back in 1956. Miko Doyle in 1928. Look, the list isn't a long one – think of the dual ladies of Cork, for example, but it's longer than you might think. Whenever and wherever it is recorded, though, Mairtín McKivergan's 2026 has to be included.

## GAME PSYCHOLOGY

This one also came as a surprise to me, albeit a far more pleasurable one. To be honest, I had not fancied Kerry to win this. You're right – I was really in form last week! Good job I didn't buy a lotto ticket....

Now, to be clear, I didn't and don't buy into this myth of Tyrone being 'in our heads'. Tyrone under Mickey Harte developed a new, heavily defensive system. That, allied to one of the most naturally talented full forward lines I have seen, saw them beat Kerry on a number of big occasions. They put a huge amount into underage development and that has paid big dividends in colleges, minor, and U20. Do people resent that? I don't, fair play to them. It was always going to be up to us to come back with an answer, and we did. But two myths have always bugged me a little bit.

One. The idea that there is a lingering hostility between the rival sets of supporters. Any lad foolish enough to buy into that nonsense knows nothing about Tyrone people and not a whole lot about Kerry. I've been up in Omagh for plenty of games; you won't meet a more hospitable people.

Two. This notion that this game, or any game in any code, comes down to the psychological state of the players. The 'mentality'. It has its place, absolutely, and mental health is not only a huge issue in modern society, and unfortunately one that's growing. But a lot of match predictions are by journalists and pundits. Some professional, and plenty

amateurs in the age of podcasts and social media. It's traditional to ask managers what they expect of a game up ahead. They aren't going to give you an honest answer. Frankly, I wouldn't. Match reports are stories, and stories get hung on artificial frameworks. I genuinely don't think these Kerry players were looking for 'revenge' this year. I believe that the best way to win matches is to prepare properly – physical training and practising skills individually and collectively. Don't tell about the thing from years ago that supposedly had the players fired up. Show me the work they have done and the skill and interplay that they have perfected, and show me on the playing field. That, much

more than anything else, is what wins games. And that is also why I expected Tyrone to win this. The last two Clarke Cups, several of whom have at least one Hogan Cup, and an All Ireland winning minor team coming in to bolster that. You could see the U20 favourites for his year from a long way out, and it wasn't Kerry. Ulster counties have won three of the last All Ireland minor finals, and two of those were all-Ulster affairs. Four of the last five U20 finals before last Sunday. Three Hogan Cups in the past three years went to Ulster. Is it that Ulster have a psychological hold on us? Or, and say with me here, could it be that they have a much better spread of competition

and much more competitive games across the province? Could it simply be that they are more used to playing a higher level of opposition on a regular basis? Because the opening rounds of the U20 and Minor Munster Championships – and I do understand and sympathise with the logic being applied in terms of overall game development is more of a hindrance than a help to us in the long term. I think it really is an issue. On a side note, by the way, I firmly believe that these players should be able to play with their clubs. This idea of a siege mentality building team unity...lads, can we leave that nonsense to Hollywood movies and Pete Hegseth speeches?

## National Champion Lucia Honoured by Mayor of Killarney

Fresh from her outstanding victory at the 110th Irish Schools Track and Field Championships, Lucia Greaney was welcomed by the Mayor of Killarney today for a special photo opportunity to recognise her achievement.

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national title but also established a new benchmark for the event, marking one of the finest performances. The Mayor congratulated Lucia on her dedication, hard work, and sporting success, acknowledging the commitment required to reach the highest level of schools athletics in Ireland. The meeting provided an opportunity to celebrate not only Lucia's achievement but also the positive example she sets for young people through sport.



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**UNDERWAY**

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**OPTIONAL**

The exam timetable mainly prioritises compulsory subjects during the early days of the exam. As the exams progress into the second and subsequent weeks, the optional subjects are nicely spaced out allowing for study days. But, as they continue until Tuesday, 23rd June, it's important to treat the state exams more like a marathon than a sprint. After sitting a few subjects, candidates now realise that exams test not only your knowledge but also your concentration and ability to utilise every available minute. So, stay in exam mode until you leave the exam venue after the very last subject.

**FOCUS**

Depending on the subjects being sat, the entire exam will conclude reasonably early for some candidates. Others will have to stay focussed until the very last subject on the final day. Irrespective of when you are due to finish the exam, keep in mind that you have prepared diligently for the exam. This is what you have been waiting for. Make the most of the opportunity to do well. Reap the rewards of years of study by performing to your optimum ability in each subject.

