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Welcome to this week's Killarney Outlook.

Killarney was left reeling this week with the sudden passing of journalist John O'Mahony after a short illness. The consummate profession, John will be hugely missed by everyone who knew him, but most of all his devoted family.

Summer In Killarney, a new festival was launched this week, ensuring lots of fun activities for both visitors and locals alike over the summer months. The parish of Kilcummin is set to celebrate its golden jubilee and a busy summer of parish events have been announced.

Killarney retained its top ten position in the latest IBAL Litter Ranking, the call for nominations for the Hugh O'Flaherty Humanitarian Award has been announced and Sem boys are planning a Night at the Dogs.

Final preparations are underway at the Sacred Heart Church in Ballyhar as they prepare to celebrate 200 years, Killarney Town Twinning Association rolled out the red carpet and a fundraising dance will take place in Milltown to raise funds for St. Mary of the Angels.

In sport, Johnny Culloty Park has been officially launched at Killarney Legion GAA Club, the annual Garda 7-A-Side Blitz has been launched and a historic milestone was marked at Killarney Valley AC.

Hope you all enjoy this week's Killarney Outlook!

Aisling Crosbie



*Mother Nature creates the most beautiful colours.
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throughout the summer
season**

A brand-new festival is coming to Killarney!

The spectacular new Summer in Killarney Festival launches with Street Parades, Cinema in the Park and a host of family fun entertainment.

Running throughout the season, the Summer in Killarney Festival will transform the town into a hub of family entertainment.

With something for everyone, there are dazzling street parades (with the first one taking place on Thursday 25th June), cinema in the park, theatrical performances, street theatre and live bands. Not forgetting the Killarney Racing Festival and Ladies Day, the historic Killarney Regatta on the lakes and the Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle and Afterparty!

Set against the backdrop of Killarney's world-famous natural beauty, the new festival is designed to showcase everything that makes Killarney unique, according to festival chair, Diarmuid Leen.

"Killarney has always been a place where culture, entertainment, hospitality and the natural environment meet. Our festival is about celebrating our welcoming spirit and offering unforgettable summer experiences for visitors and locals alike."

Among the festival highlights are:



Artistes Lucy Cronin and Aidan Byrne introducing a brand-new festival is coming to Killarney! Taking place throughout the summer - from 25th June continuing until 20th July. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



At the launch, from left, Dermot Healy, Brian Bowler, Matt Sophia McGrath and Yuliia Stadnyk, Cathaoirleach of Killarney Municipal District Cllr. Martin Grady, Pat McGrath, Patrick O'Sullivan Greene, Author/Playwright, Actor, Aidan Byrne, Artiste, Lucy Cronin, Padraig Treacy, Claire Frawley, Events Manager, Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce, Musical Director, Noel Patrick O'Sullivan, Chair of the Festival, Diarmuid Leen.

Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan

Spectacular street parades and live music sets (25th June and 20th July)

Outdoor cinema experience with SPIN South West DJ – book now for 20th July

A fabulous theatrical period drama - As Far As The Eye Can See - with music, song and dance, performed in the grounds of Killarney House. This play gives a fascinating insight into the wonderful legacy of the Bourn Vincent family to the Irish nation in gifting Muckcross House to its people - Think Downton Abbey!

The festival positions Killarney as the must-visit destination of the summer, combining family events for all ages, a curated cultural programme and breathtaking scenery.

Under the theme "Celebrating 250 Years of Ireland's Contribution to American Culture," Killarney is programming a specially curated series of cultural events; literary, film, musical and theatrical performances highlighting the profound influence and remarkable contribution Ireland has had on the American

cultural landscape. Among the highlights is a John McCormack evening featuring renowned tenor Gavan Ring.

Most of the events are free, but booking is recommended, especially for the Cinema in the Park promising to be "the ultimate summer night out in Killarney."

Summer in Killarney Festival is presented by the Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce, kindly supported by National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) and Heineken.

Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce (Summer in Killarney) wishes to acknowledge the financial assistance provided by Kerry County Council through the Community Support Fund 2026 and Fáilte Ireland's Festival and Participative Events programme.

For updates, and to book tickets, please see Killarney.ie and Summer in Killarney Festival on social media.

Golden Jubilee Celebrations for Our Lady of Lourdes Church

A very special milestone will be celebrated next Saturday, June 20th, as the community gathers to mark the 50th anniversary of Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

The Golden Jubilee celebrations will bring together parishioners, former residents and friends of the parish to give thanks for five decades of faith, worship and community spirit centred around the church.

The occasion will be marked with a special Mass at 7.30pm, with Bishop Ray Browne joining the celebrations. The anniversary provides an opportunity to reflect on the important role the church has played in the lives of generations of families, from baptisms and First Holy Communions to weddings, funerals and countless parish gatherings.



Organisers are extending a warm invitation to all parishioners and members of the wider community to be part of this historic occasion. Following Mass, refreshments will be served, providing an opportunity for people to meet, share memories and celebrate this significant chapter in the parish's history.

As the community prepares to mark 50 years of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, all are welcome to join what promises to be a memorable and joyful celebration.

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*will be remembered as one of
Killarney's finest*



The sudden passing of Killarney journalist John O'Mahony has sent shockwaves throughout Killarney and far beyond, leaving a profound sense of loss among colleagues, friends and the countless people whose lives he touched through his work. John passed away peacefully on Tuesday evening 9th June following a short illness at St. James Hospital in Dublin

Known throughout Kerry and beyond, John was a proud Killarney man through and through. Raised in Dalton's Avenue, he was the youngest son of Sheila and Patrick O'Mahony. He attended St Brendan's College before embarking on what would become a remarkable career in journalism spanning more over four decades.

John began his career in 1983 when he joined the MacMonagle family at the former Now and Then newspaper, which later became The Kingdom, as a junior reporter. His talent, dedication and instinct for a story quickly saw him rise through the ranks to become senior journalist, editor and later managing editor. Under his leadership, the newspaper flourished, quadrupling its circulation and earning several national awards for excellence.

Following the closure of The Kingdom, John continued to make his mark as a freelance journalist. He wrote extensively for every major national newspaper, including the Irish Independent, Irish Times, Irish Examiner, Irish Daily Mail, Sunday Independent, Mail on Sunday and Sunday World. His insightful reporting and deep understanding of local and national issues earned him widespread respect within the media industry.

Throughout his distinguished career, John covered general, local and European elections, presidential campaigns and referendum debates. He interviewed an extraordinary range of people, from movie stars and sporting legends to prime ministers, royalty, church leaders and public figures. Yet despite these high-profile encounters, John always believed that the greatest stories came from ordinary people and the communities they lived in.

Together with his wife Geraldine, John founded O'Mahony Media, a successful news, publishing, public relations and media training consultancy. Their vision and innovation led to the launch of KillarneyToday.com, a platform that transformed local news coverage and became an essential source of information for the people of Killarney and the wider diaspora.

For well over a decade, KillarneyToday.com has been the trusted daily source of news, sport and community stories for more than 41,000 followers. Through the website, John ensured that Killarney remained connected, informed and proud of its achievements.

While John's professional accomplishments were considerable, he will be remembered most for his passion for journalism, his commitment to his community, his generosity of spirit and his unwavering belief in the importance of local news. His passing marks the end of an era in Kerry journalism. Yet the legacy he leaves behind, in the stories he told, the people he encouraged and the platform he built, will endure for many years to come.

One of the most important and happiest days in John and Geraldine's lives came on October 2nd, 1998, with the arrival of their beloved daughter, Molly.

John and Geraldine were immensely proud parents and took great joy in celebrating Molly's many achievements over the years. From her literary successes at Listowel Writers' Week to her graduation from University College Cork with a degree in Physiotherapy, they supported and encouraged her every step of the way.

Family was at the centre of John's life. He and Geraldine treasured their time together, enjoying travel, concerts and creating lasting memories as a family. Above all, they shared a passion for following Kerry football, rarely missing an opportunity to support the Kingdom. Whether at home or on the road, cheering on Kerry became a cherished part of family life and one of the many bonds they shared.

Those close to John knew that while journalism was his profession and passion, his greatest

pride was always his family. The love he had for Geraldine and Molly was evident to all who knew him, and the memories they created together will remain a lasting source of comfort and inspiration. John leaves behind his heartbroken wife Geraldine, his adored daughter Molly, his brother Brian, sisters Joan, Mary and Sheila, sisters-in-law Maryrose O'Mahony, Mary O'Shea and Teresa Hickey, brothers-in-law Jacques Mention, Karl O'Doherty and Francis O'Shea, nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews, extended family, his wide circle of friend sand his constant canine companion Nigel.

John O'Mahony's career spanned more than 40 years, but his impact on Killarney and on Irish journalism will be felt for generations.

On a personal note, I had the privilege of working alongside John for more than 17 years at The Kingdom newspaper. They were years filled with hard work, great stories, plenty of laughter and friendships that have lasted to this day.

John was a fantastic colleague, professional, knowledgeable and deeply committed to journalism, and above all, great company. He had a remarkable ability to balance the demands of the job with a sense of humour and an appreciation for the friendships that developed along the way. Those who worked with him will remember not only his outstanding contribution to journalism but also his warmth, kindness, great sense of humour and friendship. His passing leaves a huge void, but the memories of the man, the colleague and the friend will live on for all who were fortunate enough to know him

- Aisling Crosbie

Tributes have poured in following John's passing, including from Cathaoirleach of Killarney Municipal District, Martin Grady.

"It was with great sadness that I learned of the unexpected passing of John O'Mahony," he said. "John was a Killarney man to the core and a journalist of the highest calibre. Through KillarneyToday.com, he provided an invaluable service, keeping communities informed, connected and engaged with everything that mattered in Killarney and across Kerry.

"Whether covering sport, politics, community events or local developments, John had an unrivalled passion for his hometown and its people. He served the community with dedication, professionalism and integrity, ensuring local voices were heard and important stories were told.

"Above all, John was a true gentleman who



The late journalist John O'Mahony from Killarney who died this week was editor of The Kingdom Newspaper and owner of Killarneytoday.com and is pictured above on left with his mother Sheila, brother Brian, Sean Counihan, Chairman, Killarney UDC, Mary Rose O'Mahony and his wife Geraldine when the family were honoured by Killarney UDC in 2009. Picture by Don MacMonagle

treated everyone with respect and kindness. His passing leaves a great void in our community, and he will be deeply missed by all who knew him."

Martin Grady extended his heartfelt condolences to John's wife Geraldine, daughter Molly, extended family, friends and colleagues.

"May John O'Mahony rest in peace. His contribution to Killarney will not be forgotten."

Statement from Johnny McGuire, President, Killarney Chamber of Tourism & Commerce

All of us at Killarney Chamber of Tourism & Commerce are deeply saddened by the sudden passing of our dear colleague and friend, John O'Mahony.

John dedicated a lifetime of service to the public good and was one of Killarney's most passionate champions. His contribution to our town, our county, and our community is immeasurable. He was a steadfast supporter of the Chamber and of countless initiatives that enhanced and promoted Killarney and Kerry throughout the years.

John's knowledge of Killarney was truly unparalleled. He was, in many ways, a living encyclopaedia of our town's history, people, culture, and development. Through his work with Killarney Then and Now, Killarney Today, and many other community initiatives, he informed, educated, and connected generations of people. No matter the topic, John had a remarkable ability to communicate it with accuracy, enthusiasm, and positivity, ensuring that the stories of Killarney reached audiences far and wide.

A true visionary, John was ahead of his time in recognising the power of digital media and community-focused journalism. Through Killarney Today, he built a trusted and respected platform that became an essential source of news and information for so many people. His commitment to highlighting the positive aspects of community life while keeping people informed was a hallmark of his work and a reflection of his character.

From a young age, John immersed himself in community service. His involvement in Tidy Towns and his determination in revitalising the Killarney Looking Good Competition demonstrated his unwavering dedication to civic pride and the betterment of the town he loved so dearly. His efforts inspired countless others to become involved and helped shape the Killarney we know today.

John's sudden passing is a tremendous loss to our community. His absence will be felt across every corner of Killarney and beyond. He leaves behind a legacy of service, innovation, community spirit, and pride of place that will endure for generations. The void created by his loss will be impossible to fill.

On behalf of the Board, Executive, and members of Killarney Chamber of Tourism & Commerce, I extend our deepest sympathies to his beloved wife Geraldine, his daughter Molly, and to all of his family, friends, and colleagues.

John O'Mahony was a remarkable individual whose life's work enriched our town in countless ways. We are grateful for his friendship, his leadership, and his unwavering commitment to Killarney. He will be remembered with immense respect, affection, and gratitude.

May he rest in peace.

Eamonn Keogh recalls the life and career of a remarkable colleague and friend.

There was a distinct sense of loss and a palpable air of sadness in Killarney on Tuesday night and Wednesday morning when news broke of the untimely passing of local journalist and PR



The late John O'Mahony of O'Mahony Media and Killarneytoday.com with his Wife Geraldine and Daughter Molly O'Mahony, at the Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce, Gala black-tie ball, at the Europe Hotel and Resort, Killarney, to honour Killarney Man and Hollywood Actor, Michael Fassbender, following his induction into the Order of Innisfallen, at Muckcross House, for his outstanding achievements in the film industry. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan

consultant John O'Mahony (62), a hugely popular local man who was very well known and greatly respected in his home town and beyond.

John will be fondly remembered as a doyen of local news journalism during a career that spanned across five decades. Killarney native John joined the former Now and Then newspaper – which later became The Kingdom – as a junior reporter in 1983. Working alongside the likes of Harry, Donal, Philip and Don MacMonagle and another budding young reporter, Tony Leen, he quickly climbed the ranks heading up the newsroom and was appointed news editor in January 1989.

He became the main editor of The Kingdom following a change of ownership in October 1992 and a subsequent takeover of the paper by The Irish Examiner TCH Group followed with John promoted to managing editor of The Kingdom in early 2000.

Following the closure of The Kingdom in 2011, John worked as a freelance journalist working extensively for every national daily newspaper in the country covering all aspects of Kerry life

In 2011 John and his wife, Geraldine, established O'Mahony Media, a progressive news, publishing, public relations and media training consultancy. KillarneyToday.com was subsequently launched on St. Patrick's Day 2014 and proved to be an exciting and groundbreaking online publishing project that brought quality journalism about Killarney and Kerry into every corner of the world. He broke exclusive stories on a local and national stage producing thousands of news and sporting reports and features over the years and was a pioneer in giving greater coverage to Killarney on the global stage.

John firmly established himself as an astute political commentator, a talented writer and analyst on all news and sporting matters.

His attention to detail, story telling and writing skills, accuracy and ability to get the facts right and incredible news sense set him apart from so many others in an industry that has changed so much over the years.

Growing up in Dalton's Avenue in the shadow of Fitzgerald Stadium, John developed a great love for Kerry football watching the great Kerry teams training and playing there in the 1970s and 80s.

He was a past pupil of Presentation Monastery and St. Brendan's College and was a talented performer in The Killarney Brass and Reed band in his early years and was also a volunteer with the Killarney Order of Malta. His soccer management skills were called upon by several of his friends for the annual Killarney Athletic 7-A-Side tournament

for many years and his finest hour was leading Haircut 100 to a Premier Cup success in 1990.

The Killarney Looking Good project was something that was very close to his heart. He was involved in it from its inception in 1991 and he revolutionised it again in recent years with a major relaunch and his huge input through his own media and PR sponsorship of the event. Behind everything else, John was a proud Killarney man and witnessing success in Tidy Towns and national awards was a huge source of satisfaction to him.

A devoted family man, John lived in Lackabane Village, Fossa, and was a beloved husband of Geraldine, his wife of 29 years, and loving father of their adored daughter Molly. He loved his golden retriever Nigel and his predecessor Buzz (2007-2019) and their antics were a source of great joy and amusement to him.

He will be well remembered as a great character, a thorough gentleman, a man with a larger than life personality and a man who possessed an amazing sense of wit and humour. He was an incredible amusing raconteur with a great sense of fun and had the ability to make people laugh, smile and enjoy themselves.

John's own business motto ran with the line 'You get one chance to make a first impression'. John O'Mahony only ever needed one chance and he left a lasting impression with everyone he connected with.

Statement from Michael Gleeson, Chairperson of Killarney Tidy Towns

John was involved with Killarney Tidy Town and the Killarney Looking Good initiative from the very beginning. Through the Media he promoted these projects as he clearly understood their potential to enhance Killarney's image for both locals and tourists. Through the years he has remained deeply involved with the Killarney Looking Good committee. His insights and suggestions were always greatly valued. Annually he and Geraldine prepared the script for the prize giving ceremony. He, from his earliest days as a school boy in the Mon, had a deep affection for Killarney and this inspired him to do all that he could to make the town a worthy tourist destination. He derived deep satisfaction from his involvement and from seeing the area prosper. John O'Mahony has made a real difference to the betterment of Killarney and his contribution will long be valued. All who worked with John through the years deeply regret his death and offer our deepest sympathy to Geraldine, Molly and to his family and friends. Guímid Solas na bhFlaitheas ar a anam fíor-uasal. Slán abhaile a chara.

Busy Summer Schedule of Parish Events Announced in Killarney

One of the highlights of the parish calendar will be the traditional Innisfallen Island Mass on Friday, June 19th.

Killarney Parish has announced a full programme of religious celebrations, pilgrimages and cemetery Masses over the coming months, providing parishioners and visitors with many opportunities for prayer, reflection and community gathering.

The annual Novena to the Sacred Heart continues from June 4th to June 12th, offering a special time of devotion and prayer within the parish.

The first of the cemetery Masses will take place in Killaha Graveyard on Monday, June 8th at 7.30pm, when families and friends will gather to remember and pray for their loved ones.

One of the highlights of the parish calendar

will be the traditional Innisfallen Island Mass on Friday, June 19th. Boats will depart from Ross Castle from 4.00pm onwards, with Mass celebrated on the historic island at 6.30pm. The annual pilgrimage continues to be a treasured event, combining the area's rich Christian heritage with the beauty of Killarney National Park.

The annual Aglish Graveyard Mass will be celebrated on Friday, June 26th at 8.00pm, followed by the Killarney Burial Ground Mass on Monday, June 29th at 7.00pm.

In July, parishioners are invited to take part in the Muckross Abbey Pilgrimage and Cemetery Mass on Monday, July 6th. The pilgrimage will

begin at 6.30pm, followed by Mass in the Abbey Graveyard at 7.30pm. This annual event attracts large numbers each year and provides a unique opportunity to reflect in one of Killarney's most historic and spiritual settings.

The series of cemetery Masses will conclude with the New Cemetery Mass on Monday, August 3rd at 7.00pm.

Parish clergy are encouraging all parishioners, families and visitors to participate in these special occasions as the community gathers in prayer, remembrance and thanksgiving throughout the summer months.

Eric Captures Kerry's Beauty to Win Novice Category

The stunning landscapes of Kerry continue to inspire Killarney Camera Club Photographers, and this month themed competition, titled "Kerry Landscape," produced some stunning images.

Last week, we featured the winning photograph in the unrestricted category by Noel O'Neill. Titled "Conor Pass Lakes and the Three Sisters" This week we showcase the winning photograph in the Novice Category by Eric Jenkisob whose striking photograph titled "Wild Atlantic Way" impressed the judges with its colour, composition and place.

The image captures the rugged beauty of the Dingle Peninsula, with Clogher Beach in the foreground and the iconic Three Sisters in the background. This winning image beautifully shows us the breathtaking scenery that has made Kerry one of Ireland's most photographed and admired landscapes.

Eric's success highlights both his photographic talent and his appreciation of the county's natural beauty and a tribute to the spectacular views that can be found along the Wild Atlantic Way. Killarney Camera Club continues to encourage photographers of all experience

1st	Eric Jenkinson	"Wild Atlantic Way"
2nd	Mike Kennedy	"Dunquin Sunset"
2nd	Maryann Heidtke	"Surprise on Conor Pass"
3rd	Ane Kelly	"Molls Sunset"



levels to develop their skills and celebrate the rich visual heritage of the region through competitions and exhibitions throughout the year.

Congratulations to Eric and well done to all who entered. Winners in the Novice Category.



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Golfers Encouraged To Enter First Kerry Mental Health Association Charity Golf Classic

Pictured at Beaufort Golf Club, the venue for the event were John Drummey, General Manager Kerry Mental Health Association and Caitlin Rietveld (KMHA Volunteer). Photo: Domnick Walsh © Eye Focus LTD

KERRY Mental Health Association has announced details of its inaugural charity golf classic at Beaufort Golf Club on Friday 31st July 2026.

Golfers are encouraged to enter the event from which the proceeds will help purchase transport for local mental health day centres and fund the roll out of mental health educational activities in Kerry.

The entry fee for Teams of 4 is €400 with tee-times available from early on the morning onwards on Friday 31st July – an ideal start to the last Bank Holiday Weekend of the summer. The General Manager of Kerry Mental Health Association, John Drummey, said,

“This golf outing on Friday 31st July at Beaufort Golf Club is not only a fundraiser but more importantly, an awareness-raiser. A mission of Kerry Mental Health Association is to support people in Kerry with mental health challenges, their families and carers. Our fundraising activities are essential to achieving our vision to foster good mental health and better inform society about how to take care of its mental health. Proceeds from the event will go towards funding the cost of a ‘bus’ for a local mental health day centre and the roll-out free and affordable mental health educational activities. We are encouraging golf enthusiasts from Kerry and beyond to enter and have an enjoyable day out.”

To enter a team, sponsor a tee and/or green or a raffle prize, contact John Drummey at John@KerryMentalHealth.ie or phone 083 2032742. The best two scores will count on holes 1 to 17, and three scores to count on the 18th hole with prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd as well as Nearest The Pin and The Longest Drive.

“We would be truly grateful for your support and participation on a day that promises excellent golf and an opportunity to directly enhance mental health services and support in our community,” said John Drummey.

CALLING ON VOLUNTEERS FOR NEW ‘CYCLING WITHOUT AGE’ INITIATIVE IN CASTLEISLAND

Kerry Recreation & Sports Partnership (KRSP) is delighted to announce the dual launch of the Cycling Without Age initiative at both West Kerry Community Hospital in Dingle and Castleisland Daycare Centre.

Cycling Without Age is a global, volunteer-led movement that provides free, slow-paced trishaw bike rides to older adults and those with limited mobility. Two electric-assisted Triobike taxis funded by Kerry Recreation & Sports Partnership and provided to both facilities to ensure clients could regain the experience of being out on a bike in their local community.

The Triobike taxi is designed for comfort and accessibility, featuring a powerful motor to assist the volunteer ‘pilot’ and a retractable footrest for easy entry. Each bike can carry two passengers, offering a social and immersive outdoor experience at a relaxed pace.

“We hope those using the bikes will truly enjoy this new cycling experience as they get to be out and about in their communities,” said Maeve Ryan, Community Sports Development Officer. “This initiative plays a pivotal role in keeping people active and socially engaged, fostering connection and reducing social isolation.”

Speaking at the launch Marcella Finn, Nurse Manager of the Castleisland Day Care Centre said, “We are really looking forward to the Cycling without Age initiative in the Castleisland area. Castleisland Day Care Service users will



Pictured promoting the Kerry Recreation & Sports Partnership’s ‘Cycling Without Age’ initiative at Castleisland Day Care Centre on Monday morning were: Maeve Ryan (Kerry Recreation & Sports Partnership), Marcella Finn (Nurse Manager in Castleisland Daycare Centre), Pádraig Corkery (KCC), Gearóid O’Doherty (Kerry Recreation & Sports Partnership Co-ordinator), Peggy O’Grady, Catherine Carty (Chairperson of the Kerry Recreation & Sports Partnership board), Mick Leahy and Paddy McAuliffe. Photo: Michelle Breen Crean Photography

be given the opportunity to experience local scenery, conversation, and companionship from the comfort of a safe passenger seat. This is more than a bike ride; it is about inclusion and creating moments of happiness for older people in the community who may no longer be able to cycle themselves”. The service will be supported and delivered by a dedicated team of local volunteer cycling pilots. Following specialised training, volunteers coordinate through community networks to provide scheduled trips along

scenic and pre-determined routes in both Dingle and Castleisland.

Volunteers are needed. How to Get Involved: Both locations are seeking volunteer pilots. No cycling expertise is required, as full training will be given on the following dates:

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Anne Lucey looks at the positive news happening in Killarney



WHO'LL BE HEALY, AND WHO'LL BE RAE?

The Healy-Raes are facing the same dilemma as the Mountbatten-Windsors: they can't all be king.

That's why back in feudal times "primogeniture" was fixed on. Everything went to the eldest, with the second son getting to be archbishop.

These days in the United Kingdom the older (William) wins out and the younger (Harry) gets to sulk and feed his hens in exile.

