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# A Note from the **E** DITOR



In the week when the County Clean Up took place in very challenging weather conditions, we have a busy magazine for you to enjoy.

Ronan Keating shares his Wild Atlantic journey, a giant "Mermaid's Purse" has caused great excitement and new guidelines have been introduced at St. Mary's Cathedral.

"Queens of the Kingdom" was a huge success, Cheltenham Preview night raised €2,000 for the hospice and Killarney Classic Tour is rolling into town. A stunning landscape exhibition has been launched at Killarney House, past pupils at St. Brigid's are celebrating third level success and we take a look at "Step into Spring" at Killarney National Park.

Loreto National School are holding their Colour Fun Run Fundraiser this weekend, there was a bumper edition of volunteering with the Meitheal and a tribute to Eddie Costigan is planned at The Failte.

In sport, the Kerry Camogie are crowned league champions, Killarney Valley AC athletes have earned International selection and it was all even between Kerry FC and UCD AFC in Mounthawk Park.

All this and so much more in this week's Killarney Outlook!



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The KWD crew all set for the big Kerry Clean up which took place across Kerry over the weekend.

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Almost 4,000 volunteers took part in the fourteenth annual County Clean Up on Saturday with some 250 groups across the county registering to take part.

Over 650 tonnes of waste have been collected and disposed of since the County Clean Up began in 2012 in one of the largest community events of its kind in Ireland.

Despite challenging weather conditions, thousands of participants were out early on Saturday to join in the Clean Up which is supported by KWD Recycling and Kerry County Council.

Since its inception, the annual County Clean Up has seen thousands of volunteers fill almost 75,000 bags of litter and has helped greatly to reduce waste and illegal dumping in the county.

The Cathaoirleach of Kerry County Council, Cllr Michael Foley expressed his thanks to those who took part:

"The annual County Clean Up makes an enormous contribution to improving the appearance of our roadsides and towns and villages, particularly ahead of the busy tourist season and as areas prepare for the annual Tidy Towns Competition. I congratulate everyone who put their shoulder to the wheel on Saturday.

"The County Clean Up is unique in the country for its longevity and the scale of the waste which has been collected and disposed of. I want to thank KWD Recycling for facilitating the distribution of bags and litter pickers and, most importantly, for collecting the bags of waste collected."

Volunteers from towns and rural areas alike braved strong winds and heavy rain to tackle litter along roadsides and beaches. Equipped with high-visibility vests, litter pickers, and refuse bags, participants showed remarkable resilience and dedication to improving their local environment.

# Community Spirit Shines at 14th Annual Kerry Clean-Up Despite Harsh Weather



A crew from KWD, Sarah Joy and Orla Courtney hard at work at the big Kerry Clean up.



Babara Lemhard and Terence MulCahy pictured at the clean up in the Farranfore area.



Volunteers at the clean up in the Farranfore area as the 14th annual County Clean Up took place across Kerry over the weekend.



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# Hundreds of Bags Collected During Kerry County Clean-Up Effort



Hundreds of bags were collected around the county.

Volunteers across the county turned out in force on Saturday for the annual Kerry County Clean Up, collecting hundreds of bags of rubbish despite challenging weather conditions.

Among the areas targeted were the scenic route between Muckross and Moll's Gap, where an impressive 70 bags of litter were gathered. A further 37 bags were collected along the stretch from Cleeney Roundabout to Farranfore, while volunteers picked up 40 bags between Kerry Airport and Castleisland.

Among the more unusual finds on the day were dozens of tyres that had been illegally dumped off the road near Moll's Gap, highlighting the ongoing issue of fly-tipping in rural areas.

Since the initiative began in 2012, more than 650 tonnes of waste have been collected and properly disposed of, making it one of

the largest and most successful community clean-up events of its kind in Ireland.

Volunteer Johnny McGuire praised the dedication of those who took part. "We were out early to tackle the road between Muckross and Moll's Gap and despite the weather conditions, there was great work completed on the day," he told the Killarney Outlook.

Despite poor weather, thousands of participants took part in the clean-up, demonstrating a strong community spirit and commitment to protecting the county's natural beauty.

The event is supported by KWD Recycling and Kerry County Council.

Since its inception, the annual clean-up has seen volunteers fill almost 75,000 bags of litter, significantly reducing waste and helping to combat illegal dumping throughout the county.

Tyres collected on the road to Molls Gap.



A crew from the Maherees Conservation Association are all set for the big Kerry Clean up  
Jeanne Spillane, Martin Schoppler and Patricia Herrerro. Photo: Domnick Walsh



Pictured from Kerry were Brendan O'Brien, Bridie O'Sullivan, Sheila Kennedy clean up the Tralee area  
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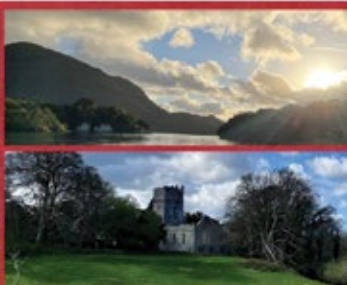
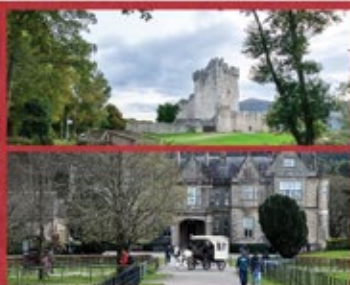
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# Ronan Keating shares his 'Wild Atlantic' journey in Kerry with viewers in Britain in new BBC series

A new TV series, Ronan Keating's Wild Atlantic, fronted by singer and presenter Ronan Keating and supported by Tourism Ireland, began airing in Britain on BBC Two and BBC iPlayer on Monday (6 April).

In the series, Ronan takes viewers on an epic journey along Ireland's Atlantic coastline, visiting locations that formed part of his childhood holidays, as well as discovering new experiences and meeting some of the people who make this island so special.

Episode two features County Kerry. Joined by his brother Gary, viewers are tuning in to Ronan fishing on Lough Leane in Killarney, crafting a guitar strap with Killarney Leather and trying his hand at hurling at Dr Crokes GAA Club. Click here to view the trailer for the series, which was

produced by Alleycats TV.

Aidan Power, Tourism Ireland's Director of Marketing, said: "Tourism Ireland was delighted to support the production of 'Ronan Keating's Wild Atlantic' through our International Programming Ireland Fund. Our Atlantic coastline is truly spectacular, and we are excited that viewers in Britain are following Ronan on his special journey."

Ronan Keating added: "It's felt really special making this series, rediscovering magical places that have meant so much to me and my family. I was 16 when I left Ireland, and there was so much of the west coast I hadn't seen. Now, I'm coming home, and I can't wait for viewers to share all the laughter and tears along the way."



Singer and presenter Ronan Keating with Cillian Burchill holding the Liam MacCarthy cup during filming at Dr Crokes GAA club in Killarney for new BBC series 'Ronan's Wild Atlantic', supported by Tourism Ireland.



Singer and presenter Ronan Keating with Myra and Denis Smyth from Killarney Leather, during filming for new BBC series 'Ronan's Wild Atlantic', supported by Tourism Ireland.



Singer and presenter Ronan Keating doing a spot of fishing on Lough Leane in Killarney for new BBC series 'Ronan's Wild Atlantic', supported by Tourism Ireland.

## Eileen scoops €16,800 in Radio Kerry Radio Bingo!

21 was the lucky number for Eileen Shanhan from Valentia on Friday March 20th last! As she marked it on her Radio Kerry Radio Bingo Book Eileen knew she had hit the Jackpot of €16,600! She also shared the daily €400 prize!

Eileen, a regular listener to Radio Kerry to keep up to date with all the local news and information, has been playing Radio Kerry Radio Bingo since Day 1. Speaking about her win to Radio Kerry's Kaya Flynn earlier today Eileen said that she can finally answer "yes" to her granddaughter Amy Rose when she asks her regular question "well, any luck today Nan?". No doubt Eileen's four granddaughters can look

forward to a few treats from Nan in the coming weeks!

Radio Kerry Radio Bingo has been played since May 2021 with big jackpots and daily prizes, all while supporting four incredible local charities. Every bingo book sold helps raise vital funds for: Comfort for Chemo Kerry; Recovery Haven Kerry Cancer Support House; Kerry Cancer Support Group; Kerry Hospice Foundation. To date the four charities have shared €519,776 between them from the proceeds of the game. They are so grateful to all the players who have made this possible.

Congratulations Eileen and thanks to everyone who plays each week.





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# Rare Find in Kerry: Local Student Discovers Critically Endangered White Skate Egg Case

A Marine Institute Explorers Programme Healthy Ocean School project, has turned into a significant scientific milestone following the discovery of a giant "Mermaid's Purse" on Camp beach in County Kerry. Found by Rocco Stallard, a sixth-class student from Aughacasla National School, Camp, the rare egg case capsule measured over 16 cm long, reaching over 30 cm when including its 'horns'. This discovery provides important evidence that the elusive White Skate - a predator that can grow up to two metres in length - is using Kerry's coastal bays as a primary nursery ground.

Known as the 'Ghost of the Sea' for its pale underside and its disappearance from the world's ocean, the White Skate has vanished from much of its former range between the British Isles and South Africa. "Now ranked among the most threatened marine species on the planet, records of these skates are very important. Confirmation that they are still breeding in Kerry is really useful information and the discovery of this case reinforces Tralee Bay's status as a critical stronghold for this protected species' survival," said Graham Johnston, shark specialist with the Marine Institute.

The find is a 'eureka moment' for Aughacasla National School, which has been immersed in a deep-dive marine education project since September 2025 using the Marine Institute's Explorers Fantastic Shark resources. Guided by teacher Claire McSweeney and supported by the Explorers Outreach Officer Jane Sharp, the students have transitioned from learners to 'Marine Guardians'.

"This discovery brings our learning about sharks, skates and rays to life in a way we never imagined," said Ms. Sharp. "The students have been passionately studying the giants of our deep. To see real-world evidence of such a rare species breeding in our own community waters is incredibly inspiring. It reinforces exactly why we engage with schools: to help us all learn about the importance of protecting the hidden wonders of our Irish coastline."

The sixth-class students recently channelled their passion into a documentary aimed at raising local awareness of the vulnerable species inhabiting Tralee Bay. The discovery by the class serves as the ultimate "real-life" finale to their research and advocacy work.

Patricia Orme, Director of Corporate Services at



A Rare Discovery: While working on a Marine Institute Explorers Education school project, local student Rocco Stallard (Aughacasla National School) found a giant mermaid's purse reaching over 30 cm when including its 'horns', on Camp Beach. This significant find confirms the presence of the rare and elusive White Skate in the Tralee Bay area in County Kerry.



Giant White Skate mermaid's purse found on Camp Beach measuring over 30cm with horns by 6th class student Rocco Stallard.

the Marine Institute, praised the collaborative effort:

"I would like to extend my warmest congratulations to the Explorers team in Kerry and the students of Aughacasla National School. The discovery of a White Skate egg case of this magnitude - measuring over 16 cm with a total length exceeding 30 cm - is a remarkable contribution to our understanding of the species.

Through the Explorers Education Programme, which has been running for 20 years, we aim to connect students with their local marine environment. Seeing a sixth-class student provide such vital evidence of a primary nursery ground for a two-metre predator is exceptional. This find highlights the critical role that citizen science plays in protecting Ireland's most endangered marine life. By connecting young people with the biodiversity on their doorstep, we are fostering the next generation of ocean guardians."

With the White Skate on the brink of extinction, this egg case provides vital data for conservation efforts. Aughacasla National School hopes this discovery will inspire the wider Kerry community to look closer at their shoreline and advocate for the protection of the unique ecosystem in Tralee Bay. Sightings, photos and information on Mermaid's purses can be recorded at: <https://marinedimensions.ie/purse-search-sightings-form/>

The Explorers Education Programme, funded by the Marine Institute, delivers marine-themed modules to primary schools across Ireland to build ocean literacy and inspire future scientists.

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Thank you, Peter & Mary O'Rourke, Rathmore.



Anne Lucey looks at the positive news happening in Killarney



FREE PUBLIC TRANSPORT

One of the big ideas to accelerate out of this crisis is the realisation that public transport is the way forward. Our own councillor in Killarney John O'Donoghue was the first to suggest free public transport - and to make the local link buses more accessible and less reliant on complicated apps.

Recognising how car dependent we are in Kerry because of the size of the county and the distances for services, John said:

"Were the available public transport services extended to work to the absolute maximum schedule, and also be made free of charge until the issue is resolved, it would help greatly alleviate some of their worries."

"The TFI Anseo bus Pluto project here in Killarney currently operates on a system where users book it through an app, but I feel that until the crisis is over, people should be able to access it without going through an app as



Cllr. John O'Donoghue was the first to suggest free public transport

they may be unfamiliar with the online process, particular in the case of older people. Were they able to hail it like a taxi, or were it to call around to all the various housing estates throughout the day, it would be of great benefit," he said. (I still think putting up bus stop signs at regular

distances with buses circling is the easiest way forward.)

Now following John's lead, another independent - Ireland South MEP Michael McNamara - has called for the Government to introduce free public transport across Ireland.

"The Government's call on households to cut fuel use is meaningless unless it concentrates on encouraging the public to use alternatives," Michael said.

He has costed free public transport at Euro 275 million over six months.

"It must be acknowledged that this is a significant sum of money but it is less than the amount the Government is expecting to spend on the upcoming six-month EU Presidency and is small compared to the billions of euro thrown around by the Government during the Covid era," Michael said.

Countries like Luxembourg already have free public transport. As John and Michael both suggest, we can look at this crisis as a way forward to better transport.

A GOVERNMENT FOCUSED ON THE DISNEY VERSION

Radio Kerry put the most pertinent of all questions of all media in the midst of the crisis last Friday when they asked Minister Norma Foley if the Government was still in charge. Norma, as might be expected, put on a brave face. And this week she did what Fianna Fail does in crisis mode - blamed international events.

But the truth is, the hard men did take over last week. And the soft men, let it be said. Some though not all were the small self-employed / sole traders who are leant on and scrutinised more than any other sector by a heavier and heavier-handed State.

But it wasn't all about the fuel either. The anger has been building. Fuelled by rising costs, an astonishing lack of willingness to tackle the housing crisis, over-immigration and emigration; an out of control State State sector and quangos; more and more burden on the working - and little reward.

And a Taoiseach pandering either to the US or the EU - for permission to exist.

This particular FF and FG Government backed by independents is particularly poor and seems way off course at this stage. Danny Healy-Rae's "arrogant" charge resonated. People are sad to see Michael go / he was a good minister and had the makings of a senior. Michael's bombshell announcement also centred on an out of touch Taoiseach. But the truth is, this Govt is one of the worst we

have seen in some time and there is a feeling it is going nowhere.

The fuse which lit last week has been smouldering since Covid. There is the "far righting" in the face of the housing crisis and mass immigration. What would be normal debate in any western country is shut down and branded far right - even coverage of the protest.

Far Right? We don't have a centrist right in this country. Apart from "Ireland's Victor Orban" Patrick O'Donovan - ever ready to complain about the media - all we have is Left.

This government has floundered from the beginning - horse trading with Michael Lowry with his two fingers in the Dail. (Ironically, if Lowry's Ceann Comhairle Verona Murphy, the former truckers' representative, was still an ordinary TD, she might have talked down the protestors.)

Then the presidential: so incredibly mishandled by the leading Government parties.

The unprecedented spoiled votes said it all.

No affordable homes; the squandering of money on bloated projects; going around the world doling out millions of tax payers money to Ukraine and other foreign causes all carried on.

The real Ireland has been rudderless. The Government is directing the Disney version. For Universal release!

EARLY FLOWERS BUT BEHIND

Spring has come early in most countries. Flowers are two to three weeks early throughout Europe. In France the traditional May bouquet, the "muguet du mai", lily of the valley gathered from woods and waysides and sold on street corners is hitting the headlines. It is flowering a full three weeks before normal. The vines in most countries are in early leaf too. In the UK bluebells are out early as were with crocuses.

In Ireland, the stichwort and dandelions have been showing early. Most of the exotics have had a wonderful display already; the magnolias rhodos and camelias have been spectacular.

But the blossoms are hiding a darker reality: While we are up in arms over not enough cheaper oil, we are failing to recognise that this thing called global warming is connected to years of burning too much oil and all our springs are fragile.

Trump is not the only reason we are where we are. 50 years on from the last fuel crisis it is incredible to think we have not joined the dots and ditched the oil.

We have failed abysmally to switch.. The storm over wind turbines - Kerry has among the highest- could have been addressed by giving people in this county a cut in their electricity bills and make wind more attractive. So too solar and wave and water. Killarney had electricity from the Flesk long before London.

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# New Guidelines Introduced for Live Streaming at St. Mary's Cathedral



Killarney Parish has announced updated guidelines regarding the live streaming of funeral Masses, weddings, and other celebrations in the Cathedral, placing a renewed emphasis on privacy and respect for the sacred space.

Under the new measures, permission must now be obtained directly from family members before live streaming can take place. This ensures that only those ceremonies where consent has been clearly granted will be made

available online, particularly for those unable to attend in person.

The Parish also confirmed that live streaming will be limited strictly to scheduled Mass times. Outside of these times, no broadcasting will occur within the Cathedral. The decision has been made in line with General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) requirements and established protocols, privacy and data protection. Church representatives explained that the move is also intended to safeguard

the dignity and sanctity of the Cathedral environment. By restricting streaming during the day, the Parish aims to preserve the space for personal prayer, quiet reflection, and adoration without intrusion.

The updated policy reflects a balance between modern accessibility and the need to respect both individual privacy and the spiritual significance of the Cathedral.

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## Young person from Kerry selected as Local Champions by the National Youth Council of Ireland

NYCI Local Champions initiative calls for increased investment in young people and youth work in local communities

Emma O'Shea from Lixnaw has been selected to take part in the National Youth Council of Ireland's (NYCI) 2026 Local Champions programme, a national initiative that supports young people to advocate for youth work and represent the voices of young people in their communities.

Emma, who has been involved with Kerry Comhairle Na nÓg joins Killarney-based Abigail O'Sullivan and Keira Geaney as one of three local champions in the Kerry constituency.

Local Champions are young people aged 18-25 who have experienced the benefits of

youth work and want to help ensure that youth services are recognised and supported by decision-makers.

Speaking about being selected as a Local Champion, Emma said:

"I'm very grateful that I have been selected as a Local Champion from Kerry and I'm really excited for what lies ahead of me. From my experience, I have learned that youth work is not about fixing young people, it's about empowering them and ensuring that their voices and opinions are heard and that they understand that they matter"

Welcoming their Champion, Keira said: "Youth work doesn't just support individuals, it strengthens communities. It gives young

people the tools, confidence, and connections to thrive and has given me my voice and confidence to help me grow into someone who believes they can make a difference."

Abbie added: "This is my second year as a NYCI Youth Champion and will not be my last. The work done within the Youth Champions highlights and upholds what works and what doesn't in the youth community. As a student studying political science, getting hands on experience in a policy field I care about is indescribable."

To learn more about the Local Champions initiative and NYCI's work to advocate for increased investment in youth work, visit [www.youth.ie](http://www.youth.ie).



Killarney-based Abbie O'Sullivan and Keira Geaney local champions in the Kerry constituency.

Emma O'Shea from Lixnaw.

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# Wheels On The Bus For Kerry Mental Health Association May Day Fundraiser Sing-Song

KERRY'S biggest sing-song will take place at 5.15pm on Friday 1st May when everyone sings The Wheels On The Bus to help fundraise to purchase a 'bus' for a local mental health day centre.

Kerry Mental Health Association is driving the campaign for Leawood House, Killarney where a 9-seater vehicle would facilitate greater social networking and easier access to mental health appointments for clients.

The sing-song with a band of volunteer musicians and singers will happen on Radio Kerry's Afternoon Show from Reidy's Bar, Killarney and across social media at 5.15pm on Friday 1st May.

It will coincide with a Wheel-a-thon that will involve volunteers taking turns to roll a bus tyre along Main Street in Killarney (outside Reidy's Pub) for a few hours on the same day.

Donations can be made via the bucket collection on the day or online at <https://KerryMentalHealth.ie/bus>.

The General Manager of Kerry Mental Health Association, John Drummey, said "We are proud to support the teams in all the mental health day centres in Kerry.

"The staff at Leawood House Mental Health Day Centre, Killarney need a 'bus' that will help in their work to enable community-based clients to achieve an enhanced quality of life through group activities, social outings, and community engagement opportunities.

"Without the generous public donations to Kerry Mental Health Association and the time given by volunteers, most of these activities would not happen."

Kerry Mental Health Association has previously donated people-carriers to Ard Álainn Day Centre, Killorglin in January 2026 and to Fertha



Kerry Mental Health Association's John Drummey and Mari Kelleher, mental health staff nurse and a Kerry Mental Health Association volunteer. "Wheels On The Bus For Kerry Mental Health Association May Day Fundraiser Sing-Song." KERRY'S biggest sing-song will take place at 5.15pm on Friday 1st May when everyone sings The Wheels On The Bus to help Kerry Mental Health Association's fundraiser for Leawood House, Killarney.