**REVIEW**

After three busy days of exams, the coming weekend will bring welcome relief and give

candidates a chance to relax a little, to take stock and plan ahead. Spend as little time as possible on post-mortems. Review your tactical approach over the first week. If you are totally satisfied with your strategy before, during and after each subject then you need change very little. Focus on next week's subjects and forget about the subjects that have already been examined. Your entire concentration must be on the subjects still to be examined.

**LEISURE**

The weekend provides an opportunity to recharge the batteries for the second week and to do some subject revision. Take some aerobic exercise to shake off the residual tension of the first week. It will help you to sleep soundly and to maintain the levels of stamina, endurance and staying power needed for the challenges ahead. Avail of a few good nights' rest, which is essential for alertness. Resist the temptation to study late into the night. Confine your study to daylight hours, enjoy your period of exercise and go to bed early. Defer any late-night socialising until your exam is over. Keep your fluid intake high to avoid dehydration but be moderate in your use of artificial stimulants such as tea and coffee. Keep a clear head by abstaining from alcohol during the exam period.

**PRIORITISE**

Concentrate on subjects being examined next week. Prioritise your revision according to the timetable. Go over the tips and predictions that have been made for the subjects you are sitting during week two. Use your study days well and study wisely by not cramming. At this stage the quality of your revision is more important than the length of time you spend at it. On the evening before each paper, spend an hour or so looking over your notes so that the important concepts are fresh in your mind.

**POSITIVE**

You are off to a great start after the first week. Maintain your discipline during week two. Keep a good thought for yourself and stay positive. Have confidence in your ability to do well in your second week's papers. You are now well settled in and rising to the challenge. Deal with each subject as it comes and by this time next week it may all be behind you.

**CHECKLIST**

- As the exams progress, the optional subjects are nicely spaced out
- Stay in exam mode until all of your subjects are completed
- Reap the rewards of years of study by performing to your optimum ability
- During the weekend, review your tactical approach to the first week
- If you are satisfied with your strategy, then you need change very little
- Focus your attention on next week's subjects
- Prioritise your revision according to the timetable
- The weekend provides an opportunity to revise for second week papers
- Get out for a few hours of aerobic exercise
- Defer late night socialising until your exam is over
- Keep your fluid intake high to avoid dehydration in warm weather
- Keep a good thought for yourself and stay positive

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## A Word of Victory


*“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened” (Matthew 7:7-8).*

Welcome back dear student, reading that verse I see the words...ask, seek, knock, and receive. Sounds pretty straightforward doesn't it? So why do some struggle to see answers to prayer? It's a lonely place waiting for breakthrough. There are many reasons prayers go unanswered – sin is one major block, but it's not always that. Sometimes it can be just plain old resistance by the enemy. Psalm ninety-one talks about the snare of the fowler - hidden traps used to catch prey (Psalm 91:3). The devil sets up tactics that ensnare folks into dark holes that require wisdom and deliverance (Zechariah 9:11-12). As believers in Jesus Christ, we are targets of the enemy who seeks to divert God's plan of blessing, using every dirty method he can, to destroy joy. Fear, abuse, sickness, torment, rejection, trauma and poverty are just a few. These problems keep God's people in crisis - fighting fires, trying to survive. But God never planned for His people to just survive (1 John 5:4; Romans 8:37). He calls us overcomers, and more than conquerors through Christ!

We have been given authority in the Name of Jesus as God's Kingdom ambassadors. Jesus said, 'Behold, I give you authority to trample on Satan, his snakes, and scorpions and over all the power of the devil, and nothing shall by any means hurt you' (Luke 10:17-19) We have been granted authority with the legal right to operate God's power over the kingdom of darkness as part of our Salvation in the Blood of Christ (Psalm 91:13). We are in a spiritual war. And God's Word arms us with strength for the warfare (Psalm 18:32-35). Our battle is not against flesh and blood, but against wicked, demonic spirits who try to destroy God's people (Ephesians 6:10-18). But we must not listen to the lies of Satan, for he is already judged and headed for the fire! So how do we boost our faith to stand against the attacks, and see God's plans come to pass? By taking the Lord at His Word. Literally. Our faith grows from spending time with Jesus, the Word of God. In studying the Bible, we learn how to pray effectively to see our prayers answered. "How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news. But not everyone welcomes the good news, for Isaiah the prophet said Lord who has believed our message? So then, faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God" (Romans 10:15-17).

