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# A Note from the EDITOR



As we bid farewell to 2025, we are delighted to present an extra-special edition packed with 112 pages of festive fun, local news, photographs and advertising. At the heart of this week's paper is our much-anticipated souvenir edition, a celebration of moments, memories and milestones that invites readers to take a nostalgic stroll down memory lane and reflect on times gone by.

This time of year offers the perfect opportunity to say a sincere and heartfelt thank you. First and foremost, we thank our readers, who are truly the foundation of our publication. Your loyalty, engagement and support each week make everything we do possible, and we are deeply grateful for the trust you place in us to tell the stories that matter most to our community.

We would also like to extend our appreciation to all those who contribute so generously to our pages. From our dedicated writers covering news, community events and sporting achievements, to the many local voices who help bring colour, insight and authenticity to our content, your commitment and passion are invaluable. Our thanks also go to the photographers who week after week share their remarkable images, capturing the people, places and moments that define our community so beautifully.

A special word of thanks is owed to our advertisers, whose continued loyalty and support over the years play a vital role in sustaining this publication. By choosing to support local media, you help ensure that we can continue to inform, celebrate and connect our community every single week.

On behalf of the team, Maura, Emma, Ria, Deirdre and myself, we would like to wish all our readers a very happy, peaceful and safe Christmas. We look forward to the year ahead, as we continue to grow and proudly serve our community week after week.

*Aisling Crosbie*



*Melissa Trant captured amazing snow images on Carrauntoohil for the Christmas Picture Perfect Section!*



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‘Out for the Day...’



Walking at Christmas time is a lovely tradition in Kerry, well known fundraiser and Musician Derry Healy, James Cahill and crew are fundraising for Kerry Mountain Rescue Team on Saturday, December 27th, 2025. They are organising a charity ‘fun day’, trekking the 17 km trail of the ‘Old Kenmare Road’ with none other than that well known piece of silver ‘Sam Maguire’.

The trek, inspired by Killarney Man, James Cahill, who says he owes his life to Kerry Mountain Rescue Team following an horrendous fall on Bothar na Gíge (the Zig Zags) while descending Carrauntoohil in July 2016. James is so grateful for the courageous team for saving his life and he wants to give back to the team. James was treated at the scene by KMRT and airlifted to Kerry University Hospital by ICG Rescue 115. James sustained horrific injuries that left him paralysed on his right side. That followed several months of treatment at the National



Rehabilitation Hospital in Dún Laoghaire, with constant support from his wife Carmel and their families.

For people out for the day and in need of a bit of ‘craic’- there will be an important stop to play

## Charity Walk & A Set Dance with Sam for Kerry Mountain Rescue

music and have “a set dance with Sam” - at the newly restored Sheep Shed at Eskamucky Glen. On arrival in Kenmare town - trekkers may avail of the FREE bus transfer return to base camp at the Upper Torc Car Park, Killarney National Park. Those wishing to book their seat must register on eventbrite. Alternatively, walkers may organise their own transport or if families and walkers wish to turn back at the Sheep Shed or at Derrycunihy Church, that’s perfect too!

**For Donations:** <https://kerrymountainrescue.ie/donate/>

### Details:

- **Meeting point:** Upper Car Park at Torc
- **Date:** Saturday 27th December
- **Time of Departure:** 9.30 am
- **Total amount of Kilometres:** 17 km
- **Estimated time to Kenmare:** 6 - 6.30 hrs
- **Set Dance with Sam:** at the Shearing Shed

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/charity-walk-for-kerry-mountain-rescue-team-tickets>

## Countdown to the Annual Christmas Day Dip in Dundag

**Nikki McCarthy hands over  
the reins to**

**Santa Claus**



This year Killarney Cycling club will be taking over the reins organising the annual charity dip, with assistance from Killarney Triathlon Club. For 16 years Nikki and David McCarthy organised the popular event at Muckross Lake on Christmas morning. The couple have raised over €70,000 for the charity Aware. Aware provides support services to individuals experiencing depression, bipolar disorder, anxiety and their concerned loved ones.

The Dip begins with the annual ‘loud hailer’ countdown at 11.00 am on Christmas morning. Please be advised to park in the designated car parks at the Arboretum or Muckross House car park, well in advance of the set time.

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## MARK RETIREMENTS AT CHRISTMAS LUNCH



L-R: John O'Brien, Margaret Mulcahy, Michael Brennan, Steve Clarke, Klaus Lukas & Frank Ashe

The team of Killarney Hotels Collection recently came together for their annual Christmas lunch, marking the close of a busy season and celebrating the festive period in style. The occasion also featured a heartfelt tribute to several long-serving team members who were retiring, recognising their unwavering commitment, remarkable contributions and many years of dedicated service to the company.

Steve Clarke, Night Porter at Ard na Sidhe Country House - 6 years of service  
Margaret Mulcahy, Waitress at The Europe Hotel & Resort - 12 years of service  
Frank Ashe, Night Porter at The Dunloe Hotel & Gardens - 16 years of service  
Klaus Lukas, Waiter at The Europe - 25 years of service  
John O'Brien, Gardener at The Dunloe Hotel & Gardens - 37 years of service

The team enjoyed an elaborate and indulgent lunch in the Panorama Restaurant, savouring the festive spread before saying their farewells ahead of the holiday season.

## Men's Shed teams up with Red Chair Recruitment for

### *Bespoke Christmas Gifts*

The Men's Shed on the Lewis Road in Killarney continues to show what giving back really looks like, with plenty of cups of tea, big laughs and great craic, all while producing high quality handcrafted products for the local community.

David Fuller, retired dentist and now a key figure on the innovation side of the Men's Shed, said the Shed is all about connection, purpose and using skills for good. Once known for putting smiles on faces across Killarney, David is still doing just that, only now through craftsmanship and teamwork. He was part of the group who helped deliver a recent order of handcrafted pens made from Killarney National Park wood for Red Chair Recruitment in Killarney.

Last week the Shed was a hive of activity as the sizeable order was completed, and Billy Gleeson said that the order would keep the lights on for a good few months, a vital boost for the Shed and its members. The pens were placed into bespoke engraved cases under the watchful eyes of Mr Haulie Clifford and Mr Sean Coffey from Saint Brendan's



College, alongside a Transition Year class who deserve huge credit and thanks for their skill, care and enthusiasm throughout the process.

Billy Gleeson said he is immensely proud of what the team in the Men's Shed are producing and also extended sincere thanks to Kerry Mental Health, and in particular John Drummey and his team, for their continued support.

Paudie Clifford collected the finished pens on behalf of Red Chair Recruitment and, as a regular visitor to the Men's Shed, even picked one up for his dad,

Dermot... (Christmas spoiler alert Dermot)

Fred McDonogh, Director of Red Chair Recruitment, said that buying local and employing local staff is vital for sustainable growth, ensuring that local shops and businesses stay alive and kicking by keeping money circulating within the local economy. For more information on initiatives like this, email: [hello@killarneymensshed.ie](mailto:hello@killarneymensshed.ie) or call in to the Men's Shed at the top of the Luas Road in Killarney for some amazing present ideas.

Dr Crokes' Kathleen's Gentle Exercises for Seniors concluded their weekly Winter Programme on Tuesday last with a Christmas celebration





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## Sing for Charity Choir Raises €1,510 for Tralee Palliative Care Unit

The Sing for Charity Choir were delighted to raise an impressive €1,510 this Christmas in aid of the Palliative Care Unit in Tralee.

The choir thoroughly enjoyed performing at The Outlet Centre on 29th November, where they entertained shoppers with a festive programme of songs and helped to spread Christmas cheer throughout the centre.

Members of the choir would like to extend their sincere thanks to their volunteer singers and musicians, as well as to everyone who helped make the day such a success. Special thanks are also due to The Outlet Centre for welcoming the choir back once again this year.

The choir are deeply grateful to all those who donated so generously to this very worthy cause.

Sing for Charity Choir would like to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and many blessings for 2026.

## MSGR O'FLAHERTY CENTENARY EXHIBITION KILLARNEY LIBRARY



Mayor of Killarney, Cllr Martin Grady opened the 2025 Hugh O'Flaherty Centenary Exhibition at Killarney Library on Tuesday evening December 16th. The Exhibition marks the Centenary of the Ordination of Monsignor Hugh O'Flaherty in Rome on December 20th 1925.

The Exhibition will be open during scheduled library opening hours until January 17th 2026.

In outlining the purpose of the Centenary Exhibition, Society Chair Jerry O'Grady said that it was constructed with a student audience very much in mind. It is vital that future generations are kept aware of how Hugh O'Flaherty and his Rome Escape Line colleagues did not concern themselves with the nationality, race, colour or creed of those it helped. Without question they offered refuge to all who were in danger, Allied POW escapees, Anti-Fascist Resistance and Jews. Hugh followed the very simple motto of "God Has No Country".

A Framed First Day Covers of the An Post Hugh O'Flaherty Commemorative Stamp were presented to Mayor Grady and Librarian Eamon Browne.

## RADIO KERRY RADIO BINGO DISTRIBUTES €100,000 to four Kerry charities

Radio Kerry has announced the latest allocation of funds from Radio Kerry Radio Bingo, with a total of €100,000 being distributed to four Kerry charities. Each organisation, Kerry Hospice Foundation, Recovery Haven, Kerry Cancer Support Group and Comfort for Chemo Kerry has received €25,000.

This latest distribution brings the total amount raised and distributed through the initiative since its launch in May 2021 to €519,776. The funds have been generated entirely through the continued support of Radio Kerry listeners who take part in Radio Kerry Radio Bingo each week.

The funding will assist a wide range of essential services across the county, including cancer support transport, hospice care, counselling services and future development projects that directly benefit individuals and families throughout Kerry.

Radio Kerry CEO Fiona Stack said the continued generosity of Radio Bingo players is "a powerful reflection of the strong community spirit in Kerry," adding that the station is proud to support organisations delivering vital services at a local level.



Jenny Tarrant- Kerry Hospice, Fiona Stack, CEO Radio Kerry, Marisa Reidy, Recovery Haven Kerry Cancer Support House; Breda Dyland, Kerry Cancer Support Group; Joe McGill Radio Kerry





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# Christmas markets

## return to town centre

A real community effort has brought bustling Christmas markets back into the heart of Killarney town. Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce have linked up with Kerry County Council for the initiative and Killarney Credit Union has come on board as a generous sponsor. The markets, located just off Main Street under the arch at the Market Cross, are packed with wonderful festive season gift ideas, and they are a wonderful addition to the town centre this December.

The seasonal cabins adjacent to the Glebe car park feature a real holiday season atmosphere and a fabulous seasonal décor with wonderfully imaginative presents on offer.

The Christmas markets will again be in place on the last weekend before Christmas.

"It's a fantastic addition to the Christmas in Killarney Festival and we are very grateful to Killarney Credit Union for their wonderful support," said project leader Bridget O'Keeffe.



Launching the Christmas in Killarney Market at Old Market Lane, Killarney were from left, Mike Murphy, Karena McCarthy, Killarney Credit Union, Marie Kehoe O'Sullivan, Claire Frawley, Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce Festivals and Events, Bridget O'Keeffe, Christmas Markets coordinator, and Tom Leslie. Picture: Eamonn Keogh



Bridget O'Keeffe, Killarney Christmas Markets coordinator, with Natalia Eismont (Future of Ukrainian Nation), Victoriia Turchenko, Oksana Katrutha, Irina Yatsuk and Halyna Herko at the Christmas in Killarney Market at Old Market Lane, Killarney. Picture: Eamonn Keogh



Bridget O'Keeffe, Killarney Christmas Markets coordinator, Rosemary O'Connor, Killarney Organic, and Karena McCarthy, Killarney Credit Union, at the Christmas in Killarney Market at Old Market Lane, Killarney. Picture: Eamonn Keogh



Stephanie Regosa, Amo Pebble Art, and Bridget O'Keeffe, Killarney Christmas Markets coordinator, at the Christmas in Killarney Market at Old Market Lane, Killarney. Picture: Eamonn Keogh



Gerard, Gráinne, Rónan and Fionn O'Sullivan meet Santa as they enjoy the recent Festive Family Lunch at the Aghadoe Heights Hotel & Spa.



Colm Óg & Connall Cooper and their parents Ceitlis & Colm Cooper meet Santa as they enjoy the recent Festive Family Lunch at the Aghadoe Heights Hotel & Spa.



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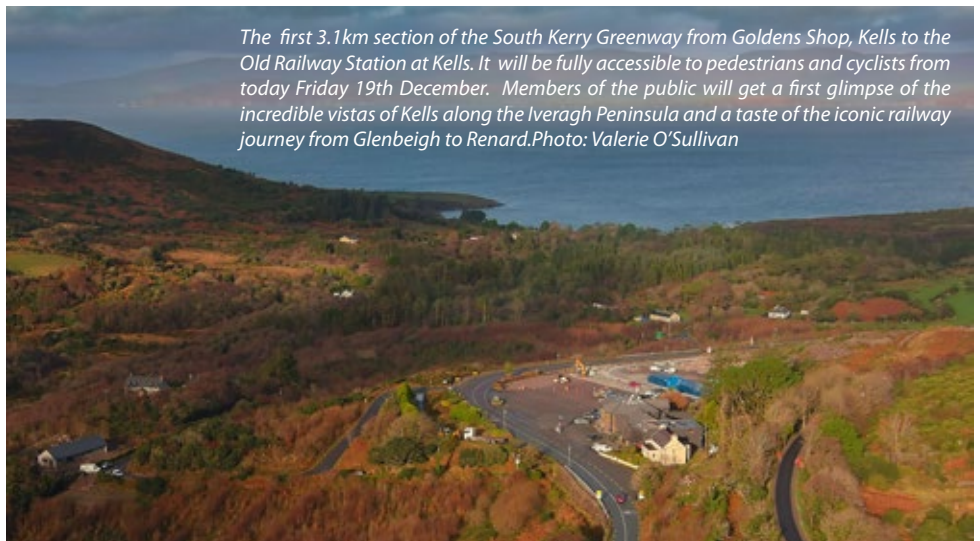
## GREENWAYS, RAILWAYS AND CABLE CARS

Budget 2026 will see record spending across Kerry. And a few good news stories are teasing things up. The opening of the first leg - albeit the least scenic - of the South Kerry Greenway takes place this weekend. It's about time the Greenway had a name. Like others I know, I would like to see this called the Daniel O'Connell Greenway. If the greenway down to Cahersiveen is to liberate south Kerry then who better to name it after than the Liberator?

The greenway has been a mixed experience. It has taken far too long and we won't be out of it for 40 million euro. It is some years since I suggested we should build a light rail alongside it. It would not have cost more and there would have been half the hassle.

Replacing the railway seemed a bit far-fetched when I floated it ten years ago. But I see now where in Sligo the rail line which was earmarked for a greenway is being looked at for future use as a railway - probably alongside the greenway.

Meanwhile another pet suggestion of mine, a cable car from Mangerton so we don't have to drive, has been taken up by Paris of all places. The Paris urban cable car has just opened and is letting people "soar over the traffic" and the



*The first 3.1km section of the South Kerry Greenway from Goldens Shop, Kells to the Old Railway Station at Kells. It will be fully accessible to pedestrians and cyclists from today Friday 19th December. Members of the public will get a first glimpse of the incredible vistas of Kells along the Iveragh Peninsula and a taste of the iconic railway journey from Glenbeigh to Renard. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan*

grid lock. It is Europe's longest urban cable car.

The new line, the first in the French capital, connects Créteil to Villeneuve-Saint-Georges in the city's south-eastern suburbs.

The three-mile route cost €138m to build and was inaugurated on Saturday. (So far we have spent Euro 22 million on the south Kerry Greenway and there's only one tenth of it open!)

The Paris cable car's 105 "gondolas" are expected to carry more than 11,000 passengers a day, each holding a maximum of 10 people, the Telegraph reported.

"Historically used in rugged mountain terrain, cable cars are increasingly built to connect urban neighbourhoods," it points out.

Now there's a thought for the budget: money to be set aside for a cable car for urban Killarney to allow us "soar" over the traffic. The new line from Aghadoe to soar over the Mission Road. So far we have spent around Euro 22 million on the south Kerry Greenway and there's only one tenth of it open. The cable car like bringing back the railway may not be so far-fetched in a year or two!

## RUDOLF AND CHRISTMAS CARDS AND ALL THAT

Well, I bet you Santa is exhausted and he hasn't attempted the hill up to Mangerton yet.

There are so many visits by him to Killarney the past few weeks even the adults are questioning how he is appearing everywhere. And sometimes everywhere at once. The answer, of course, is "Santa is Santa". Adults forget that they can't understand everything, they don't know everything. They can't be right all the time either.

Santa has unlimited powers of appearance. And that's an end to it.

However, a few children I know would like to see Rudolf "deputising" here and there. Just to give Santa a break. (Children are always more "sensible" than adults.)

Sometimes Santa's coat is a bit ragged - having to "hare" in and out of bushes and the Scots Pine in Muckross and the oaks and furze in Tomies mountain to meet so many venues on the same day. Whereas Rudolf's fur coat along with his nose is always shiny, and everyone knows that.

Rudolf stopping in the many places around Killarney Santa has to bilocate towards would create plenty of excitement. Moreover as a deer he

would be familiar but at the same time different to the organic kind, so to speak.

It is easy for children to relate to deer in this town of Killarney.

However the real Rudolf with the real glowing red nose can't be mistaken for anything local either.

Meanwhile let's hope Ireland won't turn out to be like the postal system in Denmark. This is the last year people will be able to send Christmas cards to each other in Denmark. From the end of the year the postal service in Denmark will carry only parcels. It has been around since 1624. The red boxes are being removed and only businesses will send letters anymore. That's because of the growth of e-mail, but probably too because people aren't bothered to take time to think too much, or write too much, anymore. Mind you, An Post "geometric" stamps this year are no great shakes and are far too abstract. They are also too big. Are they trying to be not too Christian or something?

Let's hope we at least hang onto the post for another while. Wishing all readers many Christmas Cards!

## LIGHT UP IN THE DARK PEDESTRIANS AND CYCLISTS AND E-SCOOTER RIDERS, PLEASE

Probably the most significant campaign this year by Kerry County Council, to light up in the dark, has been launched.

High visibility vests are being handed out in rural communities this Christmas period to tackle what the council says is a spike in road users walking and cycling in dark clothing in rural areas. We know this all too well in Killarney. As Cllr Marie Moloney told the December meeting: "There isn't one of us here that hasn't had a near miss with a pedestrian in dark clothes."

The urban lighting in Killarney is terrible, by the way. Something for the New Year for our officials and councillors, perhaps? Countess Road, and Muckcross Road are particularly poorly lit and bleak. Young men particularly, and children are cycling in the near dark clad head to toe in black and on black bikes. Only this Tuesday night a teenage girl all in black was barely visible on her bike by the old Kerry Mineral Waters on the Muckcross Road.

I see it every evening. A motion by Cllr Charlie Farrelly from Castleisland Municipal District wants Transport Minister Darragh O'Brien to make it "mandatory" for pedestrians and cyclists to wear a high viz garment when using the public road between the hours of darkness and sunlight.

His move was unanimously supported and developed on the suggestion by Tralee's Councillor Anne O'Sullivan to include wearing bright hi viz 24 hours a day. The request to wear mandatory high-viz is also to include e-scooters, on a suggestion by Cllr Paul Daly.

Charlie is right when he says he has little confidence in the Road Safety Authority - they should already have moved on this.

Hopefully the Department of Transport will heed the Kerry request and make it mandatory.





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# Killarney Celebrates A Hugely Successful and Progressive Year

## An end of year message from Johnny McGuire, President, Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce

It has been a particularly busy and a hugely progressive and positive year for Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce in 2025 with many highlights that have helped maintain Killarney's reputation as a great town to live in, a wonderful town to do business in and a fabulous town to visit.

A number of senior chamber members achieved great success throughout the year, including Patrick O'Donoghue of the Gleneagle Group being named Kerry Business Leader of the Year, Pat O'Leary, of the Kerry Tourism Industry Federation and formerly of Liebherr Container Cranes, joining the board of Tourism Ireland and KWD Recycling winning a national environmental award for its waste recovery practices. Killarney also performed exceptionally well in both the national tidy towns competition, winning a gold medal, and the Irish Business Against Litter League and Chamber played a very active part in both. Killarney, of course, could not achieve what it does without the wonderful contribution of

volunteers, right throughout the community, including those who help out with the numerous festivals, parades and events that chamber hosts every year.

Thanks are due also to tidy towns and the Mountain Meitheal volunteers who took to the woods to continue the fight against rhododendron – in association with the National Parks and Wildlife Service – an impressive 50 times this year.

In an ongoing effort to keep members fully briefed, Chamber also hosted some very engaging guest speakers at many of its gatherings throughout 2025, including retail consultant Eddie Shanahan, IBEC chief Danny McCoy, Minister of State Michael Healy-Rae, Kerry County Council chief executive Fearghal Reidy and cyber security experts Mike Dennehy and Ger McAuliffe from progressive local company Tricel. In a new departure this year chamber published informative monthly newsletters for members to keep them fully briefed on events happening in Killarney, what the chamber has been doing and what is in the pipeline. Con and Anne Stack, founders of Tricel, were the recipients of the

2025 Order of Inisfallen Award, which is organised by Chamber and Kerry County Council.

Active Chamber members, the Randles family of the Dromhall and Randles Hotels, celebrated 60 years in business in the company of the Taoiseach.

Our big events, the St Patrick's Festival, Wander Wild, the Celebration of Irish-American Friendship and, of course, Christmas in Killarney continue to grow and prosper and we thank all those involved for their hard work and dedication in ensuring they are such a big success.

This year the Chamber, in association with the Killarney Parish, chose to honour the memory of the late Donal Grady, a former Mayor of Killarney, by dedicating the star at the top of the Tree of Light on the grounds of St Mary's Cathedral in his name and we would encourage everybody to pay a visit, to remember Donal and to marvel at the magnificent spectacle that the Tree of Light actually is.

Towards the end of 2025, Chamber welcomed a new chamber vice president, Carol Dempsey and we all look forward to her input and to working closely with her on several projects as the new year unfolds. It is important to acknowledge the long-serving co-president Padraig Treacy for his remarkable contribution to chamber and we are delighted to confirm that Padraig will remain on in the wings which is where he always likes to be.



President Johnny McGuire and Vice President Carol Dempsey.

Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce takes great heart from comments made by Taoiseach Micheál Martin at the Dromhall Hotel 60th celebrations when he described Killarney as being a great town for getting things done and just getting on with it and as a location that had tourism in its DNA.

On the same day Chamber representatives had a private meeting with Mr Martin at which we lobbied him to introduce the long-promised latte levy so that the coffee cup initiative first introduced in Killarney can get a new lease of life and go on to thrive on a nationwide basis, just like the plastic bag levy introduced some years ago.

Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce wishes everybody in Killarney, our members, the local people visitors and those who are home for Christmas a very happy, peaceful and safe festive season and every blessing and good wish for the year ahead.

## Connections, Courage and Community will be at the heart of Network Ireland Kerry in 2026 under new President

Aisling Foley, Sales & Marketing Manager at The Rose Hotel, Tralee, has been named President of Network Ireland Kerry for 2026. Her theme, "Connections, Courage, and Community," focuses on strengthening relationships, encouraging bold opportunities, and supporting women in business across Kerry.

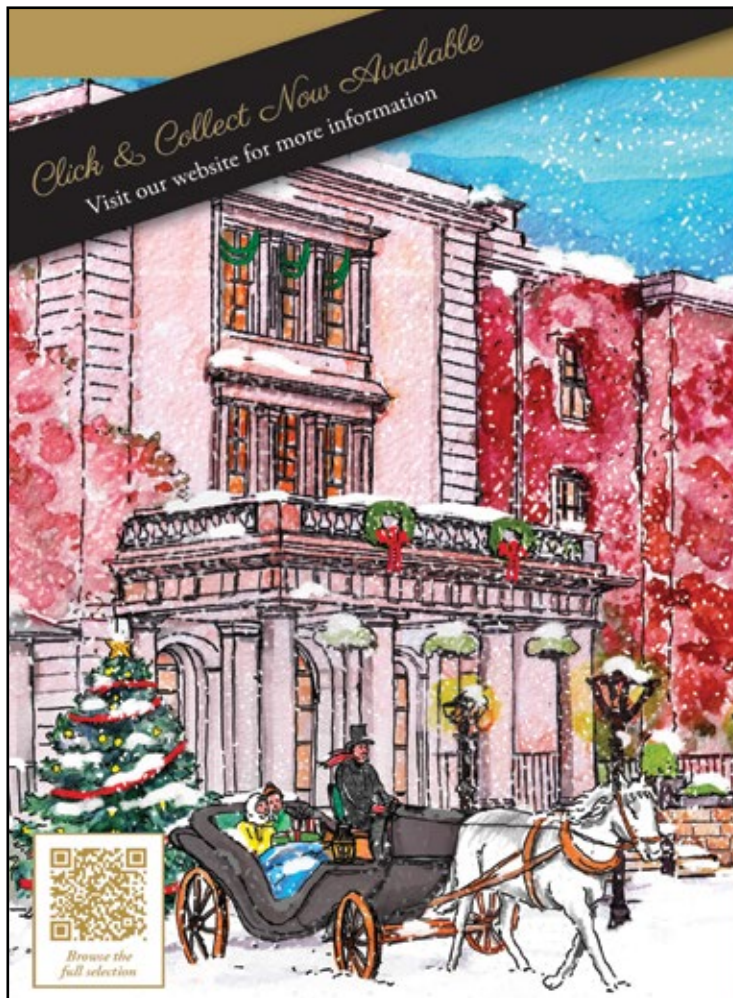
A hospitality professional since 2017, Aisling has extensive experience with national associations, corporate clients, and promoting Kerry to national and international markets. Formerly Events Officer and Vice President of the branch, she received "One to Watch" at the inaugural Network Ireland Kerry Women in Business Awards. She joined SITE Ireland in 2024 and works with the Kerry Convention Bureau to enhance business tourism.

