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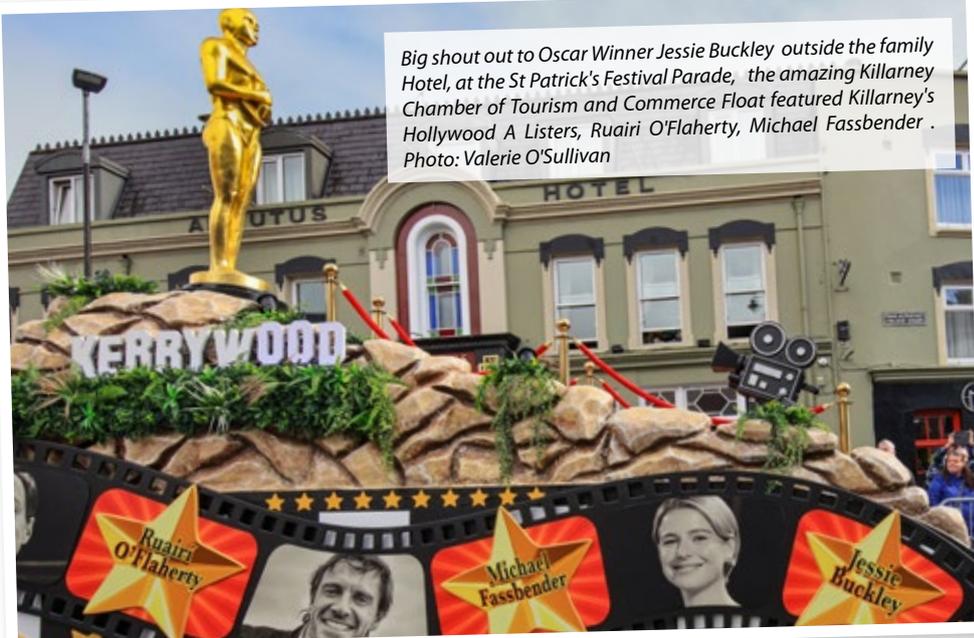
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# A Note from the EDITOR



In the week when the town turned green, we have all the photos from a fantastic St. Patrick's Festival. Hollywood star Jessie Buckley secured her first Oscar for her role in Hamnet, primary schools are backing the coffee cup project and students from St. Brendan's came away with the top prize in the Kerry County Council Student Enterprise Awards.

The Wander Wild Festival has announced a very special concert at the Church of the Sloes, Liam O'Connor is planning another major concert at St. Brendan's and a planned public lecture will take you back in time.

Anne Lucey is calling for a Killarneywood museum, Kerry Mountain Rescue Team were the hosts for the AGM of Mountain Rescue Ireland and organisers are calling on everyone to support Daffodil Day today.

A Legion of Memories were created at the local GAA Club awards night, the Tour de Ballyfinnane has been launched and Jimmy takes a look at All Things Sport.

Finally, the town was cast into a shadow of darkness when the news broke last Friday of the sudden passing of popular Glenflesk man Ollie Favier. Thousands paid their respects to Ollie's family, and on behalf of myself and the team at Killarney Outlook, we offer Siobhan, Gracie-Mae, Frankie and all of Ollie's family and friends, our sincere sympathy.

Ar dheis de go raibh a anam.

*Aisling Crosbie*



*The stunning Paps of Anu, captured by Marcin Krawczyk*

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# Oscar Winner Jessie Buckley Honoured at Killarney St. Patrick's Day Parade



Killarney was awash with colour, music and celebration on St. Patrick's Day as crowds gathered to enjoy a vibrant parade that paid special tribute to one of the town's most celebrated stars, Oscar winner Jessie Buckley.

Fresh from her last Sunday's Academy Award success, winning Best Actor Award for her role in Hamnet, the Killarney native was honoured in style, with a number of parade floats and community groups proudly celebrating her remarkable achievement. Spectators lined the streets in their thousands, creating a festive atmosphere as marching bands, local clubs and organisations showcased their creativity and community spirit.

Several floats featured themes inspired by Jessie's career, with participants highlighting her journey from local talent to international acclaim. Applause rang out along the parade route as her success was recognised as a source of immense pride for Killarney and beyond.

The annual Killarney St. Patrick's Day Parade once again proved to be a highlight of the town's calendar, with a wide variety of groups taking part, including sports clubs, cultural organisations and schools. Their colourful displays and lively performances added to the celebratory mood of the day.

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Big shout out to Oscar Winner Jessie Buckley, with Jessie's Uncle and Godfather, Sean Buckley, a member of the Chamber standing by the float in the St Patrick's Festival Parade, the amazing Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce Float featured Killarney's Hollywood A Listers, Ruirí O'Flaherty, Michael Fassbender. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan

## KILLARNEY ROTARY CLUB *Celebrates International Women's Day in Style*

The Killarney Rotary Club marked International Women's Day with its annual celebratory lunch, held this year at the Great Southern Hotel, Killarney. The well-attended event brought together members and guests for a memorable afternoon dedicated to recognising the invaluable role of women in the community and within Rotary.

Club President Sherry O'Callaghan warmly welcomed attendees and set the tone for the occasion, highlighting the importance of women's contributions to the Rotary Club and beyond. As a thoughtful gesture, each guest was presented with a beautifully boxed cupcake.

International Women's Day, observed globally on March 8, is an important occasion for Rotary clubs worldwide. Since welcoming women as members in 1989, Rotary has continued to champion diversity, equality, and leadership, with local clubs such as Killarney playing an active role in promoting these values.

Assistant District Governor Ciara Irwin Foley also addressed the gathering, extending a warm welcome to all in attendance. She made special mention of the members of the Soroptimist Club, including her mother, Teresa, who currently serves as president, acknowledging their ongoing work in supporting women and communities.

The event was enjoyed by all present and served as a fitting tribute to the achievements, strength, and influence of women. Overall, it was a wonderful occasion that reflected both celebration and appreciation in equal measure.



Rotary Club memb members L to R: Rayla Tadjimatova, Anne Alcock, Róisín O'Sullivan, Great Southern Hotel, Rotary President Sherry O'Callaghan, Assistant District Governor, Ciara Irwin Foley, Barry Murphy & Maria Murphy.



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# Thousands Mourn Sudden Passing of Beloved Glenflesk Man Ollie Favier

The community of Glenflesk and the town of Killarney was enveloped in profound grief this week following the sudden passing of Ollie Favier last Friday afternoon, a man described by many as "loved by all" and remembered for his warmth, generosity, and boundless spirit.

Thousands gathered to pay their respects at his removal at his home on Tuesday evening and his funeral Mass on Wednesday, while many more joined online to witness the deeply moving requiem service held at St. Agatha's Church.

The extraordinary turnout both in person and online reflected the immense impact Ollie had on his community and far beyond.

Celebrant Fr. Jim Lenihan delivered an emotional homily, likening the shock of Ollie's passing to "shell shock."

"This is one of the greatest bombs of grief," he said. "We are gathered here today, to pray especially for those closest to Ollie, Siobhán, Gracie Mae, Frankie, and all his family who are standing at the blast centre ;"

Finding it difficult to put the community's grief into words, Fr. Lenihan added, "We are just devastated. The truth is this, death

and Ollie Favier simply do not go together. We cannot associate death with Ollie. He was the complete opposite of death. He was total life." That sentiment echoed throughout the church, as family, friends, and neighbours reflected on a man whose presence was defined by kindness, humour, and an unwavering commitment to those he loved.

In a heart-rending eulogy, Ollie's wife Siobhán spoke of the deep bond they shared and the life they built together.

"You were my safe place, my constant home," she said. "The chats, the laughter, the routine in the chaos of family life, everything we did, we did it side by side. You were the beating heart of our family."

She described Ollie as a proud Glenflesk man, a devoted father, and a loyal friend, someone who was always present, always giving, and always bringing light into the lives of others.

"There was a constant glint in your eye. You gave so much of yourself. You never passed anyone by, she said, "you made life fun."

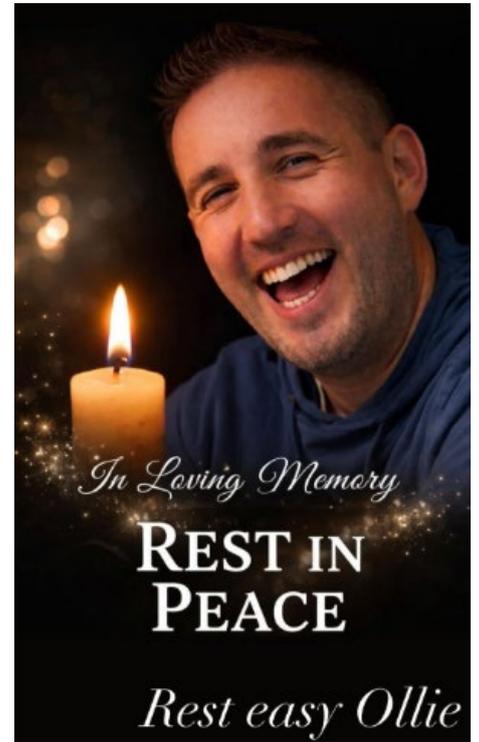
Recalling a phrase he often used, she added through tears, "Alright kid - what I'd give to hear that one more time."

Speaking on behalf of their children, she said, "Gracie Mae and Frankie were so proud of you, Ollie. Everything you did, you did for them, to make them happy, to make them safe".

In her final words, Siobhán captured both the heartbreak of loss and the enduring connection of love:

"To me, you were just my Ollie. We were lucky, lucky to have you, lucky to love you. Ollie, you have just gone ahead, so shine that light back to us, to me, to Gracie Mae, and to Frankie. Rest easy, my Olls."

As the funeral concluded,



there was a shared sense that while Ollie Favier's life was cut tragically short, his legacy, one of joy, kindness, and deep love, will live on in the hearts of all who knew him.

Following Requiem Mass, Ollie was laid to rest in Killaha Cemetery.

Ollie will be forever missed by his devoted and heartbroken wife Siobhán, his beautiful children Gracie -Mai and Frankie. His mother Marian, sisters Sinéad and Danielle, brothers Ciarán and Paul, parents in law Ben and Kathleen, sisters in law Edel, Corinna, Bridget, Susie, Lizzie, Karen, Majella and Mureann, brothers in law Kieran, John, Benjy, Robert, Connie and Shane, nieces and nephews. Fondly remembered by his wide circle of friends and colleagues. Pre-deceased by his father Dan and brother in law Declan O' Flynn.



Always a generous sponsor: Ollie Favier From The Shire Bar (2nd from left) & Cafe Presenting Jersey's to East Kerry I to r Johnny Brosnan, James O Donoghue Jonathan Lyne, Paul Murphy, Jerry O Sullivan in 2022. Photo Seamus Healy.

## Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce pay tribute to Ollie Favier

Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce has said it was deeply shocked and saddened to learn of the sudden and unexpected death of Ollie Favier.

Ollie was a very active and dynamic member of Chamber and he played a hugely influential role in a number of sub-committees and in the organisation of local festivals.

Ollie, from a very well-known and highly regarded family in Glenflesk, was very active in the operation of a number of local businesses, including The Shire bar and restaurant and the café at Killarney Racecourse.

"Ollie was a thorough gentleman and any time you met him, you came

away feeling better as a result of the experience," said Chamber President Johnny McGuire.

"He had an incredible energy and any time he volunteered to do a job or you asked him to do something, you always knew that it would be done well," he added.

"We will miss him greatly and Ollie's loss has come as a devastating blow to Killarney", Mr McGuire stated.

Chamber has extended sympathy to Ollie's wife Siobhan, children Gracie-Mai and Frankie and to the extended Favier family.

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# A Community Pays Tribute to Ollie

“Everyone’s friend. A true gentleman.”

The town of Killarney and the wider East Kerry community have been left reeling following the sudden and unexpected passing of popular businessman and community figure Ollie Favier, Curraglass, Glenflesk.

News of Ollie’s death on Friday afternoon sent shockwaves throughout the parish of Glenflesk and far beyond, with friends, neighbours and colleagues struggling to come to terms with the loss of a man widely described as “larger than life”.

His death notice captured the feeling shared by so many who knew him: “Ollie was larger than life. He was loved by everyone far and wide.”

Ollie was widely known across Killarney through his successful hospitality ventures. He was behind a number of popular establishments including The Shire Bar and Restaurant at Michael Collins Place, the restaurant at Killarney Racecourse, Ross Golf Club, and Frankie’s Pizzeria in Barraduff.

Through these businesses he forged lasting friendships, becoming a familiar and welcoming presence to locals and visitors alike.

Sport and community were central to Ollie’s life. A talented footballer in his younger years, he proudly wore the jersey for Glenflesk and East Kerry. In later years he continued to support the game he loved, becoming a valued sponsor of the East Kerry senior team during their successful run of county championship victories.

In a circular to members, Glenflesk GAA Club spoke of the profound sadness felt throughout the club.

“To lose a loved one like Ollie, a dear friend, is one of the most difficult life experiences we will have to face. When the death is sudden and tragic, Ollie’s family and friends must cope with the sadness of their loss and the heightened feelings that come with coming to terms with his passing.”

As a mark of respect, a minute’s silence was observed before the Kerry v Mayo National

Football League game in Tralee on Saturday afternoon, honouring Ollie and the late Fr. Paddy



O’Donoghue of Dr Crokes.

Tributes have poured in from clubs across the region. Kilcummin GAA and LGFA described him as “an absolute gentleman whose endearing, fun-loving personality and wonderful ability to connect with people made him a friend to many throughout the local community, county and beyond.”

The East Kerry Board remembered him not only as a generous sponsor but as someone whose support came from a genuine love of community and sport.

“His generosity helped so much behind the

scenes, but it was his warmth, humour and genuine interest in everyone he met that truly set him apart,” the board said.

Across Killarney, heartfelt tributes continue to reflect the impact Ollie had on those around him. Friends at Belief Boutique Gym described him as someone who brought laughter and positivity to every class.

“Your fun character, the laughs, and the genuine guy you were - you always supported the people around you and went above and beyond for everyone. The community will be lost without you.”

At Kennedy’s Pet Farm, where Ollie was a close friend, the sense of loss was deeply felt.

“Our lives are richer for having had Ollie in them. His infectious laugh and happy demeanour made every day brighter. We were the lucky ones to call him our best friend.”

The close-knit Glenflesk community has come together to support Ollie’s family and ensure a fitting farewell.

Due to the large numbers who attended the funeral, a park-and-ride system operated on Tuesday evening from Kennedy’s Pet Farm, The Kerryway Bar and the Glenflesk GAA grounds.

“We knew that large numbers of people would be attending and we wanted to assist in helping this farewell to Ollie run as smoothly as possible,” a spokesperson said.

While the shock of Ollie’s sudden passing continues to be felt across Killarney and East Kerry, the memories of his kindness, generosity and infectious personality will endure.

Above all, he will be remembered as a devoted husband, a loving father, a loyal friend and a man whose presence brightened every room he entered.

As one tribute simply put it:

“Everyone’s friend. A true gentleman.”

Ar dheis Dé go raibh an am dílis.

## OLLIE

*Words will be written, tears will be spilled,  
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*Ollie you rogue, you pup & you gent,*

*You were known far & wide whenever you went*

*You lit up the room with the glint in your eye*

*Someone you knew, you never passed by.*

*The chats & the laughter, the Banter, the craic,*

*If the world had more like you,*

*there’d be nothing to lack.*

*You’re gone up the road now,*

*you’re just gone ahead.*

*Shine a light back for us while you*

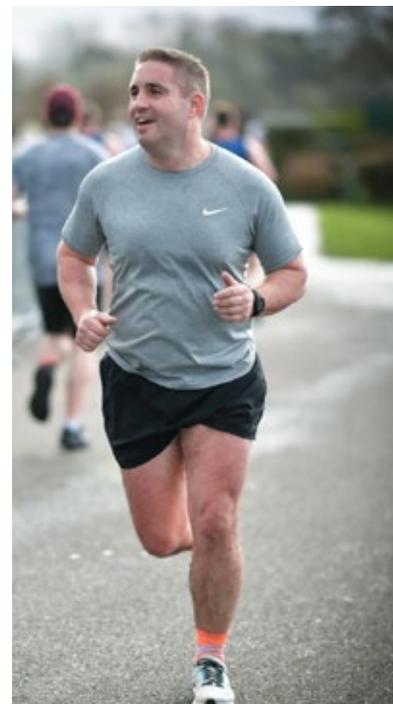
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**A Tribute to the late Ollie Favier from  
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Always a true community man. Ollie is pictured with Derry Healy on the fundraiser Sam to the Summit in 2024. Photo: Valerie O’Sullivan.



Ollie Favier after completing the Hyrox at Killarney Racecourse on February 28th



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# Kerry ETB Celebrates Student Achievement at Annual Awards Ceremony

Kerry Education and Training Board (Kerry ETB) celebrated the achievements of students from across the county at its Annual Student Awards Ceremony, held at Killarney Community College on Thursday, 12 March.

The event recognised excellence across a wide range of areas including academic achievement, leadership, school ethos, sport, technology, languages across schools, and Youthreach programmes. Students from Kerry ETB's eight post-primary schools and Youthreach centres were honoured for their dedication, talent and contribution to school life.

Michael Moynihan TD, Minister of State at the Department of Education and Youth with special responsibility for Special Education and Inclusion, attended as Guest of Honour and presented awards to students representing schools and Youthreach Centres across the county.

The ceremony highlighted the diverse talents of learners across the Kerry ETB network, with awards presented for Junior Cycle Academic Achievement, Transition Year Achievement, Youthreach Achievement, Leadership through Student Councils, Sporting Excellence and subject-specific excellence in areas such as science, mathematics, business, technology, languages, arts and social sciences. The evening also recognised outstanding academic performance, with Gold Medal awards presented for Best Overall Academic Student. Students from Castleisland Community



Students from music generation Kerry at the Kerry ETB Celebrates Student Achievement at Annual Awards Ceremony. Photo: Domnick Walshe

College, Causeway Comprehensive School, Coláiste Gleann Lí, Coláiste na Ríochta, Coláiste na Sceilge, Gaelcholáiste Chiarraí, Killarney Community College and Killorglin Community College, along with learners from Youthreach centres in Killarney, Listowel and Tralee, were among those recognised.

Kerry ETB extended its congratulations to all award recipients and thanked staff, families and school communities for their continued support in nurturing the talents and ambitions of young people across the county.

## Table Quiz to Support Kenya Education Project

The annual table quiz in aid of the Kenya Education Project will take place on Wednesday, March 25th at 7.30pm in the Castlerosse Hotel.

Teams of four are invited to take part, with entry set at €40 per table and €20 for juvenile tables. The popular event promises an enjoyable evening while supporting an important cause.

The Kenya Education Project is currently funding the extension of the girls' hostel on the grounds of Edmund Rice School in Embulbul. The expansion will increase the number of places available to girls in the village who need a safe and supportive environment in which to pursue their education and reach their full potential.

Organiser Eddie Sheehy said they have been very fortunate to receive generous support for the building project so far. However, they are now hoping to raise funds to help furnish the new extension, including beds, linen, furnishings and other essentials to ensure the girls have a comfortable place to live and study.

The project also continues to face challenges as school fees have increased, while around 100 students are currently being supported in education through the Kenya Project. Any support from the community will help sustain this work and ensure that more young people have the opportunity to continue their education.

Everyone is welcome to attend and support the fundraiser.

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



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



## HIGH TIME FOR A KILLARNEYWOOD MUSEUM

Is it not time to capitalise at last on Killarney's remarkable history of film and acting? Dingle with its one film - partly shot in Killarney - has built a whole industry around it.

We have a film and acting history in Killarney that is second to none and Jessie Buckley is the latest example.

Film buff Alex Willms in Muckross is one of the few who has tried to promote the rich history of Killarney and has written and documented much of it. So the resources are available to us, thanks to Alex.

First there was the Kalem industry located in Beaufort that World War 1 put a stop to. Then we had *The Dawn* released in 1936 with sell out crowds in New York of all places. Shot, acted and produced all in Killarney by Tom Cooper, Flor Sullivan, Jack Scully to mention a few. Remarkable stuff.

We have always had great acting. The *Tops of the Town* brought forth talent from every corner of Killarney. We had astonishingly great acting in Kieran Hurley in the early 2000s whose stage performances with *Dóchas* and later RTE appearances were remarkable; followed by the late Donie Courtney and Michael Fassbender and now Jessie.



Is it not time to capitalise at last on Killarney's remarkable history of film and acting? asks Anne Lucey Killarney Tidy Towns shout out to St Patrick and Jessie Buckley, in the St. Patrick's Festival Parade, in Killarney town on Tuesday, organised by Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan

We have had great speech and drama teachers in Miriam D'Arcy, Liz Ryan and now stage schools with Fiona Crowley who was such a shoulder to lean on for Jessie Buckley. Not forgetting of course Lily MacMonagle's *The MACademy* and the Killarney Musical Society too as a body. Magnificent classical piano and music teachers - Elizabeth Brosnan of the Royal Irish Academy springs to mind - who prepare children and teenagers for performances and

school shows etc. I mention only those I recall while writing. There are many others.

We already have the West End. Could the Chamber and the councillors and film buffs work to create a cinema museum in Killarney? At its entrance we could have a statue of Jessie with her Oscar. Killing two birds with one stone, because she would be Killarney's first real woman to have any sort of statue in the town.

## CATHERINE CONNOLLY - IS OUR PRESIDENT OVER-STEPPING THE MARK?

There is a degree of disappointment and downright perplexity about our new president.

There was her proclamation about war on International Women's Day, of all days. There was the childish refusal to acknowledge the official name of Derry as Londonderry on her first visit outside of this small country to our neighbours - something which upset the unionists. Now she won't call Patrick a saint.

I'm not a fan of Londonderry either, but there is the small matter of half the population of the North who don't come from the bogside and who like to elevate Derry to London. Would it have killed President Catherine to have mentioned Londonderry just once? In the interests of unity and peace and dare I say it, politeness?

Then on March 8 many might have expected her to highlight the plight of women and the ongoing problems of women in our society. And others where they are forced to cover themselves from head to foot. The plight of women under the

mullahs in Iran and Afghanistan might have been mentioned if she wanted to look outwards beyond her powers. But no. It was the injustice to Iran - Iran, the cradle of so much upset in its own region alone. As if Iran abides by International Law!