The mountains around Killarney have turned purple from the wild Rhododendrons – they are abundant with flowers this year. Each one of those plants started as a seed. The Word of God is a seed. And in the same way that it took time for those little plants to get established and spread, our faith needs time to cultivate. We each have been given a measure of faith (Romans 12:3). Picture faith like a muscle on a little newborn's leg. Over years, as the child grows, those leg muscles are developed and strengthened. If that child didn't walk the muscles would waste and they couldn't stand up. We must all learn how to crawl, then walk, and finally run - not just in our physical bodies, but more importantly in the Spirit. Seek God through His Word for the answers to your questions and problems (Jeremiah 29:11-14; Psalm 91:1). Open the door and enter into the secret place of His Presence, and find Him there waiting to fellowship with you, His beloved, and receive!

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**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:**

Church of the Resurrection 5pm - 9pm Tuesdays  
 St Mary's Cathedral 11.00am– 5.30pm Wednesday  
 Church of the Holy Spirit Muckcross 4pm–6pm Thursdays  
 Franciscan Friary 2pm –7pm Fridays Holy Hour  
 Sundays @ 6pm

**ST ANTHONYS NOVENA:** from Thursday 4th June to Saturday 13th June Thurs 4th 10.00am Opening Mass, Corpus Christi Procession begins after 6.15pm Mass at the Cathedral ends with benediction & Novena Prayers, 8.30pm Student Mass in The Friary. On Friday 5th 10am & 7.00pm Mass. On Sat 6th 10am & 7pm, On Sunday 7th June 11.30am Mass & 7pm Mass for Healing Service with Adoration & Anointing of the sick. Reconciliation Service on Mon 8th after Mass 10am & 7pm, Sat 13th Mass 10am & 7pm with Blessing of the Lilies, Blessing of the Children and Families & Expectant Mothers at 4pm. Confessions Tuesday to Saturday 10.30am–11.30am and 4.00pm–5.00pm

THE DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR PRAYER GROUP will be joining the Corpus Christi procession after 6:15 Mass @ Cathedral on Thurs 4th June.

**THE 2026 DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK**

Our annual diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock is on Sat August 22nd, the Feast Day of the Queenship of Mary. Coach leaving St. Mary's Cathedral at 7.00am on Saturday the 22nd of August, cost is €25 pp, Places limited. Contact the Parish Office to register with payment in person to secure the booking.

**EVENTS OVER THE COMING MONTHS**

**NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART:** From the 4th–12th June.

**KILLAHA GRAVEYARD MASS:** will take place on Monday 8th June at 7.30pm.

**INISFALLEN ISLAND MASS:** Friday 19th of June. Boats leaving Ross Castle from 4pm onwards, Mass on Island at 6.30pm.

**AGLISH GRAVEYARD MASS** on Friday 26th June 8pm

**KILLARNEY BURIAL GROUND MASS:** Monday 29th of June 7pm.

**MUCKROSS ABBEY PILGRIMAGE AND CEMETERY MASS:** Monday 6th

of July, pilgrimage at 6.30pm with Mass at Abbey Graveyard 7.30pm.

**NEW CEMETERY MASS:** Monday 3rd of August at 7pm

**RENEWAL AND COMMISSIONING OF EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

will take place next Saturday 13th June Feast of Corpus Christi, in St Mary's Cathedral at the 6.15pm Mass and in the Church of the Resurrection on Sunday next at 11.00am. All Existing and New Ministers are invited to participate in this Ceremony.

**PIONEER NEWS; CONSULTATION MEETING:**

There will be an online meeting for all members countrywide on Thurs 11th of June 7.30pm– 9.30pm. Members to contact [info@pioneers.ie](mailto:info@pioneers.ie) for link to join the meeting.

**BINGO** at St. Mary's Parish Hall, will be held on Thursdays @ 8.30pm.

**5TH ANNIVERSARY**

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
**MICHAEL O'CONNOR**



LATE OF UPPER COOLEANIG, BEAUFORT, AND LONDON WHO DIED ON THE 9TH JUNE 2021


*As we lovingly remember Mike on his fifth anniversary, Happy Memories keep forever of days when we were all together. They bring a smile and often a tear, and always a wish you were still here.*

Lovingly remembered by his wife **Norah**, **Kerry, Ger and Scarlet.**

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**1ST ANNIVERSARY**

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
**DERMOT GALVIN**



LATE OF AGHADOE & LACKABANE, KILLARNEY WHO PASSED AWAY ON 10TH JUNE 2025.