But in the real Kingdom, things are a bit more complex. So, who'll be Rae and who'll be Healy? Kilgarvan is already a divided village. The county is set to follow suit. Only half the people believe Michael was shoved over the side by his older brother, Danny. The other half believe Michael jumped too soon himself and immediately regretted it. That's the problem with trying to do tribal politics on the national

stage: you can't be looking over your shoulder at how popular your brother will be in the village. And still try to govern the country.

That said, what a chastening weekend this must have been for former minister Michael who threw up his post. Justice Minister Jim O'Callaghan (he has strong Kerry roots) was written off during the same fuel crisis that led to Michael throwing his hat off. But Jim is now Ireland's highest regarded and most hard working minister, according to the Sunday Independent poll.

It all goes to show a few weeks is a long time in politics. The mob, as Shakespeare always knew, is fickle.

Meanwhile, the Healy-Raes are not to be written off. Councillor Maura was a popular mayor of Killarney and relished the job. If she runs instead of Danny, she'll get a seat, with or without her uncle and with the help of her much liked brother Councillor Johnny.



Michael will run again it seems certain and it is very likely so will his son Castleisland Councillor Jackie. So, barring a strong move by Independent Ireland it is entirely possible we will have three Healy-Raes in the Dail next time. By the way, an interesting ad appeared last weekend in this publication with Councillor Jackie now "in the picture" alongside his father for the Saturday clinics in Scotts Hotel Killarney, well outside of his electoral area. Just a word of caution - Danny and Maura are in Scotts in the morning. It's the Michael and Jackie show in the afternoon. Don't mix up the times!

KILLARNEY COMMUNITY NURSING UNIT: A MESS

The mess that is Killarney Community Nursing Unit. This magnificent building remains closed two years after councillors got a private tour.

No bed open with elderly having to leave their town and their county. A bizarre situation that is only acceptable because Irish people and Irish politicians and the media have no voice with the HSE health care administrators.

We have a great dearth of inquiry in this country. Micheal Martin is remembered for the smoking ban. But he also created the monster that is the HSE. And no one recalls that. We have two Fianna Fail TDs in this county including a senior minister. Both elected 18 months ago. Michael Cahill and Norma Foley. Why are they not giving us information?

Last Thursday amid stinging criticism from Kerry Councillors Marie Moloney, Jackie Healy-Rae and Deirdre Ferris, the HSE communications and other senior managers sent out a written reply that there would be "provisional registration" by HIQA shortly. This reporter lodged a question.

And lo and behold the Health Information and Quality Authority came back to say there is no such thing as "provisional registration". So here you have highly paid health managers all crowding a top table all mouthing a fairy story in the full confidence everyone will swallow it. This is what the HSE said on Thursday: "Following weeks of positive and

constructive engagement between HSE local management, HSE National Estates and HIQS, HSE South West has written to HIQA confirming updated site works and agreed dates for requested outstanding works."

"It is hoped that these confirmations will be sufficient for HIQA to grant provisional registration of the unit in the coming days."

On Friday, when I asked for a statement, HIQA told me there is no such thing.

"In granting an application to register a nursing home, the Chief Inspector of Social Services must be sure that the intended provider, in this case the HSE, will comply with the required regulations and standards. Where the Chief Inspector is satisfied that a centre will comply with the required regulations and standards, then an application to register is granted. The legal framework does not provide for "provisional registration", HIQA said.

So, we are no further than we were. Of course, Micheal Martin as health minister stuffed the regional health boards with unbelievable numbers of clerical administrators and commissioned a report on any difficult issue he was faced with.

The nub of the problem is we have too many health authorities. Get rid of the lot of them - HSE, HIQA, Communications offices etc. Bring the administrators all under the eye of good senior civil servants in the Department of Health / Minister for Health.

YET ANOTHER REASON NOT TO HAVE TO GO INTO KILLARNEY TOWN!

The traffic already puts me off but there is another reason now, alas, to avoid Killarney.

I feel very sad that my newspaper shop of almost three decades is closing. It's a case of Goodbye to O'Connors popular paper stationery, card and Day-Today News shop and their lovely staff on Beech Road. The site itself has meaning for me - it is where we streamed out from school on sunny afternoons. Killarney is changing much. Too much. It is all global and national chains now.

Parking and traffic are huge obstacles to business and I do wonder if the decision to park the ice rink in New Street for two months around Christmas had an effect on business in New Street and Beech Road. I suspect it did. I also wonder how far this tourism and leisure only lark in Killarney will go before we are all left without anything decently unique to Killarney.

I can count on one hand the number of one-off shops in Killarney. Where is the Chamber of Commerce and Tourism on all this and are they blind to what is happening? Or do they care once tourism and big business is not affected. And where are our councillors that they don't see the effect some of their decisions on commerce, even on their own coffers. Parking an icerink in New Street and not getting a penny for the parking lots that are occupied for two months is a strange move by the council which is meant to represent not just commerce. Put it down to the racecourse next year, is my advice.

The council could look at the appearance of the town too. Take a look at the widened and dirty footpaths on New Street and the ugly appearance of High Street. Oh, and what allows vans to park on age-friendly and 15-minute parking spots? I have been given a series of pics by a professional photographer where the e await the replies from the council.



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As Killarney enters the height of the summer tourist season, concerns have been raised over the reduced opening schedule of Killarney House, the official visitor centre for Killarney National Park.

Every year, thousands of visitors from around the world travel to Killarney to experience the lakes, mountains, and forests that make Ireland's oldest and most visited national park one of the country's premier tourist attractions. However, this summer, the visitor centre is closed two days each week, on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Killarney House was officially reopened in July 2017 following a multi-million-euro refurbishment programme. The historic building now serves as the main visitor centre for Killarney National Park, providing information on the park's history, geography, wildlife, and ecology.

Speaking on the issue, Diarmaid Griffin, Chairperson of the Kerry Green Party, expressed disappointment at the reduction in opening days.

"It was brought to my attention this week that the visitor centre has reduced its opening schedule from seven days a week to five," he said. "Surely the visitors who arrive in Killarney on Tuesdays and Wednesdays also deserve the opportunity to learn about the history, geography, and ecology of Killarney National



Diarmaid Griffin (Boat Driver and Guide) with Charles Frederick Horstmann, Jr. (Grand Nephew of John McShain) at Killarney House last Friday. Charles, who lives in California was visiting Killarney with his family, last week.

Park."

The house has a significant place in the history of the town. It was bequeathed to the State in 1998 following the death of Mary McShain, wife of American philanthropist John McShain. After remaining largely unused for many years, the building was restored and transformed into the visitor centre that welcomes tourists today.

Mr Griffin has called for the centre to return to seven-day opening during the busy summer

months.

"I would like to see this beautiful building open to the public seven days a week throughout the summer season," he said.

The reduced opening hours come at a time when visitor numbers to Killarney are expected to be at their highest, prompting questions about whether the national park's main visitor facility should remain fully accessible throughout the peak tourism period.

THE GREAT SOUTHERN KILLARNEY UNVEILS

New Brand Direction and Five Star Rating

The Great Southern Killarney is proud to announce a new brand identity under the campaign theme 'Splendour, Untamed', coinciding with the hotel's achievement of a coveted five-star rating. Following significant investment across guestrooms, dining, event facilities and public spaces, the rebrand marks a natural evolution, positioning the hotel as a luxury destination that honours its heritage while embracing a more contemporary, experience-led approach.

The 'Splendour, Untamed' concept speaks to the duality at the heart of a stay. Splendour reflects the elegance of the hotel; restored interiors, luxurious accommodation and warm, attentive service. Untamed celebrates the wild beauty of Killarney and County Kerry, and the spirit of exploration it inspires. Curated guest experiences bring this to life, from guided foraging



tours and photography walks through Killarney National Park to wellness activities designed to deepen a connection with the destination. A highlight of the elevated offering is Arbour, the hotel's brasserie. Grand yet relaxed, Arbour combines original architectural features with a contemporary feel, serving refined classics and seasonal dishes from County Kerry producers.

"As The Great Southern Killarney continues to evolve, it is important that our brand reflects the unique balance of rich heritage, adventure and contemporary luxury that defines a stay here. Killarney is a truly unique destination, but it is our people who bring it to life. The warmth, personality and genuine hospitality of our team sit at the heart of every guest experience

and is remembered long after they leave," said Jamie Power, General Manager at The Great Southern Killarney.

"Securing five-star status and unveiling our new brand positioning marks a defining moment for The Great Southern Killarney and for the wider Scally Hotel Collection," said Michael Jacobi, Managing Director of the Scally Hotel Collection. "We are incredibly proud of what the team has created: a luxury experience that honours the rich heritage of this iconic hotel."

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Killarney Retains Top Ten Position in Latest IBAL Litter Rankings

Killarney has once again secured a place among Ireland's cleanest towns, retaining a Top Ten position in the latest Irish Business Against Litter (IBAL) survey.

The popular tourist town was ranked ninth out of 40 towns and cities surveyed nationwide and was again awarded the status of "Cleaner than European Norms." Tralee also performed well, placing 20th and earning a "Clean" designation. Sligo topped the national rankings, while Limerick City Centre was the only location classified as "Littered."

In its assessment of Killarney, An Taisce praised the town's consistently high standards, describing it as "a very solid performance" and noting that the town continues to set an impressive benchmark for cleanliness and presentation.

Importantly, no heavily littered sites were identified during the survey. Among the highest-rated locations were Main Street, which was described as exceptionally well-presented and maintained, along with Park Road, Muckross Road, and Knockreer Playground and its surrounding area.

The report highlighted Knockreer Playground and Environs as a particularly attractive public space, noting that not only was it virtually litter-free, but all aspects of the area were maintained to a very high standard.

While the JYSK retail area showed improvement compared to previous IBAL surveys, it was still classified as moderately littered. The report noted that continued attention will be required to ensure standards do not slip back to previous levels.

The latest results are further recognition of the ongoing efforts of local authorities, businesses, community groups and residents in maintaining Killarney's reputation as one of Ireland's cleanest and most welcoming destinations.



No town or city occupied the "seriously littered" or "litter blackspot" categories at the foot of the IBAL table. Overall litter levels were on a par with last year, with 27 towns deemed clean. Sligo finished ahead of Monaghan and Leixlip, with Waterford – again Ireland's cleanest city – in 4th spot.

"As the peak season for tourist visitors approaches, we have fewer littered areas than we've had at any time in the last 25 years," commented IBAL's Conor Horgan.

Once again, the study showed a low number of very heavily littered sites among the 500-plus sites surveyed compared to previous years. "The job's not done, but across the country, local authorities appear to have upped their game when it comes to tackling persistently littered sites and dumping in our towns and cities."

Despite DRS, bottles and cans not disappearing from our streets

Plastic bottle and can litter was found in 19% and 22% respectively of sites surveyed - the highest levels since the Deposit Return Scheme was introduced. "If we had hoped that the DRS would see this litter disappear from our streets,

it's not happening," says Conor Horgan. "15c or 25c does not appear enough to incentivise some people to return a bottle or can. That said, by reducing this litter by 50%-plus, the scheme's impact on overall cleanliness levels is beyond dispute."

The prevalence of coffee cups was at its highest level since 2023, making it one of the main sources of litter on our streets, behind sweet papers, fast food wrappers, plastic bags and cigarette butts. "Talk of a 'latte levy' has all but vanished, yet coffee cup litter clearly has not. The Government inaction on this persistent problem is baffling."

The study also revealed a significant increase in cigarette butt litter compared to 2025. IBAL warns that butts are not only unsightly, but are a toxic single-use plastic that can contaminate the marine and land environment.

An Taisce receives funding from the Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment (through the Circular Economy Fund) to support the undertaking of IBAL surveys.

Mayor Grady Presses for Progress on Kilcummin Footpath Project

At a recent meeting of Killarney Municipal District, Mayor of Killarney, Cllr Martin Grady, sought an update from Kerry County Council on the proposed development of a footpath linking Pairc Chuimin to Kilcummin Village.



In response, Kerry County Council confirmed that a detailed design has been prepared as part of a wider Safety Improvement Scheme. The project includes traffic calming measures, new footpaths and a pedestrian crossing, aimed at improving safety for residents, schoolchildren and road users in the area.

Council officials reported that positive discussions have already taken place with local landowners and that a preliminary cost estimate has been completed. The next step will involve identifying a suitable funding

source before the Council re-engages with landowners and advances the project through the statutory planning process.

Speaking following the meeting, Cllr Grady welcomed the progress made and reiterated the importance of delivering

safe walking infrastructure for the growing Kilcummin community. He said the proposed scheme would greatly enhance connectivity and road safety while encouraging more people to walk between the village and local amenities. He also stated footpaths and public lighting should be the first thing in place. Before a key is handed out.

The project will now remain under review as Kerry County Council seeks funding to bring the scheme to construction stage.

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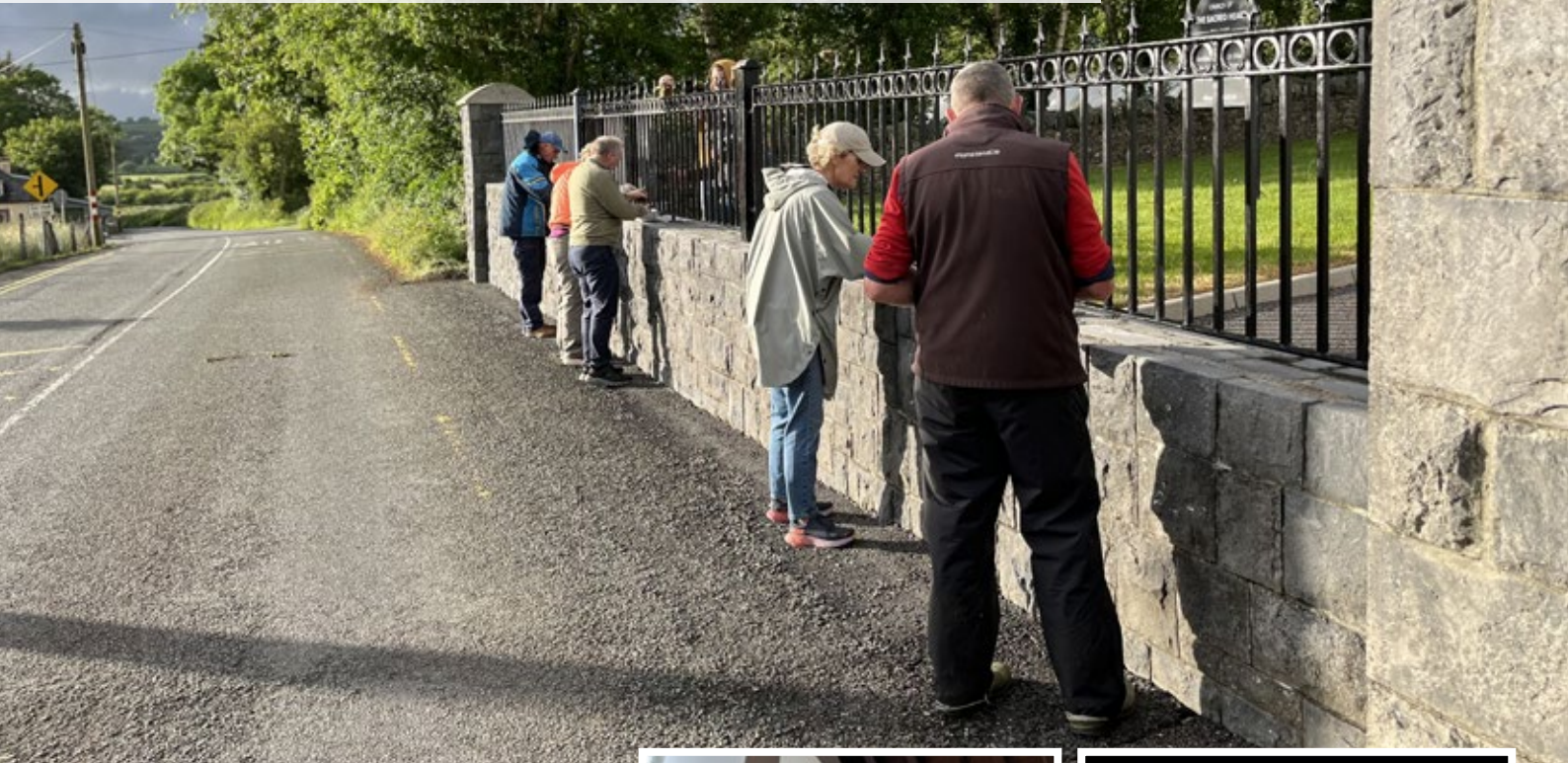
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Infant of Prague Watches Over Ballyhar Church Clean-Up



The Infant of Prague was credited with keeping the rain away as volunteers gathered for a major clean-up and painting evening at Sacred Heart Church, Ballyhar, on Wednesday, June 4.

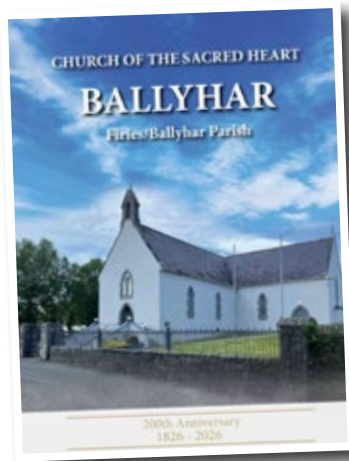
With dark clouds threatening to disrupt the planned work, parishioners brought out the traditional Infant of Prague statue and, to the delight of those present, the rain stayed away for the duration of the evening.

A heartfelt thank you has been extended to all the cleaners, painters and volunteers who continue to give their time and effort to maintain the beautiful church and grounds.

The community is now looking forward to a very special occasion on June 21, 2026, when Sacred Heart Church, Ballyhar will celebrate the 200th anniversary of its opening.

For two centuries, the church has been at the centre of community life, hosting generations of baptisms, First Communions, weddings and family celebrations. Plans are continuing for the bicentenary celebrations, including the publication of a commemorative book featuring photographs and memories from parishioners. All are welcome to join in celebrating this historic milestone and honouring the rich heritage and strong community spirit that have defined Ballyhar Church for 200 years.

A very special Commemorative Book will be available on the day. It looks back at the unique History of this Beautiful Church over a 200 th Year period (1826 - 2026) that covers a most troubled time in Irish History. It is packed with interesting articles and photographs and is a great read. This is a limited edition and will be available on the day at a cost of €10 after the Concelebrated Mass at 10 am with Bishop of Kerry Ray Browne. After Mass refreshments will be served in our special marquee.



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There was a mixture of celebration and regret among the staff of Scoil Phobail Sliabh Luachra, Rathmore, in late May as they marked the retirement of their long serving colleague Donal Cremin at a function in the Brehon Hotel, Killarney.

Donal taught in the school since its inception in 1998, first as a metalwork and technical graphics teacher and in more recent years as a guidance counsellor. Previously he worked for a decade and a half in Scoil Mhuire gan Smál, Blarney and before that as a senior craftsman in the Sugar Factory, Mallow. As a dedicated member of the teachers union the ASTI he passionately advocated for the rights of part-time and non-permanent teachers and served as school steward, Board of Management rep, regional representative and in 2023 he was elected as President of the ASTI, the first Kerry person to hold that office.

Outside the classroom Donal served his community well through his decades long voluntary involvement in the credit union movement carrying out numerous roles at both local and national level.

There was a large turn-out of his staff to bid him farewell and congratulate him on his many years of service to education. Donal was accompanied on the night by his wife Maureen and their children Aidan, Maria and Aoife.

Donal intends to have an active retirement and intends to split his time between family, farming and credit union activism.



Family and colleagues of Donal Cremin celebrate his retirement at a function in the Brehon Hotel, Killarney. Photo: Tony O'Brien



Aidan, Maureen, Maria, Aoife and Donal Cremin at Donal's retirement function at the Brehon Hotel, Killarney. Photo: Tony O'Brien

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE HUGH O'FLAHERTY HUMANITARIAN AWARD

The Hugh O'Flaherty Memorial Society is delighted to announce that after a 6 year absence, the Hugh O'Flaherty International Humanitarian Award Programme will resume in October this year. Society Chair Jerry O'Grady said "This has been made possible through the generous support of Kerry County Council Community Support Programme, Killarney Chamber of Tourism & Commerce and other Sponsors. The 12th Hugh O'Flaherty International Humanitarian Award Ceremony will take place during the last weekend in October".

For resource reasons, the Award was suspended after the 2019 Award presentation to Ireland's UN Peacekeepers. Its resumption was further delayed by Covid.

The Memorial Society is now putting out a call for Nominations for the 2026 Award. Full details of the Nomination Procedure are available on www.hughoflaherty.com or can be obtained by emailing the Society at oflahertysociety2008@gmail.com The Humanitarian Award recipient will receive The O'Flaherty Humanitarian Medal and a Framed



Memorial Society Chair Jerry O'Grady with the Humanitarian Medal at the Hugh O'Flaherty Memorial in Killarney. Pictures Don MacMonagle Photography

Award Scroll from the Mayor of Killarney at a special Award Ceremony to be held in Killarney at the end of October. The Recipient/Organisation will also receive a Bursary of €3000.

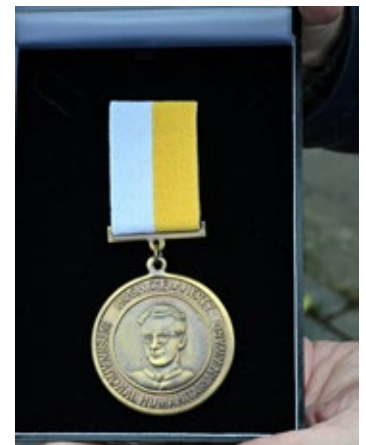
NB: If the Award is shared, each Recipient will receive a Medal & Scroll and an equal share of the Bursary.

The Memorial Society is now putting out a call for Nominations for the 2026 Award. Nominations are invited from Individuals, Humanitarian NGOs (operating

at home or overseas) and Humanitarian & Related Voluntary Societies. The Closing Date for receipt of Nominations is Friday July 10th 2026.

Nominations can be for an Individual, Team or Organisation, considered to be an outstanding Humanitarian Role Model and/or are providing exceptional Humanitarian Services for those in need at home or overseas.

Nominations must be submitted via email to oflahertysociety2008@gmail.com



They should be submitted in writing, in no more than 500 words by the closing date of Friday July 10th 2026. Nominations should clearly outline the reasons why the nominator feels that the nominated Individual / Team / Organisation, merits consideration for this award. Full details of the Nomination Procedure are available on www.hughoflaherty.com or can be obtained by emailing the Society at oflahertysociety2008@gmail.com



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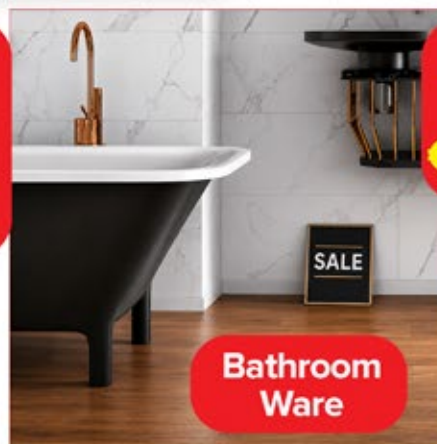
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Scottsdale Sister City Member Strengthens Ties with Killarney During Ireland Visit



Sean Counihan, Sheila Dickson of the Killarney Town Twinning Association; with Anthony P. Haechler, and two fellow Arizona motorcycle riders, Walt Multer and Kenny Devault of Kingman, Arizona.

An unexpected opportunity to connect with Scottsdale's sister city turned into a memorable highlight of a recent visit to Ireland for Scottsdale Sister City Association member Anthony P. Haechler.

Less than two weeks before departing on a pre-booked seven-day motorcycle tour through southwestern Ireland, Haechler discovered that his itinerary included overnight stays in Killarney on June 1 and June 3. At the time of booking, he had been unaware that Killarney is one of Scottsdale's sister cities.

Despite the short notice, Sean Counihan, Chairman of the Killarney Town Twinning Association, reached out and arranged an informal meet-and-greet. The gathering took place at the International Hotel in Killarney and was attended by Sean Counihan; Sheila Dickson, Secretary of the Killarney Town Twinning Association; and two fellow Arizona



motorcycle riders, Walt Multer and Kenny Devault of Kingman, Arizona.

The group enjoyed a lively discussion about the history and ongoing relationship between the Killarney Town Twinning Association and the Scottsdale Sister City Association. The evening provided an opportunity to celebrate the longstanding friendship between the two communities and explore ways to strengthen future connections.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Sean and

Sheila presented each guest with a Killarney Town Twinning Association polo shirt and lapel pin, a 2026 Golf and Fishing Club calendar, and a Killarney tote bag.

"This trip has been amazing," said Anthony. "Ireland is absolutely stunning, with its many shades of green and breathtaking scenery. I am certain to return in the future and would love to become more involved in fostering future Killarney-Scottsdale relations."