*Photo: Domnick Walsh © Eye Focus*

View Day Centre, Caherciveen in September 2023. The mission of Kerry Mental Health Association is to promote mental health to everyone in the county and to support people with mental health challenges, their families and carers through fundraising and educational activities.

"We are grateful to Kerry County Council Killarney Municipal District for their cooperation, the collection and Wheel-a-thon

volunteers, our sponsor Killarney Credit Union and HR Buddy, and everyone who will sing The Wheels On The Bus on Friday 1st May," added John Drummey.

Lyrics for "The Wheels On The Bus" are available to download from Kerry Mental Health Association's Facebook and Instagram pages (@kerrymentalhealth) and <https://KerryMentalHealth.ie/bus>.

## Castleisland Community College students receive Kerry ETB Awards

Kerry Education and Training Board (Kerry ETB) celebrated the achievements of its students from across the county, including the students from Castleisland Community College last month. The annual awards ceremony encompasses all areas of school life including both academic and extracurricular. Michael Moynihan TD, (Minister of State at the Dep. Of Education and Youth), attended as Guest of Honour and presented awards to students.

Caitríona Murphy received the Gold Medal Award for achieving 625 points (maximum points) in her Leaving Certificate 2025. Seán Mc Carthy and Noah Moynihan were joint winners for the Best Overall Technology Student in all 8 schools. They both received the Silver medal award. Róisín O Mahony and Sophie Harpur received the Silver Medal Award for Best Junior Certificate results in the school. Tara Kerin was awarded the School Ethos Award and Jamie Nolan received the School Sporting Excellence Award. Patryk Micho accepted the Student Council Award and Ciarán Mc Carthy was presented with the Transition Year Award. 'The awards presented reflect the dedication, hard work and commitment of our students in all aspects of school life,' concluded Máiréad Corridan (Principal).



In the photo from left standing:

Máiréad Corridan (Principal), Ciarán Mc Carthy, Sophie Harpur, Róisín O Mahony, Patryk Micho, Jamie Nolan, Paudie Fleming (Deputy Principal) from left sitting: Noah Moynihan, Caitríona Murphy, Michael Moynihan TD, Tara Kerin, Seán Mc Carthy.



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MC Kerry Brady (Hercules Building System), Aisling Foley (President of Network Ireland Kerry) and Denise Healy (OnCampus Ireland) pictured at the Network Ireland Kerry 'Queens of the Kingdom - Celebrating Kerry's Influential Women' event at The Plaza Hotel, Killarney on Wednesday, April 8th. Photo: Michelle Breen Crean Photography



Claire Kingston (Limitless Life Coaching), Emir Irwin O'Shea (O'Shea's Bar & Suite & Irwin's Dancing) and Catherina Luckey (Mindful Teens & Kids) pictured at the Network Ireland Kerry 'Queens of the Kingdom - Celebrating Kerry's Influential Women' event at The Plaza Hotel, Killarney on Wednesday, April 8th. Photo: Michelle Breen Crean Photography



Kerry Brady (Hercules Building System), Megan Daly Tyrell, (RDI Hub), Majella Galvin (DNG West Cork), Aisling Foley (President of Network Ireland Kerry), Monika Dukarska (Olympic Rower) and Cora Creed (Vice President of Digital Supply Chain Management at Universal Music Group) pictured at the Network Ireland Kerry 'Queens of the Kingdom - Celebrating Kerry's Influential Women' event at The Plaza Hotel, Killarney on Wednesday, April 8th. Photo: Michelle Breen Crean Photography

# "Queens of the Kingdom"

## Inspire Local Businesswomen at Network Ireland Kerry Event

Network Ireland Kerry recently held its headline April event, "Queens of the Kingdom," a night dedicated to the authentic spirit of leadership that defines the women of Kerry. The event, hosted at The Killarney Plaza Hotel, brought together an electric mix of entrepreneurs and professionals to discuss the power of influence, trust, and self-belief.

The proceedings were expertly guided by MC Kerry McCarthy Brady, who was described by attendees as a "pure natural" on the microphone. Her warmth and professional flair set the tone for an evening of deep conversation with an esteemed panel of speakers, including Olympic athlete Monika Dukarska, Megan Daly-Tyrrell, and Cora Creed.

The discussion centered on four key leadership takeaways: The Power of 'Yes': Panelists encouraged women to seize opportunities even when they feel outside their comfort zone.

Trust as Currency: Cora Creed highlighted that the ability to influence others is built entirely on a foundation of trust and consistent follow-through.

Internal Influence: Megan Daly-Tyrrell discussed the necessity of being a positive influence on oneself to project confidence externally.

Enjoying the Win: Monika Dukarska shared her perspective on the importance of enjoying the process of growth and taking the time to celebrate milestones.

The branch was also delighted to welcome representatives from Network Ireland Cork, with Fiona Kennedy and Elaine Duggan taking to the mic during a "Member's Minute" to share insights from our neighboring branch, further strengthening the bonds of the national network.

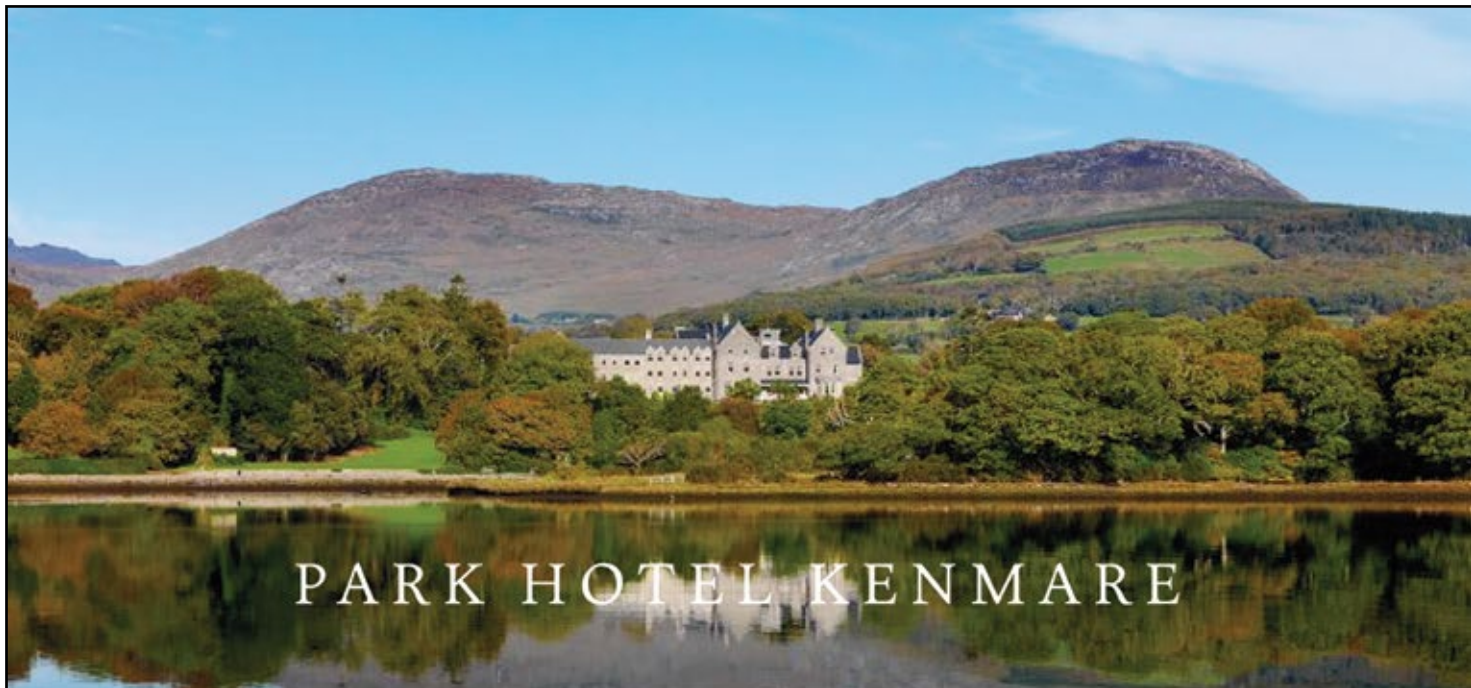
Aisling Foley, 2026 President of Network Ireland Kerry, commented on the success of the night:

The event highlighted that leadership exists in every corner of our community, from the boardroom to the water. We explored how building trust is the essential first step in successfully influencing others and why we must be a positive influence on ourselves first. It was a night of real stories that proved authenticity and purpose are the true drivers of success."

The event concluded with a reminder for all members to submit their applications for the Businesswoman of the Year Awards before the April 16th deadline.

For more information on joining the Kerry branch or upcoming monthly events, visit [www.networkireland.ie](http://www.networkireland.ie) or contact [kerry@networkireland.ie](mailto:kerry@networkireland.ie).

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# KIFF Film Club Returns with Irish Documentary Screening in Killarney



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Film enthusiasts are in for another engaging evening as the KIFF Film Club returns on Wednesday, April 22nd at 8pm in Cinema Killarney.

Run as part of the wider Kerry International Film Festival, the club continues its mission of showcasing Irish cinema, offering audiences the chance to experience powerful homegrown storytelling in a relaxed and welcoming environment.

This month's featured film is Gerry Adams: A Ballymurphy Man, a compelling documentary that delves into the life and legacy of one of Ireland's most recognisable political figures, Gerry Adams.

Adding to the community atmosphere, attendees can enjoy complimentary tea and coffee before the screening, creating an opportunity to mingle and chat ahead of the film.

The KIFF Film Club is supported by Screen Ireland, and continues to grow as a popular cultural event in the town.

Tickets are available at the festival's official website, and all are welcome to attend what promises to be an enjoyable evening of Irish film and conversation.



## Bright Sparks Off To The Finals



Karena McCarthy Marketing Manager Killarney Credit Union (second from left) wishing the best to the St Oliver's Primary School Quiz team Phillip Dian, Liam Molokomme, Arran O'Sullivan and Amelia Angland who will participate in the All Ireland Credit Union U13 Schools Quiz in Dublin this weekend. Also in photo Colm O'Suilleabhain Principal and teacher Marie Ryan Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin.



Karena McCarthy Marketing Manager Killarney Credit Union (back right) wishing the best to the Fossa Primary School Quiz team Keelan Swarbride, Cian O'Cleary, Oisín Wilson and John Larkin with their teacher Dave Kenny who will participate in the All Ireland Credit Union U11 Schools Quiz in Dublin this weekend. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin.

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# KILLARNEY CLASSIC TOUR CONFIRMED FOR JUNE 2026

*New motoring event to celebrate the history of rallying in Killarney and the Beara Peninsula*

The Killarney Classic Tour, a new two-day heritage motoring event celebrating the rich rally history of Kerry and the Beara Peninsula, has been announced for 26–27 June 2026. Headquartered at the Gleneagle Hotel in Killarney, home to the Rally of the Lakes since 1980, the event will reunite historic rally cars, past competitors, and motoring enthusiasts for a journey through some of Ireland's most iconic rally stages.

For decades, the roads around Killarney, Kenmare, and the Beara Peninsula have been central to Irish motorsport history. From the early days of the Circuit of Ireland and the Circuit of Munster through to the enduring legacy of the Rally of the Lakes, these stages have shaped generations of drivers and machines. The Killarney Classic Tour offers an opportunity to experience those roads once more, at a pace that allows participants to truly appreciate them.

The event welcomes a wide range of vintage and historic cars, with a particular focus on rally cars and period-inspired recreations that reflect the eras of the Circuit of Ireland, Circuit of Munster, and the early Rally of the Lakes.

The format is deliberately non-competitive, with cars leaving at timed intervals on Saturday morning. The day includes a scheduled lunch stop in Castletownbere before returning to Killarney that evening.

The event will conclude with a gala dinner at the Gleneagle Hotel, featuring guest speakers and an evening of stories and shared memories from decades of rallying.

The Killarney Classic Tour is the result of a long-standing friendship between two lifelong figures in Irish rallying - Mike Marshall and Micheal O'Mahoney.

A founding member of the Rally of the Lakes and Clerk of the Course for over two decades, Mike Marshall has an unrivalled knowledge of these roads. From Moll's Gap to the Beara Peninsula, he played a central role in shaping these stages. For the Classic Tour, his approach is deliberately different, the same roads,



At the launch of the event are from left: Conor Falvey, Mike Buckley, Michael O'Mahoney, Jack O'Shea, Mike Marshall



experienced at a more relaxed pace.

"These are proper rally roads. They've been used for decades and haven't lost their character. It's a chance to drive them again in a completely different way", Mike Marshall, Co-Founder of the event said at the launch.

Alongside him, Mike O'Mahoney has been a constant presence in the sport as both a supporter and enthusiast. Through his role with Rentokil, he has supported many of the sport's leading drivers and events, while also owning and running a number of historic rally

cars himself. "This event is about bringing people back together - the cars, the stories, and the friendships that have always been part of rallying. It's a chance to step away from competition and simply enjoy these roads", co founder Michael O'Mahoney added.

REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

For further information and to register, visit [www.KillarneyClassicTour.ie](http://www.KillarneyClassicTour.ie)

## TRIBUTE TO EDDIE COSTIGAN PLANNED AT THE FAILTE

A TRIBUTE NIGHT IN MEMORY OF EDDIE COSTIGAN WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE FAILTE BAR ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29 AT 6PM.

The event will feature live music, songs and a raffle in aid of Dogs Trust. Organisers say the evening is being held to remember Eddie and celebrate his life with friends, family and the local community.

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## Community Support Boosts KERRY STARS SPECIAL OLYMPICS CLUB

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The contribution was raised through the shop's bottle return scheme, conveniently located at the front entrance of the store.

Members of the Kerry Stars club were delighted to receive the cheque, which was presented by Kevin and Patricia Ennis, staff members of Sheahan's Centra. The support from the local community continues to make a meaningful difference to the club and its athletes. Following the Easter break, Kerry Stars Special Olympics Sports Club has now resumed training and welcomes new members. Any child or adult with intellectual disabilities who would like to get involved is encouraged to join.

The weekly activities include:  
Athletics on Monday evenings  
Therapeutic horse riding on Tuesday evenings  
Basketball on Wednesday evenings  
Soccer on Thursday evenings  
Swimming on Friday evenings (currently with a waiting list)

The club is also actively seeking a swim coach in the Killarney area.

Training will continue until May, before the club takes a summer break until September. Excitement is building as four athletes from Kerry Stars prepare to represent the club at the Special Olympics Ireland Summer Games in Dublin this June.

For more information, please contact the club by email at [kerrystars63@gmail.com](mailto:kerrystars63@gmail.com) or by phone at 087 236 5664.



## *Scairt an Dúchais...* Call of the wild Exhibition Launched

Fine art photographic artist Micheál O Sullivan launches his sole landscape photographic exhibition in Killarney House. On hand with Micheál at Killarney House were from left, Conor Hennigan and Paul O'Neill, Wander Wild Festival, Diana Fawsitt, Supervisor Killarney House, Rachel Kavanagh, Killarney House, Veronica O'Connor, Fáilte Ireland and Nikki Wissell, Killarney House.

In this exhibition *Scairt an Dúchais*, which is part of the Wander Wild Festival, Killarney, (17th-19th April) Micheál presents a curated selection of his archival work alongside previously unseen photographic images.

Micheál does not merely document the landscape; he interprets it, using light, shadow, and classic composition to transform his natural environment into emotive works of art.

His Internationally recognised photographic work is driven by a deep-seated passion for the craft of photography and a lifelong connection to Killarney and beautiful Irish landscapes.



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Recently, Ciara O'Sullivan was awarded an All-Ireland Scholarship in recognition of her exceptional Leaving Certificate results.

Ciara is now continuing her studies at the University of Limerick, where she is pursuing a degree in International Business.

Aoileann Ní Dhúbháin received a UCD Entrance Scholarship. Eabha Lynch was honoured with the Fergal Quinn National Award for achieving the highest number of credits in the LCA 2025 examinations. Anna Dunlea received a Trinity Entrance Exhibition Award, while Nell Moore was awarded a Quercus Entrance Scholarship at UCC.

These prestigious awards are a testament to the hard work, dedication and commitment each of these students demonstrated throughout their time in St. Brigid's. We are incredibly proud of all they have achieved and wish them every continued success as they embark on the next chapter of their journeys.



Nell Moore was awarded a Quercus Entrance Scholarship at UCC.



Eabha Lynch was honoured with the Fergal Quinn National Award



Ciara O'Sullivan was awarded an All-Ireland Scholarship



Anna Dunlea received a Trinity Entrance Exhibition Award,



*Pictured are: Front Row (left to right): Billy Joy (Accordion), Margaret Looney (Harp & Flute), Dermot Dineen (Banjo & Vocals), Johnny Doolan (Vocals), Dylan O'Brien (Tin Whistle), Martin O'Brien (Concertina), Oisín Doyle (Bodhrán), Emer Doyle (Violin).*

*Back Row (left to right): Lisa Barton (Concertina), Eileen Dunne (Accordion), Breda Daly (Tin Whistle), Gene Doherty (Tour Coordinator), Colm O'Sullivan (Concertina), Owen Doyle (Guitar & Accordion), William O'Sullivan (Vocals & Bodhrán), Maura Doyle (Tin Whistle & Vocals).*

*Also part of the group, but not pictured, were Tony McCarthy (Banjo), Paddy Hughes (Button Accordion), and BridAnn Cronin (Uilleann Pipes, Banjo & Vocals).*

## *Muckross Music Group Entertains at Blasket Heritage Centre*

The Muckross Music Group was recently invited to perform at the Blasket Heritage Centre on Saturday, April 11th, bringing an afternoon of traditional music and song to a delighted audience.

The group, made up of a diverse and multi-talented ensemble of musicians and singers, was thrilled to be "going on tour" to such a renowned cultural venue. Their performance showcased a rich variety of traditional Irish instruments and vocal talent, creating a lively and memorable atmosphere for all in attendance.

Members of the group really enjoyed the occasion and had a wonderful time playing and singing together in the unique setting of the Blasket Heritage Centre.

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# Age & Opportunity announces physical activity funding for older people in Kerry

Age & Opportunity has announced €16,870 in grants to support sport and physical activity for 59 groups in Kerry this week.

The Age & Opportunity Active National Grant Scheme, funded by Sport Ireland, will assist over 1,000 clubs, groups and organisations across the country to the tune of €300,000 in grants this year.

The funding recipients announced under the 2026 scheme include Family Carers, Men's and Women's Sheds, ICA's, Active Retirement Groups, Physical Activity Leaders (PALs) and other social, sporting and community associations.

Over 20,000 grants to the tune of almost €8.5 million have been awarded since the inception of the Age & Opportunity Active National Grant Scheme in 2001. Every year, circa 34,000 older people take part in physical activity funded through the scheme.

Grant funding for 2026 will support the rollout of activities such as pickleball, dancing, walking, cycling, table tennis, walking football, yoga and much more. The financial support will enable organisations to purchase sports equipment and host active initiatives and events for older people.

The 2026 funding allocation will support physical activity initiatives aimed at family carers and those in care settings, as well as sport clubs and community groups who specifically target members who are over the age of 50.



Attendees at the recent Age & Opportunity Active National Grant Scheme funding announcement.

Table tennis, pétanque and ever popular sports like walking football and pickleball all benefit from this funding, helping to increase participation rates nationally.

Age & Opportunity is the national organisation working to enhance wellbeing for older people through participation in sport and physical activity, arts and creative engagement, personal development, community collaboration and active citizenship. For further information, visit [www.ageandopportunity.ie](http://www.ageandopportunity.ie).

List of Successful organisations in the Killarney area:

Killarney Women's Shed, Clann Housing Killarney, Killarney Pickleball Club, St John of God Kerry Services, Beaufort GAA Club, Killarney Community Services, Heartbeat Killarney Kerry, Social Action Group Rathmore CLG, Rockmount Care Center, Kerry Parents and Friends Association, Killarney District Mens Shed, Recovery Haven Kerry Cancer Support House, Kwote, Family Carers Ireland Kerry, Barraduff Community Field Organisation-Killarney ARA, Kilcummin ICA, Kilcummin Community Care and Dr Crokes Health & Wellbeing Club.

## 40 HOURS ADORATION AT THE CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION



Leading up to Holy Week there was a powerful response to the call for 40 HOUR Adoration in Killarney's Church of the Resurrection. Over the 40 hours was almost 300 entries in the register from all over Kerry and beyond participating in Adoration.

Deacon Thady O' Connor awakened the Holy Spirit in the hearts of those present for the first hour with quiet reflection, song and music. This set a prayerful atmosphere for deep and reflective prayer. Musical support was given by Patsy Power which greatly enhanced the opening.

The many different prayer groups are to be congratulated for taking responsibility for blocks of hours where we prayed for peace in the world, priesthood, the dignity of human life and the Holy Souls. 7 AM on Saturday morning saw the arrival 30 young men from Exodus 90 group led by Fr. Jim Lenihan for their hour of prayer and devotion.

During their allotted time individuals recited the Rosary, prayed the Divine Mercy chaplet or read a reflection. The main theme for the Adoration was praying for Peace in the World.

