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'Set for Sam' along the Old Kenmare Road charity Walk for Kerry Mountain Rescue Team as Juno Hussey, leaps over Sam Maguire! Front Row from left, Rob Fell and John Hussey, Kerry Mountain Rescue Team. Back Row from left, John O'Leary, Kerry GAA PRO, Dave Herlihy, Kerry GAA, James Cahill, charity organiser and Derry Healy, charity organiser. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



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# A Note from the EDITOR



We are well and truly in the Christmas spirit in this week's Killarney Outlook! From the first magic parade to the festive markets and from the unveiling of a new polar express train to the planning tree lighting ceremony at the Cathedral, Killarney is well and truly pulling out all the stops for an amazing Christmas 2025.

Sam Maguire is set to take on the Old Kenmare Road to raise funds for the Kerry Mountain Rescue Team, funding has been announced for Kerry Airport and Fíries National School has made history at the Tech Awards.

Killarney by Candlelight in aid of the Kerry Hospice Foundation will take place this weekend, family connections take centre stage at Killarney Musical Society and a new Camino Chill Airne brings Killarney's Deep Past back to life.

The first of the Magic Parades was a huge success drawing thousands to the town, Killarney welcomed Ireland's newest citizens and Anne Lucey takes a look at the issues of the week.

In sport, Listry claim the O'Sullivan Cup with Dr. Crokes taking on Rathmore to win the O'Donoghue Cup, Killarney Judo Club made a major impact at the Munster Open and the Killarney Historic Rally roared into town last weekend.

Hope you all enjoy this week's Killarney Outlook!

*Aisling Crosbie*



*The usual view hidden -  
November fog taking over  
Lough Leane captured  
perfectly by  
Claire Tangney.*



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# 'Set for Sam' Walk

## To Raise Funds for Kerry Mountain Rescue Team

Well known Musician and Fundraiser Derry Healy along with friends, will once again hit the trails of Kerry, to raise money for a fantastic cause. This time you are cordially invited to trek the Old Kenmare Road with the one and only Sam Maguire on Saturday, December 27th, departing Torc Upper Car Park, Killarney National Park, at 9.30 am.

This year the chosen charity is Kerry Mountain Rescue Team, inspired by Killarney Man James Cahill, who says he owes his life to Kerry Mountain Rescue Team following an horrendous fall on Bothar na Gíge (the Zig Zags) while descending Carrauntoohil in July 2016. James is so grateful for the courageous team for saving his life and wants to give back to the team, while having some fun along the way.

Derry and his crew will carry the coveted piece of silver along the 17 km trek, with a few stops to play music and have "a set dance around Sam" - One definite stop is the newly restored sheep shed, or locally called 'the red rose cafe' at Eskamucky Glen.

The estimated time of trekking is approximately 6 hrs. For those who just want to walk as far as Derrycunihy Church - own transport must be organised. A return bus from Kenmare to Killarney will be organised. Details to follow.

James had been hiking with his friend John Joe Culloty and took a heavy fall after weather conditions deteriorated on the mountain range. He knew his situation was grave when the ICG helicopter Rescue 115 was overhead. James was treated at the scene by KMRT and airlifted to Kerry University Hospital by ICG Rescue 115. James sustained horrific injuries that left him paralysed on his right side. That



*Pictured at the launch are front Row from left, Rob Fell and John Hussey, Kerry Mountain Rescue Team. Back Row from left, John O'Leary, Kerry GAA PRO, Dave Herlihy, Kerry GAA, James Cahill, charity organiser and Derry Healy, charity organiser. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan*

followed several months of treatment at the National Rehabilitation Hospital in Dún Laoghaire, with constant support from his wife Carmel and their families.

Kerry Mountain Rescue Team is entirely voluntary, with 35 active team members from all walks of life,

The operation covers the entire SW of the country, a registered charity at least 50% of their funding is raised through private donations and the Team's own fundraising efforts.

The team train regularly in a range of disciplines

such as casualty care, technical rope-work: horizontal and vertical stretcher lowers, cableways, strop rescues, hoists, helicopter winching, search management, navigation, radio communication and 4WD techniques.

All team members are qualified to Advanced Rescue Emergency Care (REC) First Aid Level, and first Aid training is undertaken on a regular basis to ensure that the skills of each team member are continually maintained, and the most up-to-date developments in emergency medicine are utilised

## LOCAL STUDENT AWARDED ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIP

A Milltown student has been recognised for outstanding academic achievement following her success in the Leaving Certificate examinations.

Sarah Fitzgerald, Listry, has been awarded an Entrance Scholarship from Mary Immaculate College (MIC) in recognition of her exceptional results. The scholarship is presented annually to high-performing incoming students and highlights academic excellence at secondary level.

A former student of Presentation Secondary School, Milltown, Sarah is also well known locally as a talented Gaelic footballer, earning praise for her skill, teamwork and dedication on the field.

Sarah is currently studying for Bachelor of Education & Psychology. Sarah is the daughter of Kay and Tim Fitzgerald. Speaking after receiving the scholarship, she expressed her gratitude to her family, teachers and friends for their support, adding that she is excited to continue both her academic studies and sporting interests during her time in college.

Her scholarship success is a proud achievement for both her family and the wider community.



*Sarah Fitzgerald Listry, who received an Entrance scholarship from Mary Immaculate College (MIC) based on her exceptional Leaving Certificate results. Sarah was a student at Presentation Secondary School, Milltown and is the daughter of Kay and Tim Fitzgerald.*





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This week Minister of State Michael Healy-Rae TD, Deputy Danny Healy-Rae TD and Cllr Jackie Healy-Rae have warmly welcomed today's announcement by Minister for Transport, Darragh O'Brien TD, of €4 million in operational funding for Ireland's regional airports, including a significant €1.4 million allocation to Kerry Airport.

The funding, provided under the Regional Airports Programme 2021–2025, will support essential operational costs in air traffic control, fire services and security screening at Kerry Airport.

Minister Michael Healy-Rae said: "This is very welcome support for Kerry Airport. It strengthens the airport's ability to operate safely and effectively, and it shows clearly that this Government values our regional connectivity. Kerry Airport plays a vital role for our county, our tourism sector and our local economy and this funding helps ensure it remains strong into the future."

Deputy Danny Healy-Rae added: "Kerry Airport keeps this county connected. This €1.4 million allocation, on top of the €7.8 million in capital funding already provided earlier this year, demonstrates real commitment by Government to protect and enhance our regional airports. It



Customs officer Jillian Condin and her Dog Gus a customs dog was on site at Kerry Airport and met up with Mr Micheál Martin as he arrived into the Airport to officially open it earlier this year.

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is good news for Kerry, good news for business and good news for the thousands who rely on the airport every week."

Cllr Jackie Healy-Rae, the local councillor for the Farranfore in the Castleisland Municipal District where the airport is based, said:

"This is yet another positive day for Kerry Airport and for the staff and management who work tirelessly to keep this crucial piece of infrastructure operating at the highest standard. Government backing is absolutely essential for a regional airport like ours, and today's announcement is a clear vote of confidence in its future. I will continue to support the airport at every level to ensure it secures the investment, routes and connectivity the people of Kerry deserve."

The Chief Financial Officer at Kerry Airport, Basil Sheerin, said, "Kerry Airport is very grateful to the Minister for Transport and the Kerry-

based members of Government Minister Norma Foley, Minister of State Michael Healy-Rae and their respective colleagues, Michael Cahill TD and Danny Healy-Rae TD for their steadfast support. The funding provided for both operational and capital expenditure has been critical to delivering investment in our electric vehicle fleet, green energy initiatives, security infrastructure, and ongoing runway maintenance. These are commitments to a sustainable and secure future."

The announced funding is in addition to the €7.8 million in capital supports announced for regional airports earlier this year. This targeted Exchequer funding has supported strong growth in connectivity to the regional airport. Overall passenger traffic at Kerry Airport from January to the end September this year has increased when compared with the same period last year.



David Clifford models the new Kerry jersey

## CHAMPIONS BRING SAM to Outlet Centre

The Sam Maguire Cup and a number of the star players that won the precious silverware for Kerry this year will make a special appearance at the official Kerry GAA Store at Killarney Outlet Centre this Saturday, December 6.

The big event is to mark the official launch of the stylish new Kerry home jersey which the All-Ireland champions will wear in action over the coming season.

Supporters of all ages are invited to visit the store from 2.00pm to 5.00pm to take their photographs with Sam and the players and to get an up close view of the in-demand new jersey.

The updated design honours the county's proud footballing tradition while incorporating modern, high-performance materials.

"Having Sam Maguire and the players in-store for the

launch makes this an occasion not to be missed," said Luke Quinn, manager of the Kerry GAA Store.

The Radio Kerry outdoor broadcast unit will be on site and exclusive interviews will be conducted with some of the players who are big favourites with fans. Supporters are encouraged to arrive early as a very large turnout is expected. Exclusive event-day prizes will also be available in-store on the day.

Killarney Outlet Centre manager, Paul Sherry, said it promises to be a really exciting afternoon and they are really looking forward to welcoming the All-Ireland champions and the most sought after trophy in the country.

"The atmosphere will be electric and we are expecting a bumper crowd to make it even more special," he said.



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# Christmas Season Begins

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This week, The Brehon Hotel & Spa welcomed families, guests and the local community for their much-anticipated annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony in aid of St. Francis Special School in Beaufort. This is a tradition for many as The Brehon have held this event for 20 years.

Upon arrival, Guests enjoyed complimentary mulled wine, hot chocolate and minced pies. St. Brigid's Presentation School Choir opened the evening with a beautiful performance of some Christmas carols, followed by festive music from the Gleneagle Concert Band.

Excitement reached new heights with the arrival of Santa, who made a jolly entrance from the hotel's mezzanine down to the families gathered

near the tree. He immersed himself in the festivities by joining in the carol singing and then leading the crowds in an exciting countdown to light the new tree. The tree, designed by Norma O'Donoghue, stands tall at 20 feet, creating a striking welcome for everyone arriving at the hotel. Santa delighted young visitors by taking photos and handing out a selection box to each child.

The annual tradition continues to be a cherished event for the local community and Brehon staff, combining hospitality with the joy of Christmas while supporting a worthy local cause.



Santa and staff at the lighting of the Tree at The Brehon.



The stunning tree designed by Norma O'Donoghue.

## New "Camino Chill Áirne" Project Brings Killarney's Deep Past to Life

A new sustainable tourism initiative, Camino Chill Áirne 2025, has been developed by Thomas O'Sullivan, offering visitors and locals a fresh way to experience Killarney through history, mythology, spirituality, and place-name folklore.

The project explores the origins of Killarney itself, drawing on extensive research into early Christian traditions. Central to this is the connection between Killarney, Cill Áirne, "the church of the sloe" and its Wexford counterpart, Magh Áirni, "the plain of the sloes," linked to St. Abban in the 5th century. O'Sullivan's work draws on sources such as Barrington's Discovering Kerry (1977) and E. Ganly's Maynooth University study The Cult of St Abban (2020), helping to re-anchor the town's story in its earliest roots. A hand-painted watercolour map forms the heart of the project, marking a 6.5-mile circular walking route beginning at St. Mary's



Church of Ireland aptly known as the "Church of the Sloes" and continuing to Aghadoe via Boithrín na Marbh, before returning along the historic Fossa Way.

Along the route, walkers will encounter 40 curated locations, ranging from archaeological points of interest to elements of Killarney's built environment and contemporary street sculpture. Each stop is accompanied by concise historical notes and is fully integrated with QR-code access for deeper exploration.

Emphasising "slow tourism," sustainability, and reduced carbon footprints, Camino Chill Áirne offers a timely, reflective way to engage with Killarney's landscape. With the walking season upon us, Thomas O'Sullivan invites all to begin their journey via the QR link or at: <https://splash.ie/churchofthesloes/>.







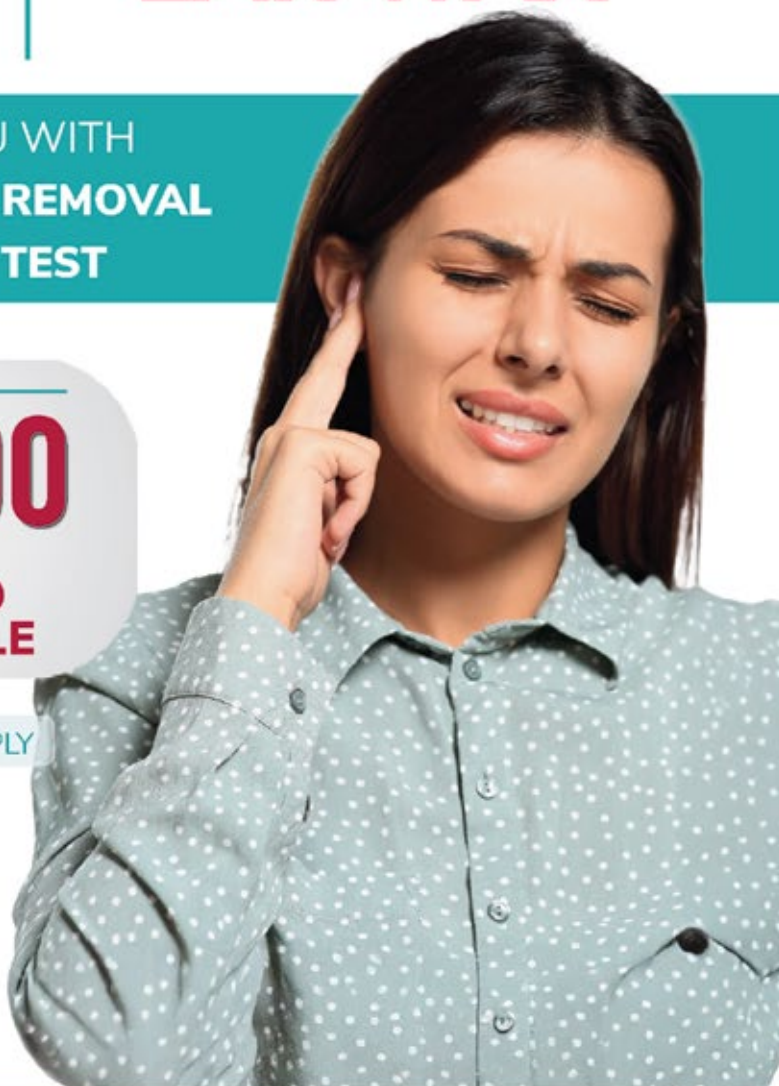
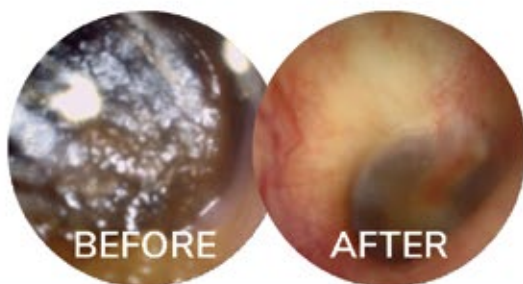
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## Killarney Valley Classic & Vintage Club

### *Unveil New Christmas Train*

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The Killarney Valley Classic & Vintage Club had a busy few months as members designed and constructed a brand-new Christmas train, the Polar Express, which made its debut at the first Magic Parade on Saturday night. The festive creation drew huge admiration from spectators, young and old, as it rolled through the town lit up for the season.

The club has also introduced an added highlight this year, a special guest of honour each week. Last week, the honour went to Seán O'Neill, who was warmly welcomed by the crowd. This week, Edison Boyle O'Sullivan

will take up the role, continuing what has already become a charming new tradition.

The Killarney Valley Classic & Vintage Club said they were delighted with the public response and are looking forward to more magical nights in the run-up to Christmas. The Polar Express will be appearing at events throughout December, spreading festive cheer and showcasing the craftsmanship and community spirit behind the project.

## *Festive markets* at Killarney Outlet Centre

Fabulous festive season markets, which will be located at Killarney Outlet Centre every weekend between now and Christmas, will give shoppers so many unique gift ideas.

The imaginative market stalls are located on the upper floor of the building and they offer a whole new experience at a most magical time of year.

The festive season won't be complete without a browse through local crafts, handmade gifts, tasty treats and unique finds from talented makers across Kerry.

Run by local ladies Claire and Laura, visitors can expect Christmas cheer, warm smiles and plenty of surprises every Saturday and Sunday, from now until December 21, from 12 noon to 4.00pm.

Drop in, enjoy the Christmas vibe and see what Killarney's incredibly creative makers and shakers have in store this season.

A very limited number of stall spaces are still available so vendors or craftspeople that might be interested should email [marketskillarney@gmail.com](mailto:marketskillarney@gmail.com) or [www.killarneymarkets.ie](http://www.killarneymarkets.ie) for information.







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



## ALL POLITICS IS LOCAL - AND REVOLVING

There is a return to the great era of John O'Donoghue - the last minister to bring real investment into south Kerry, and the late Jackie Healy-Rae who concentrated on what he knew best: roads and bridges.

The competition now is between the Cahills, Michael and son Tommy, and the Healy-Rae triumvirate of Danny, Michael and Jackie.

The Cahills are outdoing the Raes in press releases. The ratio is two to one. At times it is three to one. For every one press release I get from the Raes, I get three from the Cahills. They come in waves. Often on a Sunday night. So that on Monday morning there's a bit of life saving to be done, to reach the solid ground from under the tsunami.

Last weekend I was wading between Ballylongford lighting outages, river projects, major investments and respite. But the most interesting was a thinly disguised outright attack on Michael Healy-Rae. It got more than a few journalists ashore.

Headed "Government Deals for Independent TDs", Cahill thundered how "some of our Dáil colleagues, like to 'run with the hare and hunt with the hounds' but we should all be able to see through them at this stage".

Politics for some people is like they are taking part in a stage show, involving a lot of play acting, Michael Cahill went on, saying there were no deals for the independents.

"It's one of life's mysteries that there are people who feel the need to be first with any bit of news that's doing the rounds, claim credit for bringing it to pass and then get deeply

offended if anyone else knows a little bit more than them. But live and let live, I suppose," stated the Rossbeigh man stoically. "There was little stoic about it.

The outrage stemmed from the fact the Raes broke the embargo on the inclusion of the 500 million euro N22 Farranfore to Killarney project in the reviewed national development plan and ran to the media with it before the Cahills. This can only be good for Kerry, you would think. Competition is the spice of life. The more jeweller shops in one street, the more jewellery sold, and the better the value.

However a word of caution is necessary: while we could indeed paper the walls with the press releases from Rossbeigh and Kilgarvan, there's no road built yet and no third level college has opened in Killarney.

## CITIZENS WITHOUT ENGLISH

The last citizenship ceremonies of the year at the Gleneagle were as ever impressively managed. Traffic wise the introduction of the shuttle bus to the town and station relieved a lot of the pressure.

This time the words of the national anthem in both Irish and English went up on big screens. No one sang along. Nothing much to say about that - people here with generations mightn't sing it either! But it brings me to the question I put to Minister for Migration Colm Brophy: What are the plans for a language test? Most countries have language and or civics tests.

This is to ensure integration as well as to test commitment.

Some new citizens I approach at these ceremonies have little or no English. A group of Brazilian meat workers here with a decade needed an interpreter; a nurse manager at a clinic in Dublin originally from Kerala - this is not an

English speaking part of India - had poor English.

Minister Colm Brophy, said the matter of qualifications for citizenship was "constantly under review".

"The vast majority of people getting citizenship here today are proficient in English," he said.

A language test could be in English, or in Irish to overcome the difficulty of two official languages.

The category of workers we are attracting might need addressing too. Yes, we know of the healthcare workers and how our system would be the lesser without luring them often from their own communities where they are badly needed.

More and more of the new citizens meet are IT workers. They arrive to study computer science and fill lucrative jobs in mainly American operations. All this a time when AI is about to replace IT - which must surely be a concern.

## LAW ITSELF NEEDS REVIEW

In May this column highlighted the problem with Judicial Reviews. How the legal system was constipated and needed a laxative and how running to the "law" was holding up so many things in Kerry alone - even trips to the Skellig Rock. Now JRs are the talk of the country. Efforts to pull genie back into the box are underway nationally.

But it is late in the day. Our running to the inefficient and costly legal system for endorsement and decision is a symptom of malaise across our society. We run to solicitors now the way we ran to priests a few decades back. To solve everything. The creep of the law is now such, it is devouring even its host. Lawyers in Kerry have been so busy trying to deal with matters, they have let slip the court house. No longer are big trials held here. Now everyone in Kerry - accused, victims, witnesses, public, guards, solicitors themselves have to go to Limerick, Cork or Dublin. And so much for the right to be judged by one's peers.

Jury trials need looking at here as in the UK where

they are being pulled for lesser crimes. First of all, there is the fact they are not representative any more. No self-employed person can commit the time. Ditto employees of private companies. And mainly they are made up of people working in public service, or retired persons.

Then there is the open encouragement throughout the Irish legal system to plead guilty as early as possible. This is to speed up court lists and not just to get a better break. But people need to fully understand that there may be more than meets the eye in throwing in the towel. It's not just a lesser penalty that may be at stake.

The person pleading guilty gets no say, rarely gets any word of defence, and is swallowing whole what the other side is saying. This is compounded by the further public hammering in by often exaggerated victim impact statements. We might need to stand back and take a review of the whole legal system, and our engagement with it.



Minister of State at the Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration with special responsibility for International Law, Law Reform and Youth Justice pictured with new Irish Citizens who received their Irish Citizenship at a special ceremony in Gleneagle Killarney on Tuesday.

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# Farranfore Students All Togged Out Thanks To The Manor West Hotel

The staff and pupils of Knockaderry Farranfore NS were delighted to receive a presentation of a new set of football and basketball jerseys and shorts. The kit was very kindly sponsored by Manor West Hotel, Tralee and produced by MFC Sports. Both Ruth O'Sullivan, General Manager of Manor West Hotel and Joe O'Connor, Senior Kerry footballer and Munster Area Development Manager for MFC Sports made the presentation. 'The children enjoyed the visit and decorated the hall in green and gold in anticipation of the presentation. The BOM and staff wish to thank Ruth and Manor West Hotel for their very generous sponsorship. The kit will certainly be put to good use' said Aine Daly, Principal.

Manor West Hotel are delighted to sponsor Knockaderry Farranfore NS as it underlines our belief in keeping children active, healthy and engaged and it is our pleasure to be part of something that contributes to their well being and development. I would like to thank Joe and the MFC team for their incredible assistance in designing the kit. Who knows, we might even have a future Kerry All Ireland winner among us! Said Ruth O'Sullivan, General Manager,



Ruth O'Sullivan, Aine Daly (principal), Joe O'Connor, Ethan O'Sullivan, and Amelia O'Sullivan.

Manor West Hotel. School was originally founded in 1888 at the site of the Liam Lynch garage and moved to its current location in the 1990's beside Farranfore GAA Hall and pitch. 'We are very thankful to the GAA for the use of

the wonderful facilities on our doorstep and we look forward to many enjoyable games there in our new kit' said Aine Daly, Principal.

## Connect, Celebrate, Give Back:

# Business Community Invited to Network Ireland Kerry President's Charity Lunc

Network Ireland Kerry is delighted to invite members, friends and the wider business community to its Annual President's Charity Lunch in aid of the Kerry Hospice Foundation, taking place on Saturday 6th December at The Ashe Hotel, Tralee. This year's festive networking lunch will combine inspirational conversation, great company and meaningful fundraising in support of hospice care in Kerry.

The event will run from 1.15 pm to 5.00 pm, with guests welcomed with a drinks reception and before enjoying a three-course lunch with wine, a charity raffle and festive fun. The afternoon will be hosted by MC Deirdre Walsh, Radio Kerry broadcaster and Kerry Hospice Ambassador, with special guest speaker Katie Hannon, RTE journalist and Patron of the Kerry Hospice Foundation, joining Deirdre "in conversation" to share insights from her acclaimed career and her connection to hospice care.

Guests will hear from current President Emily Reen, incoming President for 2026 Aisling Foley, and incoming Vice President for 2026 Róisín Smullen, who will officially launch the charity raffle and reflect on the growth and



impact of Network Ireland Kerry. Throughout the afternoon, there will be plenty of time to connect with fellow professionals, celebrate the year's achievements and raise vital funds for the Kerry Hospice Foundation through the raffle.