Kerry Primary School Recognised at Inaugural Re-turn Awards at Croke Park



Pictured at the inaugural Re-turn Awards at Croke Park are students and teachers from Nagle-Rice Primary School, Milltown, winners of €1,000 for their Re-turn Creativity Award-winning initiative. Special guests Ian Dempsey and Donncha O'Callaghan joined primary schools from across Ireland to recognise schools using the Deposit Return Scheme to support sustainability and fundraising initiatives. Sixteen winners were chosen from more than 300 entries.

Picture Conor McCabe Photography.

Nagle-Rice Primary school in Milltown was among the winners recognised at the first ever Re-turn Awards, which took place on Wednesday 3rd June at a special ceremony at Croke Park. Hosted by Today FM presenter Ian Dempsey, the Awards recognised schools that have gone above and beyond to "Re-turn it Right", using recycling projects to support sustainability, fundraising and positive change within their communities.

The school received €1,000 for its efforts at the awards. The school was honoured with the Re-turn Creativity Award for transforming its campaign into a creative whole-school movement led by staff, pupils and the wider community. Activities included "Bring a Bottle to School Day," poster and art competitions, poetry, creative writing, sustainability lessons, a school mascot and a pupil-made film, "The Bottle Brigade." Funds raised supported the development of the school's new sensory classroom, demonstrating the positive impact the Deposit Return Scheme can have on schools and communities across Kerry.

-Special guests at the awards included members of the Re-turn Awards judging panel including former Irish rugby international Donncha O'Callaghan, Dermot Mulligan, Chief Marketing Officer at Re-turn, and educational consultant and primary school teacher Fiona Maguire.

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Diamond Jubilee Celebrations for Fr John Aherne

Saturday, June 6th, was a very special day in the life of Fr John Aherne of Farranfore as he celebrated his Diamond Jubilee, marking 60 years of priestly ministry, among his own people in the Furies and Ballyhar parish communities.

A special Mass was celebrated in Furies Church on Saturday evening, concelebrated by Bishop Ray Browne, Fr John Aherne and many of his fellow priests. The church was filled to capacity for what was a memorable and deeply moving occasion.

Following the Mass, parishioners gathered in the hall across from the church for refreshments and fellowship before continuing the celebrations long into the night.

The celebrations continued on Sunday in Ballyhar, where Fr John was given a surprise tribute at the conclusion of Mass. He was presented with a specially decorated cake to mark his 60 years of dedicated service to the Church.

A particularly emotional moment followed when the beautiful hymn "You Are a Priest Forever" was played through the church speakers. As the music filled the church, members of the congregation gathered around the altar and formed a circle around Fr John in a heartfelt show of appreciation and affection.

The moving tribute touched all those present and served as a fitting recognition of a priest who has devoted six decades of his life to serving God and his people.



Fr John Aherne, Farranfore, celebrating the Diamond Jubilee of Ordination with Bishop of Kerry Ray Browne, Fr Padraig Kennelly P. P. of the Furies/Ballyhar Parish, Fr Billy Hoynes O.F.M. and colleagues, spanning his sixty years of ministry in Salford, Peru & Kerry. Picture by Tony O'Brien

Fr John has been a source of guidance, faith and friendship to countless families over the years, and the celebrations reflected the deep respect and gratitude in which he is held throughout the parish.

As a community, we thank Fr John from the bottom of our hearts for his faithful service and wish him many more happy, healthy and blessed years in his priestly ministry.



Present at the Diamond Jubilee Celebration were L/R: Fr John Joe Spring, Furies, Fr Peter Hughes Columban Peru and Sr. Claire Dawson, Cross and Passion Sister
Picture: Tony O'Brien



Parishioners at Ballyhar Church where Fr John was given a surprise tribute at the conclusion of Mass.

SARAH LEAHY AND KEELIE O'CONNOR KVAC UNIQUE DOUBLE

Super sprint sensations Sarah Leahy and Keelie O'Connor from Killarney valley ac had a unique sprint double at the Munster senior athletics track and field championships last Sunday.

The two Killarney rockets finished in first and second place in the 100m and in the 200m finals. International star Sarah Leahy edged out teammate Keelie O'Connor on both occasions achieving a historic achievement for Killarney. The fastest and second fastest woman in Munster are both from Killarney valley ac.

Teammate Dara Looney has again achieved success with the men's senior long jump title. The jump specialist is getting closer to the 7m barrier in difficult conditions.

Killarney valley ac brought a haul of 16 Munster championship medals in a spread of disciplines and are delighted with the achievements as members now move to prepare for the national championships and the national league.

This year will be the first time Killarney valley ac will field both women's and men's teams in the Athletics Ireland national track and field outdoor league. The women's captain is Keelie O'Connor and the men's team captain is Jordan Lee who announced their teams earlier this week.



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St Mary of the Angels, Beaufort, will benefit from a special fundraising dance in Milltown Community Hall on Sunday, June 21st.

The event is being organised by Knocknagree native John Joe Herlihy, who is widely recognised for his longstanding support of numerous charitable and community causes.

St John of God Community Services Kerry supports more than 300 children and adults with intellectual disabilities throughout the county, providing day, residential, respite and community-based services in areas including Tralee, Killarney, Dingle and Listowel. The organisation focuses on helping individuals develop skills, participate in their communities and live as independently as possible.

St Mary of the Angels in Beaufort plays a central role in these services, providing residential care for people with complex needs, alongside day programmes and therapeutic supports. For many residents, it is a long-term home where they receive specialist care and support.

Speaking on behalf of the organisation, Sonya Lawler highlighted the importance of community fundraising. "Local support makes a real difference to the lives of the people who use our services every day. Funds raised help provide equipment, activities, enhanced day programmes and improvements to living environments, ensuring that support remains responsive to individual needs," she said.

An impressive line-up of musicians will provide entertainment on the afternoon, including Jake Coffey, Eddie Lee, Sheila Fitzgerald, Pat Daly, Eileen Cronin, Eileen O'Connor, Deacon Thady O'Connor and Norah Hickey.

Music and dancing will take place from 2pm to 5pm, with all proceeds going towards supporting the vital work of St John of God Community Services Kerry.

For further information, contact John Joe Herlihy on 087 9735113.

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Rathmore Parish Prepares to Bid Farewell to Fr. Pat O'Donnell

The people of Rathmore Parish are preparing to bid a heartfelt farewell to Fr. Pat O'Donnell as he concludes more than 13½ years of dedicated ministry and service to the community.

Throughout his time in Rathmore, Fr. Pat has been a constant source of spiritual guidance, pastoral care and friendship to parishioners of all ages. His commitment to parish life, his support for families and community groups, and his presence at both joyful and difficult times have earned him the respect and affection of the entire parish.

As a mark of appreciation for his years of service, parishioners are being invited to contribute to a farewell presentation. Donation envelopes will be attached to this weekend's church bulletin and may be returned by the weekend of June 27th/28th. Contributions can be left at the Parish Office, placed in collection baskets in any of the four churches, or handed to members of the Pastoral Council.

A special Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated in Fr. Pat's honour on Friday, July 10th, at 7.00pm in St. Joseph's Church, Rathmore. The Mass will

provide an opportunity for parishioners, friends and visitors to come together to thank Fr. Pat for his years of faithful service and to wish him well as he begins the next chapter of his priestly ministry. Following the Mass, refreshments will be served in the Scoil Phobail Sliabh Luachra Gym, where members of the community will have an opportunity to meet Fr. Pat and share memories of his time in Rathmore.

Parishioners are encouraged to attend what promises to be a memorable and fitting tribute to a priest who has played such an important role in the life of the parish for more than a decade.

As Fr. Pat prepares to move to his new parish, the people of Rathmore extend their sincere gratitude and best wishes. While his departure will undoubtedly be felt throughout the community, parishioners are united in wishing him continued health, happiness and every blessing in the years ahead.

As many have remarked, Rathmore's loss will surely be another parish's gain.



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Launching the St Brendan's College Night at The Dogs in aid of The Niall Mellon Education Programme were Mark Bartlett, Zac Donaldson and Aodhagan O'Sullivan which will be on Friday 25th September at Kingdom Greyhound Stadium, Tralee. The Charity Dog event will bring together families and Community to raise vital funds for a group of students and teachers preparing to travel to South Africa with the Niall Mellon Educate Programme.

St Brendan's College Killarney presents a unique and family-friendly Charity Dog Race Event is set to take place on Friday September 25th 2026 at Kingdom Greyhound Stadium, Tralee, bringing together local families and community supporters to raise vital funds for a group of students and teachers preparing to travel to South Africa with the Niall Mellon Educate Programme.

The event will support seven students and two teachers from St Brendan's, who have been selected to volunteer with the Niall Mellon Educate Foundation in March 2027. During their trip, the group will work alongside volunteers from around the world to help build and improve schools, contributing to better educational opportunities for children in this disadvantaged community.

The Charity Dog Race promises an exciting night of fun, entertainment, and community spirit. Attendees can enjoy food and refreshments, family activities, raffle prizes, auction and opportunities to meet some surprise guests from the Kerry football team.

Speaking about the initiative, teacher PJ Lucey said:

"This opportunity to travel to South Africa and support educational development is a life-changing experience for our students. We are grateful for the support of our local community



Launching the St Brendan's College Night at The Dogs in aid of The Niall Mellon Education Programme were (front from left) Zac Donaldson, Sean Herlihy and Cormac Flanagan (back from left) Teachers Gavin White, Eimear Buckley, Students Dara Sugrue, Aodhagan O'Sullivan, Mark Bartlett, Darragh Forde, Teachers David Clifford, PJ Lucey which will be on Friday 25th September at Kingdom Greyhound Stadium, Tralee. The Charity Dog event will bring together families and Community to raise vital funds for a group of students and teachers preparing to travel to South Africa with the Niall Mellon Educate Programme.

and hope this event will help us raise the funds needed to make the trip possible."

The Niall Mellon Educate Foundation has a long history of supporting educational development in South Africa, helping to build schools and improve learning environments for thousands of children. Through their participation, the students will gain valuable experience in teamwork, community service, and global citizenship while making a meaningful contribution to education abroad.

Event organisers are encouraging members of the public to attend on the night. Tickets are €10 per person, children under 12 are free on the night. Tickets are available through the school office or online at: <https://tinyurl.com/az4h3ehv> Doors on the night open at 7pm, first race at 7.40pm.

All welcome to attend what promises to be a great night of fun, craic and enjoyment!

Event Details

- **Event:** St Brendan's College presents a "Night at the Dogs"
- **Date:** Friday September 25th 2026
- **Time:** doors open at 7pm, first race at 7.40pm
- **Venue:** Kingdom Greyhound Stadium, Tralee
- **Purpose:** Fundraising for seven students and two teachers volunteering with the Niall Mellon Educate Foundation in South Africa, March [Year]

For further information, sponsorship opportunities, or donations, please contact: ebuckley@stbrendanscollege.ie or plucey@stbrendanscollege.ie

Members of the Retired Nurses Association of Ireland, Kerry Branch, pictured during a recent enjoyable and informative visit to Áras an Uachtaráin, the official residence of the President of Ireland in Dublin. The group enjoyed a guided tour of the historic residence and its beautiful surroundings, gaining an insight into the rich history and traditions associated with the office of the President. The outing provided members with a wonderful opportunity to meet socially, renew friendships and enjoy a memorable day together.



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Johnny Culloty Park Officially Opened



A landmark day in the history of Killarney Legion GAA Club was celebrated recently with the official opening and naming of the club grounds as Johnny Culloty Park.

The occasion marked a fitting tribute to one of the club's greatest servants, a man who dedicated his life to Killarney Legion and whose contribution to the club and community will never be forgotten.

Hundreds of people attended the special ceremony, which was filled with pride, appreciation and a strong sense of community spirit. The event was organised under the guidance of Denny Murphy and the chairmanship of John Keane, whose efforts helped make the day such a memorable success. Special guests included Patrick O'Sullivan, Chairman of the Kerry County Board; Martin O'Grady, Mayor of Killarney; Fr. Kieran, who performed the blessing of the grounds; and Jarlath Burns, President of the GAA. Their attendance added great significance to the occasion, and the club was honoured that they took time from their busy schedules to



Members of the Culloty family pictured with Jarlath Burns, President of the GAA, with members of Killarney Legion GAA club. PHOTOS: MARIA O'SULLIVAN

be present. The official naming of the grounds as Johnny Culloty Park ensures that Johnny's remarkable legacy will continue to inspire future generations of players, members and supporters.

Killarney Legion GAA Club would like to extend sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to the event, from those involved in the planning and preparation to the many volunteers who

worked tirelessly on the day itself. The success of the occasion was a testament to the dedication and commitment that exists throughout the club.

As the celebrations concluded, there was a shared sense of pride that the club had honoured one of its most cherished figures in such a meaningful and lasting way.

Johnny Culloty Park is now officially open.



Pat Moynihan pictured with Jarlath Burns.



Tommy O'Regan, Mick O'Connell and Jarlath Burns.



Paddy Osbourne and John Kelly enjoying the celebrations at Johnny Culloty Park.



The Randles family at the celebrations.





Arriving in style.... Jarleth Burns landing at Johnny Culloty Park.



Traveller Pride 2026 Celebrates Traveller Culture and Marks 30 Years of Community Impact in Kerry



Photographed celebrating Traveller Pride 2026 at MTU Kerry was (l-r) Dr Deirdre Creedon, Dr Brigid Quilligan, Stephanie Somers Crowley, Margaret Rose O'Brien, Christina O'Brien, Helena Clark, and front row (l-r) Catriona Quilligan and Shane Mc Carthy.

The Kerry Travellers Health & Community Development Project (KTHCDP), in partnership with Munster Technological University (MTU) and MTU's Access Service, recently brought together members of the Traveller community, students, educators and local organisations for Traveller Pride 2026, a celebration of Traveller culture, identity and achievement that also marked 30 years of KTHCDP's work in Kerry. Held as part of national Traveller Pride Week, the event was organised by the Kerry Travellers Health & Community Development Project in partnership with MTU's Access Service and reflects a shared commitment to promoting Traveller education, inclusion, cultural awareness and community engagement throughout the region.

The event featured the official launch of the Kerry Travellers Health & Community

Development Project Strategic Plan 2026–2029, outlining the organisation's priorities and vision for the coming years.

Speaking at the event, Stephanie Somers Crowley, Access Officer at MTU, said: "Traveller Pride 2026 is an opportunity to celebrate Traveller culture, identity and heritage in a positive and welcoming way while recognising the hugely important leadership, advocacy and community development work that has been carried out by Kerry Travellers Health & Community Development Project over the past 30 years.

"At MTU, we are committed to building meaningful partnerships with local communities and creating inclusive spaces where everyone feels represented, respected and supported. The long-standing partnership between KTHCDP and the MTU Access Service



Photographed speaking at Traveller Pride 2026 at MTU Kerry was Shane Mc Carthy.

reflects the importance of collaboration, representation and ensuring Traveller voices and lived experiences remain at the centre of this work. This event highlights the value of working together to promote understanding, cultural awareness and access to education for all."

Speaking at the event, Brigid Quilligan, CEO, Kerry Travellers Health & Community Development Project, said: "It was truly wonderful to see the Traveller community of all ages, from our youngest children to our oldest elders, standing together with our friends and allies from the settled community. Celebrating Traveller Pride alongside our joint organisers at MTU, it was a powerful reminder that our culture is to be celebrated by everyone. This day wasn't just about our own heritage; it was about the strength of those friendships and the shared commitment of our allies to building a future where Traveller identity is respected and honoured by all."

Through the MTU Access Service and its wider community partnerships, MTU continues to support initiatives that promote widening participation, cultural awareness and community engagement throughout the region.

Hospice Sunflower Days 2026 This Weekend

Every euro raised locally, stays locally so give what you can & support Kerry Hospice Foundation during this year's campaign

The final countdown is now underway for Together for Hospice, The National Hospice Movement's, 36th annual Hospice Sunflower Days campaign, with the on-street collection taking place in Kerry on Friday, 12th June 2026 and Saturday, 13th June 2026 to raise funds for Kerry Hospice Foundation.

You can support Kerry Hospice Foundation by purchasing some of the fantastic sunflower merchandise that the volunteers will be selling in towns across the county. You can show your support too by donating online via the website, www.sunflowerdays.ie. There is also still time for schools, preschools creches and

Montessori's to get involved by hosting a Hospice Sunflower Fun Day during June with registration still open on the website.

Speaking about the upcoming Hospice Sunflower Days on-street collection, Jack Shanahan, Chairperson, Kerry Hospice Foundation, said: "With just a few days to go until our on-street collections on Friday, 12th June & Saturday, 13th June 2026 for the 36th year of the campaign



Miriam O'Callaghan, Hospice Sunflower Days Ambassador.

we are calling on the public to support Kerry Hospice Foundation by purchasing some sunflower merchandise from our volunteers to help us raise vital funds. There is also the opportunity once again for the public to donate online via the website, www.sunflowerdays.ie, with all funds raised going toward your chosen hospice or homecare service."

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ANNUAL GARDA 7 A SIDE BLITZ LAUNCHED

The Annual Killarney Garda 7 aside National School Football Blitz takes place in Fitzgerald Stadium on Monday 15th June 2026 starting at 9.30am.

There is a total of 22 National Schools taking part the schools are as follows Rathmore, Barraduff, Annablatha, St. Olivers, Loreto, Monastery, Lou ghuitanne, Cullina, Duagh, Faha, Scoil Mhuire Killorglin, Nagle Rice Milltown, Kenmare, Lissivigeen, Coolick, Gaelscoil, Fossa, Caragh Lake, Knockaderry, Scoil Iognaid Ris Dingle, Kilcummin and Boherbue Co. Cork. The Schools will compete for the Tadhg O Suilleabhain Memorial Cup and members of the O Sullivan family will be in attendance. Nagle Rice Primary School Milltown will be trying complete a three in a row of victories The Boys player of the tournament will be presented with the Pdraig O Cinneide memorial trophy and the Girls player of the tournament will be presented with the Paudie Twohig memorial trophy. Paudie Twohig was a Garda stationed in Killarney and was always involved in the running of the tournament down through the years and who sadly passed away through illness. Garda Diane Collins, wife of the late Paudie Twohig will be in attendance to present the Paudie Twohig memorial trophy. The tournament was launched at Killarney Garda Station on Monday 8th June 2026 the launch was attended by Kerry Senior Players



Organisers, sponsors, Kerry team players, pupils and members of An Garda Síochána pictured at the launch of the annual Garda Blitz at Killarney Garda Station this week.

Killian Spillane (representing Tom Spillane Auctioneer Sponsor) David Clifford and Gavin White also present were Chairman Kerry Gaa Board Patrick O Sullivan, Liam Brosnan Of Irish Drains Sponsor. Sean O Sullivan representing the O Sullivan family and a number of the school players were also present with their teachers.

To date since the tournament was first played in 2005 over four thousand primary school players have taken part in the tournament with many of them gone on to represent their county and also be part of All Ireland winning teams.

The tournament would not be made possible without the kind sponsorship from our sponsors been Tom Spillane Auctioneer, Liam Brosnan Irish Drains, Kerry Gaa County Board, Kerry Gaa Store, Daly's SuperValu Killarney, Kellys Londis Rathmore and Milltown, O'keeffe's Oil Rathmore Tom Tobin of Killarney Medals & Trophies.

The fact it is played in Fitzgerald Stadium in Killarney adds to the attraction of players and

this would not be possible only for the kindness of the Fitzgerald Stadium Committee and its Chairman Der Brosnan.

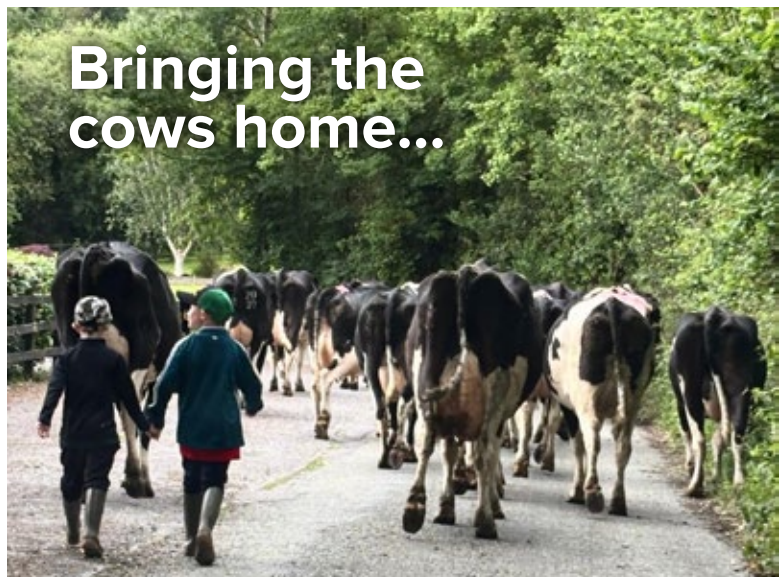
Organiser of the tournament, Garda Eddie Walsh has said: "I would also like to thank all the Gardai and the Student Gardai in the Kerry Division who help out on the day and help to organise the Annual Event and also to Vince Cooper of Kerry Gaa and the TY students from St. Brendans College Killarney who assist on the day.

I would also like to thank the Killarney Outlook, Killarney Advertiser, Kerryman and Kerry's Eye for giving the tournament great media coverage every year", he added.

The Killarney Garda 7 aside National School Blitz is a great tournament that provides excellent communication with all the schools teachers and pupils and provides all players an opportunity to play in Fitzgerald Stadium and enjoy themselves with other schools and Gardai.



Ciarán Fitzgerald with his parents Grainne & Kieran from Kilcummin National School on his Communion day, 30th May 2026



A beautiful moment captured by Derry Healy as he was making his way home. Hand in hand, brothers James and Cian, grandsons of Liz and Jim Mahony, from Glenflesk, proudly bring in the cows for milking. Following in the footsteps of generations before them, these young farmers are learning the value of hard work, family and tradition. A special moment made even sweeter knowing their proud parents, Debbie and Denis, are watching them create memories that will last a lifetime.

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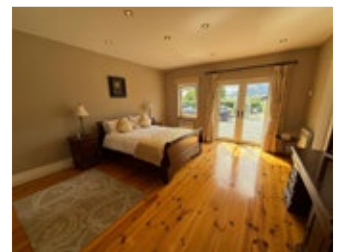


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KILCUMMIN PARISH

Written by: Helen Moynihan

KILCUMMIN LOOKING GOOD

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

TIDY TOWNS ADJUDICATOR

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

TRIP TO KNOCK

The Annual Parish Pilgrimage to Knock on Saturday, 27th June, leaving Kilcummin village @7am. Food/refreshments in Gort (optional) morning and evening. Cost €30. For more information please contact Kilcummin Post Office.

CHURCH EVENTS

Other events includes Novena to the Sacred Heart from 4th to 12th June (Novena Prayer & Reflection leaflets available in Kilcummin church). Our Lady of Lourdes Church will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary Mass on Saturday, 20th June at 7.30pm. Holy Cross Graveyard Mass on

Wednesday, 1st July @ 7.30pm and Old Kilcummin Graveyard Mass on Wednesday, 5th August @ 7.30pm.



Gavin Lucey, Mastergeeha, Kilcummin who made his communion on 30th May. Photo by Love Story - Breda Daly

LISTRY PARISH

Written by: Colette Leslie

LOTTO

June 7th 2026, Jackpot €5,400. Numbers Drawn: 6, 8, 19, 22. Won. Congratulations Margaret Doherty, Listry. Jackpot next weekend 14/06/26 €3,000

U13

U13 Boys play Wednesday, June 17th June away v Spa at 7:00pm

U12

The U12's play Dingle at home Sunday 14th of June

U11

The U11's play the Dylan Crowley Memorial Tournament Saturday June 13th

GLENFLESK PARISH

Written by: Sean Daly

FLESK FEST

Only One Week to Go Until Flesk Fest 2026! Excitement is building across the parish as the countdown to Flesk Fest enters its final week. The annual festival, which takes place at Barraduff Community Field from the 18th to 21st of June, promises four days of music, entertainment and community spirit, with a fantastic line up of events for all ages. Organisers and volunteers have been working tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure another memorable weekend, and everyone is encouraged to come along and support what has become one of the highlights of the local summer calendar. Whether you're a regular attendee or a first time visitor, Flesk Fest guarantees plenty of fun, great music and a warm welcome. Tickets available online through links on Glenflesk GAA Facebook & Instagram pages of through the club by contacting Emma 085 754 7586. Tickets

will also be available to purchase at the gate. Flesk Fest & Glenflesk GAA acknowledges the financial support of Kerry County Council through the Community Support Fund.

COMMUNITY GAMES

Congratulations to Ella & Ryan Lowe and Malachy Audley who took part in the U16 Pitch & Putt competitions held in Tralee last weekend. Ella won the gold medal in the girls competition and she will now represent Glenflesk and Kerry at the National finals in Offaly in July. Ryan and Malachy came second and took the silver medals in the boys team competition. Well done to Ella, Ryan and Malachy.