The highlight on the Saturday was the 3pm Divine Mercy Hour when the younger children's prayer hour was led by Analia Maudling. The children were fully attentive as they each took turn in praying part of the Rosary. They learned about the importance of being present to Jesus in the Blessed sacrament and they also learned about how to deal with worries and upset when they might encounter it in their daily lives in school. The concept of surrender and handing over their problems was an important message for them. These same messages were again explored by Analia in the evening Youth Hour. Tremendous gratitude was expressed by attendees for the location of the venue in St Bridget's Chapel in that the setting was inviting, peaceful, and comfortable which encouraged many participants to stay prayerfully throughout the night accompanying Jesus in preparation for His Passion, Death and Resurrection. Grateful appreciation is due to Father Kieran PP for providing his ongoing support for this recurring event.

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# 'Step into Spring'

A chilly dawn chorus and epic trip to Innisfallen Island



Highlights included: illustrated walks of Muckross Abbey and Innisfallen Island with Dr Tracy Collins OPW Archeologist, Dawn Chorus in Knockreer Demesne with Ed Carty & Dr Killian Kelly MTU and KNP Education Centre staff. Woodlands of Killarney National Park with Chris Barron. Photos: Valerie O'Sullivan

Killarney National Park Education Centre invited everyone to witness another year of rejuvenation and new beginnings for this year's nature 'Step into Spring' - Céim Isteach san Earrach this year's Spring Weekend Programme of free events in Killarney National Park. The weather had that unmistakable wind chill and rain, but it didn't deter people's enthusiasm and enjoyment. Everything from woodpeckers, squirrels, treecreepers, lichens, rare plants, to monastic archeology.

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A chilly dawn chorus... with Dr Killian Kelly MTU, left and Ornithologist Ed Carty.



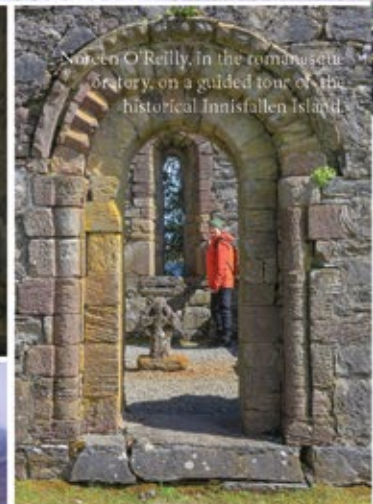
Ann Kelly taking a photograph.



Judy O'Mahony, left and Fíona O'Donoghue, reliving childhood memories from Muckross Abbey.



Dr Tracy Collins OPW Archeologist, in the cloisters of Muckross Abbey, giving a guided walk.



Noreen O'Reilly, in the roman Catholic oratory, on a guided tour of the historical Innisfallen Island.



A chilly dawn chorus...with Dr Killian Kelly MTU and Ornithologist Ed Carty.



Dr Darren Reidy OPW, Botanical Gardens.



The monks path...making their way to the cloisters of Muckross Abbey.



Siobhan McAllister, left and Tara Buckley, Staff at Killarney National Park Education Centre in Muckross Abbey.



Chris Barron, Killarney National Park Education Centre, talking about The Woodlands of Killarney National Park, at the Muckross School House.



Noel O'Reilly and Orla Tangney on the guided tour of the historical Innisfallen Island.



St Finan wall sculpture. The historical Innisfallen Island.



The guided tour by Dr Tracy Collins, Archeologist OPW, of the historical Innisfallen Island proved to be very popular.



Bernadette McMahon and Niall Mulchinock, on a guided tour of the historical Innisfallen Island.



Dr Tracy Collins OPW Archeologist, in Muckross Abbey.



A chilly dawn chorus with Dr Killian Kelly MTU, left and Ornithologist Ed Carty.



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# State exam candidates must now focus on the written exams as June draws near

## WRITTEN EXAMS

Less than seven weeks remain before the state exams get underway on Wednesday, 3rd June. The Leaving Certificate exams, the Junior Cycle exams and the Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA) exams will run until Tuesday, 23rd June, Monday, 15th June and Thursday, 11th June, respectively.

## GRADES

The H/O/F grading system and the CAO common points system have been very successful since first introduced in 2017. Each grade covers ten percentage points and 625 points is the maximum attainable CAO score. Grades from H1 to H7 are awarded points at Higher Level, grades from O1 to O6 merit points at Ordinary Level, while grades F1 and F2 are awarded points at Foundation Level by certain institutions.

## JUNIOR CYCLE

At Junior Cycle level, in addition to classroom-based assessments (CBA) during second and third years, students complete a state exam after three years and are awarded a Junior Cycle Profile of Achievement. All Junior Cycle subjects have undergone syllabus change and no Junior Cycle exam lasts longer than two hours. In addition, all subjects are now examined at common level except for Irish, English and Mathematics, which are still offered at both Higher and Ordinary levels. Six grade descriptors - Distinction (85% to 100%), Higher Merit (70% to <85%), Merit (55% to < 70%), Achieved (40% to < 55%), Partially Achieved (20% to < 40%), Not Graded (0% to < 20%) – are used in the Junior Cycle exam.

## OPTIMISM

Candidates can approach the state exams optimistically because they are well prepared by a dedicated teaching force. The national results achieved each year in the state exams are very impressive. In addition, places in further and higher education courses, apprenticeships and traineeships are very plentiful in a buoyant economy. At this stage, there will certainly be more places available than there will be

applicants to take up these places. More employment opportunities are available to school leavers as the economy continues to thrive. However, if the trend of previous years continues, the vast majority of Leaving Cert exam candidates will continue in education as the changing nature of the work environment means that employers are looking for staff with qualifications at craft, traineeship, degree or post-graduate level.

## CERTIFICATION

The stigma of failure has long gone from the state exams. Back in the day, failure in Irish meant overall failure. Thankfully, those days are far behind us. Every candidate's performance is now acknowledged by individual certification. Leaving Cert exam candidates' main aim nowadays is to achieve the minimum entry requirements, the specific course requirements and the points for their preferred courses. The State Examinations Commission (SEC) also provides a range of exam supports, known as Reasonable Accommodations at Certificate Examinations (RACE), for candidates with physical, visual, hearing and learning difficulties in order to remove, as far as possible, the impact of the disability on the candidate's performance in the exams. This facility ensures that no candidate for the state exams is disadvantaged because of a disability.

## GOOD MANAGEMENT

Despite all the media hype about exam pressure, all you need is a cool head, a positive attitude, optimum use of the remaining weeks, good personal and time management, plenty of nutritious food, rest and an exercise programme to burn off any excess stress. Approach the exams with confidence, do your best during the remaining weeks and at the actual exams. Then forget about them and enjoy the summer. Exams should be kept in perspective. They are just another milestone on the eventful journey through life.

## SCHEDULE

With the oral exams now concluded and practical coursework, project work and study

reports, due to be completed soon, exam candidates will have precious marks banked before June. In the few remaining weeks, the written papers become the major focus of attention as the June exams draw ever closer.

## CHECKLIST

- The State Examinations Commission (SEC) runs the second-level exams
- The Leaving Cert H/O/F grading and points system are very successful
- Six grade descriptors are now used for the Junior Cycle
- Candidates can face up to the state exams with considerable optimism
- Candidates are well prepared by a dedicated teaching force
- Results achieved each year in the state exams are very impressive
- The stigma of failure has been totally removed from the state exams
- The state exams are impartial, unbiased and comprehensive
- The vast majority of candidates can be certain of doing well in the state exams
- The written papers now become the major focus of attention
- Do your best during the remaining weeks and at the actual exams
- Exam timetables are available on [www.examinations.ie](http://www.examinations.ie)
- CAO closing date for late applications at €65 fee is 5pm on 1st May
- CAO online change of mind facility (free) opens at 12.00 noon on 5th May
- Applications for a SUSI Grant are open since 1st April 2026
- The priority closing date for renewal applications for a SUSI Grant is 11th June
- The priority closing date for new applications for a SUSI Grant is 9th July

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*The Sem was well represented in Cork for the Munster Finals in Indoor Wall Climbing with 1 team of 4 in the Junior Cycle section and 2 teams in the Senior Cycle. The boys did very well in the different types of climbing problems and as the results will be out shortly, the students are hoping that they will do as well as last year when they were the Munster Champions in the Junior section and went on to become All Ireland Champions in Dublin.*



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## LISTRY PARISH

Written by: Colette Leslie

### LOTTO

April 12th 2026. Jackpot €4,200. Numbers Drawn: 1, 5, 21, 25. No Winner. €100 Kathleen Courtney, Rockfield. €50 Dio Buckley, Faha. €50 Donal & Aoife Cronin. €25 Iarlaith & Realtin C/o Kevin. €25 Noreen & Lisa. Jackpot next weekend 19 April 2026 €4,350

### SENIORS

Listry seniors are at home to Churchill Sunday 19th April at 2pm.

### U14

U14A: Tuesday, April 21st – Away vs Kenmare/kilgarvan at 7:00pm

U14B: Away V Kenmare /Kilgarvan B time and date tbc

U16: Thursday, April 23rd – Away vs Spa

U12: Sunday, April 19th – Home vs Legion at 6:00pm

### ACADEMY

A reminder that our Academy returns this Friday, April 17th at 6:00pm. We look forward to seeing all our young players back on the pitch.

## GLENFLESK PARISH

Written by: Sean Daly

### CAMOGIE

Congratulations to Glenflesk's Kate Lynch and Kathryn Ryan, and the Kerry camogie team on being crowned Centra National Camogie League Division 2A Champions last weekend following their win over Meath in Banagher.

### COMMUNITY GAMES

It was a busy and successful weekend for Glenflesk Community Games last weekend. First up, the U14 quiz team of Abán Murphy, Amy O'Connor, Emily McMahon, Isabelle Carey, Ryan Lowe and Seoidín Dunne won 4th place and the pewter medals in the competition in Castlemaine on Friday night.

On Sunday, the Cross Country competition took place in Beaufort and three of the eight Glenflesk participants took home medals. Zara Nagle won the gold medal and Ryan O' Donoghue and Fionn Murphy both won pewter medals and all three have qualified for the National Finals in Gormanston in May. Also on Sunday, the Draughts competition took place in Kenmare and the U10 team of Dylan O'Connor, Emily McMahon, Oisín O'Connell, Paddy MacGilllicuddy, Rachel O'Donoghue and Seoidín Dunne took 3rd place and the bronze medals. Congratulations to all the kids who participated and represented Glenflesk so well.



Cross Country runners – Fionn Murphy, Zara Nagle and Ryan O'Donoghue.

### KERRY U20

Well done to Jamie Moynihan on being named on the Kerry U20 panel for the year ahead.



U10 team Draughts team who came 3rd place: Emily McMahon, Dylan O'Connor, Seoidín Dunne, Paddy MacGilllicuddy, Rachel O'Donoghue, Oisín O'Connell,



U14 Quiz team who came 4th place: Back row: Isabelle Carey, Amy O'Connor, Ryan Lowe. Front Row: Abán Murphy, Emily McMahon, Seoidín Dunne

## BEAUFORT PARISH

By Bridget Hartnett

### LOTTO

Results of Lotto Draw on Sunday last - Numbers drawn 1, 2, 9, 17. No winner. Consolation Prize winners €80 Jimmy Kennedy, Dunloe.

€50 each to Susan O'Hagan, Shanacloon, Shane and Roisin O'Sullivan, Cappaganeen and Loillie Ryan, Tipperary. The next Draw for a Jackpot of €10,800 on Sunday, 26th April. Tickets available from usual sellers, local shops, bars and restaurants. It can also be done online <https://beaufortgaa.clubforce.com/products/lotto/beaufort-gaa-club> It's quick and easy, with options for Quick Pick, buying for a friend and more. Your support is greatly appreciated.

### MEMBERSHIP 2026

To Beaufort GAA Club members and new members, Membership is due for payment. It can be paid through [foireann.ie/login](https://foireann.ie/login) or <https://beaufortgaa.clubforce.com/products/membership> Cash is also accepted and Club Officers are happy to help.

### RESULTS

Castlegregory beat our U14 boys on a scoreline 5-10 to 4-12 during the week.

Senior B were beaten in Division 7B of County League in Beaufort by

Ballydonoghue B.

U12 girls had a great challenge with Dr. Crokes recently in Beaufort

### FIXTURES

Friday, Junior Men away to Austin Stacks C in Connolly Park at 7.30pm.

Sunday, Senior ladies v Cromane in Cromane at 12.30pm.

Sunday, Senior men v Spa in Spa at 2pm.

Sunday, U12 boys away to Gneeveguilla at 6pm.

### TRAINING

Welcome back to all our underage players from age 6 to 10 both boys and girls on Sundays at 10am. Any queries to Jason 087-1328718

Gaelic for Mothers and Others are back training on Monday nights from 8-9pm with Dads and lads on Tuesday nights from 8-9pm.

### FOOTBALL CAMP

As part of our Healthy Club Initiative the Club will be hosting their annual very successful Football Camp from 6th-10th July. All enquiries Mary 096-0640065 or Tara 087-6032774. Open to ages 4 years to 14 years. Time from 10am to 2pm. Cost: 1 child €65, 2nd child €60, 3rd and subsequent €55.

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SPA PARISH

By Leanne Cronin



Spa U16 Girls Team in their first match of the season against Furies



Spa U16 Boys Team in their recent match away at Furies

**SPA GAA FEATURE ON TERRACE TALK**

Spa GAA featured on Terrace Talk on Radio Kerry last Monday night, with Teresa Morris (Health & Wellbeing Officer) and Liadh Tobin (Ladies Senior player and underage coach) joined by Ramona Keogh of the Kerry Recreation & Sports Partnership. Ramona outlined the Activator Walking Pole Programme which started this week on the Spa Community Walking Track, while Teresa spoke about the club's key role in the community and its wide range of health and wellbeing initiatives. Liadh highlighted Spa's proud Scór tradition, the thriving football academy, and the continued success of the Killarney Club 7s which returns for it's 5th year this June bank holiday weekend. A strong sense of community shone through across the feature, which will be available on the Radio Kerry website in the coming days, and well worth a listen!

**COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP DAY IN LISSIVIGEEN**

Michael Gleeson has expressed his thanks to all who participated in the Clean Up in the greater Lissivgeen area last week, thus ensuring that we can all live in and welcome visitors to a beautiful area free from litter.

**SPA GIRLS & BOYS TEAMS IN RECENT ACTION**

Spa's Girls and Boys U16 teams were both in action over the past week. Our Girls U16s got their East Kerry League campaign off to an excellent start with a strong home win over Furies. After a competitive opening, Spa took control with some impressive teamwork and well-worked scores to build a solid lead by halftime. They carried this momentum into the second half, continuing to add scores to secure a convincing victory in what was a terrific all-round team performance.

Our Boys U16s had their second outing of the season last Thursday night, travelling away to Furies. While they were unable to follow up their outstanding opening day win, there were plenty of positives to take from the performance as the group continues to develop.

**SPA MINOR BOYS GOING STRONG**

Spa Minor Boys continued their impressive start to the season with a second consecutive win in the East Kerry Minor League Division 3, recording a 5-8 to 1-12 victory away to Currow on Monday night. This follows on from their opening round win over Gneeveguilla, making it two from two in the league so far. Having also claimed the Minor County Championship Division E Shield last month, it has been a very positive period for the team. They have one league fixture remaining against Fossa, with details to be confirmed.

**WEEKEND FIXTURES – SENIOR TEAMS**

Junior Men – McCarthy Insurance Group County League Division 7B, Spa v Duagh B, Fri 17th April at 7pm in Spa  
 Senior Ladies - Donal Curtin County League Division 2, Spa v Legion, Sun 19th April, 12pm in Spa.  
 Senior Men – McCarthy Insurance Group County League Division 1, Spa v



Spa Members Teresa Morris and Liadh Tobin with Ramona Keogh from the Kerry Recreation & Sports Partnership during their appearance on Terrace Talk

Beaufort, Sun 19th April at 2pm in Spa  
 All Fixtures Correct at time of print, but subject to change. Keep an eye on our social channels, website [www.spagaa.com/fixtures](http://www.spagaa.com/fixtures) and via the Games Tab on the ClubZap app for details on any changes.

**THE NEW SPA LOTTO IS HERE!**

Spa GAA Club is delighted to announce the launch of the new Spa Lotto, featuring exciting updates including the addition of two new balls and an extra €50 Lucky Dip prize, giving players even more chances to win. The easiest way to get involved is online at [www.spagaa.com/draws](http://www.spagaa.com/draws), while tickets are also available via the lotto boxes in the Spa clubhouse, at Sheahans Centra Muckcross Road, through our dedicated sellers, and in bars around town. The Spa Lotto continues to play a vital role in supporting our teams and wider community, helping to fund facility improvements and future developments, and we sincerely thank everyone for their ongoing support.

**CLUB LOTTO**

Spa Lotto 13/04/2026 Results. Numbers drawn: 1, 2, 5, 19. No jackpot winner. Lucky Dips €50 each: Cian Tobin, Patrick Lynch, John Randles, Elaine Kavanagh, Máire Murphy  
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*Written by: Helen Moynihan*

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This June our Church marks its 50th Anniversary. This is a very special milestone in the life of our Parish and we look forward to celebrating it together as a community. In preparation for this occasion our Church has been painted and decorated both inside and out and it's looking particularly well. As we plan for this important celebration we would greatly welcome your input, if you have any ideas how you would like this Anniversary to be marked, example, special Mass, social gathering, please let us know. We would also be grateful if anyone has old photographs, newspaper clippings or memorabilia connected to the Church over the last 50 years. We already have some pictures given to us and we are most

grateful, please feel free to contact the Parish Council through the Parish Office with any suggestions or ideas.

**KILCUMMIN GAA**

**LOTTO**

There was no winner of our lotto on Monday 06th April for the Jackpot of €7,500. Numbers drawn were 08,19,22,23. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Sean McCarthy, Furies, Johnny & Phil Doolan, Jocelyn McAuliffe, Denny Donnelly. Our next draw will be on Monday 20th April for Jackpot of €7,750. Thank you for your continued support.

**MASTERGEEHA FC**

**LOTTO**

There was no winner of our lotto on Friday 10th April for the Jackpot of €6,400. Numbers drawn were 5, 13, 15, 22. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Kathleen O'Leary, Milleen; Anna Marie O'Leary; Elizabeth McSweeney (online); Eugie Lane. Our next draw will be on Friday 17th April for Jackpot of €6,600.

**RATHMORE | GNEEVEGUILLA PARISH**

*By Michael O' Mahony*

**SHARE THE BUCKET**

Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group reminds you that Share the Bucket takes place weekly. The draw is every Friday evening in Teach Fáilte @8 pm and can be viewed live on our Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group Facebook Page. Sean Finnegan won Share the Bucket this week, €204. Tickets cost €2 each or 3 for €5. They are available at Teach Fáilte and can be bought online at <https://tinyurl.com/y2ade5om> or in local businesses where you see the Green Share the bucket.

Your support is greatly supported and all funds will go towards our new proposed community facility. We would like to thank our local businesses, shops and pubs who continue to support our project and thanks to everybody who purchases tickets every week.

**GNEEVEGUILLA ATHLETES**

A huge Congratulations to Paddy O'Donoghue on receiving the Hall of Fame award at the Kerry Sports Star Awards 2025. It is well deserved after a lifetime poured into athletics and GAA. The early mornings, the setbacks, the discipline when no one was watching - all of it built the competitor and mentor people respect today. This recognition honors not just the wins, but the decades he gave to the sport. An inspiration to many decades of athletes, still mentoring, competing, and wining gold!

**LOTTO**

No winner of last weeks Lotto, Jackpot for this coming Friday April 17th, €11,200 + Bonus draw for €1000

**SYMPATHY**

Sympathies to the following, to Marie Brosnan, Eileen, Patrick, Batt, Ann, James, Marguerite, Mike, Dan, Susan, John & families on the death of Jimmy Pa Brosnan, Mausrou, husband, father, grandfather & great grandfather his sister Hannah Mary & extended family. Jimmy Pa's burial took place on Tuesday 7th April in Rathmore.

To Teddy, Billy, Ann, Bridie & Kathy (Duggan) & families Gortnagown on the death of their sister Mary Martha (Harless), Delaware who died recently.

To Mary & Ann (Foley) & families on the death of Teresa Foley, Mounthorgan, mother & grandmother, her sisters Margaret and Kathleen & extended families. Teresas funeral took place on Wednesday 8th April in Rathmore.

To Kevin & Liz Buckley Gortavahey & family on the death of Kevin's father Jeremiah Buckley, Gortavahey, Rathmore, Jeremiah's funeral took place in Millstreet on Tuesday 31st March.

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*Danielle O'Leary who was part of the Kerry Camogie team who were crowned National League Division 2 Champions over the weekend. Danielle is pictured with her parents Breda & Dan O'Leary.*

**ANNIVERSARY CONCERT**

Join Duhallow Choral Society on Sunday, May 10th at 5pm in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Kanturk, for a special evening featuring the premiere of The Voice of Creation, with music by Colm O'Foghlú and words by Alice Taylor, accompanied by members of the Irish Chamber Orchestra. Tickets: Jo's Boutique or choir members - limited availability

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# Marti Pellow Announces Live Show At Gleneagle Arena

One of the UK's most enduring and celebrated vocalists, Marti Pellow, is set to perform live at the Gleneagle Arena, Killarney on Friday 25th September 2026.