Aisling balances her career with family life, fitness, GAA, and wellbeing. She begins her presidential year with "Mind Matters: Starting the Year with Wellbeing" on January 14 at The Rose Hotel, supporting Kerry Mental Health Association.

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# Annual Lions Club Food Appeal in full swing

Killarney Lions Club's Christmas Food Appeal, which provides food hampers and vouchers to families in need during the festive season, has seen huge support in recent weeks in advance of its annual street collection this Friday 19th December 2025.

The transition year students at Killarney Community College raised money through a fantastic bake sale in the school, while the students of St. Brendan's College had great success by fundraising through a 'non uniform' day and carol singing in Killarney town.

Next up was the first ever Santa Cycle fundraiser on Saturday December 6th, which was supported by Killarney Cycling Club and Christmas in Killarney. The event was a great success, with over €700 raised and more than 40 people taking part in the Cycle which culminated in a guest appearance at the head of the Christmas in Killarney parade.

Lions Club volunteers will be out in force this Friday around Killarney town to raise the remaining funds needed for the Food Appeal. Over 100 families were supported through the initiative in 2024, and the Club hopes to provide similar support this year.



Cyclists who took part in Killarney Lions Club's first ever Santa Cycle last week in aid of their Annual Food Appeal.



Principal Stella Loughnane, teachers and students from Killarney Community College presenting funds for the Annual Food Appeal to Denis Doolan, Killarney Lions Club.



TY Coordinator Eimear Buckley and TY students from St. Brendan's College presenting funds for the Christmas Food Appeal to Denis Doolan, Killarney Lions Club.

## Protecting capacity at UHK by understanding your discharge options

The HSE South West 'Caring for Kerry' public awareness campaign continues this week with a reminder that it's more important than ever during winter months to protect capacity at University Hospital Kerry

Every hour in a bed at UHK is a precious resource, and hospital manager Mary Fitzgerald today reminded the public that it is important to understand all discharge options as soon as they are offered.

"We are asking everyone to work with our hardworking teams planning discharge and consider all your options. Patients will only be discharged from UHK to their home or to further care when it is medically appropriate to do so.

If someone resists to move on from a bed at UHK when the acute phase of their treatment is finished, it means that someone else could face a delay in accessing care."

Ms Fitzgerald said that UHK has a new process in place to keep patients moving through the system, and asked for all patients to work with the team when they are planning for your discharge.

"Our healthcare teams in UHK and beyond are working with patients and the public to make sure everyone gets the Right Care, in the Right Place, at the Right Time, delivering on our SláinteCare objectives. The public can help by engaging with all options for discharge when

they are offered."

The options you might be offered when it is time to leave UHK:

A transfer to another facility, such as Mallow General Hospital.

A short-term placement in a Community Hospital. This is may be for rehabilitation or if someone requires a further short period of care that is not acute.

A short-term placement in a nursing home.

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# Killarney Celtic FC honour achievements at Senior Awards Night

Killarney Celtic FC recently held its Senior Awards Night, celebrating the dedication, talent and commitment of players, volunteers and club stalwarts who have contributed so much to the club over the past year. The evening was a fitting occasion to recognise both on-field excellence and outstanding service to the club. The prestigious Billy Healy Club Person of the Year Award was presented posthumously to the late Paudie O'Callaghan (RIP), in recognition of his immense contribution to Killarney Celtic FC and the lasting impact he made within the club and wider football community.

On the playing front, Matt Keane was named Senior A Team Player of the Year, receiving the Aidan Cronin Memorial Perpetual Shield for his consistent performances and commitment throughout the season. The Alex Schober Memorial Shield for Senior B Team Player of the Year was awarded to Mark Harnett, acknowledging his strong displays and dedication.

Youth achievement was also celebrated on the night, with Cillian Coffey receiving the Jimmy Falvey Perpetual Cup as Youth Player of the Year. In the women's game, Grainne Kennedy

was named Senior Ladies Team Player of the Year, while Grainne Kelliher was honoured as Under 17 Girls Team Player of the Year.

Special awards recognising commitment and service were also presented. Tara Cronin received the Outstanding Commitment Award, while Outstanding Service Awards were presented to Packie O'Connor, John Don O'Donoghue and John JC Counihan in appreciation of their long-standing dedication to the club. The Special Recognition Award went to Tom 'The Dub' Meehan, acknowledging his unique and valued contribution to Killarney Celtic FC.

The club paid tribute to all award recipients on the night, thanking them for their continued commitment and contribution, and wished everyone associated with Killarney Celtic FC continued success in the seasons ahead.

*Photos Eamonn Keogh*



Valerie, Megan and Eileen O'Callaghan accepted the Killarney Celtic Billy Healy club person of the year posthumous award on behalf of the late Paudie O'Callaghan at the Killarney Celtic annual awards and Christmas party in The Killarney Avenue Hotel on Friday night. Standing from left are Aoife O'Sullivan, Thomas McCarthy, John Somers, Philip O'Callaghan (Chairman), Paul Sherry and Jane O'Donoghue.



Killarney Celtic senior A player of the year Matt Keane receives the Aidan Cronin memorial award from senior team manager Peter McCarthy. On left is Philip O'Callaghan (Chairman) and on right is Diarmuid Daly.



Tara Cronin, recipient of outstanding commitment award, with her parents Joan and David and brother Ryan Cronin.



Killarney Celtic U-17 girls player of the year Grainne Kelliher with team coaches David MacIndoe and Mike Casey and teammates.



Packie O'Connor, outstanding service award recipient, with family members Noreen, Katie and Podge O'Connor.



John Don O'Donoghue, outstanding service award recipient, with family members Teresa, Amy and Jane O'Donoghue.

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# WANDER WILD RETURNS FOR THE FIFTH YEAR

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Now in its 5th year, Wander Wild unveils its most ambitious programme yet, featuring over 120 adventure, wellness and cultural events set within the 26,000-acre UNESCO-protected Killarney National Park, alongside a lively Basecamp and evening entertainment. Designed for adventure seekers, nature lovers and wellness devotees alike, the festival offers a deeply immersive weekend of connection, fulfilment and exploration.

The 2026 programme introduces an expanded mix of adrenaline and restoration, with new experiences including guided hikes on Carrauntoohil via The Heavenly Gates, North Mangerton routes, Eco Therapy sensory immersions, Plámásing live panels, Focal agus Fód art sessions, grounding movement practices, sensory-friendly rock climbing, and Wildlings, a dedicated family sanctuary.

Beloved signature events return, such as the Dark Sky Hike, guided mountain and National Park walks, stand-up paddleboarding, sunrise dips and lakeside sauna at Dundag, cycling disco Rave ar Róthar, bat walks, kayaking and boat trips to Inisfallen Island.

The Wellness Hub at Killarney House and Gardens will host yoga, breathwork, meditation, sound baths and new offerings including cacao ceremony, ecstatic dance, Five Element Flow and men's gatherings.

Evenings bring fireside chats, sacred sip-and-paint, live music in St. Mary's Church, and WanderWine socials. The festival is autism-inclusive, eco-conscious and champions accessibility with free park events and affordable ticketing.

Tickets (€10–€100) and free events are available now at [wanderwildfestival.com](http://wanderwildfestival.com), with more programme announcements coming soon.



## Kerry Stars Special Olympics Club say thank you for generous birthday fundraiser



Mary O'Doherty and her daughter Mardia, who paid a special visit to the club's athletes with a presentation of €515 for the club.

Kerry Stars Special Olympics Sports Club has extended a huge thank you to Mary O'Doherty and her daughter Mardia, who paid a special visit to the club's athletes during basketball training this week.

The visit followed a wonderful act of generosity by Mary, who, to mark her 50th birthday, chose to forgo gifts and instead asked family and friends to make donations to Kerry Stars Special Olympics Sports Club. Her thoughtful decision was met with tremendous support, and during the visit Mary presented the club with a very generous cheque for €515.00, with more donations still to come.

The highlight of the evening was a heart-warming moment when the basketball athletes surprised Mary by singing "Happy Birthday," filling the hall with smiles and laughter and creating a truly joyful atmosphere for everyone present.

Members, coaches and volunteers of Kerry Stars Special Olympics Sports Club expressed their sincere gratitude to Mary, her family and friends for their kindness and continued support, which makes a meaningful difference to the athletes and the club as a whole.





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# €850,000 IN FUNDING IN 2026 UNDER COMMUNITY SUPPORT FUND

Community groups and volunteer-led projects across Kerry stand to benefit from funding of €850,000 next year. The Community Support Fund for 2026 has been launched and Kerry County Council is now inviting applications for funding under the scheme.

The Community Support Fund 2026 was launched by the Cathaoirleach of Kerry County Council, Cllr. Michael Foley at the weekend and he encouraged community and voluntary groups to apply to the fund to support community projects and initiatives across the county.

Applications are welcomed from voluntary and non-profit making groups and organisations in Kerry whose primary focus is the development or promotion of the local community or the development of a project that will benefit a group in the community.

Applications for funding must come within the definition of one of the following five categories of support:

- Connected, Inclusive & Resilient Communities
- Community Tidy Town Initiatives, Amenity Projects & Environmentally Sustainable Projects
- Community Economic Innovation
- Community Based Tourism, Festivals and Events
- Local Community Safety Initiatives



Launching the Community Support Fund in Ballylongford on Friday were l-r: Paul Neary ( Director of Services, Community), Cathaoirleach Cllr Michael Foley, Bridget Fitzgerald (Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services).

Details of the Community Support Fund 2026 are available on Kerry County Council's website [www.kerrycoco.ie](http://www.kerrycoco.ie) and application forms are available for completion online.

**The closing date for receipt of completed applications 19 January 2026.**

**Queries should be referred by email to the Municipal District community groups are applying to or by contacting the Community Department on 066-7183680 or [community@kerrycoco.ie](mailto:community@kerrycoco.ie)**

## Kerry children treated to Santa visits as Tusla delivers festive joy



Foster parents and staff from Tusla enjoyed a meet up for the Foster Parents Appreciation Morning which took place in The Ashe Hotel, Tralee on Friday (December 12th). Photo: Michelle Breen Crean Photography

Santa, Mrs Claus and their elves entertained more than 80 children and young people in Tusla Kerry's headquarters in Tralee and in the Ashe Hotel over three days this week.

Foster carers, staff and parents and extended family members mingled together at the Santa's Grotto experience over Wednesday and Thursday, enjoying food and festive non-alcoholic drinks at Liber House in Monavalley.

The annual event organised by Tusla - Child & Family Agency staff in Kerry is always one which is enjoyed by Tusla staff, children and loved ones alike.

On Friday, a crowd attended Tusla Kerry's Foster Carers Christmas appreciation morning in the Ashe Hotel.

Long serving foster carers and their families who have given years of their lives in supporting children and young people in care were celebrated at the breakfast morning.

The morning was held to thank foster carers across the county for the invaluable care they provide daily to support children and young people while also providing them with the opportunity to meet and connect with other carers. Children in foster care were given selection boxes from Santa and the 60-strong crowd enjoyed a lovely continental breakfast.

Tusla holds regular information online session for anyone interested in becoming a foster carer. To register or to find out more information about fostering, visit [www.fostering.ie](http://www.fostering.ie) call freephone 1800 226 771 or e-mail [tusla.fostering@tusla](mailto:tusla.fostering@tusla).





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- On the 4th day of Christmas**  
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- On the 5th day of Christmas**  
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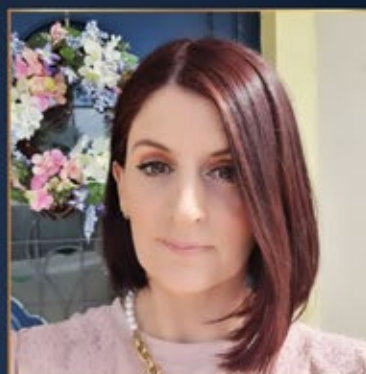


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Commenting on the election John said "I am excited to join the board and hope to bring valuable insights, experience and opinion to the table over the coming year"

John also sits on the general committee of Brokers Ireland advising on general insurance matters.

Diarmuid Kelly, Brokers Ireland CEO said "We are delighted to have John on the Board of Brokers Ireland. His expertise, common sense and good humour contributes greatly to the Board".

Brokers Ireland is the leading representative body for Insurance Brokers with a combined strength of over 1200 firms representing both Insurance and Financial Brokers throughout Ireland. Their responsibilities include advising members, regulators, government and other stakeholders on key insurance issues in order to raise and maintain industry standards.

## St Brendan's College's *Christmas Jumper Day* a fantastic Success

Festive spirit was in full swing at St Brendan's College this week as students and staff successfully donned their Christmas Jumpers in support of Kerry Hospice / Palliative Care.

The event encouraged students to don their most colourful and creative Christmas jumpers while raising vital funds for hospice and palliative care services across Kerry. The launch was met with great enthusiasm, reflecting the strong community spirit within the school.

St Brendan's College continued its long tradition of supporting the Kerry Hospice Foundation and the initiative once again generated strong participation and goodwill throughout the college.



Second year French class with teacher Paul Kelliher participating in the Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Kerry Hospice Foundation in St Brendan's College Killarney on Monday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin

The blessing of the crib in St Mary's Cathedral, a spirit of joy and reverence filled the sacred space as Bishop Ray Browne and Fr. Vitalis Barasa warmly welcomed pupils from Holy Cross Mercy School, Killarney. The occasion brought together faith, tradition, and the youthful enthusiasm of the children, who gathered to witness and take part in this meaningful moment in the Church's calendar.







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## MANY ROAD USERS IN THE DARK ON ROAD SAFETY

*Locals at O'Riadas Bar & Restaurant, Ballymacelligott received high visibility vests from the Road Safety Officer, Declan Keogh ahead of their journey home on Saturday evening.*



Kerry County Council is reporting a notable increase in the number of people who are using the road at times of low light and in the dark without wearing any visible or luminous items like a 'hi-viz' vest or an armband.

To help raise awareness about the issue and to improve road safety and visibility among road users, Kerry County Council has begun issuing hi-visibility vests to road users in rural parts of the county. On Saturday night last, the Council distributed vests to locals at Ballymacelligott. Kerry County Council Road Safety Officer Declan Keogh said: 'It is worrying to note an increase in reports of people not being visible on the road while out walking, cycling or on a scooter.'

'A motorist may come upon a pedestrian, a cyclist, or a scooter at the last second, and that's when it's too late to react and avoid a tragedy. I would appeal to anyone using the road to make yourself visible to motorists by wear high visibility clothing.'

'Being visible on the road is essential to ensure the safety of vulnerable road users and motorists alike. By wearing a simple 'hi viz' vest, an armband or even carrying a torch while walking can make all the difference and will help save lives.'

The Road Safety Authority is working with Kerry County Council to promote road safety and the Council received a supply of high visibility vests recently which will be distributed to road users in rural areas and to promote a road safety message.

## Fossa Two Mile CCE holds Christmas Céilí

Christmas Céilí was held on on Sunday last at Fossa Community Hall. We would like to thank everyone who supported it and we hope you enjoyed it. Junior Set Dancing has finished for the Christmas period and will return in the New Year. Thank you to Conor and Aisling for all your hard work and a very happy Christmas to all our dancers.

Date for your diary - Our Rambling House will be held on Saturday March 14th at the Castlerosse Hotel. This will be a very special event for our branch as we mark 20 years of Comhaltas in the parish.

Wishing all our members and supporters a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.



*Genie Tangney and his 9 month old granddaughter Roisin Mary in the home farmyard, the hub of the Tangney sheep farm.*

## 14 White-Tailed Eagles Perch as Red Stags Bellow in Killarney's Black Valley

In Gearhameen, Killarney, Genie Tangney recalls a night when two red stags bellowed all night and another when 14 white-tailed eagles perched on his family farm. Holding his nine-month-old granddaughter, Roisin Mary, Tangney guided Frank Lewis through his special places in the Black Valley for a Radio Kerry feature airing Saturday, December 27, 9-11am.

Genie Tangney and Dux O'Donoghue of Gap of Dunloe Traditional Boat Tours shared stories of the area's past, from "Saltauns" returning from Australia with otter traps to the challenges of 1970s salmon fishing. They also recalled local legends, including a man firing a gable-sized rock across Purple Mountain, and the long history of tourism, with visitors taking jaunting car, pony, and boat trips for 278 years.

Wildlife remains central to the valley's charm. Tangney pointed out salmon shaping riverbeds, rare Ring Ouzels, and a pair of Whooper Swans flying over Cloghernoo Lake, highlighting the beauty and diversity of Killarney's natural world.

Tangney's deep connection to Killarney's landscapes, wildlife, and history comes alive in his stories, offering a vivid glimpse of the Black Valley's past and present.

Catch Frank Lewis with Genie Tangney and other keen observers on Radio Kerry, 97fm, from 9 to 11am on Saturday, December 27, or listen worldwide at [www.radiokerry.ie](http://www.radiokerry.ie)



*Genie Tangney and Donal Dux O'Donoghue tell stories of the ghost village of Doogary*



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**Winter Skin Problems**

**Eczema, Psoriasis and Dry Skin Explained**

During the colder months, it is very common to notice changes in your skin. Many people experience dryness, itching or flare-ups of existing skin conditions in winter. Cold outdoor air, warm indoor heating and frequent hot showers can all remove moisture from the skin and weaken its natural protective barrier.

Understanding why this happens, and knowing how to care for your skin, can help reduce discomfort.

### Dry Skin

Dry skin is extremely common in winter, even if you usually have healthy skin. You may notice tightness, flaking, itching or cracking, particularly on the hands, arms and legs.

Helpful tips include:

- Use a gentle cleanser or soap substitute
- Apply a rich moisturiser once or twice daily, especially after showering
- Keep showers short and warm rather than hot
- Wear gloves outdoors and when cleaning

If skin becomes cracked, red or starts bleeding, it should be checked, as broken skin can become infected.

### Eczema

Eczema often worsens in winter and causes itchy, red and inflamed patches of skin. Scratching can make symptoms worse and slow healing.

Treatment usually involves:

- Regular moisturising, even when the skin looks settled
- Avoiding scented soaps and skincare products
- Using prescribed creams correctly during flare-ups
- Seeking treatment if the skin becomes painful, crusted or weepy

Both children and adults can be affected, and treatment is tailored to the individual.

### Psoriasis

Psoriasis causes thick, scaly patches of skin, commonly on the elbows, knees, scalp and lower back. Reduced daylight and winter stress can trigger flare-ups.

Treatment may include medicated creams, scalp treatments, vitamin D-based products or referral to a specialist if symptoms are more severe.

When to seek medical advice

- Itching that affects sleep
- Cracked, bleeding or infected skin
- Symptoms not improving with pharmacy treatments
- Sudden or widespread rashes

Skin conditions are common and very treatable. Getting advice early can make a big difference, especially during winter.

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## GAA 70's - A Social Revolution

GAA 70's – Réabhlóid Shóisialta (A Social Revolution) is a new bilingual, feature-length TG4 documentary celebrating Kerry's legendary football dynasty of the 1970s and the era that transformed Gaelic football. Produced by Bankos Tales with support from Coimisiún na Meán, the film is shot in 4K and features unprecedented access to the Kerry greats who defined a golden decade.

Icons including Pat Spillane, Jimmy Deenihan, Mickey Ned O'Sullivan, Ger Power, Mickey Sheehy and Ogie Moran reflect on unforgettable matches, friendships and rivalries, alongside rare archive footage and dramatic re-enactments. Set against the backdrop of the Ring of Kerry, the documentary explores how the Kingdom rose to dominance under Mick O'Dwyer and responded to Dublin's revolution, reshaping the game forever.

The film revisits iconic venues such as Croke Park while remaining rooted in Kerry's landscape and communities, where football became a powerful symbol of identity and ambition. It builds to the famous Dublin - Kerry rivalry and also acknowledges the inaugural Ladies All-Ireland Final in 1974, highlighting the growth of women's football.



Mick O'Dwyer with members of the Kerry team.

will be shown on Monday 22 December, 19:45 - ISL & Audio Description

Tuesday 30 December, 21:00 - English Subtitles & Audio Description  
On TG4 and worldwide on TG4.ie

## A surprise for Mike as he Honours his Staff



Drivers and office staff from Kerry Coaches - Killarney gather outside Harrow Restaurant, Killarney for an historic photo that includes, Mike Buckley, Managing Director, Johnny Buckley, Director and Veerpal Yadav, Director. The coach company was honouring staff and celebrated current employees' dedication and long-standing commitment to Kerry Coaches. Photo: Don MacMonagle

Over 130 Kerry Coaches employees gathered on 7 December at Harrow Restaurant, Killarney, to celebrate long-serving colleagues and their dedication to the company. More than 45 service awards were presented across three categories: over 10 years, over 20 years, and 12 drivers with 30-40 years of service. Each recipient received a personalised photograph and commemorative gift, followed by an evening of festive dining and entertainment.

The ceremony marked a milestone in Kerry Coaches' 68-year history and highlighted the company's commitment to recognising loyalty and excellence. Awards were presented by members of the Buckley family: Mike, Johnny and Veerpal Yadav. The evening concluded with a surprise Lifetime Achievement Accreditation for founder Mike Buckley, awarded by the All-Ireland Business Foundation in recognition of his outstanding contribution to Ireland's tourism industry.



Jackson with Mary Fleming and Kerry Fitzgerald participating in the Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Kerry Hospice Foundation in St Bren dan's College Killarney on Monday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



St Brendan's students Elliot Lyne, Adam Quirke and Mark O'Connor participating in the Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Kerry Hospice Foundation in St Bren dan's College Killarney on Monday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin





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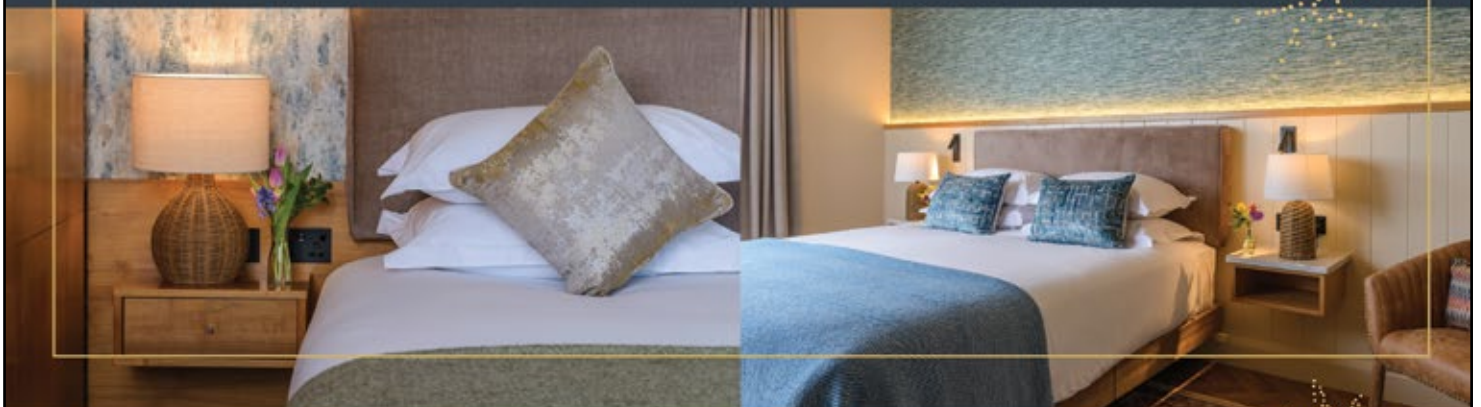
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Attending the Killeentierna Youth Club's Christmas Disco at the Killeentierna Community Centre Currow L to R: Kyle Quinlan, Martin McGuire, Gearoid Fleming and Ben Brosnan.