Tickets include a drinks reception, three-course lunch with wine, and entry to an



afternoon of inspiring speakers, celebration and networking, with all raffle proceeds going directly to the Kerry Hospice Foundation. To purchase tickets or book a table for your team or clients, please visit the Network Ireland [www.networkireland.ie/events](http://www.networkireland.ie/events) or email [kerryresident@networkireland.ie](mailto:kerryresident@networkireland.ie)





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# ELECTION BATTLES IN POST-CIVIL WAR KERRY THE FOCUS OF NEW BOOK FROM LOCAL HISTORIAN



Pictured at the launch of 'From Bullets to Ballots: Politics and Electioneering in Post-Civil War Kerry, 1923-33' at O'Mahony's Bookshop, Tralee on Friday evening were Fr Tom Looney, author Dr Owen O'Shea and his father Owen O'Shea. Photos: Michelle Breen Crean Photography

The drama and violence of election battles in the Kerry constituency during the 1920s and 1930s are the focus of a new book which was launched by Minister Norma Foley at O'Mahony's Bookshop in Tralee on Friday evening. "From Bullets to Ballots: Politics and Electioneering in Post-Civil War Kerry, 1923-33" by Dr Owen O'Shea is a deep dive into how the divisions over the Treaty dominated politics in Kerry and beyond for generations. It describes the violence which erupted during election campaigns, the role of the clergy and newspaper editors in influencing voting, how candidates secured support, and how the ordinary voter experienced electioneering during this turbulent time.

"Civil War politics in Ireland has endured for generations and I wanted to explore that phenomenon: this is the first time the

subject has ever been examined in a single constituency or county," said Owen.

"The Civil War lasted longer in Kerry and was more bitter and divisive than in any other county. As a result, politics and election campaigns in the county were hugely influenced by the bitterness and hatred which the war created. Elections brought underlying tensions to the surface and were often occasions of violence fuelled by inflammatory speeches from election platforms," said Owen, whose book is based on four years of research for a PhD at the School of History at University College Dublin.

The book, which has been published by UCD Press, has been described as 'a first class piece of scholarship' by Professor Bill Kissane of the London School of Economics, who is a relative of Eamon Kissane, a Fianna Fáil TD from north



Fr Tom Looney, author and Dr Owen O'Shea.



James Finnegan, Gordon Revington, Con Dennehy and Tommy Collins.

Kerry who features in the book.

Members of all political parties and none, as well as descendants of those who feature in the book were present at the launch at O'Mahony's Bookshop where the book is now available, as well as from bookshops across the county and online from UCD Press.

Author Dr Owen O'Shea pictured speaking during the launch of his book 'From Bullets to Ballots: Politics and Electioneering in Post-Civil War Kerry, 1923-33' at O'Mahony's Bookshop, Tralee on Friday evening. Also pictured is Bridget McAuliffe who MC'd the event and guest speaker Minister Norma Foley.

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# KERRY HERITAGE AWARD 2025 PRESENTED TO SHEILA MULCAHY

The Kerry Heritage Award – which is presented each year by the Kerry Archaeological and Historical Society – has been awarded for 2025 to a historian, author and founder of a west Kerry secondary school, Sheila Mulcahy. The presentation of the Kerry Heritage Award was made at a ceremony at the Rose Hotel in Tralee on Sunday afternoon. The award is presented annually by the Society to recognise individuals who have made a significant contribution to heritage and history in Kerry.

A native of Cloghane, Sheila Mulcahy studied French at UCC and during postgraduate work in Paris, she became a close friend of Killarney native, Janie McCarthy, the famed heroine of some five escape lines during the Second World War.

In 1956, Sheila married Waterford man Aidan Mulcahy and accompanied him to Nigeria. Having established a mission school in conjunction with the SMA fathers, they returned to west Kerry and created Meánscoil an Leithtriúigh in their family home and property in 1961. From the initial enrolment of 40 students in Pearse Hall, Castlegregory, their school has developed into the present-day campus in Castlegregory, where 160 students are on the roll.

In 2005, Pope Benedict bestowed a great honour on Aidan and Sheila, creating them Knights of the Order of St Sylvester in recognition of their immense contribution and service to community, the Church and education in Africa and Kerry. The following year the new school was officially opened.

Sheila was part and parcel of the re-establishment of Cloghane as a Gaeltacht. Furthermore, she was instrumental in the cultivation of our culture as evidenced in the celebrated CD, 'Tobair na Sinsir: the Ancestral Well'. Sheila's work continues in the Active Retired Group and as organist



Sheila Mulcahy (centre), pictured with her daughter Nora Galvin and son-in-law Jerry Galvin, received The Kerry Heritage Award, presented each year by the Kerry Archaeological and Historical Society, in The Rose Hotel, Tralee on Sunday (November 30th). Photo: Michelle Breen Crean Photography

and director of the Parish Choir in St Brendan's Church, Cloghane. Speaking at the event on Sunday, the President of the Kerry Archaeological and Historical Society, Tony Bergin said: 'We are delighted to be recognising Sheila's enormous contribution to the county and wish her well in the future. Sheila is a former member of the Council of our society and continues to play a key role in promoting the history and heritage of her locality.'

## KERRY WAY ULTRA NITE –

### 101km Challenge Raises €2,025 for Comfort for Chemo Kerry



Pat presented a cheque for €2,025 to Brid O'Connor and Mary Hogan of Comfort for Chemo Kerry. In attendance for the presentation were Maisie Sheehan, Conellie Sheehan and Louise Devaney of Club Vita Leisure Centre

Pat Sheehan, known locally as the Weight Loss Coach, has successfully completed the Kerry Way Ultra Nite marathon for the second year in a row, covering an extraordinary 101 kilometres through South Kerry and once again raising over €2,000 for charity. Thanks to the generosity of supporters, a total of €2,025 was collected for Comfort for Chemo Kerry, a cause close to Pat's heart. "I can't thank people enough," he said, reflecting on the strong community support the fundraiser received this year.

The event began at 9pm on Friday, September 5th in Dromid. Participants travelled throughout the night across some of the county's most rugged and scenic trail routes, taking in Waterville, Caherdaniel, Sneem, Templenoe and Kenmare, before making the final push along the Old Kenmare Road to the finish line at Killarney Racecourse on Saturday evening. The demanding route is known for its steep climbs, remote landscapes, and dramatic views, challenging even seasoned long-distance runners.

On Saturday morning, Pat presented a cheque for €2,025 to Brid O'Connor and Mary Hogan of Comfort for Chemo Kerry. In attendance for the presentation were Maisie Sheehan, Conellie Sheehan and Louise Devaney of Club Vita Leisure Centre, who have been among the supporters of the annual fundraiser.

Pat expressed his gratitude to all who donated, shared, supported or followed the journey this year, saying their kindness genuinely makes a difference to local cancer support services. He has now completed the Kerry Way Ultra Nite twice, continuing a personal and community effort that looks set to become an annual tradition.



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# Kerry County Council Receive Two Top National Accolades At The Prestigious Excellence In Local Government Awards



Representatives from Kerry County Council who received two top national accolades at the prestigious Excellence in Local Government Awards pictured at the awards ceremony.

Kerry County Council is delighted to have received two top national accolades at the prestigious Excellence in Local Government Awards, hosted by Chambers Ireland in partnership with the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage.

The awards ceremony, held on 27 November 2025, marked the 22nd year of recognising innovation, leadership, and best practice across Ireland's local authorities. With 98 projects shortlisted across 16 competitive categories, the event showcased the exceptional work

and forward-thinking initiatives taking place in communities nationwide.

Kerry County Council achieved two category wins.

Blas Beo received the Celebrating Irish Language & Culture Award - recognised for its significant impact, the initiative, developed at the cultural hub of Teach Siamsa, Finuge, is a vibrant, community-led programme that promotes, celebrates, and strengthens the Irish language across North Kerry.

Island of Geese - New Urban Quarter - Tralee received the Urban Revival Award. This ambitious regeneration project transformed the former brownfield site of the Old Denny Factory into the Island of Geese urban quarter in the centre of Tralee. Guided by a comprehensive masterplan, the project marks a significant step in the town's regeneration, promoting sustainable and long-term development for Tralee.

Speaking after the ceremony, Cathaoirleach of Kerry County Council, Cllr Michael Foley, paid tribute to the staff and management of Kerry County Council on securing two awards, noting that they reflect the dedication and collaborative spirit of Council staff, partners, and local communities who continue to drive meaningful, innovative projects across Kerry.

## Minister Foley welcomes confirmation of €6 million in funding for MTU



Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Kerry TD Norma Foley has welcomed confirmation of €6.3 million in funding for MTU from the Technological Enhancement Fund.

The Technological Enhancement Fund will see funding disbursed to the institutions this year for projects commencing in January 2026. Projects will operate over a 36-month period to 31 December 2028.

MTU, which has 18,000 students across its campuses in Cork and Kerry, will be able to use the funding for assisting student success, digital capability and security, and climate and sustainability.

Minister Foley said: "This funding will be a great boost for students and staff in the MTU campus in Kerry. I look forward to the campus continuing to grow and develop in the coming years."

The investment will be used by MTU to advance digital transformation and business intelligence, support student success and engagement, increase professional development opportunities for staff, and support the attainment of Climate Action targets including monitoring of and reporting on Climate Action Roadmaps. Additionally, the fund will be utilised to support collaborative activities including the development of solutions to enhance academic integrity, enhance TU data infrastructure and business intelligence and prepare for further developments in AI.



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# Tree of Light Ceremony

## on Monday

The spectacular 100ft Tree of Light in Killarney, festooned with close on 3,000 lights and topped with a giant star, will again illuminate the town this Christmas with the official switch-on date planned for Monday next, December 8th.

The lighting up ceremony will take place after a community Mass in the adjacent St Mary's Cathedral at 6.15pm and a short prayer service will mark the big switch-on.

The towering Tree of Light is a landmark giant Californian Redwood tree

located just outside the main door of the Pugin-designed building.

The project is an collaboration between a sub-committee of Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce and the Killarney parish and it creates a wonderful focal point in the town in the lead up to and during the festive season.

Killarney Parish Administrator, Fr Kieran O'Brien and Christmas in Killarney Chairman, Cllr Niall Kelleher extend a warm invitation to all community groups, schools, clubs and organisations, families and individuals to attend the special Mass next Monday evening or to visit the tree this Christmastime.

The feature star on the spectacular tree will take on an extra special meaning this year as it will be dedicated to the late Donal Grady, a long-serving local councillor and former Mayor of Killarney who worked diligently and passionately for the community.

Donal, who passed away in 2024, was a dedicated public representative who worked with great passion and a real sense of purpose on behalf of his loyal supporters.

Through his work as a long-serving chief fire officer in Killarney, he helped so many families at a time when they most needed assistance and reassurance and he brought a great sense of calm and responsibility to the position.

The Tree of Light was first lit to mark the millennium year when it commemorated all those who lost their lives in the conflict in Northern Ireland and it was again illuminated in the mid-2000s to remember those who had been killed on Irish roads. Since then the project is all about community and it celebrates the fact that Killarney is such a wonderful town to live in.

In the past, the star at the top of the tree has been dedicated to great community activists Johnny Hickey, Yvonne Quill, Paul Coghlan and Rena Kennelly.



## Ladies Gaelic Football Association 2025 Yearbook officially launched



The first Ladies Gaelic Football Association Yearbook was launched last evening (Thursday November 27th) at Clann Mhuire CLG, Naul, the home club of Dublin's TG4 All-Ireland winning captain, Carla Rowe. This inaugural yearbook, which has been compiled by John Fallon of Media West (Ireland) on behalf of the LGFA and with outstanding photography from Sportsfile, charts all of the national competitions and events throughout another eventful and successful year for the organisation.

The 160-page hardback publication, which features almost 400 photographs and features a detailed look at the 36 competitions, from U-14 to the TG4 All-

Ireland senior championship, run by the LGFA throughout the year, is available to purchase for €20 (£18 in sterling areas) online at <https://bit.ly/44vW6WA> and in all Elverys outlets throughout the country.

Present at the launch were club members from Clann Mhuire including TG4 All-Star Carla Rowe and club chairperson, Noleen Malone.

LGFA President Trina Murray was also in attendance, along with TG4 Head of Sport Rónán Ó Coisdealbha, and John Fallon of Media West Ireland.

LGFA President Trina Murray said the publication of the inaugural yearbook was a great boost to the profile of the sport, which now has over 200,000 members spread across 1200 clubs in Ireland and abroad.

She said: "I welcome this publication and it is great to have all of our events recorded in this manner. It is a timely reminder when you see all of the activities, from the underage to the fun events to the elite standard at inter-county level, just how big a role the LGFA now plays throughout the country and abroad.

"I would like to thank John Fallon, the great team at Sportsfile and the support from TG4 in bringing this publication to fruition and I would urge our members to support it and I look forward to it being an annual fixture."





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The Local Authority Waters Programme (LAWPRO) invited the Minister of State for Nature, Heritage and Biodiversity at the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage Christopher O'Sullivan, TD, to launch a new campaign raising awareness of the Blue Dot waterbodies in Kerry's Iveragh Peninsula.

At the campaign launch in Sneem on Saturday, Minister O'Sullivan unveiled a LAWPRO-commissioned sculpture called 'Freshwater Pearl Mussel in bronze' by artist Don Cronin. The artwork recognises the importance of the freshwater pearl mussel to the health of the natural waters in the area and will stand as a lasting monument that raises awareness of the Blue Dots in Iveragh and beyond.

Following the unveiling, LAWPRO hosted a screening of a new documentary made in collaboration with Kerry County Council and CrowCrag Productions, called 'The Blue Dot Waters of the Iveragh Peninsula'. The film is a stunning visual journey through the pristine rivers, lakes, and coastal waters of the peninsula. Narrated by renowned ecologist and broadcaster



At the launch of 'The Blue Dots of Iveragh' awareness project in Sneem from left, Cathaoirleach Kenmare Municipal District, Cllr. Norma Moriarty, Deputy Michael Cahill, T.D., Anthony Coleman, Director of Services for Local Authorities Waters Programme (LAWPRO), Barry Deane, SW Regional Coordinator LAWPRO, Paul O'Callaghan, Blue Dot Programme manager LAWPRO, Bláthnaid O'Loughlin, Community Water Officer for Kerry LAWPRO, Ed Cox, Blue Dot Catchment Scientist (LAWPRO) Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan

Anja Murray, it explores the deep connection between local communities and their environment, recognising their passion for the protection and restoration of their Blue Dot waterbodies.

Blue Dot waterbodies are high status objective waters, home to many rare and threatened species. When properly protected, they include our highest quality waters. The Iveragh peninsula is unique in Ireland for the density and variety of its Blue Dot waterbodies - with 27 river waterbodies, 6 lakes, 3 coastal waters and 1 transitional water body categorised as Blue Dots. Cultivating awareness of, and engagement with, these special places and the ecosystems they support is of vital importance in securing their future.

LAWPRO collaborates with local communities through the Blue Dot Catchments Programme to

protect and improve Ireland's high status objective waters so that the benefits to biodiversity, our health and wellbeing, our heritage and the climate can be enjoyed by current and future generations.

For more information on the project, visit [www.lawwaters.ie/Iveragh](http://www.lawwaters.ie/Iveragh).

## Great Night at Senior Football Medal Presentation Dinner Held in Killarney

A memorable season for Kerry football was fittingly honoured last Saturday night, November 28th, as the Senior Football Medal Presentation Dinner took place at the Gleneagle Hotel, Killarney. The event brought players, management, families, and supporters together to reflect on a remarkable County campaign and to celebrate the achievements that defined the year.

The celebration marked the culmination of months of commitment, hard work, and pride in the Kerry jersey. Throughout the evening, tributes

were paid to the players whose performances lit up the season, as well as to the management team whose guidance and leadership shaped the group's success. Medals were presented in front of a packed audience, with warm applause echoing through the venue as each member of the squad was acknowledged.

Guests enjoyed a lively atmosphere, with stories from the season shared, milestones remembered, and the community spirit of Kerry football very much on display.



Members of the Dr. Crokes team were presented with their All Ireland Medals pictured with supporters at the Presentation Dinner.





## NEW GP PRACTICE OPENS IN KILLARNEY

Dunloe Medical Practice is opening on 1st December and is being led by **Dr Aidan Daly**, who has worked in Killarney for a number of years. He comes from a strong medical background and is a second-generation GP, following his father who worked as a GP for almost 50 years in Tralee and subsequently in Killarney.

*Training and Experience* Dr Daly has trained in hospital medicine and general practice, with extensive experience across all ages. Before pursuing a career in medicine, Dr Daly studied Marine Science and obtained an MSc in Ecology. He is a member of both the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland and the Irish College of General Practitioners. He is currently the attending physician and medical officer to Killarney Community Hospital.

He has strengths in a wide range of areas within internal medicine, including Cardiology, Paediatrics, Care of the Elderly, Palliative Care, Dermatology, Mental Health, and he enjoys dealing with complex medical cases. His specialist interests include Musculoskeletal Medicine, Joint Injections, and complex neurological conditions such as vertigo and migraines.

*Community Commitment* Dr Daly intends to provide a personalised service to patients of all ages in a relaxed environment. The practice will offer state-of-the-art technology to ensure smooth and efficient delivery of service. Originally from Tralee, Dr Daly now lives in Beaufort with his wife and practice manager, Karina, and their son.



*New patients, both medical card holders and private, are welcome to join Dunloe Medical Practice from 1st December.*

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# Firies N.S. Makes History at the Tech Industry Alliance Leaders Awards 2025

Firies National School has made history after becoming the first primary school ever to win the prestigious Excellence in Education Award at the Tech Industry Alliance (TIA) Leaders Awards 2025. The school received a €5,000 prize sponsored by Trend Micro in recognition of its pioneering approach to digital learning and its exceptional commitment to STEM education. The awards ceremony took place on November 28, 2025, at the Radisson Blu Hotel in Cork, where leaders from across the South-West's tech sector gathered for an evening celebrating innovation, collaboration, and achievement. Now in its 18th year, the black-tie gala has become a hallmark event, bringing together educators, start-ups, multinationals, SMEs, and community partners.

The Excellence in Education Award, proudly supported once again by Trend Micro, recognises schools that foster outstanding development of IT skills among students and teachers. Firies N.S. stood out for its forward-thinking use of technology, weaving digital tools deeply into everyday learning to build confidence, curiosity, and creativity.

"Our goal is to empower children to become independent thinkers, lifelong learners, and active participants in a technologically driven future," said school principal, Claire Doyle. "Technology isn't an add-on—it's an integral part of how we teach and how children explore the world."

Central to this vision is the school's belief in the role of play and hands-on exploration in the primary curriculum, alongside a commitment to embedding digital learning at every level.

One of the school's flagship projects is its whole-school LEGO Education initiative, which supports students as they learn to design, build, and programme interactive models using sensors, motors, and coding software. This structured, age-appropriate approach helps pupils think like engineers, developing leadership skills and higher-order thinking along the way.

Even the youngest learners at Firies N.S. are immersed in technology. Junior classes begin with Sphero Indi cars, exploring early robotics, before progressing through Bee-Bots, Blue-



Dean, Faculty of Engineering Dr Seán McSweeney MTU with Winner of excellence in education award Fries National School Brid O'Shea, Claire Doyle, Liam Carey, Claire O'Connor and Aine Shimmin, Trend Micro at the Tech Industry Alliance Leaders Awards at the Radisson Blu Hotel, Cork.

Leaders Awards is an annual celebration of innovation, achievement, and impact across the South West's tech ecosystem.

Bots, and eventually advanced text-based coding by sixth class. The blend of hands-on robotics and screen-based coding helps students understand sequencing, digital communication, and logical thinking.

Children also work with a range of other robotics resources, including Dash, Botley, and VEX, extending digital learning across the curriculum. A 3D printer donated by I-Form has enabled pupils to experiment with design, engineering, and model-making.

Two after-school STEM clubs, launched last year, provide additional opportunities for creative exploration. Students have embraced stop-motion animation, podcasting, and green-screen technology, culminating in a vibrant technology showcase where they presented their projects to the wider school community.

The award builds upon a growing list of accolades for Firies N.S., including recognition as a STEM School of Excellence and a Digital School of Distinction. The school attributes these achievements to a committed and visionary staff, a supportive parent community,

and students whose enthusiasm drives innovation every day.

"On behalf of Firies National School, we extend our sincere thanks to the Tech Industry Alliance and Trend Micro for this incredible honour," the principal said. "We never seek recognition, but it means a great deal to have our work in IT acknowledged."

She also offered heartfelt gratitude to deputy principal, Eva Spillane for her longstanding leadership in STEM: "Her vision and dedication have shaped so much of what we do."

Above all, the school dedicates the award to its students.

"Our wonderful children are the heart of every achievement," the principal added. "Their curiosity, creativity, and excitement about learning inspire everything we do."

With this landmark award, Firies N.S. has not only raised the bar for primary-level STEM education but also demonstrated the impact a primary school can have when innovation, imagination, and community come together.

Conchúir MacDomhnaill, President GAA Handball pictured in Centre Alley Croke Park receiving a copy of 'UNBEATABLE, biography of Fr Jones World Handball Champion 1890's.

Also in picture are Éamonn Fitzgerald: Jo, O'Donoghue, Publisher Londubh Press: Fr Tom Looney, author.





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# 'Killarney by Candlelight'

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The spirit of Christmas will shine brightly at the Gleneagle Club this Sunday, December 7th at 7.30pm, with a stunning Candlelit Christmas Concert in aid of the Kerry Hospice Foundation.

This enchanting evening will feature three outstanding Irish artists, highly acclaimed and captivating soprano Laura O'Keeffe, virtuoso violinist and award winning composer Harry O'Connor, along with the renowned and celebrated pianist Kieran Finnegan. Together, they will present a beautifully curated programme of timeless carols, festive favourites, movie music and hauntingly beautiful works.

Set against the intimate glow of candlelight, audiences can expect an unforgettable performance filled with warmth, elegance, and Christmas spirit. From soaring vocals and expressive violin to masterful piano artistry, the concert promises a moving celebration of music, hope, and community, all in support of a vital local cause. Tickets available on Ticketmaster, the INEC Box Office (064 6671555) and on the door.



## Caring For Kerry - The Kerry Specialist Mental Health hub

The HSE South West Caring for Kerry campaign continues this week with a reminder that the Kerry Specialist Mental Health hub offers a fast and comprehensive alternative to the emergency department for those in need of emergency mental health care.

GPs can refer patients directly to the hub for direct, same-day access to the expert care, so that Kerry people in need of urgent mental health support are assessed quickly, and directed to the right care promptly. Assessments are carried out by a Consultant Psychiatrist and Clinical Nurse Specialists in Mental Health, which means patients get specialist decision-making expertise as soon as they arrive.

Mr Aidan Murphy, Acting Area Director of Nursing, said: "The Kerry Specialist Mental Health Hub can see you faster and get you same-day access to the care you need. We hold emergency appointments each day, which patients can access with a referral from their GP or clinician. This allows us to review urgent cases quickly." An analysis of attendances at UHK ED shows that more than half of



people who present there with mental health difficulties could have been seen on the same day at the mental health assessment hub.

Mr Aidan Murphy, Acting Area Director of Nursing added:

"Referral to the hub means that the patients are not going to be waiting in the emergency room for extensive periods of time, like they normally might be without our service. We are encouraging GPs to refer patients to the hub, and patient to take up referrals if they're offered. If your GP refers you to the hub, please know that it is an excellent option for high quality, fast care."

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# ANGIE BENHAFFAF NAMED LIDL FAMILY CARER OF THE YEAR 2025

A lifetime of courage, devotion and extraordinary love recognised at national award

Family Carers Ireland has named Angie Benhaffaf, from Carrigtwohill, Co. Cork, as the Lidl Family Carer of the Year 2025, recognising nearly sixteen years of extraordinary care for her twin sons, Hassan and Hussein, who were born conjoined and have faced lifelong medical challenges.

At her twelve-week scan, Angie Benhaffaf was told that her twin boys were unlikely to survive and that she herself might not live through the pregnancy. She refused to give up. Hassan and Hussein were born conjoined, sharing every organ except their hearts and each with only one leg. Since that day, Angie has remained at their side through 75 surgeries, months spent in hospital far from home, and countless medical emergencies. She has slept on hospital floors, gone weeks without rest and fought tirelessly for the care her sons need, all while creating a warm and joyful home for her daughters.