I am at a loss to understand this obsession by the President and the so-called left with foreign wars. It only ever seems to feature if Israel, the Jewish state, is involved or reacts to being threatened. What is that really about, I wonder. We ignore any corner of the world where there is utter slaughter of children and women - unless Israel is involved.

Were we brainwashed as children that the Jews killed Christ etc? To the left in Ireland, I recommend serial showings of Monty Python: "It was the Romans, silly!"

Seriously though, I am bewildered. There were plenty of women's issues to address on International Women's Day for our female President. And what is this thing now about not acknowledging the Christian sainthood of Patrick?

## TIME TO BANISH THE SNAKES ONCE MORE

The way the Irish view St Patrick is increasingly bizarre. I had been thinking about this for some years - there's only so much Paddy Whackery I can tolerate. We have completely lost our sense of St Patrick. We either ignore him entirely or treat him as a buffoon or replace him with the snake symbol.

Then co-incidentally I saw an excellent piece by would be presidential candidate Maria Steen in the Irish Times on St Patrick's Day. And as Maria said: "St Patrick's Day now is a celebration of everything other than Christianity."

This has all crept in with the past decade. People like to think it was the abuse scandal that undermined the Church here and perhaps it was too. But my theory is a loss of soul - we pursue Mammon and body image unashamedly in this country. In a frightening ruthless fashion, flash is our national pastime and our priority. Even at Government level our immediate response to anything is flash cash and set up a go fund me.

There is less and less respect for the scholar Patrick's core values of the love of learning and desire for God and making place for nature - Irish values until not so long ago.

I am regularly struck by the contrast in secular France of all places, where, ironically, Sunday is still sacred and most shops close for the day. The French celebrate their Saint King, St Louis on August 25th for his gentle healing powers and his prowess also as a warrior King. He is credited with founding hospitals and churches and reforming the legal system. He is the patron of several crafts.

Maybe it's time for us to reflect a bit more on St Patrick's better sides? To celebrate his contribution to deep western mysticism and to bookishness and learning? Before the snakes return to bite us.



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# Schools give full backing to coffee cups project

The younger generation is leading by example by enthusiastically embracing the Killarney Coffee Cup project and their involvement will ensure the initiative continues to prosper.

Pupils in seven local primary schools in and around the town have given an emphatic thumbs-up to using the cups in the classroom, in the schoolyard and at home and they are hoping that their involvement will encourage the older generation to follow their example.

The project has been made possible through the support of Kerry County Council's Community Support Fund and a generous donation has been received from that source to allow the coffee cups project team to roll out the reusable cups initiative to the schools.

The schools that have given the campaign their full backing are the Presentation Monastery, Gaelscoil Faithleann, Scoil Bhríd Loreto, Lissivigeen, Knockanes, Tiernaboul and Glenflesk and the 12oz cups have been delivered to the staff in each school for distribution.

There is also, of course, a valuable educational element to the initiative and the pupils in all seven schools have been briefed on the importance of recycling, sustainability and community awareness and how much of a difference the coffee cups project has made in the town in terms of reducing single-use plastics.

Killarney has been leading the way in sustainability, becoming the first town in the EU to eliminate single-use takeaway coffee cups.



Ciara Treacy of The Killarney Coffee Cup project with Presentation Monastery National School Principal Mary Brosnan and members of the school student council. From left are Dara Counihan, Leo O'Riordan, Adam McCarthy, Stefan Plawiak, William Loughnane, Denis Sahiti and Cillian Burchill. *Picture: Eamonn Keogh*

Over 50 local businesses joined forces to replace single-use cups with a better solution which was the popular deposit and return scheme.

"Together, we have been reshaping how Killarney experiences coffee on the go and embracing convenience without waste," a spokesperson said.

Prior to the coffee cups project being launched, the town went through about 23,000 cups a week – more than a million a year – adding

up to 18.5 tonnes of waste and having a very negative impact at key attractions like Killarney National Park.

The project was successful despite the unexplained delay by the government in introducing the long-promised latte levy which was to be designed to encourage people to bring their own keep cups to reduce paper waste, plastic pollution and littering.

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# €850,000 Allocated To Community Groups And Projects Across Kerry Under Community Support Fund

Kerry County Council has announced details of the allocation of €850,000 in funding support for community groups and projects across the county under the Community Support Fund for 2026. A total of 271 groups and projects are receiving funding this year.

The Community Support Fund, which is in its twelfth year, has supported 3,243 community projects since 2015 to the value of €8.85m. As in previous years, part of the Community Support Fund is ring-fenced to target strategic projects in the five Municipal Districts and to co-fund projects which are in receipt of grants from other sources.

Councillors in the five Municipal Districts met on Thursday and Friday last to decide on the allocations and unanimously welcomed the provision of support to the recipients. Councillors congratulated all the community groups and acknowledged the tremendous voluntary work that these groups do in every part of the county.

The Cathaoirleach of Kerry County Council, Cllr Michael Foley, congratulated all the community



Wander Wild Festival has received €10,000 in funding.

groups who received funding: 'The voluntary and community organisations who have received grant support are the backbone of the county and do incredibly important work in making their communities better places to live.'

**For 2026, the Community Support Fund targeted funding under five categories of support:**

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

**Local Community Safety Initiatives**  
Among the groups and clubs that received funding in the Killarney area are:

- Wander Wild Festival – €10,000*
- Christmas in Killarney 2026 – €8,000*
- St Patrick's Festival Killarney 2026 – €8,000*
- Summer in Killarney Festival 2026 – €4,000*
- Ireland Bikefest – €2,500*
- Killarney Musical Society – €2,500*
- Rathmore Community Council – €2,405*
- Killarney Cardiac Response Unit (Barraduff/Rathmore) – €2,238.13*
- Fossa GAA Club – €2,100*
- Autism Friendly Killarney – €1,800*
- Killarney Town Twinning Association – €1,750*
- Torc Community & Family Resource Centre – €1,500*
- Killarney Cardiac Response Unit (Killarney) – €1,491*
- Kerry Cancer Support Group – €1,358.70*
- Kerry Mountain Rescue Team – €1,963.30*

## “Innovation and Inspiration as Young Kerry Entrepreneurs excel in Kerry County Council Student Enterprise Awards!”



Caitriona Py Collins (Marketing Consultant and Business Mentor) and Tomás Hayes (Head of Local Enterprise Office) pictured with winners of the Senior Category, St. Brendan's College Killarney, with their company 'Duckers Designs' – handmade wooden products set up by Finn O'Neill, Colm O'Connor and Diarmuid O'Sullivan, at the County Final of the Student Enterprise Awards in MTU North Campus on Friday.  
*Photo: Michelle Breen Crean Photography*



The winner of the Intermediate Category was Castleisland Community College student Katie Walsh with her company 'Eyes for All' – a booklet offering advice and support in education for visually impaired. Katie won the award at the County Final of the Student Enterprise Awards in MTU North Campus on Friday. Also pictured are: Paola Kennedy (Mentor Social Enterprise Programme), Brid Bowler (LEO), Clare O'Shea (SKDP) and Áine Culloty (Teacher).  
*Photo: Michelle Breen Crean Photography*

The County Final of the Kerry County Council Annual Student Enterprise Awards was held on Friday 13th March 2026 at MTU Tralee. Outstanding participation levels saw over 20 mini-businesses being set up by second level school students involved in the competition. The competition promotes business idea development, structure, sourcing of finance, marketing/sales and the presentation of a formal business plan.

The students progressed through the establishment of a mini company which trades over a period of months. An exciting and rewarding programme, students get to experience the realities of entrepreneurship

from developing a business idea to producing a product, researching the market, promoting the business, managing the books and generating profits.

Prizes were awarded at Junior, Intermediate and Senior level. The winners of the County Student Enterprise Awards in all categories will go forward to the National Finals to be held in Mullingar on 7th May 2026. The Student Enterprise Awards bring a taste of real life business to the classroom.

The winner of the Senior Category was St. Brendan's College Killarney with their company Duckers Designs – Handmade wooden products. This company was set up

by Finn O'Neill, Colm O'Connor and Diarmuid O'Sullivan.

The winners of the Intermediate Category were Castleisland Community College with her company Eyes for All – A booklet offering advice and support in education for visually impaired. This company was the brainchild of Katie Walsh.

The Junior level winner was Stella Sprays – Spray painting on canvas and was set up by Loughran Larkin and Michael Jooste.

Other prizes were awarded for Best Stand, Innovation Award, Best Business Plan, Environmental Awareness, Duaiseanna Gaeilge and Social Enterprise.



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# Historic Oscar Win for Killarney's Jessie Buckley Sparks Celebrations at Home

Killarney native Jessie Buckley made history at the Academy Awards on Monday morning, becoming the first Irish woman to win the Oscar for Best Actress for her performance in *Hamnet*.

The 36-year-old actress received the award for her portrayal of Agnes, the wife of William Shakespeare, in the film adaptation of Maggie O'Farrell's acclaimed novel. Directed by Chloe Zhao, the film explores the couple's grief following the loss of their son.

An emotional Jessie burst into tears when her name was announced and used her acceptance speech to thank her family, fellow nominees and the many women who inspire her work.

"This is really something," she said. "Thank you to the incredible women that I stand beside. I am inspired by your art and your heart, and I want to work with every single one of you."

She also paid tribute to her parents, saying: "Mum, Dad, thank you for teaching us to dream and to never be defined by expectation but to carve from your own passion."

Jessie shared a touching message for her husband, Freddie Sorensen, and their young daughter.

"Fred, I love you. You're the most incredible dad. You're my best friend, and I want to have 20,000 more babies with you," she joked.

"And Isla, my little girl who is eight months and has absolutely no idea what's going on and is probably dreaming of milk – this is kind of a big deal. I love you, and I love being your mum and I can't wait to discover life beside you."

Jessie dedicated the award to mothers everywhere, describing it as a celebration of the "beautiful chaos of a mother's heart".

Her Oscar triumph completes an extraordinary awards season for the actress, who had already secured a BAFTA, Golden Globe and Critics' Choice Award for the role.

Back in her hometown of Killarney, the achievement was celebrated at a private gathering in the Arbutus Hotel hosted by members of the Buckley family. Among those present were Jessie's aunts, uncles and cousins, including her godfather Sean Buckley, third-generation owner of the Arbutus Hotel and Buckley's Bar.

The historic win has drawn widespread praise from political leaders and public representatives.



History made.. Killarney native Jessie Buckley become the first Irish woman to win Best Actress at the Academy Awards in Hollywood for her role in *Hamnet* on Monday morning. Celebrations took place in the Arbutus Hotel at a private gathering hosted by the Buckley family in Killarney. Jessie's aunts, uncles and first cousins, her Godfather Sean Buckley, 3rd left, (3rd generation owner of the Arbutus Hotel & Buckley's Bar), Her uncles Mike Fuller, Kieran Kavanagh, Jessie's aunts, Mary Fuller, Una Kavanagh and Carol Dempsey and first cousins celebrating .

*Photos: Valerie O'Sullivan*



Jessie Buckley's first cousin Emer Buckley, cracks open the champagne as history was made early on Monday morning as Killarney native Jessie Buckley become the first Irish woman to win Best Actress at the Academy Awards in Hollywood for her role in *Hamnet*.





Minister for Children, Disability and Equality and Kerry TD Norma Foley said the achievement was a proud moment for the country. "What a night in Hollywood! Congratulations to our leading lady Jessie Buckley – the first Irish woman to win an Oscar for Best Actress. A phenomenal achievement by a phenomenal woman. Proud of you Jessie. Ciarraí Abú!"

President Catherine Connolly also congratulated Jessie, describing the award as "an historic moment" and a testament to her outstanding performances on screen and stage.

MEP Seán Kelly said Jessie had made Killarney and Ireland immensely proud. "To see someone from Killarney reach the very top of the world of film is something truly special," he said.

Cathaoirleach of Kerry County Council, Cllr Michael Foley, said the people of Kerry were

"bursting with pride" at the news, praising Jessies "humility, dignity, effervescence and energy". Kerry TD Michael Cahill added that Jessie's success was "a powerful and inspiring moment for Irish women and young people who dream of pursuing careers in the arts". Local representatives Danny, Maura and Johnny Healy-Rae also extended their congratulations, saying the award was "a massive achievement" and that the people of Kerry were extremely proud of her.

Speaking as spokesperson for Killarney Musical Society, Councillor Marie Moloney extended heartfelt congratulations to Jessie and her family on behalf of herself and all members of the society, both cast and crew.

"Jessie has brought the whole town and county together to celebrate her incredible achievement," she said.

Marie Moloney noted that since her early days performing with Killarney Musical Society, Jessie has remained humble and grounded.

"She has done her family and community proud. From treading the boards in Killarney to becoming an international star and Oscar winner, Jessie has shown young performers that with passion, dedication and hard work, dreams can become reality."

Jessie's remarkable success has not only brought international recognition to her talent but has also shone a global spotlight on Killarney, Kerry and Ireland.

As celebrations continue at home, the historic Oscar win marks a landmark moment for Irish cinema and for one of Kerry's most celebrated daughters.



Celebrations took place in the Arbutus Hotel at a private gathering hosted by the Buckley family in Killarney. Jessie's Uncle and Godfather Sean Buckley, (3rd generation owner of the Arbutus Hotel & Buckley's Bar) his wife and Jessie's aunt, Carol Dempsey and first cousins, Emer and Roisin Buckley and Brother, Ronan Buckley on the phone.



Jessie Buckley's first cousin Emer Buckley, Niamh and Roisin Buckley crack the champagne as history was made early on Monday morning as Killarney native Jessie Buckley become the first Irish woman to win Best Actress at the Academy Awards in Hollywood for her role in Hamnet.



RTE's Paschal Sheehy and cameraman Martin Cronin, interview Jessie's Uncle and Godfather Sean Buckley, (3rd generation owner of the Arbutus Hotel & Buckley's Bar) his wife and Jessie's aunt, Carol Dempsey and first cousins Emer and Roisin Buckley.

# Call to Support Daffodil Day Today



The Taoiseach, Micheál Martin, was joined by newly appointed Irish Cancer Society's CEO, Nikki Gallagher, and cancer survivor, Katie Foley and her daughter Grace (6) from Inch, County Kerry to celebrate Daffodil Day, today Friday March 20th. The Irish Cancer Society, which is aiming to raise €6 million to support its vital free services and cancer research projects, is urging the public to stand with cancer patients and survivors and to go all in against cancer this Daffodil Day.

Katie Foley and her daughter Grace (5) from Inch, County Kerry, presented the Taoiseach with daffodils, to mark the countdown to Daffodil Day 2026, taking place nationwide this Friday March 20th.

This Daffodil Day the Irish Cancer Society urgently needs your support to provide free services and supports for cancer patients. Without you these vital services simply wouldn't exist. Picture Andres Poveda

## Wander Wild Festival Presents: Hermitage Green Live at St. Mary's Church of the Sloes

Wander Wild Festival, supported by Pig's Lane, has announced a very special concert as part of this year's outdoor, culture and wellness festival. Acclaimed Irish trad-folk band Hermitage Green will take to the stage at St. Mary's Church of the Sloes on Saturday 18th April, bringing their raw emotion and electrifying energy to one of the town's most stunning venues, for a performance that promises to be a standout moment of the weekend.

Hermitage Green's unique arrangement of instruments that includes the bodhrán, djembe, rhythmic guitar and banjo sets them apart as a truly original offering of Irish music. Approaching 15 years together, the 5-piece band are showing no signs of slowing down. Their 2024 album *Connection* saw the Limerick group expand their creative world through collaborations with acclaimed author Gregory David Roberts (Shantaram) and multimedia artist



Bobby Fingers. The album has been praised for its storytelling, emotional depth and the band's renewed sonic ambition. The band's live momentum has matched the scale of the record. They closed the Rankin Woods Stage at Electric Picnic 2024, followed by a sold-out show at the Olympia Theatre in Dublin. A serendipitous post-show

singalong with Paul Rudd led to a viral moment watched around the world.

Their Killarney gig kicks off an incredible national and international tour which will see them headline King John's Castle in Limerick for the sixth time, followed by a three-night residency in Whelans Dublin. Internationally, Hermitage Green

completed extensive tours across the United States and Canada, bringing their didgeridoo-fuelled, high-energy performances and signature harmonies to packed rooms throughout North America. As well as a busy touring schedule this year, they will also release a six-track EP featuring trad-infused reimaginings of their most popular songs.

Tickets for the concert, which is presented by Pig's Lane, are now live on <https://wanderwildfestival.rezgo.com/details/420018/hermitage-green> priced €42.50. Doors open at 8pm, April 18th.

Wander Wild Festival which runs from 17-19th April is proudly sponsored by Fáilte Ireland, Kerry County Council, 53 Degrees North, Heineken 00, Pig's Lane and a wide network of local businesses.

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Denis O'Connor, enjoying his little tippale from his car.



Plenty of culture and colour in the St. Patrick's Festival Parade.

The St. Patrick's Festival Parade in Killarney town on Tuesday, organised by Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce. The parade featured over 60 community group in the surrounding area. All Photos: Valerie O'Sullivan



Sylvia and Fiona in character.



Kay Plunkett with her dog Rosie



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Sean Buckley, a member of the Chamber standing by the float in the St. Patrick's Festival Parade.



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Lily Ladybirds enjoying the St. Patrick's Festival Parade.



Janette O'Donoghue, Kerry Stars Special Olympics Club.



Slobhan from Kerry Stars Special Olympics Club gives her views to MC Brendan Fallon.

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Killarney Valley and Classic Vintage Club, participating in the St. Patrick's Festival Parade.



Kerry Stars Special Olympics Club members



Clare Rohan, Kerry Stars Special Olympics Club.



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Jessie Doolan, Killarney Athletic.



Gladdis enjoying participating in the St. Patrick's Festival Parade.



Batty O'Sullivan and his trusted helpers.

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Janette O'Donoghue, Kerry Stars Special Olympics Club gives her views to Mayor Brendan Fullen



Millstreet Pipe Band

# PROGRAMME OF HISTORY AND HERITAGE EVENTS IN MILLTOWN AT EASTER

## *Remarkable story of Callinafercy House and its residents the focus of public lecture*

The remarkable story of a family who once owned an estate of 7,000 acres in mid-Kerry will be shared at a public lecture in Milltown on 2nd April as part of the Easter programme of the Milltown History and Heritage Society. The story of the Leeson-Marshalls of Callinafercy, 1750-1988, is the focus of the talk by historian, Dr John Knightly, and will take place at 8pm on Holy Thursday, 2nd April, in Milltown Community Hall.

"This talk will explore the world of the Leeson Marshall Family of Callinafercy between Milltown and Killorglin. The family were the owners of a substantial estate of nearly 7,000 acres across mid-Kerry, focused on the townland of Callinafercy where they built a new family seat in 1860," said John.

"Unlike so many other gentry families, they remained in

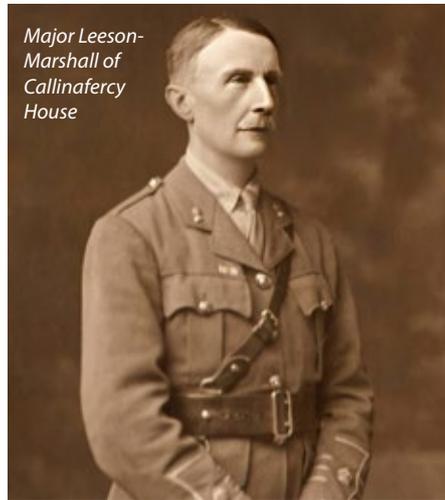
Kerry until the death of the last of the family, Mrs May Ruth in 1988. The talk will explore the accumulation of their estate, the building of Callinafercy House, their survival during the War of Independence and Civil War and how they adapted to life in independent Ireland," he said.

Admission on the night is just €10 with proceeds to the work of the Milltown History and Heritage Society.

On Good Friday, 3rd April, the Milltown History and Heritage Society will hold a fundraising table quiz at Denny's Bar in Milltown at 8.00pm. The fun quiz will feature a selection of history questions and general knowledge with loads of fun and spot prizes on the night. Tables of four are just €40.



Major Leeson-Marshall of Callinafercy House



May Leeson-Marshall of Callinafercy House circa 1912

## BIG STAR NAMES ANNOUNCED FOR KILLARNEY CONCERT



Liam O'Connor has turned in another major coup for his next concert at St Brendan's College in Killarney with confirmation that this year's event will feature star names in actor Patrick Bergin and Ireland's popular soccer stalwart Shay Given.

The 2026 Liam O'Connor Show with St. Brendan's College Choir and Music group will take place at the College Chapel on Thursday, April 23rd at 8 pm and tickets are already on sale through ticketstop.ie.

DUBLINER Patrick Bergin has built a formidable reputation as a top international actor and singer. His film CV includes a starring role with Julia Roberts in *Sleeping With The Enemy* as well as playing the title role in *Robin Hood*. He also won acclaim for his performances in *Patriot Games* and the BBC soap *EastEnders*.

Shay Given from Donegal played more than 130 games for the Republic of Ireland soccer team, an achievement only exceeded by Robbie Keane. In his career he played for many top teams, including Glasgow Celtic, Manchester City and Newcastle United, and is now a popular TV soccer pundit, respected for his inside knowledge of the game.

Also appearing on what promises to be a momentous night will be the St Brendan's College Choir and Music Group, and O'Connor's own family band featuring Saoirse on vocals, concertina and keyboards, Oisín, who plays guitars, keyboards and percussion, and Cillian on drums.

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# Kerry Mountain Rescue Hosts National Gathering in Killarney



Mountain Rescue Teams included: Donegal MRT, Sligo/Leitrim MRT, Mayo MRT, GalwayMRT, SARDA, Kerry MRT, South Eastern MRT, Glen of Imaal MRT, Dublin & Wicklow MRT, Mourne MRT and North West MRT. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan

Members of mountain rescue teams from across the country gathered in Killarney at the weekend as Kerry Mountain Rescue Team hosted the annual meeting of Mountain Rescue Ireland.

The three-day event, held at the Castlerosse Hotel, brought together volunteers, emergency responders and outdoor experts for a packed programme of talks, demonstrations and team-building activities.