COUNTY LEAGUE

McCarthy Insurance Group Senior Football County League Division 1 Result: Dr Crokes 1:17 Glenflesk 0:12.



Ella Lowe who won Gold in the County U16 Girls Community Games Pitch & Putt.



Malachy Audley & Ryan Lowe who won Silver in the County U16 boys team Community Games Pitch & Putt.

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RATHMORE | GNEEVEGUILLA PARISH

By Michael O'Mahony

WEDDING BELLS

congratulations to Lorna Cronin, Rathmore and Donal Kelliher, Shrone who were married recently. We wish both them happy long life together.

BEST OF LUCK TO KERRY TEAMS

Best of luck to both Kerry teams in Newbridge this Saturday. The Kerry Ladies Football team take on Kildare at 3.00pm, while the Kerry senior men's team face Kildare at 5.30pm at the same venue.

A special word of good luck to local representatives Daniel O'Leary and Nora O'Connor, who are part of the Kerry Ladies management team. We wish all players and management the very best.

A NOTE OF THANKS AND BEST WISHES TO FR. PAT O'DONNELL

Dear Parishioners,
After 13½ years of dedicated ministry, spiritual care and friendship, we bid a fond farewell to Fr. Pat O'Donnell as he moves to a new parish. We are deeply grateful for his commitment to our parish community and wish him every happiness and success in his new ministry.

Donation envelopes for Fr. Pat's farewell presentation will be attached to this weekend's church bulletin. Envelopes may be returned by the weekend of June 27th/28th to the Parish Office, placed in the collection baskets in any of the four churches, or given to any member of the Pastoral Council.

MASS OF THANKSGIVING

A special Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated in honour of Fr. Pat and his years of service to our community. Date: Friday, July 10th. Time: 7.00pm. Venue: St. Joseph's Church, Rathmore

Refreshments will be served afterwards in the Scoil Phobail Sliabh Luachra Gym. All are welcome to attend and wish Fr. Pat well.

Fr. Pat, thank you for being at the heart of our parish. Rathmore's loss is your new parish's gain. We wish you continued health, happiness and every success in the years ahead.

BLACKWATER VALLEY VINTAGE GROUP

The countdown is on for the Blackwater Valley Vintage Group Summer Evening Car Run in aid of the BUMBLEance Children's Ambulance Service. Join Willie Fitzgerald and the Blackwater Valley Vintage Group team on Saturday, June 13th, for what promises to be a fantastic evening of vintage cars, music, food, prizes and great company, all in support of a wonderful cause. Venue: Cullen Community Centre (Eircode P51 YY06). Sign-On: 4.00pm. Departure: 5.30pm. Refreshments will be available before departure, along with a starter's prize and several spot prizes.

The run will finish at O'Riada's Bar, Ballymacelligott, where participants can enjoy: Free food, Live music, Additional spot prizes

Entertainment on the night will be provided by: Tim Joe & Anne O'Riordan, Sheila Fitzgerald, Barry O'Halloran, Sheila Heery & Conor Brosnan

The group is also delighted to welcome, for the first time, The Sitting Room Band from East Cork.

Everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy what promises to be a great

evening while supporting a very worthy cause.

For further details contact Willie Fitzgerald on 087 2229874.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2026

A Lourdes Pilgrimage will take place on October 2nd, 2026. For further information, please contact O'Callaghan Coach Holidays on 064 6631095.

GNEEVEGUILLA ATHLETIC CLUB

Congratulations to our Senior, Masters, Under-20 and Multi-Event Juvenile athletes who enjoyed tremendous success at the Munster Championships held in MTU Cork last weekend, bringing home an impressive haul of medals. Full results will appear next week.

Best wishes to all our Under-14 to Under-19 athletes who will be competing in MTU Cork next weekend.

GNEEVEGUILLA LOTTO

There was no winner of last week's Lotto jackpot. The jackpot for Friday, June 12th now stands at €12,800, with an additional bonus draw for €1,000.

GNEEVEGUILLA COMMUNITY FACILITY GROUP

The Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group reminds everyone that the "Share the Bucket" draw takes place every Friday evening in Teach Fáilte at 8.00pm and can be viewed live on the group's Facebook page. This week's winner was Geraldine McCarthy, who won €205.

Tickets cost €2 each or 3 for €5 and are available at Teach Fáilte, participating local businesses displaying the green Share the Bucket sign, or online at: <https://tinyurl.com/y2ade5om>

All funds raised will go towards the proposed new community facility. The committee would like to thank local businesses, shops and pubs for their continued support, as well as everyone who purchases tickets each week.

GAA RESULTS

McCarthy Insurance Group County Football League Division 1 – Round 9

Rathmore 0-10 Killarney Legion 0-11

St. Pat's Blennerville 1-11 Rathmore 1-19

Junior Competition

Gneeveguilla B 2-13 Tuosist 3-14

DYLAN CROWLEY MEMORIAL BLITZ

The Dylan Crowley Memorial Blitz takes place this Saturday, June 13th, in Gneeveguilla from approximately 10.00am to 3.00pm.

KERRY LADIES FOOTBALL

Congratulations to the Kerry Senior Ladies Football team and management on their excellent victory last Sunday at Austin Stack Park, Tralee.

The Kingdom recorded a comprehensive 2-16 to 0-04 victory, having led 2-09 to 0-01 at half-time.

Special congratulations to local management members Daniel O'Leary and Nora O'Connor on the team's outstanding performance.

COMMUNITY NOTES

If you would like to include an item in these weekly notes, please email Michael O'Mahony at momahony14@gmail.com or ring/text 087 6676817 before 6.00pm each Sunday evening.

BEAUFORT PARISH

By Bridget Hartnett

BEAUFORT FILM NIGHT

will hold a film night on Friday 12th June at 8.30pm at Kilgobnet National School, Beaufort. The feature film on the night is Cinema Paradiso, the classic Italian coming of age comedy-drama (with English subtitles).

Cert PG. Admission €8 cash (No card payment available).

RESULTS

An Ghaeltacht 1.10 Beaufort 1.09 in senior men's Co League, Div. 7A, Phase 2.

Beaufort 2.15 Kilcummin 0.17 in senior men's Co League, Div.1

LOTTO

There was no Jackpot winner on Sunday, 7th June. Numbers: 20,21,23,26. Consolation prizes: €80 Mary and Frank Ashe, Cappaganeen, Joan O'Sullivan, Green Road, Donal Dwyer, Kilcummin, Patrick Fleming, Cooleenig. The lotto jackpot will be €4,200 on Sunday 21st June.

Tickets are available from usual sellers, shops, public houses and online on www.clubforce.com. Thank you to everybody who support the lotto.

HEALTH SCREENING

As part of our Healthy Club initiative, the Dillon Quirke foundation will be holding free health screening at Beaufort G.A.A. Club on Wednesday,

8th July. It is for 45 players from 12 to 18 years of age. To book a place for your child, please contact Mary 086 0640065 or Bridget 087 9975737.

GOLF CLASSIC

Beaufort G.A.A Club Annual Golf classic will take place on Friday, 19th June in Beaufort Golf Club. It is a 3-person team event, the 2 best stableford scores at each hole to count. Cost is €200 per team and €50 for anybody who wish to book tee box sponsorship. More information and booking from Colm at 087 6737414.

MEMBERSHIP

Beaufort G.A.A. Club membership is still open. For information on Club and Gym membership, please contact Patie on 087 2515311.

SUMMER CAMP

As part of their Healthy Club initiative, Beaufort will host a summer camp from 6th to 10th July in Beaufort G.A.A. Complex.

It is open to ages 4 to 14 and will run from 10am to 2pm. Cost is €65 for one child, 2nd child, €60 and 3rd and subsequent children is €55.

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SPA PARISH

By Leanne Cronin



Spa U10 Boys.



Spa U10 Girls

SPA KEEP DIVISION 1 SURVIVAL HOPES ALIVE

Spa produced a superb 2nd half performance to claim a vital Division 1 victory over Dingle Gaa at Pairc an Aghsaigh on Saturday evening, final scoreline Spa 4-08 to Dingle 0-16.

Playing against a strong wind in the first half, Spa faced a difficult challenge as Dingle took full advantage of the conditions kicking 4 two pointers over the first half giving the home team a commanding lead of 0-12 to 1-01 at half time.

In the second half with the wind now at their backs, Spa gradually reduced the deficit before a series of clinical goals transformed the fortunes for the away team. David Spillane found the net twice, first in 41st minute & then again in the 50th minute. Points from Evan Cronin, Timmy Moynihan & 2 two pointers one each from Cian Murphy & Evan Cronin saw Spa take the lead in the 57th minute on a scoreline Spa 3-08 to Dingle 0-15. Dingle responded with a point of their own, leaving the visitors leading by the slightest of margins with one minute to go on the clock, however a goal by Evan Cronin in the 60th minute settled the contest in favour of the Killarney team.

Next up is an away trip to Kenmare Shamrocks 21st June @ 14.00.

U10 GIRLS PLAY CHALLENGE GAME VERSUS NEAR NEIGHBOURS

Our U10 Girls played a challenge game vs near neighbours Kilcummin last Thursday evening. This following on from attending the U10 Girls Blitz in Dr Crokes the week before. With a panel of 18, three teams of six allowed every player time on the ball and the opportunity to be involved and showcase their skills. Many thanks to Kilcummin U10 Girls for a very sporting affair.

U10 BOYS GO GAMES VERSUS KENMARE

Spa U10 Boys played Kenmare in what can only be described as “less than ideal” weather last week. Despite the challenging conditions, both teams turned out in large numbers, demonstrated excellent ball skills & sportsmanship with an emphasis on fun. It was great to see every boy get plenty of game time & many thanks to Kenmare for this fixture.

U12 GIRLS IMPRESS AWAY TO FINUGE

Well done our U12 Girls who travelled to North Kerry last week to face Finuge. An exciting fixture played in challenging conditions.

The team delivered a strong performance, great link up play, sharp passing & some superb scores. Thank you to Finuge for a highly competitive and sporting match.

U14 GIRLS LOSE OUT AWAY TO LISTOWEL IN ASDEE

Challenging conditions seems to be the theme of the week & it was no different in Asdee as our U14 Girls played away to Listowel. Playing against the wind in the first half, Spa trailed Listowel on a scoreline Spa 1-02, Listowel 2-11.

Spa managed to match Listowel in the 2nd half scoring 2-03 to Listowel's 1-06, but Listowel's dominance in the first half earned them the points on a final scoreline Listowel 3-17, Spa 3-05.

CLUB LOTTO

Spa Lotto 02/06/2026 Results. Numbers drawn: 5,9,23,26. No jackpot winner. Lucky Dips €50 each: Mary Foran (Online), Sam (C/O McSweeneys), Killarney Camogie Club, Paul & Ciara Casey (Knockeragh), Seamus O Donoghue (Sheheree). Monthly Annual Ticket Holders Draw: Liam Og Daniels (Waterford)

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By Dermot Cronin
Financial Advisor

IS IT MORE DIFFICULT TO GET A MORTGAGE TO BUILD MY HOME THAN A MORTGAGE TO BUY MY HOME?

Yes, it can be more difficult. When you are building your family home there are more of risks of things going wrong than purchasing your home especially in relation to the overall cost. The most obvious and biggest risk is of course the risk of you going over your budget to build and finish your property and not having enough money to complete your home. Lenders when assessing your application need to take this risk into account. Lenders will put emphasis on the cost of construction of your property. If you are making your application through a mortgage broker they should spend time discussing the cost of the construction and loan amounts with you to make sure they are realistic and affordable. If these figures are incorrect and especially if they are too low then your mortgage application could be declined and more importantly you may not have enough money to finish the property. A big plus at the moment for people who are first time buyers and are building or buying a new property that is their family home is that there is a Help To Buy Scheme that you can apply for through the Revenue. Thankfully this was extended recently in the budget. There is up to €30,000 available through this scheme, there are terms and conditions attached to this Help To Buy Scheme. Obviously this is very beneficial in terms of reducing your overall cost and reducing your mortgage amount also. Each lenders criteria for self build mortgages is different & you need to know this before choosing a lender that suits your needs best. A mortgage broker who has access to many lenders and has a lot of experience with self build mortgages should be very helpful to you.

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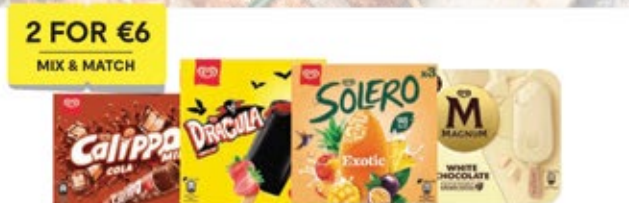
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Cheque Presentation to the Irish Motor Neurone Disease Association by Kerry Friends of Motor Neurone

On Thursday 21st May 2026 the Chairman of Kerry Friends of Motor Neurone Christy Lehane welcomed The Irish Motor Neurone Disease Association representatives which included CEO Mr Kevin Burn along with Fiona Thornton head of Communications, Tracy Hutchin Community and Operations Manager and new person to the team Manika Nia Dixon Hub Project Worker to the Plaza Hotel Killarney to be presented with a cheque for €20,500, being the proceeds of monies raised during the past twelve months like cheque presentations from Tralee Lions Club, Ballybunnion Lady Captains Day, Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle, Killarney Darts Competition and our Annual Flag Day collection in Killarney, not to mention all the individual donors who never let us down.

After the cheque presentation the IMNDA representatives gave an outline of the roles they perform and the challenges they face every day securing sufficient funding for all the services they provide throughout the 26 counties. Kevin Burn said that fundraising cheque presentations are a lifeline to the MND community by providing services such as specialised equipment and to continue funding home care hours, the seven IMNDA nurses are constantly on the road visiting MND sufferers and their families. There are more than 470 living with MND in Ireland and 20 of these live in County Kerry, and the aim is to strive to ensure that each person affected with MND receives the best possible care and support.

Both Tracy Hutchin and also Manika Nia Dixon spoke about their new roles and their plans for the future.

Fiona Thornton Head of Communications at the IMNDA stated that their Association are deeply grateful to Kerry Friends of Motor Neurone for their extraordinary commitment and the incredible fundraising, they continue to deliver year after year. Their efforts make a real and tangible difference to families



Chairman of Kerry Friends of Motor Neurone Christy Lehane welcomed The Irish Motor Neurone Disease Association representatives to Killarney and presented them with a cheque for or €20,500, the proceeds of monies raised during the past twelve months.

living with MND across Ireland. Every Euro raised helps the IMNDA provide essential services including Specialist Nursing Support, Equipment provision, information and guidance and emotional Support for patients and their families.

Fiona also said that the IMNDA could not deliver the level of care and responsiveness that they do without the dedication of groups like Kerry Friends of Motor Neurone, and that they are sincerely thankful for their continued support and generosity.

Chairman of Kerry Friends of Motor Neurone Christy Lehane thanked the IMNDA for their kind words but he also thanked most sincerely the Kerry Friends of Motor Neurone Committee for all their help and assistance with all the fundraising efforts we take on.

The Chairman also thanked the good people who come to our aid every year since we were formed back in 2011, by making donations and

by selecting KFMN to be beneficiaries of all the fundraising activities that they undertook. Fundraising is never easy and particularly these times when so many charities are competing to raise funds for their particular causes.

Cheque Presentation to the IMNDA by Kerry Friends of Motor Neurone

The IMNDA informs us that it costs €2.75 million annually to provide all their services which is heavily reliant on fundraising.

Up to a few years ago 85% of the €2.75 million budget was reliant on fundraising. I am now informed that 90% is dependent on fundraising. The seriousness of this situation it seems has not reached the powers that be. I find this is a very sad and unacceptable situation.

Killarney's Alexandra Mae Gemenino Announced as Miss Universe Ireland 2026 Finalist

On Thursday June 4th 2026, the official Summer Launch Party for Miss Universe Ireland 2026 took place at the iconic Bewley's Café Theatre on Grafton Street, Dublin 2, welcoming finalists, sponsors, media and special guests for an evening of elegance, celebration and golden summer glamour and Killarney's Alexandra Mae Gemenino was announced as a finalist. Alexandra is 43 years old and originally from The Philippines. She moved to Ireland with her family when she was 17 and became a proud Irish Citizen in 2011. She worked in the UK for 14 years but returned to Killarney because she missed her family and now works in the beauty business.

With a dress code theme of "Golden Summer", guests embraced a night of sparkling style, music

and entertainment as the search officially begins for the next woman who will represent Ireland on the international stage at the prestigious Miss Universe competition.

Miss Universe Ireland has become an increasingly influential platform for ambitious young women in Ireland, opening doors in modelling, media, business, advocacy and international representation. The winner of Miss Universe Ireland 2026 will receive an exclusive prize package along with the honour of representing Ireland on the world stage at the prestigious Miss Universe global final, where delegates from more than 100 countries will compete for the coveted title and reigning Miss Universe, Fátima Bosch Fernández of Mexico, will crown her successor.



Alexandra Mae Gemenino (43) from Killarney who is a finalist in the year's Miss Universe Ireland.

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6 top tips for great results

- Instead of focusing on how far you have to go, focus on what you have achieved every day. Celebrate the small wins.
- Make it enjoyable. Listen to your favourite music, make it fun, smile and remind yourself that the journey counts as much as the destination.
- Ask yourself, "What would a person who is successful at this do today?"
- Remember that progress is rarely linear.
- Remind yourself that the goal is not to be motivated every day but to be consistent.
- Small wins add up to great results.

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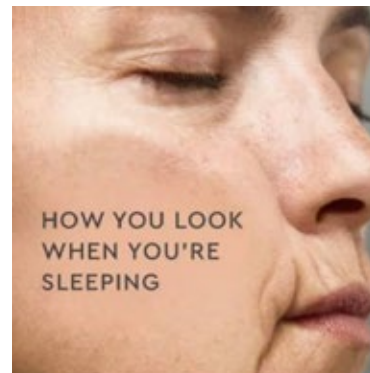
WAKING UP WITH SLEEP LINES

Sleep is still one of the best beauty treatments available but sleep lines can be embarrassing.

Expression lines form from facial movements but sleep lines develop when your face is pressed against a pillow for several hours. As you age, collagen, elastin and hydration levels naturally decline, making your skin less able to bounce back. Overtime these morning creases can take longer to disappear and eventually become more permanent.

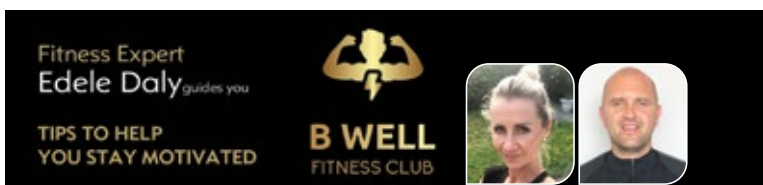
Sleeping on your back reduces pressure on your face and using silk or satin pillowcases creates less friction than traditional cotton. A consistent skincare regime using peptides, antioxidants and hyaluronic acid keeps your skin well hydrated to help improve elasticity for bounce back.

Professional treatments such as



microneedling and LED light therapy can help boost your collagen production and improve skin resilience. To smooth sleep lines first thing, splash your face with cold water then massage with fingertips using a hydrating serum or facial roller to encourage blood flow and reduce puffiness.

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THE MOST COMMON CALORIE-TRACKING MISTAKES

(continued from last week)

6. Not logging small bites, tastes, and snacks

A bite while cooking, a few chips, a spoonful of someone else's dessert — these "invisible calories" add up quickly.

7. Inconsistent tracking

Many people track during the week but not on weekends, or skip meals they consider "small." This leads to major underreporting.

8. Relying on unverified database entries

User-generated entries in apps can be inaccurate. Verified entries are more reliable.

9. Not adjusting serving sizes in apps

Scanning a barcode is convenient, but the default serving size rarely matches what you actually ate.

10. Forgetting "extras"

Sauces, dressings, condiments, toppings, and cooking sprays often go unlogged. These can add 50–300 calories per meal.

11. Assuming vegetables don't matter

While low-calorie, large portions of starchy vegetables (corn, peas, potatoes) still add up. Some people also forget fruit entirely.

Research shows food labels themselves can be off by up to 20%, so any additional human error compounds the inaccuracy.

This is why someone can believe they're in a 500-calorie deficit but actually be at maintenance or surplus.

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SUMMER EYES

As the weather gets warmer and the days grow longer, we often think about improving our health and getting into better shape. As you prepare to enjoy the outdoors this summer, don't forget a plan for keeping your eyes happy as well.

Avoid getting "sunburn of the eye."

When sunlight shines off water, sand or other highly reflective surfaces into your eyes, it can cause a very painful condition called photokeratitis. This is when the sun's ultraviolet rays burn the surface of your eye. Pain, redness, blurriness and even temporary vision loss are symptoms of this condition. Prevent photokeratitis by wearing sunglasses that are marked "100% UV protection." Also, wear a broad-brimmed hat for added eye protection.

Prevent "swimmer's eye" in the pool.

Pools can be tough on the eyes. Chemicals used to keep the water clean, such as chlorine, can affect the natural tear film that keeps our eyes moist and healthy. The result can be Red, gritty-feeling eyes and blurry vision. Keep eyes feeling and looking good by wearing swim goggles in the pool, and splash your closed eyes with fresh water immediately after getting out of the pool.

Keep dry eye at bay.

Spending time outside when it

is hot, dry or windy can irritate a common condition called dry eye. A hot, dry environment affects the tear film, drying out the eye's surface. To protect your eyes in these conditions, wear wrap-around glasses to keep wind from your eye's surface. Also, use artificial tears (preferably those that are preservative-free) to keep eyes moist and refreshed.

Don't play around with eye safety.

Spending more time outside often means more outdoor work and play. Whether mowing the lawn, trimming weeds or playing baseball, always wear the proper protective eyewear. More than half of all eye injuries occur at home, yet only about one out of every three people wears eye protection when they should. Don't be an eye injury statistic!

Quit smoking

When thinking about getting healthy this summer, think about quitting smoking. Cigarette smoke, including second-hand smoke, not only worsens dry eye, but is a risk factor for many eye diseases, including cataracts, macular degeneration and more. Quitting smoking reduces your risk of getting eye disease and other major health problems.

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Citizenship Ceremonies

Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd June 2026

Citizenship Ceremonies are major events in Ireland, symbolising new beginnings for thousands of people. With such large numbers attending, the impact on a town like Killarney is significant not just for traffic, but also for local businesses, accommodation providers and restaurants.

Key Details about Traffic Management in Killarney

- **Dates:** The next Irish Citizenship Ceremonies will take place on **Monday, 22nd and Tuesday, 23rd June 2026** at Gleneagle Killarney.
- **Attendees:** Over 10,000 people are expected to attend across five ceremonies over the two days.
Ceremony times Monday: 11:00 | 13:00 | 15:00.
Ceremony times Tuesday: 11:00 | 13:00.
Duration: Each ceremony is approximately 30 minutes.
- **Traffic Delays:** Significant delays are anticipated, especially near the **Gleneagle Arena** and along **Muckross Road** between **09:30 – 16:30**.
- **Parking:** Parking at or near the venue will be **very limited**. Guests are encouraged to leave cars at their accommodation and use shuttle buses.
- **Shuttle Services:** Free shuttle buses will run from the **train station** and from **Scott's Street**, starting at **08:00**



Advice for Attendees and the Local Community

- ✓ **Allow extra travel time** if you are heading to or through Killarney on these dates.
- ✓ **Use shuttle buses or walk** where possible to avoid congestion.
- ✓ **Plan ahead** if you live locally - routine journeys may take longer than usual.
- ✓ **Accommodation providers** are being asked to advise Attendees to avoid driving to the venue.



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The programme includes UEFA-licensed coaching, performance analysis, strength and conditioning, nutrition guidance, mental performance coaching, and First Aid certification. Students will also have the opportunity to begin earning official coaching badges.

Founded by Niall Hobbert, an international footballer and High-Performance & Recovery Specialist, the academy seeks to provide talented young athletes with the environment and

support needed to reach their potential.

"We don't do mass-market. We do individual evolution. We provide the structure to master the game, the skills to navigate the world, and the discipline to own your future," said Mr Hobbert.

The academy is being promoted as Kerry's first full-time Transition Year football academy and is now accepting applications for the upcoming academic year.

For more information, visit footballacademy.gnosisperformance.com or contact Gnosis Performance directly.

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And the winner of the 2026 All-Ireland is ?

A Chara, Killarney won the overall national award as Ireland's Tidiest town in 2011 and, since then, has consistently won gold medals and several category titles. In 2023, Killarney was Ireland's Tidiest Large Town.

The 2024 overall winner was Ballincollig on 386 marks, followed by Killarney on 384. We need a two-pointer, so let's all pull together for that orange flag, as the judges are on the circuit for the 2026 awards. Winning an All-Ireland title takes a lot of planning, commitment, dedication, and continuous work. That was needed to win the Sam Maguire in 2025. Now the race is on for Sam's return. Killarney would also cherish winning the overall Tidiest Town in Ireland.