Despite the relentless demands of caring, Angie has raised her children to face their challenges with confidence and possibility. Today, Hassan and Hussein are award-winning para athletes who have represented Ireland four times, bringing home multiple gold and silver medals in wheelchair basketball and athletics. Alongside caring for her family, Angie has also raised more than €105,000 for children's charities, showing the same determination and generosity that define every part of her life.

Now in their 18th year, the Lidl Family Carer of the Year Awards recognise and shine a bright light on the vital role of family carers in homes and communities across Ireland. Every week,



Pictured at the Lidl Family Carer of the Year Awards 2025 is the Lidl Family Carer of the Year Angie Benhaffaf from Carrigtwohill, Co. Cork who cares for twin sons Hassan and Hussein, who were born conjoined and have undergone 75 surgeries. Now in their 18th year, the awards honour regional and young carer recipients, culminating in the announcement of the overall Family Carer of the Year. The event in The College Green Hotel brings together families, advocates and supporters to shine a light on the vital role of Ireland's 500,000 family carers, who provide more than 19 million hours of unpaid care every week. PHOTO: Mark Stedman

more than 500,000 people provide over 19 million hours of care, often without sufficient support from the State. Their contribution is valued at over €20 billion a year.

The event also recognised regional Lidl Family Carers of the Year including Alison McManus

from Dublin (Leinster), Brendan Dee from Leitrim (Connacht) and Mary O'Sullivan from Cavan (Ulster), along with four Lidl Young Carers of the Year whose extraordinary commitment and empathy shine through in the care and support they give their loved ones.

## Charity 31 Card Drive TO TAKE PLACE IN FAHA THIS DECEMBER

A festive fundraiser is coming to Faha just in time for Christmas, as the local community prepares for a Charity 31 Card Drive on Sunday, 21st December 2025. The event, which will feature five single hands, is set for 5:00pm at the Faha Court Bar and promises an evening of entertainment, friendly competition, and seasonal goodwill. Participants can enter for €10 per person, with a range of attractive prizes up for grabs. The first prize will be a hamper, perfect for the holiday season, while runner-up prizes include bottles of whiskey, adding a fun and spirited incentive for players to get involved.

Finger food will be served, offering attendees a chance to socialize and enjoy refreshments between hands. In addition to the card drive itself, there will also be a raffle on the day, giving everyone, players and spectators alike, another chance to take home a prize. Community support will play a big role in making the event a success. Organisers have said that spots would be appreciated and can be arranged through local contacts John Wrenn, Anthony Clifford, or Noel O'Sullivan.







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# FAMILY CONNECTIONS

## Take Centre Stage at Killarney Musical Society

Music has long been a way for people to connect, and this year the Killarney Musical Society is fortunate to have several families sharing the stage across multiple generations. We spoke to three of these families about their time with KMS and what it means to perform together.

### The Spillane/Murray Family

Three generations of the Spillane/Murray family are involved this year. Phil, who first joined KMS in 1989, is performing alongside her daughter Amanda and her granddaughter Caoimhe, who plays Lorraine.

They say they are enjoying rehearsing together, from practising harmonies to helping one another with steps, and they appreciate the chance to share this experience as a family.

The opportunity to support each other during the process has been especially meaningful for them.

### Annie and Alannah McIlroy

Mother-daughter duo Annie and Alannah McIlroy are appearing together for the first time. Annie took part in Michael Collins in 2023, and Alannah joined the following year for Evita.

Both say they value the extra time they get to spend together, whether travelling to rehearsals or preparing for the show. Their shared interest in musical theatre has made the experience particularly enjoyable.

### Linda and Eilise O'Donoghue

Linda and Eilise O'Donoghue form another mother-daughter team on stage. Eilise has been involved since 2012, and she encouraged

her mother to join in 2015. Linda's father also performed in a KMS production in 1986.

Before going on stage, they check in with one another, Eilise helping with Linda's hair and makeup, and Linda making sure Eilise's costume is in place. They also practise their alto lines together, something both say adds to the enjoyment of being involved.

Across all three families, one theme was clear: taking part in the musical together has given them valuable time to connect and create shared memories.

Killarney Musical Society truly appreciates the commitment of these families and the spirit they bring to the production. Their involvement adds something special to this year's show, and we look forward to sharing that with the community.



Amanda Murray, Phil Spillane, Caoimhe Murray



Annie McIlroy, Alannah McIlroy;



Eilise O'Donoghue, Linda O'Donoghue

## Advent Celebrated at *St. Brigid's*

Last weekend marked the beginning of Advent, a special time in the Christian calendar when we prepare our hearts for Christmas. The word Advent means "coming," and over the next four weeks, we take time to reflect, to slow down, and to make space for hope, peace, joy and love in our lives.

In St Brigid's Secondary School, they use this season to pause and remember what truly matters, kindness, compassion, and looking out for one another. Each week, as another candle on the Advent wreath is lit, we are reminded of the light we can bring into the world through even the smallest acts of goodness.

As we begin this journey together, we invite students, staff and families to take a moment each day to breathe, to reflect, and to prepare for the celebration of Christmas with open hearts. Wishing our whole school community a peaceful and hope-filled Advent season.

*Pictured lighting the Advent Calendar is Caoimhe O'Neill, 5th Year.*







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#### **Warm up properly, it matters more in winter.**

Cold muscles need gentle preparation. Spend a few minutes walking, jogging or moving dynamically to warm up, boost blood flow, and get your body ready for a safe, enjoyable workout.

#### **Layer up but avoid overheating.**

Dress in light, removable layers to stay comfortable. A sweat-wicking base, warm middle layer and protective outer layer keep you cozy, while gloves, hats and good socks make early or evening workouts easier.

#### **Stay visible, stay safe.**

Dark mornings and evenings make visibility essential. Wear reflective clothing or lights when walking, running or cycling so others see you clearly.

#### **Adapt your training, don't abandon it.**

If conditions are icy, windy or wet, adjust instead of stopping. Shorter outdoor sessions, home workouts, resistance bands, stairs or indoor classes keep you moving consistently.

#### **Watch for early signs of overuse.**

Aches that worsen, swell or change your movement should be checked by a GP or physiotherapist to prevent injury.

#### **Keep it enjoyable.**

Exercise should feel manageable, not punishing. Training with a friend, joining a class, or setting small goals keeps motivation high and makes winter activity more fun.

By Dr Michael Moloney

- Fellow in Sports and Exercise Medicine
- Specialist Vasectomist
- Men's Health Specialist
- GP with a broad interest in health promotion and preventative care







Killarney and District Motor Club Chairman Thomas Randles, Colm, Diarmuid and Pat Cronin at the Killarney Towers Hotel Killarney Historic Rally prizegiving ceremony in The Killarney Avenue Hotel on Saturday night.



Anna and Molly Jayne Kelly and Amber Beeton at the Killarney Towers Hotel Killarney Historic Rally ceremonial start at The Killarney Towers Hotel on Friday night.

# KILLARNEY HISTORIC RALLY ROARS INTO TOWN

Photos: Eamonn Keogh



Killarney crew Colin and Kieran O'Donoghue, winners of the modified section, with family and supporters.



Killarney crew Colin and Kieran O'Donoghue, winners of the modified section, with family and supporters at the Killarney Towers Hotel Killarney Historic Rally prizegiving ceremony in The Killarney Avenue Hotel on Saturday night.



Dylan, Chloe, Sandra, Kylie and Mark O'Connor, Barradubh, at the Killarney Towers Hotel Killarney Historic Rally ceremonial start at The Killarney Towers Hotel on Friday night.



Killarney crew Colin and Kieran O'Donoghue, winners of the modified section, with family and supporters at the Killarney Towers Hotel Killarney Historic Rally prizegiving ceremony in The Killarney Avenue Hotel on Saturday night.



Competitor and sponsor Alan Ring (O'Donoghue Ring Collection) with Isabel Ring and Marcus Deane at the Killarney Towers Hotel Killarney Historic Rally ceremonial start at The Killarney Towers Hotel on Friday night.



Brian Glover (BG Motors) with local crew Rob Duggan and Ger Conway (third overall) at the Killarney Towers Hotel Killarney Historic Rally finish ramp at The Killarney Plaza Hotel on Saturday night.



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# Ballymac Vintage Club Christmas Run

Pictured at the launch of the Ballymac Vintage Club Christmas Lights Run: (L-R) Diarmuid Lynch, George Glover, Edel Leen (Cashel Ward UHK), Mary Lynch, Shane Leen (Glenduff Manor), Audrey Moran (MS Tralee/West Kerry), June Carey (MS Tralee/West Kerry), Ivan Groves, Anna Glover (BG Motors), Brian Glover (BG Motors), Paul Horan, Tim Collins, Philip Blennerhassett.



Ballymac Vintage Club will hold their first ever Christmas Lights Run on Saturday 13th December from Glenduff Manor in Kielduff. All vehicles are welcome - Tractors, cars, motorbikes. We know that many will have their vintage and classic cars tucked away for the winter, so modern cars are also welcome. Make sure you get the Christmas decorations on and get them lit up.

Registration is from 3pm, with the run setting off at 5pm. Proceeds from the event are in aid of Children's Ward in UHK & the Tralee/West Kerry branch of Multiple Sclerosis Ireland.

For those interested in watching the run, the route as follows: Turning right on leaving Glenduff Manor. Left just before the main Tralee Castleisland rd, following the entire length of the old Tralee Castleisland Rd. Briefly joining the main road before turning left at O'Riada's, up by Clogher church and returning to Glenduff Manor.

As usual, we will have plenty of sport prizes to give away, and thank you to all our wonderful main sponsors for supporting our events and making them possible: BG Motors Killarney, Brownes Agri Steel Castleisland, Horan Wedding Cars, Glenduff Manor.

## RAMBLING HOUSE

A special Christmas Rambling House will be held at the Heritage Centre Scartaglen Monday December 8th at 8pm with a visit from Santa Clause, hopefully he will bring some gifts. All are welcome, refreshments will be served.

## KWOTE

Killarney Women's Organisation for training and empowerment. Kwote members wish to acknowledge the financial assistance provided by Kerry Co. Council Support Community funding 2025. The funding enabled our Group to participate in keep fit classes including mindfulness and meditation. These classes benefitted us greatly socially and physically. Thank you Kerry Co. Council.

## St. Francis Special School Choir

On Friday 12th of December some of our pupils and staff will go busking in the Killarney Outlet Centre from 11am-12pm. Our pupils are very excited and can't wait to perform some of their favourite Christmas songs. All money raised on the day will go towards our school choir. All support greatly appreciated.



## BOOK LAUNCH at St. Brendan's College Chapel

The Launch of "UNBEATABLE - Fr. Tom Jones, Handball Supremo" by Fr. Kieran O'Brien Adm., President of the Kerry Handball Association will take place at St. Brendan's College Chapel on Tuesday 9th Dec. at 6pm.

Tralee native Tom Jones entered "The Sem" as World and National Handball Champion and went on to serve as a priest in Ulster, Yorkshire, Australia and Kerry for 54 years. The biography of this "remarkable Kerry priest" by Fr. Tom Looney is also on sale at €15.00 in the Cathedral Office, O'Connor's, Beech Road, and the Friary Bookshop.

## KILLARNEY PARISH SILVER CIRCLE Week 7 Results

**1st Prize €500** Edel Cronin, Aghadoe Seller: Marry Ferris

**2nd Prize €250** Gillian & Autter Kelly, Minish Seller: Alice O'Sullivan

**Winners of €100 each are as follows**

Margaret O'Connor, Crosstown, Danny & Mary O'Sullivan, Headford  
Bernadette Noonan, Lissivigeen, Aoife Galvin, Iron Mills

The Hughes Family, Upper Lissivigeen

**Winners of €75**

Rosaria O'Leary, Lissivigeen Triona Sheehy, Aghadoe  
M & M McEnery, Faugh, Dymphna Horgan, Countess Grove

Jim O'Brien, Hazelwood, Sandra Patten, Chestnut Drive

Anthony Breen, Countess Grove, Tim Pierce

Sheila O'Shea, Faha, Mary Cronin, Kilcummin

*Congratulations to all winners, and thanks to all who supported, promoted and sponsored the draw this year. Tickets are still available from the Sacristies and Parish Office. This week's prize money is sponsored by: Martin Walsh Construction Services, Playprint, Quills, Fresco Safeguard Security, Tie the Knot Weddings*





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## The Gift of Giving at Castleisland Community College



In the photo from left, Doreen Killington (Irish & Geography teacher & Team Hope Co-Ordinator) Seán O'Sullivan, Fergal Enright, Conor Clifford, Freddie Mahony & Mick O'Connell (Team Hope).

This Christmas, students at Castleisland Community College came together in a show of generosity and compassion through the Team Shoe Christmas Shoe Box Appeal. The initiative invited students to donate shoeboxes filled with essential items and small gifts for children living in poverty across the world.

A total of 111 shoeboxes were collected, each carefully packed with items ranging from toys and stationery to everyday essentials such as toothpaste and toothbrushes. These simple items serve as a stark reminder of the difficult circumstances many children face, where even basic necessities are considered luxuries.

Instead of doing a shoebox, some students chose to contribute cash donations (115 euro), helping to cover the cost of transporting the boxes to their destinations. This thoughtful gesture ensured that every gift could reach the children who need them most.

Beyond the material donations, the appeal carried a deeper lesson for students: the importance of empathy, kindness, and the joy of giving. By participating, they not only brightened the lives of children abroad but also discovered the true spirit of Christmas, sharing with those less fortunate.

'The Team Shoe Christmas Shoe Box Appeal has once again proven to be a powerful exercise in community, compassion, and global awareness. It is a tradition we are proud to uphold, and one that continues to inspire our students to make a difference in the world,' stated Doreen Killington (Teacher and Co-Ordinator of the Shoe Box Appeal)





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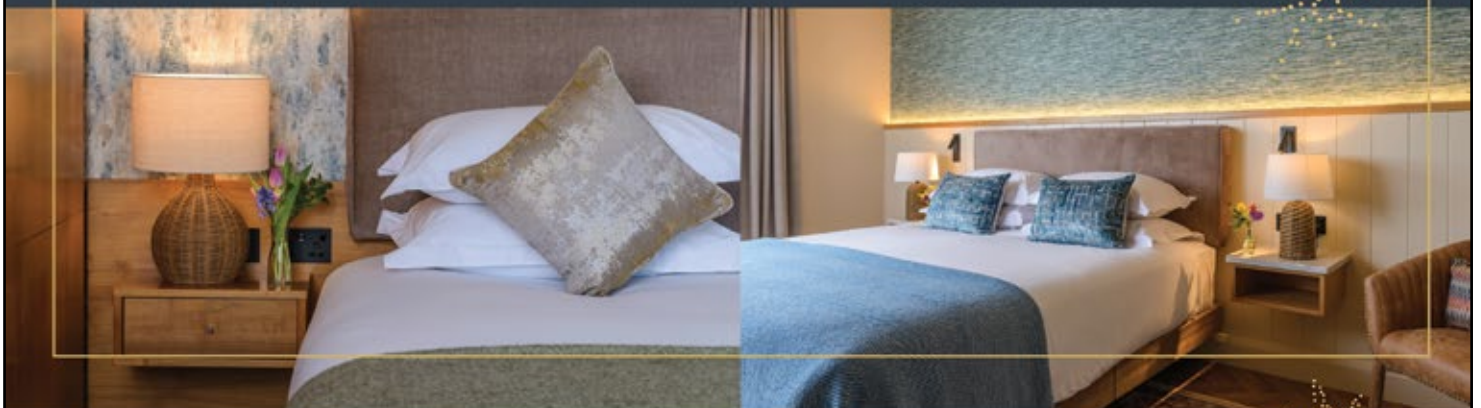
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# Killarney Welcomes Ireland's Newest Citizens

—Photos: Don MacMonagle



Dr Rahmon Kettinde Ariwoold, from Nigeria and is a Specialist Medical Scientist in Beaumont Hospital, Dublin who received his Irish Citizenship at a special ceremony in Gleneagle Killarney on Monday. Photo: Don MacMonagle



Jose Niones III, from The Phillipines who works as a nurse in Bon Secours Hospital, Cork who received his Irish Citizenship at a special ceremony in Gleneagle Killarney on Monday.



Colm Brophy, Minister of State at the Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration pictured with new Irish Citizens at the Irish Citizenship special ceremony in Gleneagle Killarney on Monday.



Kimberly Duffy originally from Georgia, USA and her husband Alan from Dublin who received her Irish Citizenship at a special ceremony in Gleneagle Killarney on Monday.



Stuart Hannell and Debi Birt from Cornwall, England and living in Tourlestrane, County Sligo who received their Irish Citizenship at a special ceremony in Gleneagle Killarney on Monday.



Amir Abualrob, known as 'Grainnemir' from Palestine with Sorchá Fox from Dublin who received their Irish Citizenship at a special ceremony in Gleneagle Killarney on Monday.



Opoyemi Alaka, Tobi Akinmuda and Ayomide Alaka originally from Nigeria and living in Portlaoise who received their Irish Citizenship at a special ceremony in Gleneagle Killarney on Monday.





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# BUSINESS OUTLOOK

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Killorglin-based energy efficiency specialists Retrofit Design Ltd have been named the Business All-Star All-Ireland Champion Retrofit Company 2026 by the All-Ireland Business Foundation. This marks the company's second consecutive national award, recognising excellence in sustainable construction and energy retrofit solutions.

Established in 2012, Retrofit Design Ltd has grown to become one of Ireland's leading names in deep retrofitting and home energy upgrades. The company is trusted by local authorities and public bodies nationwide, including Kerry County Council, Cork County Council, Cork City Council, Dublin City Council, Laois County Council, and Offaly County Council to mention a few.

Over the past decade, Retrofit Design Ltd has completed more than 750 deep retrofit projects and over 2,700 home insulation upgrades across Ireland. From its headquarters in Killorglin, the company provides SEAI One Stop Shop services across the country, helping homeowners reduce energy costs, improve comfort, and make their homes more sustainable.

This year, the company also completed a full rebrand, launched a new website, and rolled out its newly branded fleet of vans. Each vehicle carries a QR code linking homeowners directly to information on SEAI grants and energy



*In the photo are Chris Scanlon General Manager and Mairead Sheahan Business Administrator.*

upgrades, making it easier than ever to access expert advice and start the journey toward a warmer, more efficient home.

General Manager Chris Scanlon said the award is a reflection of the company's continued commitment to quality and customer care.

"As a dedicated team we are proud to see our work recognised again at national level. Every project we deliver is focused on making homes

warmer, greener, and more affordable to run.

This recognition belongs to our entire team and to the clients and Local Authorities who place their trust in us to deliver real results."

Retrofit Design Ltd continues to set the standard for quality, compliance, and trust within Ireland's growing retrofit sector, supporting the country's drive toward a more energy-efficient future.

## SHEAHAN'S MAXOL SHINES AT MAXOL EXCELLENCE AWARDS 2025

### LOCAL SERVICE STATION WINS EXCELLENCE IN CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE AWARD

Sheahan's Maxol on the Muckcross Road has plenty to celebrate after winning the Excellence in Customer Experience award at this year's Maxol Excellence Awards, recognising the Kerry service station's delivery of an outstanding customer experience.

Winners were presented with their awards at a lavish gala dinner during



*Maxol Regional Manager Dermot Cogan pictured with Store Manager Brendan O'Connell, who collected the award on behalf of Aisling Sheahan.*

Maxol's Retail Conference, which was recently held at The K Club.

The awards recognise best-in-class stations, both company owned and dealer-owned, to promote and reward excellence in station and store standards, customer experience, and community engagement across Maxol's growing network of convenience-led service stations. They are assessed through regular standards audits, mystery shopper visits, and reviews of each store's involvement with the local community.

In addition, each store's community engagement for Maxol's nominated charity partner, Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind is included in the assessment of the overall programme.

Independent Dealer Aisling Sheahan, who operates Sheahan's Maxol on the Muckcross Road, is known for creating a warm, customer-first environment rooted in great service and community focus. Her team's dedication has made the store a trusted local favourite, and this year's Excellence in Customer Experience award reflects that commitment. Under Aisling's leadership, the staff consistently deliver a welcoming, high-quality experience.

Speaking about the win, Aisling said: "We are thrilled to receive the Excellence in Customer Experience award. Our customers are at the heart of everything we do, and this recognition is a reflection of the passion and hard work of our entire team. We take great pride in providing a warm welcome, great service, and a community-focused experience every single day. It's wonderful to see those efforts recognised at a national level. None of this would be possible without the hard work, commitment and positivity of our staff at Sheahan's, and I want to sincerely thank them, as well as our loyal customers, who support us all year-round."



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BER C2



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Experience contemporary comfort in this beautifully presented second-floor 2 bed 2 bath apartment (approx. 750ft<sup>2</sup>) within the sought-after Avenue development. Bright, open-plan living spaces with expansive windows showcase stunning mountain views. Ideally located just a short stroll from Killarney town centre and the National Park, this stylish apartment offers convenience, natural beauty, and effortless modern living.

Guide Price: €265,000

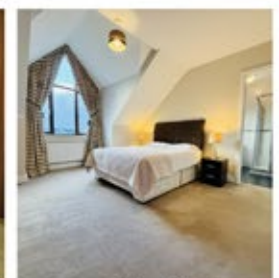
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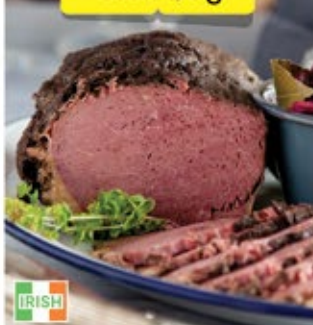
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BEAUFORT PARISH

By Bridget Hartnett

SCOR NA NOG

Congratulations to Beaufort Scor na nOg Quiz team who retained their Munster title in Cashel, Co. Tipperary on Sunday last. The winning team members were Fionan O'Sullivan, Cormac O'Sullivan, Callum Galvin and Darragh Doyle. Well done to all involved in preparing this team. Comhghairdeas.

AGM

The annual General Meeting of the GAA Club will be held on Sunday, 7th December, 2025 at 5pm in the Clubrooms. All members are welcome.

LOTTO

There was no winner in our last Draw. Numbers drawn were 5, 11, 16, 17. Consolation Prize winners E80 Teresa Ferris, Gap of Dunloe. E50 each to Sharon O'Sullivan, Shanacloon, Karen O'Sullivan, Gearha and John Cronin, Caragh Lake.

The next Draw on 7th December will be for a Jackpot of E8,800. Tickets available from usual sellers, bars and shops. Lotto can also be done online on <https://beaufortgaa.clubforce.com/products/lotto/beaufort-gaa-club>

HEALTHY CLUB RECYCLING DRIVE

A Big THANK YOU to everyone who donated recyclables over the past few weeks. Almost one and a half tonne of recyclables was collected on Saturday last. Well done to all involved.

ANNUAL GAA QUIZ

The Annual GAA Quiz will be held in Kate Kearney's Cottage on Monday, December, 29th at 7.30pm.

Tables cost E40 per table of 4 and Juvenile tables U16 will cost E20. Raffle also on the night.



Beaufort GAA Tráth na gCeist Munster Winner 2025. on Sunday 30th Halla na Féile, Cashel Fionán O'Sullivan, Cormac O'Sullivan, Darragh Doyle and Calum Galvin, representing Beaufort GAA Club were crowned Tráth na gCeist Munster Winner 2025 on Sunday 30th Halla na Féile, Cashel



MUNSTER CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to Glenflesk Scór na nÓg ballad group who were successful in the Munster Final in Cashel at the weekend

GAA Legends and staff of Sliabh Luachra Veterinary Centre. Left: Sarah Murphy, Shane Ryan, Paul Murphy, Seamus Moynihan, Breeda O'Donoghue, Donal Murphy Propieter, Margaret Sheahan, Jarlath Sutton, Marian O'Connell, Seanie O'Shea and Danielle O'Leary.





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RATHMORE | GNEEVEGUILLA PARISH

By Michael O' Mahony

**CHURCH CEREMONY**  
In the Church of the Holy Rosary, Gneeveguilla, the Divine Mercy will take place at 3pm on Friday, December 5th. The Five First Saturdays devotion follows on Saturday, December 6th at 9.15am, while the Holy Rosary continues every Wednesday at 8pm. All ceremonies will be livestreamed.