The gathering provided an opportunity for members of the mountain rescue community to share experiences, learn new skills and reflect on the challenges involved in search and rescue operations across Ireland's mountains and wilderness areas. Among the guest speakers was renowned adventurer Karen Weekes, who delivered an inspiring talk on endurance and resilience in the outdoors. Other presentations were given by James Cahill and John Joe Culloty, while Dr Jason Van Der Verde spoke about developments and challenges in emergency medicine in remote environments. Mapping expert Barry Dalby also addressed the conference,

highlighting the importance of navigation technology and mapping in modern rescue operations.

Members of the host organisation played a central role in the programme. Mike Sandover captivated attendees as he retold the dramatic story of an epic overnight mountain rescue carried out by the team during treacherous conditions.

Chief Executive Officer John Hussey also reflected on several recent rescues undertaken by the team, describing the difficult and often dangerous situations faced by volunteers responding to emergencies in the mountains of Kerry.

Adding a sporting perspective, legendary hill runner John Lenihan shared memories from his remarkable career racing across the mountains of Kerry and beyond.

The weekend programme also included search demonstrations by Search and Rescue Dog Association Ireland (SARDA), showcasing the vital role trained search dogs play in locating missing persons in difficult terrain. Team-building sessions led by Richard Morrison rounded off the



Kerry Mountain Rescue Team hosted the Mountain Rescue Ireland (MRI) Annual Meet, in the Castlerosse Hotel, Killarney at the weekend.

Included from left, KMRT members Mike Sandover, Mike Finn and Brendan Coffey, Organisers, with David Bassett, 2nd left, Director of Orangeworks, going through the finer details of the new state-of-the-art KMRT 4x4 'Ineos Grenadier'.

Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan

event, strengthening the bonds between volunteers who often work together in high-pressure rescue situations.

Organisers described the annual gathering as an important opportunity for learning and collaboration, while also recognising the dedication of the many volunteers who give their time to keep others safe in the

mountains.

Hosting the national event was a proud moment for the Kerry Mountain Rescue Team, whose members continue to respond to emergencies in some of the most challenging conditions in the country.





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# A LEGION OF MEMORIES CREATED AT AWARDS NIGHT

Legion Annual Awards Ceremony 2026 held in the The Killarney Avenue Hotel on Friday 13th March 2026,

It was a packed night of fun and laughter with Master of Ceremonies: Brian Looney and Joanne O Riordan doing a fantastic job . On the night along with all the other awards ,

Club Person of the Year was presented to Eamonn Maguire,

Eamonn was a worthy winner of this award as he is someone whose dedication goes far beyond, and a person who quietly ensures everything runs smoothly while expecting nothing in return. He gives countless hours of his time throughout the year often behind scenes, whether its organising teams, marking pitches in the all types of weather, opening gates, washing jersey's, he is always there when the club needs him. He was presented "The Cooper Cup" by Tommy Cronin,

The Cooper family has a long connection with Killarney Legion, dating back to founders Joe & Michael Cooper. Created in memory of Tommy Cooper this cup honours the Club Person whose dedication and commitment keep the Club thriving. Chairman John Keane spoke highly of all our recipients who won awards on the night and also thanked The Killarney Avenue Hotel and their wonderful staff for their hospitality in allowing us to hold the Awards Night in this venue and for the beautiful food, tea and coffee and to have support from a local business that values the Community and the Club. The night continued late with great tunes by DJ Brendan Fuller



Master of Ceremonies: Brian Looney and Joanne O Riordan



Linda O Donoghue outgoing Children's Officer presented with an Appreciation Award by Tommy Regan



Billy McGuire accepting an appreciation award on behalf of his father Liam McGuire outgoing Vice Chairman from Tommy Regan



Eamonn Maguire "Club Person of the Year" being presented the Cooper Cup by Tommy Cronin also in photo Chairman John Keane



Emily Brosnan with The Weeshie Fogaty Cup being presented by Mrs Joan Fogarty



Callum O Donoghue Junior Player of the year with his parents and sister



Laura Healy Senior Young Player of the year pictured with her parents Ted and Dympna



Ryan O Grady being presented The O Grady Memorial Trophy by Cllr Martin O Grady



Luke Courtney Minor Player of the year being presented with the Larry Fagan Memorial Cup by a member of the Fagan Family



Josh Bowler Senior Men's Player of the year being presented The Jim Trant Memorial Trophy by Tommy Regan



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David Randles outgoing Chairman being presented with an appreciation award by Tommy Regan



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# Rathmore St Patrick's Day Parade Celebrates Heritage and Tradition

The Rathmore St Patrick's Day Parade, one of the first parades to take place in the county this year, was held on March 15th and proved to be a wonderful celebration of community spirit despite mixed weather conditions. With the theme "Our Roots, Our Heritage – Craic agus Ceol", the parade showcased local culture, history and tradition, drawing large crowds who lined the streets of the village to enjoy the festivities.

One of the highlights of the day was the participation of local schools and community groups. Shrone National School was awarded the trophy for Best School Group for their imaginative and nostalgic display.

Their entry transported onlookers back in time, featuring old school books and satchels, a traditional school bell, blackboards and even a basket of turf. Pupils were beautifully dressed in clothing from a bygone era as they paraded through the village alongside their parents and school staff.

Adding to the atmosphere, students also performed traditional music and Irish dancing in front of the stage for the assembled dignitaries and spectators, bringing the theme of heritage and culture to life.

Despite the mixed weather, spirits remained high throughout the day and the parade was widely praised as a great success.



## Killarney Students Compete For Texaco Children's Art Competition Awards

Young artists, including pupils from Killarney who submitted entries to this year's Texaco Children's Art Competition are currently having their works evaluated as the judging process gets underway. Winners in six age categories plus one category reserved exclusively for young artists with additional needs, will be announced in mid-April.

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# Tour de Ballyfinnane Charity Cycle Returns This April



Pictured at the launch are Back, left to right: Sheila Kirwan, Neilus Flynn Main sponsor Creative Bathrooms, Noreen Breen, Brendan Ryan, Caoimhe Evans, Richie Murray, Oisín Murray, Robyn Kirwan, Front, left to right: Max Ryan, Robin Ryan, Fionn Breen-Murray and Aodhan Breen-Murray

THE POPULAR TOUR DE BALLYFINNANE CHARITY CYCLE WILL TAKE PLACE ON SATURDAY, APRIL 18TH, WITH CYCLISTS SETTING OFF FROM BALLYFINNANE COMMUNITY HALL AT 10 A.M. (REGISTRATION FROM 8.00AM TO 9.45AM)

Cyclists of all abilities are invited to take part, with two routes available – a longer 70 km route and a shorter 45km option – making the event suitable for both experienced cyclists and those who simply want to enjoy a spin

while supporting a great local cause.

Anyone who would like to take part in this year's cycle can register online at [www.tourdeballyfinnane.ie](http://www.tourdeballyfinnane.ie)

Following the cycle, participants and supporters will gather at The Shanty for a barbecue and refreshments. The food has become one of the highlights of the day, with burgers and a wide selection of popular homemade treats, while the event is always known for its lively atmosphere and great community spirit.

Funds raised will go towards upgrades at Ballyfinnane Community Hall, which has been at the heart of the parish since it was built in 1984 through a major community effort and voluntary labour. Over the years the hall has hosted many activities including yoga, dancing, whist and music sessions, and continues to be an important gathering place locally.

The first priority for the current fundraising campaign is the installation of wheelchair-accessible toilet facilities, helping to ensure the hall remains inclusive and welcoming for everyone.

This year's main sponsor is Creative Bathrooms, and local businesses interested in supporting the event can contact organisers through the Tour de Ballyfinnane Facebook or Instagram pages.

## Killarney Community College Students Shine at Gael Linn Regional Final

Congratulations are extended to the two debating teams from Killarney Community College who proudly represented their school at the regional final of the Gael Linn competition in Limerick last night.

Both teams delivered exceptional performances, earning a place among the top 16 debating teams in the country, an impressive achievement that reflects their dedication, skill, and hard work.

Competing on the motions "The young people of Ireland are good citizens" and "The future of the Irish language is secure," the students impressed judges with speeches rich in facts, insight, strong argument,

and genuine emotion. Their ability to engage thoughtfully with such important topics highlighted both their confidence and depth of understanding.

Special congratulations go to Clodagh, Brodie, and Katie on the Junior team, and to Joana, Isobel, and Lily on the Senior team, all of whom represented their school with distinction.

Their success is a source of great pride for the entire school community, and they are wished every continued success in their future endeavours.



Joana, Isobel, and Lily on the Senior team



Clodagh, Brodie, and Katie on the Junior team

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## Presentation Castleisland 2nd year Basketball into Semi Final

The 2nd Year Presentation Castleisland girls' basketball team delivered a determined and impressive performance as they secured a hard-fought quarter-final victory over Calasanctus, earning their place in next Thursday's A Southwest semi-final against Pres Killarney, with the hope of also securing a place in the final later that same day.

The game proved to be a tough contest from the very beginning. Calasanctus started strongly and applied early pressure, while a slow start meant our girls had to work hard to settle into the game. Despite the early challenge, the team showed excellent perseverance and composure, continuing to battle for every possession and refusing to let the game slip away.

As the match progressed, the team began to find their rhythm. Their defensive intensity increased and they started to move the ball with greater confidence, creating better scoring opportunities.

The turning point came in the third quarter when the girls produced an outstanding period of basketball. With great teamwork, strong rebounding, and relentless effort, they began to take control of the game and swing the momentum firmly in their favour.

This momentum continued into the fourth quarter, where the team maintained their high energy and focus. Key scores and disciplined defending helped them hold their lead and ultimately secure a well-deserved victory.

It was a fantastic team performance, with every player contributing through determination, resilience, and teamwork throughout the game. Congratulations to the entire squad on a brilliant win. Attention now

turns to next Thursday's A Southwest semi-final clash against Pres Killarney, where the girls will aim to carry their momentum forward and hopefully book their place in the final later that same day. Best of luck to the team and their coaches!



Front L to R : Niamh Keane, Ellie Kate Sheehy, Amy Rose Mangan, Eibhlín Mc Carthy, Katelyn Murphy & Gwen O Sullivan

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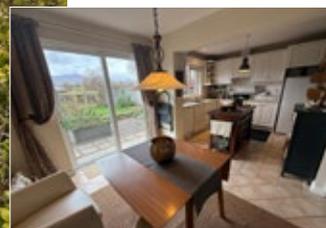
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# Exchange Visit Strengthens Links Between Killarney and German Twin

Killarney Town Twinning Association, in conjunction with St Brendan's College, Killarney, recently welcomed a group of exchange students and teachers from Roth College in Bavaria, Germany. Roth College is located in the region of Killarney's twin town, Pleinfeld.

The exchange programme continues to strengthen the cultural and educational links between the two communities. Students from St Brendan's College travelled to Roth shortly before Christmas, and the return visit provided a wonderful opportunity for friendships to be rekindled and new ones to be formed.

German teacher Angela Daly and history teacher Clive O'Sullivan from St Brendan's College are strong supporters of the exchange programme and have played an important role in promoting the partnership between the schools.

During the visit, the group from Germany received a warm welcome. Mayor Martin Grady



Mayor Martin Grady was on hand to greet teachers Ralph and Eve and the visiting students.

was on hand to greet teachers Ralph and Eve and the visiting students. The group was also addressed by Sean Counihan, Chairperson of the Killarney Town Twinning Association, along with Association Secretary Sheila Dickson and St Brendan's College Principal Sean Coffey.

The visit highlighted the continued importance of the twinning relationship and the valuable cultural experiences it provides for students from both countries.

# Caitríona Murphy is Top Irish language Scholar

Castleisland Community College is celebrating an extraordinary academic achievement as Leaving Certificate 2025 student Caitríona Murphy has been recognised as one of the top Irish language scholars in the country. Caitríona achieved the highest result nationally in the Leaving Certificate Higher Level Irish examination, securing an exceptional 599 out of 600 marks.

Each year, the Department of Education selects the top four essays written in the Leaving Certificate Higher Level Irish exam. Out of 24,053 students who sat the Higher Level paper, Caitríona's essay was chosen as one of these four outstanding pieces. Her work - a debate style composition - earned 99 out of 100 marks, the only mark she lost in the entire Irish Leaving Certificate exam, which includes the oral, aural, Paper 1 and Paper 2 components. She was awarded the Duais Aiste Certificate (Essay Prize Certificate) from the Department of Education.

This remarkable accomplishment is even more impressive given the level of competition. Caitríona was assessed alongside native Irish speakers from Gaeltacht regions and students attending Gaelcholáistí (secondary schools that teach all subjects through Irish), yet her performance placed her at the very top of

the national cohort.

Caitríona's love of the Irish language has deep roots. She attended Brosna National School until Fourth Class before moving to Gaelscoil Aogáin, Castleisland where her passion for the language flourished during her final three years of primary education. That early grá for Gaelige continued to grow throughout her secondary schooling. She was a Munster finalist in the Gael Linn online public speaking competition that took place during lockdown when she was in second year.

Her Irish teacher, Doreen Killington, praised both her talent and her dedication: "Caitríona has a genuine grá for the Irish language. Her linguistic ability, combined with her hard work produced this exceptional result."

Principal Máiréad Corridan also expressed immense pride in Caitríona's success 'This is an outstanding achievement. Caitríona's accomplishment stands as a testament to her skill, determination, and passion for the Irish language. Her result also reflects not only her own ability and commitment but also the high standard of teaching in our school. It marks a proud moment for her family, her teachers, and the entire Castleisland Community College community.'



Irish language student Caitríona Murphy received top marks in her Leaving Cert Irish exam. She received the Duais Aiste award from the Department and she only lost 1 mark (not %) in the whole exam. An incredible achievement! She is pictured with from left; Máiréad Corridan (Principal), Caitríona Murphy, Doreen Killington (Irish teacher)

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SPA PARISH

By Leanne Cronin



Spa Minor Ladies who played in the match against Laune Rangers B



Spa players who helped St Brendan's Collage to Munster Taft Cup Success

**NARROW DEFEAT FOR SENIOR MEN**

Spa opened their McCarthy Insurance Group Senior Men's County League Division 1 campaign with a narrow defeat away to Killarney Legion on Sunday. In difficult conditions, Spa produced a strong first-half performance to lead 0-9 to 0-6 at the break. The sides were evenly matched throughout the second half, but a decisive goal midway through the period helped swing momentum in Legion's favour. Despite battling to the end, Spa fell just short on a final scoreline of 1-16 to 0-15.

**TWO IN TWO FOR SPA MINOR LADIES**

Just a few days after Spa's first ever Minor Ladies match, the team backed it up with a second win with an impressive victory away to Laune Rangers B in very wet and windy conditions. The girls settled quickly and played some excellent football in the first half to lead 2-9 to 2-0 at the break. Spa continued their strong performance in the second half, showing great teamwork and work rate to add further scores and goals. It finished 6-11 to 2-3, with all players contributing to a very positive team display.

**STRONG SPA PRESENCE IN TAFT CUP WIN FOR ST BRENDANS COLLAGE**

Congratulations to Spa players Eoin Brosnan (captain), Sam O'Shea, Aidan Hickey, Torin Lyne, Jack Gleeson and Jack O'Leary who were part of the St Brendan's College panel that captured the Taft Cup Munster U15 Schools Final. It is a fantastic achievement for the players and their school, and a proud moment for Spa GAA to have so many representatives involved in a Munster winning team.

**FIXTURES**

- Boys Minor Championship Shield Final – Sat 21st March, 1pm v Moyvane, in Caherslee Tralee
- Senior Ladies Donal Curtin County League – Sun 22nd March, 12pm v Finuge/St Senans, HOME
- Junior Men McCarthy Insurance Group County League Div 7B – Sun 22nd

March, 2pm v Ballydonoghue, AWAY

**BOYS U14s TAKE PART IN "AHEAD OF THE GAME" WORKSHOP**

Spa GAA's Health & Wellbeing Committee recently hosted a Movember "Ahead of the Game" workshop in the clubhouse for our Boys U14 team. The session, delivered by Conor Bohane and Martin Stackpoole from the Gaelic Players Association, saw 23 players along with parents and coaches take part, focusing on wellbeing and building resilience. Thanks to Conor and Martin for their time.

**SPA MOTHERS & OTHERS BACK IN ACTION**

Spa Mothers & Others returned after a five-month break with a fantastic turnout of 35 women for the first session back. Led by coach Kieran McCarty, the evening was full of energy with both familiar and new faces taking part. The group welcomes women of all abilities who would like to try football, enjoy some fitness or simply take an hour for themselves. For more information contact Susan Waters on 087-901 0999.

**SENIOR RINCE FOIRNE**

Good luck to our Spa Senior Rince Foirne team competing in the Munster Final on Sunday 22nd March, having won the Kerry round last month.

**CLUB LOTTO**

Spa Lotto 16/3/2026 Results. Numbers drawn 1, 2, 7, 8. No jackpot winner. Lucky Dips €50 each: Diane Moynihan, Online; James Naughton, c/o McMonagle; Eileen & Andrew Houlihan, Rathmore; Ian McMonagle. Next week's draw will be on Monday 23 March for a jackpot of €3,900. Play online [www.spagaa.com/draws](http://www.spagaa.com/draws)

**CLUB MEMBERSHIP**

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Boy's U14s taking part in the Ahead of the Game Workshop



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**GLENFLESK PARISH**

*Written by: Sean Daly*

**OLLIE FAVIER**

The Glenflesk GAA community was deeply shocked and saddened by the untimely passing of our dear friend and clubmate Ollie Favier. Ollie was a proud Glenflesk man and someone whose presence, energy, good humour and generosity left a lasting impression on all who knew him.



Ollie, a successful businessman, was equally recognised as a leader among his peers and within his community. His many friends attest to his loyalty and to his unique ability to enhance the lives of all those fortunate enough to encounter his magnetic personality. For many, he was the sturdy rock in the midst of life's swirling stream.

From a family steeped in the traditions of the GAA, Ollie's connection to Glenflesk GAA was lifelong. He wore the club colours with distinction throughout the years and was a key member of the club's most successful team, the side that captured the Millennium Cup in 2000.

Ollie's contribution to Glenflesk GAA continued long after his playing days. In recent years he generously gave his time as an underage coach and

mentor and was always willing to lend a hand and fully support any event or fundraiser within the club. He understood the value of community and repaid it through countless quiet acts of kindness and generosity. Those who knew Ollie will remember his larger than life personality, his warm smile and his ability to bring people together. He had a natural way with people and was loved by young and old alike.

Michael Jordan's words capture the spirit of Ollie perfectly:

Some people want it to happen,  
Some wish it to happen,  
Others make it happen.

Ollie's loss is deeply felt not only within Glenflesk GAA but throughout the wider community. Our thoughts and heartfelt sympathies are with his devoted wife Siobhán, his cherished children Gracie-Mai and Frankie, his mother Marian, his sisters Sinéad and Danielle, his brothers Ciarán and Paul, the extended Favier and Costello families, and his wide circle of friends at this incredibly difficult time.

Ní bheidh a leithéid ann arís.  
Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis.

**RATHMORE | GNEEVGUILLA PARISH**

*By Michael O' Mahony*

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to Jessie Buckley, Killarney who took home the award for "Female Actor in a Leading Role" at the Actor Awards last weekend.

Another wonderful recognition and a real testament to the consistency and dedication she brings to every role. It's been some year, from her, her family & in Killarney & her relatives in Toorbona, Rathmore & Macroom, well done

**SHARE THE BUCKET**

Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group reminds you that Share the Bucket takes place weekly. The draw is every Friday evening in Teach Fáilte @8 pm and can be viewed live on our Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group Facebook Page. This week's jackpot was €212 and the winner was Sheila O'Donoghue. Tickets cost €2 each or 3 for €5..They are available at Teach Fáilte and can be bought online at <https://tinyurl.com/y2ade5om>. or in local businesses where you see the Green Share the bucket.

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

**SYMPATHY**

We would like to offer our sincere and heartfelt sympathy to all of The Favier family, to the Glenflesk community on the tragic and untimely death of your beloved Ollie. News of his death has caused great sadness here in East Kerry and our prayers and sympathy are with the Favier family and with the wider Glenflesk community. Ollie is survived by his wife Siobhan, young children Gracie-Mai and Frankie extended families. May he rest in peace

**RATHMORE ST PATRICK DAY PARADE** was held on Sunday last, led by Donal O'Leary Grand Marshal. The Frank Buckley Memorial Cup winner for Best Overall Float: Rathmore Marian Players Panto Group including The Beaufort Biddies Group & Kerry Parents and Friends. Best School Group: Shrone National School. Best Sports Club: Sliabh Luachra Cycling Club. Best Performing Group - Joint Winners: The Wicked Wednesday's, The Mini Matilda's. Best Commercial/Business Group: MC Group

**GNEEVGUILLA ATHLETES**

A Great day was had by our athletes at the 123.ie National Masters Indoor Championships at the TUS International Arena in Athlone last Sunday. Masters 5 men & 4 ladies brought home a total of 14 medals and 2 National records. Paddy O Donoghue 2 Gold Shot and WFD Record. Niall O Donoghue 2 Bronze Shot WFD. Fred O Sullivan Silver WFD. Freddie Whoriskey Bronze Shot & Sean Murphy got PB Shot. Julie Dwyer 2 Gold Shot & WFD. Sheila O Donoghue Gold WFD & National records 2 silver Long Jump & shot. Michelle Knee Gold 1500m & silver LJ. Oonagh Quinn Silver WFD. Overall 6 Gold 5 Silver 3 Bronze

**LOTTO**

No winner of last weeks Lotto, Jackpot for this coming Friday March 20th €10,400 + Bonus draw for €1000 from now until Good Friday, all tickets each week will be entered into a draw for two Easter Hampers

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**NOTES**

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



*Josephine Murphy Rathmore, pictured at the Killarney St. Patrick's Day Parade*



*Pictured at road safety conference at Gleneagle Hotel on Wednesday last was Michael O'Mahony, Rathmore of Community Safety Board with members of age friendly group*



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

*If you require any further information on the above or any other matter you can contact Dermot Cronin at [info@dermotcronin.ie](mailto:info@dermotcronin.ie) or 0646622775 or 0872893649.*



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**KILCUMMIN PARISH**

*Written by: Helen Moynihan*

**KILCUMMIN COMMUNITY CARE**

Kilcummin Community Care are holding their A.G.M. on the 24th March @7.30 in the Rural Development Office. We offer a valuable community service that enables senior citizens to get together once a week (every Tuesday from 11am-2pm in the G.A.A. club) for tea, chat, games and music. We offer transportation, a cooked lunch, activities, music and invited guest speakers. If you or anyone that you know in the community wish to attend, please contact Mary Doyle on 086 1550803 for more information. Our A.G.M. is open to everybody, if you are interested in volunteering it may be of interest to you.