It is a huge challenge for Killarney with so many visitors swelling the resident population of 14,351. Recently, there was Bike Fest, two big games at Fitzgerald Stadium- the Munster football final, with an attendance of close to 33,000, and the Donegal game, which attracted over 22,000. If even 50 % of the people dropped one piece of litter, a wrapping, paper coffee cup, or plastic water bottle, the accumulated litter would be enormous. It is my custom to walk around Killarney, especially on the morning after a big event, but by 10.00 am on Monday mornings, the town is spic and span. All litter disappeared overnight. Magic?

No. Noel O'Leary had his Killarney Town Council staff working from dawn, complemented by Mick Gleeson's volunteers from Killarney Looking Good. Such cooperation between the statutory body and volunteers is very rare indeed. We should not take it for granted but appreciate this cooperative effort to maintain Killarney as the Town we love so well, just like Phil Coulter appreciates his native Derry. Let us all row in, bring home your own litter or use the bins provided, and

if you see a stray piece of litter, put it in the nearest bin. Teams win All-Irelands, not individuals. Let's all do our bit: it will make a difference. Ní neart go cur le chéile.

Éamonn Fitzgerald

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Call For Discretionary Medical Cards For All Cancer Patients

Fianna Fáil TD for Kerry, Michael Cahill, has called on the Government to extend Discretionary Medical Card eligibility to all cancer patients for the duration of their illness, regardless of age or income.

Deputy Cahill, who serves as Fianna Fáil Spokesperson for Older People and is a member of the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Health, said that a cancer diagnosis brings enormous emotional, physical and financial challenges for patients and their families.

"We all know a family member, friend, neighbour or colleague who has been diagnosed with cancer. It is one of the most difficult experiences a person can face and the financial burden that often accompanies treatment only adds to that stress," said Deputy Cahill.

"At a time when patients should be focused solely on their treatment and recovery, many are worrying about the cost of medications, GP visits, Hospital appointments, transport and other essential healthcare expenses" stated the Kerry TD.

Deputy Cahill raised the issue directly with the Minister for Health through a Parliamentary Question seeking the introduction of full Discretionary Medical Cards for all cancer



patients.

While acknowledging that children under the age of 18 diagnosed with cancer are automatically granted a Medical Card without a means test, Deputy Cahill said there is a strong case for extending this support to every cancer patient.

"I fully support the existing provision which ensures that all children diagnosed with cancer receive a Medical Card automatically. However, I believe the same principle should apply to every person diagnosed with cancer, regardless of their age" said Deputy Cahill.

"Cancer does not discriminate based on age, and neither should access to essential healthcare supports. Patients and families already face enough uncertainty without having to navigate means tests or discretionary application processes" stated the Rossbeigh based TD.

Deputy Cahill said that while Discretionary

and Emergency Medical Cards are available in certain circumstances, the current system can leave many patients facing unnecessary stress and financial hardship.

"The reality is that cancer treatment can place a significant strain on household finances. Many people are forced to reduce working hours or leave employment altogether while undergoing treatment. Granting a Discretionary Medical Card for the duration of a cancer diagnosis would provide practical support and peace of mind at a time when it is needed most" stated the Fianna Fáil TD.

Deputy Cahill said he will continue to advocate for changes to ensure that all cancer patients receive the support they need.

"This is about fairness, compassion and recognising the reality faced by cancer patients and their families every day. No person battling cancer should have to worry about whether they can afford the healthcare they require. Automatic access to a medical card for the duration of their illness is a sensible and compassionate measure that should be introduced without delay" added Michael Cahill TD.

Cahill Calls for Urgent Action to Address 162 Staff Vacancies at University Hospital Kerry

Fianna Fáil TD for Kerry and member of the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Health, Deputy Michael Cahill, has expressed serious concern following confirmation that there are currently 162 prevailing vacancies across University Hospital Kerry (UHK).

The figures, provided to Deputy Cahill in response to a parliamentary representation, reveal significant staffing shortages across a number of critical areas of the hospital.

According to the information received, the vacancies at the end of April 2026 were as follows:

Medical & Dental – 14 vacancies

Nursing & Midwifery – 49 vacancies

Health & Social Care – 39 vacancies

Management & Administration – 29 vacancies

General Support – 21 vacancies

Patient & Client Care – 10 vacancies

Commenting on the figures, Deputy Cahill said:

"These vacancy numbers are deeply concerning and highlight the ongoing recruitment and retention challenges facing University Hospital Kerry. While I acknowledge that some positions are currently being filled on a temporary basis and that recruitment competitions are underway, the reality is that staffing shortages continue to place significant pressure on frontline services, patients and existing staff."

"The largest shortfall remains within Nursing and Midwifery, where almost 50 positions are vacant. This is particularly worrying given the increasing demand being placed on our health services and the need to ensure patients can access timely and safe care."

Deputy Cahill said he intends to continue raising the issue through his role on the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Health and directly with the HSE and the Minister for Health.

"Our healthcare workers are doing an exceptional job under difficult circumstances. However, they need adequate staffing levels and support. We must ensure University Hospital Kerry has the resources and workforce necessary to meet the healthcare needs of the people of Kerry."

"I will continue to engage with hospital management, the HSE and the Minister to seek clarity on recruitment timelines and to ensure every effort is being made to fill these posts as quickly as possible."

Deputy Cahill concluded, "University Hospital Kerry is a vital healthcare facility serving Kerry and the wider region. Ensuring it is fully staffed is essential for patient care, reducing waiting times and supporting the dedicated staff who work there every day."

Calls For Minister To Intervene To Sort Our New Killarney Hospital

Deputy Danny Healy Rae has said he is desperately disappointed that following a meeting between the HSE and the 5 Oireachtas elected members on May 29th in HSE offices in Tralee that we were led astray and after all this time and without any justification, last week it came to light that the opening of the new Killarney Community hospital is delayed further.

I had also previously raised this matter in the Dáil as a topical issue on May 12th and was reassured by Minister of State at Department of Health

Kieran O'Donnell and now it seems that the same issues I raised then are still waiting to be resolved. It is extremely disappointing for all the patients and staff in the existing district hospital and Columbanus Nursing home who are waiting to be transferred to the new hospital.

We are now in the second half of the year and so much depends on the opening of this hospital – primary care centre, minor injury unit and increased respite beds were all contingent on the opening of the new Community hospital.

This new building has been sitting for almost 6 months with lights on waiting to be opened and we are still not getting the truth from the head management of the HSE who are responsible for Kerry.

I am calling on the Minister for Health to immediately intervene immediately and tells us the truth and find out what is happening and confirm the date when this hospital will open.

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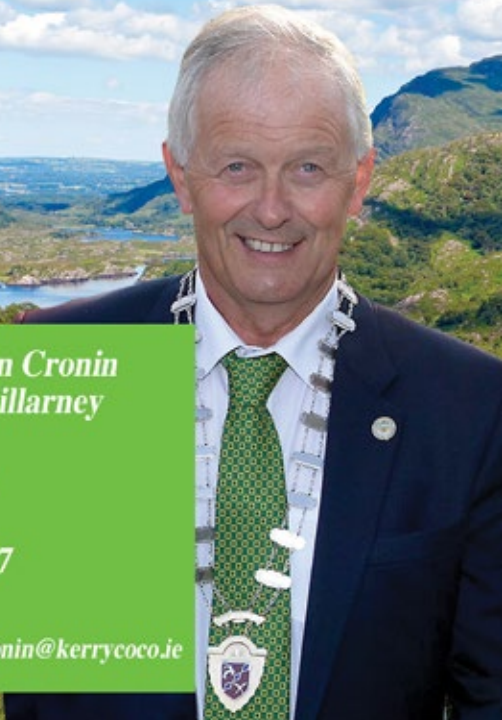


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KILLARNEY SWIMMING CLUB

The club would like thank local businesses Centra Muckcross Road and Four Star Pizza for fuelling our swimmers at the end of season. Centra kindly sponsored 30 breakfast rolls on the busy Bikefest weekend for the senior squads and Four Star Pizza delivered pizza for our development and junior squads. Thank you to Killarney Sports & Leisure Centre for their fantastic facilities all season. Training had ended now for the season for many swimmers, but those training for Summer Nationals and Munster Swim Fest continue to train. Huge congratulations to the swimmers who have qualified for summer nationals this season for July: Aoife Coffey, Aoibhín Heinemann, Evan O'Donoghue, Liam O'Mahony, Ronan O'Leary, Daniel Cremin, Ella Cremin, Sarah Quirke, Orlaith Mackey, Beibhinn Kiely, Diva Lucic Kovacevic, Lara Leahy O'Brien and Samuel O'Neill. This is the largest number of qualifiers that the club has had to date. Training has commenced in Tralee in preparation for Nationals and in conjunction with Kingdom Swimming Club.

KILLARNEY VALLEY AC ENJOYS MEDAL HAUL AT MUNSTER CHAMPIONSHIPS

Killarney Valley AC athletes produced an outstanding display at the Munster U20, Senior and Masters Championships, returning home with an impressive 16 medals and several championship titles. The senior women's sprint squad led the way, with Sarah Leahy claiming gold in both the 100m and 200m, while clubmate Keelie O'Connor secured silver in both events to complete a remarkable double-double for the club. Elsewhere in the senior ranks, Dara Looney won the long jump title with a leap of 6.54m, while Eoin O'Reilly took gold in the pole vault. At U20 level, Dominik Wasila earned silver in the long jump and Antonya Lejewoda claimed silver in the triple jump. There were also strong performances from Anna O'Shea, Conor Duffin, Naoise Cronin, Charlie Clarke, Maddie O'Riordan and Jordan Lee, all securing top-eight finishes in their respective events. Killarney Valley AC's masters athletes also enjoyed a highly successful weekend, with championship titles for Alan Delaney, Tim Horgan, Timea Saary (100m and long jump),



A huge Congratulations to Carolena Kelly of Spa-Mucross and the Kerry Athletes who placed third in the U13 1200m Cross Country National Finals at Gormanston.



Pictured are Helen Vickers and Liudmyla Makovetska of Centra Muckcross Road with Elaine O'Donoghue Killarney Swimming Club Coach.



Pictured are members of the Junior Squad of Killarney Swimming Club enjoying Four Star Pizza.



Denis Murphy, right, who sponsored the Callaway Kennels Sweepstake A3 final was also the owner of the winner Callaway Fia trained by Owen McKenna at Tralee Track on Friday night as Cait Murphy presents a trophy to Fiadh Murphy while also included are members of the Murphy family and racing manager Kieran Casey. Photo Moss Joe Browne.

Alan Burke, Kevin Smith (100m and 400m) and Margaret O'Connor. The club's youngest competitors were also in action at the Juvenile Multi-Events Championships, where James Doody recorded a notable eighth-place finish in the U12 boys' competition.

KILLARNEY BRIDGE CLUB RESULTS MONDAY JUNE 8TH

North/South
 1st: Pauline Lyne and Joan Lenihan
 2nd: Ciaran Broadberry and Finola Spillane
 3rd: Eithne Coffey and Hazel O'Connell
 East/West
 1st: Mary Rose Felle and Mary Shanahan
 2nd: Eileen Brosnan and Hugh O'Connell
 3rd: Margaret O'Sullivan and Evelyn Breen
 Congratulations to all the winners
SUMMER BRIDGE continues every Monday at The Monastery School, New Road at 7pm. All are welcome.

FOSSA BRIDGE CLUB RESULTS FOR 28TH MAY

1st: Marie O Sullivan Kenmare & Horst Rosler
 2nd: Marie Moloney & Joan Lenihan
 3rd: Finola Spillane & Ger Foley

RESULTS FOR 04TH JUNE

N/S
 1st: Phyllis O' Regan & Pauline Lyne
 2nd: Finola Spillane & Ger Foley
 E/W
 1st: Mary Shanahan & Mary Rose Felle
 2nd: Don O'Sullivan & Hanneke Nieman
 Well done all.

SUMMER BRIDGE continues every Thursday morning at 10am at The Castlerosse Hotel. All bridge players are very welcome.

GOOD LUCK to the organising committee who are holding The Killarney Bridge Congress this weekend at The Castlerosse Hotel.

If you are interested in playing in any of the events please contact Marie Moloney or Ciarán Broadberry.





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Historic Milestone as Killarney Valley AC Announces Two National League Teams



Killarney Valley AC has reached a significant milestone with the announcement that, for the first time in the club's history, both men's and women's teams will compete in the Athletics Ireland National Track and Field League in 2026.

The achievement marks a major step forward for the club and reflects the continued growth and development of athletics in Killarney and the surrounding region.

Five years ago, the club set itself the ambitious goal of fielding senior men's and women's teams at the highest level of Irish athletics. Through years of hard work, dedication and the development of strength and depth across all disciplines, that vision has now become a reality.

The National League campaign will commence on June 20th, with

Killarney Valley AC proudly represented by two senior teams on the national stage.

Leading the squads will be team captains Keelie O'Connor and Jordan Lee, who have now officially announced their respective panels for the historic season ahead.

Club officials have described the achievement as a testament to the commitment of athletes, coaches, volunteers and supporters who have helped build the club into one of the leading athletics organisations in the country.

As preparations continue for the opening round, excitement is building around what promises to be a landmark year in the history of Killarney Valley AC.



Members of Killarney Triathlon Club



Katy Jacobi, who went on to win the Schull 'Try a Tri' after taking part in the initiative.

Killarney Triathlon Club's New-to-Tri Programme *a great success*

Killarney Triathlon Club recently completed its successful New-to-Tri Programme, which provided participants with structured training, mentorship, and guidance as they prepared for their first triathlon events.

A highlight of the programme was the success of Katy Jacobi, who went on to win the Schull 'Try a Tri' after taking part in the initiative. Her achievement is a testament to the support, encouragement, and training provided throughout the programme.

Also pictured are members of the club who took part in the Schull event, where participants showcased the progress they had made. Congratulations to club members who participated in the sprint triathlon to include a 750 meter swim, cycle 20km and run 5km- Orla Houlihan 3rd lady overall, Other members won age category prizes to include Donal O' Dowd, Tim Horgan, Ailis Brosnan and Tim Healy.

The club continues to offer an action-packed training calendar, including guided open-water swimming sessions in Dundag, along with cycling, running, and group training opportunities suitable for all levels.

We are heading to Ballinskelligs Triathlon this Saturday in which Killarney Tri club are hosting with the local community.

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KILLARNEY GOLF CLUB - LADIES

RESULTS OF KILLARNEY GOLF CLUB LADIES COMPETITIONS HELD THIS WEEK

EILEEN MURPHY GREENSOMES QUALIFIER HELD ON O'MAHONY'S POINT COURSE JUNE 6TH 2026

Kindly sponsored by Safeguard Security

Winners: Kate O'Leary & Sharon Ormonde (13) 37 points last 9 holes

Runners Up: Maureen Creedon & Marie O'Brien (15) 37 points

TRALEE EXCHANGE

LADIES 18 HOLE STABLEFORD TEAM OF 2 HELD IN TRALEE GOLF COURSE ON JUNE 7TH 2026

Kindly sponsored by Adams of Tralee

Winners: Kathleen Wall (29) & Sinead Lynch (23) 45points

Runners Up: Rosaleen Drennan (8) & Emma Vinarcik (0) 41points

DEERPARK PITCH & PUTT CLUB

SUNDAY DRAWS

Curtailed to one draw last Sunday due to the excessive rain -Two Ball Scramble- First Nett: John Murphy & Dan Kiely 36½ and Second Nett: Sean Ashe & Dan Kiely 41.

FLESK RESTAURANT SUMMER SERIES

June 3rd Results- Winners: Connie O'Sullivan, Sean Quill, Tadhg Lawlor and Lucas Uchytel 34¾, Runners-Up: Fionn O'Callaghan, Dan Kiely & Stanley Wade 36½ and Third Place: Fionn McMonagle, Max Moynihan & Alan O'Leary 36¾. Continues next Wednesday at 6.45pm.

U16 SCRAMBLE

A special U16 Scramble took place on Monday night to honour the visit of the European and World Cup Trophies by our Club Secretary Damien Fleming following his wins with both Irish teams in 2024 and 2025. Winners: Aodhan O'Halloran, Charlie O'Loughlin, Tadhg Lawlor & Dara O'Keefe 45 (B9), Runners-Up: Dylan Moynihan, Conor Bartlett, Cillian Healy, James Whelan & Mark Bowler 45, Third Place: Ryan Lowe, Mark O'Leary, Tiarnan Kavanagh & Finn McDonald 46



Deerpark Pitch & Putt Club Secretary Damien Fleming (kneeling, centre) pictured with some of the club's U16 members on Monday evening after a Scramble held to honour his bringing of the European and World Cup trophies for the winning Irish teams he was a part of in 2024 and 2025 to the club.

Also included in photo on extreme right are the club's U16 Officers Michael Cronin and Niall O'Loughlin.

COMMUNITY GAMES

Congratulations to Aodhan O'Halloran and Ella Lowe on qualifying for the National Finals in Offaly next month.

KENNEDY CUP

Club member Sean Quill is captaining the Kerry team at the National Soccer event in UL this week.

COUNTY STROKEPLAY

Best Wishes to all our competitors from the club on Sunday in the various grades which we are hosting. A reminder the event is dress code and the course will be closed on Saturday in preparation for the event.

MUNSTER STROKEPLAY

Please note in advance of this event which the club are hosting on the weekend of July 19th next month, the Committee have decided that the course will close to all general play from Monday July 6th. An announcement regarding official practice times for competitors will be made in due course.

CASTLEROSSE LADIES GOLF CLUB

EXCHANGE DAY

Exchange Day with Ross Golf Club on Saturday, 6th June, 2026, was a great day. The weather held pretty well for the morning and after had coffee in the Club.

RESULTS OF 9H SCRAMBLE:

1st: Mary O'Reilly, Nuala Ward, Gina O'Shea
2nd: Kay Malone, Margaret McCarthy, Eilish Culloty

SOCIAL GOLF

Social golf every Wednesday at 10.30am. Book on BRS.

MIXED SCRAMBLES

Mixed scrambles will be every Tuesday at 6pm starting on the 16th June, 2026. Visitors welcome.

GET INTO GOLF

The Get Into Golf course is underway with very enthusiastic participants. Fantastic opportunity to learn with a Professional in a friendly and helpful atmosphere, at a reasonable cost. Contact Kieran 087-2748777.

GOLF LESSONS

Kieran Crehan is available to give golf lessons. Contact Kieran directly on: 087 2748777.

BEAUFORT GOLF CLUB - LADIES

She may be disguised under a different surname, with 11 All Stars and 10 All Ireland Football titles, it still doesn't hide the wonderful ability that the Ladies Gaelic Football Association - Hall of Fame Legend, Mary Jo Curran has with her new talent being displayed on the golf course.

Having swapped the O'Neill ball for Titleist, the relatively new to golf Mary Jo has really started to show some great form on the course. Despite horrendous weather conditions at the weekend, for the second year in a row in the 3Ts competition, Mary Jo stormed home with a wonderful score of 39 points. To her delight she will be heading to either the K-Club or Mount Juliet in Autumn to participate in the 24th



Deerpark Pitch & Putt Club President Derry McCarthy and Club Secretary Damien Fleming pictured with the European Team Championship Trophy which Damien brought to the club on Monday night as a member of last year's winning Irish side. Derry was Irish team captain for the same event in 2005 which Ireland won in Holland that year.



Finola Geary, Lady Captain and the Ladies of the Castlerosse GC at the Ross GC Exchange Day.

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Winners of the Exchange day for the Ross Golf Club were pictured left to right Vice Captain Miriam Hickey, Bridget McGuire, Kaye Cremin & Sheila O'Mahony (29)



2nd at the Exchange day for the Ross Golf Club were pictured left to right Vice Captain Miriam Hickey, Mary Moynihan, Noreen O'Mahony & Vivienne Buckley (30)



3rd at the Exchange day for the Ross Golf Club were pictured left to right Vice Captain Miriam Hickey, Bridie Doyle, Emir Coffey & Lourda Kelly (31)

year of the wonderful 3Ts (Turning the Tide of Suicide) Annual Golf Tournament.

Lady Captain Mary Garvey and all the Ladies at Beaufort Golf Club would like to thank Tom Tobin (Killarney Medals & Trophies Ltd) for his wonderful sponsorship of the 3Ts competition. And it is great to see so many ladies participating in this competition.

18-HOLE STABLEFORD COMPETITION PLAYED ON SATURDAY 6TH AND SUNDAY 7TH JUNE

The competition was very generously sponsored by Tom Tobin (Killarney Medals & Trophies Ltd)

- 1st: Mary Jo Coffey (43) 39 pts
- 2nd: Grainne McShortall (16) 35 pts
- 3rd: Marie Flood (26) 35 pts

ROSS LADIES GOLF

RESULTS SATURDAY 6TH JUNE 2026

EXCHANGE DAY SCRAMBLE AT THE CASTLEROSSE GOLF CLUB very kindly sponsored by Anne O'Leary, The Laurels Pub & Restaurant

Well done to everyone who attended at Castlerosse Golf Club exchange day 9 hole scramble very kindly sponsored by Ann O'Leary, The Laurels Bar and Restaurant. A great day was had by all.

- 1st: Kaye Cremin, Bridget McGuire & Sheila O'Mahony (29)
- 2nd: Mary Moynihan, Noreen O'Mahony & Vivienne Buckley (30)
- 3rd: Emir Coffey, Miriam Hickey, Bridie Doyle & Lourda Kelly (31)

COMPETITIONS

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ROSS GOLF CLUB - GENTS RESULTS

ON JUNE 6TH AND 7TH WE HELD A STABLEFORD COMPETITION kindly sponsored by Noel Leahy/Avondale Projects

The winners were:-

- 1st: Anthony O'Mahony 37 (22)
- 2nd: Niall O'Connell 35 (34)
- 3rd: John O'Reilly 34 (30)
- 4th: John M O'Brien 33 (11)

LEGION GAA JOHNNY CULLOTY GOLF CLASSIC

HELD IN KILLARNEY GOLF & FISHING CLUB OF FRIDAY 5TH JUNE

- 1st: Team Seamus O'Donoghue Electrical (94pts), Frank Reen, Mark O'Donoghue, Frank Herlihy
 - 2nd: Team Eddie Rockets (89pts), John Bowler, Teddy Bowler, Colm Bowler
 - 3rd: Team Kissane Decorators (87pts), Mike Clifford, Mike Crowley, Mossie McCarthy
 - 4th: Team T1 Healthcare (87pts), Tim Healy, Barry O Sullivan, Marcus Twomey
- Longest Drive: Tom Coleman

Nearest the pin 12th: Christine Carroll

Nearest the pin 18th: Brett Williams

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BEAUFORT GOLF CLUB - MEN'S

RESULTS OF OUR MEN'S STABLEFORD COMPETITION HELD ON SAT 6/SUN 7 JUNE

Sponsor - The Men's Branch

White tees

- 1st: Maurice Fitzgerald 38 points (24)
 - 2nd: Charles Irwin 37 points (21)
 - 3rd: Terry Ahern 36 points (18) Last nine holes
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KERRY LGFA

A WET AND WINDY WIN FOR KERRY AT HOME

Kerry 2-16 Tipperary 0-4

By Dan Kearney

Siofra O'Shea helped herself to 1-5 and Anna Galvin to 1-2 as Kerry had way too much for Tipperary at a wet and windy Austin Stack Park in the first round of their TG4 All-Ireland SFC campaign.

Kerry were magnificent on the day, and Tipperary will have to go back to the drawing board if they hope to progress from this group after a very disappointing performance.

Kerry controlled the first half from start to finish, despite playing into the breeze, and Tipperary had no answer to their movement, patience and ability to work a score, and the Munster champions took a 2-9 to 0-1 lead in at the half time break.

Siofra O'Shea was unstoppable in this opening period and had a hand in everything good that Kerry did, with her goal in the 17th minute brilliant in its execution. It came after Niamh Carmody won a Tipperary kick out and fed Danielle O'Leary who in turn found O'Shea off the shoulder.

Kerry opened the scoring in the sixth minute through O'Shea, and then in the eighth minute came their first goal when Anna Galvin finished to the net following good work from O'Shea after an excellent Mary O'Connell turnover and pass.

For the rest of the first half Kerry destroyed the Tipperary kick out and Jadyne Lucey helping herself to two points with Aoife Dillane, Carmody and Emma Costello also getting in on the act.

Tipperary finally got their first score of the half in injury time when Emma Morrissey struck a fine point, but Kerry had a skip in their step when they made their way to the dressing room with a 2-9 to 0-1 lead.

Tipperary made four changes at half time but

Action from the Kerry V Tipperary TG4 All-Ireland Senior Football Championship game at Austin Stack Park.
Photo: David Corkey/Radio Kerry Sport



it was Kerry that continued to press and Galvin slotted over. Angela McGuigan popped over off the bench before O'Shea raised another white flag, this time from a free.