Best known as the frontman of chart-topping pop group Wet Wet Wet, Marti Pellow has sold over 15 million albums worldwide and achieved multiple No.1 singles. His unmistakable voice defined an era of British pop, with the band's 1994 hit "Love Is All Around" spending a record-breaking 15 consecutive weeks at No.1 on the UK charts, cementing its place as one of the most iconic songs of all time.

Beyond his success with Wet Wet Wet, Pellow has built an acclaimed solo career spanning more than a dozen albums across pop, jazz, and soul. His versatility as a performer has also seen him take to some of the world's most

iconic stages, starring in major musical theatre productions including Chicago (West End and Broadway), Evita, Jekyll & Hyde, Blood Brothers, and Chess at the Royal Albert Hall.

With a career spanning over four decades, Marti Pellow continues to captivate audiences worldwide with his powerful vocals, dynamic stage presence, and timeless catalogue of music.

Fans can expect an unforgettable night at the Gleneagle Arena, featuring classic hits and standout moments from across his remarkable career.

Tickets from €59.85 go on sale Friday 17th April at 10am from [www.gleneaglearena.ie](http://www.gleneaglearena.ie)



## Lightning McQueen Set to Race into Killarney for Special Charity Event

Details of the arrival of everyone's favourite racing star, Lightning McQueen's arrival at the Castlerosse Hotel & Resort on Monday, 20th April have been announced.

Fans of all ages will have the opportunity to see the iconic character up close from 12pm to 6pm, making it a must-visit event for families and young car enthusiasts alike.

Alongside the main attraction, the hotel will host a lively Kids Fun Day in its Victoria Suite. The event will feature a variety of activities including face painting, games,

and entertainment designed to keep children engaged throughout the day.

The event supports an important cause, with funds raised going toward a children's bereavement charity dedicated to supporting young people and families as they navigate difficult times and loss.

Organisers are encouraging the community to come along, enjoy the festivities, and contribute to a meaningful initiative that makes a real difference in people's lives.

Cherry blossoms, also known as Sakura, are symbolic of spring and renewal. The annual showcase in Killarney House and Gardens is well underway. The Killarney National Park Gardeners love to see their trees blooming! An opening along the popular path gives way to a view of St. Mary's Cathedral, Killarney.

Cherry blossoms are deciduous trees blooming from April to May, depending on the weather conditions. We know how fragile the beautiful colourful blossom is in Killarney National Park: an easterly wind from Lough Lein has been known to finish them off for another season.

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Essentially, happiness is shaped by mindset, perspective, and emotional awareness. Two people can experience the same situation and feel entirely different about it. This difference lies not in the event itself, but in how it is interpreted. When individuals learn to manage their thoughts, practice gratitude, and accept life's imperfections, they begin to generate a more stable and lasting sense of well-being.

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These age-related changes occur within the proteins in the lens, making the lens harder and less elastic over time. With less elasticity, this means the eye has a harder time focusing up close and we may have to hold material further away to see it clearly.

### What is the treatment for presbyopia?

Presbyopia is a natural part of ageing and there is no cure for it. The solution is generally to wear glasses for reading. Contact lenses are also available for presbyopia if you do not want to wear

glasses.

### Are there exercises I can do to stop needing reading glasses? Will I make my eyes worse by wearing glasses?

No. As presbyopia is caused by the lens stiffening, and not the muscles weakening. Wearing glasses will not make your eyes worse and there are no exercises that can help this. However, you may notice that when you take your glasses off, things appear to be worse without them than before you had them. This is simply because you are noticing how clear and comfortable vision should be. Before you had the glasses, you were unaware how blurry your vision really was because it changed slowly over the years.

Presbyopia will get worse as you age until you reach your late fifties, when you will have no natural focusing ability left. Unfortunately there is nothing you can do to stop it.

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# DANNY HEALY RAE, TD CALLS ON THE GOVERNMENT TO LOOK AFTER THE PEOPLE OF IRELAND

In Tuesday's debate in Dail Eireann, Deputy Danny Healy Rae was given the opportunity to discuss his views on Financial Resolution, Mineral Oil Tax, Natural Gas Carbon Tax, Solid Fuel Carbon Tax. Here is what he had to say

"I am glad of the opportunity. It has been an awful time for the people of Ireland, and it is not getting much better. Indeed, it has been an awful time for elected politicians, their families and workers. We were pegged around the place by friends and people that we thought a lot of and people who thought a lot of us. We have been working for them for many years. I think it was what happened here on 24 March that kicked it off. There was a reduction of only 3 cent to help people with the cost of green diesel, which had gone up by 80 cent. There was only a reduction of 2 cent on kerosene, which had gone up by 80 cent, as well. To throw petrol on the fire, sometime around April Fool's Day, the Minister, Deputy McEntee, went to Ukraine and gave it €40 million. People started to go mad and they are mad. They are hard-living and hard-working people, including nurses and carers. It was a cross-section of the community. It was coming from every angle. That is the God's gospel truth. People are still very hurt. What I said that day was that however much more oil was costing, I knew it would have to be paid but the Government would have to forgo the extra taxes at the pump where people were paying for it. I said the Government should reduce it and not make work for itself with applications. The people were going to be in trouble filling out application forms, as they are with every other application. Many people



are denied after going to the trouble of applying and the Government is giving them false hope. I said to the Government to give that money back at the pumps. People complain about all the money that is wasted. They are right to do so. A lot of money is being wasted. We went down for €1.9 billion of a loan for the Ukrainians to keep the war going. That was on top of the €125 million that was given to President Zelenskyy. People say to me that RTÉ, when it was in trouble, got €725 million from the Government. The Government's response to all the people of Ireland who are in trouble is to provide €755 million. RTÉ is only one organisation or one company. It is not fair what is happening, or what has happened, to our people.

# MICHAEL HEALY RAE, TD SHOCKS GOVERNMENT WITH RESIGNATION

The government was left reeling after Junior Agriculture Minister Michael Healy-Rae announced his resignation during a no-confidence debate against Prime Minister Micheál Martin's administration.

The government, which relies on support from rural independent TDs to maintain its majority, ultimately survived the vote by 92 to 78. However, Healy-Rae's decision to move to the opposition benches, where his brother Danny is already seated marked the first significant setback for the government in Dáil Éireann. Standing from the government side of the chamber, Michael Healy-Rae said he had spent Monday evening speaking with frustrated voters at the Plough Bar in Milltown and had



concluded that he could no longer support Martin's leadership. "I met tractor men, lorry men, farmers, telling me how unhappy they were. The leader of the country should have listened," he told the Dáil.

"Because I believe this government has let the people of Ireland down, I will be voting no confidence in the leader of the country, and I will be tendering my resignation as a minister of state from now," he said.

Healy-Rae accused the government of failing to show enough understanding toward farmers and truck drivers struggling with soaring diesel prices.

"People cried at the protests, and they were workers! They were respectable people!" he shouted.

After making his announcement, Healy-Rae left Leinster House to cheers from hundreds of protesters, gathered outside behind security barriers.

# Welcome for clarity on staffing new Killarney Community Nursing Unit

Fianna Fáil TD for Kerry and party spokesperson on Older People, Deputy Michael Cahill, has welcomed new and detailed information on staffing for the new Killarney Community Nursing Unit, following a Parliamentary Question he submitted to the Minister for Health.

Deputy Cahill, who also serves as a member of the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Health, said the confirmation of staffing numbers

represents "a significant and long overdue step forward" in ensuring the facility can operate safely and at full capacity.

"I have been consistently seeking clarity from the HSE and the Department of Health on staffing levels for the new Killarney Community Nursing Unit, so I very much welcome this detailed update," said Deputy Cahill.

"The confirmation that 26.4 whole-time equivalent staff will be recruited to support

the opening of additional beds is particularly important. This includes over 20 nursing staff, as well as healthcare assistants and medical officers, which are absolutely critical to delivering safe, high-quality care."

Deputy Cahill noted that the new 130-bed facility will bring together services from the existing Killarney Community Hospital and St. Columbanus Hospital, while also expanding capacity in key areas.



# DANNY HEALY-RAE TD



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| <b>1st Monday</b><br>8.15 PM<br>8:30 PM<br>9.00 PM<br>9.30 PM                           | <b>Rathmore &amp; Gneeveguilla</b><br>Top of the Hill, Rathmore<br>Bridge Bar, Rathmore<br>Dennehy's Bar, Rathmore<br>Richie McAuliffe's, Gneeveguilla                                  | 9.45 PM   | Sportsfield Bar, Brosna  |
| <b>1st Wednesday</b><br>8.00 PM<br>8.30 PM<br>8.45 PM<br>9.00 PM<br>9.30 PM<br>10.00 PM | <b>Killarney Area</b><br>Torc Hotel, Lissivigeen<br>The Village Inn, Kilcummin<br>The Club, Kilcummin<br>Old Killarney Inn, Aghadoo<br>The Golden Nugget, Fossa<br>The Faha Court, Faha | <b>3rd Friday</b><br>7.30 PM<br>8.00 PM<br>8.15 PM<br>9.00 PM<br>9:30 PM<br>10.00 PM              | <b>Castleisland Area</b><br>River Island Hotel, Castleisland<br>The Kingdom Bar, Castleisland<br>The Crown Hotel, Castleisland<br>Hughes Bar, Cordal<br>Lyon's Bar, Scartaglen<br>Flemings Bar, Scartaglen                       |
| <b>1st Thursday</b><br>8.30 PM<br>9.00 PM<br>9:30 PM<br>10:00 PM                        | <b>Glenflesk &amp; Barraduff</b><br>The Kerry Way, Glenflesk<br>Spillane's Headford<br>Murphy's Bar, Barraduff<br>Corner Bar, Barraduff   | <b>4th Thursday</b><br>7:00 PM<br>7.30 PM<br>8:15 PM<br>8.30 PM<br>8.45 PM<br>9.15 PM<br>10.00 PM | <b>Killorglin Area</b><br>Golden Nugget, Fossa<br>Galvin's Bar, Beaufort<br>O'Grady's Bar, Killorglin<br>Francie Sheahan's Bar, Killorglin<br>Clifford's Tavern, Killorglin<br>The Plough, Milltown<br>Griffins Bar, Castlemaine |
| <b>1st Friday</b><br>8.45 PM<br>9.00 PM<br>9:30 PM<br>10:00 PM                          | <b>Kenmare, Tuosist &amp; Lauragh</b><br>Roughy Bar, Kenmare<br>O'Connors Bar, Kenmare<br>Sailors Bar, Killaha West<br>Helen's Bar Kilmacalogue   | <b>4th Friday</b><br>8.30 PM<br>9.30 PM<br>10.30 PM   | <b>Kenmare &amp; Sneem Area</b><br>The Roughty Bar, Kenmare<br>Riney's Bar, Sneem<br>Blackwater Tavern   |
| <b>3rd Monday</b><br>8.30 PM<br>9.00 PM<br>9:30 PM                                      | <b>Knocknagoshel &amp; Brosna</b><br>O'Connor's Bar, Knocknagoshel<br>Walsh's Bar, Knocknagoshel<br>Kate Pat's Bar, Brosna  | <b>Last Monday</b><br>8:00 PM<br>8:30 PM<br>9:00 PM<br>10.00 PM<br>10:15 PM                       | <b>Farranfore Area</b><br>Ulick's Bar, Farranfore<br>James Daly's Bar, Farranfore<br>Cunniffe's Bar, Currow<br>Butlers Bar, Furies<br>John Hendersons, Furies  |

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## Oaks Soldier Secures Hard-Fought Victory at Cork

There was success for Killarney hotelier on Easter Monday as Oaks Soldier battled bravely to land the 2m7f maiden hurdle at Cork.

Trained by Eamon Courtney, the 13-8 favourite made amends for a narrow defeat on his previous outing with a determined performance. Ridden by Carl Millar, Oaks Soldier took the lead after the final hurdle and stayed on strongly to secure victory by a neck in a thrilling finish.

Eamon was on hand to welcome the winner back, clearly delighted with the result. The horse carries special significance for the yard, running in the colours of the trainer's wife, Valerie, who is also the breeder.

Oaks Soldier is aptly named after the Killarney Oaks Hotel, the family-run hotel operated by the Courtneys, adding a personal touch to an already memorable win.

The victory marked a well-deserved return to form and a proud moment for the local team, with connections celebrating a rewarding success on the Cork track.



Eamonn Courtney, third from the right at the back pictured with his team and Oaks Soldier at the Cork race meeting.

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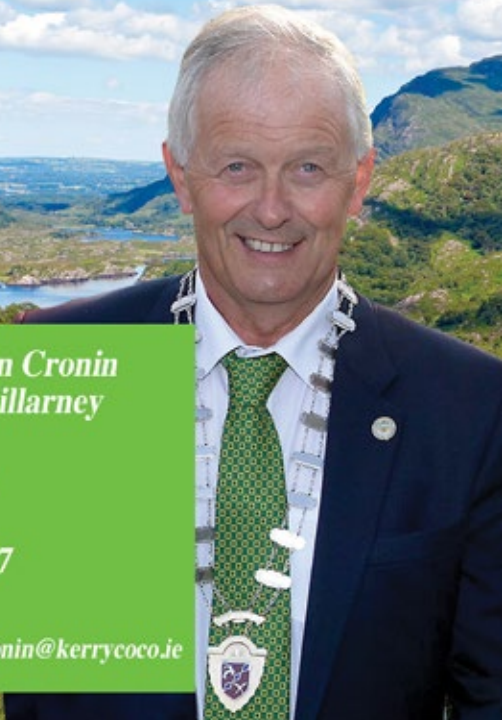
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# Fun, Fitness & Fundraising as Loreto NS hold Colour Fun Run

A colourful, family-friendly fundraising event is set to take place next weekend as Loreto NS hosts a Colour Fun Run in aid of developing its outdoor facilities.

The event will be held on Saturday, April 18th, 2026, from 2pm to 4pm at Sem Field, located beside St Mary's Cathedral.

Organisers are inviting people of all ages to take part in what promises to be a fun-filled afternoon of colour, activity, and community spirit. Participants will run or walk through a course while being showered in bright, colourful powder, creating a lively and memorable experience for everyone involved.

The fundraiser aims to generate much-needed support for the development and improvement of outdoor facilities at the school, enhancing the environment for current and future pupils.

Tickets for the event are available online via Eventbrite, priced at €10 for adults, €5 for

children, and €25 for a family pass, making it an accessible outing for families across the community.

Participants are encouraged to wear white T-shirts to make the most of the colourful experience, while goggles or sunglasses are also recommended. As the event is weather-dependent, attendees are advised to dress appropriately, with organisers advising that an old shirt would be ideal.

With a strong turnout expected, the Colour Fun Run is looking like being a highlight on the local calendar, combining fun, fitness, and fundraising for a worthy cause.



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- Best Gross: Lisa Cullen (1) 2Down
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- 4th: Isabelle Roberts (7) Tied
- Winner of the 13 Hole Stableford Competition: Eileen Galbraith (22) 23pts.

## ROSS GC, KILLARNEY (GENTS)

### RESULTS

On Sunday April 12th we held a 12 hole strokeplay competition.

The winners were:-

- 1st: Franck Guerneau 46
- 2nd: Derek McAllister 49
- 3rd: Niall O'Brien 50
- 4th: Mike J Casey 50

### ROSS SENIORS

On Thursday April 9th the Ross seniors commenced their 2026 season with a large turnout in testing conditions.

A good 9 hole round was enjoyed by all and every Thursday will bring more of the same.

The winners were :-

- 1st: Joe Scally 17 pts. 2nd: Mike O'Leary 15 pts.
- 3rd: Donal Doherty 15 pts

## DEERPARK PITCH & PUTT CLUB

### MUNSTER SCOTCH FOURSOMES

A good start to the provincial year last Saturday in Riverdale in Nenagh as Connie O'Sullivan Jnr and Eileen McCarthy finished second in the Mixed event with 17up, one shot behind the winning pair of Tralee's Jamie Blake and Charlotte Blake.

### SUNDAY DRAWS

Two Ball Scramble- First Nett: Robbie O'Brien Snr & Bobby Kelly 37, Overall Gross: John McGrath & Margaret O'Brien 46 and Second Nett: Bobby Kelly & Gerard O'Brien 39.

### COUNTY MATCHPLAY

Best Wishes to all from the club taking part in

this event on Sunday. A reminder that the event is a dress code competition. The County Board will announce full details nearer the end of this week.

### MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Following on from our previous announcement as regards Membership Applications for 2026, the Committee has further reviewed the situation and decided that no further Family or U16 Applications (renewing or new) will be accepted for the remainder of this year.

### DEEPEST CONDOLENCES

The club would like to offer its sympathies to Eileen McCarthy on the death of her uncle Jack Buckley in Firies last week along with Michael F O'Connor on the death of his brother Patrick. May they Rest in Peace.

## KERRY LICENCES

### VINTNERS GOLF SOCIETY

The society is it's 50th anniversary in 2026 captained by Rory O'Sullivan of Ballyseede Castle. The first outing of this year was held in Ballybunion Old course on Wednesday last April 8th.

### RESULTS

- Tom Ashe with a great Gross score of 77
- F9 - Rickie Keane 23 pts
- B9 - Denis Nash 19pts
- Associate / guest - Padraig McGillicuddy, play of 26 with 36 points
- 3rd - Christy Walsh 17 with 38pts
- 2nd - Jimmy Murphy 19 with 38
- 1st - Shane O Driscoll 30 with 40 points

## ROSS LADIES GOLF CLUB

### COMPETITIONS

Saturday 18th April 2026 9 & 18 - hole single Stableford competition. Enter via the BRS App

### WEDNESDAY MORNINGS MEET & PLAY

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## KERRY PITCH & PUTT

The first provincial Pitch & Putt competition of



Deerpark Pitch & Putt Club members Connie O'Sullivan Jnr and Eileen McCarthy receiving their prizes for finishing second in the Munster Mixed Scotch Foursomes last Saturday from Pitch & Putt Ireland President Davy Reddin in Riverdale in Nenagh, Co Tipperary.

the year resulted in a Kerry 1-2 on Saturday in Riverdale, Nenagh, Co Tipperary as Tralee siblings Jamie and Charlotte Blake were victorious in the Munster Mixed Scotch Foursomes, one ahead of Deerpark duo Connie O'Sullivan Jnr and Eileen McCarthy in second.

Jamie was a winner of the Non-Mixed Section with his father Tony two years ago as he also won a prize with Charlotte in the Mixed event that year. On this occasion both Charlotte and himself won Saturday's Mixed event with a score of 18up, one ahead of Connie and Eileen's total of 17up. Two 9up rounds gave the Tralee pair their win as while Connie and Eileen also had 9up in their First 18 they could only manage 8up second time around. On a day when Kerry dominated the podium the pair of Alan and Catriona O'Connor finished on 13up with Jason and Bernadette O'Regan scoring 10up.

Sunday's Non-Mixed event saw only one the three entered Kerry pairs take part as Mark Lucey and Alan O'Connor combined for 17up six shots off the winning score of 23up. The County Board congratulate both Jamie and Charlotte on their success last Sunday. The Nationals of this format are due to take place in Castleisland in October.

This weekend sees the first major Singles event of the year; the County Matchplay Championships take place in Castleisland on Sunday as full details will be with clubs by the weekend.

A reminder to all players that the event is dress code.

# GREAT CREWS VOLUNTEER WITH THE MEITHEAL

A bumper edition of volunteering saw two large groups join Killarney Mountain Meitheal in efforts to protect native woodlands across the area.

At Dromrower Woods, volunteers from JRI, Tralee worked deep in the woods, helping with conservation efforts and clearing invasive growth. Meanwhile, at The Blue Pool, students from St. Brigid's Secondary School carried out the painstaking task of pulling thousands of rhododendron seedlings.

Organisers said the seedling-pulling work is one of the most

important parts of woodland maintenance, acting as the first line of defence against the regrowth of rhododendron and helping ensure native trees have the chance to thrive. Killarney Mountain Meitheal thanked both groups for what was described as "trojan work".

The group is now preparing for its Summer Meitheal programme, which will focus on the more mindful task of seed pulling.

Sessions will take place on Sundays from 10am to 12.30pm, with further details to be announced.



Students from St. Brigid's Secondary School pictured at the Blue Pool Wood.

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## FOSSA ROWING CLUB

### OPEN DAY

We are holding a club open day at the Old Church in Fossa this Sunday the 19th of April. Proceedings will kick off at 11am and all are very welcome to come along and find out more about our amazing club and the wonderful sport of rowing. Come along and have a try of the rowing machines and meet like minded people. All very welcome.

### THANKS

Our club President Raymond Coffey and his family would like to thank everyone from the club, past and present, who came out to support him and the family on the recent sad passing of his wife Betty. Betty was a lifelong supporter of the club, a familiar and much-loved presence at every Killarney regatta. Her husband, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren are among the foundation and pillars of both this club and rowing in Killarney. May she rest in eternal peace.

### BEST OF LUCK

Fossa Rowing Club would like to wish our wonderful clubmate and Chairperson, Laura Whelton, the very best of luck as she represents the Killarney Regatta in the Kerry Rose Selection. We're all behind you. Go n-éirí go geal leat Laura!

## KILLARNEY VALLEY AC

Killarney Valley AC athletes delivered an impressive series of performances at the

National Indoor Championships, capping off a highly successful 2026 indoor season for the club.