**KILCUMMIN GAA COUNTY LEAGUE DIV. 6**

A busy weekend saw our two teams start their Co. League campaigns. Our Div. 6 team lost out to Legion by a single point in Direen on Saturday last 0-9 to 0-8.

**SENIOR FOOTBALL MCCARTHY INSURANCE GROUP CO LEAGUE**

Our senior team had a resounding win over Kerins O'Rahilly's in Rd 1 on Sunday. Two goals from the spot by Chris O' Leary and five points from Paul O' Shea led the way but this was a great team effort with our defence particularly effective. Keelan O' Shea, Dara O' Callaghan, Colm Kelleher and Mikey Casey will be happy with their contributions in this encouraging start to the campaign.

**LOTTO**

There was no winner of our lotto on Monday 09th March for the Jackpot of €7,000. Numbers drawn were 13,16,21,23. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Joe Scanlon, Ballinmanagh, Sean Reidy, Coolick, JD O'Sullivan, Mike O'Leary, Knocklebede. Our next draw will be on Monday 23rd March for Jackpot of €7,250. Thank you for your continued support.

**LISTRY PARISH**

*Written by: Colette Leslie*

**LOTTO**

Jackpot €3,600. Numbers Drawn: 4,14,18,20. No Winner. €100 Jerry O Connor, Cloyne, Co Cork. €50 Breda O Shea, Lissivane. €50 James Mannix, Keel. €25 Seamus Giles, Faha. €25 Seamus Giles, Faha. Jackpot next weekend 22/03/26 €3,750

**SENIORS**

Listry seniors play the East Kerry Super League Div. 1B v Kilcummin in

Kilcummin on Sunday March 22nd At 12pm.

**MINORS**

Keane's Supervalue Minor Club Football Championship Final Killarney Legion v Listry Saturday 21st March 3pm in Fossa.



Lord Mayor Cllr Martin Grady with Diarmuid Mc Guckin and the Team Killarney Fire Crew at the start of St Patrick's Day Parade!



Staff Nurse Teresa Kerins pictured with her colleagues and friends from Fuchsia Ward Killarney Community Hospital. Who met at Cafe Du Parc in Killarney recently to celebrate her 25 years of service as she sets off on new adventures. We wish Teresa all the best and much love from all the staff and residents on Fuchsia Ward.



The team at Willow Café Milltown after they won best cafe in Kerry.

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Kaelyn Brosnan (left) with her sister Aliya attending Dr Jordi Horgan at the Teddy Bear Hospital during Ablefest Killarney on Sunday as part of the St Patrick's Festival.



Sam Retelefield (left) and Una Jordan (right) having fun at Ablefest Killarney on Sunday as part of the St Patrick's Festival.

# Moments That Matter...

## Ablefest Through the Lens

Photos: Marie Carroll O'Sullivan



Faye McMahon, Caoimhe Kenneally and Cara Corcoran from Dr Crokes GAA Club who provided traditional music entertainment at Ablefest Killarney.



Ruben Hurley sending bubbles flying while enjoying the fun at Ablefest Killarney on Sunday.



Sophie Kelleher getting creative shamrocks painted on her face by Cody Brosnan at the Art House tent during Ablefest Killarney on Sunday.



Aoibhín Downey enjoying the silent disco.



Festival-goers caught mid-air, joining hands and jumping to the beat of Jake Carter at Ablefest Killarney on Sunday.



Fans enjoying the finale of Ablefest Killarney with popular musician Jake Carter on Sunday as part of the St Patrick's Festival.



Rose McCarthy with her daughter Rebecca (left) and son Sean (right) enjoying the atmosphere and supporting Ablefest.



Getting hands-on with the Bricks Club, a young festival-goer enjoys building and playing with bricks at Ablefest.



Learning and sharing Lámh sign language at Ablefest Killarney on Sunday were Dominik Lisiecka, David O'Shea and Livia Lisiecka, pictured saying "hello."



Andrew Kennally (left) and Sandra McMahon (right) play discussion at Ablefest.



Triona Mangan (centre) with her daughter Reidin (left) and volunteer Maureen Hegarty (right) having fun at Ablefest Killarney.



Sisters Aoibhinn, Muireanna and Catherine Downey with their friend Aoibhe Nestor dancing to the beat at the silent disco.



Brave Lisa Marie Griffin holding a Mexican redknee tarantula at the Animal Roadshow area of Ablefest.



Enjoying their ice cream on Mother's Day were Gillian and Molly Murphy pictured with their mum Gillian and dad Connie Murphy on Mother's Day at Ablefest.



Brother and sister Leo and Claire Flynn sharing a laugh and chilling out at Ablefest.



Kevin Darcy, who was volunteering at the Teddy Bear Hospital, pictured with his mum Siobhan.

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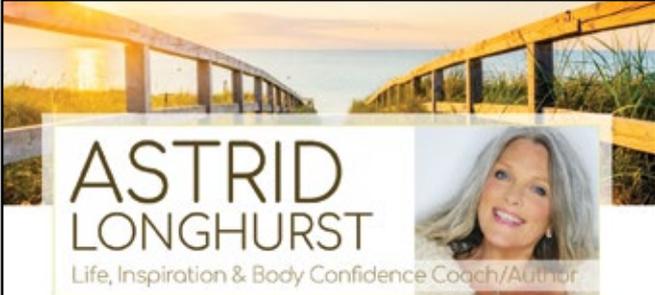
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top coats, soft chrome overlays and pearlescent finishes add light reflection and dimension to the nails. Classic French manicures remain a timeless choice, offering a polished, elegant look that suits every occasion. Overall, spring manicures focus on fresh colour, healthy-looking nails and simple finishes that feel modern and effortless.

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Strength training should sit at the heart of a menopausal fitness routine. As oestrogen declines, women naturally lose muscle mass and bone density, which can lead to weakness, slower metabolism, and increased risk of osteoporosis. Lifting weights—whether free weights, machines, or resistance bands—helps counteract these changes by building lean muscle, strengthening bones, and improving overall functional strength. Two to three sessions per week can make a meaningful difference, and the focus doesn't need to be on lifting heavy; consistency and good form matter more than intensity.

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Risk of diabetic retinopathy  
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- have high cholesterol

- develop a serious illness such as sepsis or pneumonia
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Reduce your risk of developing diabetic retinopathy or help stop it getting worse. Keep your blood sugar levels, blood pressure and cholesterol levels under control.

### Symptoms of diabetic retinopathy

You will not usually notice diabetic retinopathy in the early stages. It does not tend to have any obvious symptoms until it's more advanced.

Early signs of the condition can be picked up during an eye examination.

### Treatments for diabetic retinopathy

Treatment is only necessary if screening detects your vision is at risk.

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## LOCAL ISSUES RAISED AT COUNCIL MEETING

*Cllr. John O'Donoghue raised the following local issues at the recent Kerry County Council meeting of Killarney Municipal District*

### MILL ROAD, KILLARNEY

• That Mill Road, Killarney, which is beginning to deteriorate badly, would have works done including road surfacing to the road edges, hedgerows being cut back and a survey of the roadside trees done as many appear in danger of falling.

The Mill Rd. is one of our busiest through roads in our town as people use it as an access road to get from the Cork Road out onto the Muckcross Road. It is extremely busy but we rarely hear complaints from the residents about the amount of traffic on the road, however it has fallen into a huge state of disrepair. I thank the council for their work last week while the road was closed, as they filled the potholes but I feel that the road needs a much greater overhaul. At many places along the road, the road surface has become damaged. This is especially the case at each place where a water connection was installed, at almost each and every one of these, there are cracks coming in the road so this may be an issue for Uisce Éireann also. The road is not tarred out fully to the edges of the road, so when, as you invariably do, meet traffic coming against you on the road and you have to pull to the side, generally into potholes and into rough holes on the road. Also there are several places on the road where there are dangerous trees overhanging the road. I believe some them are owned by Coillte. One of them has actually fallen and is leaning on another tree beside it and it would not take a huge amount for it to fall and come out on to the road. I'm asking that the council

put together a complete plan to overhaul the road, by resurfacing it right out to the edges, moving back hedgerows and doing a survey of the trees along the length of the road, thus improving safety be improved for all.

### OUR LADY OF THE WAYSIDE CHURCH IN CLONKEEN

Given that the public light outside Our Lady of The Wayside Church in Clonkeen has been out of action for over 12 months at this stage, we would write to the ESB and request they carry out the necessary works immediately. The current delay is completely unacceptable.

I was tempted to e-mail Mairead and ask her to remove this from the motion as thankfully the ESB have seen the light and decided to repair it. However I decided to leave it on the agenda to highlight an issue which I feel is becoming all too frequent within our MD. Our own lighting team are repeatedly being held up waiting for the ESB to come and put in a connections. This light was first raised to the council 12 months ago and the council staff went out and determined very quickly that it was an issue for the ESB. We have been waiting since for the lights to be installed and this has taken an awful lot of time liaising with the ESB. I've been in contact with them nearly on a daily basis up until the day that this light was fixed the week. Before it was fixed, I contacted the residents the week before to tell them that thankfully their light was going to be fixed in the coming days and I was actually embarrassed when they started thanking me for getting it sorted, because like I said to them, this light has been out of action for 12 months now um to be saying thanks for a job that took that long is shameful. This relatively simple job was just



to replace a cable from a nearby pole and bring it to the pole not working. In the grand scheme of things that was not a huge job and the fact we were waiting 12 months for it at a public building which is used predominantly by elderly people for to be fixed is completely unacceptable. I believe this is becoming a repeated issue and I feel that we really need to do something about it and make it known to the ESB that while we appreciate that they're busy, and especially at times of storms et cetera they can be completely overwhelmed, to be waiting 12 months for light to be fixed is not acceptable at all and also it's holding up our own lighting team. The public are getting frustrated with the length of time it's taken to do work, they are blaming the council not realising that it's actually the ESB that have to do the main connections into these lights. I hope going forward that we will not see situations like this arise again.

## HIGH FUEL COSTS RAISED IN DAIL EIREANN

Deputy Danny Healy raised the high fuel costs at Questions on Promised Legislation in the Dail this week.

Here is what he had to say:

### Danny Healy Rae : Fuel costs

Like all the rest of the Country the people in Kerry are suffering as well

with the exorbitant cost of diesel petrol and home heating oil.

It has come to my attention that in Northern Ireland it is 30 cent less per litre . I am asking ye as ye are taking in almost 40 million euro a week extra in taxes to reduce the price at the pump by that amount for the people that are using it.

I can't understand how you say targeting certain people, every man and woman with a wheel and an engine is affected by the extra cost now.

Even a truck I am told it takes 1400 litres to fill it , can you imagine the amount of hardship and if ye don't do it soon it will be too late ye must do something to rectify the situation Its very, very serious.

### Minister O Callaghan :

It's the same issue throughout the country , people are concerned about the rising cost of diesel and petrol. Government is well aware of that, we need a measured well thought out response, you say everyone is affected by it , that is the case but not everyone is affected to the same extent by the increase of fuel costs.

Government needs to have a look at this in terms of what's is the appropriate response whether it be excise duty or elsewhere and also needs to give consideration to the targeting of measures or not.





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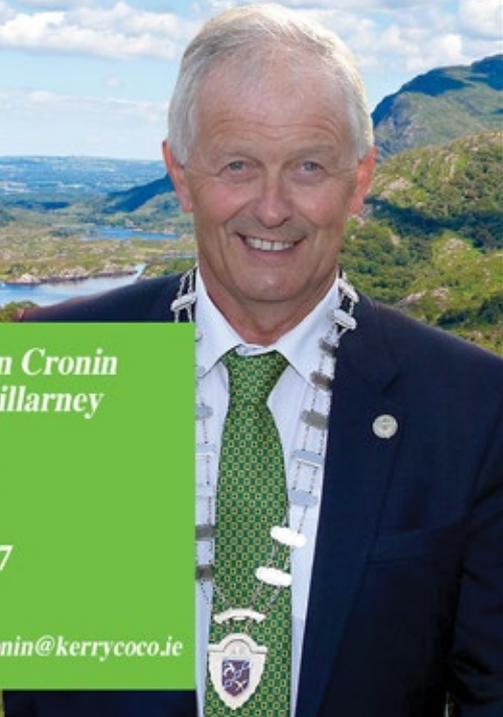
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Dominos Men's National League  
Saturday March 21st  
Calasanctius College, Galway

## Maree 84 Utility Trust St Pauls Lakers 78

Report by Enda Walshe

A decisive surge midway through the third quarter inspired by Marees American Isaiah Taylor proved to be all the difference in this Dominos Men's National League clash. Coming into the contest both sides knew the reward for victory was going to be a home quarter final against Carrick Cruisers with the loser on the road to Ballymakenny College in Drogheda. The game was on a knife edge at 51-50 with 5.49 to go in the third period but Taylor with cameos from Rinor Draghusa and Justin Wickham prised open a 66-54 lead. And even though the Lakers finished the quarter on a positive note with baskets from Pablo Murcia and Eoin Carroll it gave them a mountain to climb in the final quarter.

And they certainly got their climbing gear , clawing the lead back again to just two, 70-68, with seven minutes to go. But Maree found that extra gear in the final minutes to pull clear again and grab the spoils on a 84-78 scoreline. It means they can set up camp in Calasanctius College next weekend for the playoffs as the Lakers hit the motorway for Drogheda. It will be a repeat of last weekend's league tie in Killarney where they showed they are more than capable of causing problems for the Wee County men. The season has been one of huge progress , with the longest winning run in the entire country under their belts . In that run they have proved to be a match for anyone and heading to Drogheda under the radar may suit them.

They got their feet under the table early in this clash with Steve Kelly and Sam Grant finding their range. Kosovan forward Rinor Draghusa got an early three for his side but when Eoin Carroll slipped in another bucket it was the Lakers who held the whip hand at 10-3. Isaiah Taylor and Draghusa struck again but Grant and Kelly were in good form and they helped to make it double scores, 16-8 midway through. But Maree got their outside game going with Draghusa and Jake Morris shaving down the lead in the blink of an eye. Dragusha was causing the Lakers problems, eventually tying up the game. But Kelly and Carroll put their stamp on proceedings again and they needed to as Justin Wickham and Cillian Cannon struck. With the game tied at 24 each Darragh O'Callaghan put the Lakers in front temporarily, before Brian McGrath squared it up at quarters end.

The opening of the second quarter belonged to Maree with Taylor converting from distance and Draghusa from closer in. But Kelly and Mark Sheehan kept their side in it Wickhams

size was a factor all game and with Cannon also accurate the hosts pushed 40-33 ahead. Draghusa hit from downtown and Cannon from the charity stripe and they helped their side have the biggest lead of the night, 12, at 45-33. Sensing the need to stay in the game the Lakers upped the ante, netting six without reply, Carroll, Murcia and Jack O'Sullivan being the protagonists.

The half time break didn't stutter the Lakers momentum. Kelly, Carroll and Grant had them level at 45 each, signally a 12-0 scoring for their side. Wickham and Taylor ended the Maree drought but a big three from Grant squeezed it up again. Kelly and Wickham exchanged baskets and the game was well poised at 51-50. But that's where the Galwegians hit their purple patch embarking on a thirteen point scoring run which was only interrupted by a pair of free throws from Kelly. Trailing 64-52 the Lakers did finish the quarter better , prompted by an O Sullivan basket , it ended 66-58.

The opening minute of the final period opened with fireworks as threes from Grant and O'Sullivan cut the gap to two. Carroll was finding some joy inside as he traded scores with Wickham. Cannon pushed Maree six clear again but another three from Grant made it a three point game, 74-71 with just under four minutes left. But Taylor then started to exert his influence again and alongside Cannon he extended the lead to 7, 80-73 with ninety seconds left. Wickham pushed it out further but the Lakers did play to the end, with O Sullivan and Kelly putting a better complexion on the scoreboard , the game ending 84-78 in favour of Maree.

Steve Kelly top scored for the Lakers with 26, Sam Grant had 17, Eoin Carroll 14, Jack O Sullivan 12, Pablo Murcia 4, Mark Sheehan 3, Darragh O'Callaghan 2.

Isaiah Taylor matched Kellys 26, Rinor Draghusa had 19, Justin Wickham 18, Cillian Cannon 12, Brian McGrath 4, Jake Morris 3, Huw Bevan 2.

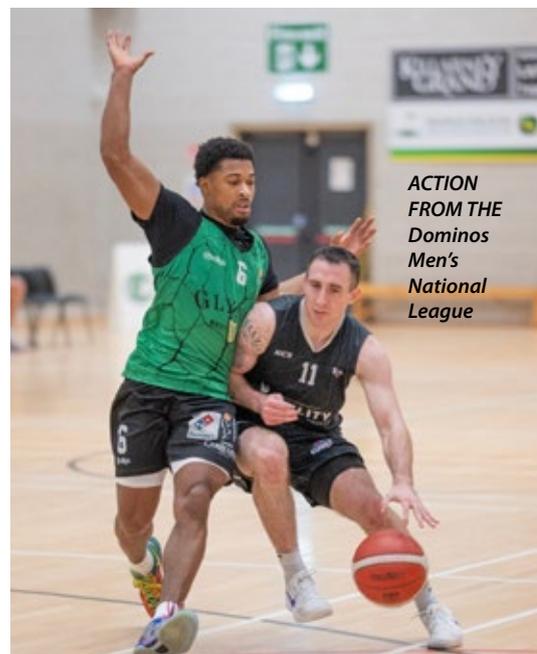
So the playoffs commence this weekend with the Lakers facing Drogheda Wolves. Limerick Sport Eagles will play Moy Tolka Rovers at home, Maree entertain Carrick Cruisers while the Titans make the trip to Dublin Lions. Times and date are not available at time of going to press but all the games will be played over the weekend of March 21st / 22nd.

## Dominos Womens Superleague Quarter Final Playoff

Sunday March 22nd 3.45pm  
Killarney Sports and Leisure  
Centre

## Utility Trust St Pauls vs Flomax Liffey Celtics

Preview by Enda Walshe



ACTION FROM THE Dominos Men's National League

Utility Trust St Pauls head into the playoffs and the biggest seven days of their season with the added bonus of home comforts. This Sunday , March 22nd, at 3.45pm , they entertain Flomax Liffey Celtics in the Killarney Sports and Leisure Centre. The Celtics are a fine side, with some very impressive performances in recent years, especially in the National Cup, and they will be a huge challenge for James Fleming's squad. Should they prevail from that test intact, they will again have home advantage in the semi final. But at this stage of the season it's best to take it one game at a time.

St Pauls have that advantage thanks to their top position in the regular season, a privilege also extended to Killester who face McEvoy's Cavan Eagles. The other quarter final sees Trinity Meteors play Waterford Wildcats and all the games are pencilled in for this weekend. This will be the third time St Pauls will have faced the Celtics this season . Back in November Maisie Burnham hit a season high 33 points, the highlight of a 81-68 win in Leixlip. On Valentine's Day in Killarney, the hosts were even more impressive ,with Burnham, Lorraine Scanlon and Tara Cousins combining for 60 points in an 84-65 triumph. But those results will go out the window as this game takes a knockout element to it.

The Celtics are laced with talent and have won their three games since that February 14th loss. Fr Matthews, Portlaoise Panthers and the Cavan Eagles were all dispatched and the Pauls defeat was their only reverse in the last five games. They are of course spearheaded by Sorcha Tiernan, the mercurial Irish International who is the spiritual leader of the team. Katie Williamson has returned to the club following her college career in the USA while Aine O Connor is another with international pedigree. The secret to St Pauls success in recent games over the Celtics is the defensive pressure they have applied to Brooke Kane and Destinee Bursch. Keeping two players of that quality to just under 30 points in both games gave them a huge platform for the win but given the quality of the professional duo, another defensive stifling will be essential to any win.

St Pauls played through the second part of the regular season in great form with UCC Glanmire the only side to take their scalp. The wins over the Wildcats and Killester will be part of their end of season highlight reel while the win over Brunell on the last day of the regular season was outstanding. The recruitment of the aforementioned Burnham, Cousins and Lovisa Hevinder has been a huge success. Cousins is in the top five in the league for assists with Burnham and Hevinder in the top five for three pointers. Lorraine Scanlon is the top

Irish rebounder in the league, a facet Siofra O Shea gives her great assistance with. Leah McMahons defensive prowess is well lauded but she has hit double figures in scoring three times since Christmas, a sign of progress in her game. Denise Dunlea has used her experience at crucial times this season while Deirdre Geaney presents great options off the bench. The wonder that is Lynn Jones continues to go on, something that is an example to young starlets Naoise O Connor, Annie Brosnan and Clodagh O Sullivan.

It has been a huge and historic effort by James Fleming's side to hit the top of the Superleague in only their second season. They will be looking to their supporters and the people of Killarney to give them a push towards a semi final and put them another step forward on the road to Tallaght. But the Celtics are an experienced crafty side. It promises to be a humdinger. Dont miss out!!

## SADNESS AT THE PASSING OF CHRISTY SHEEHAN

**St. Paul's Basketball Club has lost a legend and a leader. Eamonn Keogh recalls Christy Sheehan's inspirational role in the club**

It is with great sadness and heavy hearts that all in St. Paul's Basketball Club bid a fond farewell to our beloved President Christy Sheehan, who was an inspirational figure and driving force in the growth and development of the club over the past 40 years.

From an active role at St. Paul's very first meeting as a founder member in October 1985 to attending recent matches and events, Christy was ever-present in club activities across four decades.

Prior to the establishment of St. Paul's, Christy enjoyed a successful playing career in Killarney basketball circles. He was a promising underage player on a New Street team in the early 1950s alongside Weeshie Fogarty, Hugh O'Brien, Gerard O'Connor and Johnny Healy. Town league basketball was very competitive in Killarney in the 1950s, 60s and 70s and Christy played with St. Mary's and a number of other local teams in the old Town Hall and St. Mary's Parish Hall.