Attending the Killeentierna Youth Club's Christmas Disco at the Killeentierna Community Centre Currow L to R: Sara Jane Fealy and Aisling McMahon.



Musicians from 'Killarney by Candlelight' in aid of the Kerry Hospice Foundation which was held recently celebrated pianist Kieran Finnegan soprano Laura O'Keeffe, virtuoso violinist and award winning composer Harry O'Connor.



CHOO CHOO. The festive magic of Christmas came alive on the streets of Killarney on Saturday night for the weekly magic Christmas parade in the run up to Christmas 2025. A Pictured on the Killarney Valley Classic & Vintage Club Polar Express are Train driver Michael Clifford, Ticket Master, Breda Daly and guest of honour Cian O'Connor and his dad is Pat.



At the Killarney Celtic annual awards and Christmas party in The Killarney Avenue Hotel on Friday night were front from left, John Don O'Donoghue, Frank Roberts, Cathal Bartlett and Diarmuid Daly. Back from left are Der Lyne, Tony Huggard, Mike O'Doherty, Packie O'Connor, Thomas McCarthy and James Murphy. Picture: Eamonn Keogh



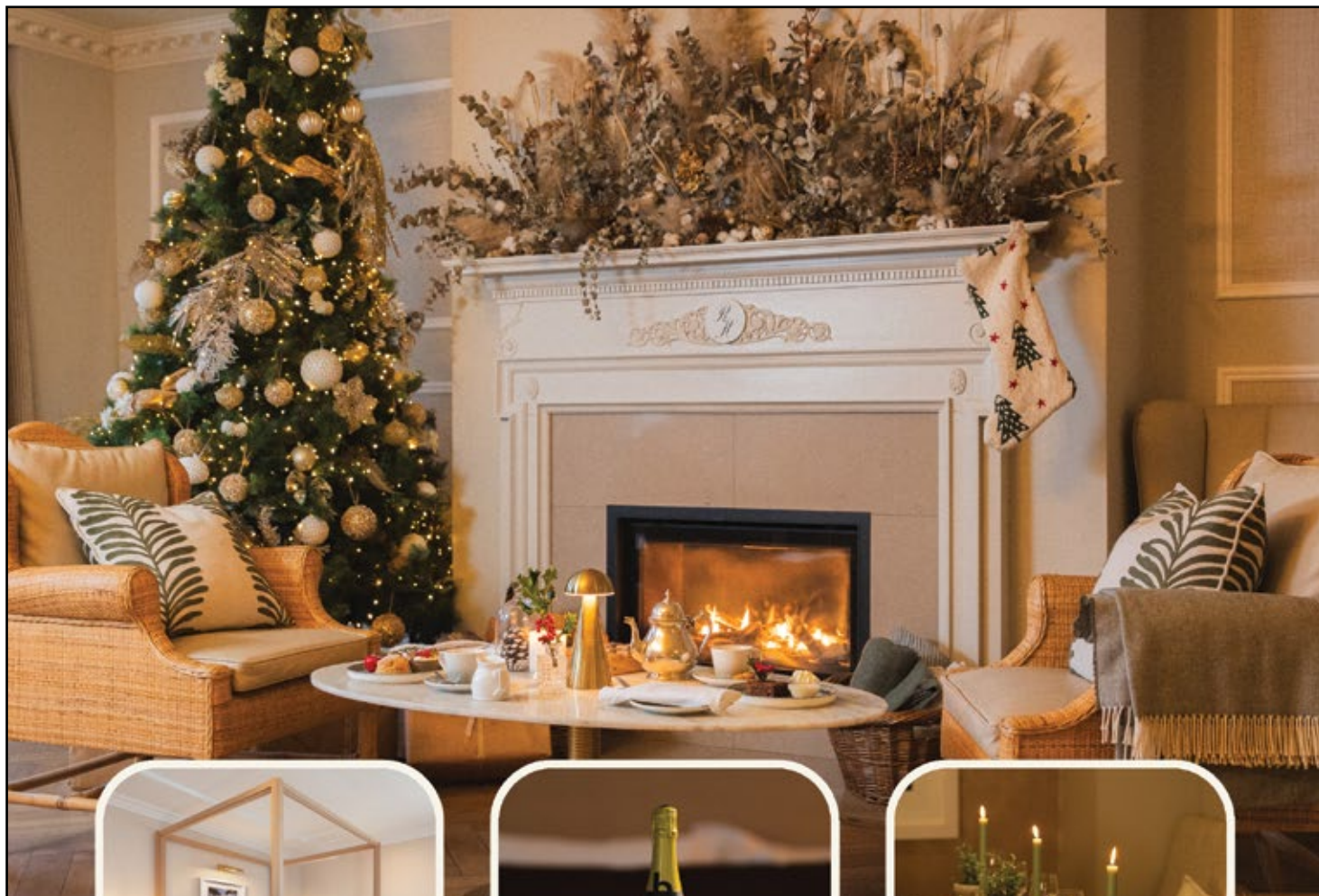
St Brendan's College staff and students Mark Bartlett, Luke Moynihan, Luke O'Shea, Oran Lynch (standing from left) Leo Keane, Cian Kelly, Brian White, Ethan Murphy, Séan Horan, teacher Jenny Hannon, James O'Meara, teacher Ann Culloty and teacher Carol Hickson with the food collected in the College for St Vincent de Paul Charity Food Appeal.

Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Giving Santa their Christmas list at the Tusla Foster Parents Appreciation Morning which took place in The Ashe Hotel, Tralee on Friday (December 12th) were Nicholas Howe (Link Worker Tusla), Breda Lynch (Area Manager Tusla), Freda Fitzgerald (Link Worker Tusla) and Kay Naughton (Principal Social Worker). Photo: Michelle Breen Crean Photography





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

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

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



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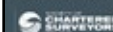
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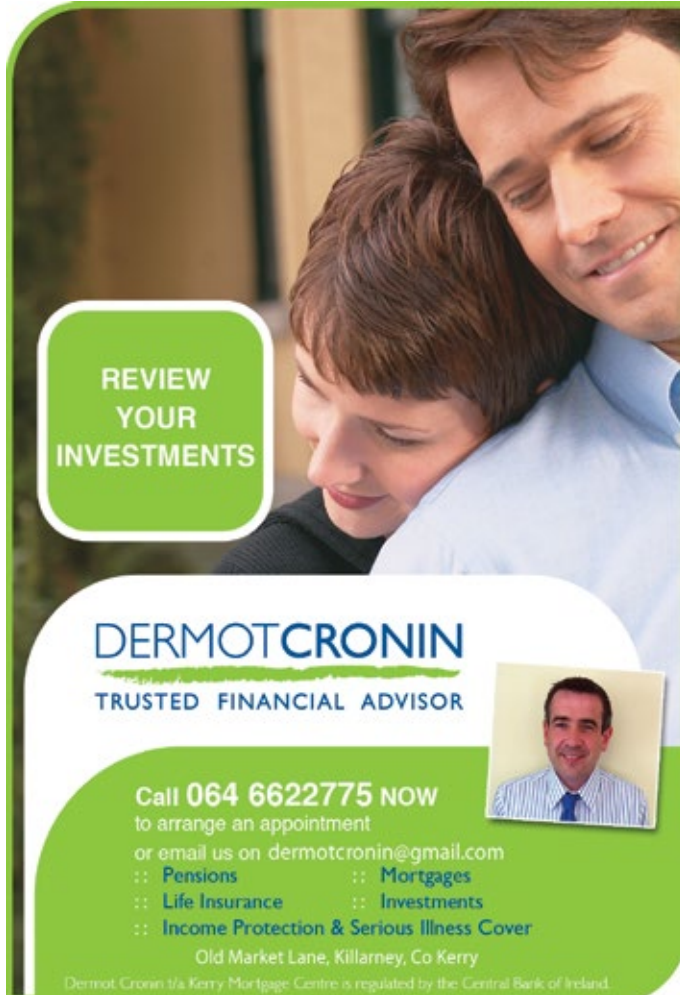
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## THE NEW KERRY COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP BOARD

which has replaced joint policing committee has been set up by Kerry County Council & appointed by Minister for Justice Jim O'Callaghan TD. Cllr Niall Kelliher is the representative from Kerry County Council, Michael O'Mahony, representative Kerry Public Participation Network & Older People's Council & Tom Walsh representative for the Kerry Participation Network and representative of local resident of Clarin Wood Rathmore. At the inaugural meeting Cllr Niall Kelliher was elected Chairman. We congratulate them all & wish them well on their new roles.

**RATHMORE BRANCH KPFA** would like to express their gratitude to everyone involved in their recent Christmas Bingo. Special thanks to the volunteers, the supporters and those who sponsored, gave donations and raffle prizes for the hugely successful event. The proceeds which amounted to €7955 will be donated to Kerry Parents & Friends. Renewed thanks and Happy Christmas

## 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 @8.30 pm and can be viewed live on our Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group Facebook Page. This week's jackpot was €200 and the winner was Nora O'Sullivan. 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.

To celebrate Christmas we will have our usual draw and a draw for a Christmas Hamper worth €100.

## WEDDING BELLS

Congratulations to Amy Cronin, Cahirbarnagh, Rathmore who married John McCarty, Kilcummin on Friday last in St. Joseph Church, Rathmore followed by reception at Muckcross Park Hotel, Killarney

## KNOCKNAGREE KENYA MISSION

The recent Christmas cake sale, held in aid of Fr Sean Cremin's missionary work, raised a total of €1,060. The committee would like to sincerely thank everyone who baked, helped in any way, and supported the event on the night.

Thanks also to all who continue to contribute to the Knocknagree Kenya Credit Union account. A cheque in the amount of €3,970 has now been forwarded to Fr Sean in support of the mission.

## MASS TIMES FOR CHRISTMAS

### Christmas Eve

Derrinagree – 5.00pm | Rathmore – 6.00pm | Gneeveguilla – 6.30pm | Ballydesmond – 7.00pm | Kiskeam – 7.00pm | Cullen – 7.00pm | Dromagh – 8.00pm | Knocknagree – 8.30pm | Boherbue – 8.30pm | Millstreet – 9.30pm

### Christmas Day

Millstreet – 8.30am | Shrone – 9.00am | Ballydaly – 9.30am | Gneeveguilla – 10.00am | Kiskeam – 10.00am | Dromagh – 10.00am | Boherbue – 11.00am | Ballydesmond – 11.00am | Millstreet – 11.30am

## CHRISTMAS MASS BOUQUETS

Christmas Mass Bouquets are now available from the Parish Office. Mass for these shared intentions will be offered on St Stephen's Day, December 26th, at 11.00am in Rathmore.

## SAMARITANS OF KERRY

The annual Samaritans of Kerry Church Gate Collection will take place on Christmas Eve, December 24th, and Christmas Day, December 25th, at all churches in the parish.

## SYMPATHY

Sincere sympathies are extended to Noreen Cahill and family on the death of her brother, Dan Joe Quinlan, whose funeral took place in Currans on Friday, December 5th.

Sympathies also to James and Eileen O'Donoghue and family, Stagmount, on the death of James's father, Denis (Denny) O'Donoghue, whose funeral took place in Killarney on Wednesday, December 3rd.

May Dan Joe and Denny rest in peace.

## TUREENCAHILL COMMUNITY CENTRE

Christmas Concert featuring The Hacksaw Céilí Band will take place on Sunday, December 28th, at 8.00pm. Tickets cost €20. For details contact 086 315 9744 or 085 877 1949.

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL – RATHMORE

Please support Rathmore St Vincent de Paul in their upcoming annual fundraisers. Many of you regularly support our work, and without this help we simply would not be able to assist those who are struggling.

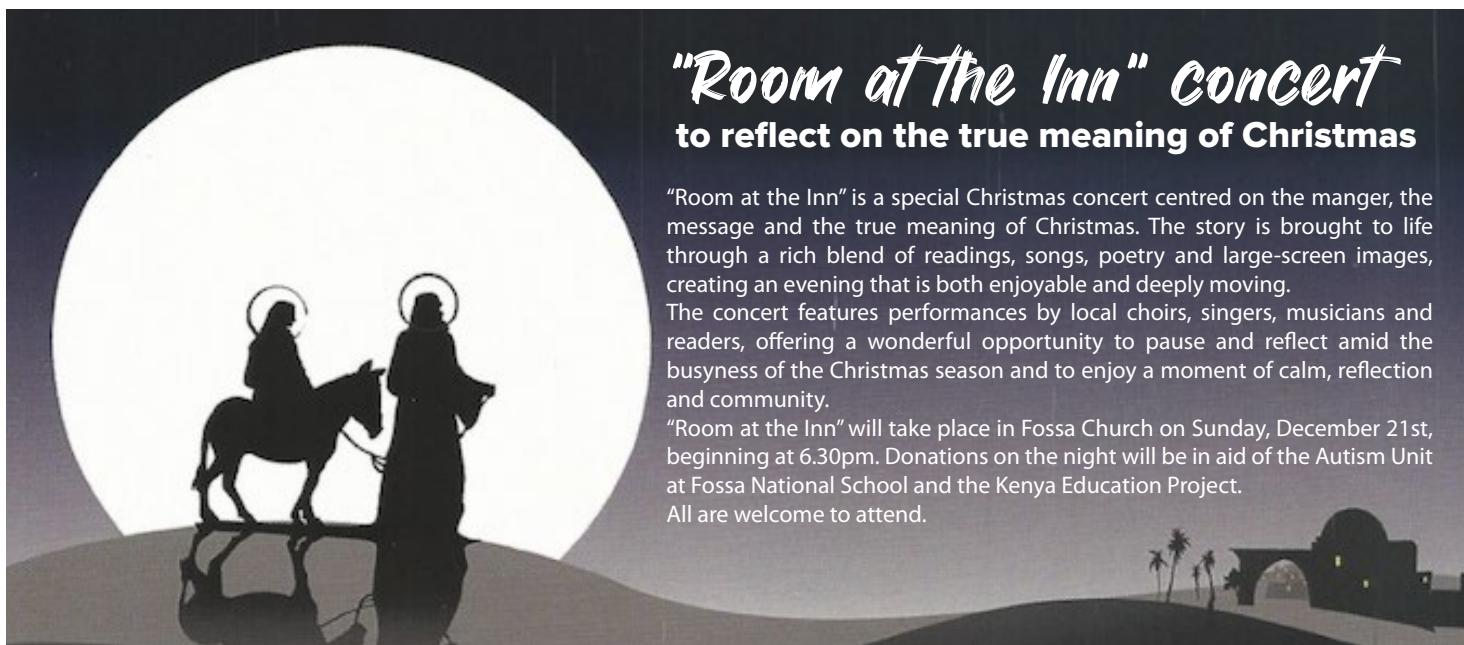
To donate, please visit the Rathmore Appeal page or scan the QR code provided. One hundred per cent of all money raised goes directly to people in our area facing difficult choices this Christmas. Contact: 087 346 2332

## SEASON'S GREETINGS

Happy Christmas to all, with best wishes for the New Year. We look forward to 2026 with hope and positivity.

## NOTES

If you would like to add to these notes, please email Michael O'Mahony at [momahony14@gmail.com](mailto:momahony14@gmail.com) or text/call 087 667 6817 before 6.00pm.



## "Room at the Inn" concert to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas

"Room at the Inn" is a special Christmas concert centred on the manger, the message and the true meaning of Christmas. The story is brought to life through a rich blend of readings, songs, poetry and large-screen images, creating an evening that is both enjoyable and deeply moving.

The concert features performances by local choirs, singers, musicians and readers, offering a wonderful opportunity to pause and reflect amid the busyness of the Christmas season and to enjoy a moment of calm, reflection and community.

"Room at the Inn" will take place in Fossa Church on Sunday, December 21st, beginning at 6.30pm. Donations on the night will be in aid of the Autism Unit at Fossa National School and the Kenya Education Project.

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## CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS

| Date                      | Rathmore    | Milltown    | Ballydesmond      |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------|
| <b>Tuesday 23/12/25</b>   | 10am to 4pm | 10am to 4pm | Closed            |
| <b>Wednesday 24/12/25</b> | 10am to 1pm | Closed      | Closed            |
| <b>Thursday 25/12/25</b>  | Closed      | Closed      | Closed            |
| <b>Friday 26/12/25</b>    | Closed      | Closed      | Closed            |
| <b>Saturday 27/12/25</b>  | Closed      | Closed      | Closed            |
| <b>Tuesday 30/12/25</b>   | 10am to 4pm | 10am to 4pm | Closed            |
| <b>Wednesday 31/12/25</b> | 10am to 1pm | Closed      | Closed            |
| <b>Thursday 01/01/26</b>  | Closed      | Closed      | Closed            |
| <b>Friday 02/01/26</b>    | 10am to 6pm | 1pm to 6pm  | 10.30am to 5.30pm |

*Seasons greetings to all our members & friends*



KILCUMMIN PARISH

KILCUMMIN SCHOOL MEMORY TREE

Last Wednesday, Fr. Kieran held a beautiful ceremony where he blessed the School Crib and the outdoor Memory Tree, the staff and children sang "Away in a Manger". The tree will light up every evening until the 6th of January, there will be a special Mass on that day to remember all our loved ones names. If you would like your loved ones remembered, there are memory cards available in the Post Office. All proceeds going to the Parents Association for the school. Thank you for your support.

PINK NIGHT SAVE THE DATE

The Ladies' Committee of Kilcummin GAA Club are delighted to announce the return of its annual Pink Night, taking place in The Klub Bar on Saturday, January 3rd. Now in its twelfth year—and supporting Comfort for Chemo for the fifth year running—this much-loved event promises a fantastic evening of fun and fundraising for all. Guests will be greeted with a prosecco reception and chocolate-dipped strawberries to set the tone for a relaxed post-Christmas celebration. While everyone is encouraged to wear pink, dressing up is completely optional—the true spirit of the night is community, enjoyment, and support for a great cause. Prizes will be awarded for Best Dressed Female and Best Dressed Male. The festivities begin at 8pm, with entertainment from Derry and Rosie Healy from 8pm to 10:00pm, followed by Barry McGrath playing late into the night. A brilliant raffle will take place on the night, along with fantastic door prizes kindly provided by our wonderful local sponsors, whose continued support is deeply appreciate.

SAMARITANS

The Annual Church Gate Collection for Samaritans will take place at all Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Martina Ryle O'Sullivan will lead the children's choir at the 5pm Christmas Eve Mass this year. Children from the age of 4 years old and older are invited to participate. A practice session will be held in the Church on

Monday, 22nd December from 6pm to 6.45pm.

KILCUMMIN GAA NOTES By Donal Barry  
FREWEN CUP

Congratulations to St Brendan's College Killarney on their Frewen Cup win today in Munster Colleges Football when they defeated Clonakilty 3-7 to 0-15. With Daragh Keane scoring 2-3, Cian Stack starting at centre back and Liam O' Mahony and Joe O' Connor coming off the bench there was plenty Kilcummin players in action. Oran Lynch, Mark Fleming and Conor Finnegan were also included in the panel. Well done to all the lads.

PITCH SIGNAGE

Kilcummin GAA has invested significantly in the club facilities over the past 5 years to support the growing numbers within our community. The club has just completed drainage works and resurfacing of the main pitch for the 2026 season. To support the ongoing operation and development of the club facilities, pitch side business advertising signage is now available. The club are offering businesses a number of options to avail of pitch side signage. The business signage year runs from 1st March to 28th February. The pitch side signs are 3m (10ft) long x 0.75m (2ft 6in) in height. The recommended information to be included in the pitch side signs are business name, business logo and contact details. If you require any further information along with the price please contact a member of the Kilcummin GAA Executive. Thanking you for your ongoing support

GAA LOTTO

There was no winner of our lotto on Monday 15th December for the Jackpot of €5,500. Numbers drawn were 08,14,16,25. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Maura Gallivan, Reidin Ní Laoithe, Martina O'Neill, Kieran O'Donoghue. Our next draw will be on Monday 29th December for Jackpot of €5,750.

KILCUMMIN RURAL DEV. OFFICE

Kilcummin Rural Dev. Office will close on Tuesday 23rd December and reopen on Friday 2nd January. Wishing you all a happy, peaceful Christmas and New Year.

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The next Draw on 21st December will be our Christmas Draw for a Jackpot of €9,000 and also some Christmas Hampers etc. If you're not in you can't win! Tickets available from usual sellers, bars and shops. Lotto can also be done online on <https://beaufortgaa.clubforce.com/products/lotto/beaufort-gaa-club>

ANNUAL GAA QUIZ

The Annual GAA Quiz will be held in Kate Kearney's Cottage on Monday, December, 29th at 7.30pm. Tables cost €40 per table of 4 and Juvenile tables U16 will cost €20. Raffle also on the night.

MEDAL PRESENTATION

Thanks to our Senior County star Mike presented who medals to the U14

boys who recently won the Mid Kerry B final. Thanks to Mike Breen for taking the time to present them with their medals. Mike is a great role model for our younger players and is always so generous with his time.

KERRY LGFA

Congratulations to Laoise O'Keeffe and Clionagh Coffey who have been selected for the U16 Kerry panel for the coming season as does Chloe Coffey on the U14 panel.

CLUB GEAR SALE

Friday 19th December @7.30pm.. for all those last minute vouchers and gifts...prices reduced on club gear

HSE South West press release:  
HSE South West offers free walk-in children's flu vaccine clinics in Kerry

HSE South West will hold free walk-in clinics offering the children's nasal flu vaccine (LAIV) in Kerry. These pop-up clinics are designed to make vaccination more accessible for families during the busy festive period.

The LAIV (Live Attenuated Influenza Vaccine) nasal spray is a quick, painless spray administered into each nostril, offering children aged 2–17 years effective protection against winter flu.

Dr. Rebecca Marshall, Specialist Registrar in Public Health Medicine, said: "Flu can be serious for children and those around them. These walk-in clinics provide a convenient opportunity for parents to protect their children and help reduce the spread of flu in our communities."

Clinic Details:

Monday December 22: 11am – 3pm Killarney South DOC, Park Shopping Village, Upper Park Rd, Killarney, Co. Kerry, V93 CVF9

Monday December 29: 10am – 2pm Kerry Vaccination Operational Base, Unit 3 Borg Commercial Park, Monavalley Industrial Estate, Tralee, V92 V3OE







# CHANGES TO OUR CHRISTMAS COLLECTION DAYS

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|---|---|---|
| <b>Thursday</b><br><b>25th</b><br><b>December</b><br>will now be collected on | <b>Friday</b><br><b>26th</b><br><b>December</b><br>will now be collected on | <b>Thursday</b><br><b>1st</b><br><b>January</b><br>will now be collected on |
| <b>Saturday</b><br><b>20th</b><br><b>December</b>                             | <b>Saturday</b><br><b>27th</b><br><b>December</b>                           | <b>Saturday</b><br><b>3rd</b><br><b>January 2026</b>                        |

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| Saturday 20th December  | 7am - 11pm |
| Sunday 21st December    | 7am - 11pm |
| Monday 22nd December    | 7am - 11pm |
| Tuesday 23rd December   | 7am - 11pm |
| Wednesday CHRISTMAS EVE | 7am - 7pm  |
| Thursday CHRISTMAS DAY  | CLOSED     |
| Friday ST STEPHENS DAY  | 8AM - 9PM  |
| Saturday 27th December  | 7AM - 11PM |
| Sunday 28th December    | 7AM - 11PM |
| Monday 29th December    | 7AM - 11PM |
| Tuesday 30th December   | 7am - 11pm |
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# Christmas SOUVENIR EDITION

## Killarney Outlook 2025

In this year's trip down memory lane we look at the town, its people and buildings and how things have changed over the years.

We truly thank the people of Killarney who have so kindly allowed us to print their own precious memories in our Souvenir Edition.

The Christmas edition of Killarney Outlook is always a special one and will be kept by many to glance at from time to time and to remember the past with nostalgia.







Locals pictured with Brian O'Reilly of Loudest Whisper in Courtneys Bar, Henn Street 2016.



Killarney Boy Scouts participating in the St Patrick's Day parade.



Three Lakes Hotel Staff. Sheila Courtney, Nora Fleming, Margaret Murphy and Noreen Foran.