Among the standout individual results, Antonya Lejwoda secured sixth place in the U18 triple jump with a superb personal best of 10.14m, while Conor Duffin ran strongly to finish 13th in the U17 1500m in a time of 4:28.

There were also notable efforts in the relay events. The U17 mixed 4x200m team narrowly missed out on a podium finish, placing fourth in a new personal best of 1:41.70, just 0.7 seconds outside the medals. The U16 girls 4x200m relay squad impressed by winning their heat and finishing fifth overall in 1:51.18, another personal best. The U18 boys relay team were unfortunate not to finish after a dropped baton ended their challenge.

These performances conclude a remarkable indoor campaign for Killarney Valley AC, which saw the club claim 68 Munster indoor medals and produce eight national medalists. The results underline the strength in depth within the club and point to a bright future for its athletes.

Meanwhile congratulations are also due to our road racers who took on the Milan Marathon at the weekend. Paul Doolan (2.58) Donald O'Sullivan (3.09), Derek Pyne (3.11) and Alec Horan (3.33) all flew the club colours with great results in Italy.

For anyone wishing to join the club you can email us at [killarneyvalleyac@gmail.com](mailto:killarneyvalleyac@gmail.com)

## KILLARNEY BADMINTON CLUB

Congratulations to our Div. 4 Mixed League Team "County Champions" has a nice ring to it. Not to be outdone by their div 4 teammates, the division 5 Killarney mixed team made it a double for Killarney, with a super win v Moyvane.

Both teams through to Munster finals on April 26th MTU Cork. Thanks to all who came out to support both teams. All support welcome in Cork on April 26th.

As our season is coming to an end, a gentle reminder to save the date for our annual social.

Contact Kieran Crehan for more info.



Killarney Badminton Club division 4 mixed

# Killarney Valley AC Celebrates International Selection for Sarah Leahy and Jordan Lee

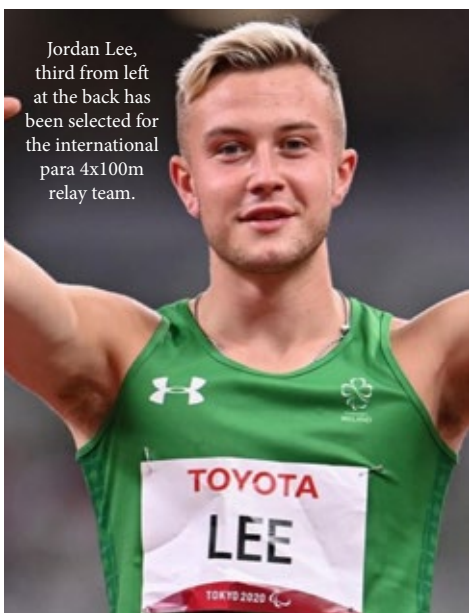
There was a strong sense of pride and celebration within Killarney Valley AC this week, as two of its standout athletes, Sarah Leahy and Jordan Lee, earned selection for major international competitions.

Sprinter Sarah Leahy has been named on the Irish team for the upcoming World Relay Championships, set to take place in Gaborone, Botswana next month. This marks the second time Leahy has been selected to represent Ireland at a World Championships in the 4x100m relay.

Sarah has been in exceptional form in recent seasons. In 2025, she played a key role in the Irish relay team that set a new national record in London, running a blistering opening leg in front of a 70,000-strong crowd. Her momentum has continued into 2026, where she has already broken records indoors, including a 50m time of 6.41 and a new national indoor 100m record. A two-time national indoor 60m champion, her selection for the World Relays is being hailed as a well-earned reward for her dedication and progress.

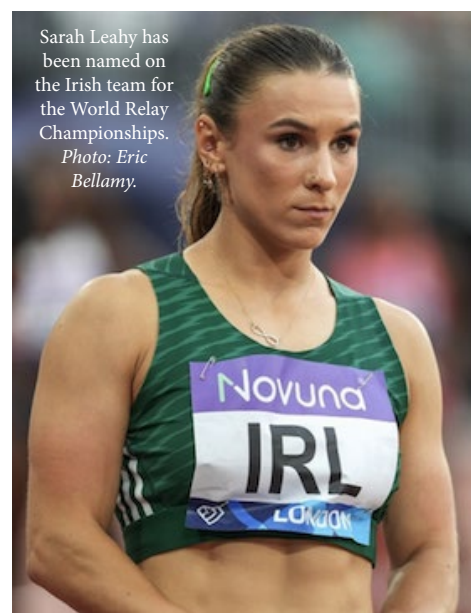
Meanwhile, Paralympic athlete Jordan Lee has also achieved a major milestone, earning selection for the international para 4x100m relay team. Jordan, already well known for his achievements in para athletics, has recently

Jordan Lee, third from left at the back has been selected for the international para 4x100m relay team.



added shot put to his list of disciplines. His performances at trials secured his place on the relay squad, which has its sights firmly set on the 2028 Summer Paralympics in Los Angeles. The dual selection represents a landmark moment for the club, underlining its growing presence on the world stage. Members and committee of Killarney Valley AC have expressed immense pride in both athletes,

Sarah Leahy has been named on the Irish team for the World Relay Championships.  
Photo: Eric Bellamy.



recognising their achievements as a reflection of hard work, talent, and the strength of the club's development programme.

With both Sarah Leahy and Jordan Lee preparing to compete at the highest level, the spotlight will be firmly on Killarney as the athletes carry local hopes onto the international stage.

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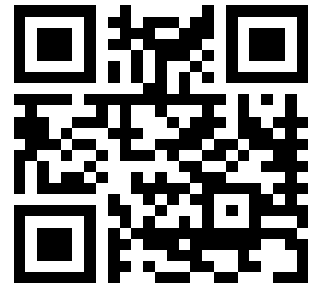


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## BALLYHAR DYNAMOS FC

### LOTTO

No.s 5, 18, 21, 28. No winner of the Jackpot. 5 x €25: Shane Galvin, Scartaglin. Kit McGillicuddy, Ballyhar. Hannah Landers, Ballymac. Ollie Callaghan, Farranfore & Elizabeth O Connor, Killarney. Next draw for a Jackpot of €2100 will take place on Sunday next 19th April at Butlers Bar, Firies. Thanks to all who support & help out with the club draw. Tickets available from Committee Members, Sheehans Filling Station, Farranfore. Hendersons & Spar Shops, Firies & Butlers Bar, Firies.

### TEAMS

The U14 Girls travelled to Castleisland FC in the cup where after being 2-0 down they brought the game back to 2-2 thanks to two goals from Niamh O Sullivan but it was the home side who scored late on to secure a 3-2 win. It was a great squad effort by the Ballyhar girls with Mollie O Connor, Emma O Callaghan & Aislinn O Sullivan being prominent. The girls will now contest the Shield Competition.

The U12 B squad lost to Castleisland B in the schoolboys Bowl final on a 2-0 scoreline. Each of the squad & management can be proud of their efforts with Ryan O Sullivan, Leo Duffin, Sean O Callaghan, Rian Flynn, Adam Dineen, Daithi Fleming, Sean Daly, Shane O Connor & Jack O Mahony among those playing well.

The U12 A squad travelled to Ballyduff and secured a 5-5 league draw against LB Rovers in a cracking fixture. Tadhg Fitzgerald with four goals & one from Darren Foley were the goalscorers in a game in which Pdraig Allen was excellent in Goals with Conor Ryan, Noah McCarthy, Eoghan Clifford & Diarmuid Sheehy playing starring roles out the field.

The Ladies Social Soccer Squad travelled to Killarney Celtic during the week where both squads had a beneficial run out.

The club U16s advanced to the next round of the U16 Tucker Kelly Cup thanks to a 1-3 away win to Killorglin FC. Two Alex Finn Strikes & one from Ryan Quilter sealed the win With Dan Duggan solid in goals & Cillian Casey, Daire Cornally, Eoin Cremin, Luke Bartlett, Jamie Murphy & Jamie O Brien playing a lot of ball out the field in a good squad performance.

### SYMPATHY

The club offers its condolences to the O'Connor Family, Firies on the passing of Patrick. Condolences to the Buckley Family, Firies on



Kerry U15 Boys Barcelona

the passing of Jack & condolences to the O'Shea Family, Listry on the passing of Frank. May Patrick, Jack & Frank rest in peace.

## KILLARNEY ATHLETIC AFC

### 300 CLUB DRAW MARCH 2026

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€100 - Mick Audley, Glenflesk, Killarney

€100 - John McCullagh, New Street, Killarney

### KERRY DISTRICT LEAGUE PREMIER A RESULT

**Ballyheigue 0 - 4 Killarney Athletic**

Terry Sparling x 1, Oisín O'Sullivan x 1, Eoghan Mulvaney x 1, Diego Querales x 1

Another strong performance by Senior A Team on the road today away to Ballyheigue.

## KILLARNEY CELTIC

### CELTIC LOTTO

Numbers drawn 8,20,21,24. No Jackpot winner Match 3 winners received €75. Next jackpot €8,800 on Monday April 20th. Tickets available from The Dungeon Bookshop, Amber Shop ( Top of Ross Road), club members and online through Clubzap.

### FAI JUNIOR CUP

**St Brendan's Park 0-5 Killarney Celtic**

Stephen McCarthy 3, Chris O'Leary, Kennedy Amechi

Killarney Celtic overcame St Brendan's Park last weekend in the FAI Junior Cup round 3. Celtic led 1-0 at half time thanks to a Chris O'Leary goal in injury time. Celtic introduced Stephen McCarthy for the 2nd half and the impact was instant. Stephen McCarthy was on target after 4 mins of the 2nd half and he put clear daylight between the teams with another goal on 58 minutes. The McCarthy hatrick was completed in the 64 minute and Kennedy Amechi wrapped up the scoring in the 77th minute as Celtic ran out clear winners.

### U16 PREMIER

**Tralee Dynamos 0-3 Killarney Celtic**

Simon Sirotiak, Conor McElligott, og

Celtic had a fine victory over league leaders Dynamos last week as they continue to finish off their league campaign in good form.

### U12 DIV 1

**Mastergeeha 1-7 Killarney Celtic C**

George Burchill 2, Fionn O'Sullivan 2, Cillian Murphy, Dwayne Koeller, Marcus O'Connor Fleming

Celtic C had a fine win last week over Mastergeeha. Celtic C were dominant throughout the pitch and gained their reward with some fine finishing.

### U12 DIV 3

**Killarney Celtic D 2-4 Listowel Celtic**

Sean Mannix, Samir Cenaj

Celtic D battled all the way to the final whistle. Despite finding themselves 4-0 down, the team pulled 2 goals back to finish with a flourish.

### GIRLS U14 CUP

**Killarney Celtic 5-1 Inter Kenmare**



Ballyhar Dynamos FC ladies social soccer group who travelled to Killarney Celtic during the week.



Ballyhar Dynamos FC U12 B squad who lost to Castleisland FC B in the Final of the u12 kerry schoolboy Bowl Final.

*Molly Philpott 4, Seodhna O'Sullivan*

Celtic put in a good overall performance to gain a clear win over Inter Kenmare in the U14 Cup. A good 1st half laid the foundations for the win.

## KERRY SCHOOLBOY/GIRL SOCCER

### INTERNATIONAL

#### KERRY U15 BOYS FINISH SIXTH AFTER STRONG BARCELONA CUP CAMPAIGN

Kerry's U15 side secured a sixth-place finish at the Barcelona Cup, capping off a tournament that provided valuable experience and development against international opposition.

They opened their campaign with a hard-fought 0-0 draw against fellow Irish side Vale Wanderers, before producing a strong performance to defeat Crieff Juniors 3-0, with goals from Ruairi Condon, Luke Walsh, and Rian Foley.

Their final game on day one saw a narrow 3-2 defeat to CEF Bosc De Tosca, with Killian O'Sullivan and Kian Cronin on target in another competitive outing.

Kerry responded in style in their final group game, delivering an emphatic 9-0 win over CM Sports. Rian Foley led the scoring with four goals, while Ruairi O'Brien added two. Further goals from Kian Cronin, Darragh Kissane, and Luke Walsh sealed an impressive victory that secured a place in the playoff rounds.

In the next stage, Kerry continued their good form with a 2-0 win over Østerbro IF, thanks to goals from Rian Foley and Luke Walsh, setting up a 5th/6th place playoff. Despite a strong run, the tournament ended with a narrow 1-0 defeat to Swindon Town in the playoff, leaving Kerry to finish sixth overall.

It was a campaign full of positives, with the squad showing quality, resilience, and growth throughout the competition.

#### KERRY U15 GIRLS FINE-TUNE PREPARATIONS IN BARCELONA AHEAD OF ALL-IRELAND SEMI-FINAL

Ahead of their All-Ireland semi-final against South Belfast this Sunday in Christy Leahy Park, the Kerry U15 girls have been putting the finishing touches to their preparations with a warm weather training camp in Barcelona.

The squad benefited from high-quality masterclass sessions in the Spanish sunshine across Tuesday and Wednesday last week, gaining valuable experience while continuing their development in a professional

environment.

They also impressed on the pitch, recording a 6-0 win over EF Base Vendrell U16s. Arina Sucari starred with a hat-trick, while Alice O'Connor, Isabelle O'Connor, and Lillian Slattery also found the net in a dominant display.

Kerry followed that up with another excellent performance, defeating Gimnastic Tarragona U16s 5-0. Captained by Grace Ryan, the side showed great composure and adaptability in the heat, with goals from Alice O'Connor, Orlaith Flynn, Arina Sucari, and Isabelle O'Connor underlining their attacking strength.

Despite minor challenges, including a bus breakdown, the group embraced the experience and built strong momentum. Chasing a fourth consecutive All-Ireland final appearance, Kerry now turn their focus to Sunday's huge semi-final, with the Barcelona camp providing the perfect platform both physically and mentally.

### GIRLS

#### COFFEY STRAKA STARS AS MEK ADVANCE

MEK Galaxy delivered a dominant performance in the U13 Brid Devane Perpetual Cup quarter-final, securing a 5-0 victory over Listowel Celtic. Abbie Coffey Straka was in outstanding form, scoring four goals to lead the attack, while Katie Foley also got on the scoresheet to secure safe passage into the semi-finals.

#### HAT-TRICKS AND SHOOTOUT DRAMA IN U14 EVE O'CALLAGHAN CUP

There was plenty of excitement in the U14 Girls Eve O'Callaghan Perpetual Cup/Trophy, with hat-trick heroes and penalty drama deciding the outcomes.

Castleisland edged a tight 3-2 victory over Ballyhar, with Roisin Cronin producing a standout performance by scoring all three goals to seal the win.

Killarney Celtic were in dominant form as they defeated Inter Kenmare 5-1, thanks to a superb four-goal haul from Molly Philpott, while Seodhna O'Sullivan also found the net in an impressive display.

The most dramatic game of the round saw Park overcome Tralee Dynamos after penalties. The sides finished 2-2 after extra time, with Lucy Wynne and Rosa Barrett Gordillo scoring for Dynamos, while Saoirse Moynihan and Caoimhe Field replied for Park. Park held their nerve in the shoot-out to win 4-3 on penalties and advance.

#### MASTERGEEHA HIT EIGHT IN U15 GIRLS DIVISION 1

Mastergeeha delivered a dominant attacking

performance in the Muckcross Park Hotel U15 Girls Division 1, securing an emphatic 8-2 victory over Iveragh.

Anna Lenihan led the scoring with a superb hat-trick, while Julia Casey added two goals. Further strikes from Aine Herlihy, Laura Breen, and Clodagh O'Sullivan capped off an impressive team display to seal all three points.

#### CREGAN STARS AS LB ROVERS REACH FINAL

LB Rovers booked their place in the U16 Girls LOL O'Leary Shield Final with a dominant 6-0 victory over Listowel Celtic.

Eilidh Cregan delivered a standout performance, scoring an incredible five goals to lead the charge, while Saoirse Brosnan added the other to complete a comprehensive win.

### BOYS

#### DINGLE SECURE SPOT IN CUP SEMI-FINALS

Dingle secured their place in the U12 John Murphy Boy's Cup semi-finals with a hard-fought 1-0 victory over Iveragh.

In a closely contested quarter-final, Finn MacGearailt proved to be the difference, scoring the only goal of the game to send Dingle through.

#### GOALS AND THRILLERS ACROSS U12 BOYS DIVISIONS

There was plenty of action across the EBS U12 Boys leagues, with high-scoring games and some thrilling encounters across the divisions.

In the Premier Division, Fenit came out on top in an entertaining 5-3 win over Castleisland, in a game full of attacking football. In Division 1, LB Rovers A and Ballyhar A shared the spoils in a dramatic 5-5 draw, with Anlon O'Brien (2), Donnacha Roche, Cian Houlihan, and Jack Sheehy on the scoresheet for LB Rovers.

Killarney Celtic C delivered one of the standout performances of the round, defeating Mastergeeha B 7-1, with goals from George Burchill, Fionn O'Sullivan (2), Cillian Murphy, Dwayne Koeller, and Marcus Fleming. Iveragh A also impressed with a 6-0 victory over Milltown.

In Division 3, Listowel Celtic C secured a 4-2 win over Killarney Celtic D, with Samir Cenaj and Sean Mannix scoring for Celtic. Tralee Dynamos B were dominant in a 6-0 win over LB Rovers C, with Joseph Sheridan scoring twice alongside goals from Alex Kavanagh, Donnacha Brosnan, Cian O'Brien, and Michael McCarthy. Mastergeeha D matched that scoreline with a 6-0 victory over Tralee Dynamos C, thanks to goals from Conor Herlihy (2), Dylan McAuliffe, Gavin Howard, Christian Ceragoli, and Micheal



Killarney Celtic U14 Girls vs Inter Kenmare



MEK U13 Girls

O'Riordan.

## MASTERGEEHA BOOK FINAL SPOT IN JOHN-JOE NAUGHTON TROPHY

Mastergeeha A secured their place in the U13 John-Joe Naughton Trophy Final with a composed 3-0 victory over Killarney Athletic B. Goals from Warren Boyle, Callum O'Connor, and Matthew O'Riordan ensured a confident performance, with Mastergeeha controlling the game and taking their chances well to advance into the decider.

## PARK C SECURE SOLID WIN IN DIVISION 2 NORTH

Park C produced a strong performance in the U13 Boy's Division 2 North, securing a 2-0 victory over Ardfert.

Goals from Aidan McCarthy and Anas Hakimi proved decisive, as Park controlled the game and made their chances count.

## PARK B PROGRESS IN TOM HAYES TROPHY

Park B booked their place in the next round of the U14 Tom Hayes Boy's Trophy Quarter Final with a solid 3-1 victory over Tralee Dynamos B. Goals from Shouvik Reza, Ben Donovan, and Darragh Murphy ensured a strong performance, as Park made their chances count to secure progression.

## MASTERGEEHA EDGE NINE-GOAL THRILLER IN U14 DIVISION 1

Mastergeeha A came out on top in a thrilling encounter in the Golden Nugget U14 Boy's Division 1, defeating Park B 5-4 in a game packed with goals.

Michael O'Donoghue led the way for Mastergeeha with a brace, while Evan Burke, Karl Thompson, and Shane O'Sullivan also found the net in a strong attacking display.

Park B pushed them all the way in an end-to-end contest, with Gerry McDonald netting a brace, with Shouvik Reza, and Ostap Dudnik getting on the scoresheet also.

## KILLARNEY CELTIC SECURE BIG WIN IN U16 PREMIER

Killarney Celtic produced a solid performance in the Power Travel U16 Boy's Premier Division, securing a 3-0 victory over Tralee Dynamos A.

Goals from Simon Sirotiak and Conor McElligott, along with an own goal, ensured a comfortable win for Celtic.

## GIRLS

### U13 BRID DEVANE PERPETUAL CUP Q/F

MEK 5-0 Listowel Celtic A

### U14 GIRLS EVE O'CALLAGHAN PERPETUAL



Kerry U15 Girls Barcelona

## CUP / TROPHY

Castleisland 3-2 Ballyhar

Killarney Celtic 5-1 Inter Kenmare

Tralee Dynamos 2-2 Park AET (Park won 4-3 on pens)

## MUCKROSS PARK HOTEL U15 GIRLS DIVISION 1

Iveragh 2-8 Mastergeeha

## U16 GIRL'S LOL O LEARY SHIELD S/F

Listowel Celtic 0-6 LB Rovers

## BOYS

### U12 JOHN MURPHYS BOY'S CUP Q/F

Dingle 1-0 Iveragh

Dingle scorer: Finn MacGearailt

### EBS U12 BOY'S PREMIER

Fenit 5-3 Castleisland

### EBS U12 BOY'S DIVISION 1

LB Rovers A 5-5 Ballyhar A

Mastergeeha B 1-7 Killarney Celtic C

Iveragh A 6-0 Milltown

### EBS U12 BOY'S DIVISION 3

Killarney Celtic D 2-4 Listowel Celtic C

LB Rovers C 0-6 Tralee Dynamos

Tralee Dynamos C 0-6 Mastergeeha D

### U13 BOY'S JOHN -JOE NAUGHTON TROPHY S/F

Killarney Athletic B 0-3 Mastergeeha A

### U13 BOY'S DIVISION 2 NORTH

Park C 2-0 Ardfert

### U14 TOM HAYES BOY'S TROPHY Q/FINAL

Park B 3-1 Tralee Dynamos B

### THE GOLDEN NUGGET U14 BOY'S DIVISION 1

Park B 4-5 Mastergeeha A

### POWER TRAVEL U16 BOY'S PREMIER

Tralee Dynamos A 0-3 Killarney Celtic

### POWER TRAVEL U16 BOY'S DIVISION 1

Castleisland A 3-0 Inter Kenmare B

## MASTERGEEHA

### GIRL'S LEAGUE

#### U15 GIRL'S DIVISION 1

Iveragh 2 v Mastergeeha 8

### BOY'S LEAGUE

#### 12 BOY'S DIVISION 3

Tralee Dynamos C 0 v Mastergeeha D 6

#### U13 JOHN-JOE NAUGHTON TROPHY SEMI FINAL

Mastergeeha A 3-0 Killarney Athletic B

Scorers on the day Warren O'Boyle, Matthew O'Riordan & Callum O'Connor

Man of the Match Eoghan O'Leary

A good performance by our boys in Woodlawn this afternoon secured safe passage to the final of the trophy competition. We took the lead inside 8 minutes when good inter play between Luke O'Sullivan and Donnacha O'Callaghan created the opportunity for Warren O'Boyle who scored a cracker from outside the box. We stayed on the front foot for the remainder of the first half with Callum O'Connor, Leo Barry and Ronan Casey all going close to extending our lead.