The pressure was relentless – Lucey added her third and then Dillane slotted her second before O'Leary got off the mark. Kerry did have a let off when Sarah English's shot was tipped off the crossbar by Mary Ellen Bolger in the 45th minute.

Kerry settled once again and the dynamic O'Leary and silken skilled O'Shea popped over before Lauren Fitzpatrick made a fine save with her feet from O'Leary.

Jane Lynch slotted over in a good introduction off the bench and although Kirsty Crotty Ryan replied, Kerry eased to a comprehensive 18-point win.

Kerry now travel to Newbridge in Kildare to play the locals in a double header with the men's championship on June 13th, and a win will guarantee them a home quarter final.

Tipperary must wait two weeks before they

welcome Kildare so there is plenty of football to be played before this group is decided.

Scorers for Kerry: S O'Shea 1-5 (1f), A Galvin 1-2, J Lucey 0-3, A Dillane 0-2, E Costello 0-1, N Carmody 0-1, J Lynch 0-1, D O'Leary 0-1.

Tipperary: E Morrissey 0-2, A McGuigan 0-1, K Crotty Ryan 0-1.

KERRY: M.E. Bolger; R Rahilly, D Kearney, E Lynch; A O'Connell, E Costello, A Dillane; A Galvin, M O'Connell; N Carmody, N Ní Chonchúir, C Evans; J Lucey, D O'Leary, S O'Shea. Subs: R Dwyer for N Carmody 40, L Boyle for A O'Connell 40, J Lynch for C Evans 48, J Curtin for A Galvin 48, K McGrath for E Lynch 53.

TIPPERARY: L Fitzpatrick; T Hoare, M Curley, E Cronin; K Cashman, E Buckley, S English; L Morrissey, N Shelly; A O'Shea, L Cunningham, L Spillane; C English, E Morrissey, K Crotty Ryan. Subs: A Carey for C English, A McGuigan for N Shelly, E Hogan for E Buckley, A Ryan for A O'Shea (all H/T, E Moore for S English 59.

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KILLARNEY CELTIC

CELTIC LOTTO

Numbers drawn 11,17,25,28. No Jackpot winner. Match 3 winners received €75. Next jackpot €10,400 on Monday June 15th. Tickets available from The Dungeon Bookshop, Amber Shop (Top of Ross Road), club members and online through Clubzap.

SUMMER CAMPS

Booking for the Killarney Celtic Summer Camps are now open. Week 1 is Monday June 29th - Friday July 3rd. Week 2 is Monday July 13th - Friday July 17th.

WELL DONE TO OUR PLAYERS Leah, Elsie and Olga who were part of the Kerry squad at the Gaynor Cup in UL last week.

KILLARNEY CELTIC AGM will take place on Wednesday June 24th at the clubhouse. Please see our social media for full details.

THE KDL PREMIER FINAL has been refixed for Saturday June 20th at 6pm in Mounthawk Park. **CONGRATULATIONS** to Jane O'Donoghue who was honoured recently before the international friendly vs Qatar through the FAI Club Mark volunteers recognition programme.

MASTERGEEHA FC

FAI FOOTBALL SUMMER CAMP DATES FOR 2026

Please see information on camps running in Kilbrean Park this Summer. Booking link can be found via the link below (once in the link, scroll down to find Mastergeeha FC)

<https://bookings.faifootballcamps.ie/s/camp-list>

Camps will take place on 29th June 2026 to 3rd July 2026 and from 27th July to 31st July 2026.

MASTERGEEHA LOTTO

There was no winner of our lotto on 5th June 2026 for the Jackpot of €8,000. Numbers drawn were 6, 20, 21, 28. Consolation Prizes of €50 each to the following Dan Dwyer Anabla, Susan & Padraig Healy Clashnagrane, Cian, Darragh & Evan Cronin Rathmore and Joanne Leahy Online. Our next draw will take place on Friday 12th June 2026 at the Village Inn for a Jackpot of €8,200.

KILLARNEY ATHLETIC

7 A SIDE TOURNAMENT

Killarney Athletic AFC 50th Annual 7 A Side Tournament will begin on Monday June 22nd

There will be a range of accolades as part of the Tournament – Premier & Reserve Cups, Player of the Tournament and The Johnny Heffernan Underage Player Award.

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Sunday 14th June 2026

10:00: Under 10, LUCKY DUX v WAYNES BOYS

10:15: Under 10, KILCUMMIN KREW v CELTIC

10:30: Under 10, KILCUMMIN KREW v LUCKY DUX

10:45: Under 10, CELTIC v LUCKY DUX

11:00: Under 10, CELTIC v WAYNES BOYS

11:15: Under 10, KILCUMMIN KREW v WAYNES BOYS

11:30: Under 10 Semi Finals 1 V 3 v 2 V 4

12:00: Under 10 Finals (10 Mins) Final v

TEAMS: Kilcummin Krew, Celtic, Wayne Boys, Lucky Dux

GIRLS UNDER 10

7 Minutes a Side unless stated

PITCH 2

Sunday 14th 2026

10:00: Under 10, QPR v SUPER BLUES

10:15: Under 10, QPR v THE EVENTS EDIT

10:30: Under 10, SUPER BLUE v THE EVENTS EDIT

10:45: Under 10, QPR v SUPER BLUES

11:00: Under 10, QPR v THE EVENTS EDIT

11:15: Under 10, SUPER BLUES v THE EVENTS EDIT

11:30: Under 10 Semi Finals FINAL v

TEAMS: QPR 1, Super Blues, The Event Edit
More details next week

U14 KERRY PREMIER LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

Killarney Athletic U14A's "The Invincibles"

Our lads took to the pitch at Woodlawn last night for the final nerve-wracking game of the season against a very strong Park side. Showing the same composure, passion, and quality they displayed all year, the boys held their nerve and finished the season with a fantastic victory.

A huge thank you to the Park players and management for their sportsmanship and fair play throughout.

Man of the Match tonight goes to all 16 Athletic players. Every player played their part in what

has been a truly remarkable season. This special group completed the league campaign undefeated — winning every game and drawing just once in an extremely competitive Kerry U14 Premier League.

The boys also travelled the country during an incredible National Trophy run to the quarter-finals, taking on teams from Galway, Limerick, Tipperary, Dundalk, and Portlaoise.

A sincere thank you to our supportive Killarney Athletic club and to the wonderful parents and families who made those memorable trips possible.

More importantly than results, this season highlighted the values of community, respect, teamwork, commitment, sportsmanship, and enjoyment.

Everyone at Killarney Athletic is immensely proud of this special group of young men.

KILLARNEY ATHLETIC U13S

Killarney Athletic U13s brought their season to a close with a Cup Final against local rivals St Brendan's Park in Ferndale on a lovely morning for football.

Despite being short a few players on the day, Athletic produced some excellent football and were rewarded with a deserved opening goal from William Sjogren. The lads were in control for large periods, but two quick-fire goals from St Brendan's Park before half-time proved a setback going into the break.

The second half followed a similar pattern, with Athletic enjoying plenty of possession and creating a number of chances. As time ticked away, the boys pushed forward in search of an equaliser but were caught by a well-executed counter-attack.

While the result didn't go their way, the performance showed great character, determination, and quality from the squad. Congratulations to St Brendan's Park on their victory, and a huge well done to our players and coaches on a fantastic season full of hard work, development, and memorable moments.

BALLYHAR DYNAMOS FC

LOTTO

No.s 2,12,19, 28. No winner of the Jackpot. 5 x €25: Eamonn O'Connor, Furies. Liam Fell, Furies. Kit McGillicuddy, Ballyhar. Robert Kerins, Kilcummin & Jerry Dowd, Furies. Next draw for a Jackpot of €2500 will take place on Sunday next 14th



Killarney Celtic U10 squad who won the Shield at the St Brendan's Park Tir Na Nog Tournament.



Ballyhar Dynamos FC U13 Division 1 squad who have been promoted to the Premier Division of the school boy league. Well Done to the squad & management.



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TEAMS

The club senior ladies lost away to Inter Kenmare on a 5-2 scoreline in the shield semi final. The Ballyhar goal scorers were Miriam Reidy & Jenny Mccarthy. The squad have acquitted themselves very well in this competition.

The U14 girls playing in Division 1 hosted Premier Division team Fenit Samphires in the Eve O Callaghan Shield Final & to their credit had a fantastic win on a 4-1 scoreline. Anna Kate Daly, Niamh O Sullivan, Mollie O Connor & Emma O Callaghan were on the scoresheet with Feile Dower & Aoibhinn Daly among those who played well. Well Done to the Squad & Management on their season.

The club U13 Boys have been promoted to the Premier Division along with Dingle Bay Rovers. Both teams met at Murt Scott Park in the last game of the season to see who would top the Division. It was the Visitors who took the win on a 1-3 scoreline. Dingle led 1-2 at half time with Tadhg Fitzgerald being the Ballyhar Goal Scorer.



MEK girls had a great night in Pairc Ui Chaoimh on Friday. They were present for a very special night in the WNT's World Cup campaign. An epic game and a well-deserved 3-2 victory against the Netherland. The girls were amazing, cheering the women in green to an important victory. Thanks to all the coaches who assisted in making the trip possible. It was also great to have Martin & a few of the Killarney Athletic girls come along as well, Pa Murphy from MEK said.

Dingle scored a third late on in the game to take the Division 1 u13 Title. On the day Gavin Sheehan, Aidan Barry, Bryan Evans, Jack Cooper, Fabian Mrotek, Micheal Griffin, Dermot Nealon, Dara Flaherty & Paddy Hurley put in excellent performances.

CONGRATULATIONS

The club congratulates Fr John Ahern on his 60th Anniversary of his Ordination to the priesthood.

Fr John is a valued member of the local clergy.

ANNIVERSARY MASS

On Sunday 21st June the 10am Ballyhar Mass will be a Con-Celebrated mass by Bishop Ray Browne to Celebrate the 200th Anniversary of the Church of the Sacred Heart 1826 - 2026. Thanks to all who have & will be helping out in preparation for this special occasion.

Kerry's Gaynor Cup Journey About More Than Final Position

Gaynor Squad Head Coach Laura Falvey And Goalkeeper Coach Tom Costello



Kerry may have finished 22nd at the 2026 Gaynor Cup, but the final standings tell only part of the story of a week marked by resilience, development and narrow margins.

Under head coach Laura Falvey, Kerry proved competitive throughout the tournament, with three of their four defeats coming by a single goal and another ending in a penalty shootout. They pushed highly-rated opposition all the way, including Sligo-Leitrim, who went on to finish fourth overall, and Roscommon District, who later won the Shield competition.

Amy Rose Shanahan was one of Kerry's standout performers, scoring crucial goals throughout the week, while captain Aoife Dalton, goalkeeper Shauna O'Riordan and several others impressed against some of the country's strongest emerging talent.

The squad's best result came in a convincing 5-1 victory over Cavan-Monaghan, with Shanahan scoring a hat-trick and Leah Mannix also finding the net. The win demonstrated the attacking quality within the

group after several agonising defeats.

While Kerry's campaign ended with a narrow 1-0 loss to Limerick Desmond, the experience gained throughout the week was invaluable. The Gaynor Cup remains one of the most important competitions in underage girls' soccer, offering players the chance to test themselves against elite opposition and continue their development.

Credit is due to Laura Falvey and her management team of Tom Costello, Danny Diggins and Colm Murray for keeping the squad united and competitive throughout a challenging week. The involvement of former Kerry Gaynor Cup players Taylor Kate Leen and Sofia Rybanska in coaching roles also highlighted the strong pathway within the game. Although the results did not always fall their way, Kerry's players can hold their heads high. Their Gaynor Cup campaign showcased talent, determination and potential, providing valuable lessons that will serve them well in the years ahead.

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Success on and off the Mat for Legacy Elite Cheerleaders

Legacy Elite Cheerleaders celebrated a highly successful weekend after impressive performances at the Summer Flip Out Cheerleading Championships in Galway.

The club returned home with numerous awards across the solo and stunt divisions, while their teams secured first, second and fifth-place finishes in their respective categories. The results marked a fantastic end to an outstanding season for the athletes, who are now turning their attention to upcoming national team tryouts.

Adding to the celebrations, Legacy Elite coach Hayley Murphy was honoured at the Connect Kerry Women in Business Awards, receiving the Champion of Diversity and Inclusion Award in recognition of her commitment to creating opportunities and fostering inclusivity within the club and wider community.

Success also ran in the family, with Hayley's sister, Terrie Murphy of Sorella Berries, winning the Food Generation/Manufacturing Award for her achievements in business.

Speaking following the awards ceremony, Hayley said it was a

tremendous honour to receive recognition on behalf of Legacy Elite, highlighting the dedication of the athletes, coaches and families who have helped the club grow and thrive.

The weekend's achievements

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Brid Culloty, right pictured with her husband Kevin Griffin and their family at the official opening of Johnny Culloty Park



Maria, Sarah and Mike Leahy pictured with Tim Healy at the official opening of Johnny Culloty Park. Photo: Maria O'Sullivan

LEGION GAA

JOHNNY CULLOTY PARK

Well, it's finally official, from here on, our club grounds will be referred to and called Johnny Culloty Park. A most fitting tribute and honour to a man who served his beloved club so brilliantly throughout his entire life. A huge thanks to everyone who helped out in this great event, under the guidance of Denny Murphy and the chairmanship of John Keane. Special thanks to Patrick O'Sullivan, chairman of the county board, Martin O'Grady, Mayor of Killarney, Fr. Kieran for the blessing and to Jarlath Burns, President of the GAA, who all took time out of their busy schedule to attend on the day. There was a great sense of community and pride in the club and we thank all the hard workers for their efforts both leading up to and on the day.

U17 BOYS

Super 10s U17 Division 1 County Finals

We travelled back to Currans on Monday evening to compete in the Division 1 Super 10s County Finals alongside Cordal and John Mitchels. Our first game was against Cordal on the smaller pitch, with games played over 10 minutes per half. Cordal got off to the better start, but the lads responded brilliantly to take a lead into half-time. We still held that advantage with just over a minute remaining before Cordal struck twice on the break with late goals to take the win.

Legion 1-07 Cordal 4-02

Our second game saw us face John Mitchels. Once again, we found ourselves chasing the game early on but battled back well. It was a tightly contested second half throughout. With the sides level in the closing moments, we won a free from distance. Mark's excellent effort into a strong wind just drifted wide at the last second.

Legion 2-04 John Mitchels 1-07

That brought our involvement in the competition to an end.

A big thank you to Cordal and John Mitchels for two sporting and competitive games, to both referees for officiating, and to Currans for hosting the finals. It was a valuable evening of football and another good outing for the lads as preparations continue.

Attention now turns to the Division 1 County League, which gets underway on June 29th.

GOLF CLASSIC

Another great golf classic under the stewardship

of Sean Murphy and John Bowler and Brian O'Shea and many more club members was held at Killarney Golf Club last Friday. Results as follows
1st place: Mark O'Donoghue, Frank Reen and Frank Herlihy representing Seamus O'Donoghue Electrical

2nd: John Bowler, Teddy Bowler and Colm Bowler

3rd: Mike Clifford, Mike Crowley and Mossie McCarthy

4th: Tim Healy, Barry O'Sullivan and Marcus Twomey

Longest drive: Tom Coleman

Nearest the pin: Brett Williams and Christine Carroll

U 12 BOYS

Our U12's took on Laune Rangers last Sunday evening in beautiful sunshine in Direen.

Two really competitive games were played, with plenty of skill, effort and teamwork on show throughout the hour.

All 23 boys can be very proud of their performances and can now look forward to taking on Fossa next weekend.

SENIOR LADIES

Our senior ladies welcomed Annascaul/Castlegregory to Direen this morning for a donal Curtin D2 game. On a beautiful sunny morning legion took control early working some great team scores to lead at HT 0-12 to 1-04

The 2nd half took a similar pattern with Legion dangerous in attack and solid in defence. Final score Legion 1-17 Annascaul/Castlegregory 2-07

U 16 LADIES

The U16 Legion Ladies rose to the occasion in their East Kerry Division 2 Shield Final at home against a strong and determined Fossa side. In a fiercely contested game, Legion's solid defensive display and excellent control of possession proved decisive, while superb kick-outs from our goalkeeper played a huge role throughout, quickly moving the ball into the forwards and keeping Legion on the attack. These solid performances helped the girls secure a well-earned victory and lift the shield trophy on a final scoreline of 6-19 to 2-10.

Credit must go to Fossa for a very sporting and competitive match. A sincere thank you also to referee Sean Courtney, who officiated the game well and later presented the girls with their

winning trophy.

SENIOR MEN

Both our senior teams were in action over the weekend with our Div1 team securing a valuable two points away to Rathmore on a low scoring 0-11 v 0-10 victory, whilst our Div6 team went down by four points away to St Michael's Foilmore 0-12 v 0-08

LOTTO

Lotto Numbers: 3,13 21,22. Bonus 20. Match 3s/ lucky dips: Antoinette Cahill, Cilleán Naughton, Fionn Naughton

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The numbers drawn on 07/06/2026 for a jackpot of €8,850 were 10, 11, 16, 23. There was no jackpot winner. The €40 consolation prize winners were; John O'Mahoney, Marie Buckley, Tim Buckley, Timmy Foley, Maura Keohane.

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COUNTY LEAGUE DIV3

The seniors kept their promotion hopes alive with an important win over Churchill on Saturday evening. The first half was a bit of a slow burn as both sides were tentative in attack, Emmett O'Shea and Harry Buckley had Fossa two up before Churchill got their first score in the 15th minute. Jack Hallissey went forward and kicked a lovely point, further scores from Emmett O'Shea, Fionn Doyle and the hard working Darren Ryan had the home side ahead, 0-7 to 0-4 at the break.

Fossa started the second half with great purpose and took control of the game, Shane O'Sullivan was rock solid in goal with a couple of important interceptions, a Harry Buckley score and a brace of two pointers from the deadly accurate Emmett O'Shea put them seven ahead mid way through the half. Churchill scored a penalty in the 23rd minute but Fossa responded with well worked scores from Harry Kelly, Michael O'Dwyer, Dan O'Keefe and a two pointer from Emmett O'Shea to leave the final score, Fossa 0-18, Churchill 1-6.

COUNTY LEAGUE DIV 5

Our Senior B team gave their best display this year in Killorglin on Sunday, defeating a strong Laune Rangers team in a very entertaining

game. Fossa had a great start with the returning Eoin Talbot showing that he has lost none of his touch with a fine goal after seven minutes, this was followed by a brace of Jack Clifford to give them a three point lead after ten minutes. Laune Rangers had a purple patch and hit 1-4 without reply but Fossa dug deep and scores from the impressive Harry Kelly, Michael O'Dwyer, Rocco Sheehan and a goal from Peadar Kelliher left them ahead 2-8 to 1-8 at the break.

The teams traded scores early in the second half before Sean Dineen showed some lovely soccer touches to get in and score Fossa's third goal in the 15th minute to put them seven ahead. From there to the end Fossa played with great composure, Lee Lenihan got in on the scoring with a cracking '45 and they ran out winners on a score of 3-16 to 1-13.

EAST KERRY

U14 COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

East Kerry 4-10 Mid Kerry 3-17
Eoghan Rua 5-19 Mid Kerry 3-06

U13 EAST KERRY LEAGUE

Na Fianna 3-07 Dr Crokes 5-15
Glenflesk 2-07 Rathmore 3-19

ALL IRELAND CHAMPIONSHIP

Best of luck to the Kerry team against Kildare on Saturday.

DR CROKES KERRY

SFL DIV. 1

Dr. Crokes 1:17 Glenflesk 0:12

We started brightly with Tom Doyle opening the scoring in the first minute. Two early frees from Cian McMahon helped to establish a 3 point to no score lead after 6 minutes. The visitors continued to apply pressure and threatened for goal on a number of occasions, but our defence stood firm. A crucial interception from Cillian Fitzgerald denied a Glenflesk goal opportunity, while Bryan O'Shea also pulled off an excellent save midway through the half to give us a healthy lead at the break. HT Dr. Crokes 00:08

Glenflesk 0:03. It was Tom Doyle once again who opened the scoring in the second half. The only goal of the game came after just 3 minutes of resumption, when debutant Ben Kelliher found the net to keep momentum in our favour. Further points from Mark Fitzgerald, David Shaw and Cian McMahon helped to extend our advantage. Glenflesk responded with a number of scores, including a 2-pointer but we continued to dominate possession and create scoring chances. Bryan O'Shea produced another great save late in the half to deny a Glenflesk goal. We now face Kilcummin away on the weekend of June 20th.

SHL DIV. 2

Dr. Crokes 1:15 St. Brendan's 2:18

St. Brendan's got off to a lively start with an early point from play but the sides were evenly matched throughout the half. Mark Heffernan was unerring from both placed balls and play, keeping us in touch with the opposition. Brian O'Connor broke through defence and seemed to be on for a goal opportunity only to be fouled. Adam Byrne showed no signs of rustiness with a well worked point from play. The absence of James Murphy in full-back was felt when St. Brendan's benefitted from a long range free dropping short and confusion in the full-back line resulting in a goal. However, not long after, Kieran O'Connor won a ball in midfield, cut through the entire St. Brendan's defence and struck a great goal to keep us within a score of St. Brendan's at the half. HT Dr. Crokes 1:08 St. Brendan's 1:09. The second half saw a wide contribution from the entire team. Jack O'Riordan, Brian O'Connor (0-01 each) and Nathaniel Doncel (1-00) scored from play, Mark O'Connor, Kieran Clancy and Conor O'Hare were a force in defence and Mark Heffernan kept the scoreboard ticking over. However, unlike the week prior, we conceded a number of frees within scoring distance and St. Brendan's scored a second goal approaching full-time. The whole team committed unquestionable effort to get back level but could not beat the whistle and the

St. Brendan's defence resolve.

U13'S travelled to Sneem Wednesday night to take on Na Fianna and came away with a great win on a scoreline of 5:16 to 3:07. Playing with the aid of the breeze in the first half, we opened very well with Danny Dowling and Mark Clifford dominant at midfield. Dowling got 2 goals in a 5 minute spell while goals from Daniel Moloney and Luke McMahon had us leading at half time by 4:08 to 5 points. Na Fianna got more into it in the second half and got within 7 points of us with 15 minutes to go. We finished very strong with John Byrne and Mark O'Leary adding 3 points each and Eryk McGrath getting our fifth goal. At the back Tiarnan Kavanagh, Rob Young and Oran Barrett were keeping the home team at bay. Besides the afore mentioned others to do well in a very good team performance were Wojtek Zglinski, Oisín Carey Brickley, Finn McDonald, Alex Doolan, William Sjogren, Ross Griffin, Jayden Reid, Fionnan O'Connell and Dara Burchill.

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LOTTO took place on June 8th Numbers drawn were 9, 11, 15, 22 Jackpot of €6,800 was not WON. 15 patrons matched 3 and receive €30 each. Jackpot for draw on June 15th will be €7,100. Play online by following the link below <https://member.clubspot.app/club/dr-crokess-gaa/fundraisers>

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NOTES

If anyone has anything they want to add to our club notes please email communications. drcrokes.kerry@gaa.ie



All smiles for the camera at the official opening of Johnny Culloty Park.
Photo: Maria O'Sullivan



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Credit Union Super Sevens Slam Finals Series



All Stars 2026 Senior Girls & Boys.



Gneeveguilla Junior Girls Cup Winners.



Gaelscoil Faithleann Senior Girls Shield Finalists.



Plate winners Faha Senior Girls.

Credit Union Super Sevens Finals Series drew a big attendance to Milltown over the past week.

The Credit Union Schools Super Sevens Finals series were completed on last Thursday evening with the Senior Finals (5th & 6th class) taking place at the Nagle Rice Community Centre, Milltown.

The Finals night series came to an exciting conclusion, with a total of 16 finals contested across the Senior & Junior competitions.

Individual excellence was also recognised through the Finals night series, with 16 MVP Awards and 14 All-Star Awards presented from the 1200 performers, with over 300 medals were awarded at the finals providing a fitting finale to another highly successful Credit Union Schools Super Sevens season with a record entry in 2026.

Credit Union Super Sevens Senior Girls Finals

Senior Girls Cup Final Hollymount 18

Currow 23

MVP Bella Clifford

The Senior Girls Final between two strong contenders did not disappoint in this high scoring contest entertaining contest. A strong second half performance saw Currow get the upper hand as Clifford's crucial baskets and assists swung this game despite a huge effort from Clodagh O'Sullivan for Hollymount who hit all 18 points of her teams tally.

Senior Girls Bronze Medal Final Holy Family Rathmore 13

Gaelscoil Aogáin 21

MVP Ruth Fleming

A great start to the game by the Gaelscoil ensured victory with All Star Kayla Kelly and MVP Ruth Fleming impressive throughout a good game.