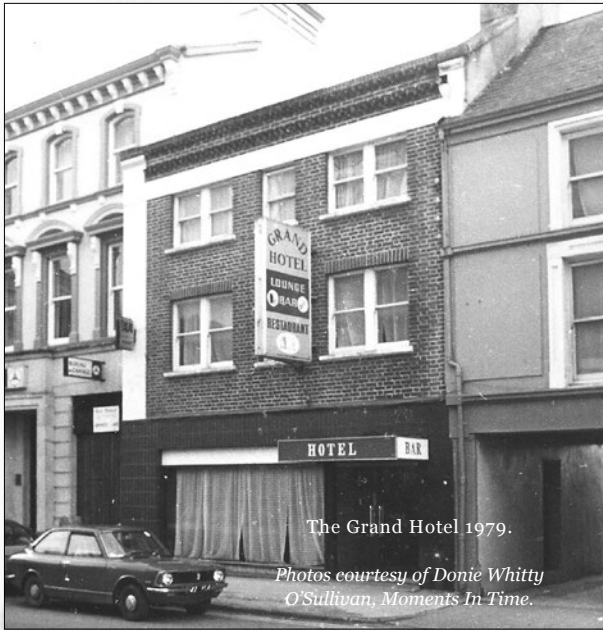
John Courtney & Sandy Hayes.

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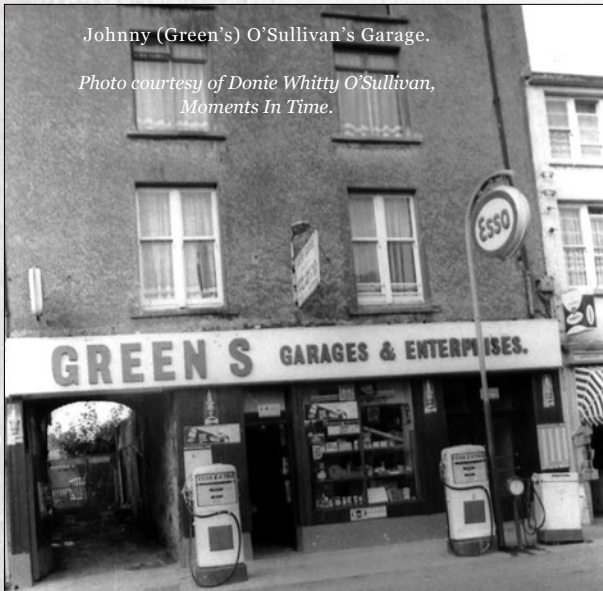
St Pauls Killarney - Here's a glimpse at our hardworking Juvenile committee in September 1994 at the same venue Front from left; Christine Carroll, Breda and James O'Neill, Sheila Dickson, Mary Kennedy. Back from left; Evelyn O'Regan (RIP), James Weldon, Breda O'Donoghue, James Fleming, Noreen Healy and Steve Kennedy (RIP).





The Grand Hotel 1979.

*Photos courtesy of Donie Whitty O'Sullivan, Moments In Time.*



Johnny (Green's) O'Sullivan's Garage.

*Photo courtesy of Donie Whitty O'Sullivan, Moments In Time.*



The Boatmen at Lord Brandon's Cottage in 1956.

L-R: Seamus O'Mahony, Micil Hayes, Danno Coffey, Dado Fleming, Tony Sugrue, Sandy Hayes, Mick O'Shea, Michael O'Sullivan, Danno Keefe.

*Photo courtesy of Donie Whitty O'Sullivan, Moments In Time.*



Busby Babes Basketball Team 1964

Front Row: Jackie Looney, Michael O'Connor, Tadhgíe Fleming, Michael O'Grady, Patrick Dowd. Middle Row: Pa O'Brien, Johnny Griffin, Geni Fogerty, Donál O'Meara, Connie Brosnan. Back Row: Weeshie Fogerty, Johnny Culloty.

*Photo courtesy of Donie Whitty O'Sullivan, Moments In Time.*



"Fr. Tidy" Fr. Michael Murphy painting the cathedral railings in 2013

*Photo courtesy of Donie Whitty O'Sullivan, Moments In Time.*





Kathleen and Con Guerin at Muckross Abbey.



Kathleen and Con Guerin on their wedding day.



Kathleen McGillicuddy Guerin and her pet pony.



Hilliards Shop Staff Night Out 1974. Included are Mary Harmon, Breda O'Brien, Sean O'Keeffe, Jim Cronin, Jo Lynch, Robin Hilliard, John Murray, Paddy Casey, Andrew McCarthy, Flor Sullivan, Joe Looney, John Kenny, Don Long, Mai O'Brien, Mickey Ryan, Sheila Heary, Jim Tensely, Tim Cronin, Eoin Hickey, Tim O'Donoghue, Jack Kelliher, Timmy Keogh, Jack Merwick, Ina Brosnan, Pat O'Mahony and Johnny O'Connell. *Photo: Kevin Coleman*

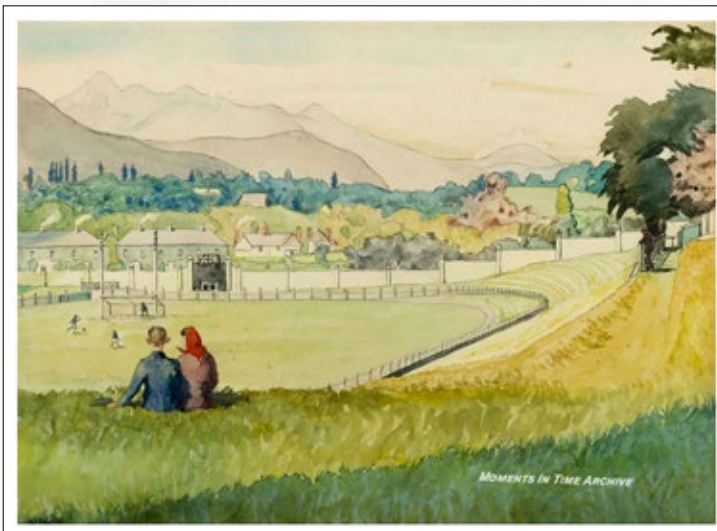


Jerry Kelleher, Pat's Coffey & Mattie O'Sullivan 1960's.  
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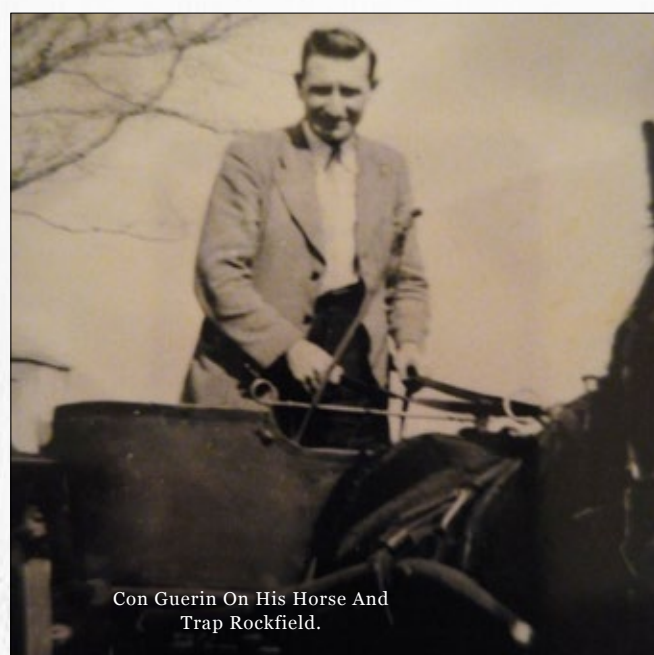
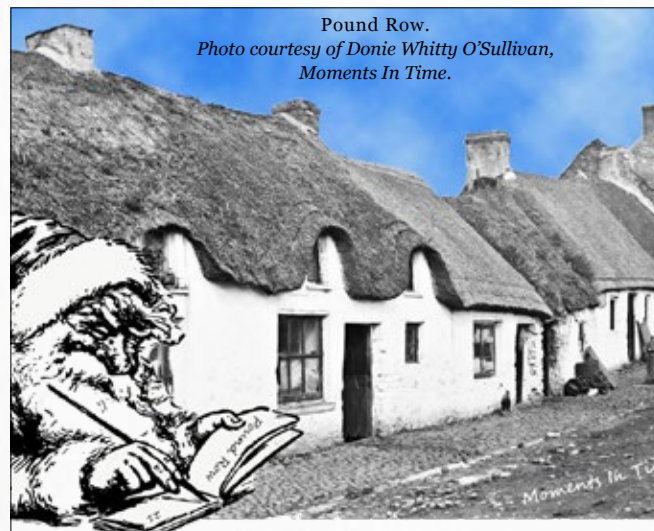


O'Meara's Shop/Bar on High Street. Pictured are left Jerry O'Brien, centre Donie O'Meara and an American man of same name.





Fitzgerald Stadium 1943.  
Watercolour by Harry Kernoff  
Photo courtesy of Donie Whitty O'Sullivan, Moments In Time.



The Mighty Men of Leamnagoulla

A team whose strength and spirit carried them through several County Championships in the 1930s. They were ultimately defeated in the All-Ireland Final by Carlow at the National Ploughing Championship in Killarney. The men were Denis O'Riordan, John Daly, Jerry O'Sullivan, Tom O'Sullivan, Mort O'Shea, George Vass, Jack O'Sullivan, Mick O'Sullivan, Connie O'Connor. Some team members are missing from the photograph Pat Broder, Tim O'Sullivan, John M. O'Sullivan, and M. O'Callaghan and the children were Richard Kissane, Mary, Dolly, and Kathleen Kissane.



Photo courtesy of Donie Whitty O'Sullivan, Moments In Time.

L-R: Peggy Hickey  
O C, Tessie  
Donoghue  
Lissavigeen,  
Maureen Sullivan  
Woodlawn, Peggy  
Cremin Chapel Lane  
Back: Kathleen  
Hurley Woodlawn,  
Sheila Shea lower  
Sunny Hill.







Snooker tournament in The Laurels 1970s.

*Photo courtesy of Donie Whitty O'Sullivan, Moments In Time.*



St Brendans Rowing Crew 1954. Front

L:R: Kathleen Ann Fogarty, Esther Aherne. Back L:R: Margaret Breen, Girlie Johnson, Noreen Cahill, Breda Clifford.



St Vincents Basketball Club 1980/81.

*Photo courtesy of Donie Whitty O'Sullivan, Moments In Time.*



Paddy Whitty O'Sullivan and his horse Icecream.

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The National Bank, New Street.

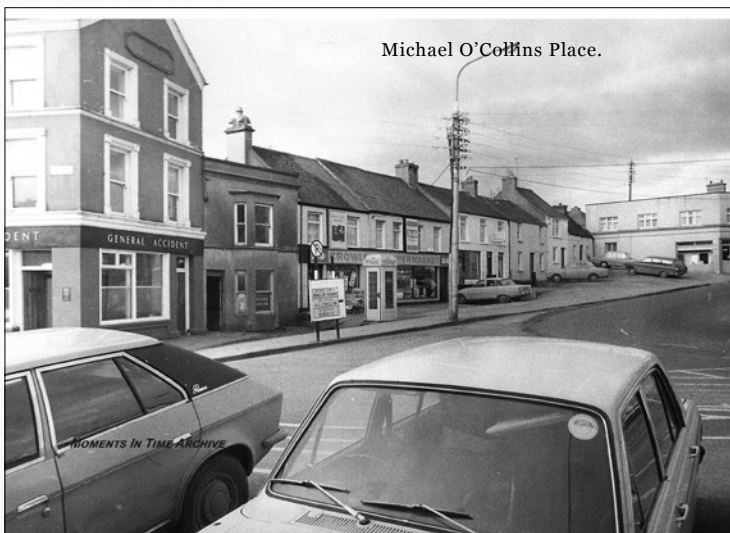
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Two High Street girls, selling school raffle tickets outside the Glebe Hotel.

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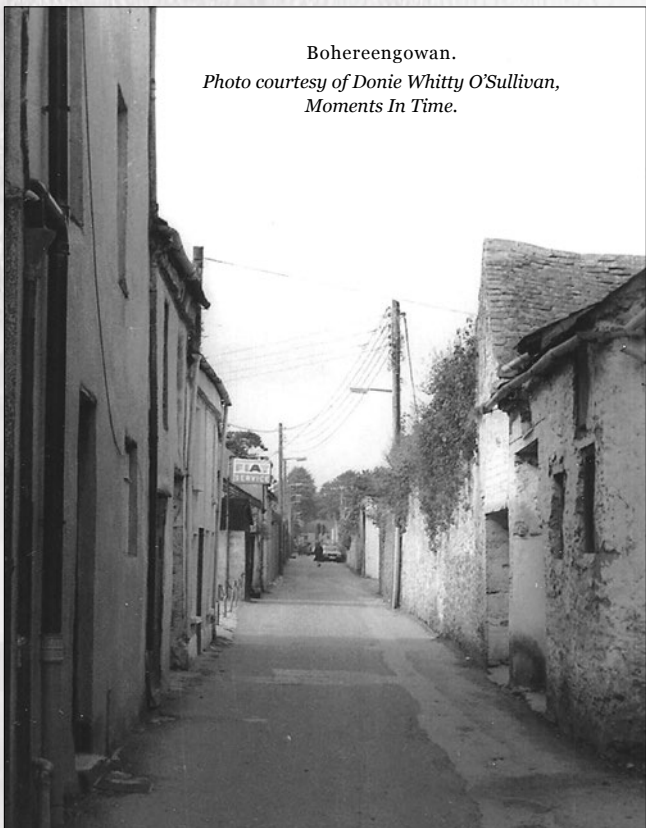


Michael O'Collins Place.



The Golden Nugget Bar.

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Bohereengowan.

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Familiar faces on a night out in Horan's Bar College Street in the mid 70's.





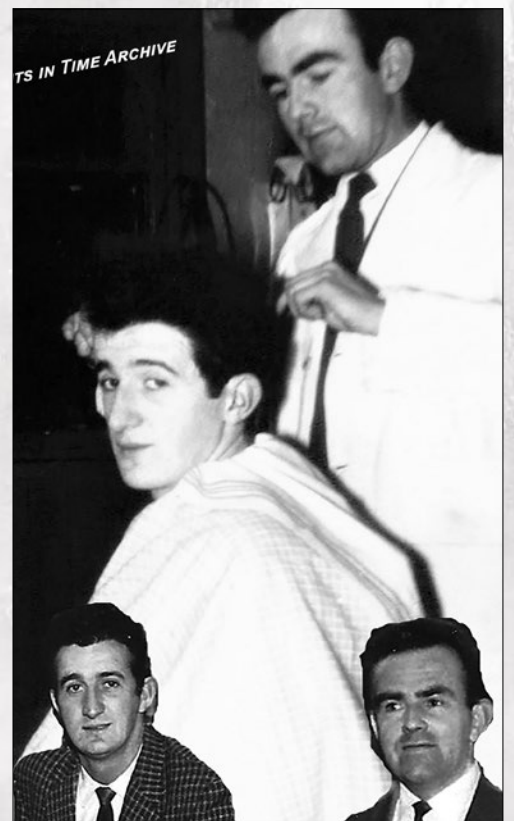
Kathleen Guerin With 4 Of Her 6 Children L. To R.-Patrick, Mary, Timothy & Margaret And Her Niece Peggy In The Early 50s.



Kathleen McGillicuddy who was asked to pose for this photo for a book called Portrait of Ireland by Adolph Morath in 1951.



McGillicuddy Family, Tiernaboul



Popular Killarney Barbers, Donie Moynihan and Benny Clifford.

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The Old Town Hall. Photo courtesy of Donie Whitty O'Sullivan, Moments In Time.



Veterans of the Lissivigeen football Team 1940's.

Front L: Arthur E O'Keeffe, Eugie Scannell, Danny Casey, ohn Bambury. Back L: Mickie Cronin, Con Doherty, Arthur D O'Keeffe, Eugie O'Keeffe, James O'Donoghue and Sean Costigan.

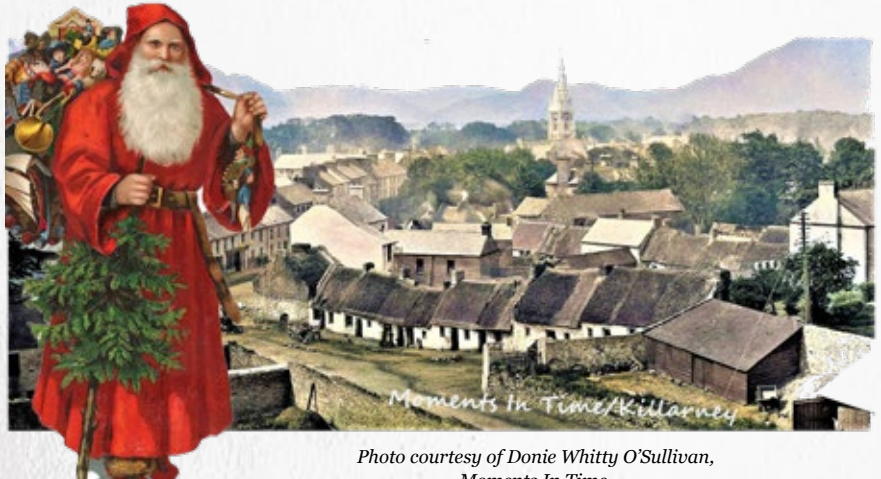
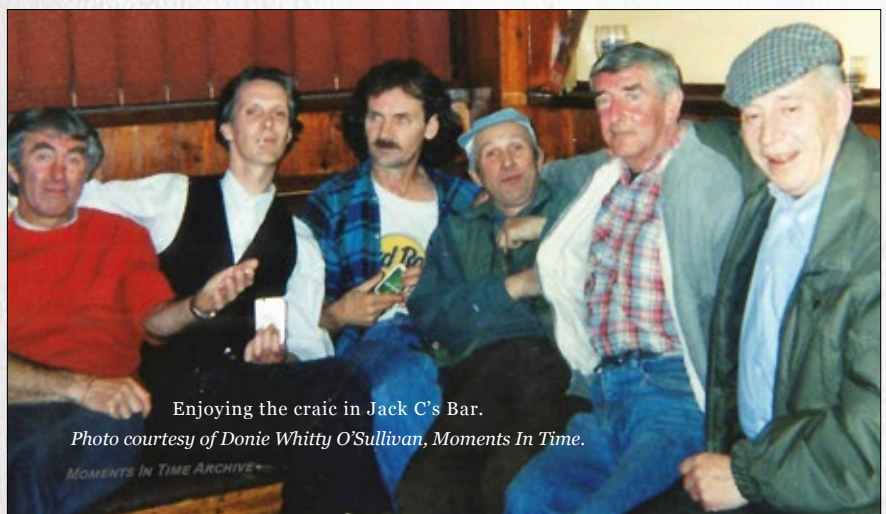


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Picture taken in 1962 at Brickeen Bridge of two life long friends, Denis Carroll (Aglish Ballyhar) and Pat Sugrue (Lissivane, Milltown) Both were on a day off from their duties at the Castlerosse Hotel. They are both riding N.S.U. Quickly autocycles and both bikes were purchased at Hilliards Cycle Shop at the corner of Main St and Plunkett St. (Now the Kilkenny Shop).



Enjoying the craic in Jack C's Bar.

Photo courtesy of Donie Whitty O'Sullivan, Moments In Time.





These Two Photographs, Are Of Jackie Doolan Van Driver, And Assistant Fred Healy, Employees Of T.T.O. Connor, Shop, and Bakery, High Street, Killarney, Delivering Bread, To the Killarney Hotels, Shops, and Guest Houses, in December 1961. (Dealz Now Oceupy Tbat Premises.) Also An Interesting Aspect, Is That The Transport Van Was The Very First Electrically Powered Vehicle Operating In Killarney, From 1955, To 1963. Who Would Have Thought Then, That It Would Take Half a Century To See Electrically Powered Vehicles, as An Increasing Form Of Transport.

*I Wonder Does Anyone Remember Seeing This Bread Van Operating Around Killarney At That Time.  
Photo courtesy of Billy Doolan.*



Larry Donovan from Glenflesk was a jarvey for The Great Southern Hotel in 1962 and 1963. Larry would bring guests on trips around the Lakes of Killarney on his jaunting car.

*Photo courtesy of Seamus Healy.*



President De Valera on a visit to Killarney in the Mid 1960's with friends and staff of the Great Southern Hotel.

*Picture courtesy of Tommy Regan*



## A Lens on Old Killarney

# The Legacy of Photographer Louis Anthony

A remarkable collection of vintage Killarney postcards by the late photographer Louis Anthony has recently been shared with the community by Pat Moriarty, whose mother, Maureen Moriarty (nee O'Callaghan) originally from Aghish, once worked alongside Anthony at his studio on High Street.

Before the turn of the century, photography in Killarney was a modest pursuit. That changed in 1904, when Louis Anthony, a native of Alsace-Lorraine, arrived in the town. Initially serving as chef at the Royal Victoria Hotel, Anthony worked amid the splendour of an old-world ballroom, where noblemen and ladies waltzed to the timeless

music of Johann Strauss.

He later opened a guest house on Main Street, where photography began as a part-time passion before growing into a full-time profession. Establishing his High Street studio, Anthony transformed how photography was practised in the region.

During the tourist season, he would travel daily to the Gap of Dunloe first by pony and trap, then by bicycle, and eventually by motor car capturing the beauty of Killarney's landscape. After developing his prints, he would deliver them to Ross Castle just in time for visitors returning by boat from The Gap. His innovation and dedication revolutionised local photography.

Anthony's studio became the backdrop for countless milestones First Communion, Confirmations, weddings, and portraits taken before emigration. Known for his kindness, professionalism, and patience, he made each sitter feel at ease, ensuring every portrait carried a personal touch.

When Louis Anthony passed away in November 1933, he left behind not only an artistic legacy but also a priceless visual record of early 20th-century Killarney. His colour photo-views of the town and its surrounding scenery are now considered rare antiques, treasured reminders of a bygone era and a man whose work helped shape the visual memory of Killarney.



*"The Lily of Killarney,"*  
The stars of her dress develop her charms.



*"Going to the Fair"*  
Behold our Bridget tripping to the fair  
Her shawl is splendid and her eyes are rare.



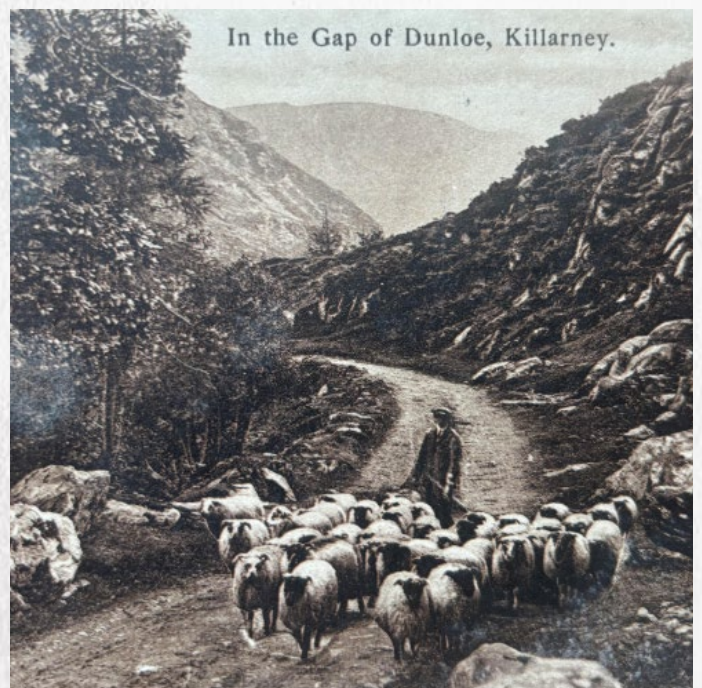
FLESK BRIDGE, KILLARNEY



Irish Colleen  
going to Market



*"Lovely Mary"*  
Oh lovely Mary Donnelly, it's you I love the best  
If fifty girls were round you I'd barely see the rest.  
William J. Hill



In the Gap of Dunloe, Killarney.





Loreto Convent Killarney Pupils 1903.  
*Photo courtesy of Brendan O'Sullivan.*



President Eamonn De Valera is received by the Presentation Sisters, Killarney on the occasion of his visit for the Centenary of St. Brendan's Seminary (1860-1960).

On the right: his Aide de Camp on the left:  
*Photographer Matt Sweetman.*



Confirmation class of 1978 at The Mon.



Nurses Graduation Class at St. Finan's Hospital, Killarney, Autumn 1965. Front: Mr J. Larkin, M.C.C., Mr M. Doherty, M.C.C., Dr. Jack O'Connor, R.M.S., Mr E.J. Walsh, M.C.C., Mrs Mary O'Donoghue, M.C.C., Mr. P. O'Halloran, Manager. Miss Kay Fogarty, Acting Tutor. Middle row: Mr. Darby Moynihan, Head Nurse, Miss Mary Redpath, Miss Mary A. Leahy, Miss Joan Dowling, Miss Joan O'Grady, Miss Eileen Morris, Miss Norrie Scolard, Miss Marina Flaherty, Miss Mary F. Corcoran, Acting Matron, Mr. Tom Cahill, M.C.C., Mr P.J. Landers, Chief Clerk. Back: Mr Patrick Doyle, Miss Mary A. O'Donoghue, Mr. Benjamin Murphy, Miss Bridget O'Sullivan, Mr James Brodrick, Mr Dan Spring, TD., M.C.C.