*Lovingly remembered on his First Anniversary.*

*Along the road of suffering  
You found a little lane,  
That took you up to heaven  
And ended all your pain.*

*You maybe out of sight  
We may be worlds apart,  
But you will always be in our prayers  
And forever in our hearts.*

Lovingly remembered and sadly missed by **Katherine, Bernie and family.**

**1ST ANNIVERSARY**

IN LOVING MEMORY OF A WONDERFUL DAD  
**DERMOT GALVIN**



LATE OF AGHADOE & LACKABANE, KILLARNEY WHO PASSED AWAY ON 10TH JUNE 2025.

*Lovingly remembered on his First Anniversary.*

*We think of you in silence,  
We often speak your name,  
But all we have is memories,  
And your picture in a frame*

*Your resting place we visit,  
Flowers we put with care,  
But no one knows the heartache,  
As we turn and leave you there.*

Sadly missed by your daughter **Caoimhe** and son-in-law **Kevin.**

**1ST ANNIVERSARY**

IN LOVING MEMORY OF A WONDERFUL DAD AND GRANDAD  
**DERMOT GALVIN**



LATE OF AGHADOE & LACKABANE, KILLARNEY WHO PASSED AWAY ON 10TH JUNE 2025.

*Lovingly remembered on his First Anniversary.*

*A year has passed, yet still you stay,  
I quiet moments of each day,  
In every laugh, in tears we hide,  
We feel you always by our side.*

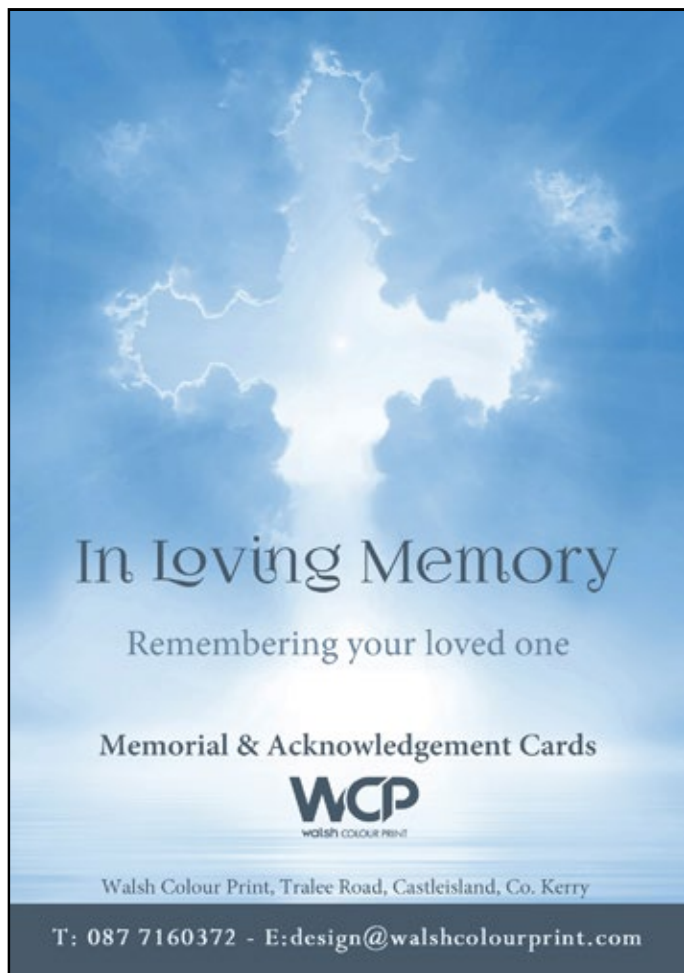
*No longer seen, but always near,  
Still loved, still missed, still very dear*

Missed, loved and remembered everyday by your son **Diarmuid**, daughter-in-law **Siobhan** and granddaughters **Kate and Emily.**

Anniversary Mass on Wednesday, 10th June at 6.15pm in **St Mary's Cathedral, Killarney.**

**PRAYER TO THE LITTLE FLOWER ST THERESE**

O Little Therese of the Child Jesus, please pick for me a rose from the heavenly gardens and send it to me as a message of love. O Little Flower of Jesus, ask God to grant the favors I now place with confidence in your hands . . .  
(mention in silence here)  
St. Therese, help me to always believe as you did in God's great love for me, so that I might imitate your "Little Way" each day.  
**Amen**



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O Saint Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires.

O Saint Joseph, assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me from your Divine Son all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, Our Lord; so that having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers.

O Saint Joseph, I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms; I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him in my name and kiss His fine head for me, and ask Him to return the Kiss when I draw my dying breath.

**Amen**

1ST ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF A  
DAD AND GRANDAD

DERMOT  
GALVIN



LATE OF AGHADOE &  
LACKABANE, KILLARNEY  
WHO PASSED AWAY ON  
10TH JUNE 2025.