Alongside his sons Joey and Paul and friends Tom Looney, Sean Coleman, Rory O'Flaherty, Donal and Seamus O'Doherty, Christy was a founding member that got St. Paul's up and running at the very first meeting on October 31st 1985 in St. Mary's Parish Hall.

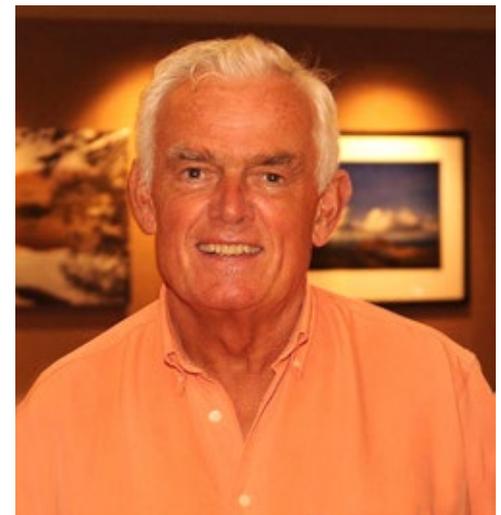
With the senior mens and ladies team competing successfully, the early years of the club focused on the development of underage basketball and the establishment of the juvenile town league in the late 1980s was a real St.Paul's success story that Christy enjoyed and took immense pride from. It was here that hundreds of national school children

from Killarney and surrounding areas were introduced to basketball for the first time.

In the late 1980s and early 90s, Christy was a very efficient treasurer of St. Paul's and worked tirelessly on several fundraising initiatives for the club. Generating advertising in club programmes and securing sponsorship from local businesses was just a fraction of what he did. The big fundraiser for the club at that time was the annual St. Stephen's Night and New Years Eve discos in The Laurels and it was Christy who secured that money spinner for St.Paul's through his close association with the late Con O'Leary, his former employer in The Laurels.

St. Paul's were granted national league status in 1993 and Christy was at the forefront negotiating sponsorship deals in the early years with the likes of Killarney Avenue Hotel (Revelles) and Kerry Spring Water. As club treasurer, Christy kept a tight rein on the finances involved with keeping the team competitive at national level. Signing American players and flying them to Ireland was a huge cost to the club. The start of one particular season didn't go according to plan leading to some early changes in personnel on the professional players front which meant an extra and unwelcome financial burden. At one particular club meeting some members still weren't happy with the second round of new signings and suggested further changes again. The quick-witted Christy, who was always concerned about the financial implications for the club, asked the members if they would like to rename the side 'Team Aer Lingus'!

After his term of treasurer ended in the late 1990s, Christy was honoured to serve as President of St. Paul's for the past 25 years. He played a real Ambassador role for the club, proudly wearing his St. Paul's top and colours at the games and extending the hand of



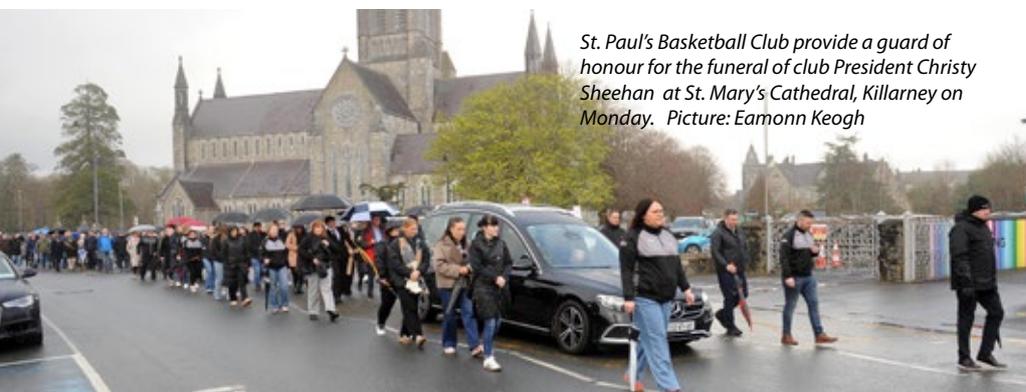
friendship and kind words to visiting teams and dignitaries.

While his health declined in recent years, Christy was still a familiar face at national league matches until recently featuring his grandson Mark. He was very much part of the St. Paul's 40th anniversary last September and a standing ovation from everybody was a testament to his popularity in the club. He was also immensely proud of his grandson Mark captaining the St. Paul's U-20 team to a national title last April and was delighted to attend the celebration function in The Failte Hotel.

The Sheehan family have given the club incredible service over four decades. Christy's eldest son Joey is a former national league player, was club secretary for several years and continues to help the club by coaching teams. Paul Sheehan has given a lifetime of service to the club as a player, coach, former secretary and treasurer and is the current club chairman and also finds time to coach underage teams. Christy's other son David and daughter Karen have also been outstanding supporters and patrons of the club for many years.

Christy Sheehan was a friend to all in St. Paul's and will be remembered as a President and officer who served with distinction and a man who epitomised the volunteer spirit in the club. His leadership, tireless efforts and outstanding dedication has left the club in a better place. All in St Paul's extend sincere condolences to his wife Breda, sons Joey, David and Paul, daughter Karen and extended family.

*St. Paul's Basketball Club provide a guard of honour for the funeral of club President Christy Sheehan at St. Mary's Cathedral, Killarney on Monday. Picture: Eamonn Keogh*



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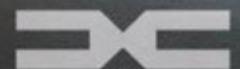
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## KILLARNEY GOLF & FISHING CLUB = LADIES RESULTS

**18 Hole Single Stableford competition held on Mahony's Point 14th & 15th March - Kindly sponsored by Synergy Golf**

1st Place: Anita O'Sullivan (31) 40pts  
2nd Place & B.G: Anne Moynihan (02) 38pts

**13 Hole Single Stableford competition held on Mahony's Point Sunday 15th March - Kindly sponsored by Synergy Golf**

Winner: Sinead Lynch (15) 22pts (last 9 holes).

## BEAUFORT GOLF CLUB - MEN'S

**COMPETITION RESULTS FOR SAT 14/SUN 15 MARCH - SPRING LEAGUE ROUND 3 AND OVERALL WINNER. SPONSOR: MEN'S CLUB YELLOW TEES - 16-HOLE STABLEFORD**

1st: David J Slattery, 34 points (23) Last nine holes

2nd: John Bowler, 34 points (19) Runner-up

3rd: Dave Lynch, 33 points, (17)

**SPRING LEAGUE** - overall winner of the three rounds with an aggregate score of 105 points,

congratulations to Humphrey Kerins (20)

**NEXT WEEK'S MEN'S COMPETITION**, Sat 21 and Sunday 22 March, Scotch Foursomes (pairs) - yellow tees Sponsor: Men's Club

## DEERPARK PITCH & PUTT CLUB

### TIM SCANNELL

It was a Mixed day for our three teams as we hosted the Tim Scannell Memorial Inter-Club Matchplay last Sunday. Our Deerpark 3 and Deerpark 1 teams were successful in their games against Listowel B (3.5-2.5) and Castleisland 2 (4-2) respectively but Deerpark 2 lost out to Tralee 3 by 5-1. We have an all Deerpark encounter this Sunday in Castleisland with our 1 and 2 sides squaring off as our 3 team take on Castleisland 1 in the final round of Group Games.

### ST PATRICK'S DAY DRAWS

Two Ball Scramble- First Nett: John Murphy & Niall O'Loughlin 38, Gross: Gearóid Cronin & Gavin Bastable 48, Second Nett: Robbie O'Brien Snr & Niall O'Loughlin 39

### MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Following on from our recent announcement as regards membership applications for 2026, the

Committee wishes to announce that due to the present high volume of applications received in the Family and U16 categories, it has decided not to accept any further applications for both new Family and U16 Members at this time. New Adult (Non-Family) and all renewing applications from 2025 (Adult and U16) will still be accepted the Committee wishes to stress however.

### DEEPEST CONDOLENCES

We were saddened to hear of a number of bereavements in the past week, firstly the death of Fr Paddy O'Donoghue. Fr Paddy regularly said masses in our Club in the past and was also a sponsor of our 15th tee-box. Despite sponsoring it in the late 1990's, Fr Paddy did not actually see it until our 40th Anniversary Celebrations in 2013 as he played the course the day of the Mass that year. Secondly the club was saddened to hear of the death of Mary McEllistrim, mother of Catherine Keogh, in Ballymacelligott. Finally, the club was saddened to hear of the death of former club sponsor Ollie Favier. To all three's family and friends we offer our sincerest condolences. May they Rest in Peace.

# Time to Tee Off

## for the Kerry LGFA Golf Classic

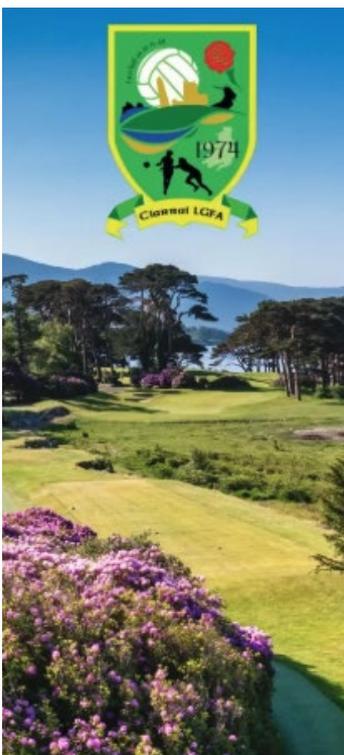
**K**erry LGFA is set to host its inaugural Golf Classic on Good Friday, April 3, 2026, at the Killarney Golf & Fishing Club.

The event will bring together local businesses, supporters and friends of ladies football for a day of sport and community spirit, all in aid of supporting the continued development of the game across the county. Funds raised from the classic will go directly towards supporting players, coaches and development programmes at both club and county level, helping to strengthen the future of ladies football for women and girls throughout Kerry.

Organisers say the event is an opportunity for the wider community to show its support for the growth of the sport while enjoying one of Ireland's most iconic golf venues.

A number of entry and sponsorship options are available for businesses and supporters who wish to get involved. A Fourball Team Entry, priced at €400, includes a team of four players and a full day of golf at Killarney Golf & Fishing Club. It is expected to attract strong interest from local companies looking to organise staff outings, entertain clients or simply support Kerry LGFA.

Businesses can also show their support through Tee Box Sponsorship for €100, with company names displayed at a designated tee box throughout the day.



For those seeking greater visibility, Hole Sponsorship is available for €250. Limited to just 18 sponsors, this premium option provides brand exposure on one of the course's holes and ensures that participating teams will see the sponsor's business throughout the competition.

Kerry LGFA officials say the Golf Classic is part of ongoing efforts to strengthen support structures for players and coaches while continuing to grow participation in ladies football across the county. By bringing together supporters, volunteers and local businesses, the event aims to generate vital funding that will help develop programmes and opportunities for the next generation of Kerry footballers.

The Golf Classic will take place on Good Friday, April 3, 2026, with tee times scheduled throughout the day at Killarney Golf & Fishing Club.

Those interested in entering a team or securing sponsorship can contact Anthony on 087 271 3507 or by email at treasurer.kerry@lgfa.ie

With strong community support expected, organisers are encouraging early bookings to ensure participation in what promises to be a memorable day of golf in support of Kerry ladies football.

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## FOSSA BRIDGE CLUB

### RESULTS FOR 12TH MARCH

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1st: Mary Shanahan & Mary Rose Felle

2nd: Phyllis O'Regan & Pauline Lyne

E/W

1st: Eileen Murphy & Joan Moore

2nd: Karen O'Keefe & Imelda Healy

Well done all.

**CONDOLENCES** to Finola Spillane on the death of her brother Fr. Paddy. RIP

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

President Margaret O'Sullivan's prize is on the 16th & 23rd April.

**KILLARNEY BRIDGE CONGRESS** is returning again on the 12th, 13th & 14th June at The Castlerosse Hotel after a very successful event last year.

## KILLARNEY VALLEY

### ATHLETIC CLUB

#### STRONG NATIONAL INDOOR PERFORMANCES FOR KILLARNEY VALLEY AC

Killarney Valley AC athletes delivered a series of impressive performances at the recent U20 and U23 National Indoor Championships, highlighted by a national silver medal and a number of personal bests.

The standout result came in the U23 Long Jump, where Dara Looney secured second place with a jump of 6.15m, earning a national silver medal and another podium finish at championship level.

In the U20 sprint events, Charlie Clarke recorded a personal best of 7.37 seconds in the 60m, finishing fourth in his heat, before returning to run another PB of 23.63 seconds in the 200m, placing second in his heat. Naoise Cronin ran 8.56 seconds in the 60m and later set a PB of 28.49 seconds in the 200m, finishing third in his heat.

Middle-distance athlete Maria Murnane produced a strong performance in the U20 800m final, finishing sixth in a personal best of 2:17.82, while Conor Duffin ran 4:19.46 PB in the U20 1500m, placing sixth in his heat.

In the field events, Dominik Wasila finished seventh in the U20 Long Jump with 6.11m, while Antonya Lejwoda placed 11th in the U20 Triple Jump with 9.74m. Anna O'Shea also competed in the Pole Vault. The club's U20 Women's 4x400m relay team of Beibhinn O'Donoghue,

Sophie Duke, Maddie O'Riordan and Megan O'Reilly produced an excellent performance to finish fourth in the national final.

Meanwhile, KVAC coaches also enjoyed major success at the Athletics Ireland Masters Indoor Championships, winning two national records and seven medals. Alan Delaney (M45) set a new national record of 1.76m in the High Jump, while Alan Burke (M60) set a Pole Vault M60 National record of 3.40m.

Jer O'Donoghue (M40) claimed silver in the 60m, while Tim Horgan (M45) secured three silver medals across the High Jump, Shot Put and Weight for Distance. Maureen O'Shea (W55) won bronze in the Weight for Distance and placed fourth in the Shot Put, while Timea Saary (W45) ran a PB of 9.27 seconds in the 60m.

Overall, it was another successful period for Killarney Valley AC, with strong performances across both youth and masters competition.

Our Streets of Killarney 5 mile race, on the 3rd April (Good Friday), is now completely sold out. Best of luck to all participants.

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

## KILLARNEY SWIMMING CLUB

It has been a busy few weeks for the club, with swimmers competing in three major galas, the Kingdom Invitational and Future Challenger events in Tralee, as well as the Aspiring Champions Gala held in the University of Limerick.

Club swimmers delivered a number of impressive performances across the competitions. Evan O'Donoghue secured two silver medals with strong swims in the 400m Individual Medley and the 200m Breaststroke. Sarah Quirke also reached the podium, claiming bronze in the 200m Breaststroke, while Aoife Coffey earned a bronze medal in the 200m Freestyle.

There were excellent performances throughout the squad, with many swimmers producing personal bests and strong swims across the events. A special mention goes to Lara Leahy O'Brien, who achieved qualifying times for the upcoming Summer National Championships.

Training continues as swimmers now turn their focus towards the next round of competitions in the coming weeks.



Killarney Swimming Club members Maro Lucu Kovacevic, Evan O'Donoghue, Liam O'Mahony, Daniel Cremin, Divo Lucic-Kovacevic, Robbie Fennely, Samuel O'Neill and Matthew Myles.

## WORKMAN'S ROWING CLUB

Fantastic day at the St. Patrick's Day parade, where the club got out and proudly showed off our colours in spite of the weather.

Thanks to everyone who helped put it all together — a great effort all around!

## KILLARNEY RFC CLUB

### AGHADOE TO HOST THE AVIVA MINI RUGBY FESTIVAL!

The biggest news of the week is that Killarney RFC has been selected as a host venue for the Aviva Mini Rugby Provincial Festivals this coming Sunday, March 22nd.

Following fantastic turnouts at the first two events of the season around the country, the festival comes to Kerry to celebrate the best of youth rugby. This event is a key milestone on the road to the National Aviva Mini Rugby Festival at the Aviva Stadium on April 19th.

**WE NEED YOU: CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!** To ensure our visitors from across the province experience the very best of Killarney hospitality, we are calling on all members, parents, and senior players to lend a hand on Sunday.

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**MATCH RESULTS: U18.5 BOYS & U14 GIRLS**

While the Atlantic weather systems did their best to dampen spirits, our players delivered two fantastic victories, both on the road and at home.

**U18.5 Boys: Clinical Win in Castleisland**

Our U18.5 Boys travelled to the Craigeens on Sunday to face Castleisland RFC. In a physical local derby, Killarney showed great composure and clinical finishing to secure a brilliant 24-12 away win. The scoreline reflects a dominant performance in testing conditions, with our lads showing exactly why they are a force to be reckoned with this season.

**U14 Girls: KICK into the Cup Semifinals!**

Last Saturday, our KICK U14 girls hosted Tralee RFC in the third and final round of the U14 Development Cup, with a place in the Cup semifinal up for grabs. A superb game of rugby with tries from Lily Duggan, two from Teagan Lyne and another by Blathnaid Fahy, earning the win for KICK. A huge shout-out to Eloa Hilario, who converted everything and was superb from the boot. Player of the day was Zarah Tomlinson, who was an absolute warrior on the pitch.

Well done to all the girls who represented the 4 clubs with huge pride. A huge thanks to our awesome coaches, Liam, Aaron, Adrian, and Becca, for looking after the girls, and to Donncha Murphy for refing. Thanks also to Ailsa and all at Castleisland RFC for the use of the pitch and fantastic hospitality following the game.

**A SHOUT OUT TO THE MOMS**

As last Sunday was Mother's Day, Killarney RFC would like to extend a huge thank you to all the mothers and guardians within our club. From the "muck-management" in the laundry room to the early morning drives to away games, you are



U14 KICK Rugby Girls after their match.



At Killarney Pickleball St Patrick's day session in the Leisure Centre, the club did a special salute to their honorary member, Jessie Buckley.

the real MVPs of the Black and Red. We hope you were thoroughly spoiled!

# A RUGBY NIGHTMARE

By Nicky Barry

A lot of Gaels on Saturday night, did not sleep a wink,  
 Totally disappointed, that we'd lost the championship,  
 But worse than that, their angst was totally compounded,  
 By the fact they cheered for England, as they pounded,  
 The French into submission, until that last fatal kick,  
 Which left all Gaels and English folk, feeling rather sick.  
 Poor ole Paddy lay in bed, feeling quite ashamed,  
 As ever since he was a boy, in every single game,  
 Whenever England took the field, he cheered the opposition,  
 For it is the Irish way, and a tribal tradition.  
 He wondered if the neighbours heard, as he roared England on,  
 But at least he didn't sing, their Sweet Chariot song.  
 In all fairness as they say, England should have won,  
 For they were magnificent, scoring tries for fun..  
 He felt totally mortified, by those fateful eighty minutes,  
 When he betrayed his heritage, supporting Brexit minions.  
 At golf on Sunday morning, his fourball felt the same,  
 But they all agreed, that it was a thrilling game.  
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### LOTTO

No.s 20, 23, 24, 26. No winner of the Jackpot. 5 x €25: Dan Quilter, Furies. John Dillane, Tralee. Emma O Leary, Ballydesmond. Shauna O Leary, Ballydesmond & Eileen Dowd, Furies. Next draw for a Jackpot of €3,800 will take place on Sunday next 22nd March at Butlers Bar, Furies. Tickets available from Committee members, Sheehans Filling Station, Farranfore. Spar & Hendersons Shops, Furies & Butlers Bar, Furies.

### TEAMS

The U12 B squad were defeated away in league action to Inter Kenmare B on a 4-2 scoreline. Rian Flynn & Sean Daly with the Ballyhar goals with Jack O Mahony & Sean O Callaghan also playing well.

The U12 A squad had fine home league win over Killorglin FC B thanks to goals from Conor Ryan, Diarmuid Sheehy, Darren Foley & Tadhg Fitzgerald in a good squad effort.

The U14 A squad in shield action defeated Milltown FC with goals from Jack Duggan, Ollie Kirwan, Darragh McLaughlin, Josh Nelligan & Ruairi Casey with Ruben O Leary Griffin, Jack Kennedy, Brian McMahon, Ciaran Ferris & Mark Van Der Merwe all playing well.

The U14 girls had an excellent 1-2 league win away to MEK FC with Mollie O Connor & Niamh O Sullivan on the score sheet with Erica McCarthy, Aoibhinn Pavlovic, Emily OCallaghan, Aoibhinn Daly, Kate O Connor, Lily O Connell & Aishlinn O Sullivan putting in great performances. The squad also had their final league game of the season, where they lost 4-0 away to Tralee Dynamos. Thanks to the players & coaches for their commitment over the season.

The Club senior ladies social soccer group had great success in the recent KDL ladies multi team Blitz held in Tralee.

The men's senior team exited the celsius menswear challenge cup after a 5-1 away defeat to inter Kenmare. Ballyhar trailed 2-1 on 80 minutes thanks to a Pdraig O Connor goal but the home team added 3 goals in the final 10 minutes to seal the win. Tony Daly, John Power, Alan Moriarty, Conor O Sullivan & Gerard Long were best on the day.

The u13 boys A squad advanced to the next round of the Trophy Competition thanks to a merited home win at Murt Scott Park against Inter Kenmare B, goalscorers on the day were Jack Cooper, Fabian Mrtoek, Bryan Evan, Paddy Hurley Tadhg Fitzgerald & Micheal Griffin with



Killarney Athletic U13 Boys

Dermot Nealon & Jack Sheehy very productive on the day.

The U15s have qualified for the Trophy competition semi final thanks to a superb 6-1 home win against Tralee Dynamos. Josh Nelligan with a hat trick, Alex Finn with two & Daniel Ryan with one goal were the goal scorers. Adam Quirke made a fantastic double save from a Tralee Dynamos Penalty at a crucial time with Daith Allen, Eoin Cremin, Jack Duggan & Ruben O Leary Griffin to the fore in the game.

### SYMPATHY

The club offers its condolences to the Allen Family, Ballyhar on the passing of David Galwey & to the Shanahan Family, Farranfore on the Passing of Tom. May David & Tom rest in peace.