Daniel McNeer was giving good direction to his defence who were solid throughout and in particular Eoghan O'Leary was superb with some strong tackles and excellent distribution. We stayed on the front foot throughout the second half and a great strike from our captain Matthew O'Riordan on the 47th minute



U12 & U13 Mastergeeha end of season day out.jpg



U14 Mastergeeha

extended our lead to 2-0. Matthew gave an excellent performance throughout in the centre of midfield. One of our best interplays of the day led to our third when a superb ball from Eoghan O'Leary found Leo Barry wide right and Leo pulled the ball back for Callum O'Connor to make no mistake from inside the box.

Thanks to all our supporters today who were in Woodlawn in great numbers. Thanks to the referee and to Athletic for a good game and for the refreshments afterwards.

**U14 BOY'S DIVISION 1**

**Park B 4 v Mastergeeha A 5**

For the final game of the season, everything was on the line for our lads, with promotion to the Premier Division at stake. The conditions were perfect on Park's astro turf, setting the stage for a thrilling encounter. The opening 15 minutes were evenly contested, with both sides defending well and limiting chances. On the 25th minute, Park made the breakthrough to go 1-0 ahead. Mastergeeha responded brilliantly, stepping up a gear. Gavin Monaghan, who worked tirelessly down the right all evening, delivered a great ball to Luke O'Sullivan, whose

run created the opportunity for Man of the Match Karl Thompson to level the game.

After some encouraging words from the coaches, the lads started the second half strongly. Michael O'Donoghue took control in midfield and scored a superb volley from a corner in the 40th minute to make it 2-1. Just minutes later, Evan Burke finished off an excellent team move to extend the lead to 3-1. Park fought back with a long-range strike to make it 3-2, but Shane O'Sullivan whose set-pieces have been a huge asset all season, restored the two-goal cushion with a brilliant free kick. Fresh legs were needed after a massive effort, and Park capitalised, pulling a goal back with some suggesting it may have been offside. With momentum on their side, Park struck again with just two minutes remaining to level the match at 4-4. But this Mastergeeha team never gives up. Showing incredible determination, Karl Thompson drove forward and played a lovely pass to Michael O'Donoghue, who calmly finished to score a dramatic and well-deserved winner.

A fantastic result and a huge effort from the entire squad, promotion secured in style!

**MASTERGEEHA FC ON TOUR**

**OUR U12S & U13S MADE THE TRIP TO TURNERS CROSS TO WATCH THE BIG DERBY**

today Cork City FC v Kerry Football Club. Over 75 players, coaches and parents travelled up for a club day out in two buses. Great atmosphere and plenty of support. Massive thanks to Kerry Coaches especially Sean Kelly and Tony our drivers for looking after us today. Big thanks to Eanna Buckley and Robbie Kelleher in Cork City FC for organising tickets and transport assistance. Very much appreciated. Thanks to all the coaches and committee for making the trip happen and we can't wait for our next trip

**MASTERGEEHA LOTTO**

There was no winner of our lotto on 10th April 2026 for the Jackpot of €6400. Numbers drawn were 5,13,15,22. Consolations Prizes of €50 each to the following, Kathleen O'Leary Milleen, Anna Marie O'Leary, Elizabeth McSweeney online and Eugie Lane. Our next draw will take place on Friday 17th April at the Village Inn for a Jackpot of €6,600.

**SSE AIRTRICITY MEN'S FIRST DIVISION**

**Kerry FC 1-1 UCD AFC**

By David Moriarty

**FIRST HALF**

The game kicked off with both sides struggling to find any sort of a breakthrough despite several promising moments in the opening ten minutes. In the eleventh minute, the hosts created the first half chance of the evening. Sean O'Connell advanced confidently from defence before playing a precise pass out to the right wing for Cian Bargary. Bargary delivered a dangerous cross/shot that forced Dara Kavanagh into action, with the UCD goalkeeper pushing the effort away to safety. UCD responded in the fifteenth minute when a short corner routine saw the ball rolled along the ground to Eanna Clancy. His deflected effort rose over the crossbar, and the resulting corner came to nothing as Kerry cleared their lines. The match remained evenly balanced, with both sides probing without carving out clear-cut opportunities.

In the twentieth minute, Kerry produced a flowing move down the right. The ball was worked into space for Cian Bargary, whose inviting cross flashed across the penalty area. Sean McGrath attempted to meet it but was unable to make contact, allowing UCD to escape the danger. The visitors threatened again in the twenty-seventh minute when Eanna Clancy struck a well-hit effort from distance, but the shot drifted wide of the right-hand post. Kerry continued to find joy down the right flank, and in the thirty-fourth minute, another excellent delivery from Cian Bargary picked out Ryan Kelliher inside the box. Kelliher rose to meet it but guided his header over the crossbar, leaving the score unchanged.

As the half drew toward its conclusion, Finn Barrett was shown a yellow card in the forty-third minute following a late challenge, adding a note of tension before the interval. Despite the competitive nature of the contest, neither side could find the decisive moment, and the teams went in at the break with the score still level.

**SECOND HALF**

In the forty-seventh minute, debutant Harvey Mangan was called into action for the first time,

reacting sharply to smother Colin Bolton's shot from inside the area. Four minutes later, Killian Cailloce had the ball in the net, but the assistant referee's flag ruled the effort out for offside. UCD continued to press, and in the fifty-third minute, Cailloce headed over from close range.

Kerry were then rescued by their goalkeeper in the fifty-fifth minute when Harvey Mangan produced an excellent save to deny Hugh Smith's half-volley. However, the pressure told in the fifty-sixth minute. A short corner was played to Michael McCullagh, who delivered a well-timed ball into the area. Hugh Smith rose highest and placed a header into the bottom right corner to give UCD AFC the lead.

UCD nearly doubled their advantage three minutes later when Ciaran Behan broke through, but Harvey Mangan again reacted brilliantly, saving with his feet to keep Kerry within touching distance. Kerry responded in the sixty-first minute when Sean McGrath cut the ball back to Cian Bargary outside the area, though his effort failed to find the target. Colin Healy turned to his bench in the sixty-second minute, introducing Cian Brosnan and Samuel Aladesanusi in place of Sean McGrath and Finn Barrett. Kerry began to push forward in search of an equaliser, though clear chances remained limited. Cian Murphy received a yellow card in the seventy-third minute, before Michael McCullagh was also cautioned a minute later following a late tackle.

In the seventy-eighth minute, Cian Brosnan delivered a dangerous ball into the penalty area that narrowly evaded the head of Cian Murphy. Moments later, Kerry appealed for a penalty when Sam Aladesanusi was shouldered in the back by Niall Holohan, but the referee waved away the claims. Kerry continued to press, and Matthew Britton was introduced in the eighty-third minute for his debut, replacing Ewan Lee.

The hosts piled on pressure late in the contest. In the eighty-fourth minute, a flurry of Kerry headers inside the area eventually dropped safely into the hands of Dara Kavanagh. Sam Aladesanusi was shown a yellow card in the eighty-ninth minute as the urgency increased, and five minutes of additional time were indicated at the end of the



Matthew Britton celebrates his late equaliser on his debut.  
Photo: Konrad Pytlowski

ninety.

Eric Koufie replaced Sean O'Connell in stoppage time as Kerry threw bodies forward. Their persistence paid off deep into stoppage time, when Matthew Britton equalised on his debut. He found the equaliser after driving forward with the ball from midfield and letting loose, which was deflected into the back of the net to spark celebrations among the home support. Shortly afterwards, Ryan Kelliher was shown a yellow card after a high boot, despite having played an overhead through ball that had sent Eric Koufie clear, with the referee pulling play back for the supposed foul.

Kerry pushed for a winner in the closing moments, but no further chances materialised. The late intervention from Matthew Britton ensured the spoils were shared, with Kerry FC earning a dramatic point at Mounthawk Park after a determined second-half fightback against UCD AFC.

**FOSSA**

**LOTTO**

The numbers drawn on 12/04/2026 for a jackpot of €7,650 were 7, 14, 16, 25. There was no jackpot winner. The €40 consolation prize winners were; Jodie Sheehan, Jenny McCarthy, Tim Clifford, Rhona Buckley, Patrick Mahony.

Tickets are available from our sellers and can also be bought online with the following link <https://fossagaa.clubforce.com/products/lotto/fossa-gaa-club-lotto>

**UNDER 14 COUNTY LEAGUE ROUND 2**

**Dingle 1-04, Fossa 5-06.**

Our U14 boys made the long journey into the west to the home of the All Ireland Senior Club champions Dingle to face the locals.

Fossa were first to settle with David Kennelly scoring a great goal within the first few minutes, this was quickly followed by an opportunistic goal by Eoin Murphy which rattled the hosts. Dingle would then enjoy a purple patch of their own to score a goal but also miss a penalty kick. Fossa regrouped however with Mark O'Connor raising another green flag and Aaron O'Sullivan scored a point to leave Fossa ahead at the break on a scoreline of 1-01 to 3-01.

Fossa would yet again raise their game on the resumption of the 2nd half with midfielder Sean Doyle scoring his side's 4th goal. The Fossa defence were now in complete control and limited their opponents to a single point for the rest of the game. Midway through the half Fossa produced the move of the game with the ball worked all the way up the pitch, and the roving midfielder Aaron O'Sullivan crashed the ball to the back of the Dingle net past the helpless keeper. Fossa picked off some great points for the remainder of the half with young McDara O'Shea kicking a beauty from the corner. In the end it was a comfortable win for the Fossa lads. Fossa scorers on the night were: Aaron O'Sullivan 1-02, Mark O'Connor 1-01, Eoin Murphy 1-01, Sean Doyle 1-00, David Kennelly 1-00, Ryan Lynch 0-01, McDara O'Shea 0-01.

**FARRANFORE/FIRIES**

**MINOR MEN**

1st round of East Kerry League. Played away to Kenmare. Comfortable winners, good team performance

**Final score: 1-10 Kenmare 1-12 Firies**

**UNDER 16 BOYS**

First round East Kerry, D1. Good win at home to Dr. Crokes

**THE DEVELOPMENT TEAM** was also out at

home against a very strong Crokes side. The team battled to the end

**SENIOR LADIES** were out on the 5th against Stacks, played in very windy conditions in Connolly Park. **Stacks 5-10, Firies 2-10**

**CONGRATULATIONS** and well done to our club man Marcus Clifford who has been selected on the Kerry U20 football panel. Marcus has stepped up from last years Kerry minor squad who were narrowly defeated by Tyrone in the All Ireland final.

**DR. CROKES**

**FIXTURES**

With a busy few weeks ahead keep an eye on all social media platforms for upcoming fixtures.

**CROKES CUBS AND ACADEMY** take place every Saturday. Hurling from 10am-11am and football From 11:15am-12:15pm. All new members welcome.

**KATHLEEN'S GENTLE EXERCISE CLASS** resumes on Tuesday 24th April from 11am in the clubhouse.

**GENTLE YOGA FOR BOTH MEN AND WOMEN** take place on Thursdays from 6:15pm-7pm. It is €40 for 4 weeks, valid for 5 weeks.

**LOTTO** took place on April 13th Numbers drawn were 1, 8, 15, 17. Jackpot of €5,300 was not WON. 14 patrons matched 3 numbers and receive €30 each. Jackpot for draw on April 20th will be €5,600. Play online by following the link below <https://member.clubspot.app/club/dr-crokess-gaa/fundraisers>

**BINGO**

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

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Chloe Bartlett and Colin McCarthy on the birth of their baby boy Roan.

**NOTES**

If anyone has anything they want to add to our club notes please email communications. [drcrokess.gaa@outlookmags.com](mailto:drcrokess.gaa@outlookmags.com)

**LEGION GAA**

**U 14 BOYS GREEN TEAM**

Round 2 of the division 1 B u14 county league saw Legion travel to Firies to take on the hosts. We started well with a few scores and then the home team hit their rhythm with some lovely interplay and score taking we replied with some scores of our own and both teams went in at half time level.

Second half Firies continued applying pressure and again took some well worked scores combined with excellent support play to end the evening as deserved winners on a score line 5-18 to 4-13.

**U14 BOYS WHITE TEAM**

Round 2 of the Under 14 county league continued for our white team last Thursday evening. Firies were our opposition. To Firies credit they battled gamely till the end but couldn't catch the lead we'd built up. The entire Legion team played some great football but most importantly played as a team. Well done to Firies and we wish them the best for the year ahead.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Rising star Sarah Leahy from Killarney has been officially named by Athletics Ireland for the relay teams set to travel to the World Athletics Relays in Gaborone, Botswana, with competition taking place on Saturday and Sunday, May 2/3.

Sarah is included in the women's 4x100m squad that returns to the World Relays for the first time since 2021, marking a renewed push in the sprint relay.

**MINOR BOYS**

**Legion 2-10 Dr crokes 1-13**

**FIXTURES**

SENIOR MEN DIV 6, round 4 County League away to Ballylongford Saturday 6.30

SENIOR LADIES, Donal Curtin, away to Spa Sunday 12 noon

**LOTTO**

Lotto numbers: 5,15,25,27. Bonus 23. Lucky dips: Pat O Donoghue, Andrea McCarthy, Valerie Trant

**EAST KERRY**

**SAFEGUARD SECURITY EAST KERRY SUPER LEAGUE FINALS**

**Division 2 Final: Dr Crokes 2-09 Currow 2-23**

**EAST KERRY MINOR LEAGUE**

Dr Crokes 2-7 Glenflesk 3-8, Kenmare 1-10 Firies 1-12, Rathmore 2-04 Kilcummin 2-09

Round 3 fixtures of the East Region Minor Leagues. First team named is at home

**DIV. 1 (15 A SIDE)**

Dr. Crokes V Rathmore, Glenflesk V Listry, Kilcummin V Legion

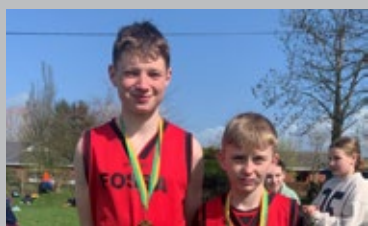
**DIV. 2 (13/15 A SIDE)**

Firies V Na Fianna, Kenmare V Cordal, Beaufort bye

**DIV. 3 (13 A SIDE)**

Fossa V Spa, Gneeveguilla V Currow

All above games are Monday 20th April at 7pm, unless stated otherwise.



Fossa U10 Draughts team that won Gold in the Kerry Community Games Competition held in Kenmare last weekend. The team will now go on to represent Kerry in the Munster Community Games (L-R: Liam MacGearailt, Caolan Myers, Ruadhan Hogan, Oliver Moloney, Louis McElligott & Max O'Connor)

Fossa Cross Country Runners Aaron O'Sullivan who won Gold in the U14 Cross Country event and Cillian Murphy who came 6th in U12 Cross Country relay event. (L-R: Michael Browne, Ollie Keogh, William Bleakley, Patrick Bleakley, Mark Fitzgerald, Chloe Karlstine)

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JIMMY O'SULLIVAN-DARCY

takes a look at all things sport...

## GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Championship

I know the most of ye know this, but there is a new format for this year's All Ireland Football. For which I can only give thanks, because by God the old one with that absolutely ridiculous time and energy waster of a group stage... even the rejuvenation of the game with the new rules was not quite enough to offset how bad that artificial and ultimately predictable championship was. This is guaranteed to be better – it's not like it could possibly have been made worse and please, Central Council, do not take that as a personal challenge – and in fact I think it could be brilliant, especially with the randomness of the draw.

The new format is what we in Kerry call 'the Christy Ring format' because that was the first competition with this format that Kerry participated in.

You will have the eight provincial finalists, Kildare as the reigning Tailteann Cup champions, and then the next seven (or eight if Kildare reach a Leinster Final) counties in descending order of their final position in the 2026 National Football League.

### Round 1 (Eight Games)

23-24/5/26 (Munster and Connaught) and 30-31/5/26 (Leinster Ulster)

The eight Provincial Champions and Runners-Up shall be drawn to play at Home against the other eight teams.

### Round 2A (Four Games)

13-14/6/26

The eight winners in Round 1 shall be drawn to play against each other in Round 2a, with the first team drawn having Home Venue. The draw will be subject to the avoidance of repeat Provincial Final pairings.

### Round 2B (Four Games)

13-14.06.2026 (Sat/Sun)

The eight Losers in Round 1 shall be drawn to play against each other in Round 2, with the first team drawn having Home Venue. This draw will be subject to the avoidance of repeat Provincial Final pairings.

### Round 3 (Four Games)

20-21/6/26

The four losing teams from Round 2a will be drawn to play the four winning teams from Round 2b, and a draw shall determine the Home Venue. Again, no repeats of Provincial Finals and, where possible, repeat pairings from Round 1.



### All-Ireland Quarter-Finals

27-28/6/26

The four winners of Round 2a shall be drawn to play against the four winners of Round 3, subject in the first instance to the avoidance of repeat Provincial Final pairings and where possible repeat pairings from Rounds 1 and 2.

### All Ireland Semi-Finals

11-12/7/26

The four quarter-final winners shall play against each other in the Semi-Finals based on a draw, subject to the avoidance of repeat pairings from the championship, where possible.

### All Ireland Final

26/7/26 (Sun) – (Replay 8/8/26)

The winners of the All-Ireland Semi-Finals shall meet in the All-Ireland Final.

### Munster

The bookies have Kerry at 1/10 to make it six Munster titles in a row and 12 out of the last 13. I can still see Mark Keane rising high at the far post in the dying seconds of the 2020 'covid' final. In fairness, it wasn't any fluke; I thought Kerry were just very stuttery and unconvincing on the day while a limited Cork had stuck to their task manfully.

Look, no beating around the bush. I still strongly fancy Kerry to win this out. But Cork definitely do look a stronger side and they will rattle the cage strongly. For a long time, I felt that Brian Hurley had to carry the bulk of their scoring, much like Colin Corkery back in the day. I don't believe that Brian is the power he was – still a great footballer, though – but some of Sherlock's scores in that Division Two Final were epic, and Chris Óg Jones has a bit of a cut about him as well. I thought last year's game was epic – albeit, frankly, very rough. Lot of injuries. Funny enough, long term that actually worked out in our favour; I felt that lads got an unplanned rest period that stood to them later on. Cork had a very good league campaign. I actually thought they were better than Meath for a lot of the game; it was just that

fifteen minute malfunction that killed off their challenge. For that matter, they weren't great in the second half against Limerick in the Munster quarter-final, but on the other end that job was already done by half-time. I thought Tipperary really struggled to put away Waterford. 0-15 to 1-7? 1-3 to 0-5 at half-time? I'm sorry now, but scorelines like that aren't going to trouble any Division One team. Cork have toughened a bit; they will be up for it against Kerry.

Kerry always got a battle off Clare any time he met at the start of the championship. That was partly because Clare could, and had to, aim to peak for that time, while Kerry were often just starting to ease off the early season heavy training. It was also because Clare were good. But – and I am saying this respectfully – they aren't going to have enough for Kerry over seventy minutes. Yes, I was in the Gaelic Grounds in 1992. Can I point out that the majority of both panels, Clare and Kerry, were not even born then? That supposed 'cautionary tale' doesn't carry the sting you think it does.

It'll be Kerry versus Cork. There will be two guaranteed winners on the day. The Munster Council, because you'll have a crowd and noise and colour at a Munster Final. I'm sorry now, but a couple of the recent Munster Finals were uafasach ar fad. You couldn't be putting children through that kind of thing. So the Munster Council, despite having delayed the implementation of seeding for a year, have the final they wanted. The other big winner is Killarney. The Lord knows we don't exactly live in a quiet town, but the Munster Final still fills it and the vibes coming from the Cork supporters – always a lovely crowd, genuinely, I never saw any trouble at the game or afterwards – are good. I still don't see Kerry losing in Killarney, but they'll have a battle on their hands. And that's no harm at all for anybody, especially the sport in general.