*Lovingly remembered on his First Anniversary.*

*No Words we write can ever say  
How much we miss you everyday  
No one knows the grief we bear  
When we gather and you're not there*

*We laugh, we talk, we play the part  
But beyond the sorrow is a broken heart  
The sorrow we feel, we can never explain  
And the ache in our hearts will always remain.*

*Dad, Remembering you is easy,  
we do it every day,  
But missing you is a heartache,  
That never goes away.*

*A silent whisper, a smile in our minds,  
a beautiful memory, of a special kind*

Loved and remembered everyday by  
your daughter Gráinne, her partner Jonathan  
and your grandson Pierce XXXX

Anniversary Mass on Wednesday, 10th June  
at 6.15pm in St Mary's Cathedral, Killarney.

1ST ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

DERMOT  
GALVIN



LATE OF AGHADOE &  
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10TH JUNE 2025.

*Lovingly remembered on his First Anniversary.*

*If we could have a lifetime wish  
And a dream that could come through,  
We would pray to God with all our hearts  
Just to see and speak with you.*

*We think of you in silence  
We often speak your name,  
But all we have are memories  
And your picture in a frame.*

Loved and remembered everyday  
by your wife Michelle.

Anniversary Mass on Wednesday,  
10th June at 6.15pm in St Mary's Cathedral,  
Killarney.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & 1ST ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF A WONDERFUL HUSBAND,  
DAD AND GRANDAD

DERMOT GALVIN



LATE OF AGHADOE &  
LACKABANE, KILLARNEY  
WHO PASSED AWAY  
ON 10TH JUNE 2025.

*Lovingly remembered on his First Anniversary*

On Dermot's first anniversary his family wish to express their heartfelt gratitude for the support, kindness and sympathy shown to them over the past 12 months. Your Mass cards, letters, calls, visits and words of comfort have been a great source of strength during such a difficult time.

A sincere thank you to all who attended Dermot's funeral, especially those who travelled long distances to attend, but also our extended family, friends and neighbours for your continued love, support and friendship during Dermot's illness, your care and presence meant so much to us.

We wish to thank the NHS team in St. Mary's London especially nurses Georgina and Aisling, Dr Rosemary Kelliher and her team in GP Care Killarney as well as the Oncology and Palliative care team in UHK Tralee and Finbar Kennelly and his pharmacy team, for your care, compassion and professionalism. Your kindness meant the world to Dermot and to us. You helped carry him and us through some of the hardest days with dignity and warmth. For that, we are truly grateful.

Our heartfelt thanks to Fr. Kieran O'Brien, Fr Paddy O'Donoghue, Fr Niall Geaney, Fr Tom Looney and Fr Billy Hoyne OFM for their guidance, prayers and the beautiful celebration of Dermot's Mass. We also wish to thank Tadghie Fleming sacristan Thanks to Marie Falvey and Michael Sexton for the beautiful music and singing.

A special thank you to Michael, Michael Jr, Mary and Ger from O'Shea's Funeral Home for their professionalism and care. Our thanks to Fossa GAA Club, Dr Crokes GAA Club and Fossa Rowing Club for providing the guard of honour, it meant the world to us as a family.

Thanks to Grainne's partner Jonathan and his team in Insignia and to Cormac and his team in the Killarney Advertiser for providing the beautiful church booklets.

Sincere thanks to Truffle Honey at Killarney Golf & Fishing Club and their staff for their outstanding hospitality, we appreciate all the kindness shown to us.

We are also grateful to Dermot's colleagues in Costain and Tideway who installed a beautiful bench as a memorial tribute to Dermot in the King Edward Memorial Park in London, he would be very proud to be forever remembered in the city that was his second home.

A very special thanks to Dermot's grandchildren and apples of his eye, Pierce, Kate and Emily for always being so good to their Grandad while he was alive and lifting spirits since he passed.

Finally, as it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this as an expression of our sincere gratitude. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

*May his gentle soul rest in peace.*

Deeply loved and sadly missed by his beloved wife Michelle, his children Caoimhe, Grainne and Diarmuid, son-in-law Kevin, Grainne's partner Jonathan and daughter-in-law Siobhan, and his adored grandchildren Pierce, Kate and Emily, his sisters Maria, Sheila, Doreen and Brid, their families and Michelle's sister Katherine, her husband Bernie and their family.

Dermot's First Anniversary Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, June 10th at 6.15pm in St. Mary's Cathedral, Killarney.

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your Father sees it.

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

Amen.

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