# Tralee Dynamos - The Heroes Of 1967

In the years before the Kerry District League was formally established, one Tralee side etched its name into local sporting folklore. The Tralee Dynamos of 1967 captured the imagination of the town when they stormed through the West Limerick Desmond League and lifted the coveted Murphy Cup, an achievement still fondly remembered today.

Their finest hour came in the Low Field before a huge crowd, where they faced a formidable Askeaton side known widely as “The All Blacks.” In a gripping final, the decisive goal came from Brian McCarthy, a Dublin native, now living in Killarney, whose prolific scoring record left a lasting mark on the club. Working at the Brandon Hotel at the time, McCarthy quickly became a fan favourite, renowned for his speed, instinct, and natural finishing ability.

The victorious Dynamos squad featured a blend of hard workers, talented playmakers, and determined defenders. The lineup for the final included: Tommy Conroy, Gerald “Clobber” Dynamos, Francie Roche, Willie Fitzgibbons, Killarney man Patsy Flaherty, John E. Barrett, Frank Hennessy, Sean Hobbert, Denis Foley, Jimmy (Wa)



O'Connor, Noel Conroy, Brian McCarthy, Tim Counihan, Jery Ryan, Peter (Gordon) Comerford, and Mossie “Neddo” Fitzgerald.

A team photograph from the period shows the squad proudly gathered, flanked by local mentors and supporters, many of whom helped shape an era of community-driven football. Under the guidance of Tom Horgan and bolstered by the passion of their followers, the Dynamos carved out a legacy

that still resonates with older supporters of the game.

More than half a century later, the triumph of the 1967 Tralee Dynamos remains a cherished chapter in Kerry’s sporting history.



Teddy O'Connor, Seamus O'Connor and Erskine Childers at the opening of the Players Basketball Tournament in the Parish Hall.



Seamie Connor, Erskine Childers, Dan Shea, Tom Looney and John Keogh at the opening of the players tournament in the Parish Hall.





The St. Vincents Team who were defeated by The Trinity College in the Parochial Hall Cork.



Seamus and Fidelma O'Connor, Jackie Daly and Derry Kelliher Killarney at the Races.



Loreto Class of 1982. FrontL: Maura Langford, Deirdre Leahy, Annmarie Griffin, Marina Hurley, Geraldine McAuliffe, Mary Murphy, Breda Fleming, Nuala Beazley (RIP), Miriam O'Callaghan, Sheila Murphy, Norma Moynihan, Katrina Sugrue, Anne Spillane (RIP), Middle: Karen McCarthy, Maura Egan, Mary O'Shea, Mary O'Doherty, Leasha Egan, Anne Dineen, Eilish Murphy, Eleanor Lyons, Annmarie Barret, Margaret Shanahan, Sandra McCarthy, Simonette Clifford, Geraldine Canty, Noreen O'Donoghue, Eileen Lane, Catherine Carton. Back L: Martine O'Donoghue, Brid Looney, Sheila Kennedy, Marie Kearney, Fiona Buckley, Matina Kearney, Mary Culloty, Paula Shanahan, Paula O'Sullivan, Siobhan Murphy, Airne Downing, Mary T O'Gorman.





Dr. Crokes Social Club 1979. Front row left to right: Bridie O'Shea, RIP, Kitty O'Connor RIP, Pat Cleary, RIP, Peggy Daly. 2nd row: Anne O'Shea, Maureen Doherty RIP, Elizabeth Brosnan, Kathleen Brosnan RIP. 3rd Row: Nellie Kavanagh RIP, Maura Brosnan, RIP, Mary Leacy, Mike O'Grady. 4th Row: Johnny Daly, Tim Brosnan, Breeda Neeson, Bridie Breen RIP.



What are they talking about? Killarney Reunion in London.

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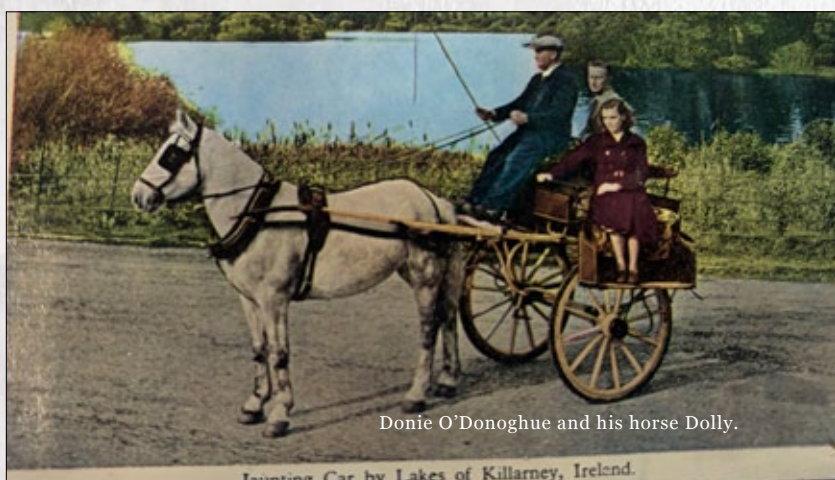
Liam Carbury (New St. & London), Murt O'Shea U.D.C and Seán O'Keeffe U.D.C. - Liam & Murt won the 1956 O'Donoghue Cup Final with Dr. Crokes.



Mona Cummins, Dolly Horgan and Maureen Buckley of The Constellation Bar Cork City. With her friends 1955 New St Killarney, They would regularly get the train with their bikes in tow and would cycle around Killarney, sometimes staying for a few days in the great southern hotel. *Photo: Courtesy of Carol Mc Gowan*



Parting Gift to Fr. John Kennelly - Killarney Reunion Home Committee. Front left - right : Michael Courtney, Kitty Hurley gifting Book of Kells Facsimile to Fr. John Kennelly, Alice Looney. Middle: Paddy McMonagle, Senator Paul Coghlan, Brendan Hurley. Back row left - right: Humphrey Twomey, Teddy Counihan Vincent Counihan.



Donie O'Donoghue and his horse Dolly.

Jaunting Car by Lakes of Killarney, Ireland.



Pictured at the Great Southern Hotel in 1959 collecting lunches for the Gap Trip are from left: Michael O'Shea, Michael O'Sullivan, Jimmy Cullinane, Johnny Gleeson and Timmy Kelleher. *Picture courtesy of Tommy Regan*





Happy days with Commercial Rowing Club after a Killarney Regatta in 1950's.

Front L:R: John Daly, Fergus Moroney, Jim Daly, Seanie O'Sullivan, Michael Courtney, Jim Counihan, Michael Looney, Jerry Daly. Back from L:R: Pat Brick, David O'Connor, Neilus Daly, Kevin Mornney, Denis O'Brien, Con O'Sullivan, John Counihan, Mickey Ryan, Tommy Daly, John Joe Healy, John O'Sullivan, F Blennerhassed, Batt Brosnan.

With a new clubhouse and excellent training facilities Commercial are currently in the process of recruiting new members.



Pictured in the Late 1950's at a staff party in the Great Southern Hotel. From left: Pat Lynch, Patsy Courtney, Jimmy Sugrue and Johnny Hurley.

*Picture courtesy of Tommy Regan*



Residents from Daltons Avenue pictured in the 1960's.



Presentation to Michael and Geraldine Rosney to mark his departure as Manager of the Great Southern Hotel.

Front row Sean McConville, Jackie O'Sullivan, Bernadette Randles and Peter McDermott. Back row: Vera Chapman, Michael and Geraldine Rosney and Tommy Regan.

*Picture courtesy of Tommy Regan*





Front row: Gretta Culloty, Mary Culloty, Joan Culloty, Kathleen Kelleher, Bridie Lacy, Marie Hurley, Vera Lyne, Eileen Connor.  
Middle Row: Nora Pigott, Mai Roach, Rosie Phillips, Helen Horgan, Maureen Brien. Back Row: Maeve Bergin, Marie Quealy, Eileen Shea, Francis Horan, Mary Sullivan, Nora Brosnan, Nancy Mannix, Doreen Coffey, Noreen Cahill, Ursula Cronin.



Killarney Golf Club 1964.

Dermot O'Grady, Creagh Dowling, Jim Adams, Sean Coyne.



Staff members from St. Finan's Hospital attending a function to honour Dr. Jack O'Connor, Departure as RMS to Ardee Psychiatric Hospital 1959. Front L: Mary Healy, Sheila Doolan, Hannah O'Mahony, Dr. Jack O'Connor, Sally O'Connell, Anne Healy, Peg Murphy. Second Row L: Eileen Cronin, Joan O'Sullivan, Hannah B Healy, Bridie O'Connor, Bridie O'Connor, Nora Dennehy, Una O'Sullivan, Nellie O'Mahony, Daisy O'Connor, Lugie Hayes, Paddy O'Callaghan. Back L: Nora Murphy, Gerry Daly, James O'Donoghue, Eileen Lyons, Abina Culloty, Mary Nash, John O'Mahony, Sheila O'Connell, Paddy Moynihan, Mike Moynihan, Dan Cronin, Euge O'Leary, Paddy McCarthy, Jim Dennehy, Joan Murphy, Annie O'Connell and Tadgh O'Reilly



The First Killarney Milk Suppliers Social (Organised by Liam Chute & Mary Coffey O'Connor taken in the Three Lakes Hotel in 1966 )L to R: Pat Finnegan, Dermot Coffey, Pat Donoghue. 2nd Row: Liam Chute, Mary Coffey O'Conner, Mary Myres Harris, Mike Moynihan R.I.P (then chairman Killarney UDC )Bernard O' Shea R.I.P. 3rd Pat Dowd, Christy Lenihan. 4th John Guerin, Paddy O' Connor, Charlie Talbot R.I.P, Dan Shea R.I.P. 5th John Lyne, Eddie Donoghue, Sonny Donovan R.I.P. Mick Kearney R.I.P, Denis Clifford R.I.P, Donie O' Meara.



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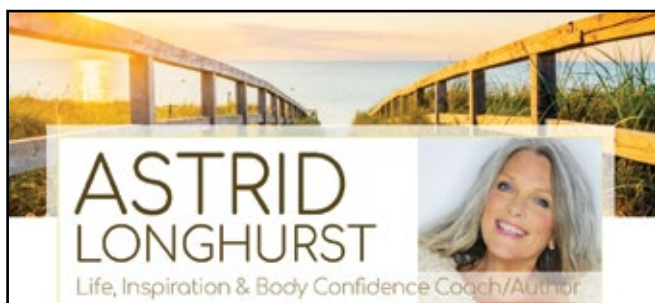


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### A GENTLE YEAR'S END: REFLECTING WITH LOVE

As the year draws to a close, we naturally find ourselves pausing between what has been and what is yet to come. The weeks around Christmas often stir memories—some warm and comforting, others tender or painful. This mixture can make the season feel emotionally fuller than any other time. Yet within this fullness lies a beautiful opportunity: a moment to reflect, soften, and reconnect with ourselves.

Reflection doesn't mean judging the past or measuring our worth against what we did or didn't do. Instead, it means gently acknowledging our experiences, noticing what shaped us, and honouring the strength it took simply to arrive here. When we look back with kindness rather than criticism, we create space for healing and deeper self-understanding. Loving ourselves during this season begins with small acts of presence. We can slow down long enough to ask: What do I truly need right now? Where can I offer myself kindness? It may mean setting boundaries, choosing rest, or allowing joy without guilt. When we treat ourselves with the same warmth we offer others, the spirit of love stays alive within us.

As the year ends, let this be your practice: reflect gently, release what no longer serves you, and move forward rooted in compassion for yourself.

*Wishing you joy, peace and love.*

*Thank you to the Outlook for sharing my words and to you for reading them. I am deeply grateful.*

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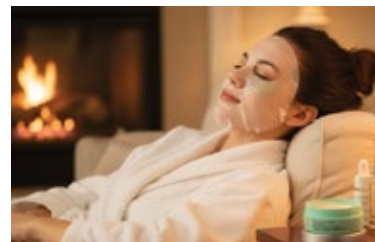
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### REPAIR & GLOW FOR CHRISTMAS

The week before Christmas is a busy social time and often exhausting for you and your skin. Late nights, rich food, alcohol and heavy make-up can leave skin looking dull, dehydrated and stressed. This is the perfect time to switch your focus from "treating" to repairing your skin. Prioritise gentle cleansing to remove make-up thoroughly without stripping the skin. A light exfoliation midweek with the iconic Daily Microfoliant will immediately brighten and smooth skin, helping your makeup sit better. Add a repairing mask or calming serum every second night to restore hydration and strengthen your skin barrier. Apply lip balm nightly and use eye cream morning and evening



as these areas show tiredness first. Ingredients like hyaluronic acid, peptides and antioxidants will plump, soothe and revive tired skin fast. Think hydration, repair and comfort not peels or strong acids. Even 10 minutes with a good mask at home can make a visible difference so you arrive at Christmas Day fresh, glowing and confident, not inflamed or exhausted.

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### HOW DO I STAY ON TRACK WITH MY FITNESS GOALS COMING UP TO CHRISTMAS?

Staying on track with your fitness goals during the holiday season can be challenging, but with some strategic planning, you can enjoy the festivities and maintain your progress. Here are some tips to help you stay motivated and disciplined:

**Set Realistic Goals:** Adjust your goals temporarily if needed. Focus on maintaining your current level rather than making significant gains.

**Plan Ahead:** Schedule workouts around holiday events and try to fit in active activities like walks or quick gym sessions.

**Stay Active:** Incorporate physical activity into holiday traditions, like family walks or outdoor activities.

**Moderation with Treats:** Enjoy holiday treats in moderation. Go for small portions rather than overindulging.

**Prioritize Nutrition:** Keep balanced meals in mind, emphasizing vegetables, lean proteins, and whole grains.

**Stay Hydrated:** Drink plenty of water, especially when consuming rich holiday foods.

**Be Flexible:** Allow yourself some flexibility without guilt. Missing a workout or indulging occasionally is okay.

**Track Progress:** Keep a simple record of your workouts and eating habits to stay accountable.

*Remember that Christmas time is about enjoying spending time with loved ones. Keep a positive mindset.*



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MEDICAL CARD QUALIFICATION

Recent reports that an incremental rise in the weekly Old Age Pension had the affect of putting some recipients over the qualifying income threshold and these people then had their Medical Cards immediately cancelled, sounds like a joke according to TD Michael Cahill, who is the Fianna Fáil Party Spokesman for Older People.

"Anyone would be forgiven for thinking when told an incremental rise in their Old Age Pension caused the cancellation of their Medical Card, that they were the victims of an April Fools joke. But apparently that is the case and that kind of anomaly must be put straight as soon as possible" stated the Kerry TD.

"I have called upon the Minister for Public Expenditure to put a system in place whereby any incremental rise in the Old Age Pension is matched by a similar rise in the qualifying income for the Medical Card. It cannot

be allowed to continue that any rise in the Old Age Pension, the right to which has been earned over a lifetime, should be the cause of disqualifying somebody close to the threshold from owning a Medical Card" said Deputy Cahill.

"I have also contacted the Minister for Health in regards to this most urgent matter and I will also be raising it at the Joint Committee on Health which I am a member. This is so disappointing especially with the recent controversy in regards to the Blister Packs" stated the Rossbeigh based TD.

"When somebody qualifies for both the Old Age Pension and the Medical Card, I honestly believe that unless their circumstances receive an enormous additional increase in income, they should continue to qualify for them" added Michael Cahill TD.

AVAILABILITY OF BLISTER PACKS

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

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

"People of any age can be confused by the sheer numbers of pills prescribed and there is a severe danger of harm involved if somebody forgets to take their medication or takes too many. There is a Blister Pack service available in most pharmacies, where the medications are issued



in separate daily doses as prescribed, making it easier to keep track of what has or has not been taken" stated Deputy Cahill.

"Some Pharmacies need to charge for the service, as not all are equipped with automated prescribing systems and it would be a shame if every older patient could not avail of it due to the cost. I have been contacted by constituents from all corners of the county, from West Kerry, Castleisland, Kenmare, Killorglin, Waterville, Tralee, Killarney and East Kerry and so on, in regards to this matter. Many have confirmed to both my Secretary and I that they are now being charged E30 per month for this service and this is to increase to E50 per month in many pharmacies from January and I am calling on the Minster for Health, Jennifer Carroll MacNeill to put the wheels in motion to deliver this excellent service free of charge to patients, especially our older citizens" added Michael Cahill TD.

Minister Foley welcomes over €85,000 in funding for animal welfare groups in Kerry

Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Kerry T.D Norma Foley has welcomed confirmation of over €85,000 in funding for animal welfare groups in Kerry

The funding under the Animal Welfare Grants Programme is going to organisations that have a proven track record in rehoming, providing education to the public on animal welfare and guidance to prevent welfare problems in the future.

The animal welfare organisations in Kerry which will benefit from the funding are Animal Help Net Kerry (€30,000), Kerry Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (€20,188), Kenmare Locality Animal Welfare Society (€20,000) and (Homes for Unwanted Greyhounds in Kerry (€15,000).

Minister Foley said:This funding is a recognition of the great work done by staff and volunteers in these organisations to support the rehousing and care of animals in Kerry and promote awareness about animal welfare."



Minister Foley welcomes minor works grants and ICT grants worth €2.2 million for Kerry schools

Minister for Children, Disability and Equality and Kerry T.D Norma Foley has welcomed confirmation of the payment of minor works grants and ICT grants worth €2.2 million for Kerry schools.

Minor works grants worth €1.1 million are being paid this month to primary, post-primary and special schools in Kerry for the forthcoming 2026/2027 school year while Kerry schools will also receive €1.1 million in ICT grants for the current 2025/2026 school year.

Minister Foley said: "As Minister for Children, I welcome €2.2 million in funding for Kerry Schools. The €1.1 million in ICT funding will continue to support our schools to harness technology and improve teaching and learning in the classroom. The €1.1 million minor works grant is also an important resource for the management and upkeep of school buildings in Kerry."

Minister Foley welcomes €3 million in funding for Kerry ETB

Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Kerry T.D Norma Foley has welcomed confirmation of €3 million in infrastructure funding for Kerry ETB. The funding will go towards energy efficiency measures, ongoing capital investment and the provision of specialist equipment.

In total, Kerry ETB has received €3,045,000 in infrastructure funding for 2025 and 2026 under the capital and green devolved capital funding stream.

Minister Foley said: Kerry ETB plays a very significant role in education in our county. This infrastructure funding of over €3m ensures that KETB will continue to enrich and empower Kerry students now and into the future."





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### CHURCH GATE COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

This weekend we will hold our church gate collection. Please support our church gate collection as we build for the new year ahead. We are looking for volunteers to collect so if you have some time to spare contact Laura on 083-8055095. Thank you.

### TRAINING CONTINUES

We are training away at the Old Church in Fossa as we prepare for the upcoming Indoor championships at UL on Sunday the 17th of January. A huge thanks to all our fantastic rowers and trainers for all the hard work.

### HAPPY CHRISTMAS

Finally we would like to wish all our fantastic rowers, super trainers and hard working committee, our families, friends and supporters and of course our sponsors a very happy Christmas and all the very best for what promises to be a fantastic 2026.

## KILLARNEY JUDO CLUB

### SWEEP THE ALL IRELAND CHAMPIONSHIP

Killarney judo athletes were well represented at the All-Ireland Judo Championships on December 13th, with eleven competitors travelling to Dublin to take part in the country's premier judo event. The championships saw record participation, with close to 400 athletes competing across a wide range of categories, making it the largest All-Ireland Championships in over two decades.



Killarney Judo Club

Building on positive results earlier in the season at competitions in Galway and Cork, the All-Ireland Championships provided the ultimate test for the Killarney team. Competing against the top judoka from across Ireland, all athletes gave strong accounts of themselves. Patrik Polubnak, James Maher and Adam Tomlinson made their first appearances at All-Ireland level, gaining valuable experience on the national stage.

Throughout the competition, the Killarney athletes displayed a high standard of judo, combining powerful throws with effective groundwork techniques such as hold-downs, armbars and chokes to secure a number of hard-fought victories.

Reflecting on the day, coach Tim Kelly highlighted the team's dedication:

"Every player has worked extremely hard in training since September, and it was great to see those efforts rewarded. Michelle Walshe successfully defended her All-Ireland title for the third consecutive year, while Emily O'Donoghue De Vries claimed her first All-Ireland title following a series of strong performances."

The team returned home with an impressive medal tally of three golds, two silvers and four bronzes, further reinforcing the strength and continued growth of judo within the Killarney community.

Following a busy and successful competition

schedule, the club will now take a short break over the Christmas period. New members are always welcome, and anyone interested in joining can contact the club via Facebook or Instagram.

## KILLARNEY VALLEY

### ATHLETIC CLUB

Killarney Valley athletes took to the mountains this week with a number of runners taking part in the Glanageenty Trail races which was part of the Irish Mountain Running Association events. Conor Kissane took the win in the Half Marathon with a time of 1:43:04. Derek Pyne raced the half also finishing in 8th place with a time of 2:04:19 for his first trail event. Patrick Kissane and Conor O'Leary took on the 10k event running well in tough conditions.

Our Couch to 5K program for 2026 continues to take entries and anyone wishing to take the leap can book online on our website <https://killarneyvalleyac.ie/events/couch-to-5k-2026/>. It will start on 13th January twice per week for 8 weeks (Tuesday and Thursday at 7.15pm). The goal is for all to be able to complete the Killarney House parkrun on Saturday 7th March 2026 in a fun non-competitive environment. For anyone wishing to join the club you can email us at [killarneyvalleyac@gmail.com](mailto:killarneyvalleyac@gmail.com).



Glenflesk Healthy Club taking a break from the Santa fun run last Monday. Photo Seamus Healy.





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### RESULTS

*Ladies Christmas Hamper Winners 2025 very kindly sponsored by Bricin Restaurant. A huge thank you to Bricin for their very generous hampers.*

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3rd: Eileen O'Riordan, Emer Brosnan & Susan Good

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HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OUR MEMBERS

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### NIGHT AT MURPHY'S

What a wonderful night in Murphy's Bar again last Friday night at our pre-Christmas gathering as we were once again royally treated by Sean Murphy and his staff. Along with the usual presentations we were also delighted to present Sean a special piece of commemorative slate to mark the 70th Anniversary celebrations for the Bar this year. As well as picking up our Singles Matchplay Cup and the Ian O'Leary Memorial Club Strokeplay Shield for his double earlier this year, James Foley was also honoured on the night with the Dan O'Leary Memorial Shield as our 2025 Club Person of the Year for his efforts on and off the course this year. Well done to James on amazing year for himself in so many ways!

### CHRISTMAS TURKEYS

We were thankful of getting two rounds in on Sunday despite the weather forecast as the players that took part certainly felt the effects of the conditions! Week 6 Results- Scotch Foursomes V Par- First Nett: Hugh O'Sullivan & Niall O'Loughlin 9up (B9), Gross: John McGrath & James Foley 5up and Second Nett: Sean O'Brien & Aidan O'Keeffe 9up. We will have one final round of Turkeys this Sunday at the usual times.

### DOUBLES MATCHPLAY:

Our Doubles Matchplay (sponsored by Utility Trust) Final with see the pairing of Brian McCarthy & Conor O'Riordan face Bobby Kelly & Sean O'Brien in the decider which will be played on Sunday December 28th.

### ST STEPHENS DAY

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### AGM

Our 2026 AGM will take place on Wednesday January 14th. Further information will be sent to members in due course.

**BEST WISHES** To Kieran Fitzpatrick and his fiancée Tamara on their wedding day today (Friday). We wish them many years of happiness together.

### SEASON'S GREETINGS

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our members, sponsors, the Pitch & Putt Community and everyone in the town of Killarney in general. Hope to see you all again in 2026.



1st prize winners in the Christmas Hampers scramble sponsored by Bricin Restaurant pictured Kitty O'Grady, Mary Moynihan, Captain Elaine Casey & Donie Broderick on behalf of Sheila O'Mahony



2nd prize winners in the Christmas Hampers scramble sponsored by Bricin Restaurant pictured Noreen O'Mahony, Jennifer Nash, Mona Looney & Lady Captain Elaine Casey



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Jason O'Connor (Deerpark Pitch & Putt PRO) collecting the prizes for the club's Christmas Turkey competitions from Evan Jones (Tim Jones Butchers, sponsor) last week.