## KILLARNEY ATHLETIC

### AFC

We would like to thank everyone that took part in the St Patricks Day Parade

### BOYS U15 CUP QUARTER-FINAL

#### Camp 1 - 4 Killarney Athletic

Shéa Driver x3, Leo Nash x1

A solid performance from our young Blues today secures our place in the Cup Semi-Final Thanks to Camp for a good game

### BOYS U15 DIVISION 3

#### Killarney Athletic D 5 - 7 MEK

Goals: Leon Hebda (2), Sean O'Connor, Sebastian Zaraneck, OG

Athletic were punished for not taking chances and unlucky to come out the wrong side of a high scoring, end-to-end match. Thanks to MEK for the sporting game.

### BOYS U13 TROPHY QUARTER FINAL

#### Ardfert A 1 - 5 Killarney Athletic B

Oisin O'Sullivan x 2, Finn McDonald x 1, Oran Barrett x 1, Jakub Slowakiewiz x 1

A very early start in Ardferd didn't effect the boys as they had a fast start going 1 up early on. With a 2 nil HT lead they knew the job wasn't done yet and continued to play well in the second half adding more goals. Thanks to the Ref and to Ardferd for a great game.

### U14 GIRLS PREMIER

#### Killarney Athletic 1 - 0 Mastergeeha

Erica Moloney x1

Player of the Game Elizabeth Brosnan

### U12 MATCH REPORT - KILLARNEY ATHLETIC A GIRLS U12 CUP QF

#### Killarney Athletic 1-1 Park FT

(Park winning 3-1 after extra time)

Hollie Shevlin x 1

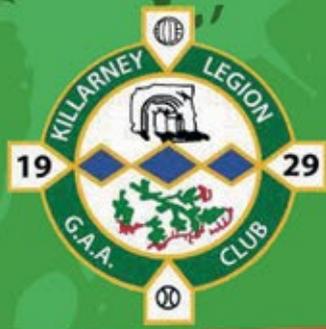
Killarney Athletic A welcomed Park Tralee to Woodlawn for a late 4:15pm kick-off in what turned out to be a thrilling and hard-fought cup tie. Captained by Melania, Killarney Athletic showed great determination throughout the game. Park Tralee took an early lead to go 0-1 ahead, but Killarney responded brilliantly. A superb goal from Hollie Shevlin brought the sides level at 1-1 and sent the game into extra time. Despite battling all the way to the final whistle, Park Tralee eventually came out on top in a closely contested encounter. A special mention goes to Emily O'Donoghue de Vries, who made a huge impact when introduced and delivered a standout all-action performance. Best of luck to Park Tralee in the cup, and thanks also to the referee for officiating.



Ballyhar Dynamos FC u15s, home quarter final trophy victors over Tralee Dynamos.



Ballyhar Dynamos u13 A squad who defeated Inter Kenmare B in the Trophy Competition at Murt Scott Park on Saturday last.



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## U12 MATCH REPORT – KILLARNEY ATHLETIC B

Killarney Athletic B were on the road as they travelled to take on Camp B in the Shield. Captained superbly by Emily O'Grady, Killarney Athletic B put in a brilliant team performance to come away with a fantastic win. Killarney took a little while to settle into the game early on, but once they found their rhythm, the goals started to flow. A special mention goes to Sadie O'Connor, who marshalled the defence brilliantly and kept Camp at bay with a commanding performance at the back. Goal scorers on the day: Carolena x 1 Fiadh x 2 Lottie x 2 Jessie x 1 Rose x 2

A huge well done to all the girls on a fantastic team performance. Thanks to Camp B for the game and to the referee.

## KILLARNEY CELTIC

### CELTIC LOTTO

Numbers drawn 3,4,22,25. No Jackpot winner. Match 3 winners received €150. Next jackpot €8,000 on Monday March 23rd. Tickets available from The Dungeon Bookshop, Amber Shop (Top of Ross Road), club members and online through clubzap.

### KDL PREMIER

#### Castleisland AFC 0-3 Killarney Celtic

Liam Carey, Trpimir Vrljicak, Stephen McCarthy

In a must win game Celtic gained the advantage after just 4 minutes when Liam Carey netted. Celtic were 2 up on 30 minutes after Trpimir Vrljicak found the net. Celtic sealed the vital win when Stephen McCarthy was on the mark after 66minutes. Celtic remain 2nd in the table.

### MUNSTER FA U17 CUP SEMI FINAL

#### Pike Rovers 5-0 Killarney Celtic

Celtic went down to Pike Rovers in this Munster semi final after a tough start which saw the initiative swing against Celtic. A stronger showing in the 2nd half went unrewarded on the scoreboard as Pike finished clear winners.

### U16 PREMIER

#### Killarney Celtic 4-2 Mastergeeha

Jason Harrington, Conor McElligott, Stephen Shine Doody, Tristan Murphy

In a well contested match last week Celtic overcame Mastergeeha. Celtic were ahead before Mastergeeha came back into the game but Celtic came again to take the win.

### U15 CUP

#### Castleisland AFC A 5-1 Killarney Celtic B

Paul McGrath

Castelislnd A were just that little too strong in this cup tie last weekend.

### U15 DIV 1

#### Killarney Celtic B 3-4 Fenit

Cillian Scannell, Conor Doherty, Luke Clifford

Celtic B pushed Fenit all the way in this entertaining encounter.

### U15 TROPHY

#### Castleisland AFC B 1-2 Killarney Celtic C

Eoin Murphy 2

Celtic C qualified for the U15 Trophy semi final after a 2 goal blast from Eoin Murphy secured the win.

### U13 CUP

#### St Brendan's Park 5-2 Killarney Celtic

Jamie Downing



Kennedy/Gaynor Cup panellist from Mastergeeha FC. Michael O'Donoghue

Celtic were off the pace here as Park qualified for the next round. Park gained the advantage and despite good Celtic pressure there was to be no way back in this cup tie.

### GIRLS

### MUNSTER FA WOMENS JUNIOR CUP

#### Abbeylea Utd 1-1 Killarney Celtic;

#### Abbeylea win on penalties

Hannah Casey

Celtic went out of the Munster Junior Cup after Abbeylea triumphed on penalties. Celtic were behind after Sarah Mahoney netted with a shot from outside the box. Celtic came into the game but went in 1-0 down at the break. Celtic found the equaliser when Abbie Finnan set up Hannah Casey to draw us level. Niamh Brosnan pulled off some great saves to keep Abbeylea out. Extra time came and went as the game ended up in penalties where Abbeylea were victorious.

### FAI WU17 CUP

#### Midleton 3-2 Killarney Celtic

Ali Bowler, Lan O'Connor

Celtic bowed out of the FAI WU17 Cup after a brave performance in Midleton. The hosts were 1st to strike as they opened the scoring after 5 minutes. Celtic were back on level terms when Ali Bowler found the net. However a deflection helped Midleton go in 2-1 ahead at the break. Midleton added a 3rd before Celtic fought back through a Lan O'Connor effort to set up a tense last 5 minutes. It was not to be as Celtic were unable to find the equaliser and Midleton went forward to the next round.

**CONGRATS** to James Brosnan U15 and Conor McElligott U16 who made the KSBGL Team of the Week

### CONDOLENCES

Killarney Celtic extends deepest condolences to the family of the late Ollie Favier

## KERRY SCHOOLBOY/GIRL SOCCER

### NATIONAL

### ATHLETIC REACH NATIONAL TROPHY SEMI FINAL

Another great day took place last Saturday for Kerry soccer, as Killarney Athletic produced an excellent performance to secure their place in the U13 Boy's National Trophy Semi-Final with a



Isla Cronin, Shauna O'Riordan and Kaitlin O'Riordan - Gaynor cup girls

convincing 4-1 victory over T&S United Red.

Athletic controlled the game well and were rewarded with goals from Ryan O'Donoghue, Harry Randles, Trey Hurley, and William Sjogren, as they delivered a composed attacking display to see off their opponents.

The win marks a significant achievement for the side as they continue their impressive run in the national competition and now look ahead with confidence to the semi-final stage.

### GIRLS

### PENALTY DRAMA AND BIG WINS IN DOMINIC SCANLON PERPETUAL CUP

There was plenty of excitement in the U12 Dominic Scanlon Perpetual Cup, with one tie going to penalties and two others producing decisive results as teams battled for progression. Fenit advanced after a dramatic 0-0 draw with Iveragh, eventually winning 4-3 on penalties following extra time. Zoey McCarthy, Eimear O'Sullivan, Eilín Lovett and Siún O'Donnell all converted from the spot for Fenit, while Jodi O'Leary, Sianna O'Sullivan, and Marie Donovan scored for Iveragh.

Park also progressed after overcoming Killarney Athletic 3-1 after extra time. Natalia McDermott scored twice and Millie Costello added another for Park, while Hollie Shevlin found the net for Killarney Athletic.

Meanwhile, Mastergeeha secured a comfortable 3-0 win over Killorglin, with Gracie Maher continuing her strong scoring form with two goals, while Ellie Doherty also got on the scoresheet to seal the victory.

### WINS FOR KILLARNEY ATHLETIC AND LB ROVERS IN DOMINIC SCANLON TROPHY

There were convincing and closely fought results in the U12 Dominic Scanlon Perpetual Trophy as teams continued their campaigns.

Killarney Athletic B produced a dominant display to defeat Camp B 6-0. The goals were shared around the team, with Fiadh Driver scoring twice, while Lottie Moynihan, Carolena Kelly, Jessie Doolan, and Rose O'Riordan also found the net in an impressive attacking performance. In a much tighter contest, LB Rovers A defeated Listowel Celtic 1-0, with Lily Mai Scanlon scoring the decisive goal to secure progression for Rovers after a hard-fought encounter.

### LISTOWEL CELTIC ADVANCE IN BRID

**DEVANE PERPETUAL CUP**

Listowel Celtic A secured their place in the next round of the U13 Brid Devane Perpetual Cup with a 3-0 victory over LB Rovers.

Samantha Lyons led the scoring with a brace, while Katelyn Joy added another to seal a big win for Listowel Celtic.

**THRILLING ENCOUNTERS IN U14 GIRLS PREMIER AND DIVISION 1**

There was plenty of excitement in the latest round of O'Sullivan's Bakery U14 Girls fixtures, with narrow victories and a high-scoring thriller highlighting the action.

In the Premier Division, Killarney Athletic defeated Mastergeeha 1-0 in a tight contest, with Erica Moloney scoring the decisive goal. Meanwhile, Listowel Celtic and Fenit produced the game of the round in a dramatic 5-4 encounter. Emer O'Sullivan struck twice for Listowel, with further goals from Amy Williams, Samantha Lyons, and Matilda O'Donnell securing the win. Fenit pushed them all the way, with Hannah Barrett-Neziri scoring a hat-trick and Fiadh McElliggott also finding the net.

In Division 1, Tralee Dynamos enjoyed a 4-0 victory over Ballyhar, thanks to a superb four-goal haul from Tia Falvey. Dingle also claimed three points with a 3-1 win against LB Rovers, where Lucy Keane scored twice and Hannah Farrell added another, while Grainne Maher netted for LB Rovers.

**PARK CROWNED U16 PREMIER CHAMPIONS**

There was no shortage of goals in the latest round of the U16 Girls Premier, with St Brendan's Park crowned champions as they joined Camp in producing strong attacking displays to claim important wins.

Park delivered an exhibition to defeat Inter Kenmare 5-0. Sofia Rybanska and Arina Sucari netted a brace each, while Alannah Crossan also found the back of the net for the Tralee side to wrap up the title in style.

Meanwhile, Camp edged an entertaining nine-goal thriller against LB Rovers, winning 7-4 in a lively contest. Órlaith Flynn led the scoring with a hat-trick, while Lucy Kennedy added two goals and Meabh Kennedy and Lia Sheehy also found the net.

LB Rovers stayed competitive with goals from Leona Meaney and a brace from Eilidh Cregan, but Camp's firepower ultimately proved decisive.

**BOYS**

**U13 JOHN-JOE NAUGHTON COMPETITIONS PRODUCE GOALS AND EXTRA-TIME DRAMA**

There was plenty of action across the U13 John-Joe Naughton Cup and Trophy knock-out stages, with extra-time drama and several strong attacking performances as teams progressed.

In the Cup, Castleisland A overcame Park B 3-1 after extra time, with Eoin O'Brien, Padraig Flynn, and Liam O'Rourke scoring for Castleisland, while Adam O'Connell replied for Park. Listowel Celtic A produced a strong display to defeat Killorglin B 6-1, Tyler Enright netting a brace, while Niall O'Leary, TJ Ahern, Bradley Enright and Seanie Kissane also hit the back of the net.

LB Rovers A defeated Killorglin A 2-1, thanks to goals from Harry Bennett and Shane O'Carroll, with Páidí Ó Mhuircheartaigh scoring for Killorglin. Park A also advanced after a 5-2 win over Killarney Celtic A, with Igor Jasinski scoring



*Killarney Celtic U16A squad vs Mastergeeha*

twice alongside goals from Alex Karpowicz, Tadhg Gilligan, and Kyle O'Flaherty, while Jamie Downing grabbed both goals for Celtic.

In the Trophy, Ballyhar A had a 6-0 victory over Inter Kenmare B, with goals from Fabian Mrotek, Jack Cooper, Bryan Evans, Tadhg Fitzgerald, and Paddy Hurley. Ferry Rangers were equally impressive in a 6-0 win against Fenit B, led by a hat-trick from Andrii Zbihlei, with further goals from Tamatea Charlie, Cormac Kelly, and Tom O'Donnell.

Killarney Athletic B also advanced with a 5-1 win over Ardfert, with Oisín O'Sullivan (2), Finn McDonald, Oran Barrett, and Jakub Slowakiewicz on the scoresheet, while Dean Power netted for Ardfert. Mastergeeha A rounded off the round with a 6-0 win over MEK B to progress.

**CASTLEISLAND AND CASTLEMAINE REACH JOHN-JOE NAUGHTON SHIELD FINAL**

The U13 John-Joe Naughton Shield semi-finals saw two strong performances as Castleisland B and Castlemaine secured their places in the final. Castleisland B produced an excellent attacking display to defeat Camp B 6-1. Goals were shared across the team, with Tommy Enright and Mikey Brosnan both scoring twice, while Sean O'Connell and Jayden Roche also found the net in a commanding performance.

In the other semi-final, Castlemaine advanced with a solid 2-0 win over Listowel Celtic B. Kieran Sheehan opened the scoring before Marcus O'Neil added the second to seal a deserved victory and set up a final showdown with Castleisland B.

**KNOCKOUT STAGES BRING DRAMA IN U15 HEALY FAMILY COMPETITIONS**

There was plenty of action across the U15 Healy Family Cup, Trophy and Shield competitions, with several high-scoring games and strong performances as teams battled to stake their claim for silverware.

In the Cup quarter-finals, Fenit A produced an impressive performance to defeat Park A 3-0, with goals from Evan Neary, Shay Gilligan, and Cian Slattery. Castleisland A also progressed after a 5-1 win over Killarney Celtic B, with Yevhennii Momontov and Se O'Donnell both scoring twice, while Alex Guerin Ryan added another. Killarney Athletic A secured their semi-

final place with a 4-1 victory over Camp A, led by a hat-trick from Shéa Driver and a goal from Leo Nash.

In the Trophy quarter-finals, Killarney Celtic C defeated Castleisland B 2-1, thanks to a brace from Eoin Murphy. Dingle A produced a dominant attacking display to beat Mastergeeha B 8-2, with Gabriel Eadie scoring four and further goals from Tomas Murphy, Dara Mac an tSitigh, Oisín Madeley, and Tommy Ferris, while Alex Clifford netted twice for Mastergeeha. Ballyhar A also impressed with a 6-1 victory over Tralee Dynamos A, with Josh Nelligan scoring a hat-trick alongside goals from Alex Finn (2) and Daniel Ryan.

In the Shield quarter-finals, Inter Kenmare A advanced after a 5-3 win over Park B. One of the semi-finals then saw Iveragh A progress with a 4-2 victory over LB Rovers A, where Matthew Murphy, Aiden Fogarty, Eoin Fitzgerald, and Connor Sullivan scored for Iveragh, while Adam Goggin struck twice for LB Rovers.

**BOYS TEAM OF THE WEEK**

1. Jayden O Dowd (Tralee Dynamos U16)
2. James Brosnan (Killarney Celtic U15)
4. Aidan Murphy (LB Rovers U13)
5. Ronan O'Neill (Mastergeeha U12)
3. Conor McElliggott (Killarney Celtic U16)
6. Josh Nelligan (Ballyhar Dynamos U15)
8. Gabriel Eadie (Dingle Bay Rovers U15)
10. Igor Jasinski (St Brendan's Park U13)
7. Kieran Sheehan (Castlemaine U13)
9. Tommy Enright (Castleisland U13)
11. Andrii Zbihlei (Ferry Rangers U13)

**GIRLS ROLL OF HONOUR:**

1. Ellie Fleming (Mastergeeha)
2. Emily De Vries O Donoghue (Killarney Athletic)
4. Charley Madigan (Listowel Celtic)
5. Elizabeth Brosnan (Killarney Athletic)
3. Lucy Keane (Dingle Bay Rovers)
6. Sianna O'Sullivan (Iveragh)
8. Amelia Gaxha (Tralee Dynamos)
7. Leona Meaney (LB Rovers)
10. Matilda O'Donnell (Listowel Celtic)
9. Órlaith Flynn (Camp Juniors)
11. Lucy Kennedy (Camp Juniors)

# Milky Way Image Wins Novice Category

Killarney Camera Club recently held a club competition with the theme "Long Exposure." This technique involves leaving the camera shutter open for longer, allowing more light to reach the sensor and making it possible to capture scenes and colours not normally visible to the naked eye.

The winner of the Novice Category was Maryann Heidtke with her photograph "Starry Starry Night."

Maryann took the image in the Quiver Tree Forest near Keetmanshoop in Namibia, where she set out to capture the Milky Way above the unique desert landscape. The striking photograph shows the galaxy stretching across the night sky above the distinctive quiver trees.

Speaking about the image, Maryann said:

*"This was my first time trying to photograph the Milky Way and the conditions were perfect. I was happy to capture a sharp image showing off the core of the Milky Way. The orange glow in the picture is not from light pollution but from Namibia's dry and exceptionally dark environment. Natural phenomena such as airglow and zodiacal light, along with interstellar dust, become visible with long camera exposure. Post-processing helps bring out colours that would otherwise be lost to the naked eye."*

Results in the Novice Category:

**1st MARYANN HEIDTKE 'STARRY STARRY NIGHT'**

**2nd MARIE BARTON 'ICE'**

**3rd ANNE KELLY 'OSULLIVANS SECRET'**

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## Ceol, Craic agus Comhrá: Seachtain na Gaeilge at Presentation Secondary School



Students and staff at Presentation Secondary School, Castleisland, enthusiastically celebrated Seachtain na Gaeilge with a variety of activities designed to promote the Irish language and culture throughout the school community. From traditional music and dance performances to interactive workshops and conversational events, students embraced the opportunity to use and celebrate Gaeilge in a fun and meaningful way.

As part of Seachtain na Gaeilge celebrations, students involved in traditional music and dance paid a special visit to the local Day Care Centre to provide an afternoon of entertainment. The room quickly filled with

the lively sounds of fiddles and flutes under the direction of music teacher Ms. Ally Whiston. Reels and jigs had the audience tapping their feet, while musicians performed a selection of well-known traditional tunes that brought smiles to many faces. Some students also sang a number of songs, with the audience happily joining in. "Bhí an-spraoi agus ceol againn le chéile. It was wonderful to see the clients clapping along and enjoying the performance. Bhí atmaisféar álainn sa seomra agus bhí gach duine i ndea-ghiúmar." said Mrs. Joan Mc Elligott Irish teacher at the school. "The students were delighted to share our culture and traditions with members of the local community. Go

raibh míle maith agaibh to the Day Care Centre for the warm welcome and a truly memorable afternoon."

Students also participated in a Seó Bóthair workshop delivered by Meadhbh de Baróid from Conradh na Gaeilge, which aimed to promote a love of the Irish language and highlight opportunities for Irish speakers beyond the school environment. According to Ms. Annette Leen, an Irish teacher at the school "Students engaged enthusiastically with the workshop and reflected on the importance of the language, remembering the well-known seanfhocal: "Tír gan teanga, tír gan anam. The future of the teanga is in very safe hands with our students."

Mr. Padraig Kelliher, Deputy Principal gave his annual Irish dancing workshop to Junior classes. Students including our visiting French exchange students learned set dances including the ever popular Ionsaí na hInse (Siege of Ennis).

Meanwhile, 3rd and 6th Year students took part in Comhrá sa Chaifé, where they put their Irish language skills into practice while enjoying brunch in a relaxed and social setting. Ar an iomlán bhí craic iontach i rith na seachtaine le gach duine ag úsáid a gcúpla focail féin. "Is fearr Gaeilge briste ná Béarla cliste"

# AWAY GAME ENDS IN A DRAW

## Wexford FC 1-1 Kerry FC

by David Moriarty

Kerry FC were on the road for the second week in a row on Friday, visiting Ferrycarrig Park to take on Wexford FC in the South-East. Last week, Kerry FC picked up their second point of the season, denied the three points late on away to Treaty United. A Cian Curtis penalty in the ninetieth minute meant Kerry FC would have to wait at least another week for their first three points.

The first meeting between these two sides last season at Ferrycarrig Park was the Kingdom's first win of the season, after the Finn Harps game on the opening night was voided. That win came in matchday six, so hopefully the Kingdom could go one week earlier this season. Colin Healy was to serve the first of his three-match ban from the touchline in Wexford, with Chris Collopy the main man in the dugout on Friday. Eric Koufie and Kieran Cooney made their competitive debuts for the Kingdom after impressive substitute appearances last Friday, hoping to make their mark on a big occasion for the two new signings.

The match began at a steady tempo, with both sides settling into possession during the opening exchanges.

In the ninth minute, Wexford defender Dean Larkin became the first player to enter the referee's notebook after a late challenge, giving Kerry FC an early opportunity to push forward from the resulting free kick.

The opening quarter of an hour saw few clear chances as both teams probed cautiously. In the fourteenth minute, Wexford's Mikie Rowe tried his luck from distance, but his effort bobbed harmlessly wide of the right-hand post. Five minutes later, Max Murphy attempted another strike from range for the hosts, yet his effort flashed wide as Kerry's defence remained largely untroubled.