Senior Girls Shield Final Gaelscoil Faithleann 8

Nagle Rice 12

MVP Eve Cooper

There was little between the teams and Late baskets by Eve Cooper proved decisive. Ruby Coffey worked tirelessly for the Gaelscoil but Nagle Rice determined finish proved crucial.

Senior Girls Plate Final Holy Cross Mercy 12

Faha 14

MVP Caoimhe Brosnan

The Mercy the 2025 winners were just denied by a well motivated Faha girls team who just edged this decider following a very competitive contest.

Senior Girls All Stars 2026

- Bella Clifford Currow
- Melissa OLeary Hollymount
- Kayla Kelly Gaelscoil Aogáin
- Clodagh O'Sullivan Hollymount
- Erin Cronin Nagle Rice
- Eleana Holly Currow
- Eabha Buckley Holy Family Rathmore

Credit Union Super Sevens Senior Boys Finals

Senior Boys Cup Final

Gaelscoil Aogáin Castleisland 28

Currow 30

MVP Fionnán McCarthy .

The Senior Boys Cup Final provided a fitting finale to a memorable day of basketball, delivering an unforgettable contest that had the capacity crowd on the edge of their seats from start to finish.

Played at a relentless pace, the game was a showcase of end-to-end basketball, with both teams displaying tremendous skill, determination and heart. Neither side deserved to lose after a thrilling battle that required double overtime and ultimately a dramatic sudden-death golden basket to separate the teams.

The sides could not be split in normal time, finishing level at 22-22. Even after the first overtime period, the deadlock remained as the scoreboard read 28-28, setting the stage for a nerve-racking golden basket finale.

Senior Boys Bronze Final Holy Family Rathmore 23

Scartaglen 16

MVP Kayden O'Keefe

Holy Family had to work hard to secure victory here as Scartaglen push hard all through but couldn't overcome the excellent defence of the Rathmore boys.

Senior Boys Shield Final Scoil Mhuire Kilorglin 22

Raheen 10

MVP Oisín Moore

Scoil Mhuire produced a strong team performance to defeat Raheen 22-10 in the Shield Final. They controlled much of the game, creating scoring chances and defending well to maintain their lead.

Senior Boys Plate Final Scoil Iognáid Rís 24

Cullina 10

MVP Cian Murphy

Scoil Iognáid Rís in their first final were good value for their victory as they produced a solid performance to end the Beaufort sides great run to the final.

Senior Boys All Stars 2026

Aaron O'Sullivan Scartaglen.
 Luke Bowler Raheen.
 Fionnán McCarthy Currow
 Rowan Mason OSiochain Scoil Iognáid Rís
 Joshua ODonoghue Scoil Mhuire Kilorglin
 Mathew Riordan Holy Family Rathmore.
 Diarmuid Mathews Gaelscoil Aogáin.

Credit Union Super Sevens

Junior Girls Finals

Junior Girls Cup Final

Gneeveguilla 13 – Currow 11

Gneeveguilla produced their best performance of the tournament to clinch the title in a thrilling contest played in front of a capacity crowd. Currow led during periods of the second half, but a late basket from super sub Aoibheann Gleeson secured victory for Gneeveguilla in an exciting finish to a superb final.
 MVP: Vivien Dela Torre (Gneeveguilla)

Junior Girls Bronze Final

Nagle Rice 16 – Holy Family Rathmore 10

A strong opening by Nagle Rice put Holy Family under pressure throughout the game. Despite a determined finish from Holy Family Rathmore, Nagle Rice held firm to claim victory.
 MVP: Aoife Sheehan (Nagle Rice)

Junior Girls Shield Final

Gaelscoil Aogáin 12 – Muire Gan Smál 11

The two Castleisland schools produced a closely contested encounter, with Muire Gan Smál leading for long periods. However, a dramatic late basket saw Gaelscoil Aogáin snatch victory in the closing moments.
 MVP: Alysha Cronin (Muire Gan Smál)

Junior Girls Plate Final

Kilcummin 12 – Faha 7

Kilcummin controlled the game throughout and finished as comfortable winners despite a spirited effort from Faha. Their overall strength proved decisive.
 MVP: Elena O'Riordan (Kilcummin)

Credit Union Super Sevens

Junior Boys Finals

Junior Boys Cup Final

Gaelscoil Aogáin 25 – Holy Family Rathmore 5

Both teams entered the final unbeaten, but an early scoring burst from the Castleisland side set them on course for a comprehensive victory. Holy Family struggled to break down the resolute Gaelscoil Aogáin defence.
 MVP: Alex O'Connor (Gaelscoil Aogáin)

Junior Boys Bronze Final

Scoil Naomh Charthaigh 24 – Scoil Iognáid Rís 20

Both teams impressed throughout the tournament before narrowly missing out in the semi-finals. They served up a fast-paced, high-scoring contest here, with the Castleisland side eventually coming out on top.
 MVP: Jaime Geaney (Scoil Naomh Charthaigh)

Junior Boys Shield Final

Scoil Nuachabhail 24 – Kilcummin 22 (After Overtime)

The game of the night was decided in overtime in a contest neither team deserved to lose. The Ballymacelligott boys edged out Kilcummin in a thrilling encounter featuring fast-flowing basketball and excellent scoring throughout.
 MVP: Donnchadh Ó Rahilly (Scoil Nuachabhail)

Junior Boys Plate Final
Barraduff 24 – Fossa 20
 An exciting game that could have gone either way, but Barraduff — appearing in their first final — did enough to stay ahead despite a strong performance from Fossa.
 MVP: Cian Cronin (Barraduff)



Fossa Junior Boys Plate Finalists.



Kilcummin Junior Girls Plate Winners.



Holy Cross Mercy Senior Girls Plate Finalists.



Kilcummin Junior Boys Shield Finalists.



All Stars 2026 Senior Girls & Boys.



JIMMY O'SULLIVAN-DARCY

takes a look at all things sport...



I had two choices this week. Two paths in the wood, as the poet Robert Frost famously noticed one day. He couldn't make up his mind, because they were so similar. In the end, he took the one less travelled by, and that made all the difference. Or maybe it didn't, because he couldn't actually tell. I think it was meant to be a metaphor for how we don't always understand how important the little things in life can be. Or maybe, don't be asking poets for directions. I never got the impression they were practical people.

Anyway, the obvious thing to write about this week was going to be the forthcoming World Cup. In fairness, it is the most watched sports competition in the world in terms of media and broadcasting. Yes, bigger than the Olympics, and it's no longer close. Interestingly enough, both those competitions started around the same time, and for roughly the same reasons. Well-intentioned reasons, actually, even if both have been overtaken by corporate greed.

Every now and again you get attempts by tv shows to foster a sense of competition between what the Americans call 'soccer', and what every other nation in the world calls 'soccer'. That's right. If an American comes to Ireland, or England, and says 'soccer', nobody will bat an eyelid.

An awful lot of people, including me, watch the Superbowl. 125 million. Lots of people. The Pope arm-wrestling Donald Trump (and winning, obviously) would generate those kinds of figures.

You know how many people watched the 2022 World Cup Final? 1.2 BILLION. 5 billion people watched at least one game. There isn't a comparison. What else would generate those viewing figures? Maybe Elvis Presley making a comeback concert and dueting with Taylor Swift. Maybe.

There also seems to be a marketing ploy of the idea that American fans, timid souls that they are, would and will be blown away by the raw, raucous passion of the supporters of other nations. Because Americans are sedate and decorous at games. Oh children, ye are in for some surprise if ye try that. They are a genuinely courteous and decorous people in general. But any wannabe lager lout bowsie trying them on is in for a real surprise, and

frankly deserves it. That's if the locals actually care about the game – surveys are showing that only 17% of Americans have indicated an interest in watching a World Cup game on television, let alone going to one.

Which is going to be quite an ordeal. The 'dynamic pricing' is a con anyway, an easily manipulated tool to drive up prices. But prices for accommodation have absolutely shot through the roof, and that's in an already hugely expensive country. Guess why more Irish people holiday in the likes of Spain, France, and Italy than in America? Or, often enough, Ireland? Because they can afford to do so. Qatar was a sportswashing investment. They were quite happy to lose vast swathes of money on the enterprise, and that's without factoring any 'expense' in getting the Tournament in the first place. It was an investment. But this time, the World Cup is not an American investment. It's an American moneygrab – and I'm not suggesting that Ireland don't do the exact same things.

Getting to the various Stadia is also going to cost you a fortune. And no, don't even think about walking to the ground. Really. Don't. America does not do that. Genuinely, if you are in America and are going for a walk around a small town, dress up as a jogger so they know that you aren't an escapee from a lunatic asylum. Merely walking is not a thing they do. They are big into gym culture and fitness and, despite the nonsense we hear, they actually have healthy diets. They don't really eat cheese from a can. Baked marshmallows on mashed potatoes, yes, but be fair – I've seen people here eating a snackbox with stuffing, coleslaw, curry, and peas. In fact, I've been those people. Any two out of the four, people, two out of the four. All that is assuming that you actually get in. I'm not going to suggest that ethnicity is a factor. How could America be like that, when their President is luminous orange? But I still wouldn't exactly work on my suntan. Also, they will be checking all your social media before you enter in case you might be anti-fascist. Being anti-fascist, or 'antifa'...oh, we don't like your kind around these here parts, boy. They don't actually talk like that; I took that off John Wayne movies. Have you watched Yellowstone? It is basically a remake of Clint Eastwood movies of the early seventies. When these people spell subtle, they leave out the 'b'.

And then there's ICE. The whole MAGA thing is about generating headlines one after the other, each more outrageous than the next. You can't delve into one because the next is already overtaing it. So even if everything is running perfectly smoothly and all is sunshine and roses, I guarantee you now that there will be incidents instigated for the shock value alone. By the way, in different parts of America, the reported 'news' is not the same. We get different opinions and sometimes versions on generally agreed upon events. They.... don't. At all. In many cases, events that make

international headlines don't even reach local news channels. It's almost incomprehensible to us, but it happens.

This World Cup is going to be full of drama. Who knows? Once they get past that convoluted pile of rubbish to weed out the minnows (and I'm not being dismissive; we didn't even reach the status of 'minnow') there might even be a bit of drama on the actual pitches on occasion, and I'm not talking about the inevitable heatstroke. I could have previewed the actual competition this week. Gone through the likely favourites. Maybe, just for the craic, fed into England's belief that this is it. It's coming home, it's coming home....ah, it's like teasing small children at this stage. Great craic, but morally wrong.

No, I decided not to preview the World Cup this week. To be honest, I'm literally going to leave it alone until the knockout games, and even then I'll just be occasionally dipping in and out. I'm not a fan, not even a supporter. I have to be convinced that the entertainment value will be worth it and it just hasn't been so far.

I've decided instead to go back to a little bit of an old favourite. Most of ye will know this story already. I'm rehashing it, given that we are playing Kildare this weekend and we have a really interesting history with Kildare, and this is the start of it (also, admittedly, because I'm a bit lazy). It's not exactly the start of Kerry's love story with gaelic football, but it's the first solid marker. Except that it's the 1903 All Ireland Football Championship, which didn't actually take place in 1903.

Ireland was, in a really strange way, kind of undergoing a certain chrysalis. You must understand that the Famine was a living memory for a lot of people, and the Famine was a devastation beyond our understanding. The Wars to come – and they were truly terrible – were simply not even comparable to the Famine. Land was everything. You had the '48 rebellion as well. Urbanisation, in the wake of the Industrial Revolution, was growing at a faster rate than ever before. Dublin was one of the greatest cities of the greatest empire upon which the sun never set. But nationalism was rising fast, and overtly evident in the Gaelic Revival (bits of it totally made up) in the arts, especially literature. Bianconi had helped foster travel. Irish newspapers would be devoured. It's forgotten now, but this was an age where political ideologies were not fixed in place. People were genuinely far more politically aware than now, albeit often with inherited loyalties. Parnell had fallen just over a decade ago. Dillon and Redmond were Irish voices but within an entrenched system. There was a fairly rigid social system. You were born into the top tier....or you weren't.

Gaelic football was the game of the people. It had actually started as an athletic association to challenge English authoritarianism in the sport and had initially generated a colossal wave of support. But it had begun to decline sharply

enough as well. Frankly, in 1905 it needed some kind of spark.

It was about to get one.

Kerry, wearing County Champions Tralee Mitchel's green and red, beat Waterford 4-8 to 1-3 on the 12th of June 1904 and won the Munster semi-final against Clare 2-7 to 2-0

On the 7th of August. Galway had been awarded the Connaught title on an objection – an unfortunately very regular feature of the early GAA, but it was Mayo who lined out against Kerry in the semi-final and were well beaten 2-7 to 0-4. Kildare were grabbing national attention as they cruised past Cavan, their all white strip (they had previously worn green and black) and debonair football making them national heroes. Prior to this, teams simply played in their club outfits, but Kildare took the bright step of introducing an all-white strip, even going so far as to dye their playing boots. It was Kilkenny, a real football force at the time, who had given them the most trouble, taking them to a replay in the Leinster final before Kildare dispatched them by 0-9 to 0-1.

Sunday 23rd of July. Thousands made their way to Pat McGrath's field in Tipperary for the final. McGrath would referee the game – and would wish that he hadn't! Along with the eponymous "Cairrai Abu", Kerry had adopted a new slogan after the Baily election slogan. Instead of "Up Baily", they cheerfully chanted "Up Kerry". In the absence of such expensive absurdities as replica jerseys, they sported green and gold cockades – the colours are already associated with the county team, despite them wearing Mitchels green and red jerseys. The only realistic explanation I have ever heard is that Percy Kirwan of the Kilrossanty club in Waterford lent their jerseys to his brother Rody, a bank official in Castleisland and Kerry full back, for a challenge game, and Kerry played well in those jerseys. I suspect stronger reasons may be lost to history. Nonetheless, the green and gold paper rosettes were first mentioned at that game.

Dan Fraher, for whom the Waterford County Ground is named, was referee (as far as I can tell, he was also Waterford captain, chairman, secretary...he was a giant of a man). The train was an unmitigated disaster (surprise! The GAA and the Railways is a saga of the era in its own right) as it arrived late and left early, leaving many supporters stranded. Dick Fitzgerald had Kerry leading 0-3 to 0-2 when Kildare ran behind supporters who had encroached on the sideline (the Kerry version of events, pinches of salt may be required) and Joyce Conlon fired past Paddy Dillon. With seconds remaining and Kerry two points behind, 16 year old Dick Fitzgerald pumped in a high ball, Kildare's keeper Jack "Font" Fitzgerald caught it clean...but stepped behind the line as he cleared it. To Kildare's fury, the goal stood (I cannot help but suspect that the earlier mistake had an influence, although the referee stood stoutly over his decision afterwards). Kerry had technically won 1-4 to 1-3, but Central Council wisely ordered a replay that caused a fervour of excitement throughout the country. Remember the famous four game Dublin/Meath saga in 1991? There is nothing new under heaven.



Action from the Kerry V Kildare game. Photos: Daniel J O'Neill Photography

Kerry were leading the replay in Cork on August 27 by 0-5 to 0-3 at half-time in an equally thrilling replay. Michael Crowe, a hugely respected referee, is in charge. The new, lighter yellow ball (still far heavier than is used today) simply flew from end to end. John Buckley blocked down Donnellan and fired over and Dick Fitzgerald set up Billy Lynch for another. Kerry were cruising and it didn't look like two points from Kildare would be enough. Credit to the Lilywhites, they held their nerve. Rafferty broke down a Kerry attack, Steel Losty swung in from the right hand side, Joyce Conlon and Kennedy dived at it, Conlon made contact, and suddenly there was a huge roar from the ground as the green flag went up. 1-4 to 0-7. It's worth noting that in the previous scoring system that goal would have been an automatic matchwinner for Kildare, something like the equivalent of catching the snitch in Quidditch. They should have won it anyway – Joe Rafferty had a late free that would have won it, but the leather sailed inches outside the post. As it was, the teams had to face each other again in Cork on October 15th.

The players were household names by now. Gaelic football hadn't realised it yet, but it was probably right then that it became the biggest sport in Ireland. This time Kerry were ready – JT Fitzgerald had them 0-3 to 0-1 ahead at the break and Kildare floundered on the hard rock at fullback of Roddy Kirwan, known ever after to jubilant supporters as "Kerry Stonewall", and points from Billy Lynch (2), Jim O'Gorman (2), and Dick Fitzgerald saw Kerry claim their first title and football become the pre-eminent game in Ireland.

That was only the "Home" title – Kerry still had to face and beat London Hibernians for the title proper but, despite the best attempts of one Sam Maguire in the middle of the field, the Londoners were comfortably swept aside for the third year in a row in an All Ireland Final by 0-11 to 0-3 on November 12th, 1905. That same night, at a meeting of Central Council, Kerry Secretary T.F. O'Sullivan proposed that a set of medals be presented to the Kildare team "in recognition of their services to the Association". Gaelic football would never be the same again. Neither would Kerry.

Kerry: Thade O'Gorman, Jim O'Gorman, Paddy Dillon, Dick Fitzgerald, Austin Stack, Roddy Kirwan, Maurice McCarthy, Con Healy, John Thomas Fitzgerald,, Paddy Healy, Billy Lynch,

Dan McCarthy, Florrie O'Sullivan, Denny Curran, John Buckley, Jack Myers, Denny Kissane, Denny Breen

ALL IRELAND MINOR SEMI-FINAL

Kildare 4-12 Kerry 2-13

And so it goes. Yet again, the Kerry minors go very, very close, just one game away from an All Ireland Final. And once again, up in the tinner air so close to the summit, the Kerry minors get caught and outpowered. This wasn't any fluke by the Lilywhites; the truth is that they were that little bit bigger, that little bit sharper maybe even a little bit hungrier. Kerry actually did well to get back into the game at times where it looked like they could buckle, but Kildare always had an answer. And, Kerry supporters being what they are, it just leaves us with questions. Maybe fewer than you think; I'll address that in a while, but first let's talk about the game.

We got caught cold right at the start. Charlie Doran spotted a darting run by Jack Reilly and picked him out beautifully judged through ball, leaving Reilly to gather and neatly finish. We were missing two of our starting fullbacks from the last game; that probably didn't help.

Daragh Keane got Kerry off the mark with a free and soon added another, with Charlie Doran pointing from play in between. Kerry were already in trouble around the middle, Doran and Páidí Ryan keeping the supply lines open. Eoghan Lyons, Jack Reilly (f), and Páidí Ryan had Kildare in front by 1-4 to 0-2. Losing Jack Collins to injury wasn't going to help Kerry's cause any, either, and I thought Maidhc Ó Sé wasn't his usual self either. Luc Mac Gearailt and Danny Murphy, with a trademark burst, left just a goal between them. 1-4 to 0-4 after 25 minutes will say quite a bit about the intensity of the game, neither side really willing to cut loose and take risks. Logan Tennyson's '45 put Kildare five points in front. Jack Reilly boomed over the game's first two pointer. Mikey Corridan replied with an absolutely top quality point, but Kildare were putting on their shooting boots now. Eoghan Lyons raised another orange flag. And a minute later Greg Kelly saw his own chance and took it for another two points. A gap that



Action from the Kerry v Kildare game. Photos: Daniel J O'Neill Photography

had looked manageable once Kerry turned with the strong wind looked an awful lot more formidable now!

Half-time Kildare 1-11 Kerry 0-5

Kerry needed to whittle that down fast and hard, but the truth is that the third quarter was sluggish enough for both sides. Daragh Keane kicked a free for Kerry. Danny Lane put over a point. But it was all happening a bit too slowly. In fact, it was close to the quarter mark when Eoghan Lyons rose highest to fetch a kick-out and put Paidí Ryan away on a run that ended with Cian Keogh blasting to the net. 2-11 to 0-7, and an overweight lady was tuning up already. (Look, this is apropos of absolutely nothing, but the phrase "the fat lady sings" refers to the act that traditional operas usually had a woman perform an aria just before the curtain closed). Jack Reilly added a point and Kildare led by eleven minutes with as many minutes left on the clock.

Maidhc Ó Sé gave Kerry a bit of a lifeline when he poked home the rebound after the keeper saved Cillian Moynhan's initial shot. Killian Fitzgerald coolly fired over a two pointer free. Six points in it. Not impossible, not with Kerry starting to play open football.

And then Cian Keogh put the kibosh on things, nipping in when the unlucky Seán Sargent slipped as he was catching a Paidí Ryan effort to slam it home.

Good to see Kerry keep battling in circumstances like that; they certainly lack nothing in character. With Cian Stack continuing to drive his teammates forward at every opportunity – he was superb all through – Cillian Moynihan and Mikey Somers kicked further two pointers. The jig was up, though. Cillian Moynihan added a goal after Maidhc Ó Sé fisted Mikey Corridan's long ball into his path and the Rathmore man produced a blistering finish. Even then, though, Kildare simply forced a quick three-on-one, with Callum Cowzer applying the coup de grace.

The minor grade was only introduced in 1928, coincidentally the year that Kildare's Bill 'Squires' Gannon became the first man to lift a new trophy called the Sam Maguire. In all the time since, their minors had never beaten Kerry. I suppose we can't complain!

Kildare: Joe Crotty, Eoin Markey, Ryan Crawford, Liam Mescal, Fionn Lawlor, Jack Doran, Luke Shanahan, Charlie Doran (0-1), Páidí Ryan (0-1), Cian Keogh (2-0), Aidan Tobin, Eoghan Lyons (0-3, 1tp), Jack Reilly (1-4, 1tp, 2f), Greg Kelly (0-2, 1tp), Logan Tennyson (0-1, 1'45). Subs: Jamie Flood (for Aidan Tobin, 40 mins), Aodhán Bergin

(for Logan Tennyson, 51 mins), Fiachra Martin (for Fionn Lawlor, 57 mins), Callum Cowzer 1-0 (for Jack Reilly, 59 mins), Gearóid Clare (for Cian Keogh, 59 mins).

Kerry: Seán Sargent, Jan Ziober, John Breen, Conor Clifford, Danny Murphy (0-1), Cian Stack, Mikey Corridan (0-1), Maidhc Ó Sé (1-0), Jack Collins, Lúic Mac Gearailt (0-1), Daragh Keane (0-3, 3f), Daithí Laide, Danny Lane (0-1), Fionn O'Dowd, Cillian O'Donoghue. Subs: Mikey Somers 0-2 (for Jack Collins, 15 mins), Cillian Moynihan 1-2, 1tp (for Fionn O'Dowd, 38 mins), Seanie Clifford (for Daithí Laide, 38 mins), Killian Fitzgerald 0-2 (for Cillian O'Donoghue, 48 mins), Timmy Kennelly (for Danny Lane, 57 mins). Referee: James Regan (Cork).

GET OVER IT

I didn't know what title to put on this little piece. I'm actually not good at witty headlines anyway. You know the sort of thing – 'Pundit Reveals Shocking Secret Behind Kerry Minor's Defeat!' And you click on the article, even though every rational part of you knows full well what this is, don't you? And it turns out that said pundit knows even less about gaelic football than I do about the infamous Skull and Bones Society (unless that's misdirection on my part).

See, that's the actual secret. Kildare were really, really good. They outplayed us. And, like every year, it's a case of why wasn't so and so picked? Weren't the tactics ridiculous? How could you not see X, Y, and Z?

Largely because X, Y, and Z exist only in your imagination. There really are no magic formulae. And a solid rule with me is that you cannot tell me that this lad should have been on the panel unless you name the player that you would take off it. I attend a broader range of underage and college matches than most people – I report on a lot of those competitions – and I don't see anything like as many games as the minor selectors do. They are also looking for specialist players. I also don't attend training sessions and would very rarely watch a challenge game (I used to – then I realised that foreknowledge is simply not part of my job). That's before you get into the actual logistics, given the amount of competitions, let alone everything else going on in young people's lives.

We lost an All Ireland Semi-Final to a great team. You know how many players ever actually get to play in an All Ireland semi-final. And the Kerry minors have been reaching that stage

regularly in recent years. Our development system is fine. We have lads around the county with All Ireland U20 medals who are eligible for U20 next year. We have lads walking around with current All Ireland senior medals. That would be the kind of definition of a successful development system, no? Things are grand. Young lads did us proud. Appreciate it.

LADIES GAA

All Ireland Group Stage Kerry 2-16 Tipperary 0-4

Look, we won't be dwelling long on this one, either, for obvious reasons. Tipperary have only made the step up and Kerry, who look a rejuvenated side since the National League (I know, let's not be tempting any fates!) had plenty to spare.