Sean Kelly (Deerpark Pitch & Putt Club Chairman) presenting the prizes for the club's Christmas Hampers (sponsored by Daly's Supervalu) at the club's pre-Christmas get together in Murphy's Bar last Friday night. Included are Denis Duggan (Overall Nett), Bobby Kelly (Second Nett) and John McGrath (Overall Gross).



Sean Kelly (Deerpark Pitch & Putt Club Chairman) presenting the Dan O'Leary Memorial Shield for Club Person of the Year to James Foley at the club's pre-Christmas get together in Murphy's Bar last Friday night.



A wonderful night was had at Bricin Restaurant on Thursday evening for the Ross Ladies Golf Club. Thanks to Johnny & Paddy McGuire for having us.



Pictured at the Tusla Foster Parents Appreciation Morning which took place in The Ashe Hotel, Tralee on Friday (December 12th) were: Margaret Gallagher from Listry and Martina Crean from Castlegregory. Photo: Michelle Breen Crean Photography



Captain Maire Murphy 2025 (right) presenting the Ladies Club Claret Cup to Golfer of the Year 2025 to winner Julie Kelly with (left) Captain Annette McNeice 2026 at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club on Sunday.  
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Captain Annette McNeice presenting the Birdie winners which ran from 1st April to 30th September (front) Kay O'Connor Killeen Cat 9.6 to 19.5, Amy Arthur Killeen Cat + to 9.5, Anne Duggan O'Mahony's Cat 9.6 to 19.5 (back) Claire Horgan Killeen Cat 29.6 to above, Anne Moynihan O'Mahony's Cat + to 9.5 and Dinead Lynch O'Mahony's 19.6 to 29.5 at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club on Sunday. *Photos: Michelle Cooper Galvin*



Captain Máire Murphy 2025 (left) and 2025 Captain Annette McNeice presenting the 2025 Ladies Club Championship Foursomes sponsored by Aghadoe Heights to winners Nicolas O'Mahony and Kelly O'Donoghue with (back) Runners Up Jane Dwyer and Geraldine Collins at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club on Sunday.



Captain Máire Murphy 2025 presenting first prize in the Club Championship Mixed Foursomes to winners Colm O'Shea and Amy Arthur with (back) Runners up Kate O'Leary and Gary Gentile at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club.



Jimmy Daly ofr Daly's SuperValu Killarney presenting Hampers to the winners of the Daly's SuperValu Ladies Major competition (front Isabell Roberts 2nd, Kelly O'Donoghue 1st and Best Gross, Anne Moynihan 3rd (second row from left) Margaret campion 4th, Eimear O'Sullivan 5th, Nicola O'Mahony 6th (back from left) Delores McSweeney front 9, Anita O'Sullivan back 9 and Veronica O'Connor 10th with (front left) Captain Annette McNeice 2026 at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club on Sunday.



Captain Annette McNeice presenting first prize in the Tim Jones sponsored single stableford competitions to winner Kelly O'Donoghue with (left) Sinead Lynch 2nd, Pauline Lyne winner 11 Hole Competition (back) Isabel Roberts 3rd, Christine Carroll 4th and Amy Arthur 5th at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club on Sunday.



Captain Annette McNeice presenting first prize in the Ladies Club Championship Singles to winners Kay O'Connor U18 category and Kathleen Brosnan Over 18 category with (back) Máire Murphy runner up over 18 category and Jane Dwyer runner up under 18 category at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club.



Captain Máire Murphy 2025 presenting (left) Annette McNeice with the Golf Ireland Silver Medal and Eileen Devane with the Golf Ireland Bronze medal at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club.



Pat O'Neill presenting his sponsored Ladies Stableford competition prizes to winner Annette Sheehan (back from left) Geraldine Collins 2nd, Eimear O'Donnell Best Gross and Sharon Ormonde 3rd with Captain Annette McNeice at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club on Sunday.



Captain Annette McNeice (right) presenting the Ladies Club Stableford competitions to winners Delores McSweeney, Anita O'Sullivan, Louise Langan, Annette Sheehan, Amy Arthur, Ann Stuart and Eimear O'Donnell at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club,



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### U14 GIRLS PREMIER

Listowel Celtic 0 v Killarney Athletic 1

Roisín O Sullivan x 1

Player of the Game: Roisín O Sullivan

### U-12 GIRLS PREMIER

Killarney Athletic 0-3 Park

Captain Muireann O Sullivan

Our girls were out early this morning and in what was a very close first half found themselves Down 1-0 at the break, the girls pushed hard for the equaliser all second half but couldn't break down a resilient defence, park added two late goals to take the win. Again with this group of girls Plenty of effort and teamwork on show, even if the result didn't go our way. Thanks to the park for a very sporting game and to Jon for officiating We regroup, learn, and go again

### BOYS U15 PREMIER RESULT

Killorglin 3 - 3 Killarney Athletic

Marc Cremin x 1, Calen Prendergast x 1, Sam O'Shea x1

Well done to our young blues who battled hard to get a well earned draw trailing 3-2 going into injury time. Sam O Shea with the equaliser at the death. Well done lads Thanks to Killorglin for a very good, sporting game.

### U15 DIVISION 3

Killarney Athletic D 0 Park B 5

### UNDER 13 BOYS DIVISION 2

Killarney Athletic Cs 3 Castlemaine 1

Rian Horgan x 2, Sean Doolan x 1

We welcomed Castlemaine to Woodlawn on Saturday morning and the Athletic boys started strong, dominating possession and creating good chances. Castlemaine did have chances also but the always reliable Sonny Maguire in goal pulled off some excellent saves when needed. Neither team were able to break the deadlock, 0-0 at half time.

Athletic started strong in the second half but were unlucky to find themselves 1 nil down from a well taken Castlemaine goal. The boys didn't panic though and as they have done all season they showed great attitude and drew level soon after with an outstanding finish yet again from Rian Horgan. Rian soon added another to give Athletic a 2-1 lead. The boys continued to pile on the pressure and Sean Doolan gave them a 3-1 lead with a well taken header in the box. That's

the way the game finished, brilliant performance from the all the boys who started and came on as subs. Special mention to Alex Angland in central defence who was outstanding. Thank you to Castlemaine, the referee, and all who came out to support the boys.

### BOYS U12 DIVISION 3 RESULT

Killarney Athletic C 4 - 0 LB Rovers C

James Glyn x 2, Ollie Pyne x 1, Carlos González x 1

A very solid all-round performance from our young blues this afternoon. Excellent teamwork on show, with the lads working hard in every phase of the game from start to finish. Super effort from everyone involved - well done lads! Thanks to LB Rovers and the referee MOTM - Denis O'Donoghue

### BOYS U12 PREMIER REPORT

Killarney Athletic 1 - 0 Fenit Samphires

Our under 12A team just about got the job done in awful weather conditions versus a determined and well organized Fenit. It wasn't a day for fancy football and chances were at a premium in the first half with Rian hitting the post and Joe going close but we went into halftime nil all. Fenit started the brighter in the second half and looked dangerous on the counter but our defence held firm. The breakthrough came from the spot when Finn was taken down in the Box and John Hegarty converted to go one up. The team held out and showed good character to claim the win and all 3 points.

### A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

I would like to extend warm Christmas wishes to everyone on behalf of Killarney Athletic AFC. A big thank you to our dedicated staff for maintaining our Woodlawn grounds, our coaches and their families, our committee and their families, and our generous sponsors whose support makes running the club possible.

Appreciation also goes out to our trustees, non-playing club members, supporters, and of course, our players, from the Academy to the senior teams.

Here's to a joyful Christmas and an even brighter 2026.

Nollaig Shona Daoibh go Léir.

Best regards, Donie Murphy Chairman, Killarney Athletic AFC

## KERRY SCHOOLBOY /

## GIRLS SOCCER

### NATIONAL:

### KERRY 15'S SUFFER DEFEAT TO DISTRICT

It was a tough afternoon for the Kerry U15 Boys on Sunday as they went down 2-0 to Limerick District in a competitive and hard fought encounter played in difficult wet and windy conditions at Christy Leahy Park.

The visitors made the perfect start inside the opening two minutes in unfortunate circumstances for Kerry. A cross from the right was caught by a sudden gust of wind just as goalkeeper Leni Rujevcan came to claim it, with the ball carried beyond him and into the net to hand Limerick an early advantage.

To their credit, Kerry responded well and began to settle into the contest, creating a number of promising openings during the first half. Rian Foley was denied from close range while three minutes later Joe Joy surged forward after controlling a lofted ball and slipped in Conor Maguire, only for excellent last-ditch defending to snuff out the danger. Kerry went close again on 25 minutes when a Kian Cronin corner broke kindly to Foley on the edge of the box, but his powerful effort was once more kept out by an impressive stop from the visiting keeper.

Kerry carried that momentum into the second half, but it was Rujevcan who was called into action as Limerick threatened on the counter. The Kerry goalkeeper produced a string of fine saves, first reacting sharply to deny a forward after strong buildup play, then following up with another excellent stop moments later. He was again on hand in the 55th minute to keep Kerry firmly in the contest.

However, just a minute later, Limerick struck for a second time with a well-taken finish to double their lead. Kerry continued to push in the closing stages, moving the ball well through midfield and probing for a way back into the game, but Limerick defended in numbers and remained dangerous on the break, seeing out the contest to the final whistle.

### CASTLEISLAND AND KENMARE ADVANCE IN 15'S NATIONAL TROPHY

When the draw is made for the National Stages of the U15 Boys National Trophy for the new year, Castleisland and Inter Kenmare will have their names in the hat, with clinical displays at the weekend, seeing them advance, while Mastergeeha bowed out of the U12 Boys



Killarney Athletic U14 Girls



Ballyhar Dynamos FC u14 Girls Division 1 squad who were defeated away by LB Rovers on Saturday last.





Killarney Celtic U17 squad vs Abbeyfeale Utd



MEK Galaxy U16 Girls

National Cup in narrow fashion.

Castleisland advanced with a strong 3-1 home win over Caherdavin Celtic as Yevhennii Momontov struck twice and Liam Quirke also found the net. Inter Kenmare were equally impressive on their travels, producing a convincing 4-0 victory away to Aisling Annacotty to book their place in the next round, with goals coming through a brace each for Aidan Lehane and Thando Dune.

Mastergeeha bowed out after a narrow 2-1 defeat to Adare United, with Thomas O'Sullivan grabbing the Kerry side's lone goal in a competitive encounter.

#### GIRLS:

#### PARK SET THE PACE AS MAHER'S MEATS U12 GIRLS ACTION CONTINUES

There was plenty of competitive action across the Maher's Meats U12 Girls leagues as teams continued to fine-tune and build momentum before the Christmas break.

In the Premier Division, Castleisland and Camp shared the spoils in a closely fought 1-1 draw, with Brid Enright on target for Castleisland, Riadh Fitzgerald found the net for Camp. Park were in impressive form away from home, producing a polished performance to defeat Killarney Athletic A 3-0, with goals from Natalia McDermott, Evie Griffin and Emma O'Shea helping them to three points to close the gap to Mastergeeha.

Division 1 saw LB Rovers deliver a strong display as they overcame Camp B 3-0, Lily Mai Scanlon leading the way with two goals and Lexi Boyle also finding the net. Tralee Dynamos A were awarded a walkover win against Iveragh B, while Inter Kenmare also collected full points by walkover against Listowel Celtic.

#### UNBEATEN ATHLETIC SIT TOP OF 14'S PREMIER

Killarney Athletic sit top of the order in the O'Sullivan's Bakery U14 Girls Premier, after another impressive performance continued their unbeaten start to the campaign.

Killarney Athletic picked up a valuable away victory in Listowel, where Roisín O'Sullivan's goal was enough to secure a 1-0 success over Listowel Celtic A. Mastergeeha produced an impressive attacking display, as they ran out 7-2 winners away to Park, with braces from Éabha Moynihan, Sophie Moynihan and Gracie Maher, while Isla Cronin also found the net, as they continue to chase down Athletic.

Killorglin also enjoyed a strong outing, claiming a 3-0 victory over Fenit thanks to goals from

Chloe Falvey, Chloe Hillard and Hannah O'Connor. Killarney Celtic A came out on top in a tight contest against Castleisland with a 2-1 win, as goals from Aimee Shine and Olga Kumor proved decisive despite a response from Roisin Cronin for the visitors.

#### DINGLE NARROWLY LEAD DIVISION 1

There was plenty of competitive action in the O'Sullivan's Bakery U14 Girls Division 1, at the weekend, but dropped points by Dingle has opened the door for Inter Kenmare, who got three points via walkover.

Tralee Dynamos A and Dingle shared the spoils in an entertaining 2-2 draw. Lucy Wynne struck twice for Dynamos, while Dingle responded through goals from Lucy Keane and Niamh Ní Sé to ensure the points were shared. Inter Kenmare advanced with a walkover victory over MEK, while LB Rovers moved up the table with a 3-1 win against Ballyhar, powered by a brace from Gráinne Maher and a further strike from Laoise McCarthy.

#### MEK CONTINUE TO SET THE TEMPO IN 16'S PREMIER

Another win adds to the unbeaten start for MEK Galaxy in this season's U16 Girls Premier, but they still have Inter Kenmare and St Brendan's park in their rearview mirror.

MEK recorded a 6-0 victory over Fenit, with goals spread across the team through Izzy Lyons, Fleur O'Neill, Ava Harty, Elise Brunner, Meghan Quigg and Grace Barry. Inter Kenmare were equally impressive on their travels, defeating Camp 5-0 as Brittney Bevan netted a fine hat-trick, supported by further strikes from Alice O'Connor and Saoirse Hussey.

Park produced a strong attacking display to defeat LB Rovers 6-2. Eilidh Cregan found the net twice for LB, but Park's quality told as Arina Sucari, Laura Heaphy (2), Sophie Doona, Taylor Kate Leen and Nessa Kirby all got on the scoresheet.

#### BOYS:

#### ATHLETIC CLOSE GAP TO CELTIC IN 13'S PREMIER

Victory for Killarney Athletic in a closely fought round of action in the U13's Premier, leaves just three points between them and the unbeaten league leaders Killarney Celtic.

Athletic continued their strong form with a 3-1 away win over Inter Kenmare A. Alasdair O'Sullivan netted for the hosts, but goals from Daniel O'Donoghue, Cian Lenihan and Rian O'Reilly proved decisive for Athletic. Killorglin A also claimed full points at home with a 3-1

victory over Iveragh A, as Páidí Ó Muircheartaigh and Jack Moloney found the net alongside an own goal to seal the result. In the remaining fixture, Castleisland and Fenit A shared the spoils in a 1-1 draw, with Liam O'Rourke on target for the hosts in a tightly contested encounter.

#### CELTIC PULL AWAY FROM KILLORGLIN IN 15'S PREMIER

Dropped points by Killorglin saw Listowel Celtic open up a slender gap at the summit of the TC Construction U15 Boys Premier season.

In the battle of the Celtic's, Listowel Celtic defeated Killarney Celtic 8-2 in Killarney. Joe Joy and Cathal Dennehy were the standout performers, each grabbing a hat-trick, while Adam Shanahan and Aidan Lynch also got in on the scoring. Danial Khan and Cillian Scannell replied for Killarney Celtic.

An entertaining 3-3 draw between Killorglin and Killarney Athletic saw the hosts drop points for the first time this season. Darragh Burke, Fionnan Burke and Adam Fleming struck for the hosts, while Marc Cremin, Caelen Prendergast and Sam O'Shea ensured Athletic left with a share of the spoils after a lively contest.

Elsewhere, Park defeated Mastergeeha 5-0, with Daniel Diggins netting twice and further goals from Dylan McEvoy, Kian Cronin and William Duggan.

## KILLARNEY CELTIC

#### CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Killarney Celtic would like to wish all its players, supporters, sponsors and volunteers a Happy Christmas

#### AWARDS NIGHT

Killarney Celtic held their senior awards night recently. Many thanks to the Killarney Avenue Hotel for hosting the event. Awards winners were as follows

Club Person of the Year: Paudie O'Callaghan  
RIP Senior A Player of the Year: Matt Keane  
Senior B Player of the Year: Mark Harnett  
Youth Player of the Year: Cillian Coffey  
Senior Ladies Player of the Year: Grainne Kennedy  
U17 Girls Player of the Year: Grainne Kelliher  
Awards for outstanding service: Packie O'Connor, John O'Donoghue, John Counihan, Tara Cronin and Tom Meehan

#### CELTIC LOTTO

Numbers drawn 9,17,18,24. No Jackpot winner. Match 3 winners received €75. Next jackpot €5,400 on Monday December 22nd. Tickets available from The Dungeon Bookshop, Amber



Shop (Top of Ross Road), club members and online through clubzap.

## MUNSTER U17 CUP

### Abbeyfeale Utd 0-7 Killarney Celtic

Dara Horan 2, Kiernan Kelly 2, Ignacy Truchan 2, Sean Collins

Celtic qualified for the quarter final of the Munster U17 Cup after a blistering 5 minute spell laid the foundation for this clear cut victory. Celtic were 3up after 26 minutes after Kiernan Kelly, Dara Horan and Ignacy Truchan all found the net. Celtic came again with another 3 goal slavo before half time to leave them 6-0 up at the break. Celtic added 1 more goal in the 2nd half to qualify for the last 8.

## U15 PREMIER

### Killarney Celtic 2-8 Listowel Celtic

Danial Khan, Cillian Scannell

## U15 DIVISION 3

### Castleisland B 3-2 Killarney Celtic C

Aodhan O'Halloran, Eoin Murphy

Celtic C went down narrowly to the league leaders last weekend.

## U13 DIVISION 1

### Ferry Rangers 3-1 Killarney Celtic C

Fionn Murphy

## GIRLS U14 PREMIER

### Killarney Celtic 2-1 Castleisland

Aimee Shine, Olga Kumor

Celtic kept in touch with the league leaders after a hard fought win over Castleisland. Celtic are 3rd in the table.

**CONGRATS** to James O Connor Flemimg U15C who made the KSBGL Team of the Week and to Cara Griffin U14 who made the KSBGL Girls Roll of Honour.

# MASTERGEEHA

## U14 GIRL'S PREMIER

### St Brendan's Park 2-7 Mastergeeha

A superb performance from our U14 girls away in Tralee under the lights.

Goal Scorers on the night were Éabha Moynihan (2), Sophie Moynihan (2), Gracie Maher (2) and Isla Cronin. Brilliant goals and flowing passages of play throughout including a fantastic late penalty save by Shauna O'Riordan. A big thank you to St Brendan's Park management for accommodating the Friday night fixture and the girls for a very sporting game. Also, a well-done referee Mark Dineen who kept the game flowing.

## U12 BOY'S NATIONAL CUP ROUND 4

### Mastergeeha FC 1 - 2 Adare (Limerick)

Full-time 2-1

Goal Scorer Thomas O'Sullivan

MOTM: Nathan Cronin

Mastergeeha U12s had their fourth outing in the SFAI National Cup Round 4 today with a home fixture in Kilbrean Park against Adare, Co. Limerick.

Mastergeeha very unlucky in first half not to put a couple of chances away from Olivier Stachowiak, Mathew Cahill and Thomas Corkery. Mathew Cahill causing havoc on the right side throughout the game.

Half time both teams went in 0-0 in what was a tough physical first half for both teams. Ronan O'Leary was outstanding in the throughout with great saves. Adare caught us with a high ball over the top with Adare striker clinical finish. Unfortunately, we were unlucky to concede with an OG after, but Mastergeeha kept the fight going.

With 7 mins to go Mastergeeha tried to pull it back with a great finish from Thomas O'Sullivan playing in Centre Midfield. Huge strike finding the back of the net. Unfortunately, we didn't get the chance to bring it to a draw and Adare go through to Round 5 of the National Cup. Nathan Cronin outstanding in defence today with our keeper Ronan O'Leary excellent in goal.

A great overall team performance by Mastergeeha today, very unlucky and fought back to the last seconds. In defence with Nathan Cronin, Josh Sullivan, Thomas Corkery, Conor McCarthy, and keeper Ronan O'Leary in great form today. Our Midfield had a dominating performance with Mathew Cahill, Ronan O'Neill, Sean Breen, Dara O Keefe, Aidan McGuire and Dara Burchill. Our striker force of Oliver Stacchowick and Thomas O'Sullivan were outstanding in their assists, work rate, recovery runs and goal by Thomas.

Today's Man of the Match goes to Nathan Cronin Big thanks to Mastergeeha committee again for again the impressive spread of hot food, sandwiches, treats and refreshments for both teams and families. Very much appreciated. Best of luck to Adare in Round 5 of the National Cup after Christmas.

Special mention to today's referee Denni O'Rourke for a very fair sporting, physical game. Great communication throughout.

## U13 BOY'S DIVISION 1

### Mastergeeha 4 v 1 MEK

Our Goal scorers were Adam Cremin, Callum

O'Connor, Ronan Casey and Warren O'Boyle.

MOTM: Match Adam Cremin

A good team performance on Saturday morning and 3 league points secured at home to MEK. This was a very competitive game and a much closer affair than the score line suggest. MEK had plenty of possession and created some good scoring opportunities but Daniel McNeer was equal to the challenge between the posts.

Our opening goal came in the 15th minute when Warren O'Boyle played Adam Cremin through and Adam finished superbly.

Another Warren O'Boyle assist led to our second goal 4 minutes from half time. This time Callum O'Connor netted.

MEK got a goal back 12 minutes into the second half when a superbly struck free kick from outside the box found the top corner.

It was not until 12 minutes from time that the game opened up and a good strike from distance from Matthew O'Riordan was parried by the MEK keeper but Ronan Casey was on hand to toe poke the ball home.

Warren O'Boyle turned from provider to scorer 2 minutes later to put the result beyond doubt.

In what was overall a good team performance Adam Cremin gets the nod for man of the match. His goal in the first half was very well taken and his work rate throughout was superb.

## U13 BOY'S DIVISION 2 SOUTH

### Ballyhar B 2 v 5 Mastergeeha B

## U15 BOY'S PREMIER

### Mastergeeha 0 v 5 Park

## MUSIC BINGO

Join us for bingo with a musical twist, all in aid of Mastergeeha FC. Lots of Prizes on the Night. Music bingo will be followed by live music and finger food at The Village Inn Kilcummin on Saturday 27th December 9pm. Looking forward to seeing you there for an enjoyable night.

## LOTTO

There was no winner of our lotto on Friday 12th December for the Jackpot of €3,000. Numbers drawn were 06,14,17,26. Consolations Prizes of €50 each to the following, Joe Scanlon Ballinamanagh, Fiona Gibbons C/O Mike Devane, Aisling O'Riordan online and Noah & Freddie O'Leary Mountain View. Our next draw will be on Friday 19th December at the Village Inn for Jackpot of €3,200. Congratulations to our Christmas Hamper winners, Neilus McCarthy Kilbrean, Pdraig, Anna & David Fleming and Geraldine & Gerald Griffin Killorglin.



Mastergeeha under 14 girls



Mastergeeha U12 Cup



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takes a look at all things sport...

## ALL THINGS SPORT

It's that time of year again. The midwinter feast, stretched and twisted by human imagination to include yule logs and mistletoe and various tributes to Odin and his ilk, the green-robed Turkish Saint Nicholas and the dowries he dropped down the chimney, plus the Dutch Sinter Klaas and his Black Peter assistants, Norwegians hiding their rooms from witches, Iceland's Gryla and her troll-like children and of course, the Yule Cat....

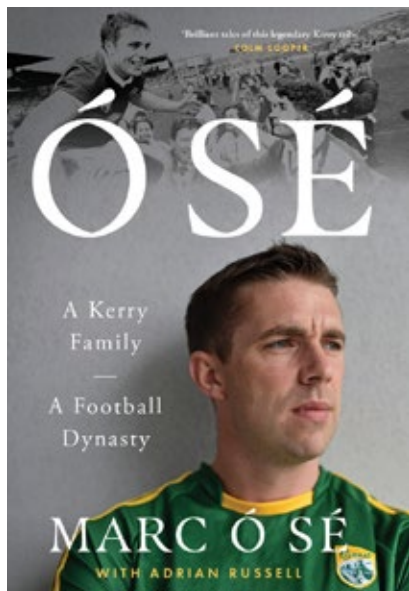
A lot of people believe the urban myth that Santa Claus was invented by Coca Cola to promote their product as a winter drink. Santa predates that by several centuries, but they certainly did the first widely popular depictions of the portly bearded humorist in his horse-drawn carriage (reindeer, like turkey instead of goose, became part of the popular stories afterwards). His sleigh's ability to fly has been confirmed by radar, but no-one has successfully captured him on film. Hard lad to pin down. Eyewitness accounts do confirm the description.