**COLLECTION**  
The annual Diocesan Collection for Youth Services will be taken up this weekend, December 6th and 7th. Donations may also be made online via the parish website or handed into the Parish Office.

**EVENING OF PRAYER**  
A Medjugorje Evening of Prayer will be held on Sunday, December 7th, in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Currow. The programme includes Anointing of the Sick at 4pm, Confessions from 4.30 to 5.45pm, the Rosary at 5pm, and Mass at 6pm, followed by Adoration from 7 to 8pm and tea in the School Hall. Parking is available at the church and school.

**GARDA TEXT ALERT**  
Those wishing to join the Millstreet/Rathmore Garda Text Alert or Gneeveguilla Community Alert can register locally by providing their name, phone number and €10.

**SYMPATHY**  
Sympathy is extended to Margaret Foley and family, School Place, on the death of her brother, Tom Palmer, Kenmare, who was laid to rest in Bonane. Sympathy is also offered to Bernie Fitzgerald, Nohoval, Tadgh and family on the death of her mother, Chrissie Angland, Newmarket. May they rest in peace.

**FUNDING**  
Rathmore GAA has received €65,000 from CLÁR Funding for carpark upgrades, welcomed by local representatives.

**SHARETHE BUCKET**  
The weekly Share the Bucket draw continues every Friday at 8.30pm in

Teach Fáilte, with the latest jackpot winner receiving €204. Tickets are available locally and online, with all proceeds supporting the proposed community facility.

**O DONOGHUE CUP FINAL**  
In sport, Rathmore were narrowly defeated by Dr. Crokes after extra time in the East Kerry O'Donoghue Cup Final, with a final score of 0-16 to 1-15.

**DANCING**  
Sunday Afternoon Dancing continues at St. Mary's Parish Hall, Killarney, on December 7th from 3pm to 5pm, featuring music by Jerome Coakley and PJ Murrihy. Admission is €10 with a free door prize draw.

**CONCERT**  
Tureencahill Community Centre hosts a Christmas Concert with The Hacksaw Keili Band on Sunday, December 28th at 8pm. Tickets are €20.

**VINCENT DE PAUL**  
Rathmore St. Vincent de Paul invites support for its annual fundraisers. Donations can be made online, via QR code, or directly to their Credit Union and AIB accounts. The annual Food Appeal begins across local schools on December 1st, helping to provide Christmas hampers for families in need. Street collections will take place on December 12th and 13th, with the annual Church Gate Collection the same weekend.

**MINDFUL MORNING**  
Yoga Le Chéile & Yoga Together will hold a "Mindful Morning" in support of those on the cancer journey on December 16th from 10am to 12pm in Teach Iosagain, with spot prizes and optional donations.

**CHRISTMAS MARKET**  
Teach Iosagain will also host a Christmas Market on December 7th from 12pm to 4pm, including a visit to Santa (booking essential) and a range of festive stalls.

**NOTES**  
Anyone wishing to submit community notices may contact Michael O'Mahony at momahony14@gmail.com or 087-6676817 before 6pm.

LISTRY PARISH

Written by: Colette Leslie

**LOTTO**  
Jackpot €13,600. Numbers Drawn 07, 12, 22, 25. Not Won. €100 Denis Griffin, Lissivane West. €50 Shari Murphy, Ballymalis. €50 Gerard O Sullivan. €25 Sharon McCarthy, Ballyhar. €25 Suzanne Scannell, Killorglin. Jackpot Next Week 07/12/2025 €13,750

**SENIORS**  
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Our Coiste na nÓg wrapped up their season in style on Sunday morning

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**U16S ADVANCE TO COUNTY DIVISION 1 FINAL**  
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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.

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## KILCUMMIN PARISH

Written by: Helen Moynihan

### SAVE THE DATE

Annual Pink Night Fundraiser for "Comfort for Chemo" will take place on Saturday, 3rd January 2026 in the Klub Bar at 8pm. Everyone welcome, more details to follow.

### NOTICE

Items for inclusion in our Christmas edition of the weekly newsletter should be emailed to [info@kilcumminparish.com](mailto:info@kilcumminparish.com) or dropped into the Rural Development Office by Thursday 18th December.

### KILCUMMIN GAA NOTES BY DONAL BARRY

#### AGM

Maria Murphy is the new Chairperson of Kilcummin GAA following last night's AGM which was held in front of a full hall at Kilcummin GAA club. Murphy who replaced Ciara Kelly said that she was "truly humbled and privileged with the trust that was bestowed upon her. I undertake this role with a sense of duty and pride, and with the greatest respect for the legacy of those who have served before me". Murphy paid tribute to both Ciara Kelly and Nessa McCarthy who both ended their terms as chairperson and secretary respectively.

"I would like to express a profound thank you to both Ciara and Nessa for their leadership, professionalism and tireless commitment. Together they have guided the club with integrity and care, ensuring that our club and community flourished under their tenure."

Replacing Nessa McCarthy is Grainne Lenihan who is now the new secretary of Kilcummin GAA.

Meanwhile Jonathan Curran is the clubs new Coaching Officer while all the remainder of the Executive remain in situ for 2026. There was several presentations made to both Ciara and Nessa as a mark of their incredible commitment and dedication to the club during their tenures.

The Elected Executive in full:

Chairperson: Maria Murphy, Vice Chairperson: Niamh Dwyer, Secretary: Grainne Lenihan, Assistant Secretary: Julieann Lane, Treasurers: Siobhán Brosnan and Marcella Doyle, PRO: Donal Barry, Registrar: John Purcell, East Kerry Board Delegates: John Lenihan and Christy O Leary, County Board Delegate: Tim Ryan, Scor Officer: Marie O Leary, Oifigeach na Gaeilge: Paddy O Sullivan, Coaching Officer: Jonathan Curran.

#### UNDER 16'S

Our Under 16 County League Division 1 semi-final against Na Gaeil was postponed on Sunday. The game will now take place this Sunday with a time and venue TBC.

#### SANTA VISIT

There was great excitement on Sunday last as Santa Claus took time out from his very busy schedule to drop into the club to meet with the boys

and girls. There were plenty lists updated on the day and Santa revised many a plan for parents. Each family received a family photo and own personal video of the occasion along with a few surprises ahead of the big visit on Christmas Eve.

#### JUVENILE CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Sunday was a busy day in the club as our Juvenile awards and medal presentation was held in the club. The Annual event has become a favourite with the players who get the chance to meet up with a few teams receiving their medals for their teams' achievements during the year. Among the winners were our very successful under 12 team, under 14 team, Feile team and our under 16B team who achieved successes during a long year.

#### EAST KERRY FINAL

Well done to our under 12 boys' team who played at half time during last Sundays O'Donoghue Cup final to mark the 100 years of the East Kerry board. Kilcummin won the first senior league competition in 1925 and to mark that occasion the under 12 boys of Kilcummin and Laune Rangers (who were their opponents in 1925) played an exhibition match.

#### CHURCH GATE COLLECTION

The Kilcummin LGFA Church gate collection took place last weekend and we'd like to thank all those who gave so generously.

#### CONDOLENCES

The Club would like to offer its sincere condolences to Barry Breda, Noel and Siobhan Duggan and the extended Duggan family on the passing of Barry's mother Maureen. May she rest in peace.

#### LOTTO

There was no winner of our lotto on Monday 01st December for the Jackpot of €5,250. Numbers drawn were 01,12,13,14. Consolation prizes of €50 went Jack Slattery, Donal Maher, Nathan & Callum McCarthy, Paul O'Shea. Our next draw will be on Monday 15th December for Jackpot of €5,500.

#### GYM MEMBERSHIP

Membership to Kilcummin Fitness Centre is available from now until the end of 2026 for €250. You can contact John on 087 6168449 or call into Shane O Sullivan at the gym to join.

#### MASTERGEEHA FC

#### LOTTO

There was no winner of our lotto on Friday, 28th November for the Jackpot of €2,600. Numbers drawn were 04,15,20,27. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Joanne Looney, Gneeveguilla; Paudie Cahill, Knocklebede; Helen Fitzgerald c/o John Lenihan; Tony Cahill. Our next draw will be on Friday 5th December for Jackpot of €2,800.



Killeentierna Youth Club Members at their National Youth Night Disco in the Killeentierna Community Centre, Currow  
L/r: Darragh McGillicuddy, Hannah O'Rahilly, Frank Salmon, Michella Murphy



Killeentierna Youth Club Members at their National Youth Night Disco in the Killeentierna Community Centre Currow.  
L/r: Isac Delee O'Sullivan, Rahan Jibi, Jay Barrett, Gearoid Fleming, Diarmuid Riordan, Adrian Wharton.



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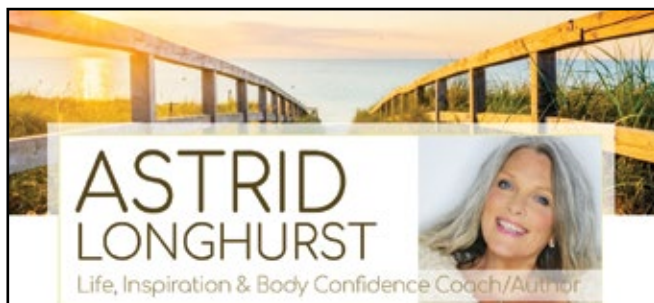


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December often arrives with a flurry of commitments—festive events, end-of-year deadlines, and family responsibilities. Yet it's also the perfect month to slow down and rest. One of the simplest ways to relax more in December is to create intentional pauses in your schedule. Blocking out an evening each week for quiet time, whether for reading, journaling, or simply sitting with a warm drink, helps counterbalance the busyness of the season.

Prioritizing sleep is also essential. Shorter days can actually encourage healthier routines—embrace earlier nights, reduce late-night scrolling, and create a cozy bedtime ritual with soft lighting or calming music. Social boundaries are equally important. Saying “no” to non-essential gatherings protects your energy and allows you to enjoy the events you do choose more fully. Small acts of comfort—lighting a candle, tidying a room, or cooking something warm—can also transform your environment into a restful retreat.

#### Coaching Tip:

Choose one rest-focused habit—like a weekly quiet evening or a nightly wind-down routine—and commit to it for the entire month. Consistency, not perfection, is what creates lasting calm.

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mascara and oil-based products, as these can weaken the lift. Chemical treatments can also leave lashes a little dry, so support them with a conditioning serum such as Yumi or Navy Nourishing Mascara to strengthen, hydrate and encourage healthy growth.

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**Improved Blood Sugar Control:** Physical activity increases insulin sensitivity, helping to prevent or manage type 2 diabetes. A balanced diet rich in fibre, lean proteins, and healthy fats supports stable blood glucose levels.

**Joint and Musculoskeletal Benefits:** Exercise strengthens muscles around joints, providing better support and reducing pain associated with osteoarthritis. A healthy diet supports tissue repair and reduces inflammation.

**Better Sleep and Respiratory Function:** Regular physical activity can improve sleep quality and reduce sleep apnea symptoms. A healthy diet prevents excess weight gain that exacerbates respiratory issues.

**Mental and Emotional Well-being:** Exercise releases endorphins, which can reduce depression and anxiety. A nutritious diet supports brain health and mood stability.

**Weight Loss and Maintenance:** Combining calorie-burning physical activity with a nutrient-dense diet creates a caloric deficit, essential for weight loss. It also helps in maintaining weight loss long-term.

**Increased Energy and Mobility:** Regular activity boosts energy levels and improves mobility, making daily tasks easier and encouraging continued physical activity.

**Reduced Risk of Chronic Diseases:** Consistent exercise and healthy eating lower the risk of numerous chronic conditions, including certain cancers, metabolic syndrome, and osteoporosis.

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### WHAT IS DRY EYE?

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If your eyelids are sore and red, you may also have another condition called blepharitis. Blepharitis is a condition that affects the eyelids making them sore and inflamed. If the eyelid glands become blocked, you may have a condition called meibomian gland dysfunction. It is quite common to have a combination of these conditions.

Dry eye doesn't tend to cause serious damage to the eyes, but it can be very uncomfortable. Severe cases do have a risk of causing long-term damage, but fortunately these are rare.

### Risk factors

Dry eye is much more common in people over the age of 50. This is often because the glands that make the normal tears, and particularly the oily part of the tears, tend to become less effective as you get older. Also the tears tend to spread across the eye less well with age.

Some general health conditions can cause dry eye as a side effect, such as autoimmune diseases and hormonal changes. The condition is also more common in windy, cold, dry and dusty conditions.

If you're concentrating on your computer or smartphone for long periods of time without a break, this may also make your eyes feel dry.

Air conditioning and central heating can make dry eye worse too, as can some medications and general health problems.

Smoking has also been linked to dry eye as it may both cause the condition and make it worse.

### Symptoms

People with dry eye may get some or all of the following symptoms.

- A sandy or gritty feeling
  - Sore eyes
  - Uncomfortable and sometimes painful eyes
  - An itching or burning sensation
  - Short-term blurred vision
- Watery eyes, as if you are crying (having watery eyes can mean you are producing poor-quality tears and actually have dry eyes)

### TREATMENT

Most cases of dry eye tend to be a long-term condition, meaning that you'll need ongoing treatment.

There are lots of different types of drops and gels that can help your eyes feel more comfortable. The best ones don't have preservatives in them, or if they do they contain very gentle preservatives, which helps to reduce irritation. They may also contain an ingredient called sodium hyaluronate, known to be very effective in treating the condition.

It's important to use the correct type of drops. The wrong drops are unlikely to cause any harm, but they won't help as much. If your drops aren't working or you're not sure which drops to use, you're a sight test can help determine the best treatment options.

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# Healy-Rae’s welcome funding increase for rural wastewater projects, including additional investment for Beaufort

Minister Michael Healy-Rae and Deputy Danny Healy-Rae have today welcomed the announcement by Minister for Housing James Browne TD of an additional €14.3 million in Government funding for rural wastewater projects under Measure A8 of the Multi-annual Rural Water Programme including increased funding for the long-awaited wastewater scheme in Beaufort, County Kerry.

Under today’s approval, the Beaufort project will now receive €7 million, an increase from the originally allocated €6.7 million. This will allow the scheme to move forward to delivery, ensuring the community finally receives the modern wastewater infrastructure it urgently needs.

Minister Michael Healy-Rae said:

“This is a hugely important step forward for Beaufort. For far too long, this community has been held back by the lack of proper wastewater services. Today’s announcement gives the green light for this project to

proceed, and I want to acknowledge the work of Kerry County Council and Uisce Éireann in reassessing the costs and getting us to this stage. I will continue pressing to ensure the project is delivered without delay.”

Deputy Danny Healy-Rae added:

“Beaufort has waited long enough. This investment is essential for public health, the environment and for the future development of the village. We welcome the Government’s uplift in funding and we will keep working to ensure the people of Beaufort see shovels in the ground as soon as possible.”

Minister Michael Healy-Rae concluded:

“This is about fairness for rural communities. Projects like Beaufort are vital to allowing villages grow sustainably, improve water quality and support new housing. Today’s announcement is a positive milestone for Kerry and for every area included in this programme.”

# Cahill Welcomes Major Housing Progress Across Killarney and Killorglin

Fianna Fáil TD for Kerry, Michael Cahill, has welcomed the significant progress being made on major housing projects in both Killarney and Killorglin, describing the developments as “hugely important for the future of Kerry”. He also said that the scale of demand highlights the need for more social and affordable homes across all parts of Kerry, particularly Killarney, Mid Kerry and South Kerry.

**KILLARNEY: 249 Homes Underway at Cronin’s Wood & Major Active Travel Project on Park Road**

**249-House Development at Cronin’s Wood**

Just 1.8km from Killarney town centre, construction is progressing on a 249-unit residential development consisting of 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5-bed homes. “These houses and apartments are enormously welcome news for Killarney, East Kerry and indeed all of County Kerry,” Deputy Cahill added. “They are badly needed given the high

numbers awaiting housing locally.”

He paid tribute to Kerry County Council staff, elected councillors and contractors KPH for “their fine efforts in getting this development delivered”.

The development also includes:

- A purpose-built childcare facility (417 sq. m)
- 510 residential parking spaces
- 18 creche parking spaces

**KILLORGLIN: 94 New Homes at Banshagh**

Deputy Cahill also highlighted the significant delivery of homes at Banshagh, east of Killorglin on the Tralee Road, where 94 housing units are being constructed “Twenty-six units have already been completed, and another 24 will be ready for occupation this month,” he confirmed. “The remaining 44 will be delivered between March and August next year.”

However, Deputy Cahill concluded by saying we must do more for the



squeezed middle. “There are young couples out there with decent jobs who are above the social housing threshold but simply cannot afford the price of a house in today’s market. Kerry County Council must expedite the delivery of an affordable housing scheme. I was delighted to be informed by my son Councillor Tommy Cahill, Chair of the Housing SPC, that at the December Housing SPC

meeting an Affordable Housing scheme is finally being looked at and expressions of interest will be sought. This is not before time and I want to pay tribute to Niamh O’Sullivan, Housing Director and Ger O’Brien, Senior Housing Executive for the work they and their teams are doing to bring this forward to the housing SPC. This is a prime example of how effective and efficient SPC’s can be.”

# Permanent Oncology & Haematology UHK

An update received from the Minister for Health on the latest position regarding the provision of a Permanent Oncology and Haematology Unit at University Hospital Kerry, states that “University Hospital Kerry and HSE Capital and Estates are prioritising the preparation of the capital submission for the proposed Oncology day treatment ward and outpatients unit at University Hospital Kerry.”

Fianna Fáil TD, Michael Cahill raised the issue in Dáil Éireann with Minister Jennifer Carroll Mac Neill TD recently as cancer patient numbers in Kerry are continuing to grow with many needing to travel from all over Kerry to hospitals in Cork and elsewhere daily for treatment.

“We all know of family members and friends who are quietly travelling the daily round trip to Cork University Hospital, Bon Secours and South Infirmary Victoria Hospital in Cork for intensive treatments. The travelling involved is an extra burden on them of course. A permanent Oncology

Unit in Tralee with increased capacity, would go some way to alleviating some of the pressure and stress for some patients” stated Deputy Cahill, a member of the Joint Health Oireachtas Committee.

“The present Interim Oncology unit was completed at UHK in 2024 at a cost of €2.44m, which includes 14 day treatment cubicles, is praised by those who need to use it. But all involved accept that the Permanent Oncology Unit, with increased capacity is required, with over 5,000 patients treated in University Hospital Kerry last year. I will continue to press for its progression” said Deputy Cahill.

“The Minister confirmed that the prioritisation of the capital list will be a matter for the HSE Regional Executive Office and the Regional Director for Planning and I will continue to call for support for this project, in order to get it across the line” added Michael Cahill TD.





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Dennehy's Bar, Rathmore  
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**3rd Friday**

7.30 PM  
8.00 PM  
8.15 PM  
9.00 PM  
9.30 PM

**Castleisland Area**

River Island Hotel, Castleisland  
The Kingdom Bar, Castleisland  
The Crown Hotel, Castleisland  
Hughes Bar, Cordal  
Lyon's Bar, Scartaglen

**1st Wednesday**

8.00 PM  
8.30 PM  
9.00 PM  
9.30 PM

**Killarney Area**

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**4th Thursday**

7:00 PM  
7.30 PM  
8.15 PM  
8.45 PM  
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9.45 PM

**Killorglin Area**

Golden Nugget, Fossa  
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O'Grady's Bar, Killorglin  
Larkin's Bar, Milltown  
Griffins Bar, Castlemaine  
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**1st Thursday**

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9.00 PM  
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10:00 PM

**Glenflesk & Barraduff**

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Murphy's Bar, Barraduff  
Sweeney's Bar, Barraduff

**4th Friday**

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9.30 PM  
10.00 PM  
10.45 PM

**Kenmare & Sneem Area**

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**1st Friday**

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**Last Monday**

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**3rd Monday**

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# Cahill welcomes major national investment but calls for urgent, strategic respite expansion in Kerry

Fianna Fáil TD for Kerry, Michael Cahill, welcomes major national investment but calls for urgent, strategic respite expansion in Kerry. Fianna Fáil TD for Kerry, Michael Cahill, has warmly welcomed the publication of Minister for Children, Disability and Equality Norma Foley's NDP Sectoral Capital Plan 2026–2030, which delivers €795 million in capital investment over the next five years. Deputy Cahill said he is particularly delighted to see significant increases in funding across key areas, including:

- €278 million for Specialist Disability Infrastructure – doubling current capital investment
- €188 million for Child Protection and Tusla
- €188 million for Early Learning and Care

"These are major and very welcome national investments," Deputy Cahill said. "The doubling of disability infrastructure funding is especially

important, as it will support new residential homes, respite facilities, day services and multi-disciplinary units. This is the type of long-term planning and resourcing families have been calling for."

However, Deputy Cahill stressed that Kerry must see targeted, strategic investment in respite and adult day services, noting that many families are under severe strain. "I want to be absolutely clear: while this national announcement is extremely positive, parents and carers in Kerry are at the end of their tether due to the lack of adequate respite services. We urgently need dedicated capital investment for respite and adult day care services in all parts of the county. I have raised this repeatedly in the Dáil and I will continue to stand firmly with families who need these supports."

Deputy Cahill acknowledged the dedicated work underway in St Mary's of the Angels

and Cúnamh, two vital services in the county, but emphasised that both require expanded capacity and additional resources to meet growing demand. "St Mary's of the Angels and Cúnamh are doing exceptional work for children and adults with disabilities, and they are deeply valued in our communities," he said. "But they need to be supported to grow. Kerry families need more respite beds, more day service places, and modern, fit-for-purpose facilities. I will continue working with Minister Foley and Minister Emer Higgins to ensure Kerry gets its fair share of this investment."

Deputy Cahill said he would be engaging directly with the Department and the HSE to ensure that the new national funding translates into visible, tangible improvements for families in Kerry.

## Healy-Raes Welcome €650,000+ in CLÁR Funding for 10 Kerry Community Projects

Minister of State Michael Healy-Rae TD and Deputy Danny Healy-Rae TD have today warmly welcomed a major funding boost for County Kerry under the 2025 CLÁR Programme, announced by Minister Dara Calleary TD. Kerry will receive over €650,000 across 10 community projects, supporting schools, sports clubs, community groups and Kerry County Council to upgrade facilities, improve amenities and deliver new recreational infrastructure across the county. Minister Healy-Rae said:

"Today's announcement is another strong vote of confidence in rural Kerry. The CLÁR programme continues to deliver real, tangible improvements for our schools, clubs and communities. I'm delighted to see such a strong spread of projects funded right across the county – from Ballybunion to Tarbert and from Dingle to Sneem. These are exactly the types of investments that keep rural communities alive and thriving."

Deputy Danny Healy-Rae added:

"We fight every single day to ensure Kerry gets its fair share, and today's news shows that this work is paying off. These projects including walkways, sensory gardens, outdoor gyms, improved facilities and upgrades, mean better amenities for young people, families, the elderly and visitors alike. This is what rural support looks like in practice, and we welcome every euro coming into our communities."

### LOCAL PROJECTS FUNDED UNDER CLÁR 2025

- Listry/Faha – Listry GAA Club
  - \* Cover for outdoor seating area. Funding: €50,040
- Rathmore – Rathmore GAA
  - \* Upgrade works to carpark. Funding: €65,000

## Call for Blister Packs Charges to be covered by Government



There can be dangerous outcomes for people taking numerous medications daily, because of the confusion that can arise between the different tablets, the numbers of them prescribed and at which time of the day each should be taken and older people especially and their Carers are more vulnerable than most to this, according to the Fianna Fáil Spokesperson on Older People and Tourism, Michael Cahill TD.

The Kerry Dáil Deputy is anxious that our Health Service Executive (HSE) and the Department for Health would liaise with representatives of Irish Pharmacists to put a system in place where our older citizens can avail of this service at no charge.

"People of any age can be confused by the sheer numbers of pills prescribed and there is a severe danger of harm involved if somebody forgets to take their medication or takes too many. There is a Blister Pack service available in most pharmacies, where the medications are issued in separate daily doses as prescribed, making it easier to keep track of what has or has not been taken" stated Deputy Cahill.