Kerry FC began to find promising attacking positions midway through the half. In the twenty-first minute, a dangerous ball flashed across the six-yard box, finding Ciaran Cooney in space, but he could only send his effort over the crossbar. Just a minute later, Cooney was again involved, linking up with Eric Koufie on the left. Koufie attempted an audacious flick toward goal, but he could not guide it on target. As the half progressed, the Kingdom continued to threaten without quite finding the breakthrough. Their movement and build-up play carried them into encouraging areas around the Wexford penalty box, though the final touch remained elusive.

With the closing minutes of the half approaching, Kerry won a corner in the fortieth minute. Finn Barrett delivered the set piece into the area, but the Wexford defence reacted quickly to clear the danger.

The hosts came closest to breaking the deadlock shortly before the interval. In the



forty-third minute, a powerful strike from distance that appeared destined for the net, but Harry Halwax produced an outstanding save to deny what looked like a certain goal. The Kerry goalkeeper's reflex stop ensured the sides went into the break level.

After a competitive opening forty-five minutes, the teams headed to the dressing rooms with the score still goalless.

Wexford began the second half with renewed attacking intent and nearly took the lead early on. In the forty-seventh minute, substitute Kaylem Harnett found space inside the penalty area, but his effort sailed over the crossbar.

Two minutes later, Harnett threatened again with a shot from the edge of the area. Halwax reacted quickly, diving to push the ball away for a corner. From the resulting set piece, the Kerry goalkeeper was called into action once more, producing another excellent save from close range to keep the score level.

In the 53rd minute, Kerry FC captain Kilian Cantwell was shown a yellow card for a challenge near his backline as the match grew increasingly competitive.

Chris Collopy made his first tactical change in the 56th minute, replacing Eric Koufie with Luke Palmer, injecting fresh energy into Kerry's attacking play.

Just a minute later, Kerry almost capitalised on a defensive error. A misplaced back pass from the Wexford defence fell kindly to Cian Murphy, who attempted an ambitious lob over the advancing goalkeeper, but the effort drifted just over the crossbar.

The breakthrough finally arrived in the sixty-first minute, Finn Barrett delivered an excellent ball toward the back post, where Kieran Cooney rose to meet it. The defender launched himself forward and powered a bullet diving header past Paul Martin to give Kerry the lead and score his first goal for the club.

Kerry looked to hold their advantage as Wexford pushed forward in search of an equaliser. In the sixty-eighth minute, Jamie Wynne fired a shot toward the near post, but Halwax once again stood firm, making a comfortable save to protect the visitors' lead.

However, the hosts found their response in the seventy-second minute. A neat passage of play in midfield allowed Wexford to work the ball into the penalty area, where Jamie Wynne produced a perfectly weighted pass from the left. Mikie Rowe met it first time and struck a low effort past Halwax to bring the sides level. Kerry immediately looked to respond. In the seventy-third minute, Barrett delivered a corner that sailed narrowly over the crossbar and landed on the roof of the net, denying the visitors a quick reply.

As the match entered its final stages, Collopy turned to his bench again. Sean O'Connell replaced goal scorer Kieran Cooney in the seventy-ninth minute, while Cian Brosnan came on for Sean McGrath in the eighty-fourth minute.

With four minutes of stoppage time added at the end of the ninety, both teams pressed for a late winner, but neither could find the decisive moment.

When the final whistle sounded, the sides had to settle for a point each after a competitive encounter in Ferrycarrig Park. Although it was another lead from Kerry FC that turned into a draw, it was a hugely impressive performance from a side that will only get better. After two weeks on the road, the Kingdom will look forward to being back in their own surroundings next Friday when they take on Finn Harps at Mounthawk Park.

Wexford FC Team: Paul Martin; Max Murphy, Evan Osam, Adam Verdon, Dean Larkin, Mikie Rowe (GOAL '72), Zayd Abada, Jamie Wynne, Liam Shuntaro Doyle, Dylan Hand, Jake Doyle. Subs Used: Calum Flynn, Kaylem Harnett, Ryan Ritchie, Gavin Hodgins, Jack Larkin.

Kerry FC Team: Harry Halwax; Finn Barrett, Kieran Cooney (GOAL '61), Kilian Cantwell (C), Sean McGrath, Cian Murphy, Jonas Häkkinen, Eric Koufie, Vince Borden, Niall Brookwell, Ewan Lee.

Subs Used: Sean O'Connell, Cian Brosnan, Luke Palmer.

## FOSSA GAA

### LOTTO

The numbers drawn on 15/03/2026 for a jackpot of €7,050 were 2, 18, 19, 25. There was no jackpot winner. The €40 consolation prize winners were; Brenda Murphy, Eileen Mullen, Margaret O'Carroll, Lucie Myers, N & J Ashe.

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>

### COUNTY LEAGUE

Our senior team were away to Annascaul on Sunday in the opening game of the County League. A gale force wind made playing conditions difficult for football and Annascaul, with the aid of the wind in the first half took advantage to lead at the break 0-5 to 0-3, the Fossa scores coming in the closing minutes of the half from Emmett O'Shea.

Fossa started the second half well and were on level terms after four minutes, courtesy of scores from Ted O'Gorman and a two pointer from Tadgh O'Shea. Annascaul were handling the wind better and regained a two point advantage by the 10th minute, two pointers from Emmett and Tadgh O'Shea pushed Fossa back in front but they could never get any further ahead and they only managed one more score in the half through Brian Myers. Annascaul kept the pressure on and they kicked the last two scores of the day to leave the teams tied 0-10 each at the final whistle.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to St Brendan's College and especially our Fossa players involved, Gerry Moroney, Johnny Myers, Shea Driver, Ross Cronin and Charlie O'Meara who won the Taft Cup U15 A Cup school final vs St Flannan's College, Ennis on a final score of 2-16 to 2-7.

## KILLARNEY LEGION

### OSCARS

All at the club are delighted to be able to congratulate Jessie Buckley on a historic achievement this week on winning her first (of hopefully many) academy award wins. As is now common knowledge this week, Jessie has made history in becoming the first Irish woman to win an Oscar for Best actress in a leading role. Best wishes from everyone at the club. Footnote, Jessie's younger brother Killian was also part of a history making team as he was corner back on the Legion U14 team that won Feile for the first time in the clubs history back in 2006 and went on to represent the county at the National Feile in Wicklow that year.

### CLUBPERSON OF THE YEAR

Legion Annual Awards Ceremony 2026 held in the The Killarney Avenue Hotel on Friday 13th March 2026,

It was a packed night of fun and laughter with Master of Ceremonies: Brian Looney and Joanne O Riordan doing a fantastic job. On the night along with all the other awards, Club Person of the Year was presented to Eamonn Maguire,

Eamonn was a worthy winner of this award as he is someone whose dedication goes far beyond, and a person who quietly ensures



*Pictured at Austin Stack GAA Grounds Tralee were L-R : Terence Houlihan Kerry County GA Board, Tom Keane, Kerry County GA Board, Paul Geaney, Kerry Snr Football player, Pat O'Sullivan, Chairman Kerry County GAA Board, Donal Buckley, Branch Manager McCarthy Insurance Group Tralee, Kevin Sugrus, Commercial Manager McCarthy Insurance Group Tralee and Rathmore, Richard Halpin, Branch Manager McCarthy Insurance Group Caherciveen, Paudi Clifford and Gavin White Kerry Senior football team players*

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everything runs smoothly while expecting nothing in return. He gives countless hours of his time throughout the year often behind scenes, whether its organising teams, marking pitches in the all types of weather, opening gates, washing jersey's, he is always there when the club needs him. He was presented "The Cooper Cup" by Tommy Cronin,

The Cooper family has a long connection with Killarney Legion, dating back to founders Joe & Michael Cooper. Created in memory of Tommy Cooper this cup honours the Club Person whose dedication and commitment keep the Club thriving.

Chairman John Keane spoke highly of all our recipients who won awards on the night and also thanked The Killarney Avenue Hotel and their wonderful staff for their hospitality in allowing us to hold the Awards Night in this venue and for the beautiful food, tea and coffee and to have support from a local business that values the Community and the Club. The night continued late with great tunes by DJ Brendan Fuller

### FIXTURES

Senior Ladies Donal Curtin Co League D2 R1, Legion v Ballymacelligott, Sunday 22nd March. 11am throw in

### MINOR CLUB BOYS CHAMPIONSHIP

Best of luck to our minor team and management this Saturday as they play in the Minor Club Championship A final against Listry. The venue is Fossa with a 3pm throw in. All support here is greatly appreciated

### TAFT CUP FINAL

Well done to the Sem on their recent Taft

Cup success. Well done to all the players and management and a special shout out to our own lads on the panel. Rian Brosnan, Patrick McSweeney, Robert Murphy, Cian Whitty, Kiaran Moloney, Dylan O'Connor, Conor Brosnan, Rory Moynihan.

### SENIOR MEN B TEAM

#### Division 6 County Senior League

#### Legion B 0-9 Kilcummin B 0-8

Heroic performance by the Senior B team who, despite going down to 13 men with injuries for the last 10 minutes, fought hard to secure a 1pt win against Kilcummin in a sporting game under lights at Direeen last Saturday evening

### SENIOR COUNTY LEAGUE

Round one of this years County League Div1 saw us host near neighbours Spa last Sunday afternoon. With the wind dictating matters somewhat, it was Spa who adapted better in the first half to lead by 0-09 v 0-06 at halftime. The balance of play shifted in the second half with great performances from Josh Bowler and Luke Courtney, both recipients of Player of the year awards at last weeks Awards night. Darragh Fleming, Bryan Walsh and Ryan O Grady were also prominent in the second half as we ran out winners on a 1-16 v 0-15 scoreline

### MINOR GIRLS

#### Minor Girls County League Division 2

#### Legion 4-10 Emmets 2-08

Super performance and result by our young ladies in a wet and cold Dereen this evening. Listowel opted to play with the wind in the first half and led by two points at the break. The girls were very determined at half-time to deliver a big second-half performance, and they did just

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that. With some excellent defensive displays and great link-up play between our midfield and forwards, we pushed on strongly and ran out deserving 8 point winners in the end. Thanks to listowel for an excellent game in tough conditions at times and John Purcell for officiating so well.

**CHELTHENHAM**

Congrats to senior trainer Nigel Shevlin who proved that his astuteness is not limited solely to football as he took top prize in the clubs Cheltenham Tipster competition, with Shane McCarthy of Ballyvourney in second and Kevin McCarthy finishing third. Caelyn O Grady narrowly missed out on the prize money coming a close fourth. Our thanks to the nearly 300 participants in this great fun fundraiser and thanks also to the senior players who organised it

**MOTHERS AND OTHERS**

Our Mothers and Others group are starting back again on Thursday 12th March 8-9pm. This activity is both sporting and social and we are inviting any woman/girl to join us for a hours fun each week. No football experience necessary as all training will be given. Fitness or lack of fitness is not an issue so just come along and meet new friends and have some fun. All new players welcome. Any further information you might need on this please contact Blaitthin on 087696397

**ACADEMY**

A great turnout last Saturday morning for the return of our underage academy. There was plenty of fun and games of football and hurling. The academy will continue every Saturday morning at Dirreen. All new kids are very welcome. Any query please contact Justin 086 3684108 or Derek 089 2299769

**MEMBERSHIP**

Membership is now due for all members. Sign up in the Clubzap app or click on your renewal email. Any queries please contact Fiona 085 8263358

**LOTTO**

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**SYMPATHIES**

Sad news reached the club last weekend of the death of former underage player Eddie Costigan, son of the late Sean and Bridie. Sympathies to all of Eddie's family and friends. The club was also saddened to hear of the passing of Christy Sheehan, a gentleman and a character, our condolences to Breda, Joey, Dave, Paul and Karen and their families. The club also offers its deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Ollie Favier. The well liked and respected Glenflesk man passed away last week. Our thoughts are with his wife Siobhán, children Gracie Mai and Frankie, his mother, sister and brothers. Ar Dheis De go raibh a Anam Dilis

**DR. CROKES**

**SFL Div.1 Dr. Crokes 1:14 Dingle 1:07**

We began our Senior Football League campaign with a comprehensive win away to Dingle on Sunday. Early scores from Billy Courtney and Liam Kelliher settled matters before Dingle responded with two 2-pointers to keep the sides close. The key moment of the first half came in the 21st minute when Liam Randles finished to the net, helping to give us a 1-05 to 0-05 lead at half time. Playing with the wind in the second half, we extended our advantage with points from David Shaw, Alex Hennigan, Michael Burns and Gavin O'Shea. Dingle struck for a late goal to narrow the gap in the closing minutes but a crucial save from goalkeeper Bryan O'Shea ensured that we remained in control. We now face Rathmore away on March 29th.

**MEMBERSHIP** is now due. Membership can

be paid through the club app. Download today <https://drcrokes.com/join-our-club/>

**FIXTURES**

With a busy few weeks ahead keep an eye on all social media platforms for upcoming fixtures. **CROKES CUBS AND ACADEMY** take place every Saturday. Hurling from 10am-11am and football From 11:15am-12:15pm. All new members welcome.

**FR. PADDY'S CARDS** continues Wednesdays at 8pm in the clubhouse.

**KATHLEEN'S GENTLE EXERCISE CLASS**

On Tuesday 24th of March there will be a games day in the Presentation gym at 11am followed by the usual cuppa. Class resumes again in the clubhouse on Tuesday March 31st.

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

**LOTTO** took place on March 16th Numbers drawn were 2, 13, 18, 27. Jackpot of €19,700 was NOT WON. 11 patrons matched 3 numbers and receive €40 each. Jackpot for draw on March 23rd will be €20,000. Play online by following the link below and follow instructions attached <https://member.clubspot.app/club/dr-crokes-gaa/fundraisers>

**BINGO**

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

**CONDOLENCES** to the O'Donoghue Family on the passing of Fr. Paddy to O'Donoghue, to Catherine and the Keogh family on the passing of Catherine's mother Mary McEllistrim, to the Sheehan Family on the passing of Christy Sheehan and to the Favier Family and all at Glenflesk GAA Club on the passing of Ollie Favier. May they rest in peace.

**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)



Christine and Tess Hegarty, legiojn GAA Club in the St. Patrick's Festival Parade, in Killarney town on Tuesday, organised by Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce. The parade featured over 60 community group in the surrounding area. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



Young and Old... Dr Crokes GAA Club participating in the St. Patrick's Festival Parade, in Killarney town on Tuesday, organised by Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce. The parade featured over 60 community group in the surrounding area. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan

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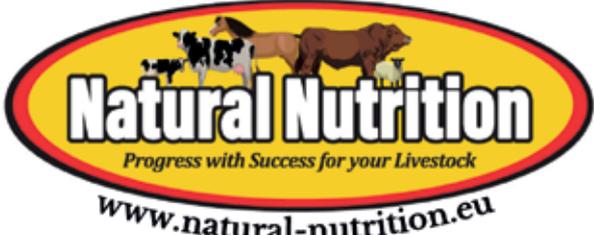
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## Ronne Delaney RIP

You don't get it. I'm sorry, but nobody from my generation could remotely grasp the significance of it. You think you can; it's there in the record books. You can see the black and white photos of him crossing the finish line. You think it was just a race. It wasn't. It was an actual defining point, arguably the defining point, albeit not the catalyst, of Ireland's development as a nation in the twentieth century. A grandiose statement? Perhaps. Now let me back it up. Think of the really iconic Irish moments of the past century. Pádraig Pearse, pale-faced and determined, reading out the Proclamation. Bloody Sunday, the first or the second, God rest them all. FitzAlan Howard handing over the keys of Dublin Castle to Michael Collins and the Provisional Government - "We've been waiting over seven hundred years, you can have the extra seven minutes". The Tailteann Games - we forget now that it was the biggest sporting occasion in the world in 1924, bigger than the Olympics. DeValera in 1943, talking about "dancing at the crossroads". I don't think that counts, he never actually said it.

1937, Bunreacht na hEireann. We take it a bit for granted; they didn't. For them, the gunsmoke had barely cleared, and that document made it worthwhile. The Republic of Ireland Act in 1948? Bit of a formality by then, I suspect. Noel Browne's resignation after clerical criticism? It encapsulated something about us and our culture, alright. Not our best feature. So be it, every generation makes its own mistakes.

1955. John Charles McQuaid, that most conservative of conservative Archbishops (people try to demonise him now, but however rigid his beliefs, he was one of the few who fought relentlessly on behalf of Dublin's slums), basically forbade Irish soccer supporters to attend a friendly against the ungodly (communist) Yugoslavia. Over 20,000 people attended it anyway.

1956. Wexford beat Cork, and then they chaired Christy Ring off the field. Says a lot about Christy Ring. Says a bit about Wexford too,

1959. Lemass, and more importantly, T.K. Whittaker. How many people really understand how much better the next generation would have it because of them?

1961. Kevin Mussen carrying the Sam Maguire across the border. I think it deserves to count. There were a lot of strands woven into that Gordian knot, and loosening it was not any small thing.

1963. JFK in Dublin. There are reports of near-hysteria at the visits of Princess Grace, the Beatles, Muhammad Ali.....nope. Not compared to JFK. A few months later, a shot rang out from a grassy knoll and America's Golden Age such as it had been, was over.

1966. The 'Bishop and the Nightie' affair. Except that when you check the actual records, pretty much nobody was all that bothered, no matter how much media pretended it was an enormous scandal. That was only a teacup looking for a storm. There was something endearingly innocent about blowing up Nelson's Pillar as well. Nobody got hurt and it was due for demolition anyway. You can pretend it was iconic if you want; no need to spoil a good story.

1971. The Arms Crisis. Patrick Hillery's finest moment when he rose at the Fianna Fáil Ard Fheis. "Ye can have Boland, but ye can't have Fianna Fáil!" I'm not talking about any political allegiances. Play that out as a "what if" moment. I genuinely believe that Ireland was right on the brink, and not in a good way.

1973. Joining the EEC.

1976. Cearbhall Ó Dálaigh and Paddy Donegan. In their own way, they were both well-meaning and decent men, but they were polar opposites and that collision wasn't pretty.

1978. Tuesday, October 31st. Around 12,000 people were in Thomond Park that night to see Christy Cantillon turn All Blacks into ordinary mortals. Around 12 million would subsequently claim to have been there.

1979. "Young people of Ireland, I love you". I'd hold off a bit on that, Your Holiness, I could tell you stories about some of them young people. We adored John Paul II like no Pope before or since. Decent goalkeeper in his time, too.

1981. Stardust and Bobby Sands. Jaysus, lads, we'll move on. 1982. Seamus Darby. Keep moving on. 1983. Shergar. This isn't going well at all!

1982. You'd have to go all the way back to Jack Kyle and 1948, that's how long it had been. Ciarán Fitzgerald. "Where's your----ing pride?" Triple Crown.

1984. Mary Manning and Karen Gearon. I bet most of ye don't remember those names. Google them. Most of the time Ireland is a small and fairly laid back place. Respectfully, even our 'firebrand' politicians tend to be uncontroversial. But sometimes Irish people will stand up when you least expect it, and sometimes they actually make a huge difference. Mary Manning, Karen Gearon. Google it, and then remember the names.

John Treacy won a silver medal in Los Angeles. The race was good, Jimmy Magee's commentary was even better.

1985. Everybody talked about humanitarianism in Africa, the Trócaire boxes, etc. Sure, weren't we great altogether? Bob Geldof, the rough-spoken singer with The Boomtown Rats, wasn't playing with those kinds of platitudes. He did something about it and that something snowballed. I suppose Woodstock was the most iconic concert of them all, but Live Aid is an easy second.

1988. Bryan Robson's England were among the favourites. "We have been preparing for two years" he said. Jack Charlton, the compromise candidate as Irish manager, replied that Ireland "have been preparing for three weeks". Mind you, Ireland didn't exactly need a tactics board! Just six minutes in, two English players got in each other's way, allowing Tony Galvin to swing the ball in. Kenny Samson meant to volley clear but miscued and it spun high in the air. Aldridge headed it across and there was Ray Houghton, neck muscles bulging as he absolutely hammered his head through it and sent it into the net. Shilton barely moved and then stood glaring, hands on hips. The thing people forget is that they still should have beaten us. Lineker was sick and left on far too long, Hoddle was left on the bench (England

needed composure and Hoddle was brilliant at that). They pelted the Irish goal. People forget now -I'd forgotten myself – Ray Houghton got the goal, but Packie Bonner won the match. As for the real hero of Euro'88? He'd basically been down in the dole queue his whole life, smoking rollies and buying a few cans. Maybe lucky enough to get a job with the Council, you'd need the bit of luck. And then in 1988, Joxer went to Stuttgart, and nothing would ever be the same again....

1990. They say that a lad worked a bit of a miracle with loaves and some fish one time. Fisherman Jack Charlton wasn't far behind him. Con Houlihan famously said that "I missed Italia '90. I happened to be in Italy at the time". That actually made sense. David O'Leary with the penalty, a nation holding its breath....

1991. Meath trailing Dublin by three points with two minutes left. Kevin Foley with the goal. David Beggy with the point. Tough on Down; their All Ireland victory felt like an anti-climax. Arrah, I wouldn't get too sympathetic on Peter Witnell and Wee James, they tarred us in the semi-final.

1992. Bishop Eamonn Casey. We were scandalised....we had no idea that much worse scandals were about to come out.

1998. The nadir of the Omagh bombing. The vertex of The Good Friday Agreement.

2002. Roy Keane. He would basically be Ireland's version of marmite. Love him or hate him, but you'll never be indifferent. In my opinion, the only one to come out of the affair with any dignity was Triggs. The punt became the euro. A trivial matter in comparison to Saipan.

2007. Ireland played England in Croke Park in rugby. A simple sentence, but not a simple thing. The National Anthem never sounded better. What I remember most is how sound the English supporters were. That was....you'd have to be Irish to understand why that was not just a rugby match.