Siofra O'Shea opened the scoring. A minute later Mary O'Connell won a great turnover and sent it in to Anna Galvin for a goal. Jadyn Lucey skinned through for a point. Aoife Dillane pointed. Aishling O'Connell fed Siofra for her second point. Emma Costello got in on the scoring act. By the time Niamh Carmody sent an inch perfect pass into Daniee O'Leary, who smoothly laid off to Siofra for goal number two, the writing was writ large upon the wall. Niamh ní Chonchuir fed Jadyn Lucey for a second point. Niamh Carmody pointed herself. Tipperary had their first shot – first attempt at all to score – in the 30th minute, Emma Morrissey with a good score. But Kerry led by 2-9 to 0-1 at the break. You really want a blow-by-blow account of the second half? Jaysus, people, ye have the souls of bureaucrats. I won't do it. It was a tough day for Tipperary, but they'll be back. It's a big jump. That's not taking away from Kerry's display. I think they, like all teams, have taken the new rules on board and are relishing them. They have a sharpness, a hunger, and yes, a bit of necessary ruthlessness that you need. Allowing for the opposition, Kerry can still take a lot of positives out of this one, and I'm not talking about the scoreboard.

SOCCER

European Qualifiers Ireland 3 Denmark 2

This was a big one, and I think it was the

smart move to bring it to Pairc uí Chaoimh in Cork. It's not any dig at Lansdowne Road, but the truth is that it can be a bit soul-less on occasions like these. Mind you, it did give me a reminder of how much smaller soccer pitches are than GAA, and it does create a kind of artificial distance between the game and the crowd. There is a sense of disconnection. A small thing. Remember the furor about opening Croke Park to other sports? I realise it was a passionate issue with long and fairly tangled historical roots (something of an Irish speciality, I will concede) but I'm glad all that seems to be behind us. With the way things have gone, anyway, neither the GAA nor the FAI can exactly afford to be riding high horses anymore! I was a little bit disappointed with the overall crowd, just over 12,500. We can do better and this team deserves that we should. The Netherlands – look, I know 'Holland' is a provincial name not a national one, but it's what we called the country as a child and look, can we stick with it for convenience sake? 'The Netherlands' sounds very much like a formal name, like a commentator referring to Roy Keane as Mr. Keane' during match commentary. No, look, I'm just going with Holland here. Holland had the first sniff of an attack, but it was comfortably mopped up. A nicely judged through ball, but Mustaki just about won the race and neatly tipped it back for Courtney Brosnan to clear. Ireland were under early pressure but managing it well for the most part. Holland did get one chance, cutting in at pace from the left wing, and a good shot wasn't very wide. Mind you, Ireland weren't holding back too much either, and some really good hassling and harrying as Holland tried to play it out nearly paid big dividends. Kyra Caruso just took too heavy a touch and gave it to the last defender rather than wrongfooting her. The first goal arrived just coming up to the twenty minute mark, and it caught me by surprise. Ruesha Littlejohn sent it up to Addie Larkin. It was a good ball, but Larkin was being closed down by two defenders and I didn't expect much to happen. Except that Larkin showed me a little bit of magic, pausing to judge the gap between the two defenders and rolled it into Kyra Caruso's path. Exactly into her path; that's a pass that looks simple but really, really, isn't. Nor was Caruso's first time strike with her left foot while out of balance. Maybe a little more power....to be honest, I thought maybe the keeper had time to reach it....but she didn't. 1-0. Holland didn't really deserve to be down and started looking like they were going to restore parity fairly quickly. Courtney Brosnan did just enough to tip a great effort onto the crossbar. They headed another chance wide; that was a good chance. But when a good cross was cleverly nodded down to Kaptein from close range, that really should have been in. She caught it just a little high and couldn't get any venom into the shot, with a well-positioned Courtney Brosnan able to gather it comfortably. That should have been in, to be honest about it. You don't get many chances like that in a game. The Dutch had more of the play, but Ireland

were containing them well for the most part and even had a few unrewarded forays of their own. Still 1-0 at half-time. Holland came hunting early in the second half but were rebuffed by a rock solid Caitlin Hayes and it was Ireland's turn, Abbie Larkin jinking and twisting to force a corner. Larkin, who was essentially only starting because Emily Murphy was suspended, was a revelation here all night and posed endless problems for the Dutch. Katie McCabeswung in a good corner and when it was scrambled clear, Ireland smoothly put it right back in the danger zone, only to be stymied by a linesman's flag. Larkin did well again to force another corner, and Caitlin Hayes managed to get her head to this McCabe corner, but it was only a glancing header and skewed well wide of goal. This was promising stuff, though, with the Dutch beginning to feel a little ragged as they began pulling from their bench. Courtney Brosnan wasn't having any picnic at the other end, though, and had to be very sharp to get out in a crowd of bodies and fist clear. Confident goalkeeping. Five minutes later she was called into action again, Lineth Beerensteyn slipping inside the offside trap a little too easily. All she had to do was beat Brosnan one on one from close range and with plenty of time to pick her spot....but again, Brosnan was out fast and managed to save it. That wasn't just confident goalkeeping; that really was world class. If the Dutch were feeling a bit frustrated before it, they had to be fuming now; they should have been 2-1 up and they had to know it. They kept coming though. It felt inevitable, to me at least, that they would eventually find the net. Games have a certain ebb and flow, and this game was flowing one way. There it was. Beerensteyn with a superb burst forward, nice lay-off across to Jackie Groenen (yes, of course I googled the Dutch players. You think I recognise them off the cuff? My name ain't Claude...). Aoife Mannion with the....well, we'll call it a tackle, and there wasn't malice, but that was a wild lunge. Clear penalty, and Janssen's kick had the power to get past Brosnan's touch on it. 1-1. Fair enough in an overall context. They say that the most dangerous time for any team is just after they have scored a goal. There's an instinctual and subconscious moment of relaxation that's hard for players to resist. I don't fully understand the science, but there is clear statistical evidence that goals follow goals. That's certainly what happened here. Marissa Sheva once again down Holland's left flank and she rolled it towards the near post, where Abbie Larkin neatly lifted it with one touch over the keeper. That's a much, much harder finish than it looked and a very good goal, certainly the best so far. Pairc uí Chaoimh was really buzzing now. Maybe not quite like the Cork hurling phenomenon, but you knew you weren't at any tea party either! Just over ten minutes left....and that's disastrous. An easy ball lifted into the Irish box, and somehow, nobody deals with it. Victoria Pelova got there far too easily, cut it back once, and cleverly drilled it home. Good finish, but

that's a real reminder of the bad old days where Irish teams, both genders, could play really well but somehow concede goals on a platter. Leanne Kiernan picked up a yellow. A bit late and unnecessary, ball was well gone and there was no danger. Two minutes left. We've had a few heartbreakers in this campaign already and the Dutch are prowling. Ireland, though, weren't going to make the same mistake twice though, and this time they clear to Amber Barrett. Good run, just one defender to beat, but in fairness Janssen did the right thing, shielding her all the way, and only put in the tackle to knock it out for a corner when she was sure. Very good defending. Corner. Jess Ziu took it short, Kiernan lofted it towards the back post. Good clearance header, but it falls out to Marissa Sheva. Lovely scoop to lift it high and back in....I think it was Patten who got up to flick a back header....and Amber Barrett got there to nudge it past the hapless keeper. There was still time for Leanne Kiernan to get a second yellow. High kick to her blind side, just an unlucky one in that she hadn't anticipated the Dutch player. That one I can sympathise with; it was the first yellow that earned her a suspension.

Great night overall for the team. A crucial win in dramatic fashion. They'll have Denise O'Sullivan and Emily Murphy back for the next game. Also, France's win over Poland means that Ireland are guaranteed third place and retention of their status guaranteed. That puts a lot of focus on tonight's game against France. As unlikely as it might have seemed, if we can beat the leaders in their own backyard, unfancied Ireland could actually top the group. I'm looking forward to this one. I'm not expecting Ireland to win, not at all, but I do expect us to battle. By the time you read this, it will be done and dusted either way. Ireland: Courtney Brosnan, Chloe Mustaki, Caitlin Hayes, Aoife Mannion, Megan Connolly, Ruesha Littlejohn, Katie McCabe, Anna Patten, Marissa Sheva, Abbie Larkin, Kyra Caruso Subs Jessica Ziu (for Ruesha Littlejohn, half-time), Amber Barrett (for Kyra Caruso, 77 mins), Leanne Kiernan (for Abbie Larkin, 77 mins)

International Friendly: Canada 1 Ireland 1

Didn't even know it was on. And to be honest, I don't really care. Canada are preparing for the World Cup. Ireland are....not. Games like these aren't any harm, and it's good for the group to get together, younger players to get to be in the Ireland environment, and frankly, the FAI will get a few bob. No harm in it all, but it has absolutely no relevance to me. I don't know that I'd have any interest in this if it was on in the Fitzgerald Stadium for free. The Ladies' game was absolutely vital and I was gripped by that one. This game? Meh. The fact that one rather than the other sold out kind of tells a lot about the world, I feel.

There's still a lot to play for as the State Exams reach the halfway mark

OPTIONAL

As the state exams approach the end of the second week, many candidates have reached or are close to the end of the road. The optional subjects now take centre stage. As the number of candidates taking these subjects is considerably less than the number taking the compulsory subjects some exam centres will close early. Candidates from these centres will be relocated to a different centre for the remainder of the exam. The number of candidates in the school environment will also continue to decrease, so it's important for candidates who still have work to do, not to feel left behind or to become impatient to get over the finish line.

SEVEN DAYS

Normally in the final seven days, candidates will have one or two subjects from a standard seven left to do. However, it's not unknown for students to take an eight or even a ninth subject to complete a particular vocational grouping such as Physics, Design & Communication Graphics and Applied Mathematics. So, there's still a lot to play for. There are grades and points to be earned.

FOCUS

Candidates must guard against exam fatigue in the final weeks. The buzz of the early days is gone. There is less foot fall around the exam centres. Your remaining subjects are likely to be spaced out. These subjects have to be faced. They must be given priority between now and Tuesday week. Keep a lid on your impatience and stay in exam mode. You need to be as motivated, focussed and energetic as you were on the first exam day.

SESSIONS

Eight of the fifteen exam days will have passed by this Friday evening. There are fourteen more subject sessions in the remaining seven days. The number of candidates taking these subjects will be much less than in the earlier days of the

exam. However, candidates concerned must defer any post exam celebrations. In sporting parlance, the game isn't over until the hooter sounds. Defeat has often been snatched from the jaws of victory by an untimely lapse in concentration.

WEEKEND

The weekend provides an opportunity to recharge the batteries and to plan for next week. Enjoy some exercise and fresh air to prepare for the third week. A good work out will help you to sleep soundly, to build up stamina and endurance and to maintain your concentration for the last lap. Enjoy a few good nights' rest so that your mind and body are fully alert for the remaining papers. Organise your revision sessions for daylight hours. Don't burn the mid-night oil but go to bed early. Go over the tips and predictions for your remaining subjects. Resist the temptation to spend endless hours cramming course material. Scan your notes on the eve of any remaining paper so that the key concepts are fresh in your mind.

APPROACH

Maintain your disciplined and organised approach over the remaining days. Avoid late night socialising with those who have finished the exam. Keep your distance from alcohol as you'll need a clear head and lots of energy for the task ahead. Eat well as good nutrition is important in week three to avoid energy loss. Keep your fluid levels high to avoid dehydration.

PERFORMANCE

Candidates have performed very well during the past fortnight. Keep up the good work and bring your exam to a successful conclusion in your remaining subjects. Use your free days wisely. Stay positive and be confident in your ability to do well in next week's papers. Take it subject by subject and bring the curtain down on a stellar performance.

CHECKLIST

- 146,553 for the state exams, 66,911 (Leaving Cert), 4,787 (LCA), 74,855 (Junior Cycle)
- In Kerry, 2,054 entered for the Leaving Cert, 149 for LCA and 2,208 for Junior Cycle
- The optional subjects are now centre stage in the state exams
- Use the remaining non-exam days for revision
- Candidates who have papers in weeks three and four must guard against exam fatigue
- Keep a lid on your impatience and stay in exam mode
- Remain as motivated, focussed and energetic as you were on 3rd June
- Prepare a plan of work for the remaining subjects
- An exercise programme will help you to sleep soundly
- Organise your revision sessions for daylight hours
- Don't burn the mid-night oil but go to bed early
- Resist the temptation to spend endless hours cramming course material
- Eat well in week three to avoid energy loss
- Keep your fluid levels high to avoid dehydration
- Stay positive and be confident in your ability to do well
- CAO 'Change of Mind' Form closes at 5pm on Wednesday, 1st July
- Leaving Cert results will be published on Friday, 21st August
- CAO Round One offers will be available at 2pm on Wednesday 26th August

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Castleisland Community College Crowned County Champions

The journey to LGFA County Champions 2 Cup glory was anything but straightforward for the Castleisland Community College U14 girls' football team, who showed exceptional resilience, teamwork and growth throughout the competition.

Their opening match against Tarbert Comprehensive School proved to be a nailbiter, with Castleisland Community College edging out a narrow 5-05 to 5-06 victory. Despite the tight margin, the girls demonstrated impressive determination, learning from every challenge and growing stronger with each outing.

They carried that momentum into their next fixture, producing a superb performance to defeat Causeway Comprehensive School on a commanding 5-25 to 5-06 scoreline. Confidence continued to build as Castleisland Community College delivered another outstanding display in the semifinal, overcoming Miltown Presentation Secondary School with an emphatic 5-23 to 1-05 victory.

Dominant in the Final

The Cup final took place on Wednesday, 20th May in Knockanure, where Castleisland Community College once again faced Tarbert. This time, the Castleisland girls looked the stronger side from the outset. Their movement, communication and work rate



Pictured from left standing; Sinéad Ní Dhúgáin (Coach), Elsie O'Connor, Doireann Broderick, Meghan Brosnan, Ellie Doyle, Ava Casey, Leah Mc Carthy, Emily Brosnan, Jessie Horgan, Charlotte Collins, Sarah O'Sullivan, Alison Butler, Maeve Curtin, Eimear Mc Mahon, Róisín Lyons, Máiréad Corridan (Principal).

Middle row from left; Chloe Cronin, Emma Reidy, Leah Murphy, Shanna O Sullivan, Niamh O Sullivan, Alana Walmsley, Mia Smyth (Captain), Katie Reidy, Aobha Bolger, Róisín Donnelly, Aoibheann Joy, Lily O Sullivan
From row from left; Alisha O'Connell, Aisling O'Donoghue, Orlaith Tagney, Soren O'Sullivan.

were exceptional, and their cohesion as a team shone through in every passage of play. Their efforts were rewarded with a superb 5-15 to 2-02 win, securing the Division 2 Cup title in style.

A Proud Moment for the Team

Captain Mia Smyth accepted the cup on behalf of the team after the final whistle, marking a

memorable achievement for the entire panel and management. Sinéad Ní Dhúgáin (Irish teacher and Anna Kerin (SNA) both managed and coached the team. 'The victory capped off a campaign defined by hard work, steady improvement and unwavering team spirit,' concluded Máiréad Corridan (Principal).

Transition Year Students Honoured for Outstanding Community Fundraising



From left Laura Feely, Bláithín Rahilly, Emma Horgan, Ellie Horgan, Muireann Donnelly & Gráinne Courtney.

Transition Year students at [School Name] have been recognised with a fundraising award in the National Young Social Innovators (YSI) competition for their inspiring project, Heart and Hands. The project focused on supporting vital local charities in Castleisland and the wider Kerry community.

The students set out with a simple but powerful idea: to make a meaningful difference in their own community. Through months of creativity, teamwork, and hard work, they raised funds for several local organisations whose services support people at every stage of life.

One of their major contributions was assisting with a fundraising event in Castleisland in aid of the Castleisland and District Hospice Branch, helping to raise an impressive €6,800. Their involvement involved helping out and supporting the event on the day, demonstrating both leadership and compassion.

As Christmas approached, the students turned their creativity to crafting handmade festive wreaths. These were sold in support of Recovery Haven Cancer Support House, raising a further €860 for

the charity's essential services.

At school, the group organised a raffle and cake sale, with all proceeds—totalling €185—donated to Knocknagoshel Meals on Wheels a services that play a crucial role in supporting older members of the community and 185euro for the Castleisland Day Care Centre. Their Denim for Dementia Day in the school raised 450euro for The Alzheimer Society of Ireland.

Throughout the Heart and Hands project, the students showed a deep understanding of the importance of community connection. Their efforts not only raised significant funds but also highlighted the impact young people can have when they work together for the common good.

Their YSI fundraising award is a well-deserved recognition of their commitment, generosity, and community spirit. The students have expressed their hope that their work will inspire others to get involved in supporting local organisations that provide care, comfort, and connection to people across Kerry.

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"He was despised and rejected by mankind, a Man of suffering, and familiar with pain" (Isaiah 53:3).


Welcome back dear student, many people suffer disease, pain, and infirmity, and it takes all one's energy just trying to survive affliction - a lonely place. The Scripture above describes our Saviour Jesus: how He suffered and endured such pain to break the curse of sickness and anguish for us. Some wrongly believe that God wants them to suffer. We endure suffering only in denying the works of our flesh - sin, lust, bitterness, anger etc (Galatians 5:13-25). Jesus suffered to win our freedom, bringing healing and restoration. He healed all those who came to Him (Matthew 4:24; Matthew 15:25-30). One of God's Names is Yahweh Rapha: The Lord Who Heals. God is the One Who restores us (a) spiritually through forgiveness, (b) in our souls by emotional/heart healing, and (c) in our bodies with physical healing. Jesus assures that whoever believes and calls upon Him for Salvation is born again by the Spirit of God (John 3:5-18). He declared that healing and deliverance is the children's bread, meaning it is every believer's birth right under the New Covenant in His Blood. "He Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we might die to sins and live for Righteousness; by His wounds you have been healed" (1 Peter 2:24).


When four men carried their crippled friend to be healed by Jesus, the Lord told him that his sins were forgiven (Luke 5:18-25). The Pharisees were deeply upset at this statement. But until sin is dealt with by repentance, the enemy has legal access to bring destruction. Sometimes sick people are dealing with the fallout of generational curses coming down the bloodline. The Word warns that rebellion is the same as witchcraft, and worshipping anything or anyone other than God Himself is idolatry (Exodus 20:3-4; 1 Samuel 15:23). Jesus said hate in the heart is the same as murder in God's eyes and lust the same as adultery (1 John 3:15; Matthew 5:21). Seemingly small sins are toxic and deadly in legacy. Demons attach to and operate through sin; the wages of which is death (Romans 6:23). Jesus paid the price for our sins, ransoming us through His death on the Cross. The whipping and beating He endured was for the healing of our bodies - His body was broken so that our bodies would be healed (Isaiah 53:5). The crown of thorns they put on Jesus was not just to scoff at the King of all kings: but was symbolic of the curse that resulted from the first sin in the garden - fear, torment, and lack - all felt in one's head. The soldiers mocked Jesus, spitting at Him and pulling out His beard, and left all alone - Jesus suffered such heartache, betrayal, isolation, and rejection - all to deliver us from the pain of those things.

This is all recorded in the Word of God, the Bible. Most people don't know it because they have never read or studied God's Word for themselves. Jesus said the Words that I speak to you are Spirit and they are Life (John 6:63; Hebrews 4:12-16). Jesus IS the Word of God; this means in the Bible is not a novel, but the Living Word of God. It's the Holy Spirit Who reveals the Word. The broken and hurting were drawn to Jesus for healing because He had compassion and empathy for them. They sought to touch Him for power went out from Him (Luke 6:18-19). The Kingdom of God is not just words - but is a demonstration of His Power over sin, death, and pain, proven by miracles of healing and deliverance. And Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever, Amen!

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OUR LADY OF FATIMA

As we continue to celebrate the visit of Our Blessed Mother in Fatima, we will recite the Rosary on Main Street Killarney at 3 p.m. on Saturday 13th June. We welcome all to come and pray before the Statue of Our Lady, to pray for peace in our world.

THE 2026 DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK Our annual diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock is on Sat August 22nd, the Feast Day of the Queenship of Mary. Coach leaving St. Mary's Cathedral at 7.00am on Saturday the 22nd of August , cost is €25 pp, Places limited. Contact the Parish Office to register with payment in person to secure the booking.

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

EVENTS OVER THE COMING MONTHS

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

AGLISH GRAVEYARD MASS on Friday 26th June 8pm
KILLARNEY BURIAL GROUND MASS: Monday 29th of June 7pm.

MUCKROSS ABBEY PILGRIMAGE AND CEMETERY MASS: Monday 6th of July, pilgrimage at 6.30pm with Mass at Abbey Graveyard 7.30pm.

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

PIONEER NEWS; CONSULTATION MEETING: There will be an online meeting for all members countrywide on Thurs 11th of June 7.30pm- 9.30pm. Members to contact info@pioneers.ie for link to join the meeting

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KILLARNEY ALZHEIMER CAFÉ: A welcoming community initiative aimed at supporting people living with dementia and their families. Sessions are held every third Wednesday of every month, Coill naDarrach Community Room Eircode V93 VXY8. This months session is the 17th of June from 11.00am to 1.00pm, speakers Melissa Molyneaux, Dementia Advisor - Kerry ASI contact Lynda 087 3556508

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

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
**STEPHEN
O DONOGHUE**




LISSIVANE EAST, MILLTOWN
WHOSE BIRTHDAY
OCCURS ON JUNE 9TH

*You'll never be forgotten Dad
And now your birthday's here
I'll place some flowers where you lay
And shed more than a tear.
I'll whisper 'Happy Birthday Dad'
And ask the Lord above
To kiss you gently on your cheek
And give you all my love.*

Love Cathal, Naoishe and Caitriona x


10TH & 16TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of
**DONAL & TADGH
O'CALLAGHAN**
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Their Smile

*Though their smile is gone forever,
And their hands we cannot touch,
We still have so many memories,
Of the ones we loved so much.
Their memory is our keepsake,
With which we never part,
God has them in his keeping
We have them in our hearts.*



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11TH & 17TH ANNIVERSARIES

FALVEY

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*Our steadfast love unites us
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As one day in the fathers house
We'll be together again.*

Nil sa bhás ach malairt Bheatha

Loved and treasured forever
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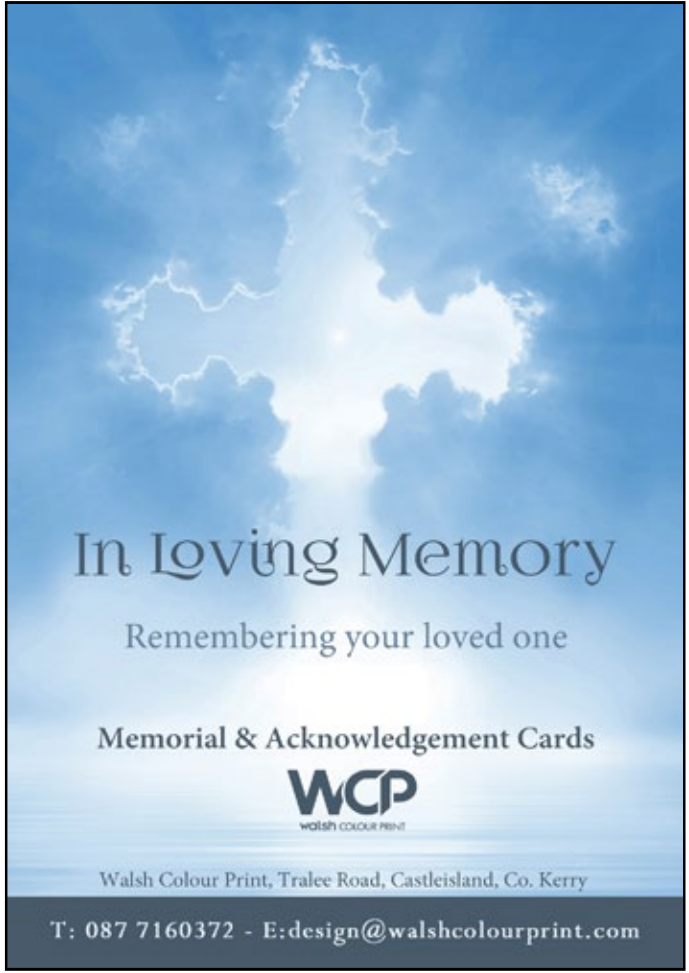
Dear Heart of Jesus in the past I have
asked many favours.
This time I ask you this special one,
(mention favour).
Take it dear heart of Jesus and place
it within your heart where your Father
sees it.
Then in his merciful eyes it will
become your favour not mine.
Amen.
Say this prayer three times for three
days and your favour will be granted.
Thank you for favours received

**NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF
MOUNT CARMEL**

Oh most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel,
fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed
Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate
Virgin, assist me in my necessity.
O Star of the Sea, help me and show me
here you are my mother.
Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of
Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech Thee
from the bottom of my heart to secure me
in my necessity. (Make your request)
There are none that can withstand your
power. O Mary, conceived without sin, pray
for us who have recourse to Thee.
(repeat three times)
Holy Mary, I place this cause in Your hands.
(repeat three times)
Also thanks to St. Jude, Padrio Pio,
and St. Anthony
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O' Most Merciful God who through an angel
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