Santa takes care of the presents for the small ones, as is right and proper. But most of the adults I know wouldn't exactly be featuring too highly on the 'nice' list (look, ye know who ye are – ye say nothing and I'll say nothing). What are you going to get your loved ones this Christmas? Okay, for people like me, it depends what the petrol station is selling late on Christmas Eve, but for those of you who are more organised, a sports book is pretty much always a safe option.

That's if she hasn't already dropped loads of hints. And I bet that she has, and you weren't listening.

### Ó Sé: A Kerry Family A Football Dynasty

Marc Ó Sé, ghostwritten by Adrian Russell



honestly didn't have too much hope for this one. And that may sound harsh, given that I've met Marc on several occasions and found him to be a complete gentleman. But Darragh Ó Sé brought out a book, 'Darragh: My Story' ghostwritten by Ewan McKenna, and Tomás brought out a book, 'The White Heat', ghostwritten by Michael Moynihan.

I have both books at home. And....how do I put this? You are welcome to borrow them at any time, and you needn't be in a hurry returning them.

Marc's book is different, it really is. For one thing, it is him looking back on his growing days and then his career as a Kerry footballer. It's far more mature and reflective than either of his brothers. It's not him narrating his impressions at the time of events; it's a grown man re-assessing those events from a more adult perspective. Quite simply, this book has a genuine depth (I'm not claiming that it's profound; it isn't) that his brothers' efforts didn't reach.

His childhood resonated with me more than the football – I especially love when he talks about how much he and his brothers enjoyed travelling on top of the hay bales. That's a favorite memory for a lot of Irish children, myself among them.

I would disagree with a few of his memories of games. He twice references the ungiven foul on Peter Crowley in the 2016 All Ireland semi-final with Dublin. He doesn't mention the fact that a Kerry player committed a worse foul just minutes beforehand and got away with it. Selective memory – it happens with both Kerry footballers and Kerry supporters.

His Uncle Páidí features quite a lot in the book. Too much so, to be honest. I get that Páidí was a huge figure in their growing lives, but there wasn't a single Páidí story in there that I hadn't heard before, and there's more myth than man in those yarns at this stage. His perception of the way Páidí was dismissed as Kerry manager is obviously something the family believe themselves – but it's not fair on a County Board who handled that matter with a lot more sensitivity than Páidí acknowledged.

Small details. When Marc talks about Marc, this book is at its best. Unapologetically so. There's certainly more honesty than either of his brothers in that regard. Marc is genuinely self-reflective. He doesn't try to be politically correct in his dealings with managers – every other book (Darragh, Tomás, and Jack himself) dances around the subject of the Ó Sé's and Jack O'Connor not really getting on. Marc is refreshingly blunt about simply stating that as a fact, without denying Jack's excellence as a manager. Likewise Marc felt hard done by after being dropped on a couple of occasions by Eamonn Fitzmaurice. He's not airing grievances, merely acknowledging them in the rear view mirror.

None of it is said in bitterness, more in self-

reflection long after the fact.

I imagine a lot of the phrasing comes from Adrian Russell. The book is extremely well-written. But it's also obvious that Marc himself put a lot of genuine effort into telling this story honestly, and he succeeded.

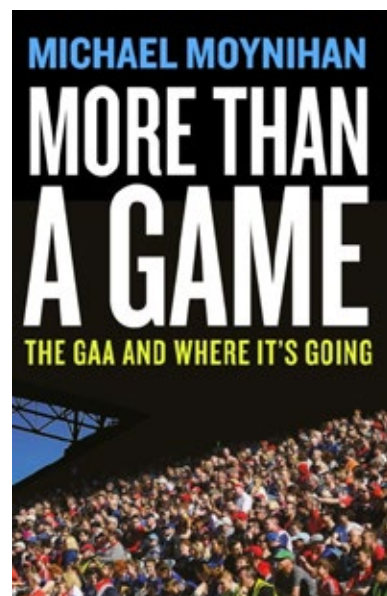
Is it the best Kerry autobiography I have read? I wouldn't say so. I thought Kieran Donaghy's was absolutely excellent and I thought Aidan O'Mahony and Paul Galvin both put in real work as well. But in a fairly saturated and frankly anodyne market, this one stands well out from the pack. I would recommend it without hesitation.

### More Than a Game:

#### The GAA and Where It's Going

Michael Moynihan

For years, Michael Moynihan's column on the back page of the sports section of the Irish



Examiner was a weekly highlight for me. He is perceptive, forthright, and extremely articulate, while also capable of great humour. I consider him one of the best GAA writers of a generation. A book is an entirely different matter to a sports column, though, and I'd consider his record in that regard much more mixed. 'Blood Brothers' was very good. Played it a little bit safe, understandable enough for a Corkman writing about Cork hurling. You won't get many Catholic theologians writing books about the fallibility of popes!

'Crisis and Comeback: Cork in the Eighties' is stunningly good. Genuinely up there with anything that Diarmuid Ferriter has written, and I say that as a huge admirer of Ferriter.

'GAAconomics'....hmmm. It wasn't a bad book in itself. But for a book billed as a look into the underbelly of finances in the GAA....it just never came close to the billing. It's like watching Evan Ferguson playing for Roma....except that you were told that this guy was way better than



Ronaldo Nazário. See my problem?

This is the same. It's a good book. It does address topics like payments to managers and the blurring line between professional and amateur, something that's all the more topical with young players signing for AFL clubs. I would feel that, unluckily for the author, the Revenue are beginning to mark the GAA's cards more closely and that culture was rapidly changing even as the book was written. Revenue remuneration and the use of facilities for corporate events and pop concerts and foreign sports are touched on. And to Michael Moynihan's credit, he absolutely refuses to play any self-righteous "Was it for this our fathers....." or "Will anyone think of the children" nonsense. This is a clear and practical examination....it just isn't remotely forensic. Like GAAconomics, it very carefully steers a very safe course between hazards, carefully skirting anything that could be remotely controversial. And if you are going to write a book about controversial subjects, you can't do so wearing oven mitts. This is a good book – but it could have been a great one. This is the GAA and approximately where it is; not where it's going. It's certainly not a bad book, far from it, but it's not one I would expect to be re-reading in years to come.

### The GAA Uncovered: The History of the GAA in Match Programmes John Kelly



I picked it up in the Killarney Library because it looked intriguing to me and I like GAA history. I wasn't expecting too much, more a collection of pictures than anything else.

It is essentially a coffee table book and yes, of course the photos of the old match programmes are my favourite bit. But there's actually far more depth of research in this than I had expected. I found the pieces about the changes in the written forms of gaelic and discussion of the various and changing idioms and dialects fascinating – admittedly, a subject that was completely new to me. I did not expect to enjoy this one half as much as I did. I would argue that the title might actually be a touch over-simplified. This isn't so much a collection of match programmes, as a clear and distinct narration of the story that they, and by

implication the GAA itself, tries to tell.

### Where Heroes Are Made: Legendary GAA People and the Places that Made them John Scally



I like John Scally's books, always have. They don't tend to be controversial or especially insightful, but they tend to be well researched and written and he has a good way with 'soft' interviews. 'Great GAA Rivalries', '101 Great GAA Teams', '101 Great GAA Controversies', you get the theme. 'The People's Game' was a cut above, some really good interviews.

'Where Heroes were Made'. I was expecting something a little bit 'by the numbers'.

It's not. It's definitely not. This might genuinely be Scally's best book. It opens with an interview with David Hickey about Dublin's famous 'hut' in the seventies (we are going to gently gloss over Michael Lyster's foreword). Hickey is a personal hero of mine, a conscientious objector to Ireland's failures when nobody else had the courage for that mantle. Aside from a brilliant footballer, he has always been a leader, not always popularly so, on the right side of history. And this is the best interview with him that I have ever read. After that you have Leo Moran, lead singer of The Saw Doctors, almost as articulate from a different GAA perspective – the similarities are as fascinating as the juxtaposition. Then you have Bidy Early's curse and Ger Loughnane, known for the occasional swear word himself. Con Houlihan and Castleisland. Or Castle Island, as he always called it.

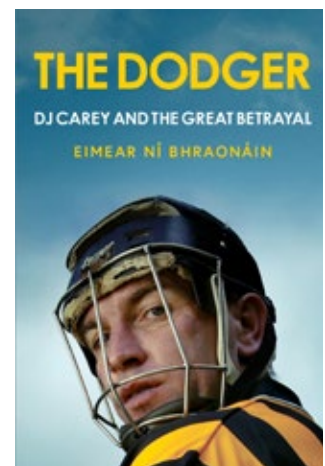
This book is a mix of interviews, anecdotes, and observations. That's fair enough; I think the same can be said of the GAA itself. You don't even need to know anything about the GAA. This book would be a perfect introduction.

### The Last Ditch: Eamonn Sweeney

The Irish Independent's Eamonn Sweeney is probably my favourite contemporary sports writer. That's not to say that I always agree with him – he fell briefly into the old Brolly trick of

denigrating Mayo footballers but thankfully copped on since. A writer like this should be shaping the sporting zeitgeist, not trying to ride it. Sweeney is able to blend humour and passion and indignation without ever losing articulation; that's a much harder trick than people think (Sky Sports, for example, have nobody that even comes close to achieving it). Sweeney never wrote anything better than 2004's 'The Road to Croker'. Everybody remembers the humour – the lad on the bus to Lourdes who was saved by God five times.... sheer genius – but it had depth as well. This year he attempted to repeat the trick. Is it as good? No, but it's still an awful lot better than most. Sweeney is very honest about his fear of travelling and how he gradually managed to face it. There's a small but very moving piece about one of his daughters. There's something a little bit preachy where he talks about the various religious observances and foods from immigrant cultures, but I can forgive that because I happen to agree with him. The games? They are actually relatively incidental to the plot – no great harm in that either.

### The Dodger: DJ Carey and the Great Betrayal Eimear ní Bhraonáin



Unfortunately, one GAA story above all others from 2025 is going to be remembered. Journalist Eimear ní Bhraonáin delved far deeper into the story than most. So much so that her work in researching this book led to her being co-producer on the award winning RTE documentary. This is forensic journalism at its very best. Meticulous detail and packed with interviews and a clear, concise timeline from start to finish. Totally non-judgemental, so it gives room for the reader to form a judgement (more than a few of the more celebrated crime correspondents in this country, with their penchant for assigning childish nicknames to thugs and killers, could and should take note). It's an absolutely brilliant book. I just don't like it. It's a nasty story all round and I wish it had never happened. It's important that the story be told. I believe that it happened, it shouldn't have happened, and should never be allowed to happen again. But it's just repugnant to me. I don't share this penchant people have for devouring controversies. There's a movie



out about Roy Keane and Mick McCarthy in Saipan.....jaysus, is this what hiberno-gaelic literature is reduced to? Shaw, Beckett, Yeats, Joyce, Heaney....Roy Keane and DJ Carey. Ah, lads. It won't heal if ye keep picking at the scab.

## The Race

David Gillick

There's a certain almost mysticism about athletics. To put it bluntly, there's less.....guff (I'm tempted to use stronger words) about it. Athletes tend to be articulate in interviews, easily able to dissect their own part and perspective on the big events far better than any interviewer. You won't get athletes tossing out any of the time-worn mantras and clichés so beloved of other sports (hello, rugby and American football, I'm looking at ye).

Part of it is because I don't believe Ireland fully appreciate how difficult elite athletics actually is. For one thing, by its very nature there are new excuses. You reach the finish line first.....or you don't. You jump that high or that far; you throw the longest distance. It's very clear and clinical. You can win or lose in microseconds. Literally. And it is absolutely ruthless. I personally believe that you cannot be a top athlete because of pride in place or family or anything else. You need, deep down, to have that inner core of unshakeable self-belief. You are certainly not doing it for the money. Compared to almost any other sport, most of which are less self-demanding, the money is brutal.

David Gillick lived that life. We all know that this was one of the best Irish athletes out there, but do we understand how close to world class he actually has been? He was almost a multi-millionaire and a world-famous name. 'Almost'....in athletics, that word should be written in capitals.

Sonia O'Sullivan – and I would argue that she had as big an impact on Irish sport, not just athletics, as Ronnie Delaney did a generation before – wrote a very good book, apparently without a ghostwriter (I'm sorry, but 'Sonia: My Story' is suspiciously well-written) about her own athletic career. But Sonia was writing from the perspective of some-one who was unabashedly right up there with the very best. David Gillick's book is rawer, tougher. It's not that it's more honest – Sonia didn't play false modesty or pull any punches. But if you want to know exactly how hard the world of athletics is, 'The Race' really is top class. Like I say, there's no bluff in athletics, and there's no bluff here.

## Martin O'Neill: The Changing Game

Martin O'Neill

I mentioned earlier on how I genuinely have no problem with ghostwriters being brought in on commission or fee to use their expertise to translate some-one's life experiences onto paper. But I do want the authenticity of the voice that I am reading to be real. I literally don't bother with listening to political speeches; they are always polished, squeaky clean, and utterly meaningless. Nobody can stand for everything. Populism is useful for wind when you are hanging out clothes to

dry, and absolutely nothing else. But I'm an awful lot more suspicious when some-one says that there was no ghostwriter involved. In my experience, that's almost never been true of sports biographies.

Roy Keane got in trouble for an 'autobiography' that was written by Eamon Dunphy, and Tadgh Kennelly got in trouble for an 'autobiography' that was written by Scotty Gallen. I actually believe both men when they say that they didn't write the particular pieces that offended. Both have the sound of forced drama for the sake of a narrative rather than actual moments in a game. Mind you, I have no sympathy for either man.

It says an awful lot that I'm inclined to believe Martin O'Neill when he says that he wrote this himself. For one thing, O'Neill is highly educated and articulate. Brian Clough, genius though he was, tried to bully a lot of young players with his personality; even then, O'Neill was a match for him. He is actually kinder to his old wayward genius of a manager than I would have been. In fact, this is the mellow side of O'Neill. Highly perceptive in a lot of ways, but I do feel that he plays it a little bit safe. I'd say that he would be much more interesting on the topics addressed if you were chatting with him over a few pints. This book doesn't feel like that. There are real insights, but some of the admiration for the old school, rough-and-ready approach and the occasional condemnation of things like 'XG' (granted, the most abused statistic in history prior to Donald Trump's immigration inventions) rings a little false. O'Neill always unrepentantly mixed progressive methods with pragmatic tactics. He could be trenchant (let's face it; there were times he struggled to conceal truculence – and I wouldn't blame him) – for example, the idea that his conservatism was holding back a phenomenally talented Irish team who could outplay anyone....jaysus, Irish supporters really don't help themselves. The voice here, unfortunately, comes across sounds like some-one whose battles have already been fought. His most recent stint with Glasgow Celtic, which has unquestionably sealed his status as a club legend, unfortunately didn't make it to the print deadline.

This felt to me like Martin O'Neill at half throttle. Maybe his heart was in this at the start; I don't get the impression that it was at the finish. But I'd take O'Neill at half throttle over most soccer books at full speed.

## Eddie Jordan: Full Throttle

Keith Brennan

I've always liked Eddie Jordan, ever since he was pointed out to me at Dr. Crokes junior games way back when. I never actually spoke to him – frankly, I wasn't sure that people were having a joke at my expense (I was a very gullible child). John Keogh, that great alumnus of Dr. Crokes and St. Pauls, was kind enough to explain Jordan's extensive Kerry and Killarney connections to me more recently.

The sheer existence of Eddie Jordan is one of the great Irish stories. A quiet, friendly Dubliner deciding to go toe-to-toe with the likes of Ferrari, Mercedes, McLaren. It always felt to me a bit like Glenroe's Miley Byrne making a guest

appearance on 'Dallas'. Well, holy God, but J.R. Ewing would get some shock....

But this book isn't a biography of Eddie Jordan. It is, and I'm quoting the blurb "a high-octane guide to business, leadership and resilience - told through the extraordinary life and lessons of Formula One legend Eddie Jordan....At its heart lies The Jordan Code - 25 powerful principles for entrepreneurs, leaders and ambitious thinkers who want to win against the odds. Each is brought to life through stories and reflections from Eddie's friends and peers, including Bono, Richard Branson, David Coulthard, Jake Humphrey, Roger Taylor, Mark Webber, and many more."

It may say more about me than Eddie Jordan, or that very good writer Keith Brennan, but I'm extremely sceptical of a premise like that. You can teach the fundamentals of entrepreneurship just like you can art. But too many who succeed attribute that success to an imagined ideology rather than sound fundamentals, luck, and timing. It's worth noting that Jordan was working in finance while motor cars were a hobby; I strongly suspect that you'd have never heard his name if it was the other way around. Webber and Coulthard proved their racing talent in tough apprenticeships. It was speed, not philosophy, that brought them success. Bono and Roger Taylor wrote brilliant songs and performed them well (by the way, Taylor was a lot more than a foil for Freddie Mercury). I don't know who Jake Humphrey is, but I'm just going to assume that he isn't a yoga instructor.

But as I say, I'm sceptical about self-help books. I believe that they largely prey on people's insecurities more than anything else. I believe that it fosters that very American idea that being poor is automatically your own fault. While there are exceptions, the myth of the self-made billionaire is exactly that, a myth. But look, my own beliefs regarding oligarchic capitalism are not in play here.

Eddie Jordan's actual story is fascinating, and those parts of this book are very good. The derived principles....well, I found them mediocre, almost platitudinal – but I'm so cheap I didn't even buy the book. I got it out of the library. Maybe I'm not exactly the target market.

## Andy Farrell: The Only Way I Know

Andy Farrell, ghostwritten with Gavin





## Mairs

Rugby was into the 'auto'biography market before most other sports. And it has made me wary of them. Too many of them are too polished to be believable. The supposed authors don't claim to be paragons of virtue, but their self-confessed flaws tend to be minor. There's almost always a vulnerability, a sense of insecurity that they manfully overcome, and a family tragedy of some sort that bestowed a sense of humanity.

Jaysus.

Or you have the school of "my life philosophy as derived from rugby". Joe Schmidt – stunning coach, far less stunning book. I felt that there should be a choir in the background singing 'Hallelujah, Reverend' as I read it. Eddie O'Sullivan's was a lot better, although perhaps a little self-serving (I don't believe his version of a couple of events, but he came across as likeable).

Peter Stringer's was good. Johnny Sexton's 'Obsessed' had an enjoyable bitterness about it. 'Becoming a Lion' a decade later felt a lot more contrived to me. Seán O'Brien's was surprisingly good. O'Driscoll, Paul O'Connell, O'Gara..... arrah, look, if they were movies you could watch them in fast forward. Moss Keane's, one of the granddaddy books from my perspective, was brilliant. But I mean, it was Moss Keane, so no surprise. I also really enjoyed Mike Galway's (he may have become known as 'Mick', but that was never his name among his own people), but with the Kerry football connection, that was preaching to the converted. Asking the likes of me to review books like those....look, it'd be like a new mother holding up her baby and asking what you thought. You're not going to say "what an ugly baby", are you?

Andy Farrell's isn't the pinnacle, but it's a long way from the nadir either. Before you ask, no, his tenure with Ireland is not the predominant theme, and I'd be disgusted if it was. Ireland gets almost no mention until the latter third. No reason it should; we are just a brief enough part of what must count as a full life. Farrell grew up in Wigan as a rugby league prodigy.

Was it really that rough and tough? I'm inclined to believe him. We have a tendency to think of rugby as a very upper class sport. Have a check at Limerick's rugby history, or Cork to a lesser extent (Cork back in the thirties and forties was slightly more cosmopolitan; Dublin was one of the great cities). Wigan sounds like Limerick of the seventies and eighties, and that sense of rough but warm community is captured well here. Farrell obviously grew up in a tough school – becoming a father at sixteen doesn't sound like any picnic either.

He switched to rugby union late in his career. It didn't quite work out, and he is honest about that. Then he went into coaching....

Interestingly, he charts his experiences in coaching with the same honest analysis. And he doesn't actually give himself enough credit for his meteoric rise. Within three years of first coaching professionally, he's working with the Lions. He doesn't think that it's all that unusual a progression, or maybe he's just being modest. But I never realised just how seamless his transition to coaching was. The equivalent would have been Ronan O'Gara being appointed manager of England, not Ireland....in 2016. Forget La Rochelle, Ronan never went to Crusaders. And then went on to win Grand Slams. With his country's main rivals. That would be the equivalent of Andy Farrell's career.

The match reports are....well, they are match reports. We know what happened, and Farrell doesn't offer particular insights. I'm not sure any coach can do so honestly without falling into the trap of hindsight. But, as with Marc Ó Sé's book, he's able to look at his younger self with a critical but not unkindly eye. His dealings with Sexton are genuinely fascinating – he needed Sexton, but he needed Sexton to cop onto himself a bit. I can readily believe that. The book is well-written. I don't actually know Gavin Mairs' work myself (he writes for The Telegraph) but he can obviously polish a narrative without demeaning it. This is a much better book than I was expecting.

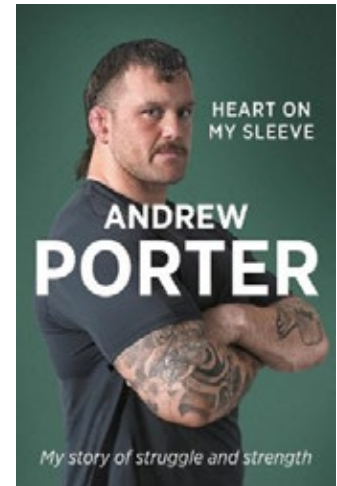
I haven't read Conor Murray's 'Cloud Nine: My

Life in Rugby' yet. I've huge admiration for him as a player. I'm a little sceptical about the book, but I obviously have a touch of the cynic about me.

## Andrew Porter:

## My Heart on My Sleeve

Andrew Porter, ghostwritten by  
Alison Walsh



Alas, another one that I failed to get my hands on in time. Give me a break here. I don't spend all my time reading. I do have a social life (okay, I'll admit that's a bit of an exaggeration).

I am looking forward to this, though. It's the Irish Times Sports Book of the Year, and that isn't any empty platitude. I tend to be sceptical of most industry awards – they are basically a marketing tool for the most part. But the Irish Times Books of the Year have a lot of credibility; they do actually tend to be the best.

I'm told – hmmm, again, how much is advertising and how much is substance remains to be determined – that this is a book about a rugby player, but not about the rugby. Porter grew up with a very ill mother who died young and that had huge consequences for him. That sounds to me very much like a story worth reading; it's on my priority list.

## New Kerry FC Kits Arrive For Christmas As Kerry Airport Extends Lead Sponsorship for 2026 Season

KERRY Airport is proud to announce that it will continue as the lead sponsor of Kerry FC for the 2026 season and to celebrate the news, the new kits have rolled into the Arrivals Hall in time for Christmas.

Fans who enjoyed the highs of reaching the FAI Cup Semi-Final in 2025 are looking forward to showing their support again in the new-look home kit which is green with white and gold stripe and the away kit, which is a black with a gold-plated crest and trim.

The jerseys are on sale now from <https://kerryfc.com/shop> and at Kerry FC's pop-up shop at Kerry Airport from Tuesday 16th December.

Kerry FC is also delighted to continue its technical kit partnership with MACRON for the 2026 season.

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The season will kick-off against Cobh Wanderers in the last 16 of the Grandon's Toyota Munster Senior Cup in early January.

**Full details of fixtures and how to purchase Season Tickets are available from [www.KerryFC.com](http://www.KerryFC.com).**



Kerry FC Players Sean McGrath, Ryan Kelliher and Luke Palmer pictured in the new kits. Photo: Domnick Walsh.



## FOSSA

### LOTTO

The numbers drawn on 14/12/2025 for a jackpot of €5,100 were 10, 12, 15, 16. There was no jackpot winner. The €40 consolation prize winners were; John O'Mahony, Joan Cronin, Ava Griffin, Tim Foley, The McCarthy's Coolea. The Hamper winners were Marie Buckley and Eoin Talbot.

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>

### NATIONAL CLUB DRAW - FOSSA GAA

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

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

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

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**LOTTO** took place on December 15th. Numbers drawn were 12, 15, 17, 19. Jackpot of €15,800 was NOT WON. 3 patrons matched 3 numbers and receive €45 each. Jackpot for draw on December 22nd will be €16,100. Play online by following the link below and follow instructions attached <https://member.clubspot.app/club/dr-crokes-gaa/fundraisers>

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

**GENTLE EXERCISE CLASS** with Kathleen will finish on Tuesday 16th of December at 11am in



Firies Captain Anthony Cremin pictured with Garry O'Halloran and Johnny Brosnan of the East Kerry Board and John Dineen's Father Jerry and wife Moira. Thanks again to the Dineen family for sponsoring the Cup.

the clubhouse. Everyone is welcome.