### Connaught

Galway have been the dominant side over the last couple of years, but I suspect that their chances of winning Sam Maguire are beginning to recede a bit. A lot of their better players are a year older and at an age where you feel that extra year. Both Shane Walsh

and Damien Comer are carrying injuries at the moment, and that makes it harder to peak at the right time. They'll start as favourites, and are on the favourable side of the draw to reach the Connaught Final. They can't be written off but to go all the way? I'd be surprised.

Mark Dowd has been hugely impressive in his first year as Roscommon manager. If I am crediting London for putting up a good marker against Mayo, then you have to acknowledge that Roscommon absolutely blew New York away – and we know after last year that New York have been putting in the work. Roscommon finished fourth in the league, and that was with Tomás Kennedy carrying out a bit of pocket-picking that would have made Dickens' Artful Dodger jealous. Nothing against Roscommon, the likes of Diarmuid Murtagh and Enda Smith are fantastic players, but there's a big difference between league and championship. They will be meeting Mayo in the semi-final, and I think that's a bridge too far.

I fancy Mayo to lift the Nestor Cup. In fact, I think they could be in contention to lift another cup later on. Not favourites, but genuinely in contention. I think all the fuss about Kobe McDonald – and yes, he really is a stunning talent – has masked the fact that Mayo have unearthed quite a few jewels. They got quite a decent battle against London. Very good battle, in fact. London's Jim Davis has been trending on social media almost as much as those lego movies about Trump, and with good reason. He kicked some real beauties. Were Mayo a bit lackadaisical? Nope. London came with questions, and Mayo had all the answers. With all the talk about Kobe, I thought Cillian McHale made a superb debut. To the manor born, one might say. Jack Carney has the look of a Mayo forward whose first instinct isn't to find Ryan O'Donoghue. That was my thing with Mayo always, they had brilliant footballers but relied too much on one shooter, be it Conor Mortimor, Ciaran McDonald, Cillian O'Connor, or now O'Donoghue. This Mayo team have two point shooters to go with the speed and strength. And McDonald is a serious predator – although I'd be careful about putting eggs in that particular nest when you already know for certain that the bird is flying away. I think they'll win Connaught. If it's time it right – extremely difficult now that it's dependent essentially on an open draw – I honestly think they will be in the mix.

You have to credit Stephen Poacher and Leitrim. I wasn't expecting that. I don't see them going much further, but that's a huge win for them.

### Leinster

During Dublin's historic run, the Leinster Championship, it was a dead duck. You could see Dublin captain's lifting the Delaney Cup as if it was a tiresome chore. Most Dublin supporters would have left by then anyway. Or not bothered coming. I'm sorry, you'd say anyone in the glasshouse of Munster shouldn't be throwing stones, but our one-sided competition was never that one-sided. Famously, more people went to Croke Park to watch Leinster play in a European semi-final than attended all of Dublin's games in that

year's championship. I honestly believe that it was that huge decline in paying customers, rather than any sense of propriety, that forced the GAA to act and appoint a committee to reform the playing rules. Mind you, I'm sure that quarter-final between Kerry and Derry two years ago arose in that particular conversation too.

I'm not writing Dublin off. Yes, it was a bad league for them, but I got a definite sense that it wasn't do or die. Put Con back up front, get a few more scores from the likes of Howard and Small – good footballers in the trenches, but the introduction of the arc means that lads need to kick a few themselves to justify being there. McGinnis and McEaney are two good finds. Dublin may have slipped back a bit into the chasing pack, but nobody's lapping them and they have a point to prove. Moreover, they are on the good side of the draw.

Meath are the favourites for the province. Rightly so. When they kicked on in the Division Two League Final they burned through a very good Cork side. Last year they finally ended Dublin's long Leinster reign. Not only that, but it wasn't any surprise ambush or smash and grab. They played brilliant football. And then just failed to perform to that standard against Louth. Justice for 2010 and the best rugby try ever scored at Croke Park? I don't know. In 2025 Meath beat Dublin, Kerry, and Galway. And still ended up empty-handed. That said, I feel in hindsight that Kerry were basically getting their second wind at the time that Meath were hitting their peak, one team's zenith against another's nadir. And I thought from very early on in the game that Galway's tank was empty when they faced Meath. But this year in the league they looked like a team developing consistency to go with their potential. I think you have to fancy them to win Leinster. After that, if the likes of Freyne (I think he is very under-rated) and Jack Flynn have their shooting boots on, they can be a handful for any team.

Kildare won the Tailteann Cup to guarantee their berth in the hunt for Sam. Leinster would be a massive bonus but after relegation to Division Three, I can't see it. They open against the winners of Offaly/Laois. It's wide open between the three of them but I can't see whoever emerges going much further.

Louth are the holders and have an All Star forward in Sam Mulroy. But after last year's win, they also have targets on their backs. I expect them to reach the semi-final against Dublin and come to an abrupt halt at that stage. I don't really see them getting past any of the top guns in the All Ireland either.

I can't really see any other counties forcing their way into the mix. Back to back promoted Wexford could catch Louth on the hop. Offaly and Laois will be entertaining. Good wins for Wicklow over Carlow and Westmeath over Carlow....but look, I'm respectfully suggesting that they will be more realistic contenders for the Tailteann Cup. They just don't have the depth. Look, I could easily end up with egg on my face, but I'm going for a Meath v Dublin Final, and not just out of nostalgia. Meath to edge it....despite Dublin's penchant for crucial goals.

### Ulster

As a general rule, it's always Ulster that throws up the first classic of the championship. I've argued that the Hurling Championship is better than the Football simply because there may be less teams, but there are more genuine contenders for the top. The same principle applies to Ulster. Even this year....Donegal are probably in pole position. Derry still have serious talent. Monaghan are not the force that they were with Conor McManus, but Bannigan has assembled a strong and disciplined team; I wouldn't fancy them out of the hat. Derry.... again, would you be wanting a piece of Glass, Rogers, McGuigan, etc.? I wouldn't.

In the last two years, the team I have been expecting to make the breakthrough has been Tyrone. On paper they have talent all over the field. In particular, I felt that they were the only team alongside Kerry in terms of actual scorers in the likes of McCurry and the Canavans. Then consider their successful minor and U20 teams. There was certainly a correlation between U21 (it was almost uncanny) and minor (not so much) success when it was U21 and U18. Doesn't quite seem to hold as true at U20 and U17, but we don't have enough years on record to consider it an established stat. Tyrone laboured in the National League but I still thought they would be able to smother midfield and have a little bit to spare over Armagh.

They weren't far away at all. And that was some display by Conn Kilpatrick, it really was. I do think Armagh can feel a little aggrieved; they have never really gotten the plaudits for that All Ireland win two years ago. It's kind of viewed as one that Kerry or Galway let slip away rather than one that Armagh won on merit. That's not fair. They were the best team overall. We weren't; Galway weren't. And yet Armagh aren't being talked about as top contenders at all. It's not like the new rules scupper them; they have plenty of two point shooters.

One thing, and I know I might sound a little churlish now. But that game between Armagh and Tyrone was a bit of a slow burner before it ignited. Both teams playing very cautious and recycling possession. Supporters and players want an open, expansive game. Managers emphatically do not, and I think an awful lot of them are looking for ways to circumvent the new rules rather than utilise them. And I'm not having any dig at Ulster Football; Kerry were doing an awful lot of recycling and possession-hoarding throughout the National League as well. Possession don't show on any scoreboards, lads.

Huge scalp for Armagh. I fancy them to take Fermanagh, but not easily. Donegal should certainly take Down and Derry should take Antrim. Monaghan versus Cavan? Of course Monaghan will start as favourites and should come through, but Cavan are a potential banana-skin.

I'd be expecting Derry versus Monaghan in one semi-final and Armagh v Donegal in the other. No prizes for guessing which side the winners will come from.

## The Hunt For Sam Maguire



Kerry, as holders, are likely to start as favourites. I can't argue with that, but it'll be very hard. In the old format, Kerry had an advantage in being able to basically take a place in the Munster Final for granted and plan our training accordingly. One of the problems that teams had with those appalling group games was that they drained energy and stressed bodies. Kerry were able to plan for and accommodate that better than most. The plain truth is that we had an easier run in than most (it was also an advantage to Dublin when they were cantering through Leinster). But now we have to peak earlier. As things stand, our first game could be against Tyrone at a Kerry venue. If Kerry come in cold to that one, they'll be in trouble. And it'll only get harder.

I'm not reading too much into that League Final. Kerry were stuck to the ground. Donegal, who were much closer to tough provincial games than we were at the time, were absolutely flying. I think it was just a timing issue rather than any football deficiency. No harm to dampen down a few Kerry supporters, either. I felt that a few people were beginning to think of us as invincible, and that only puts pressure on players who don't remotely deserve it. Had we beaten Donegal, I really think it would have worked against us. Jack has won a number of All Ireland and League doubles, but that doesn't automatically make for a correlation between the two things.

Donegal won't be getting carried away either. McGuinness was caught on the hop in the final last year, but I think again that there was an energy factor at play. Kerry had got their timing absolutely spot on (I consider Jack O'Connor's greatest strength among many). Donegal have serious talent all over the field. Roarty, the O'Donnells...everywhere you look they have talent. For my money, Michael Langan was by far and away their best player last year (frankly, even as a long time and genuine admirer of Michael Murphy, his nomination for POTY was patronising nonsense) and positioning him at centre forward, where he can do most damage on the scoreboard, is a very smart move to me. Like I already said, I have Mayo right in that mix. They'll be in the latter stages. The only reason most people aren't rating them higher is because of Mayo's long history of falling just short. But they fell short against the likes of a Dublin side who can justifiably call themselves

the greatest team of all time, or Kerry sides at their peak. Is there a team like those out there now? Lads, if Mayo actually win an All Ireland, the party will surpass Woodstock in popular culture.

Armagh, as mentioned, are right up there. I'd have Meath and Galway just behind them. Dublin can't be written off, but an All Ireland does look a step too far. By the way, Cork will rattle Kerry in Munster, and rattle anybody else they meet along the way as well. You look at any of the aforementioned teams. How many of them would welcome a trip to Páirc uí Caoimh for a winner-take-all game? I'd actually have Cork ahead of Derry – provided Cork can show consistency, which has been their hobgoblin for me. They really are as good as anybody out there, but too often in games they seem to suddenly forget that fact.

Louth won last year's Leinster Final but seemed to wither somewhat afterwards. Hard to blame them, given the magnitude of that Leinster win. Can they trouble the top teams? Honestly, I'd be surprised to see them in a Leinster Final again.

## Late Surge Sees Kerry Camogie Crowned League Champions

### Camogie Div. Two National League Final:

**Kerry 1-7 Meath 0-8**

Kerry were against the stiff breeze in the opening half and it soon began to tell. Kerry drew first blood, Patrice Diggins neatly firing over a free after Laura Collins was fouled. However Kerry's defence was under pressure from then on. Ellen O'Donoghue did really well to clear a dangerous ball. Aoife Carey was blocked just as she was pulling the trigger. Sara Murphy was also playing superbly, but Meath were exerting huge pressure and she was eventually forced to cough up a '45 converted by Roisín Heaney. Level pegging after five minutes. At the other end Sophia Payne was absolutely outstanding and won a free, but this time Heaney's radar was just a fraction off. Good work by Abbye Donnelly set up Emma Regan for a score to nudge Meath in front and from the puckout, the same player split the posts again. 0-3 to 0-1 after ten minutes. Kerry had a few chances tail off just wide. A foul on Ciara Foley saw Roisín Heaney notch her second free and a minute later she fired over another from very long range. 0-5 to 0-1; even allowing for the wind, Kerry were in a spot of bother here.

Patrice Diggins slotted another free but Roisín Heaney closed out the first half scoring with another free to leave Kerry with a small mountain to climb, trailing by 0-6 to 0-2.

Kerry got to work in the second half, with Jackie Horgan and Amy O'Sullivan moving to the inside forward line. In the very first minute, Patrice Diggins had a monster effort from long range, but it pulled just inches wide. A foul on Laura Collins gave her another opportunity and this time she raised a white flag. Soon after Kerry strung together a brilliant move, Caoimhe Spillane winning a defensive free and Patrice

Diggins sending it long to Amy O'Sullivan, who made an incredible catch before slipping it to Jackie Horgan. It was a great effort at a finish, but it came down off the woodwork and was cleared. When Roisín Heaney fired over another magnificent free for Meath to restore the four point gap, it almost began to feel as if the fates were conspiring against Kerry.

These players have steel in them, though. Aoife Fitzgerald cleverly batted away a dangerous effort from Ciara Foley. Just as Kerry brought on three subs, a sideline cut by Caoimhe Spillane dropped into the square and referee Jerome McAllister signalled for a Kerry penalty. Up stepped Patrice Diggins to fire a cracking shot but Maggie Randle made a stunning save. Still Kerry battled on. Patrice snapped over their first point from play and added a free. 0-7 to 0-5 with fifty minutes gone. Kerry were now beginning to dominate, even if scoring chances were few and far between. At last in the 55th minute a high ball into the Meath square was contested by Danielle O'Leary, with Jackie Horgan providing assistance. In nipped Shannon Collins to deftly scoop the ball up, dummy once, and fire a beauty to the net. As suddenly and dramatically as that, Kerry had their noses in front for the first time since the start of the game.



Action from the Kerry v Meath League final. Photo: Kerry Camogie





Kerry Camogie Team celebrate their League win. Photo; Kerry Camogie

Meath don't lack for character either, and sure enough the impeccable Roisín Heaney pointed a free to square things again. Kerry had the bit between their teeth, though. A good ball in by Ruth O'Connor saw Sophia Payne, a definite contender for player of the game, forced to cough up a'45. In situations like this, that's meat and drink for Patrice Diggin and sure enough, the umpire signaled that Kerry were a point in front again. A foul on Ella O'Brien gave Heaney a chance to equalise but it was just a little bit too far out of range. With time almost up, Jackie Horgan broke clear, drove in, and hit a rocket, but the outstanding Maggie Randle somehow managed to deflect it. An even more incredible save, but it came at the expense of another '45 and another point for Kerry's sharpshooter. Two points in it now. Meath needed a goal and a resolute Kerry refused to give them a single chance. When the final whistle sounded, Kerry were still that two points to the good and, for the second time in three years, National League Division Two Champions.

Kerry: Aoife Fitzgerald, Michelle Costello, Sara Murphy, Rachel McCarthy, Roisín Quinn, Niamh Leen, Ellen O'Donoghue, Patrice Diggin (0-7, 4f, 2'45), Caoimhe Spillane, Amy O'Sullivan, Jackie Horgan, Kate Lynch, Ruth O'Connor, Laura Collins, Emma Conway. Subs Danielle O'Leary (for Emma Conway, 43), Shannon Collins 1-0 (for Kate Lynch, 43), Aoife Behan (for Roisín Quinn, 43)

Meath: Maggie Randle, Sophia Payne, Maeve Clince, Rachel Moran, Leah Devine, Abbye Donnelly, Rachel O'Neill, Aoibhin Lally, Ellen Burke, Olivia O'Halloran, Aoife Carey, Roisín Heaney (0-6, 5f, 1'45), Ella O'Brien, Ciara Foley, Emma Regan (0-2). Subs Isabel O'Connor (for Aoife Carey, 17), Grace Connolly (for Aoibhin Lally, 46)

Referee: Jerome McAllister (Antrim)

## Strong Start to Kerry's Christy Ring Campaign

### Christy Ring Round One: Kerry V Meath

Kerry got plenty of it from Meath in their meeting in the National League, with Kerry winning by a slightly flattering 2-18 to 0-18 margin. I was understandably worried about this one. Now, I didn't travel myself and it wasn't broadcast anywhere, so my understanding of the game is fully dependent on Radio Kerry's coverage through Andrew Morrissey and Ian Brick and talking to the Kerryman's Damien Stack and Kerry's Eye's Murt Murphy. That's fair enough; they all know their hurling.

If Kerry were a bit tentative in their last meeting, they were the Kerry of old this time out. I was curious as to how Evan Murphy would work out in midfield; apparently he was superb, as was Hugh Lenihan. Liam Óg O'Connor opened the scoring. Tom Doyle and Jordan Brick (back to his best and shooting confidently) made it 0-3 to 0-1 before Tom Shine pointed a Meath free. Three points from Ronan Walsh (2f) and an Evan score before Shine pointed again made it 0-7 to 0-2. Walsh (2f), Tom Doyle, Jordan Brick.... Kerry were queueing up, with the likes of Jason Diggins, Eric Leen, Kevin Goulding, and Hugh Lenihan loading the guns. Shine made it 0-11 to 0-3. Shine, in fairness, was excellent, exchanging scores with Michael Leane before slotting three frees in a row. But Kerry nullified that, Evan Murphy with the catch and lay off to Kevin Goulding, who raced 50 yards before blasting it to the net for a great goal. Ronan Walsh and Jordan Brick added points and Kerry

led by 1-14 to 0-6 at the break.

Maeth opened the second half scoring through goalkeeper Gavin King (f) before the referee suspended the game because of a shower of stinging hail. I know someone out there is saying that it wouldn't bother the likes of Mackey, Ring, or Doyle. Neither team, and certainly no journalist (we are a soft breed) complained about the decision.

Kerry had a goal disallowed on the restart, Pádraig Boyle on the rebound after Ronan Walsh's penalty was saved. It looked a legitimate goal to everybody I spoke to, but I wasn't there and can't comment. Daire Shine and Joey Cole pulled back more scores for Meath. Was a revival on the cards?

Kerry were in no mood for it. Ronan Walsh calmly fired over two frees. Jordan Brick was on the end of a Michael Slattery pass to kick it into the net. 2-16 to 0-10.

Meath got the next two scores through Mikey Cole but their challenge was ebbing now. The game was well into its end stages when Michael Slattery struck for Kerry's third goal and James O'Connor pointed to close it out. A great win for Kerry, not just because of the scoreline but because Kerry went hunting from start to finish. Also, for a team that usually needed a Shane Conway or a Pádraig Boyle to rack up at least half their scores, the spread of scorers is hugely encouraging. There's still a long road ahead, but it's a little bit shorter now.

Kerry: Conor Bohane, Eric Leen, Seán McGrath, Kyle O'Connor, James O'Connor (0-1), Jason Diggins, Michael Leane (0-1), Kevin Goulding (1-0), Hugh Lenihan, Jordan Brick (1-3), Evan Murphy (0-1), Tom Doyle (0-2), Liam Óg O'Connor (0-1), Pádraig Boyle, Ronan Walsh (0-8, 7f). Subs: Michael Slattery 1-0 (for Liam Óg O'Connor, 46 mins), Gavin Dooley (for Pádraig Boyle, 60 mins), Adam Segal (for Kevin Goulding, 69 mins), Dara Slattery (for Seán McGrath, 72 mins), Luke Rochford (for Jordan Brick, 75 mins)

Meath: Gavin King (0-1, 1f), Jarlath Ennis, Seán Gegarty, Lorcan O'Connor, Eoin Donegan, Dáire Shine (0-1), Noah Conroy, Simon Ennis, Joey Cole (0-1), Lorcan Byrne, Pádraig O'Hanrahan, Tom Shine (0-7, 5f), Mikey Coley (0-2), Darren O'Higgins, Mark Leavy. Subs: Seán Coloe (for Noah Conroy, half-time), Philip O'Brien (for Mark Leavy, 43 mins), Anthony Healy (for Simon Ennis, 51 mins), Kyle Ennis (for Philip O'Brien, 51 mins), Seán Doyle (for Tom Shine, 76 mins). Referee: Brian Keon (Galway)

## Golf

Ah, Rory. I mean, congratulations on joining that elusive band of back to back winners – I think it's Nicklaus, Faldo and Woods? But lad, you just don't do things the easy way, do you? Look, a lot of people will say that Jessie Buckley and Cillian Murphy are the best acting talent to emerge from these shores in this generation. Maybe so, but they don't have Rory's flair for drama.

After Round One he was tied with Sam Burns for the lead on -5. Shooting 67 at Augusta..... you can't do much better than that. Literally, you or I can't. Rory can; that's why he is

a billionaire and we aren't. Not that I'd want to be; I think the money would change me. Rory was steady through the first nine, and then he really cut loose. Six birdies in the last seven holes.

I hit a birdie once. Granted, it was in Deerpark Pitch and Putt course and the galleries were not packed, but I did hit a birdie once.

Rory finished the day with 65 and a six shot lead over Burns and Patrick Reed. I wouldn't be worrying about 'moving day', Rory's going nowhere. Nobody's ever dominated a Masters like Tiger in 1997, but I wouldn't be against Rory setting a new record. It's worth paying attention to Shane Lowry as well, Shane's just one shot behind Burns and Reed, along with Rose and Fleetwood. But Rory with six shots in hand? They are all playing for second place.

Except Rory's Round Three....like I say, he has a flair for drama. He only got one shot wrong, really, all day. His tee shot. He was scrambling for a save on virtually every hole. Sometimes he got it – he really is a brilliant short player – but you can only go to the well so often. Sometimes you'd feel that if he shut his eyes on every tee shot and swung at it, he'd surely hit a fairway

at some point even if by accident. This is almost mesmerising. Meanwhile, just like last year, Justin Rose is quietly and carefully going about his business. Nothing spectacular, but almost metronomic efficiency. Scottie Scheffler's making a bit of a push as well. A long way back, but he could push himself into contention yet. Cameron Young is hovering up the course now, just one shot behind heading for the second nine.