"Some Pharmacies need to charge for the service, as not all are equipped with automated prescribing systems and it would be a shame if every older patient could not avail of it due to the cost. I have been contacted by constituents from all corners of the county, from West Kerry, Castleisland, Kenmare, Killorglin, Waterville, Tralee, Killarney and East Kerry and so on, in regards to this matter. Many have confirmed to both my Secretary and I that they are now being charged €30 per month for this service and I am calling on the Minister for Health, Jennifer Carroll MacNeill to put the wheels in motion to deliver this excellent service free of charge to patients, especially our older citizens" added Michael Cahill TD.



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## MUCKROSS ROWING CLUB

### MUCKROSS HOR

This Saturday, December 6th, the club is due to decamp from the lakeshore in Killarney to the National Rowing Centre in Farran, Cork for the staging of the Muckross Head Of the River time trial event. At the time of writing, the weather forecast is unfortunately leaving the club in some doubt as to whether or not the event can proceed as the unsettled conditions threaten us with high winds. Should the weather turn in our favour, we look forward to a great day at the NRC. The event has attracted a very large entry of crews with 668 crews from 34 rowing clubs due to compete in the 3km time trial. Over 70 categories from Junior 14 to Masters are set to be contested. Our thanks to everyone who has volunteered their time, support and sponsorship for the event.

### CHRISTMAS QUIZ

With December upon us, we are pleased to announce that our Christmas Table Quiz fundraiser is back following the success of last year's event. Gather friends and family for a festive night of fun and trivia. The quiz will take place in Colgans Bar, Muckross Park Hotel on Monday 29th December 2025 at 7pm. Save the date! Further details will be available on the club's social media.

## KILLARNEY JUDO CLUB

### KILLARNEY JUDO STANDS OUT AT MUNSTER OPEN

Killarney Judo Club made a major impact at this years Munster Open on November 30th, as 21 local judoka took to the mats at Cork City Judo Club. The event was overseen by Killarneys own Tim Kelly, who served as Tournament Director and helped welcome an impressive 240 competitors from across Ireland and the UK. Energy was high throughout the day, with more than 500 contests unfolding across the venue. Killarney members were out in force both on and off the mats, lending a hand to keep the event running smoothly. A special nod goes to the clubs youngest trainee referees, Patrik Polubnak and James Maher, who confidently officiated several under 12 matches, an exciting



milestone in their judo journey.

"Our players have put in tremendous effort over the last few weeks, and their results today really show it," said coach Tim Kelly. "I would especially like to congratulate Cliona Hegarty and Carolina Kelly who won Gold both today and at the West of Ireland earlier this month" Killarney returned home with its biggest medal haul to date: a remarkable 9 gold, 8 silver and 5 bronze medals. For four club members, it was their very first competition, an unforgettable introduction to the sport at this level. With spirits high, the club now sets its sights on the All Irelands in Dublin on December 13th. New members are always welcome; anyone interested in giving judo a try can contact Tim at 086 260 1591.

## KILLARNEY VALLEY ATHLETIC CLUB

Congratulations to Club Juvenile Coach Karen Smith who completed her first marathon in sunny Alicante this weekend well within her goal time. Our "Streets of Killarney 5-Mile Road Race" on Good Friday 3rd April 2026 was launched this week to a great response. This will be the third year we have run this event and we've had very positive feedback so far on a popular route that takes in the Killarney National Park along

with the novelty of running through the centre of town. To reserve your ticket go to <https://eventmaster.ie/event/EWvBi4EF74> and see <https://killarneyvalleyac.ie/streets-of-killarney-5mile-good-friday-road-race/> for further details of the race.

Our Couch to 5K program for 2026 has been launched and is now available to book online on our website [www.killarneyvalleyac.ie](http://www.killarneyvalleyac.ie). It will start on 13th January twice per week for 8 weeks (Tuesday and Thursday at 7.15pm). The goal is for all to be able to complete the Killarney Parkrun on Saturday 7th March 2026 in a fun non-competitive environment. Please email the club on [killarneyvalleyac@gmail.com](mailto:killarneyvalleyac@gmail.com) if you would like to join the club.

## FOSSA BRIDGE CLUB

### RESULTS FOR THE 27TH NOVEMBER

N/S

1st: Marie Moloney & Joan Lenihan

2nd: Mary Rose Felle & Mary Shanahan  
E/W

1st: Kathleen Coen & Hazel O Connell

2nd: Don O Sullivan & Hannike Nieman  
Congratulations, well done.

**REMINDER:** next Thursday 11th December is our Christmas Competition, hope to see you all there.

**BRIDGE CONTINUES** every Thursday morning at 10am at The Castlerosse Hotel.



Well done to all from Killarney Badminton Club at recent paddy Drummond tournament in Tralee. A special congratulations to our prize winners Will, Asif, Kieran, Elaine and Caroline.



Well done to Leo Meade (Killarney Badminton Club) who was runner up in U15 s boys doubles



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## KILLARNEY SWIMMING CLUB

Killarney Swimming Club attended the Future Challenger Gala in Douglas on Sunday, hosted by Sundays Well Swimming Club and Munster Swimming.

Eighteen swimmers competed throughout the day, achieving personal bests and medals.

Congratulations to Reece O'Donoghue 1st 50 Free and 2nd 200IM; Dearbhla Kiely 2nd 50 Free; Aideen Casey 2nd 100 Free; Juan Avila 3rd 200 Free; Daniel Cremin 3rd 50 Breast.

## KERRY BADMINTON

### SECONDARY SCHOOLS COMPETITION

All had a great day of badminton and fun at Killarney sports and leisure centre.

Well done to all the girls especially to all our new girls who tried it out today.

Well done to Suzanne McCarthy and team who ran the event so well.



Group Image of swimmers at Gus Healy Swimming Pool in Douglas, Cork.



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St Bridgids u19 girls

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# Strong Turnout as Newmarket Motors Hosts XPENG Launch Event Featuring Ireland's Leading EV Expert, Derek Reilly

Newmarket Motors welcomed customers, local businesses, community partners and EV enthusiasts last night to the official launch of XPENG, the premium electric-vehicle brand now available at the Cork dealership - the first XPENG dealer outside of Dublin.

The event, held at XPENG Newmarket Cork's Main Street showroom, featured a special appearance by Derek Reilly - Ireland's leading voice on electric vehicles and founder of NEVO, the country's No.1 EV YouTube channel - who delivered an engaging presentation on the future of electric mobility.

This was followed by a lively Q&A session (hosted brilliantly by local Newmarket MC Donal O'Sullivan), where guests asked practical questions of Derek and fellow guest, Jack Walsh from ePower, about charging infrastructure, running costs, government grants and the realities of switching to electric in Munster.

Highlights of the evening included the unveiling of the all new XPENG G6 Coupe, which features upgraded interiors and significant performance improvements (84 feature changes in total). In addition, the event also featured a special community moment in which Newmarket

Motors presented Newmarket XPENG-sponsored jerseys to Newmarket GAA, reflecting the dealership's ongoing support for local groups and organisations.

Speaking at the event, Newmarket Motors Dealer Principal Annette Browne described the launch as a significant moment for the business, saying: "Bringing XPENG to Newmarket is a milestone for our dealership. Our customers expect choice, innovation, quality and value, and XPENG delivers on them all. We were thrilled to welcome Derek Reilly to share his insights with our guests - there is huge interest across Cork and Munster in understanding what the transition to electric really means for everyday drivers."

She added: "Community has always been at the heart of Newmarket Motors, so it was a pleasure to celebrate this launch alongside our customers, neighbours and partners, and to support Newmarket GAA with the presentation of their new XPENG-sponsored jerseys. I also want to highlight the contribution of our local newmarket MC, Donal O'Sullivan, who played a blinder at the event."

XPENG, launched in Ireland earlier this year,

brings advanced software, premium design and exceptional driving technology to the Irish EV market. The XPENG G6, an all-electric, ultra-smart 4-door coupé SUV, is the first model available through Newmarket Motors and has already attracted strong interest thanks to its stand-out styling, intelligent features and highly competitive pricing.

The XPENG launch follows a period of significant growth and investment for Newmarket Motors. Earlier this autumn, the dealership was appointed as a main dealer for Mercedes-Benz Light Commercial Vehicles, adding one of the world's most respected commercial brands to its portfolio, which now includes XPENG, Volkswagen passenger cars and Volkswagen Light commercial vehicles.

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## ROSS GOLF CLUB - MENS

**ON SATURDAY 29TH AND SUNDAY 30TH WE HELD A CLUB SPONSORED STABLEFORD COMPETITION.**

The winners were :-

- 1st: Donie Broderick, 39 (13)
- 2nd: Shane Bunyan, 35 (11)
- 3rd: Michael O'Keeffe, 35 (10)
- 4th: Donald McSweeney, 35 (8)

**ON THURSDAY 27TH OUR SENIORS HELD A 10 HOLE STABLEFORD COMPETITION.**

The winners were :-

- 1st: Sean Hickey 18pts.
- 2nd: Seamus McCarthy 16 pts.
- 3rd: Dan O Connor 1 pts.

### SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to the family of the late Michael Hurley R.I.P on his recent death, a former employee at the Ross GC.

## KILLARNEY GOLF & FISHING CLUB - LADIES

**30TH NOVEMBER 2025 - 18 & 13 HOLE SINGLE STABLEFORD (CLUB SPONSORED)**

Overall, Winner: Anita O'Sullivan (31) 39 points  
 Division 1 Winner (HI up to 13.2): Elizabeth O'Farrell (11) 35 points  
 Division 2 Winner (HI 13.3 to 18.4): Ann Stuart (16) 36 Points  
 Division 3 Winner (HI 18.5 upwards): Louise Langan (20) 35 points  
 13 Hole Competition Winner: Lorna O'Leary (18) 23 points

### NEXT FIXTURE

Dec 7th on Killeen Course (Club Sponsored) 11 Hole Stableford Three Clubs plus Putter

## ROSS LADIES GOLF CLUB

**RESULTS SATURDAY 22ND NOVEMBER 3 CLUB STABLEFORD**

- 1st: Dora Campbell,
- 2nd: Maureen Beecher Crowley
- 3rd: Helen Moylan

**RESULTS SATURDAY 29TH NOVEMBER FOR SCRAMBLE**

- 1st: Mona Looney, Kathleen Fitzgerald & Elaine Casey
- 2nd: Betty O'Farrell, Dora Campbell & Sheila O'Mahony

### CONGRATULATIONS

Huge congratulations to Captain Elaine Casey's HOLE in ONE on the 6th hole on Saturday last. Well done Captain Elaine. Also thanks to all who attended the AGM and played in the scramble.

### COMPETITIONS

6th December 9 & 18 hole single Stableford competition. Booking through the BRS.

### WEDNESDAY MORNINGS MEET & PLAY

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## KILLARNEY GOLF & FISHING CLUB - MEN'S RESULTS

**FOURBALL BETTERBALL PLAYED ON KILLEEN; SATURDAY 8TH & SUNDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2025**

- 1st: Darragh Kennedy & Eugene Kennedy 47 points
- 2nd: Anthony O'Carroll & Patrick D Buckley 47 points
- Best Gross: Alan Mac Sweeney & John Kerrisk 63
- 3rd: Maurice McCarthy & Michael Crowley 46
- 4th: Dan Joe Cahill & Paul Corridon 45 points
- 5th: John O'Shea & Bernard O'Shea 45 points
- 6th: Eugene O'Sullivan & Donal Cronin 45 points

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Jack Frost paid a visit this morning as we had a 30-minute delay to the start of Round 4 of the Christmas Turkeys (sponsored by Tim Jones Butchers) but the scoring was not affected in any way! Two Ball Scramble-First Nett: Alan O'Sullivan & Dan Kiely 31½, Gross: Ger Casey & Sean Ashe 46, Second Nett: Niall O'Loughlin & Dan Kiely 34½ and Hole-In-One: Paddy Murphy (6th Hole).

### MURPHY'S GET TOGETHER

Our annual end of year get together in Murphy's Bar takes place on Friday December 12th. Prizes to be presented on night include: Club Strokeplay, Club Matchplay, Christmas Hamper (Adult), Player of the Year and Club Person of the Year will also be announced on night. Looking forward to seeing everyone next week.

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Man Of the Match Ryan Carey receiving award from Dan O'Sullivan.



Listry Captain Aaron O'Shea accepts trophy from Killarney Carpet and Furniture Centre's Adrian O'Sullivan.

## Listry 2-23 | Glenflesk 2-13

A blast of points soon after half time was crucial in Listry winning the 2025 O'Sullivan Cup Final, with a 10 point win over Glenflesk with their full forward line of Cathal and Pdraig O Donoghue and James Clifford doing a lot of the damage. Clifford gave Listry the lead with a first minute point. Glenflesk then responded with 2 Points from Jeff O Donoghue and 1 from Tommy Bowler. Another O Donoghue score this time a 2 pointer put Glenflesk 6 – 3 up after 17 minutes. Listry were looking dangerous when they attacked though, and there first goal arrived from marauding wing back Ryan Carey. His run wasn't tracked by any Glenflesk man and he passed the ball to the corner of the net. Within a couple of minutes Glenflesk has got a goal of their own. Dara O'Connor finishing off a well worked move, with a fine left foot shot.

Killian O'Sullivan added a great point soon after. Listry though struck back again, opening up the Glenflesk defense for Clifford to find the net. Glenflesk with a 1-08 to 2-04 half time lead, not a great one considering how much procession they had.

2 early Listry scores to start the second half from Cathal O'Donoghue put them back in front. Glenflesk replied with 2 of their own, Callum Cronin with the second 1 as they went back ahead. It was here that Listry took over. A blast of 2 pointers from Pdraig O'Donoghue Aaron O'Shea set them on a run of 11 points without reply as they completely dominated procession. Down the other end, a fine save from Tom O'Dowd denied O'Donoghue a goal. Killian O Sullivan eventually found the net with a low shot, but another 2 point free from O Shea saw Listry winners for the first time since 2008. A deserved victory with man of the match Ryan

Carey outstanding, Captain O'Shea leading well and the aforementioned full forward line in great form. Just a fortnight after winning the Fr Galvin Cup, Listry are once again celebrating silverware.

**Glenflesk 1. Jack O Donoghue. 2. Liam Warren. 3. Joe Rudden. 4. Sean Guerin. 5. Darragh McCormick. 6. Killian O Sullivan. 7. Michael Mullane. 8. Dara O Connor. 9. Tommy Bowler. 10. Callum Cronin. 11. Kevin Bowr. 12. Danny Lucey. 13. Gearoid Healy. 14 Jeff O Donoghue. 25. Peter Cronin.**

**21. Tadgh Herlihy. 24. Ivan Crowley. 26. Colm Tobin.**

**Listry. 1. Tom O Dowd. 2. Cian Fleming. 3. Paidi Lehane 4. Daniel Evans. 5. Cain Bradley. 6. Michael Keane. 7. Ryan Carey. 8. Conor O Sullivan. 17. Sean O Sullivan. 10 Jack Walsh. 11. Aaron O Shea. 12. Eanna Murphy. 13. James Clifford. 14. Pdraig O Donoghue. 15. Cathal O Donoghue. 19. Tadgh Gosney.**



Action from the O'Sullivan Cup Listry V Glenflesk on Saturday. Photos: Anne Holland





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## KILLARNEY ATHLETIC AFC

### KDL PREMIER A RESULT

**Killarney Athletic 2 - 1 Tralee Dynamos**

Josh Bowler x 2

### U17 PREMIER RESULT

**Killarney Athletic 4 - 3 Killarney Celtic**

Ryan Kissane x 1, Leo Allen x 1, Jayden Hurley x 2

Our U17's welcomed Killarney Celtic to Woodlawn Saturday evening in the second derby of the season and this one didn't disappoint for action. Our boys started the brighter of the two and fashioned a few early chances and the deadlock was broken after 10 minutes when Adam took a quick free kick to Jayden and his inch perfect ball found Ryan floating in at the back post to slot home. 1-0. This seemed to spur our neighbours into action, they started to dominate possession and scoring 3 goals to boot, one goal a spectacular strike from their No.9 HT 1-3. Our boys regrouped at half time and came out in the second half with more determination to get back into the game. With 20 minutes remaining Jayden got us back into it with a super free kick..... 2-3 ..... a minute later we were level, when Leo latched onto a through ball and slotted home 3-3. At this stage the game was frantic with really good chances for both sides, Celtic hit the post after a finger tip save by Dylan, the Celtic keeper also pulled off two good saves to keep the game at 3-3. With light fading fast in the 92nd minute, Leo chased a ball that looked to be going out for a throw, slide to keep it in, rose to his feet and drove into the box and was upended for a penalty kick. Up stepped Jayden and rifled the penalty to the top right corner. FT 4-3..... This was a superb game of football between two good sides and we look forward to the next encounter. Thanks to ref on the day also.

### BOYS U15 DIVISION 2 RESULT

**Killarney Athletic B 7 - 1 LB Rovers A**

Artem Dzhandra, Daniel Quinlan, Maks Wesolowski, Dylan O' Connor, Jack Gleeson, Ryan O' Keeffe, Malachy Audley x 1 each

A dominant display from start to finish by our young blues this afternoon. A performance we've been waiting for from this group of players as we know what they're capable of producing. Brave on the ball, finding pockets, playing 1-touch and 2-touch and showing real intelligence to break lines all afternoon. The boys worked for each other, moved the ball superbly and kept creating for teammates even when through on goal themselves. A brilliant team performance all round. Thanks very much to LB Rovers and the Ref.

MOTM - Maks Wesolowski

### U15 BOYS DIVISION 3

**MEK A 8 Killarney Athletic D 6**

Goals: Leon Hebda (3), Jofre Ylla, Eric Reed, Cillian Sheahan

6 great goals and fantastic all round effort unfortunately wasn't enough in the end away to MEK A on Saturday. Despite trailing for a long period of the game, the lads stayed within touch and fought back to 6-6 with less than 10 minutes to go. However it wasn't to be in the end, we missed a penalty to take the lead and MEK scored twice late on to seal it.



### GIRLS U16S PREMIER RESULT

**LB Rovers 1 - 3 Killarney Athletic**

Lillian Slattery x 1 Meadhbh O'Brien x 1 Roxy Warwo x 1

The girls made the trip to Ardfert to play under lights this evening in a very even game with both sides playing great football. Athletic scored all their goals in the first half and were very dominant in the second half LB really put it up to them getting one back and really making a game of it. But the girls really have a confidence about them and are playing some fantastic football and they were never going to allow themselves to lose this game.

We like to thank the Ref and LB for hosting us.

### U14 GIRLS RESULT

**Mastergeeha 0 - 0 Killarney Athletic**

Hard fought draw. Player of the match Reagan O'Shea outstanding

### U15 GIRLS

Well done to our U-15 Girls Ella Crowley, Lillian Slattery, Esme O'Sullivan who played in Kerry's 4-0 win v Limerick District today with Lillian scoring two goals

### U12 GIRLS 1ST DIVISION

**Killarney Ath 4 - 1 Camp**

Our girls hosted Camp today and came away with a superb 4-1 win!

Captain Cate Corcoran led the way, with goals from: Lottie Moynihan x 2 Carolena Kelly x 1 Jessie Doolan x 1 Huge work rate and brilliant team effort from everyone. Thanks to Camp and to the referee.

### U12 GIRLS | PREMIER DIVISION

**Killarney Ath 0 - 1 Camp**

Our Premier team hosted Camp today in a tight league battle. Captain Sarah Crowley led from the front, and despite plenty of possession, we just couldn't find the breakthrough. Camp snatched a late winner, but the effort and work rate from our girls was top-class. We'll regroup and be ready to go again. Thanks to Camp and to the referee.

## KILLARNEY CELTIC

### CELTIC LOTTO

Numbers drawn 2,10,23,28. No Jackpot winner. No Match 3 winners. Lucky Dip winners received €50. Next jackpot €5,000 on Monday December 8th. Tickets available from The Dungeon Bookshop, Amber Shop (Top of Ross Road), club members and online through clubzap.

### KDL CHAMPIONSHIP

**Tralee Dynamos B 1-4 Killarney Celtic B**

Eoghan Crowley, Peter McCarthy, Finbarr Murphy, Darragh O'Doherty

Celtic continued their good form with a win over Tralee Dynamos B last Sunday. Celtic were 2up at the break and in the 2nd half the team stayed strong to run out convincing winners. Celtic B stay top of the division.

### U17 PREMIER

**Killarney Athletic A 4-3 Killarney Celtic A**

Samuel Scroope 2, Dara Horan

Celtic A were undone by a late goal in this local



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derby. Celtic responded to an early Athletic goal to lead at the break but Athletic came back in the 2nd half and lady luck did not favour Celtic in the 2nd half as Athletic took the win.

## U15 PREMIER

### Listowel Celtic 6-1 Killarney Celtic

Kian Brosnahan

A tough result against the league leaders.

## U15 DIV 3

### Killarney Celtic C 3-1 Killarney Athletic C

Eoin Murphy, Nathan Cronin, Jack Kissane

Celtic C had a good win over Athletic last weekend. The squad played some good football and gained a deserved win.

## U13 PREMIER

### Killarney Celtic A 4-3 Iveragh A

Josh Buckley 3, Jamie Downing

Celtic A maintained their position at the top of the table after this exciting affair with Iveragh. Celtic kept playing to the end and were rewarded for their efforts.

## U13 DIV 1

### Killarney Celtic B 1-2 Tralee Dynamos

Wojtek Zglinski

Celtic B went down to a strong Dynamos team. Celtic battled gamely but Dynamos had the edge in the 2nd half.

### Killarney Celtic C 3-2 MEK A

Cian O'Connell 3

Celtic C had a good winover MEK after a Cian O'Connell hat trick ensured that all 3 points came the way of the home team.

**CONGRATS** to Keenan McCarthy U14/15 who made the KSBGL Team of the Week. Congrats to Fionn O'Sullivan who made the KSBGL Development League Team of the Week and to Charley Fitzgerald who made the KSBGL Girls Development League Team of the Week.

# MASTERGEEHA

## U12 GIRL'S PREMIER

### Park 1 v 2 Mastergeeha A

An early start for our U12 girls on Sunday morning. Great win with Gracie Maher scoring both goals and special mention to Olivia O'Connor who gave a player of the match performance.

## U14 GIRLS PREMIER LEAGUE

### Mastergeeha 0-0 Killarney Athletic

Despite what the score line suggests, this was an excellent, hard-fought battle between two evenly matched sides. The first half was nip-and-tuck with chances at both ends, and the

second half was just as competitive. We came agonisingly close twice in particular, with Sophie Moynihan at the heart of both moments. A cracking corner that smashed off the post and a superb free-kick that forced a fingertip save from the opposition keeper. Not to be today, but a well-earned point for both teams.

Thanks to Killarney Athletic for another sporting and competitive game — no doubt we'll cross paths again later in the season.

## U13 BOY'S NATIONAL TROPHY ROUND 3

### Mastergeeha 2-2 Regional Utd AET

(Penalties Mastergeeha 7-8 Regional Utd)

Goal Scorers were Warren O'Boyle and Ronan Casey

Man of the Match Callum O'Connor

Spectators at Kilbrean Park were witness to a superb game on Saturday afternoon which ebbed and flowed from end to end with our boys going toe to toe with our visitors, Premier Division Limerick side, Regional Utd. A superb through ball from Leo Barry found Warren O'Boyle who made no mistake on the 13th minute.

Ronan Casey doubled our lead in the 21st minute as our boys were playing at a tempo and with energy that had the visitors on the back foot with Leo Barry, Matthew O'Riordan, Adam Cremin and Callum O'Connor working tirelessly and resolute defending from Paddy O'Keeffe, Donnacha O'Callaghan, Luke O'Sullivan and David Fleming.

A superb piece of defending by Luke O'Sullivan protected our 2-0 lead on the 40th minute and moments later Adam Cremin went so close to making it 3-0 when his effort from the verge of the box hit the post.

By now Regional were throwing caution to the wind and they pulled one back with 17 minutes remaining. Our boys again responded well and a superb free kick from Warren O'Boyle forced the Regional goalkeeper into a top corner save to deny Warren his second goal of the day.

Regional piled on the pressure for the remaining 10 minutes and with 2 minutes of normal time remaining they got back on terms when a header from a free on the right wing nestled in the bottom corner.

After a highly entertaining hour, we were heading for extra time.

Eoin O'Leary, Tom Hughes and Conor Murphy brought fresh legs in extra time and they very much played their part in what was a very evenly

contested 20 minutes where chances were at a premium at either end.