### 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.

### NOTES

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

## EAST KERRY GAA NEWS

### EAST KERRY MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION 3 FINAL

#### Firies 2-14 Glenflesk 3-04

A burst of late scores from Firies saw them get over the challenge of Glenflesk and claim victory in the East Kerry Division 3 Minor Final in Farranfore on Saturday

Firies started quickly with Liam Harmon setting up James Barry for the opening point of the day. Barry doubled the lead soon after. Liam O'Brien got Glenflesk's opening score from a free after 14 minutes. Points from Liam Scahill and Dylan Bowler followed. A brilliant 2 pointer from Cillian Cronin then started a run of Firies score's giving them an 0-08 to 0-03 lead as half time approached. Glenflesk then cgot a badly needed goal the half time lead to 2 with James Kelly finding the net from close rang leaving Firies with a 2 point lead at half time.

Liam O'Brien and Marcus Clifford exchanged free's to start the second half. Glenflesk second

goal then came after good play saw Kieran O'Sullivan finish low into the net from close range, giving Glenflesk their first lead. Cronin then got himself another point to level matters. Firies then goaled when Padraig O'Sullivan and James Barry linked up well, leaving Cronin to pass the ball into the empty net. A Liam Harmon point quickly followed. Kelly then fisted in his second goal to keep Glenflesk in the contest. Firies though struck back with a brilliant goal moving the ball quickly up the field for Cronin to fire in his second goal. Further points late on from Shane O'Loughlin and Podge O'Sullivan sealed the victory and crowned Firies deserved winners of the John Dineen Cup.

### ATHLETIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

East Kerry/Eoghan Ruadh U14 Athletic Development Programme completed the indoor sessions last Sunday. Players that attended the sessions on a regular basis have shown good improvement over the seven week programme. It is important that all players continue to follow the home programme to maintain improvements to date. Thanks to Sean Coffey (St Brendans College) and Josh Coffey (UI) for supporting Vince Cooper East Kerry GDC in completing the Athletic Development Programme. East Kerry Board continue to provide valuable assistance in the delivery of the programme. Sessions will continue after school holiday period. Players will be notified in advance



St Brendan's students Finn Doyle, Conor O'Mahony, Jack Spillane, Brian Shanahan and Shay McCormack participating in the Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Kerry Hospice Foundation in St Brendan's College Killarney on Monday.

Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



St Brendan's students Craig Brown, Micheal Carey Brickley and Killian White with (left) teacher Kevin Cronin participating in the Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Kerry Hospice Foundation in St Brendan's College Killarney on Monday.

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## Utility Trust St Pauls vs UCC Glanmire Report

**Dominos Womens Superleague | Saturday December 13th | Killarney Sports and Leisure Centre**

### Utility Trust St Pauls 54 UCC Glanmire 88

*Report by Enda Walshe*

It was Van Morrison who sang the tune "My mama told me there'd be days like this". This performance from James Fleming's side is hard to explain given how competitive they have been so far this season. Just the two league defeats and a narrow cup defeat to go with five impressive wins but it would be hard to put into words the reasons for this defeat.

To give Glanmire their full dues they were extremely impressive, led by Viane Cumber, who was the chief protagonist in her side getting thirteen three pointers. Aine McKenna, used in cameos probed at all times, Claire O Sullivan was a thorn with 16 points, Amy Dooley a colossus, and Jewel Watkins was smoothness personified. But a look at St Paul's headlines stats wouldn't make pretty reading. They were 2/11 from the free throw line, 2/25 from beyond the arc and less than 50% from the field. They are not figures you would expect from this St Pauls side and probably best to consign it to the "forget about it" category.

The first quarter gave little clues as to the impending doom as both sides traded blows early. Jewel Watkins and Viane Cumber opened their sides account but Maisie Burnham, Lorraine Scanlon and Tara Cousins, with a nice

jumper, got their side going. Amy Dooley and Claire O Sullivan helped their side into a 12-6 lead but this coincided with St Pauls best period in the game. The usual suspects Scanlon, Burnham and Cousins helped their side go on a 8-0 scoring run to take the lead, something they maintained when Burnham replied to another O'Sullivan basket. Emer Dunne and Cumber helped their side retain the initiative but another Burnham basket had it well set up at 19-18.

It was in the opening stages of the second quarter that Glanmire started to inflict the first cuts. Dunne and O Sullivan netted but it was the long range accuracy of Cumber and Watkins that started to hurt. Denise Dunlea did offer resistance but with Lorraine Scanlon on three fouls and Glanmire 34-23 clear the portents were not good. Leah McMahon was also trying hard at this juncture but Dooley, Mia Furlong and Cumber were driving it on for Glanmire. A 45-29 half time lead reflected that. St Pauls did try hard in the third quarter to get back in the game but Glanmire's accuracy from downtown was a big deterrent to any comeback. Cousins, Scanlon, McMahon and Burnham all scored inside the opening two minutes but Aine McKenna and Cumber negated that. St Pauls were definitely defending better but Furlong and McKenna's baskets were surgical-like and despite the Trojan efforts of Burnham, Dunlea and Scanlon

the gap could only be reduced by one, 61-46 after ten minutes of hard work.

To emphasise the point Watkins and Cumber hit the opening five points of the final period with a Burnham effort sandwiching further Glanmire efforts from O Sullivan and Cumber. Sensing a St Pauls off day Glanmire kept their foot on the gas with McKenna, Watkins and Dooley all netting. The big positive for St Pauls was a glimpse into the future as Clodagh O'Sullivan and Annie Brosnan, two bright prospects, got minutes under their belts. O Sullivan made her mark with the closing basket for her side, a highlight in a forgettable day as Furlong, Cumber and Watkins put the seal on an 88-54 triumph.

Maisie Burnham hit 16, Lorraine Scanlon 12, Tara Cousins 8, Denise Dunlea 7, Leah McMahon 6, Lovisa Hevinder 3, Clodagh O'Sullivan 2.

For the victors, Viane Cumber had 26, Claire O Sullivan 16, Jewel Watkins 14, Aine McKenna 9, Mia Furlong 8.

St Pauls will be targeting the Brunell game this Saturday afternoon for the bounceback. After a thrilling cup game between the side in recent weeks it has all the ingredients of a cracker. Brunell will have a spring in their step after an away day win over Trinity Meteors and sit just above St Pauls with a 6-2 record. Tip off in the Killarney Sports and Leisure Centre is at 4pm.

## Utility Trust St Pauls Lakers vs Moy Tolka Rovers Report

**Dominos Mens Basketball League | Saturday December 13th | Tolka Rovers Sports Complex**

### Moy Tolka Rovers 66 Utility Trust St Pauls Lakers 85

*Report by Enda Walshe*

Utility Trust St Pauls Lakers made a successful return to the capital when they were very impressive accounting for a highly rated Tolka Rovers outfit. After suffering a heartbreaking cup exit at the hands of Templeogue last weekend they found the trip to Griffith Avenue more to their liking and the win pushes them onto six wins from their ten games. The Christmas period will have a distinctive Galway feel to it as they face the three sides from the Western seaboard and this win will have them looking forward to the coming weeks.

The game itself was nip and tuck in the main for the opening half and indeed the majority of the third quarter. But the visitors made a decisive move with four minutes to go in that moving quarter as they outscored their opponents by 14-4 and gave themselves the leg up for the final quarter. It was notable too that five of the squad hit double figures with local trio Jack O Sullivan, Eoin Carroll and Mark Sheehan combining for 39 points. Steve Kelly was at his incisive best assisting in the first half and

feeding the scoreboard in the second while Sam Grant went 67% from beyond the arc, each as important as each other.

It was Tolka who opened the scoring with Sean McManus particularly lively but Sam Grant had his eye in early, contributing three three pointers and adding to Steve Kelly's basket to give the Lakers an 11-4 lead with Oisín Spring bringing the defensive energy. Tolka were guilty of some inaccuracy from the free throw line which would have made the game tighter but it didn't deter Carroll, Sheehan or O Sullivan one bit as they made it 17-7 with 3.48 to go in the quarter. Stephen Commins and McManus were carrying the fight for the hosts but when O'Sullivan was found in glorious isolation in the corner he converted to give the Lakers a comfortable advantage. But some outside accuracy from Stephen Commins squeezed up the game by quarter's end, the Lakers 21-19 to the good.

Rui Sariava made his return to the Lakers side but Tolka was growing into the game. Samuel Badejo was sharp on the breakaway and Juwan Jones poured in a three to keep them interested. But Eoin Carroll was profiting from some work by Kelly, who was also weaving

patterns to keep his side 34-32 clear. Carroll then turned provider for Grant who was on his own under the basket as the Lakers started to look comfortable. But Commins dispelled that notion for Tolka when he hit two outside shots to tighten up the game. It took points from Sheehan and Grant to ensure the Lakers led by the minimum, 41-40, at the change of ends.

The third quarter opened with both sides missing opportunities to add to their totals but McManus did eventually break the duck to give his side a temporary lead. It was immediately wiped out by Kelly executing a nice move and although Badejo steuck again the Lakers moved clear with Kelly and Grant on target. The pivotal moment of the game was about to come as Commins cut the gap to two, 47-45 with four minutes remaining. It was initiated by a Grant basket and when Kelly threw one in from beyond the arc the Lakers started to get real momentum. Jack O Sullivan was prominent also with Grant, Sheehan and Kelly opening up a 61-49 three quarter lead.

Kelly immediately added to that total early in the fourth but McManus was threatening to give Tolka some momentum. The crowd could sense it as the intensity went up a notch but it was all quelled when Sheehan in the corner



hit a crucial three. The Lakers also improved defensively as Tolka started to run up blind alleys. Carroll tipped in and O'Sullivan stole in the back door to make it 71-55 midway through the quarter. Jones did manage a couple of three for Tolka but Kelly, just beating the shot clock, Sheehan (3) and O Sullivan, sweeping up under the basket, made those points irrelevant. Darragh O Callaghan and Adam Whitty were now on court as the Lakers had a firm grip on

the game with Grant and Kelly putting the finishing touches to an 85-66 win. Sam Grant led the way in scoring with 24, Steve Kelly had 22, Mark Sheehan had 15, Jack O Sullivan 14, Eoin Carroll 10. For Tolka Stephen Commins was best with 18, Juwan Jones shot 15, Sean McManus 13 Samuel Badejo 7. League table toppers Maree visit the Killarney Sports and Leisure Centre this Saturday

December 20th where the game has a 7.30pm tip off. The Westerners have an impressive 8-2 record, their latest win coming over Malahide. In Isaiah Taylor they possess one of the league's top players, and Justin Wickham is a big influence in the paint. Rinor Dragusha is averaging 20 points a game this season so all that tells you is the Lakers are in for a hell of a battle.

## Report BI NL Killarney Cougars v Drogheda Wolves

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#### Killarney Cougars 68 Drogheda Wolves 88

The Cougars welcomed Drogheda Wolves to the Presentation Gym on Saturday evening, where a tough, physical and highly competitive contest saw the visitors gradually assert control, particularly during a decisive third quarter, as the Wolves moved clear to secure victory in round 11 of National League Div 1.

The opening quarter was evenly matched, with both sides trading scores in an entertaining start. Sean Conway and Simon Olanipekun impressed early for the Cougars, but late baskets from David Oputa and Franicischek Chemielecki gave Drogheda a narrow 23-19

advantage at the end of the first.

The second quarter remained highly competitive as the Cougars battled back strongly. Excellent scoring from Josh Vermiglio and the hard-working Paul Adedeji saw the home side reduce the deficit to just one point at 36-35 midway through the period. However, the influence of Vernon Jackson proved crucial for the visitors, as Drogheda finished the half strongly to take a 45-37 lead into the break.

Drogheda's strength in depth began to tell in the third quarter as the physical nature of the game took its toll on the Cougars. Three-point shooting from Dimitri Theocharis, Francisco Cruz, and Vernon Jackson helped the Wolves extend their advantage to 64-51 by the end of

the quarter, effectively swinging momentum in their favour.

Despite continued effort and determination in the final quarter, the Cougars were unable to significantly reduce the deficit. Drogheda matched the home side score for score and once again finished strongly, with Vernon Jackson controlling the tempo to ensure a deserved victory for the Wolves. Conway and Olanipekun continued to work hard for the Cougars, but the crucial baskets proved elusive in the closing stages.

The next home game for the Cougars is versus Moycullen on January 10th.



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This initial call is being launched as a Pilot Scheme and will inform future similar calls to developers.

For further details on this call and on how to make a submission, please refer to the Kerry County Council website [www.kerrycoco.ie](http://www.kerrycoco.ie)

Completed submissions can be sent by email to [affordablehousing@kerrycoco.ie](mailto:affordablehousing@kerrycoco.ie) or in a sealed envelope, marked and addressed to:

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(Matthew 1:21-23 Amplified Bible).

Welcome back dear student, firstly I wish you a Peaceful and Happy Christmas, full of God's Joy and the comfort of His Love. I invite you to join with us at our Christmas services – on Sunday next December 21st at 11am, and also for our special 'Candlelight Carols' next Tuesday night, December 23rd at 7.30pm. We will have worship songs, followed by a message of Hope, prayer, and refreshments on Sunday; with Tuesday evening's service focussing on Christmas Carols by candlelight with hot chocolate and cookies. See our website [wordofvictory.ie](http://wordofvictory.ie) or social media pages for more of our Christmas schedule. If you've never been to a Bible meeting, we would love to welcome you to fellowship with us dear friend. It's heartening to see many people earnestly seeking a relationship with God through His Word, for He is our only Hope. Everything may fall asunder in the world, but the Word of God will never fail (Psalm 91). He is Faithful. What a privilege to worship Him and celebrate the birth of God's Gift of Love, Jesus. Christmas means nothing without Christ.

For some people, it's a time to endure – there are lots of reasons – sadness or grief, family dysfunction or illnesses, crippling anxiety, or worrying financial problems. It can be grating on a person's nerves being asked at every corner 'are you all ready for Christmas?', if all you want to do is pull the duvet over your head, and wake up when it's over. If you are feeling overwhelmed, you are not alone friend. Yes, Christmas is a time of celebrations and joy remembering the birth of our Saviour, but no one knows pain like the Lord Jesus does. He has been there, done that, and bought the tee shirt! (Isaiah 53:3-10). He understands all the emotions, the tragedies, the trauma, and feels it with you (Hebrews 4:14-16). But Jesus is the Resurrection and the Life. This means that we have Hope from our faith in Him, that He will breathe Life into the darkest places in our hearts. No-one is beyond redemption. No situation is too far gone that the Lord Jesus cannot bring good out from it.

There's a joy so much greater than gifts and non-stop partying. Peace that cannot be found anywhere else – in a meaningful relationship with the Prince of Peace, Jesus. The thing that turns a lot of people off Christmas is the commercialism – pumping the population to spend, spend, spend! Everything the world promotes Christmas as being is to excess. But the true meaning of Christmas is the selfless Love of God's Son the Lord Jesus, laying down His divinity, being born as a helpless child, then growing up and dying for the sins of every human being, taking our place, so that we could receive God's gift of Salvation through believing in Him (John 3:16). Did you ever receive a really generous gift and feel that your gift back was nowhere as good? Yet all Jesus is looking for – is for us to Believe! Brandon Lake's beautiful worship song 'Gratitude' describes it perfectly... "so I throw up my hands and praise You again and again, cause all that I have is a Hallelujah...Hallelujah! And I know it's not much – I've nothing else fit for a King – except for a heart singing, Hallelujah...Hallelujah!...Hallelujah!" God bless you.

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## Christmas Message Diocese of Kerry 2025

These lines from a religious poem in the Divine Office capture the meaning and the Spirit of our celebration of Christmas:

*Where true love is dwelling, God is dwelling there;  
Love's own loving Presence, love does ever share.  
Give Him joyful welcome, love Him and revere;  
Cherish one another with a love sincere.*

A happy and a faith-centred Christmas to one and all, to all homes, all families and all people living alone. It is wonderful that Christmas in Ireland remains so family centred for most people: 'Home for Christmas', 'Together for Christmas'. For homes and families all year-round every week can be pressurised and busy, Christmas is almost the only time most people are at home with their family, a few days to unwind and catch up, time to see the bigger picture of their lives and to count their blessings. I pray God's blessing on every home in the diocese.

If it has been a difficult year or if you are troubled today draw strength from the fact that Mary and Joseph relied on the innkeeper, and all he could provide was a stable, and their baby Jesus was born. What joy and happiness! Everything does not have to be perfect for life to be fulfilling. A word of encouragement. Have time to turn to God over the Christmas days. Pause and gaze at the crib in the home, or at a simple crib-picture on a Christmas card. Visit the crib in local churches. Bring the children. Especially at the crib talk to children about the birth of Jesus, – and the love God the Father has for us all. Speak to children of the love of God, and of all of us putting our Hope in God. Join in the celebration of Mass. Proclaim Christ Jesus as your Hope as you enter the New Year. Share and nourish your own faith over the days of Christmas.

This Christmas we have a new Pope, Leo XIV. We pray for him and for his shepherding of the church in the years ahead. Let us remember Pope Francis fondly. Recall the heroic effort he made on Easter Sunday to show the world his faith and joy in the Resurrection of Jesus, and how he died early the next morning.

2023 was the 800th anniversary of St Francis having the first Christmas crib in Greccio, Italy. In his crib St Francis had live people and animals, – an event that is now seen as the beginning of the worldwide tradition of the crib, – a model of the stable with figures of all the people, animals and objects. At the start of Advent 2019, looking forward to 2023 Pope Francis wrote an apostolic letter entitled "The meaning and importance of the nativity scene".

*What follows are two paragraphs, from the middle and the end of Pope Francis' letter, two paragraphs that can help us reflect and pray about the birth of Jesus, Emmanuel, God with us.*

"Why does the Christmas crib arouse such wonder and move us so deeply? First, because it shows God's tender love: the Creator of the universe lowered himself to take up our littleness. The gift of life, in all its mystery, becomes all the more wondrous as we realise that the Son of Mary is the source and sustenance of all life.

In Jesus, the Father has given us a brother who comes to seek us out whenever we are confused or lost, a loyal friend ever at our side. He gave us his Son who forgives us and frees us from our sins."

"Dear brothers and sisters, the Christmas crib is part of the precious yet demanding process of passing on the faith. Beginning in childhood, and at every stage of our lives, it teaches us:

to contemplate Jesus,

to experience God's love for us,

to feel and believe that God is with us

and that we are with him, his children, brothers and sisters all, thanks to that Child who is the Son of God and the Son of the Virgin Mary.

And to realize that in that knowledge we find true happiness.

Like Saint Francis, may we open our hearts to this simple grace, so that from our wonderment a humble prayer may arise: a prayer of thanksgiving to God, who wished to share with us his all, and thus never to leave us on our own."

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May your love be upon us O' Lord

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**CHRISTOPHER  
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MOYNIHAN**  
LATE OF UPPER LISSIVIGEEN,  
KILLARNEY AND LONDON  
WHO DIED ON  
23RD DECEMBER 2024

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We also wish to express our sincere appreciation to those who attended the funeral ceremonies, those who sent Mass cards, floral tributes and letters of sympathy. A special thank you to our relatives and friends for their support.

Thanks to Fr Michael McCaughey and his fellow priests for celebrating Sean's requiem mass and burial service.

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(NEE SHINE)**



*We shared so much together  
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(NEE LUCEY)**



*May ye know that ye are thought about  
Wherever ye may roam,  
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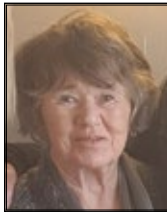
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DANIEL  
(DAVE DAN)  
CRONIN



GNEEVEGUILLA UPPER,  
RATHMORE, CO. KERRY  
WHO DIED ON THE  
21ST DECEMBER 2022

*Your gentle face and patient smile, with  
sadness we recall. You had a kindly word for  
each and died beloved by all.  
The voice is mute and stilled the heart, that  
loved us well and true. Ah, bitter was the trial  
to part from one as good as you.  
You are not forgotten loved one nor will you  
ever be. As long as life and memory last, we  
will remember thee. We miss you now our  
hearts are sore, as time goes by we miss you  
more. Your loving smile, your gentle face  
no one can fill you vacant place.*

*Always a smile instead of a frown  
Always a hand when one is down  
Always true, thoughtful and kind  
Wonderful memories you left behind.*

Loved and missed always by your  
loving family

Mass for Daniel will be on Sunday, 21st  
December 2025 at 9.30am in the Church of  
the Holy Rosary, Gneeveguilla.

2ND ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

MARY B. WALSH



FLINTFIELD, FAHA, KILLARNEY  
WHO PASSED AWAY ON  
JANUARY 4TH, 2024.

*Just as you are, you will always be  
Someone special in our memory  
Sweet is your memory  
Precious your name  
Close in our hearts  
You will always remain.*

*As happy memories keep forever  
of days when we were all together  
They bring a smile and often a tear  
and always a wish that you were still here.*

Sadly missed and forever loved by your  
son Jack, husband Sean, Walsh &  
Fitzgerald family.

*Always together. Never apart.  
Maybe in distance.  
But never by heart.*

Mary's Second Anniversary Mass will take  
place at the Church of the Immaculate  
Conception, Listry, on Tuesday,  
January 6th, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

9TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

KEVIN CASEY



LATE OF GLENFLESK,  
KILLARNEY  
& DUNMORE EAST  
WHO DIED ON  
JANUARY 3RD 2017

*Our hearts are full of memories,  
With pride we speak your name,  
Though life must go on without you,  
It will never be the same,  
Those special days will not return  
when we were all together,  
But the love and memories in our hearts  
Will stay with us forever.*

Loved and remembered by your  
heartbroken parents Paddy and Mary

*Death leaves a heartache no one can heal  
But love leaves a memory no one can steal.*

Loved and sadly missed by your wife  
Marguerite, sons Paul, Mark and James.  
Sisters Marie, Majella, brother Martin  
and extended family.

9th Anniversary Mass will be held in  
St. Agathas Church, Glenflesk,  
Friday 2nd January at 7.30pm

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT  
& 1ST ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

TOM FRIEL



LATE OF  
KNOCKATAGGLE-MORE,  
KILCUMMIN, KILLARNEY  
WHO DIED ON 26TH OF  
DECEMBER 2024.

As we lovingly remember Tom on his 1st  
anniversary we his family wish to express  
our sincere gratitude and appreciation for  
the many expressions of sympathy, kindness  
and support shown to us following our very  
sad loss. A special word of thanks to our  
extended family, neighbours and friends  
who gave of their time to help and support  
us. We are deeply grateful to everyone that  
called to extend their sympathy, attended  
the rosary, the removal, funeral Mass and  
burial. Thanks to those that telephoned, sent  
messages of support, flowers, Mass cards,  
online condolences and all who shared fond  
memories of Tom.

Sincere heartfelt thanks to Fr. Joe Begley and  
the emergency services for their compassion,  
kindness and professionalism.

Our deepest thanks to Fr. Joe Begley, Fr.  
Denis Stretch, Fr. Tom Looney and Decan  
Thady O'Connor for the beautiful celebration  
of Tom's funeral Mass. Thanks to the altar  
servers, and the sacristan Siobhan who  
prepared the church with care. Thanks to  
Helen and Denis who provided the music and  
singing for the Mass and all of Tom's family  
and friends who participated in the Mass.

To O'Sheas Undertakers, staff and grave  
diggers thank you for your professionalism,  
dignity, your guidance and support at such  
a difficult time.

As its impossible to thank everyone  
individually, please accept this  
acknowledgement as an expression of our  
deepest gratitude. The holy sacrifice of the  
Mass will be offered for your intentions.

*We hold you close within our hearts  
And there you shall remain  
To walk with us throughout our lives  
Until we meet again.*

Always remembered by your loving mother  
Bridie, sisters Maura and Helen, brothers  
Mike and Tim, sisters-in-law Maria and  
Katie, brothers-in-law John and Terry, aunts,  
nephews, nieces and extended family.

Tom's first anniversary Mass will be celebrated  
on Saturday 27th December at 7.30pm in  
Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kilcummin.

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

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12TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

SHANE  
DENNEHY



LATE OF BOUNARD,  
GNEEVEGUILLA  
WHO DIED ON THE  
25TH DECEMBER 2013

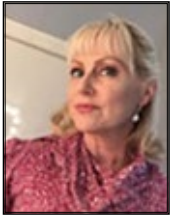
*Loved with a love beyond all telling  
missed with a grief beyond  
all tears.*

Sadly missed and always remembered  
Mom, David, Derek, Jack, Caitlin  
and extended family.

CHRISTMAS  
REMEMBRANCE

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

LINDA LUCEY  
EVISTON



*Missing and Remembering you this  
Christmas and Always*

With everlasting love  
from  
Patrick, Erik and Alannah.



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