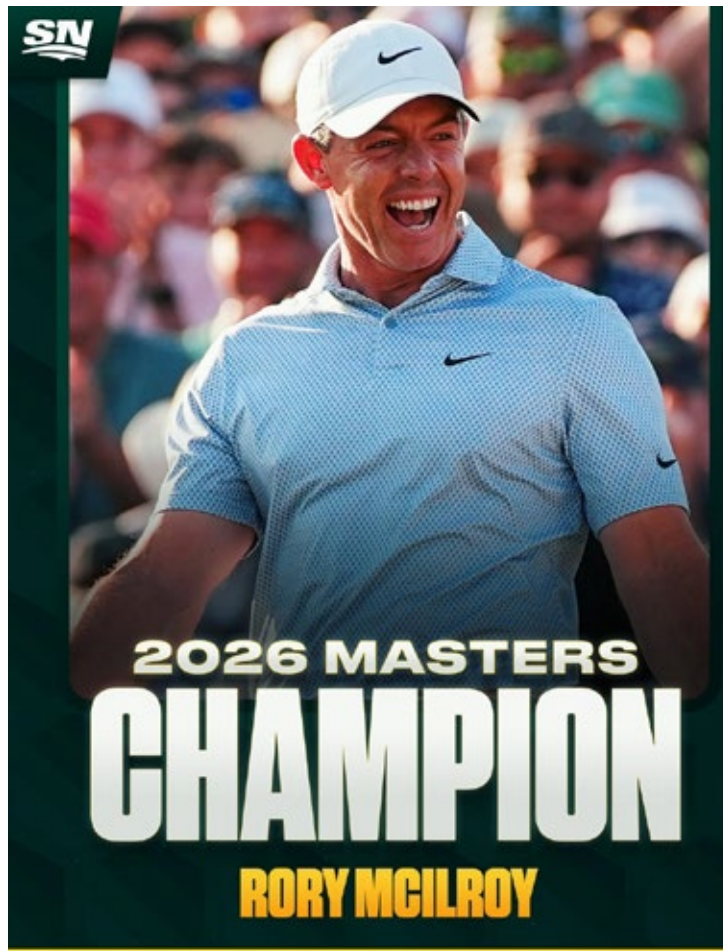
The biggest cheer of the day is for Shane Lowry's hole in one on the sixth hole. He adds two birdies over the next three holes but drops one on the 11th.

Rory made a birdie on 10. Incredibly, he's actually on par for the round. That's how brilliant his recovery shots have been. But it's a gamble every time, and it catches up with him on 11. Into the drink. Great recovery, of course, but his putt lips out and it's double bogey. Young dropped one on 15; he found water as well but made the recovery.

Bad bump off the green on 12. Bogey for Rory, birdie for Young on 16. The American has taken the lead. Birdie for Shane on 14. Two off the lead. Hits the water on 15, though. Managed to save par. It's the hope that kills you....

Rory manages to rescue par on the 13th as well. I don't know. It's like watching a person ski down an avalanche and somehow get away with it.

Young finishes his round and is on top of the leaderboard. Sam Burns lands a birdie; he's right back in the conversation.



Another bad start for Rory on 14, but a great putt gives him a birdie. This is bizarre. He's simultaneously the best and worst golfer in Augusta today. Getting better, though. Chance of an eagle on 15. Close but no cigar; but another birdie means he's back up with Young. Birdie chance on 16 as well. Is Rory back on song? Not quite, has to settle for par.

Ouch. Behind a tree on 17, and he ends up with a bogey.

Last hole. Lads, Rory has somehow managed to actually find a fairway with his opening shot! Long birdie chance, doesn't quite land but it's a par. The way he has played today, I'd take it all day long. Started six shots in front, finishes level with Young on 11 under. Could be a lot worse.

Last day. The wheat has already been separated from the chaff (you and I are chaff, in case you were wondering). Bogey for Shnae straightaway, birdie for Burns. Three way tie for the lead. Par for both Rory and Cameron Young on the first.

Birdie for Shane on the second. Double bogey for Burns. That'll sting.

Good approach shots by both McIlroy and Young on the second. Young gets the birdie. He's out on his own in front. Sixteen holes to go. Great birdie for Rory on the third. Par for Cameron. Level again. Both are in trouble on the fourth. Young saves par. Rory....does not. Three putts for a double bogey. Ouch.

Double bogey for Shane as well. Irish eyes are not smiling.

Par for Rory and Cameron on the fifth. Rory would have hoped for more after a great approach shot. Bogeys on the sixth for both. Young remains two in front, the remarkably consistent Justin Rose and Henley (I paid him absolutely no attention) are one shot behind, Rory is two. Scottie Scheffler is playing well enough to be in the conversation too. Two putts on the ninth, though. Rose has just birdied the eighth. Seventh. Birdie for Rory, bogey for Cameron. Massive swing. Rose in front. Birdies the ninth, two in front. Birdies for both Rory and Cameron on the eighth. One behind. Rory is looking more like himself. Can he keep it up?

Birdie chance for Rory on the ninth, couldn't take it. Got par, though, and Justin Rose drops a shot on the eleventh. Par for Rory and Cameron on the tenth.

Bogey again for Rose. I actually like the guy, but two bogeys in a row leaves the door open for McIlroy. And Rory's playing really well now. Bogeys the 12th. Never in doubt.

Rose with an eagle chance on thirteen, ends up with par. Birdie for Rory on the thirteenth. Two clear. Two put for par on the fourteenth.

Birdie for Shane....then bogey for Shane. He's slipping inexorably down the pack. Birdie for Rose. On his own in second place, two behind Rory, who did well to make par on the fifteenth.

Double bogey for Shane. The day has been a disaster for him. Gone from fourth to way out of the running. Scaffler has finished on -11, clubhouse leader.

16th. Tough shot for Rory to make par....makes it. Say what you will, the man has nerves of steel. I don't; I'm totally caught up on this. I don't even play golf, but this is gripping.

Bogey for Rose on 17. -10. The door is wide open for Rory now.

Poor enough approach shot on the 17th for Rory, but a great recovery. Very nearly birdies it. Par. Two shots in hand, one hole to play. All about Rory now. He can afford a bogey and still win.

Conservative approach. Dead right. Two putts to make history.

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With the Masters on the line? No, I wouldn't. Probably not. But Rory's Rory, and he has been here before....

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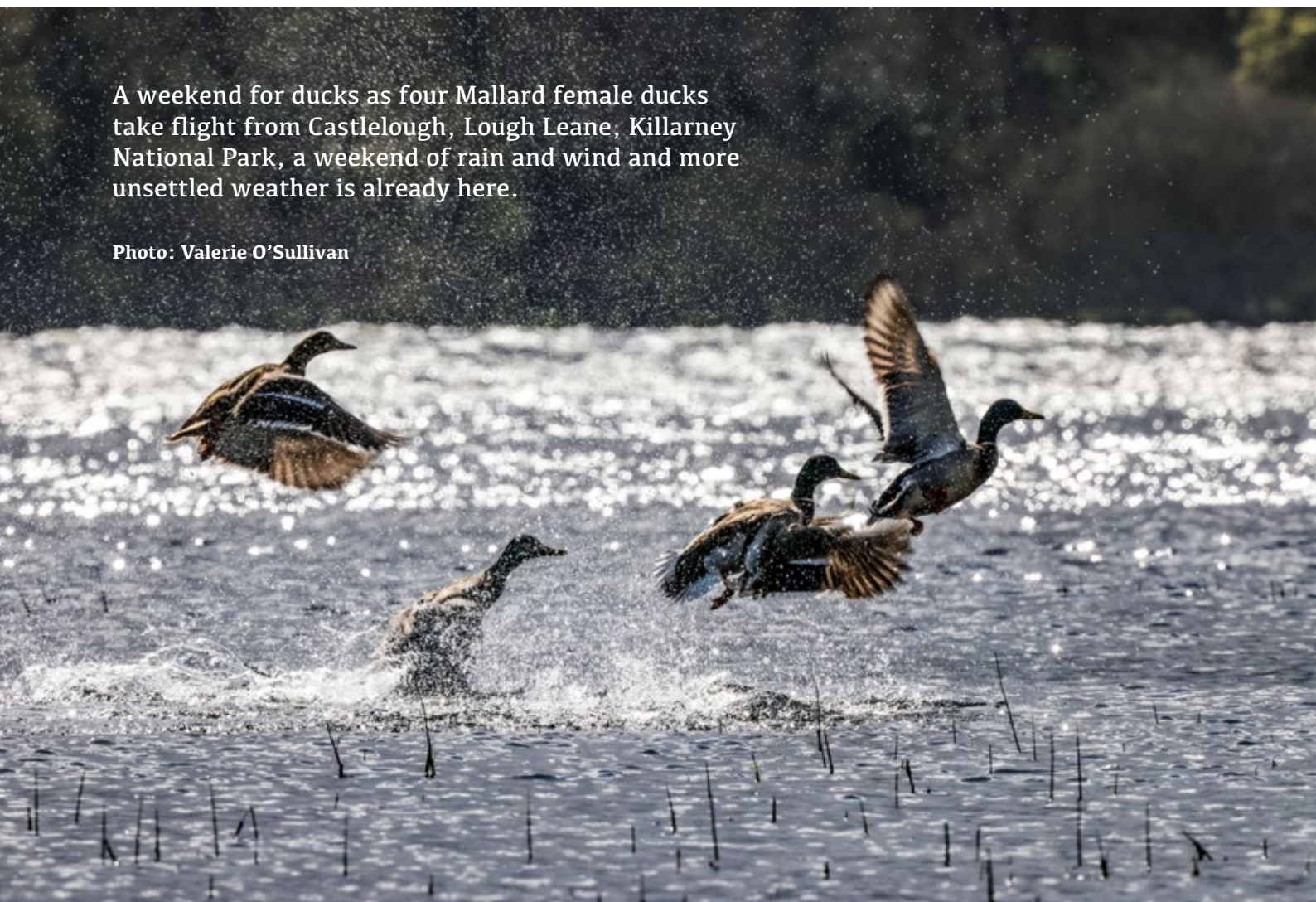
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## MOTHER NATURE'S LAMENT

By Nicky Barry

Poor old Mother Nature, just hasn't got a clue,  
What is happening all around, and wonders what to do.

For millennia she presided, over her world domain,

As would any mother, loving four children.

She named them Summer, Winter, Autumn and Spring,

And Summer was her favourite, for all the joy it brings.

She really relished Springtime, after dark Winter's days,

And Autumn always left her sad, with its dying ways.

These seasons came like clockwork, year in and year out,

And she knew what to expect, each month without doubt.

She had one great trauma, as the Ice Age came and went,

But her children rallied round her, ever consistent.

She saw earthquakes and volcanoes, which tore her world apart,

And pestilence and famine, and tsunamis all were part,

Of the ravishes through centuries, to break a mother's heart.

She saw the cruelty of wars, and two

Atomic bombs,

But she aroused the sun each day, to

keep her planet warm.

But lately she's astounded, by the

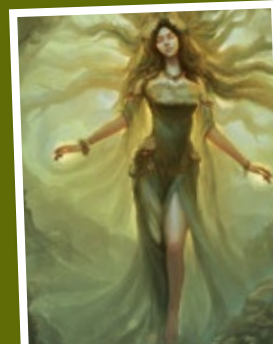
current climate change,

From burning fossil fuels, and her

children are enraged,

For they've lost their identities, and

we are all to blame!





# A Word of Victory

*"As dead flies cause even a bottle of perfume to stink, so a little foolishness spoils great wisdom and honour. A wise person chooses the right road; a fool takes the wrong one" (Ecclesiastes 10:1-2 NLT).*

Welcome back dear student, compromise can seem like the easier option in the heat of the moment, but afterwards it leaves a mess. Jesus said "the road that leads to destruction is broad and its gate is wide for the many that choose that way. But the gateway to Life is very narrow and the road is difficult, and only a few ever find it" (Matthew 7:13-14). So much of compromise has to do with influence. "Bad company corrupts good character" (1 Corinthians 15:33). The Word tells us that Wisdom is the principle thing (Proverbs 4:7). That means it's very important. The fear of the Lord is identified as the beginning of Wisdom (Proverbs 9:10). Wisdom sadly, is often scarce, because people turn away from God to their own desires and wants, ending up struggling with all kinds of problems as a result. They've been fooled into thinking that they don't need God, that He is a myth, or that they have the universe inside of themselves thus making them gods. It's a trap that the enemy has used effectively to create massive chaos and dysfunction. What is good is now called evil and what is evil is called good – things are completely perverse, and like a silent killer gas creeps in and fills the place, binding all those caught by it completely unaware (Isaiah 5:20). "The Wisdom of the prudent is to discern his way, but the folly of fools deceives them" (Proverbs 14:8).

Accountability, honour, integrity, wisdom, and truth, are rare, godly traits because the world's culture promotes and celebrates the opposite - deception, scorn, and low behaviour. Doing the right thing is never easy or popular, but as John Wayne said, 'a man's gotta do what a man's gotta do!' It was wonderful to witness the hardworking, and unheard people of Ireland arise in unity this past week. Those who go to work night and day to ensure that we have food, supplies, and help for our daily lives. Rising costs are crippling their livelihoods. Many are at breaking point financially and emotionally. The hostility from some of our government representatives and others, is despicable. It's a tough station - working in the private sector, with the pressures of covering taxes and bank loans, paying wages and pensions, and trying to keep the lights on. We pray for God's provision and peace for all the small businesses, that they would know the goodness of God, and the joy of Salvation through Jesus. And we pray that we would have a righteous government in this nation, that people would turn to the Lord Jesus for deliverance and wisdom, and humble themselves to ask God to help them get onto the right pathway of Life. "If My people who are called by My Name will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from Heaven, and I will forgive their sin and heal their land" (2 Chronicles 7:14).

To understand where we are going we must understand where we have come from. The Lord tells us to ask Him for the ancient paths to find the right way to peace and rest for our souls (Jeremiah 6:16). What would happen if instead of compromising, we chose to ask God for His help to stand strong, and do what His Word tells us to? Jesus said if you love Me you will obey My Commandments (John 14:15). Friend, in growing to know the Lord through His Word, we discover true peace, wisdom, and joy!

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## 12TH ANNIVERSARY

### BUCKLEY



IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
**JERH BUCKLEY**  
LATE OF LISMONGANE, FOSSA,  
KILLARNEY,  
WHO DIED ON THE  
16TH APRIL, 2014.

*Somewhere beyond the sunset  
Where loved ones never die.  
You sleep in a beautiful garden  
Beneath a golden sky.  
Though heaven and earth divide us  
We are never far apart.  
For you are always in our thoughts  
And forever in our hearts.*

Sadly missed and lovingly remembered  
by Kathleen, Mary, Teddy, Michéal,  
grandchildren and great grandchildren.

## 5TH ANNIVERSARY

### IN LOVING MEMORY OF PATRICK FLEMING



16 SCRAHAN COURT,  
ROSS ROAD, KILLARNEY  
WHO PASSED AWAY ON  
16TH APRIL 2021.

*DAD  
His smiling way and pleasant face,  
Are a pleasure to recall,  
He had a kindly word for each,  
And died beloved by all.  
Some day we hope to meet you,  
Some day, we know not when,  
To clasp his hand in the better land,  
Never to part again.*

Sadly Missed by Derek, Kathleen,  
Kiain, Aoife and Dara.

## 5TH ANNIVERSARY

### IN LOVING MEMORY OF PATRICK FLEMING



16 SCRAHAN COURT,  
ROSS ROAD, KILLARNEY  
WHO PASSED AWAY ON  
16TH APRIL 2021.

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

Lovingly remembered by your daughter  
Diana and Son-in-law Mick.

## 5TH ANNIVERSARY

### IN LOVING MEMORY OF PATRICK FLEMING



16 SCRAHAN COURT,  
ROSS ROAD, KILLARNEY  
WHO PASSED AWAY ON  
16TH APRIL 2021.

*Memories have such a lovely way  
Of bringing back our yesterday's,  
No need for words except to say  
You are both loved and remembered  
every day.*

Sadly missed by your son  
Malcolm, daughter-in-law Caroline and  
grandchildren Eanna, Alianne and Leah.

## PRAYER TOPADRE PIO

O Jesus, full of grace and charity, victim for sinners, so impelled by Your love for us that You willed to die on the Cross, I humbly beseech You to glorify in heaven and on earth Your servant, Padre Pio, who generously participated in Your sufferings, who loved You so much and labored so faithfully for the glory of Your Heavenly Father and for the good of souls. With confidence I ask You to grant me, through Saint Padre Pio's intercession, these special requests...  
(Mention here).

**6TH ANNIVERSARY**

WE LOVINGLY REMEMBER OUR WONDERFUL MOTHER & NANA

**CATHERINE (KATHY) O'DONOGHUE**



TIERNABOUL, KILLARNEY WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS ON, APRIL 17TH.

*'Mother' - a word that holds the tender spell  
Of all the dear essential things on earth:  
A home, clean sunlit rooms, and the good smell  
Of bread; a table spread; a glowing hearth.  
And love beyond the dream of anyone.*

*'Thanks for everything Mam'*

Fondly remembered everyday from Kevin, Paul, Bernadette and their families.

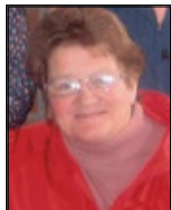
6th Anniversary Mass for Kathy will take place on Sunday, May 17th in the Church of the Resurrection at 11am.

*Rest In Peace.*

**FIRST ANNIVERSARY**

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

**PEGGY BROSNAN**



BALLYBRACK, BALLYHAR, FIRIES WHO DIED ON THE 17TH APRIL 2025

*God saw you getting tired and a cure was not to be.  
So, he put his arms around you and whispered 'come' to me.*

*With tearful eyes we watched you.  
We watched you fade away, although we loved you dearly, we could not make you stay.*

*Each time we see your picture, you seem to smile and say, don't cry I'm in God's hands, We will meet again someday.*

Forever missed by your loving daughter Margurite and Pat

*First Anniversary Mass for Peggy will take place on Sunday 19th April at 10am in Ballyhar Church.*

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & 1ST ANNIVERSARY**

IN LOVING MEMORY OF **KATHLEEN O'SHEA**



SUNVIEW HOUSE, WOODLAWN ROAD, KILLARNEY WHO PASSED AWAY 20TH APRIL 2025.

On the First Anniversary of Kathleen's passing we would like to thank those who supported us following Kathleen's passing.

We would like to particularly thank O'Shea's Funeral Directors, Fr. Kieran O'Brien, Fr. Jim Lenihan, Tadgh Fleming, Laura O'Keeffe and Maire Connolly for their help and kindness with the funeral service.

Thanks to Joan, Shannon and the staff at the Heights Hotel for the repast. Kathleen celebrated many life events at the hotel and it was fitting we celebrated her life there.

A special word of thanks to neighbours and friends and all those who sympathised with us at the funeral home and at the funeral Mass, those who travelled to celebrate Kathleen's life, those who posted RIP condolences, watched the funeral Mass via live stream and sent Mass cards.

*Your life was one of kindly deeds,  
A helping hand for others' needs,  
Sincerely and true in heart and mind,  
Beautiful memories left behind.*

Loved and missed by Breda, Alan and Katherine.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & 1ST ANNIVERSARY**

IN LOVING MEMORY OF **CON ALLEN**



AGLISH, BALLYHAR, KILLARNEY WHO PASSED AWAY 24TH APRIL, 2025.

As we lovingly remember Con on his first Anniversary, we would like to express our thanks to those who called to the house, attended his funeral or sent sympathy or Mass Cards.

We also wish to thank the following; Con's relatives, neighbours and friends who called to visit him over the years. Listry meals on wheels team and his exceptional home helps who became his friends as well as his carers.

Thanks to Furies Community Laundry. The teams at Farranfore Medical Centre, Ahems and Sheahans Chemists, Castleisland Community Care and University hospital Kerry.

We will be forever grateful for the excellent care in the Hawthorn ward, Killamey Community Hospital that he received for his final months.

Thank you to Fr. Kieran O'Brien and concelebrants who officiated at his funeral. Eamonn O'Connors Funeral Directors, O'Connors who provided the music at the Church and Ger Healy who sang at the graveside.

Finally, as it is impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of our gratitude.

Cons First Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday, 26th April 2026 in the Sacred Heart Church, Ballyhar at 10am.

**IN MEMORIAM**

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**NOVENA TO ST. JUDE**

Most holy Apostle, St. Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the Church honors and invokes you universally, as the patron of difficult cases, of things almost despaired of, Pray for me, I am so helpless and alone.

Intercede with God for me that He bring visible and speedy help where help is almost despaired of. Come to my assistance in this great need that I may receive the consolation and help of heaven in all my necessities, tribulations, and sufferings, particularly (Mention your request here...)

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

Amen

**NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART**

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

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

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

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

Amen.

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

Thank you for favours received

**THE MIRACLE PRAYER**

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

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

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

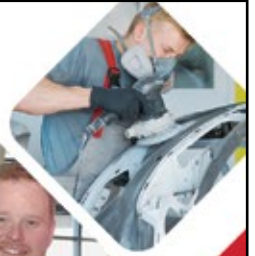
Amen.

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

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