A penalty shootout therefore was required to separate the teams. Despite a superb save from our keeper Daniel McNeer and excellently executed penalties by our boys, it was not to be our day.

We could not have asked for more from our boys today who gave there absolute all. Penalties is a difficult way to lose out but they were magnanimous in defeat and we are very proud of their efforts on the today.

Thanks to the referee and to our club for providing top class food to both teams after the game. Thanks also to our parents who brought home baking and for their wonderful support of the players.

Finally, well done to Regional Utd on advancing to Round 4. Thanks also to their captain who made a great speech in the club house after the game where he thanked his hosts for the hospitality provided, a very nice touch.

## U13 BOY'S DIVISION 2 SOUTH

### Mastergeeha B 6 v 0 Ballyhar B

A comfortable home win on Saturday morning for our U13 Division 2 side. Well done to our boys on the day and thanks to Ballyhar for a sporting game.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to both Michael O'Shea & Olivia O'Connor who made this weeks KSBGL team of the week.

## SANTA UPDATE!

Santa's elves have been in touch with a very important update.

They wanted to remind everyone that Santa is coming to Kilbrean Park very soon!

Santa is looking forward to seeing the boys and girls and hearing what is on everyone's list

Wednesday 10th December, Kilbrean Park, Time 6-8pm

## LOTTO

There was no winner of our lotto on Friday 28th November for the Jackpot of €2,600. Numbers drawn were 04,15,20,27. Consolations Prizes of €50 each to the following, Joanne Looney, Gneeveguilla, Paudie Cahill, Knocklebede, Helen Fitzgerald C/o John Lenihan and Tony Cahill. Our next draw will be on Friday 5th December at the Village Inn for Jackpot of €2,800.



Killarney Celtic U13 Premier



Killarney Athletic U16 Girls



## MEK GALAXY FC

### RESULTS FROM SATURDAY 29TH NOV.

U13 Boys Div. 1:

**Killarney Celtic 3 : MEK Galaxy A 2**

U13 Boys Div. 2 North:

**Fenit Samphire's 2 : MEK Galaxy B 3**

U15 Boys Div. 3:

**MEK Galaxy 8 : Killarney Athletic D 6**

### FIXTURE FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK

**Saturday 6th Dec.:**

U12 Girls National Trophy Rd 3: MEK Galaxy A v Killorglin AFC @ 2pm

U12 Boys Div. 1: MEK Galaxy A v Killarney Celtic B

U12 Boys Div. 3: MEK Galaxy A v Castleisland C @ 10am

U15 Girls Premier Div.: MEK Galaxy v St. Brendan's Park @ 10am

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## KERRY SCHOOLBOY/GIRL SOCCER

### NATIONAL:

### MIXED FORTUNES FOR KERRY INTER LEAGUE GIRLS SIDES

It was a weekend of contrasting results for Kerry across the Girls Inter-League fixtures, with the U13, U15 and U16 Girls all in action.

A superb team performance saw the Kerry U15 Girls come out on top 4-0 against the reigning Gaynor Cup champions Limerick District. Ava Harty opened the scoring with a rocket to the roof of the net following a killer pass from Eabha Maguire.

A quickfire brace from Lillian Slattery put Kerry in control, before Isobel O'Connor soon added the fourth goal to wrap up the result.

Back on home soil, the Kerry 16's battled hard but were undone by a clinical Waterford side 4-1 in Christy Leahy Park. Izzy Lyons found the net for Kerry early on in the opening half, but Waterford's attacking sharpness made the difference, scoring four in succession.

Defeat was also the case for the Kerry's U13s

who suffered a 4-0 defeat on the road against a strong Cork side.

### KENMARE AND PARK REACH NATIONAL STAGES

It was a busy and action-packed weekend for Kerry sides across the U13 Boys National Cup and National Trophy competitions, with tightly fought contests, penalty drama, and standout individual performances highlighting the strength of the county's emerging talent.

Inter Kenmare and Ballingarry AFC played out a 1-1 draw in Round 4 of the U13 Boys' National Cup, with Shay O'Connor scoring for Inter before they edged the penalty shootout 5-4 thanks to successful spot-kicks from Timmy O'Sullivan, Aaron O'Sullivan, Alasdair Sullivan, Ogie Mac Gearailt and O'Connor.

St. Brendan's Park enjoyed a dominant 6-0 away win over Kilavilla United, inspired by a superb hat-trick from James Tansley along with goals from Tadgh Gilligan, Shakir Jhan and Oran Maguire.

Mastergeeha played out a dramatic 2-2 draw with Regional United in the National Trophy, with Warren O'Boyle and Ronan Casey on target before Regional advanced 9-8 on penalties. Killarney Athletic secured a 3-2 victory away to Charleville in a tight contest advancing into Round 4 of the trophy, while St. Brendan's Park B were narrowly beaten 3-2 by Abbeyfeale United despite a strong performance from Cody McKenna, who scored both goals for the Park.

### ATHLETIC, CASTLEISLAND AND KENMARE ADVANCE

Kerry's U15 boys enjoyed a productive weekend in both the National Cup and National Trophy competitions, with plenty of games keeping supporters on the edge of their seats.

Killarney Athletic produced a commanding 5-1 win over Pike Rovers in Round 4 of the U15 National Cup, with Sean Quill grabbing a hat-trick and Max Moynihan and Robert Murphy adding a goal each. Elsewhere, Fairview Rangers had a 5-0 victory against Fenit.

In the National Trophy, Coole FC and Castleisland AFC played out a thrilling 3-3 draw before Castleisland won the penalty shootout 4-3, with Yevhennii Mamontov, Jack Hobbart and Se O'Donnell on the scoresheet. Inter Kenmare continued their fine form with a 5-1 triumph over Bunratty Cratloe.

### GIRLS:

### 12'S ACTION CONTINUES

It was another busy weekend of action across the Maher Meats Premier and Division 1 leagues, as the U12 Girls Leagues continue to take shape following a host of hard fought results.

In the Premier division, Camp A defeated Killarney Athletic A 1-0 thanks to a goal from Sophie Lynch, while Fenit ran out 6-0 winners over Killorglin. Mastergeeha A secured a 2-1 victory over Park, with Gracie Maher scoring twice for the winners and Natalia McDermott netting for Park.

In Division 1, Inter Kenmare A and MEK B played out an entertaining 3-3 draw, with Mary O'Sullivan scoring a hat-trick for Inter and Saili Mai Bradley (2) and Maeve O'Malley responding for MEK. Ballyhar A defeated Tralee Dynamos A 4-1, with Lila Yoxall scoring the lone goal for Dynamos.

LB Rovers A drew 2-2 with Dingle A, with Fiadh Sheehan and Cianna Flahive on target for LB Rovers and Aoife Ní Shúilleabháin scoring twice for Dingle. Killarney Athletic B recorded a 4-1 win over Camp B, thanks to goals from Lottie Moynihan (2), Carolena Kelly and Jesse Doolan, while Emma Kiely netted for Camp.

### LB AND DINGLE SHARE THE SPOILS

The latest round of action in the O'Sullivan's Bakery Division 1 produced a competitive encounter between LB Rovers and Tralee Dynamos, with both teams sharing the spoils in a closely contested match.

LB Rovers and Tralee Dynamos A played out a 1-1 draw. Seoda Barron found the net for LB Rovers, while Harriet Ryan responded for Tralee Dynamos to secure a share of the points.

### COMPETITION REMAINS CLOSE IN 16'S PREMIER

Park, Killarney Athletic and Camp all secured points in the latest round of action in the U16 Girls Premier, as the gap to Inter Kenmare at the summit has shrunk making it all to play for going forward.

St Brendan's Park produced a strong performance with a 6-0 win over Fenit, with Nessa Kirby, Arina Sucari and Taylor Kate Leane each scoring twice. Camp recorded a 3-0 walkover victory over Listowel Celtic, while Killarney Athletic defeated LB Rovers 3-1, with Meabh O'Brien, Lillian Slattery and Roxy Wawro on target for the winners and Leona Meaney scoring for LB Rovers.

### BOYS:

### CELTIC TOP THE ORDER IN 13'S PREMIER

Excitement and drama were in abundance in



Mastergeeha U12 Girls



Kerry U15 Girls



the U13 Boys' Premier division this weekend, with close games all over the county, as Killarney Celtic continued their unbeaten start to the campaign.

Killarney Celtic A defeated Iveragh A 4-3 in a high-scoring affair, with Josh Buckley netting a hat-trick and Jamie Downing adding another to secure the win. Camp A produced an impressive display on the road to defeat Killorglin A 2-1, thanks to a brace from Cillian Enright, while Joshua O'Donoghue scored for Killorglin. Listowel Celtic A claimed a 1-0 victory over Fenit A, with Seanie Kissane scoring the decisive goal.

## DINGLE CONTINUE IMPRESSIVE START IN DIVISION 1

Dingle remain the side to beat in the U13 Boys Division 1 table, with Ballyhar Dynamis joining Mastergeeha in hot pursuit.

Dingle produced an impressive 5-0 win over LB Rovers A, with goals from Krystian Dudus, Daniel Murphy, Daniel McCarthy, Noah Eadie, and Tomás Flannery. Killarney Celtic C narrowly defeated MEK A 3-2, with Cian O'Connell scoring a hat-trick and Fintan O'Neill and Finian Swarbrick replying for MEK.

Ballyhar secured a 2-0 victory against Killarney Athletic B, thanks to strikes from Micheál Griffin and Aidan Barry. Tralee Dynamos A defeated Killarney Celtic B 2-1, with Wojtek Zglinski scoring the lone goal for Celtic.

## LISTOWEL AND KILLORGLIN LEAD THE RACE IN 15'S PREMIER

The action from the TC Construction U15 Boys Premier division delivered a weekend full of goals and competitive encounters, with some matches decided by narrow margins, as Killorglin and Listowel Celtic pulled away from the chasing pack.

Killorglin A defeated Park A 2-1, with Rian Foley and Fionnan Burke finding the net, while Park's goal proved not enough to secure a point. Listowel Celtic A had plenty of chances in front of goal in a 6-1 victory over Killarney Celtic A, highlighted by a hat-trick from Joe Joy, two goals from Mason Sheehy-Elston, and a strike from Luke Walsh. Kian Brosnahan scored the lone goal for Killarney Celtic.

## ATHLETIC CLOSE THE GAP IN DIVISION 2

A big three points for Killarney Athletic closed the gap in the TC Construction U15 Boys Division 2, on an action-packed weekend, with high-scoring games, close draws, and some standout individual performances shaping the results. Killarney Athletic B produced an emphatic 7-1 victory over LB Rovers A, with Artem Dzhandra, Daniel Quinlan, Maks Wesolowski, Dylan O'Connor, Jack Gleeson, Ryan O'Keeffe and Malachy Audley all on the scoresheet, while Sean Dalton netted the lone goal for LB Rovers. Tralee Dynamos A played out a 2-2 draw with Killorglin B, with William Scanlon and Kyle Smith scoring for Dynamos and Hugo Caballero and Alex O'Riordan responding for Killorglin. Fenit B and Listowel Celtic B also shared the spoils in a 1-1 draw, with Ruairi O'Brien scoring for Listowel.

## U13 GIRL'S INTER LEAGUE

Cork 4-0 Kerry

## U15 GIRL'S INTER LEAGUE

Limerick 0-4 Kerry

## U16 GIRL'S INTER LEAGUE

Kerry 1-4 Waterford



Kerry U16 Girls

## MAHER MEATS U12 GIRL'S PREMIER

Killarney Athletic A 0-1 Camp A

Fenit 6-0 Killorglin

Park 1-2 Mastergeeha A

## MAHER U12 GIRL'S DIVISION 1

Inter Kenmare A 3-3 MEK B

Tralee Dynamos A 1-4 Ballyhar A

LB Rovers A 2-2 Dingle A

Killarney Athletic B 4-1 Camp B

## O'SULLIVAN'S BAKERY U14 GIRL'S PREMIER

Fenit 3-0 Park w/o

Mastergeeha 0-0 Killarney Athletic

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

LB Rovers 1-1 Tralee Dynamos A

## BOYS :

## EBS U12 BOY'S PREMIER

Killarney Celtic 5-2 Fenit

## EBS U12 BOY'S DIVISION 1

Ballyhar 3-3 Milltown

## EBS U12 BOY'S DIVISION 3

Castleisland C 2-1 Listowel Celtic C

## U13 BOY'S NATIONAL CUP ROUND 4

Inter Kenmare 1-1 Ballingarry AFC AET (Inter Kenmare won 5-4 on pens)  
Kilavilla United 0-6 St. Brendan's Park

## U13 BOY'S NATIONAL TROPHY ROUND 3

Mastergeeha 2-2 Regional United AET (Regional won 9-8 on pens)

Charleville 2-3 Killarney Athletic

St. Brendan's Park B 2-3 Abbeyfeale United

## U13 BOY'S PREMIER

Killarney Celtic A 4-3 Iveragh A

Killorglin A 1-2 Camp A

Listowel Celtic A 1-0 Fenit A

## U13 BOY'S DIVISION 1

Killarney Celtic C 3-2 MEK A

LB Rovers A 0-5 Dingle

Ballyhar 2-0 Killarney Athletic B

Killarney Celtic B 1-2 Tralee Dynamos A

## U13 BOY'S DIVISION 2 NORTH

Listowel Celtic B 0-3 Ardfer

Camp B 4-7 Tralee Dynamos B

Fenit B 2-3 MEK B

## U13 BOY'S DIVISION 2 SOUTH

Castlemaine 3-0 Castleisland B

Mastergeeha B 6-0 Ballyhar B

## U15 BOY'S NATIONAL CUP ROUND 4

Killarney Athletic 5-1 Pike Rovers

Fairview Rangers 5-0 Fenit

## U15 BOY'S NATIONAL TROPHY ROUND 3

Cooile FC 3-3 Castleisland AET (Castleisland won 4-3 on pens)

Inter Kenmare 5-1 Bunratty Cratloe

## TC CONSTRUCTION U15 BOY'S PREMIER

Park A 1-2 Killorglin A

Listowel Celtic A 6-1 Killarney Celtic A

## TC CONSTRUCTION U15 BOY'S DIVISION 1

Dingle 3-1 Ballyhar

## TC CONSTRUCTION U15 BOY'S DIVISION 2

Tralee Dynamos A 2-2 Killorglin B

Fenit B 1-1 Listowel Celtic B

Killarney Athletic B 7-1 LB Rovers A

## TC CONSTRUCTION U15 BOY'S DIVISION 3

Castleisland B 2-0 Park B

Killarney Celtic C 3-1 Killarney Athletic C

MEK 8-6 Killarney Athletic D

## BOYS TEAM OF THE WEEK

1. Sean Kearney (Killorglin U15)
2. Keenan McCarthy (Killarney Celtic U15)
4. MacDara Burns (Camp Juniors U13)
5. Maks Wesolowski (Killarney Athletic U15)
3. Fionnán O'Connor (Killorglin U13)
6. Kyle Smith (Tralee Dynamos U15)
7. Eamon Flaherty (Ardfer U13)
8. Jerry Flynn (Castlemaine U13)
9. James Tansley (St Brendan's Park U13)
10. Michael O'Shea (Mastergeeha U13)
11. Daithí Kelly (Listowel Celtic U15)

## GIRLS ROLL OF HONOUR

1. Maeve Fitzgibbon (Camp Juniors)
2. Olivia O'Connor (Mastergeeha)
4. Emer Spellman (Killarney Athletic)
5. Erin Wallace (Camp Juniors)
3. Meadhbh O'Brien (Killarney Athletic)
6. Clodagh Buckley (Fenit Samphires)
8. Mary O'Sullivan (Inter Kenmare)
7. Fiadh Sheehan (LB Rovers)
10. Nessa Kirby (St Brendan's Park)
9. Aoife Ní Shuilleabháin (Dingle Bay Rovers)
11. Izzy Lyons (MEK Galaxy)



Killarney Athletic U14 Girls



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JIMMY O'SULLIVAN-DARCY

takes a look at all things sport...

## Crokes are Back as East Kerry Kingpins

### EAST KERRY O'DONOGHUE CUP FINAL Dr. Crokes 1-15 Rathmore 0-16

Dr. Crokes and Rathmore were definitely the top form teams from the East Kerry District and it came as no surprise to see the big two face off in an eagerly anticipated O'Donoghue Cup Final. Dr. Crokes were gunning to win back a trophy they have lifted more often than not, but a reigning Rathmore side who reached the last four of the Senior County Championship were always going to be a formidable obstacle. Neither of these clubs would ever need to be told who Dr. Paddy O'Donoghue was or what this particular cup represents!

The two best free-takers in the district were facing off against each other too. Tony Brosnan got Dr. Crokes off the mark but Shane Ryan replied with an orange flag. He added another free before a lively Micheál Burns got the first score from play. That pair exchanged frees before Tony Brosnan from play brought Dr. Crokes level, 0-4 apiece. Dr. Crokes seemed to click into a higher gear in the second quarter, the evergreen Brian Looney sending a brilliant pass into Micheál Burns for a superb goal. Shane and Mark Ryan responded well to trim that gap and, with Crokes leading by 1-5 to 0-6, the game was finely poised at half-time.

A superb brace from Brian Friel had the sides level early in the second half. However, back came Crokes, the long range accuracy of Tony Brosnan (2tpf) and Billy Courtney (1tpf) made it 1-11 to 0-8. Rathmore were every bit as good as Dr. Crokes in open play; they just weren't as clinical at putting it on the scoreboard. Dan Murphy showed his forwards how it's done with a fantastic two pointer from play. Shnae Ryan added a free. Then another. Then one from play. Bit by bit they were slicing away at that lead. Heading into the fourth quarter there was just one between them. Dr. Crokes were under pressure now but appeared to be just about holding out, with Rathmore again leaving a few opportunities behind them. With just two minutes left, Rathmore lost Ciarán Collins to a red card, albeit with Micheál Burns picking up a black card. No malice by either; just tension at its height. With time actually gone, Rathmore had just one sliver of a chance to get the equaliser. With Mark Ryan and Pádraig Moynihan showing very good composure (I was reminded of Kerry's last score before half-time in the All Ireland Final) before Cathal Ryan stepped up to stroke over a great score and take the game into extra-time.

Lads, it was dark enough by the finish. No fault to anyone – you are trying to get games played in December, it'll come with a price tag – but it's something to think about for next year. Remember, North Kerry and Mid Kerry



Action from the Rathmore V  
Dr. Crokes O'Donoghue Cup Final

went to replays and there was just a point between them in West Kerry. District finals, by their nature, are going to be tight. It's not like teams can be springing many surprises on their neighbours!

Shane Ryan and Micheál Burns, among the very best players on the field, exchanged white flags from frees. That was Crokes' first point in quite a while – good play on both sides, but you weren't going to be mistaking this for summer football. Those were the only scores in the first half of extra-time.

Mark O'Shea fisted over Brian Looney's effort over to nudge Dr. Crokes in front at the start of the second half of extra-time. Mark Reen, another great veteran of clashes between these two, squared matters again.

With everything in the melting pot, it was Tony Brosnan who stepped up to take things by the scruff of the neck, setting up Micheál Burns for a point and then curling over a beauty to clinch the title.

Dr. Crokes: Shane Murphy, Mark Cooper, Fionn Fitzgerald, Neil O'Shea, Cillian Fitzgerald, Brian Looney, Evan Looney, Mark O'Shea (0-1), Billy Courtney (0-2, 1tpf), Micheál Burns (1-4, 2f), Gavin O'Shea, David Shaw, Tony Brosnan (0-8 (2tpf, 1f), Tom Doyle, Cian McMahon. Subs: Mark Fitzgerald (for Cillian Fitzgerald, 45 mins), Adam Byrne (for Tom Doyle, 51 mins), Kieran O'Leary (for David Shaw, 55 mins), Alex Hennigan (for Neil O'Shea, temp., 59-60 mins), Tom Doyle (for Mark Cooper, 65 mins), Alex Hennigan (for Billy Courtney, 65 mins)

Rathmore: William Casey, Cian Dineen, Dan Murphy (0-2, 1tp), Timmy O'Doherty, Alan Dineen, Fionn Murphy, Fionn Holohan, Andrew Moynihan, Cathal Ryan (0-1), Brian Friel (0-2), Shane Ryan (0-9 (1tpf, 6f), Tomás Holohan, Mark Reen (0-1), Ciarán Collins, Mark Ryan (0-1), Subs: Darragh Rahilly (for Fionn Holohan, temp., 9-14 mins), Cian O'Connor (for Timmy O'Doherty (23), Pádraig Moynihan (for Tomás Holohan, 58



(mins), Darragh Rahilly (for Brian Friel, 71 mins)  
Referee: Evan Horan (Glenflesk)

## Owen O'Sullivan Final

Congratulations to Listry GAA, who retained the O'Sullivan Cup by defeating Glenflesk on a 2-23 to 2-13 scoreline.

## 16th District Medal for Bryan Sheehan

### SOUTH KERRY FINAL

#### St. Marys 2-12 Skellig Rangers 0-13

St. Marys, aiming for three in a row, started as very strong favourites but actually got an enthralling battle from a very lively Skellig Rangers. Bryan Sheehan, aiming for his sixteenth South Kerry medal (Laune Rangers' Shane O'Sullivan holds the record with seventeen medals in the Mid Kerry Championship, while Kieran O'Leary now



has fourteen East Kerry championships with Dr. Crokes) opened the scoring. Ronan O'Shea and martn O'Sullivan (tp) put Skellig in front, but Jack Daly and Athony Cournane equalised before Ben O'Donoghue fisted over to put St. Marys in front. Keith Brennan and Bryan Sheehan exchanged frees. Micheál O'Sullivan levelled matters again and Ronan O'Shea nudged Skellig back in front, only for Daniel Daly to send over a two pointer just before the half-time whistle. St. Marys a point in front at the break, 0-7 to 0-6.

Darren Casey and Ciarán Keating exchanged points on the restart before Darragh O'Sullivan sent over a magnificent two pointer free from distance to make it 0-9 to 0-8. St. Marys were beginning to unleash their firepower now, though, and a brilliantly worked goal from Tadhg O'Connor was a hammer blow. Daniel Daly (f) and Bryan Sheehan ('45) stretched the lead despite a point from Skellig's Micheál O'Sullivan. Ronan O'Shea pulled another one back to make it 1-10 to 0-11 but another well-crafted goal, this one by Ben O'Donoghue, had Skellig reeling on the ropes. Anthony Cournane and Tadhg O'Connor added points. Skellig had chances, in fact they pretty much laid siege late on, but just couldn't get the ball over the bar and St. Marys were the ones celebrating at the final whistle.

St. Marys: Bryan Sheehan (0-3, 2f, 1'45), Josh O'Sullivan, Cian O'Donoghue, Oisín Moran, Conor O'Shea, Darragh O'Sullivan, Darren Casey (0-1), Jack Daly (0-1), Kieran O'Sullivan, Alex Coffey, Anthony Cournane (0-2), Aidan Walsh, Ben O'Donoghue (1-1), Tadhg O'Connor (1-1), Daniel Daly (0-3, 1tp, 1f). Subs Tadhg O'Donoghue, temp., 38-42), Seán Cournane (for Daniel Daly, 52), Tadhg O'Sullivan (for Kieran O'Driscoll, 53), Mark Quigley (for Conor O'Shea, 59)

Skellig Rangers: Pádraig O'Sullivan, Seamus O'Sullivan, Gerard O'Sullivan, Brendan Murphy, Sean Kennedy, Fionán O'Sullivan, Bernard Walsh, Martin O'Sullivan (0-2, tp), Ronan O'Shea (0-3), Aaron O'Sullivan, Ciarán Keating, Darragh O'Sullivan (0-4, 2tpf), Micheál O'Sullivan (0-2), Keith Brennan (0-1), David Kennedy. Subs Darren Riordan (for Micheál O'Sullivan, 43), Dara O'Sullivan (for Aaron O'Sullivan, 52), Stephen O'Sullivan, 55)

Referee: Brendan Brosnan (Glenflesk)

## Listowel Emmets Conquer North Kerry

**NORTH KERRY FINAL**  
**Listowel Emmets 2-18**  
**Knocknagoshel 2-7**

Listowel Emmets looked home and hosed last week only to be caught by a brilliant comeback from Knocknagoshel, who were bidding for their first ever title. There is an old cliché in sport that underdogs only get one bite at the cherry. Like a lot of the old piseoga, there is a strong kernel of truth in that; you won't catch a big team off guard twice. Like most neutrals, of course I'd have preferred to see Knocknagoshel win their first title rather than Listowel win their

18th. That's just human nature, nothing at all against Listowel Emmets.

Not that any of them were going to be bothered by my opinion anyway. Darragh McCarthy got Listowel on the scoreboard and Aaron Kennelly struck for a goal. Knocknagoshel responded well with scores from Michael Walsh, Conor Cahill, and John Walsh. However, Darragh Lynch, Aaron Kennelly, and Eddie Healy cancelled out those before Healy made it 1-4 to 0-3. John Walsh struck a sumptuous two pointer for Knocknagoshel but Sam Tarrant replied in kind for Listowel, and a last point for Darragh Lynch gave his side a 1-6 to 0-4 half-time lead.

Lynch started the second half in the same form that he ended the first, firing over a two pointer. Listowel were piling on the pressure now, but all they had to show for it was a point from Sam Tarrant. Still, at eight points clear, you'd say they were safe enough.

Except that we had been saying that last week as well. And once more Knocknagoshel dug deep in an attempt to pulled it out of the fire. John Bell swooped on a spilling ball to confidently drive it to the net. Shnae O'Connell had been instrumental in that move. A few minutes later he was on the receiving end himself, gathering from Cathal McElligott to raise another green flag. Just two points between the sides again.

Listowel were ready for the resistance this time. Joe Joe Grimes found Patrick Walsh for a goal of their own and realistically there was only ever going to be one winner after that. Points from Bryan Sweeney (2), Darragh Lynch, and an Eddie Healy two pointer to a lone response from Michael Walsh effectively saw Listowel raise the Eamonn O'Donoghue Memorial Cup.

Listowel Emmets: Shane Quinn, Micheál Kennedy, Patrick Walsh (1-0), Ger McCarthy, Eddie Healy (0-4, 1tp), Eddie Browne, Niall Collins (0-1), Joe Joe Grimes, Darragh Leahy, Sam Tarrant (0-3, 1tpf), Conor Sweeney, Jamie McVeigh, Darragh Lynch (0-8, 1tp, 1f), Aaron Kennelly (1-1), Adam O'Rourke. Subs: Jack McElligott (for Adam O'Rourke, 36 mins), Bryan Sweeney 0-1 (for Conor Sweeney, 36 mins), Ciarán Pierse (for Ger McCarthy, 42 mins), Cormac Mulvihill (for Jamie McVeigh, 48 mins), Seán Keane (for Sam Tarrant, 51 mins)

Knocknagoshel: Mike Casey, Eoin McSweeney, Joe Bell, Jack Walsh, Michael Walsh (0-2), Jack McElligott, Conor Sheehan, Shane O'Connell (1-0), Billy O'Rahilly, Jack Brosnan, Cathal McElligott, John Bell (1-1, 1f), Conor Cahill (0-1), Ciaran Mangan, John Walsh (0-3, 1tp). Subs: Shane Brown (for Billy O'Rahilly, half-time), Denis Collins (for Eoin McSweeney, 50 mns), Niall Barrett (for Jack Brosnan, 56 mins), Dylan Curtain (for Conor Cahill, 56 mins), Steven O'Connell (for John Walsh, 57 mins)

Referee: Éamonn Moran (Ballydonoghue)

## Ladies All Ireland Junior Semi-Final

**Cromane 1-10 Cavan Gaels 0-10**

Cromane's annus mirabilis continues, with the girls coming back from a nigh on 700km

trip with a hard-earned victory over Ulster champions Cavan Gaels.

Cromane had the wind in the first half and made a brilliant start. Roisín Griffin (2), captain Máirín Duffy, and teenager Mary Kate Smith had them four points to the good. Kate O'Meara did pick off two points for Cavan Gaels from frees.

A brilliantly worked goal from Roisín Griffin was a big lift for Cromane. Eimear Burke's point gave them a 1-5 to 0-2 lead. However, Cavan Gaels responded with a score from Marian McGuinness and Edel Murphy had to be sharp to deny the dangerous Katie Leddy a goal. Roisín Griffin and Mary Kate Smith exchanged points with Kate O'Meara and Sarah Clarke to close out the first half scoring, with Cromane leading by 1-7 to 0-5 after a second good save by Edel Murphy.

Cavan Gaels had the wind in the second half. Máirín Duffy opened the second half scoring, but the Ulster side hit back with two points from Sarah Clarke and another from Laura Galligan. Just a goal in it now, and Cromane's defence were under fierce pressure but superbly resisting it. Eimear Burke landed a brilliant free kick from long range to put four between them. Cavan Gaels responded through Karla Brady and when Kate O'Meara nailed another free, there was just two points between them. However, Mary Kate Smith (it would not be a surprise to see at least one and arguably three of that talented family wearing green and gold at some point next year) scored one last crucial point for Cromane and they saw out the clock to set up their first ever All Ireland Final.

Cromane: Edel Murphy; Naoise Burke, Orlaith Burke, Seodhla O'Donovan, Sian Corkery, Orla Dunphy, Shannon Foley, Leona O'Sullivan, Róisín Smith, Máirín Duffy (0-2), Mary Kate Smith (0-3), Emily O'Sullivan, Róisín Griffin (1-3), Eimear Burke (0-2, 1f), Saoirse Harkin. Subs: Maggie Quirke (for Eimear Burke, 54 mins), Mary Ellen McDonnell (for Sian Corkery, 60 mins)

Cavan Gaels: Laura Lynch, Genevieve Keogan, Lauren Sheridan, Leah Brady, Éinín Lawton, Niamh Briody, Clodagh Doyle, Emma McIntyre, Sarah Clarke (0-2), Karla Brady (0-1), Katie Leddy, Laura Galligan (0-1), Ciara Farrell, Katie O'Meara (0-5, 5f), Marian McGuinness (0-1). Subs: Shauna Brady (for Genevieve Keogan half-time), Emma O'Reilly (for Laura Galligan, 38 mins)

Referee: Philip Conway (Armagh)

## Corn uí Mhuirí Round-Up

With some tough groups almost fully completed, things are looking rosy for the majority of the Kerry schools involved. There will definitely be five Kerry schools involved in the quarter-finals and a strong possibility of a sixth – SP Inbhearr Scéine play Clonmel CBS next Wednesday in a delayed game, and the Kenmare side are fancied to progress.

This year's group stages have been excellent in terms of quality. I will say that, while I am of course delighted to see so many Kerry teams in the pot, it isn't necessarily the best thing for the standard of the competition itself. There are



good young footballers in Tipperary, Clare, and especially Cork, that are losing the incentive for the big ball, and that hasn't done any team emerging from Munster across the football grades any favours at all. Regardless, the first half of the Corn uí Mhuirí is simply about getting there. Every team in the quarter-final pot has two months of improvement and there are some cracking quarter-final draws in story. At the moment pot one will contain St. Francis Rochestown/SP Inbhearr Scéine, Clonakilty CC, Pres. Milltown, and Tralee CBS. Pot two will contain IS Killorglin, St. Pats Castleisland, St. Brendans Killarney, and Rochestown/Inbhearr Sceine/Clonmel. Teams that emerged from the same group cannot be drawn against each other.

Group One

St. Francis Rochestown currently top the group on five points. Inbhearr Scéine have three, but that game against Clonmel to go, and could catch up with the Cork side. Head to head doesn't come into play because the two sides actually drew with each other. Accordingly, it would come down to goal scoring between them. Note – not overall scoring difference, just the goals scored in their own meeting. Inhearr Scéine scored two in that game (2-7 to 0-13) which means that if Inbhearr Scéine can beat Clonmel, they would top the group with Rochestown second. A draw would put Inbhearr Scéine through in second place, while a Clonmel win would put them through in

second place and leave Inbhearr Scéine out of the running. All to play for!

Group Two

Definitely a good group for the Kerry sides. Pres. Milltown, with three wins from three, comfortably top the group, while the Mid Kerry derby was the only game that Micheál Ó Sé's ISK charges lost and they take second place and a quarter-final spot comfortably, with Ardscoil uí Úrmlaigh Bandon and Patrician Mallow losing out.

Group Three

Three Kerry schools in this group, which means that one of them was guaranteed to lose out. As it happens, that turned out to be the reigning champions Mercy Mounthawk. Aidan O'Shea's side were simply down too many bodies. They opened with a draw against Cashel but lost out to St. Pats Castleisland in a real thriller before being knocked out by Tralee CBS. The Green, who have been down bodies themselves but have shown the depth and scoring power required, have been the form team and won all three games. In fact, first and second place turned out to have been effectively decided in their opening clash with St. Pats Castleisland, Tralee CBS winning that one by 2-13 to 0-14. They finish top and second, with Mounthawk and Cashel losing out on qualification.

Group Four

The Sem opened their campaign with a defeat

to Clonakilty CC that left the group wide open. They recovered with a very narrow win over Coláiste Choilm Ballincollig – in fairness, Ballincollig could and probably should have taken at least a draw out of that one. Understandably there was a fair bit of tension and a few calculators out and ready to sort out the permutations as they headed to Páirc uí Caoimh (both sides had long journeys because all-weather pitches were, understandably, required) for their group-deciding clash with Skibbereen CS. The Sem did have a sizeable injury list, and Skibbereen had been impressive in their games. As it happened, no calculators were needed. The Sem produced an absolute tour de force in the second half and joined group winners Clonakilty CC (a young but very impressive team) in the quarter-finals as group runners-up.

Kerry FC

Kerry FC have re-signed prolific striker Ryan Kelliher, Finn Barrett, Seán O'Connell, and Samuel Aledasanusi, and signed former Cork City player Cian Murphy, Cobh Ramblers' Jonas Hakkinen, and Galway FC's Vincent Borden. Among those leaving the club are Ronan Teahan, who has signed for Dundalk FC, Daniel O'Connor, Carl Mugajusi, Tim-Oliver Heimur, Kevin Williams, Kennedy Amechi, and Chris McQueen.

Vincent Borden makes the switch from Galway to the Kingdom

Kerry FC are delighted to announce the signing of Galway United midfielder Vincent Borden ahead of the 2026 campaign.

Borden, a US native, makes the switch from Premier Division side Galway United to Kerry FC ahead of the new season in an exciting addition to Colin Healy's charges for the upcoming First Division season.

Vincent, who is 26 and from New York, played 96 games for Galway United since signing for the Westerners back in 2023, including over 50 appearances in the Premier Division. In his first season with Galway United, he won the First Division title, firing home 10 goals in a season they dominated from start to finish. The central midfielder went on to prove a vital player for Galway, securing their Premier Division status in both 2024 and 2025.

Prior to his time with Galway United, Borden played for a number of teams in his native America, including MLS side New York Red Bulls, as well as the Slovenian side NK Rudar Velenje, from whom he signed for Galway United. Speaking after he arrived in the Kingdom, Vincent Borden told kerryfc.com, "I'm excited to join Kerry FC for the 2026 season. I can't wait to get to know the club and meet the players and staff. Hope to start the season strong!"

Also speaking after his signing, First Team Manager Colin Healy said, "We are thrilled to get Vince signed up and ready for the new season with us. He's a proven midfielder in the League and brings huge experience from both the Premier Division and a winning First Division dressing room to our side as well. I'm looking forward to seeing him in Kerry and working alongside him on the training pitch. He will be exciting to work with in 2026."



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# KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL STOPPING HOUSE BUILDING IN KERRY

**W**ith the country in the midst of a unprecedented housing crisis and builders are putting the blame for this squarely on the shoulders of senior management staff of Kerry County Council, accusing them of making the problem worse.

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WITHOUT  
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FOR  
KERRY COUNTY  
COUNCIL”

Builders have expressed the view that it is easier to build houses in Cork than it is in Kerry. In Cork, for example, builders carry out the work, a snag list of any outstanding issues is created, the builders rectify those issues and any bond funds are promptly returned to the builder. Bond funds are amounts of money held back from the builder by the bank until all work has been completed. If the council delays signing off on the completion of the snag list, the bond funds are not released back to builder and they are left out of pocket. In Cork, once the snag list has been signed off, the maintenance of any new housing development is promptly taken over by Cork County Council. Builders claim that it is much more problematic dealing with Kerry County Council. It can take years for an official snag list to be created. The saga does not end here. When that list is finally completed, more maintenance issues are added. Builders have claimed that this final stage can take years and can add unnecessary financial stress. In effect, builders are being used to maintain an estate, post-build. In many cases, the builder ends up just forfeiting the bond, as it

becomes too costly to continue completing the constant snag lists generated by Kerry County Council. Works are rarely carried out with these bond funds and ultimately the money ends up in the road maintenance programme for the whole county.

While waiting for Kerry County Council to take over the maintenance of their estate, the residents are obliged to pay for that maintenance themselves, and all the while, Kerry County Council continue their delaying tactics. These residents already pay road tax which goes towards road maintenance. And they are also paying local property tax. Why are the most pressured group in society being treated so badly? Typically these are young people with young families struggling to pay bills and Kerry County Council has the power to make their lives a little bit easier but unfortunately, the opposite is the case.

A number of County Councillors have said that they do not have the power to change things. They were critical of council management who have just brushed their concerns aside.



*A builder built an extra thirteen houses in an existing housing estate. The builder rerouted heavy traffic away from the estate and used an existing farm road at the rear of the site to access the building site. The photo shows the relief road and this road was in existence long before his company built these houses. After the houses were built the Council instructed the builder to go onto private property and dig up the relief road and turn the area into a green field otherwise Kerry County Council will take €20,000 via a bond from the builder. Kerry County Council contacted this publication stating that the heading of this article is "grossly misleading and incorrect". Nobody wants badly built estates but this example does not entice builders to build houses.*



*This is a photo of a manhole that was built in 2008. This manhole is in perfect condition after sixteen years. The specifications on building a manhole has changed recently and Kerry County Council wants all the manholes in the estate dug up and rebuild under the updated specifications and this work will cost the builder €45,000.*

*Kerry County Council does not accept that this decision is a gross abuse of power. There is no appeal system and no consequence for the decision makers.*



*This is a photo of an item on a snag list from a builder. Kerry County Council wants the builder to remove the fence and replace it with a fence that's a few inches taller. Because there is a slope in the green area the fence measures 2 mtrs when measured from the back and 1.85mtrs when measured from the front because of the slope in the green area. Does it really matter if this fence is a few inches shorter. This is an example of the nonsense that builders have to put up with from Kerry County Council.*



## FOSSA

### LOTTO

The numbers drawn on 30/11/2025 for a jackpot of €4,800 were 12, 16, 21, 22. There was no jackpot winner. The €40 consolation prize winners were; Audrey Roche, Breda O'Gorman, Mike Doherty, The Talbots, Lim Fui Sen. 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>

### EAST KERRY MINOR FINAL

Our minor team finished the season with a good win over Gneeveguilla in the East Kerry Minor final on Sunday morning. With both sides short a number of players due to injury, they played 13-a-side which meant there was plenty of room for the forwards and a high scoring game ensued. The opening exchanges were even enough, Fossa had scores from David Butler and Shay McCormick but Gneeveguilla struck for a goal after four minutes and the visitors led by two points after ten minutes of play. Fossa got to grips with the game at this stage, the outstanding Shay McCormick struck for 1-1 inside a minute, Harry O'Connor kicked two points and in the 16th minute, one of the youngest players on the pitch, Eoin Bennett scored a fantastic goal. Gneeveguilla kicked two points without reply but a second goal from the livewire Eoin Bennett followed by scores from Mikey Moroney and Harry O'Connor left Fossa with a good lead at the break, 3-9 to 1-6.

Gneeveguilla upped the ante at the start of the second half and kicked three points without reply but Shay McCormick continued his brilliant first half form to score 1-3 to settle Fossa. An unfortunate injury to our midfielder, Mark Kennelly delayed the game for some time but on the resumption of play David Butler and Jack Hallissey took control of matters, kicking some fine scores and winning vital possession. Ryan Brady pulled off a magnificent save as Gneeveguilla went in search of goals and Jack Spillane broke up numerous attacks. Mikey Moroney scored the last goal of the game to leave Fossa winners on a score of 5-18 to 3-10. Well done to the players and management on a very successful year at this grade, it has been a long season but with plenty of silverware to show for their efforts. We wish Mark Kennelly and all our injured players a speedy recovery. Thanks also to Gerry Daly of the Killard Group in Australia who were our minor team sponsors again this year.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to East Kerry GAA U14 team who received their Kerry GAA County Championship medals in Spa. The medals were presented by Fossa and Kerry star David Clifford. A large crowd attended the medal presentation, huge congratulations to the Fossa boys involved with EK U14's - Gerry Moroney captain, Shea Driver, Johnny Myers, Charlie O'Meara and Ross Cronin. Also, well done to James O'Shea who managed the team and was ably assisted by Mairtin Driver and Sinead Myers.

### LAST MAN STANDING

Well done to our Last Man Standing winners Maurice Lyons and Kevin McCarthy who shared the jackpot of €750. Thanks to Dan O'Connell

who organised the competition and to KWD who kindly sponsored the jackpot.

### NATIONAL CLUB DRAW - FOSSA GAA

For the 1st time Fossa GAA are participating in the GAA National Club Draw and all the money from every ticket sold by Fossa stays in our Club. The easiest way to support this is buy your ticket(s) via Foireann. You can log into your own account and you will see on right "Enter Draw". The following executive members can also enter you to the draw via their own Foireann account: Pat Sheehan, Domhnall O'Sullivan, Peter O'Shaughnessy, Siobhan Kissane, Maria Vaughan, Katherine Butler, Karen McGlynn, Mike Cahillane, Amy Moriarty, Peter Kelliher, John O'Neill, Michael Talbot & Merry Talbot.

Physical tickets will also be available and will be in circulation next week.

Please support the draw and it is hoped members will buy and also sell tickets; there are great prizes to be won, see our Facebook page to view the prizes and all money stays in our Club.

### CHRISTMAS 2025

Excited news heading into Christmas 2025 - we have launched a new edition Paudie and David Clifford Jersey available to shop in our link: <https://6f06fc-2.myshopify.com/> FREE postage for Ireland & UK before the 23rd November.

### SENIOR DANCING CLASSES

Please note that due to demand our beginners class will now commence at 8.10pm on Tuesdays. Our Annual Christmas Ceili will be held at Fossa Community Hall on Sunday Dec 14th 3-6pm. Music by Neily O'Connor. Our Junior Set Dancing classes continue every Wednesday 5.30-6.30

## EAST KERRY NEWS

### O'DONOGHUE CUP FINAL.

Dr Crokes 1-15 Rathmore 0-16

### O'SULLIVAN CUP FINAL

Glenflesk 2-13 Listry 2-23

### EAST KERRY MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION 4 FINAL.

Fossa 5-18 Gneeveguilla 3-10

### EAST KERRY MINOR DIV. 2 FINAL

Listry V Spa, Saturday 6th December at 12:30pm  
Venue: Glenflesk

### EAST KERRY MINOR DIV. 3 FINAL

Firies V Glenflesk, Saturday 6th December at 2pm. Venue: Spa

Extra Time - Result on the day for both

### POST PRIMARY SCHOOLS ACTIVITY

St Brendans College TY students completed young referees course during the week. Evan Horan (Tutor) delivered the workshop to over forty students on the day. The session was very interactive with lots of questions by students showing massive interest in learning during the course. Thanks to PJ Lucey (Teacher) for supporting Vince Cooper East Kerry GDC in completing the well run event. All East Kerry clubs have been sent relevant student information. It is vital that students

are given a chance to referee club matches during 2026. Clubs should try and support all young whistlers now that Go Games matches are been played over the calendar year. Many hands make light work.

### SCOR NA MUMHAN

Well done to Glenflesk Ballad Group and Spa Set Dancers on winning in the Munster Scor at the weekend.

## DR. CROKES

### O'DONOGHUE CUP FINAL

Dr. Crokes 1:15 Rathmore 0:16

We claimed the O'Donoghue Cup after a gripping extra-time win over Rathmore. We started well with early scores from Tony Brosnan and Micheal Burns helping settle the side before Micheal struck a well-taken goal to give Crokes a 1-05 to 0-05 lead at half-time. We pushed ahead in the second half through a pair of excellent two-pointers from Billy Courtney and another from Tony Brosnan. Rathmore battled back strongly. Despite being reduced to 14 men late on, they managed to bring the game level at 1-11 to 0-14 and force extra time. Rathmore edged in front during the first period of extra time, but we showed great composure when it mattered most. Brian Looney clipped over a crucial score, followed by points from Micheal Burns and Tony Brosnan. This was a tremendous team performance full of work rate and resilience.

**LOTTO** took place on December 1st. Numbers drawn were 7, 14, 19, 20. Jackpot of €15,200 was NOT WON. 3 patrons matched 3 numbers and receive €135 each. Jackpot for draw on December 8th will be €15,500. Play online by following the link below and follow instructions attached [https://play.clubforce.com/play\\_newa.asp?ll\\_id=734#Anchor](https://play.clubforce.com/play_newa.asp?ll_id=734#Anchor) ([https://play.clubforce.com/play\\_newa.asp?ll\\_id=734#Anchor](https://play.clubforce.com/play_newa.asp?ll_id=734#Anchor))

**FR. PADDY'S CARDSNIGHT** will continue on Wednesdays from 8pm in the clubhouse. All are welcome.

**GENTLE EXERCISE CLASS** with Kathleen continues on Tuesdays from 11am in the Clubhouse. Everyone is welcome.

**GENTLE YOGA** for both men and woman takes place on Thursdays from 6:15pm-7pm. It is €40 for 4 weeks, valid for 5 weeks.

### 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.

**CONDOLENCES** to Aidan, Ruairi, Cathal, Orlaith and the Mangan Family on the recent passing of Eileen Mangan.

### NOTES

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



AIRBOURN....Micheal Keane in action for Listry in the O'Sullivan Cup final v Glenflesk. Photo: Anne Holland



## O'Donoghue East Kerry Championship Final

# CROKES ON TOP IN EPIC DUAL

**Dr Crokes 1-15 | Rathmore 0-16**  
*after extra-time*

After a fiercely contested 80 minute's of football, late score's from Man of the Match Micheál Burns and Tony Brosnan, saw Dr Crokes regain the O Donoghue Cup outlasting Rathmore in an epic duel.

The early stages were even with Burns and Brosnan off the mark early for Crokes, with Shane Ryan replying with 2 free's for Rathmore. The team's continued to try and break down each other's well set defences, with Crokes finally getting the opening goal of the game, with Burns low shot finding the corner of the net. A Mark Ryan point just before half time, left Crokes with a 2 point lead on a score of 1-05 to 0-06.

2 early points from Captain Brian Friel brought Rathmore level. A run of Dr Crokes 2.point free's pushed them out too a 6 point lead. Full Back Dan Murphy, got the orange flag waving for Rathmore as they looked to reduce the deficit, followed in by 2 Shane Ryan free's. Another Ryan free reduced the deficit to just 1. The next 10 minutes saw both sides miss chances, and saw Ciaran Collins receive a red card, and Burns a black, before 1 more bit of patient play set up Cathal Ryan to shoot with his left foot. He made no mistake, firing over a beauty to take the game to extra time, leaving the score at 1-11 to 0-14. The opening period of extra time was tight with a Ryan free early



cancelled out by 1 from Burns. Point's from Brian Looney and a superb strike from Mark Reen brought the scores level again. With time running out Brosnan and Burns stood tall to put Crokes back ahead again. 1 last Rathmore effort went well wide of the target, and with the hooter sounding, Crokes dispatched the ball to the stand to ensure victory in this titanic battle.

**DR CROKES:** Shane Murphy; Mark Cooper, Fionn Fitzgerald, Neil O'Shea; Cillian Fitzgerald, Brian Looney, Evan Looney; Mark O'Shea 0-1, Billy Courtney 0-2 ); Micheál Burns 1-4 , Gavin

O'Shea, David Shaw; Tony Brosnan 0-8 , Tom Doyle, Cian McMahon Subs: Mark Fitzgerald, Adam Byrne, Kieran O'Leary, Alex Hennigan.

**RATHMORE:** William Casey; Cian Dineen, Dan Murphy 0-2 , Timmy O'Doherty; Alan Dineen, Fionn Murphy, Fionn Holohan; Andrew Moynihan, Cathal Ryan 0-1; Brian Friel 0-2, Shane Ryan 0-9, Tomas Holohan; Mark Reen 0-1, Ciaran Collins, Mark Ryan 0-1 Subs: Darragh Rahilly, Cian O'Connor, Padraig Moynihan.



Action from the O'Donoghue Cup Final



## UTILITY TRUST ST PAULS VS KILLESTER REPORT

**Dominos Womens Superleague  
Saturday November 29th  
Killarney Sports and Leisure Centre**

**Utility Trust St Pauls 55  
Killester 69**

*Report by Enda Walshe*

A disappointing opening quarter performance left Utility Trust St Pauls with too much to do, not ideal when you're going toe to toe with a quality side like Killester. To be fair they did improve their defensive output in the second quarter to hold the reigning champions to just 12 points but unfortunately they struggled to get their offensive game going. Not to be deterred they did persevere and with five minutes to go they actually shaved the gap down to five, 55-50. But Killester had enough in reserve to pull clear, handing James Fleming's side only their second defeat of the season. Losing to Killester is by no means a disaster and with seven of their next eight fixtures at home they will have a massive say in the destination of honours this season.

The Dublin side are laced with quality and in Samantha Haiby they possess last seasons MVP. She gave a full display of her skills and when she wasn't twisting the knife into St Paul's wounds, Irish International Michelle Clarke held the handle. Ieva Bagdanaviciene also gave an outstanding defensive performance that was instrumental in the 69-55 win. With Trinity Meteors losing to Glanmire there are now three sides in second place with the Cork side joining Meteors and St Pauls in that position.

The opening quarter saw Killester set the tone early with Clarke, Bagdanaviciene and Haiby helping them into a 10-3 lead. Maisie Burnham had got her side off the mark but they were struggling offensively against the aggressive Killester defence. Tara Cousins changed things up, netting again from outside and that served to give her side a bit of momentum, albeit temporarily. Denise Dunlea, Cousins and Lorraine Scanlon closed it up to three, 15-12, with 2:57 to go but the remaining seconds saw Killester tighten their grip with Maeve O Seaghdha, Bagdanaviciene and Haiby opening up an eleven point gap, 23-12.

The second quarter certainly saw St Pauls tighten up their defensive efforts, affecting some stops and they gradually started to chip into the lead. Leah McMahon was key to this and with the Scanlon influence growing the gap was trimmed to 25-17. They would regret some missed opportunities though as the Killester machine chugged back into action with Haiby probing and Clarke popping up in the usual place. The big positive for St Pauls was the return of Deirdre Geaney but not even her presence would prevent them trailing by 35-21 at the change of ends.

Lovisa Hevinder gave her side the best possible start to the half with a three but the tormentors in chief Haiby and Clarke pulled it back out to their biggest lead of the day,



43-26. That advantage was maintained and actually extended midway through but a Denise Dunlea three injected a bit of life into the St Pauls challenge. Even when Michelle Clarke responded with one of her own, Maisie Burnham threw one in from downtown and the gap was narrowed slightly to twelve, 50-38 with the game going down the stretch.

The start of the fourth quarter certainly coincided with St Paul's best period. Burnham, Cousins and Scanlon whittled the lead down further, going on a 7-0 scoring run. Some strong defence was key to holding Killester at bay but they will rue missing some good opportunities to get even closer. Michelle Clarke thought she had punished them for those misses with a three but Cousins then took up the cudgels, her five points sandwiching a Haiby basket. Audrey Roden hit a big score for her side as St Pauls failed to make inroads and Haiby and Clarke decided the time was now right to make them pay, the duo hitting consecutive outside shots. Burnham tried to get her side going again but the dye was cast as Haiby helped Killester free wheel to a 69-55 win.

Maisie Burnham tried hard for her 23 points, Tara Cousins had 17, Denise Dunlea 5, Lorraine Scanlon 4, Lovisa Hevinder 3, Siofra O Shea 2,



Leah McMahon 1.

Samantha Haiby had 25, Michelle Clarke 21, Ieva Bagdanaviciene 11, Audrey Roden 8.

There is no action this weekend for St Pauls but they will be laying down their plans for the run of home fixtures they have in the coming weeks. Glanmire, Brunell and Waterford Wildcats will all visit Killarney before the turn of the year with Portlaoise Panthers coming early in the New Year. A decent run of results will keep them in the picture at the right end of the table with the Glanmire game tipping off at 4pm on Saturday December 13th.

## UTILITY TRUST ST PAULS LAKERS VS KILLARNEY COUGARS REPORT

**Dominos Mens National League  
Saturday November 29th  
Killarney Sports and Leisure Centre**

**Utility Trust St Pauls Lakers 106  
Killarney Cougars 90**

*Report by Enda Walshe*

The bragging rights in Killarney belong to St Pauls as they led almost from the starting line to finish in this lively and entertaining local derby. It was a game in which they held the whip hand for the majority of but they found the Cougars to be impudent challengers with Sean Conway and Simon Olanipekun putting up stern resistance. Indeed they could point ruefully to the early foul trouble the imposing Kenny Shimwa and Paul Adedeji found themselves in which necessitated a longer than planned stay on the bench and stunted their ability to grab the initiative in the game. Having said that, the Lakers will say that the quartet of Steve Kelly, Sam Grant, Academy graduates Mark Sheehan and Eoin Carroll had done enough to carry the spoils, the fantastic four combining for 98



points. Kelly continued his rich vein of scoring form, netting 34 points, on a poignant day for him as his Grandmother was being laid to rest back home. Grants total came from both inside and outside the arc and pulling ten boards will have given his stat sheet an embellished look. Sheehan tapped into his best form for this joust and not for the first time, his outside shooting would be pivotal. While Carroll continued to play a captains part, making the most of the absence of the Cougars inside duo to plunder 17 points and execute three steals to boot. The win was the Lakers sixth in eight outings and sends them to Dublin for the National Cup quarter final in Templeogue next weekend in good spirits.

Despite making a fast start mainly through the promptings of Simon Olanipekun , Coach Jack Ryan wasn't content calling a time out inside the first two minutes. It did have an effect initially as Shinwa and Conway added to their total to make it 8-8, the Lakers points coming courtesy of Sheehan and Grant. Conway was trying hard but the Lakers grabbed the game by the scruff of the neck with Kellys darting runs posing a threat. Grant , Oisin Spring and Carroll initiated a 13-8 scoring run that was temporarily halted by Olanipekun. With Shimwa and Adedeji benched the Lakers went to town with Grant and Sheehan ensuring it would be 29-14 by quarters end , Darragh O Callaghan also prominent in the closing minutes.

Jack Spillane gave the Cougars early encouragement with a three but Kelly responded in kind. Conway was driving the Cougars with support from Spillane but Kelly again punctured that resistance with five unanswered points. Pablo Murcia, playing through injury, drove to the basket to net an impressive basket while Grant made another outside shot. To the Cougars credit they hung in there just when it seemed like the Lakers would run riot with Conway and Olanipekun taking the game to the home team at every opportunity. But points from Bencic, Carroll and Grant helped the Lakers into a 57-44 lead as they hit the locker rooms.

Despite a Bencic three early in the third quarter the Cougars actually made the better start to the second half. Adedeji, walking on the foul trouble tightrope, Olanipekun, who had a great duel with Oisin Spring at this juncture, and Conway helped to close the gap to six, 62-56, midway through the quarter but Kellys incisive runs were helping to keep the scoreboard ticking over. Sheehan hit a timely three while Kelly, Grant and Carroll helped to bring the Lakers total upto 79. But Conway, who hit a very silent 35 points, and Adam Linehan kept their side in touch, with the Cougars only ten adrift as the teams turned for home.

Conway again gave the visitors a good start to the final period and even though Kelly and Grant netted the Cougars did manage to narrow the gap to six, 83-77, with Conway

and Olanipekun the main protagonists. Feeling their breath on their necks the Lakers again kicked into gear, Sheehan hitting a nice jumper and Grant hitting from downtown. Conway was still doing his utmost but a Kelly three sparked a spree with Grant and Sheehan following suit. Josh Vermiglio scored from the corner but Kelly had the honour of netting his side's 100th point with a breakaway lay up. Sheehan and Kelly put the icing on the Derby cake win with Linehan and Conway helping to bring their sides total to a very respectable 90 points. The cushion allowed Coach Luke O'Hea to give Adam O'Neill, Cillian O'Leary, Cathal Spring and Dara O'Sullivan game time, the latest products of the Club's underage system.

Stephen Kelly led the way for the Lakers with 34 points, Sam Grant had 28, Mark Sheehan hit a season's best 19, Eoin Carroll 17, Marko Bencic 4, Pablo Murcia 2, Oisin Spring 2.

Sean Conway struck 35, Simon Olanipekun 24, Adam Linehan and Kenny Shimwa 8 each, Paul Adedeji 6.

The Lakers hit the capital next weekend for the National Cup quarter final against Templeogue. The Dublin side slipped to a five point defeat to the University of Ulster last time out but that result would give you an indication that they are no bad side. Home advantage is often pivotal in a cup tie so the Lakers know that only their best will give them a glimpse of victory. Tip off in TUD Tallaght this Saturday night is at 7pm.



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**POLISH MASS:** The Polish community would like to thank Fr. Szczepan for his two months service. Polish masses are celebrated every Saturday at 6.30pm in the Resurrection Church. More information about other services can be found on the Polskie Duszpasterstwo w Kerry page

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## A Word of Victory


"The Lord passed in front of Moses calling out... Yahweh! The Lord God of compassion and mercy! I am slow to anger and filled with unfailing Love and Faithfulness. I lavish unfailing Love to a thousand generations. I forgive iniquity, rebellion, and sin. But I do not excuse the guilty, laying the sins of the parents upon their children and grandchildren; the entire family is affected – even to the third and fourth generations" (Exodus 34:6-7).

Welcome back dear student, as we approach Christmas, let's get to know the Lord, and understand what are we celebrating? To first know God, we must return to the fear of the Lord, for He is Awesome. Moses knew God as his Friend, yet he revered Him (Exodus 33:11). God is Holy and sin cannot enter His Presence. Mankind is not holy, for when Adam and Eve sinned our spiritual connection to God was broken through their disobedience. Sins also get handed down generationally – known as iniquities. Even though a person may be kind, doing good things, shunning wickedness, sin nature is still present in the flesh (Romans chapter five).

God keeps Covenant forever; He does not change. Man breaks promises – even the most willing and well-meaning people fail and fall short of His Glory (Romans 3:23). God created man in His own image to have fellowship with. In Genesis chapter one, God called His creation 'good' – He was satisfied with His design. But when He created Man, He called him 'very good'. God delights in us, and desires relationship with us. But sin broke the fellowship. So, He came up with a solution for the sin problem. He would send a Saviour. He looked and found there was no man to bridge the gap between our sins and God's holiness to save us, so He stepped in Himself and came down as one of us (Isaiah 59:16-17; 1 Timothy 2:5). Enter the Son of God – the Lord Jesus. The difference was, no man was His Father – God was. The ancestral line comes through the Father, so that is why Mary was a virgin when she gave birth to her first-born – Jesus (Isaiah 7:14; Luke 1:31-35). He was conceived when the Holy Spirit fell upon Mary, growing up to become Messiah – the Lamb with God's sinless bloodline.

God's Word is Truth, and He is true to His Word. He watches over His Word to see that it is performed (Jeremiah 1:12; Isaiah 55:6-11). Every prediction about the Messiah was fulfilled in Jesus. Christ is not His surname; it is His calling – it means Anointed One. "God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit and with Power, and He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil for God was with Him" (Acts 10:38). Jesus' Name is Immanuel, which means "God with us". We had no way of overcoming the devil and his works in our own efforts. So, Yahweh – God Almighty, sent His Son to take our sins, to wash us clean from the effects of sin, bringing freedom from cursed generational iniquities, so we could be forgiven and reconciled to God, and brought into His family (Galatians 3:13). Simply by acknowledging and repenting for our sins, believing, and confessing aloud that Jesus is Lord, we become 'born again' into God's family, never again to be separated from His Love (Romans 10:9; John 3:7-16). Folks are battling multitudes of problems and chaos in the world; but you can have Peace in Christ friend. And a place to belong in God's family. The commercial driven, alcohol centred Christmas is a sham. God's Love for you is real. (Romans 8:31-39). This is the Good News – the reason we celebrate Christmas. Visit our new website: [wordofvictory.ie](http://wordofvictory.ie).

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## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & 1ST ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
**JERRY CLIFFORD**



BRACKHILL, CASTLEMAINE  
WHOSE FIRST ANNIVERSARY  
OCCURS ON 8TH DECEMBER.

*Lovingly remembered on Jerry's  
first anniversary.*

*Jerry is missed every day with a depth  
beyond words. His strength, his presence,  
and his love remain with us always.*

We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks  
to all who supported Jerry and our family  
throughout his 18-month illness.

Sincere gratitude to Dr Séamus O'Reilly,  
Dr Mags Clifford, Noreen, Maura and  
the Palliative Care team. Thank you to Dr  
Eamonn Shanahan of Farranfore Medical  
Centre, and Dr Tim Horgan for their  
exceptional care, kindness, and guidance.  
Special thanks to Fr Danny Broderick.

Our appreciation also to our neighbours,  
extended family, and friends for their  
unwavering support during Jerry's funeral.  
Thank you to Flynn's Undertakers for your  
compassion and professionalism in a deeply  
difficult time.

A very special word of thanks to Vanessa,  
Tony, Dan, Seamus, Cathal, and Saoirse for  
your support at home during the wake.

Your kindness will never be forgotten and  
will forever be treasured.

Forever loved and remembered by his family  
Marie, Aidan, Sinéad, Derry & Triona.

Mass will be offered in The Church of the  
Sacred Heart, Milltown on Sunday,  
7th December at 11.15am, and will also  
be offered in loving memory of his  
wife Rena for her Month's Mind.

*Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis.*

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & 1ST ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
**TIMOTHY  
RAHILLY**



AUNASKIRTANE, RATHMORE  
WHO PASSED AWAY ON  
DECEMBER 16TH, 2024

As we lovingly remember Tim on his First  
Anniversary, we, his family, wish to express  
our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to  
all who supported and comforted us during  
our sad loss.

A sincere thank you to the Doctors, Nurses,  
and all the staff at U.H.K., who cared for Tim  
with such kindness and compassion during  
his final days. Our deepest thanks also to the  
wonderful home helps who cared for Tim  
in his home – we could not have managed  
without you. We are also truly grateful to the  
Public Health Nurses for their ongoing care  
and support.

Special thanks to Dr. Christine Walsh  
McCarthy, Dr. Liam Norton, and all the staff  
at Millstreet Medical Centre and to David  
and the team at Reen's Pharmacy.

We are deeply thankful to all who called to  
the house, attended the removal, and joined  
us for the Funeral Mass. Your presence,  
prayers, and kind words brought great  
comfort. Thank you to all who travelled long  
distances, sent Mass cards, letters, messages  
of sympathy, made phone calls, or wrote  
online condolences – your thoughtfulness  
meant so much.

A special word of thanks to Fr. Pat O'Donnell  
for the Funeral Mass, to Paud O'Donoghue  
for the beautiful music and singing, and to  
Anthony and Killian Cronin who sang and  
played at the graveside.

We would like to extend our heartfelt  
gratitude to O'Keeffe's Undertakers,  
Rathmore – John D. and Dan – for their  
professionalism, care, and kindness, and  
to the gravedigger for his respectful work.  
Thank you also to those who provided  
flowers, food, and refreshments to the  
family home – your generosity was deeply  
appreciated.

To our extended family, relatives, friends,  
and neighbours – your love, kindness, and  
support have been a great source of strength  
and comfort.

As it would be impossible to thank  
everyone individually, please accept this  
acknowledgment as a token of our deepest  
gratitude. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will  
be offered for your intentions.

**Tim's First Anniversary Mass will  
be celebrated in Shrone Church on  
Saturday, 13th December 2025 at 6pm**



## 1ST ANNIVERSARY

REMEMBERING

**PHILIP  
O'SULLIVAN**



ASHGROVE, FIRIES

*The beauty of a memory  
Is that it's always there,  
Like a penny in your pocket  
You can take it anywhere.*

*And when our hearts are heavy  
And our eyes are filled with tears  
We can focus on a memory  
And travel through the years.*

*Our heart can visit happy times  
When laughter filled the air  
And the presence of you Phil  
Lessens our despair.*

*So, as we travel on in life,  
We will carry you as we go  
In a lifetime of "sweet memories,"  
Oh how we loved you so.*

Dearly missed by your friends,  
Kevin, Brid, Laoise Mai and  
your godson Tiarnan.

## 11TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

**JACKIE  
HEALY-RAE**



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

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

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

Anniversary Mass for Jackie will take place  
in Kilgarvan on Saturday, 20th December  
at 6pm

## 15TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
**SHEILA FLEMING**



LATE OF CLYDINE, KILCUMMIN,  
KILLARNEY  
WHO DIED ON  
3RD DECEMBER 2010.

*When I come to the end of the road  
And the sun has set for me  
I want no rites in a gloom filled room  
Why cry for a soul set free?*

*Miss me a little, but not for long  
And not with your head bowed low  
Remember the love that once we shared  
Miss me, but let me go.*

Sadly missed by your loving husband Pat,  
daughter Marcella, Sons David and John,  
Son-in-law David, Daughter-in-law Katrin  
and grandchildren.

## 19TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
MY BROTHER

**JAMES WRENN**



LATE OF 'WOODLAWN HOUSE'  
WOODLAWN ROAD, KILLARNEY  
WHO DIED ON THE  
4TH DECEMBER 2006.

*The gates of memories will never close  
We miss you more than anyone knows  
Gone is the face we loved so dear  
Silent the voice we loved to hear.*

Also remembering my parents and my  
brothers Denis, Patrick and Michael  
and my sister Eileen.

Loved and missed everyday by your sister  
Julie, brother-in-law Joe and family.

x

## 7TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
**MARGARET  
O'DONOVAN**



LATE OF SHRONEDRAUGH,  
HEADFORD

WHO DIED ON  
9TH DECEMBER 2018.

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

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

## 5TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
**CATHERINE  
CROWLEY**



HEADFORD, KILLARNEY  
WHO PASSED AWAY ON THE  
4TH DECEMBER 2020

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

From all your friends in Pennys

## 25TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
**DONAL  
MURPHY**



ANNAGHMORE, HEADFORD,  
KILLARNEY  
WHO DIED ON THE 10TH  
DECEMBER 2000.

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

Sadly missed by your wife Kathleen  
and extended family.

## NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART

Dear Heart of Jesus in the past I have  
asked many favours.

This time I ask you this special one,  
(mention favour).

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

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

Amen.

*Say this prayer three times for three  
days and your favour will be granted.*

## THANKSGIVING

For favours received from Sacred Heart of  
Jesus, Our Lady of Lourdes, St. Bernadette, St.  
Martin De Porres, St. Roch, St. Padre Pio, St.  
Michael the Archangel, St. Perigrine for many  
favours received and that includes health.

## NOVENA TO ST. JUDE

Most holy Apostle, St. Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the Church honors and invokes you universally, as the patron of difficult cases, of things almost despaired of, Pray for me, I am so helpless and alone. Intercede with God for me that He bring visible and speedy help where help is almost despaired of. Come to my assistance in this great need that I may receive the consolation and help of heaven in all my necessities, tribulations, and sufferings, particularly (Mention your request here...)


And that I may praise God with you and all the saints forever. I promise, O Blessed St. Jude, to be ever mindful of this great favor granted me by God and to always honor you as my special and powerful patron, and to gratefully encourage devotion to you.

Amen



1ST ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
OUR DEAR MUM  
**ROSEMARY  
NOLAN**



WOODLAWN PARK, KILLARNEY  
WHO PASSED AWAY  
6TH DECEMBER, 2024.

*We miss you in the quiet,  
We miss you in the noise,  
We miss you in the moments  
We once thought were simple joys.*


*We find you in forgotten things -  
a recipe, a folded note,  
your handwriting like a tether  
to the words we wish you wrote.*

*And though time keeps its distance,  
and healing comes slow and kind,  
We carry you in pieces  
in the space you leave behind.*

Forever in our thoughts and hearts,  
our loving mom, we miss you every day  
and always, Your daughters Edele  
and Susan.

1ST ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
MY BELOVED WIFE  
**ROSEMARY  
NOLAN**




WOODLAWN PARK, KILLARNEY  
WHO PASSED AWAY  
6TH DECEMBER, 2024.

*We cannot bring the old days back  
when we were all together, the family chain  
is broken now but memories will live forever.*

Deeply Missed and remembered by  
her husband John.

1ST ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
OUR LOVING GRANNY  
**ROSEMARY  
NOLAN**



WOODLAWN PARK, KILLARNEY  
WHO PASSED AWAY  
6TH DECEMBER, 2024.

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

Loved and remembered every day by your  
adored grandchildren Maria and Connor.

1ST ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
**EILEEN HALLISSEY**



ALOHERT, BEAUFORT,  
CO. KERRY  
WHO PASSED AWAY ON  
6TH DECEMBER, 2024.

*The Golden Gate stood open  
God saw you needed rest.  
He called your name so softly  
That only you could hear.  
His Garden must be beautiful  
As He only takes the best.*

Your son Charlie, Nora and family.

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF A WONDERFUL WIFE,  
LOVING MUM, & ADORED GRANNY  
**ROSEMARY NOLAN**  
(NEE GIBNEY)



WOODLAWN PARK, KILLARNEY  
WHO WAS CALLED  
TO HEAVEN  
6TH DECEMBER, 2024.

As we mark the first anniversary of Rosemary,  
her husband John, daughters Edele and Susan,  
and all the extended family's on both sides  
would like to sincerely thank everyone who  
supported us since her untimely passing.  
To everyone who sent flowers, cards, gifts.  
Offered Masses, we thank you sincerely and we  
are forever grateful to you all.

To mums dear friends, near and far, who were  
her guiding light in the last few years, we  
cannot thank you enough for all your texts, calls  
and unwavering support.

To all those who travelled great distances to  
share stories, offer support or to sit with us, we  
are forever grateful.

We thank sincerely Fr. Vitalis Barasa for his  
generous support and lovely funeral service.

We wish to offer our deepest gratitude to  
O'Shea's funeral home, Killarney, Mike,  
Mary and Michael, with your care and  
professionalism. Thanks to Mike Buckley, from  
Kerry Coaches for the bus to transport family  
to and from Cobh for mums cremation service.

To the nurses and doctors in the palliative  
care unit in Tralee general hospital, who were  
so compassionate and caring with mum in  
her final days, we are beyond grateful for the  
support you gave us, your care for mum meant

so much to all of us. To mums MS South Kerry  
Branch, and all her MS friends, thanks for your  
kind words, prayers and cards during and after  
mum passed, she truly loved being a part  
of your community and she always said her  
friends for life came from giving your time to  
others.

To mums kind and supportive neighbours  
in Woodlawn park, we thank all of you for  
your unwavering support, friendship and  
love throughout the 46 years she lived in  
Woodlawn park. Thanks to the Dromhall Hotel  
management and their staff, for their warm  
welcome and as always professionalism.

May her gentle soul Rest in Eternal peace.

*We miss you most in quiet rooms where sunlight  
slows its pace, and every shadow on the wall  
looks just a bit like grace.*

*We miss the way your laughter fell,  
soft rain on troubled ground, how even in my  
darkest storms your voice could wrap around.*

*We search for you in little things: the scent  
of flowers after rain, the warmth of tea, a  
whispered song, the way love softens pain.*

*And though you're gone, we feel you still in  
every gentle, steady part-the courage in our  
trembling hands, the echo in our heart.*

*Some days the missing breaks us open, some  
days it helps us grow, for love like yours does  
not depart It's everywhere we go.*

Rosemary's 1st Anniversary Mass  
will be celebrated on Saturday, 6th December  
at 6.15pm in St. Mary's Cathedral Killarney.

NOVENA TO  
ST. CLAIRE

Ask St. Claire for three favours, one  
business, two impossible and say nine  
Hail Mary's for nine days with lighted  
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every day throughout the whole world  
forever. Amen

Say six times daily for nine days. Your  
request will be granted no matter how  
difficult it may seem. Favour publication  
must be promised.

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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