That's just an arbitrary list. We'd all have our own choices. But the reason I mention it is because Ronnie Delaney and the 1956 Olympics would have to be on it. That moment, that one solitary moment, was definitive. It really was. Before it, Ireland was rural, agricultural, deeply insular, almost morbidly religious, and poverty-stricken. Don't believe me? Electricity, indoor plumbing....these things were not common. Unemployment was at 23%. Your best route to success was the boat to England, where wages were almost double. Three out of every five children born in the '50s emigrated. Within a decade we would have our most progressive Supreme Court ever, a thriving airline industry that was bringing in more tourists than taking out emigrants, a new television service, free education, industrial grants driving foreign investment, an explosion of social housing....I'm not suggesting

that Ronnie Delaney's run inspired those innovations; I'm just saying that if you wanted one bridging moment between the old and insular Ireland and the modern one that replaced it, there is an obvious place to start. Remember how David O'Leary effectively kickstarted the Celtic Tiger from the penalty spot in Italy in 1990? Delaney's most famous moment was far bigger and more impactful than that.

Ronnie Delaney's family did move for work, but from Arklow to Sandymount. They were all into sport. His maths teacher, Jack Sweeney, could watch him racing his brother home from school. Sweeney knew runners and he knew he had one. It wasn't long before the younger Delaney was a schools champion. He was a bit more than that; as a 17 year old he ran 880 yards in under two minutes. Maybe that doesn't sound fast to you. Don't worry about it; sure I didn't apply to Mensa either.

Ronnie was quiet-spoken but ambitious. He wasn't going to get any better in Ireland and he knew it. He had turned down a cadetship with the army in order to commit to running. Instead, he was a salesman selling vacuum cleaners; that was always going to be temporary. Like many before him and even more afterwards, he accepted a full scholarship to Villanova. Former American footballers Jumbo Elliott hadn't been at the helm too long, but he had assembled serious talent and his technical coaching, as yet unheralded, would change the entire sport. Ronnie was slow to adapt to the US Indoor Circuit, but when he did....suffice to say that Villanova ended Southern California's seven year reign in Colleges Athletics, and did it with a bit to spare. Charley Jenkins (Villanova's first ever black scholarship recipient) and Ronnie Delaney were the leading lights. In June, coached by Elliott and helped by none other than John Landy, Ronnie Delaney won the Compton Invitational in 3.59. The seventh man ever to run a mile in under four minutes.

Being selected on the Irish team for the Melbourne Olympics should have been a formality. But Irish athletics was fragmented at the time (they'd fight with themselves if they couldn't find anyone else to fight, to be blunt about it) and a scandal regarding a US athlete named Wes Santee whose scholarship had been suspended for taking payments raised a few hackles....scholarship recipient Ronnie Delaney was selected by a very narrow vote.

Ireland had a training camp in San Francisco before a long multi-leg journey to Melbourne. Delaney would acknowledge afterwards that he felt very confident the whole time.

It had already captured Irish public imagination. On Saturday morning, December 1st, families gathered around the wireless to listen to the BBC commentary by Rex Alton.

It was a strong field. Landy, of course, was the home favourite. Josy Barthel was the reigning champion. Murray Halberg made an unusual sprinter's start for an early lead. With two laps to go Australian Mervyn Lincoln went in front but it was too soon and he was soon swallowed up. Klaus Richtzenhain was next and looked like he might hold on. Ronnie Delaney was in 10th place and appeared to be boxed in. I know

he was a strong finisher, maybe the strongest we have ever had, but you couldn't have rated his chances. Until he moved to the outside and picked up the pace. Perfectly calm, perfectly composed. One by one the runners beginning to falter were passed by the Irishman. Up to fifth, and still accelerating. Just around the final curve, his timing absolutely perfect, he passed John Landy's shoulder and into the lead.

3'41"2. A new Olympic record. Richtzenhain in second, having also passed Landy into third.

Ronnie Delaney (and Charley Jenkins, who had won two gold medals of his own) returned to Villanova to finish their exams. On the way, Ronnie Delaney sent a telegram to his old maths teacher. It just said "We did it, Jack".

Our first gold medal in 24 years. Our last for another 32. Our only gold medal in track and field. Ronnie Delaney passed away peacefully last week in a very different Ireland to the one in which he had been born. He is a part of the reason why. You really want to pick through Ireland's long and often convoluted history and pick just one sporting moment? It's that one.

## Six Nations and One Triple Crown

Yeah, look, Jessie Buckley takes all the honours from last weekend, that ain't even any conversation, but you have to give a proud second place to Andy Farrell and his team. Actually, to all the Six Nations teams. You don't even have to follow rugby to know that was brilliant.

### Ireland 43 Scotland 19

The stall was set out very early. After just three minutes, Jamie Osborne crashed over after good work by Balacoune and Crowley, who also converted, and any Irish hearts that were nervous about this one could settle. For about another three minutes, before Scotland showed brilliant composure to stretch the Irish defence before Darcy Graham gathered a perfect pass and crossed over. Hearts a-fluttering again, you probably shouldn't have been there if you are of a nervous disposition. The thing is that Ireland always looked good – go back to that French game if you will, or even that stuttery display against Italy....this was an entirely different Ireland. The trouble was that this was a different Scotland as well, one with absolutely no interest in any underdog tag. They had a triple crown on the line as well. Would you really begrudge Scotland? Be honest, Scotland are not the team we always target.

What kind of a loobawn question is that? Yes. Yes, of course I'd begrudge Scotland!

Ireland were showing ambition, and opting for the touchline worked as they powered to within a metre of the line before Dan Sheehan, as is his wont, spied a tiny gap and dived in. Pretty much every team knows what he is going to do in that position, but what can you really do about it? Crowley with the bonus points again. Ireland were getting on top now. Stuart McCloskey released Balacoune and the big man dotted down. He's had a sensational tournament. 19-7, and it stayed that way up to



Action from the Kerry V Mayo game at Austin Stacks.  
Photo: Orla Coyne, Kerry GAA Fans



Sean O'Shea in action at the Kerry V Mayo game at Austin Stacks.  
Photo: Orla Coyne, Kerry GAA Fans

half-time.  
Finn Russell is one of the best players in world rugby. He didn't stand out in that first half, but he's always capable of special moments and he finished off a good Scotland move to throw the game right back in the melting pot – not that it had ever really left.

Ireland's turn to rise on the rollercoaster. Darragh Murray with a try on his debut in a game with a Triple Crown on the line. One small step...well, leap, I suppose...for a man, one giant step....

I know most people were calculating the permutations of Dublin or Paris for the title. Lads, I'm old enough to remember when the idea of Ireland winning a Triple Crown was as likely as Ireland qualifying for a Soccer World Cup, a nonsensical idea...see the previous piece about iconic Irish moments.

Rory Darge for Scotland. Great run by Gilchrist, great try. Not great for us obviously. This is so gripping as to be almost farcical. Remember the pomposity of the movie 'Invictus' about South Africa's World Cup triumph? And it was about encapsulating a great moment for humanity, and there's a reason why Morgan Freeman has played God in several movies, but lads, it was pompous. Ireland versus Scotland is not that. It couldn't be; frankly it would be Mel Brooks or maybe Robert Altman making this movie. Mel Gibson with that speech from 'Braveheart'. Or Stephen from the same movie - "It's my island". Five points in it again.

13 minutes left. This could be a long, long 13 minutes.

Or not. Hon Tommy O'Brien! 33-21. Bunde Aki – his first appearance in the Six Nations? Doesn't feel like it – bursting forward. This has always been his kind of game. Great pass by Ciarán Frawley. You wouldn't think it from the metronomic scoreboard, but there have been moments of real subtlety here, and that pass was one. Nothing subtle about young Tommy, though, he was pelting straight for the line and he made it. Jack with the two points. After all the debate, much of it grossly unfair on two good young players, he has looked confident all day here. There might be a few pundits eating humble pie....they won't, though. Spoofers to a man. I suppose I can't exactly cast too many stones.

It's not over, but it's beginning to feel like it is.

My nerves are still tingling, but they aren't quite as jangly. I don't know how I get so caught up in these things, I'm neither particularly patriotic or fanatic, but somehow I do.

Yea. Crowley with another penalty. Take the three points and that surely puts it out of Scotland's reach. Not that they give up, far from it. That's not in them. Even when they were floundering in the last few years, you could never question their heart, and they push relentlessly at the Irish line. What happens when an irresistible force meets an immovable object? It depends. Does that immovable object have Tadhg Beirne? Because that clearance raises the biggest cheer of the entire game. The Triple Crown is coming to Ireland, and this one feels more precious than our recent ones. We were facing hard questions after our first two games.

Can we take the title itself? I don't know. Look, you'd absolutely have to fancy France to beat this English team. It's a funny dilemma for people. "Oh, I couldn't be cheering for England, but maybe in these circumstances...." Sure. Like yourself, I remember the hard days huddled around the Mass Rock, hoping the redcoats don't find us....I'll toast the memory of General Humbert, Hoche, and St. Ruth with the best of them, but I hope their boys lose today.

## France 48 England 46

So close, and still not close enough. Apparently this is the 120th anniversary of the first match between France and England (again, I refer to history books, they met on many a field prior to that, but those were less sporting occasions). It's now known as 'Le Crunch'....no, it's not. That's a media myth named after a chocolate bar. Supporters do not refer to it as 'Le Crunch', they refer to it as 'Le Fantastic Sporting Occasion and Great Craic'. Because it is.

I didn't see the game (Kerry v Mayo was on at the same time). Like most of the Irish population, I got constant updates, so I kind of know what happened, but I have no eyewitness account. Everybody says that England gave it everything. Good, not just for Anglo-Irish relations, but good for England. This has been a bad tournament for them. We don't like to talk about it, but elite level sport is ruthless and livelihoods depend on it. We as supporters can sometimes get caught up in the soap opera

and forget that the likes of Steve Borthwick are decent men doing their best. I doubt if even a win here can save his job, and I'm sceptical that managers are always wholly responsible for underperforming teams. In fact, I think that's rarely the problem; expectations are usually too high based on over-rating certain players. That would be my read of an England team that I thought would finish a confident second in this Six Nations.

From the sounds of it, if they had played every game like they played in this one, they would have. With one minute left on the clock, Tommy Freeman's try and Smith's conversion meant that England led by 46-45 and the permutations meant that Ireland were about to be crowned Six Nations Champions.

Ah, ref, that was no penalty! I assume it was, it's not like I saw it. Thomas Ramos, with time basically up and the title on the line. He nailed it, and secured the title for France. As I say, so near, and so very far for Ireland.

Lads, coming into this tournament, ye know as well as me that this is as much as we were realistically hoping for and maybe a little bit more. I'll gladly take it.

## Kerry See Off Mayo in Style

### National League: Kerry 2-29 Mayo 0-19

I've a fierce soft spot for Mayo. They get battered down time and again and somehow always find the strength to rise again. And I wouldn't be reading too much into a National League game where both teams are already safe from relegation.

Yes, yes, I know. Kerry want to win the league because Jack always wins the league before he wins the All Ireland. Post hoc, ergo propter hoc....it's not like Jack ever sends out teams to lose. I've always, always been sceptical about league form translating directly into championship, and I am even more so in the currently overbloated schedule. I think the league is an awful lot better than the Munster Championship, but that doesn't exactly count as any insight.

I was really looking forward to this one. That

looked like a serious Mayo team on paper. I don't like all the hype being flung Kobe McDonald's way. Absolutely a generational talent, and the very best of luck to him, but jaysus, can we give the teenager a small bit of a chance to breathe? I'm actually more interested in seeing Callinan, McBrien, Carney, Boland. Jordan Flynn is one of the most underrated footballers in the game in my not-particularly-humble opinion. Ryan O'Donoghue is a forward with serious cutting. Will we see Cillian O'Connor? Should we see Cillian O'Connor? Look, I think Donegal's Michael Murphy has played his best football (nobody in his generation, nobody, played it better. I'd have Dublin's James McCarthy in second place). Clocks don't run backwards and Cillian has more to do with Mayo's past than their future. Kobe starting ahead of Adan O'Shea is no bad thing either. Unfortunately for them, though, it looks like Kobe is unlucky to feature much in that future either. I'd have left that particular egg in the basket for the U20 game on Wednesday. Arrah, Mayo wouldn't be asking my opinion about much. All I'm saying is that I was really looking forward to this one.

Nice start. Dylan Geaney clipping over a point for Kerry, but Jordan Flynn replies with a big two pointer (I'm telling ye, he's underrated). Keith Evans...very nicely done. He's growing in confidence. I don't know will he be starting come summertime, but he has certainly played his way into that conversation. Fergal Boland and Tom O'Sullivan trade scores. McDonald coolly fists over. That's good decision-making for me, there might have been a temptation to do too much. Ryan O'Donoghue with a free. Jack Carney with a two pointer. Mayo certainly aren't nailing all their shots (spoiler alert) but they are landing some big ones. Good on their kickouts, strong carries, tough tackling. They look lively.

David Clifford with a point from play. I'm not being wise after the event, but did it feel to anybody else that Kerry were only building a head of steam? Ryan O'Donoghue with a two pointer. That's five points between the sides. Not quite reflective of the balance of play, but not unfair either. Kerry'd want to be reeling them in.

So Kerry do. Just like that, we are suddenly clinical. It's almost as if some-one just pressed a switch. David Clifford. Seánie O'Shea. Seánie again. Seán O'Brien fisting over. Dylan Geaney the same. David Clifford. Graham. Eight unanswered points in twelve minutes. Mayo haven't scored in quarter of an hour. Mind you, why Jordan Flynn basically passed to Shane Murphy when it was nearly easier to put it over the bar is beyond me. I'm sorry, but that's a bread and butter chance. Kobe McDonald got in for a goal chance....I didn't think the first shot was a great attempt, Shane Murphy got down brilliantly to stop the second one. It's the difference between Mayo and Kerry. We wouldn't be coming out of those situations empty-handed.

Sam Callinan with a badly needed Mayo point. For once, it was the men in all white who effected a turnover and that was a good carry by McBrien. But Kerry just go straight down the field for Dylan Geaney to seemingly

nonchalantly fire over the black spot. It just looks easy for Kerry. Once we raised the tempo, they just couldn't live with us.

**Half-time Kerry 0-13 Mayo 0-10.**

It felt like a bigger lead. It also looked like two teams nearing championship fitness – the body shapes are completely different to the league games going back to the early eighties. It really is a different game now.

Kerry cough up a breach on the restart. Little bit too eager on the attack and Rob Hennelly sends the two pointer over.

David Clifford with a booming two pointer. Then a great move. Dylan with a nice kick across to David Clifford, instant gather and slip to Seán O'Shea, across to Dylan Geaney.... goal for Kerry. It looks so simple, but it's perfect execution at speed.

Seán O'Shea with a two pointer free. Joe O'Connor with a point. Seán with another. This has the feel of a challenge game, the intensity is gone. Ryan O'Donoghue points two Mayo frees. They don't raise a cheer. Wouldn't have been much point, David Clifford immediately cancels them out with a two pointer. Micheál Burns is on for Kerry now. If anything, he brings more urgency, more drive.

Dylan Geaney with his second goal. David involved again and he soon adds a point. Seán O'Shea with a free from outside the arc...straight over. Kerry coming again, long balls landing on a panicky Mayo defence like foxes parachuting into henhouses. Good work by Micheál Burns to get the ball rolling back to Seánie despite being fouled. And Seánie doesn't even bother picking it up, just glances and hits it first time with an exquisite volley. Have ye ever seen that Lionel Messi fella kicking a ball? He's bang average compared to Seánie.

Paul Murphy goes off. He has had the proverbial stormer. Kerry can interchange at will. Mayo have brought on Cillian O'Connor and Aidan O'Shea. Sorry, two genuinely great players, but if Andy Moran thinks these are the right answers, then he is asking the wrong questions. Fergal Boland and Ryan O'Donoghue battle away, pick off a few scores. It's all academic now anyway. Seán O'Shea takes one last two point free for Kerry to take his tally to 0-11.

2-29 for Kerry. Honestly, that would be close enough to our aggregate score for an All Ireland campaign back in the Golden Years (mind you, with Munster seeded and a knockout championship, it only took four games). Mayo will be disappointed at not putting up more resistance, but that was good shooting by Kerry. 25 scores from 26 shots. Just one miss. I wouldn't be too harsh; if I was Jack I'd keep this David Clifford lad on the panel for another few games. No need to be hasty. Mayo....13 scores from 33 efforts. It ain't rocket science.

Look, it's a good day for Kerry and a tough one for Mayo. I expected a battle, we got a procession. Take it, enjoy...don't automatically presume that it's a taste of things to come. Long road ahead yet.

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## Win Taft Cup

### Munster U15 Taft Cup Final:

**St. Brendans 2-15 St. Flannans 2-7**

St. Brendans U15 team made it a clean sweep of Munster A titles in the Taft Cup Final in a windswept TUS Moylish pitch on Wednesday evening, but they were made to battle all the way by a St. Flannans outfit who matched them all the way in terms of top quality football but weren't as sharp when it came to putting it onto the scoreboard.

In fact it was the Clare side who made the brighter start, despite playing against the strong wind in the first half. Lightning quick Robert Pelzar snaffled the ball early on and sliced through for a stunning goal in the opening minutes. In fact, Seán Vaughan almost had another straight away as the wind caught his point attempt and the ball seemed to veer towards the bottom corner, only for keeper Gerry Moloney to acrobatically scramble clear. The Sem were under pressure here, but tenacious tackling meant that they were able to get a grip on the game and Seán Quill opened the Killarney account with a superb two pointer. Flannans were still looking dangerous, Cian O'Dwyer's goal effort whizzing just the wrong side of the post and Cathal Barry picking off a point, but the Sem were beginning to take over, with Kieran Moloney in particular winning some superb ball around the middle. Patrick O'Connor came up from wing back to finish off a lovely move with a score and, as if to prove it was no fluke, repeated the trick just a minute later. A beauty from Max Moynihan saw the Sem lead for the first time, 0-5 to 1-1, and he too doubled his tally within minutes. Patrick McSweeney from the other corner notched a brace of his own and Max Moynihan won and converted a free.

St. Flannans were still putting up a great battle and contesting everything, and the Sem survived a real scare when Aaron Cleary's long effort was fisted to the net by Graham O'Connor, only for the referee to correctly call it back for a squareball infringement. The Sem finished the first half strongly with scores from Seán Quill and Patrick McSweeney to lead by 0-11 to 1-1 at the break. Given the strength of the wind, they were likely to need every bit of that lead.

Once again St. Flannans made a bright start on the resumption, a foul on Seán Vaughan seeing Aaron Cleary loft over a fantastic two pointer. However, Darragh Fleming burst forward for a great point in reply – the Legion man was to play a starring role in the second half.

St. Flannans always looked dangerous for goals and could rue their luck again when a brilliantly fisted effort by Colin Slattery was denied by an even better save by Gerry Moloney. That seemed to drive the Sem on and another great burst forward by Darragh Fleming ended with Danny Healy coolly firing home from close range. Max Moynihan followed up with a free won by Seán Quill and the Sem led by 1-13 to 1-3. St. Flannans were beginning to flag a little bit now but did muster scores from Aaron Cleary and Cian O'Dwyer. However Ross Cronin came off the bench to pick off two points,

sandwiching an Aaron Cleary free. Seán Quill added another before Danny Healy effectively put the contest to bed with his second goal. In fairness to Flannans, they finished very strongly, Aaron Cleary and Colin Slattery drawing good saves out of Gerry Moloney before they won a penalty expertly converted by Cleary. A good note of defiance, even if it was too little, too late to turn the tide as the Taft Cup joins its U17 counterpart the Frewen in the Sem's trophy cabinet for the year.

## Late Hogan Heartbreak for Tralee CBS

**Hogan Cup Final:  
Coláiste Mhuire, Mullingar 3-11  
Tralee CBS 1-16**

It's been a full century now, all the way back to 1926, since the great Dr. Eamonn O'Sullivan instigated post primary colleges football in Kerry and Munster. Tralee CBS were among the leading lights right from the start, lifting the first ever Dunloe Cup that year. They were arguably the first powerhouse in Munster's Corn úí Mhuirí and have invariably been a force to be reckoned with ever since. But in all that time, somehow, one of the greatest college nurseries had never clasped the Corn Tomás úí Ógáin, and sadly, that long wait has to continue for another year after losing out by the narrowest of margins after nearly pulling off one of the greatest comebacks in the history of the competition.

They simply couldn't have gotten a worse start. To say that Coláiste Mhuire came flying out of the blocks would be an understatement. Criostóir Ormsby rose high to grab the throw in and mere seconds later danger-man Will Scahill was bisecting the posts. Gearoid White had a chance at the other end, but the keeper managed to bat it clear and Mullingar swept like lightning down the field, slicing the defence apart before Michael Moloney fired the second point – he could very well have gone for goal. Coláiste Mhuire won the kick-out and Moloney and Paul Keating combined to put Will Scahill through for a blistering shot to the net. Just three minutes gone and Mullingar already five points clear.

With the Westmeath side maintaining that monopoly on the Green kick-out, it was only going to get worse before it got better. Seán Byrne came up the field to put his name on the scoreboard. Paul Keating made it 1-4 to no score, and Coláiste Mhuire would have had another goal from Scahill but for great last ditch defending by Mikey Corridan.

Tralee CBS were seven points down with as many minutes played before Ronan Carroll finally opened their account with a free. Paul Keating replied, but at least the Green were beginning to motor now. Nick Lacey curled over a beauty from a very tight angle. At the end of the third quarter Gearoid White clipped over neatly with his left leg and the scoreboard read a much more respectable 1-5 to 0-4.

And then disaster struck again. Tralee CBS



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showed a bit too much room to Conor Cleary, who darted in, sold a clever ummy, and drilled home Coláiste Mhuire's second goal. Like the mythical Sisyphus, had to start rolling that boulder uphill once again.

Will Scahill was very close, but not quite close enough, with a brilliant effort at a two pointer. At the other end, Eoin O'Flaherty once again found himself with space and had both the confidence and the skill to pick off his own point. In the 23rd minute, good Tralee pressure saw the lively Ronan Carroll break into the square and lash a shot goalwards, but the keeper had come out to block. Undaunted, Carroll deftly stole the ball back again for Máirtín McKivergan to split the posts. This was much better and more purposeful by Tralee CBS, and more good work by Cian McKenna saw Nick Lacey trim the gap even further, 2-5 to 0-7.

Kian Loughlin picked off a point for Mullingar, but Tralee CBS were the better side now. Ronan Carroll was underneath a high ball lofted into the Coláiste Mhuire square. The chance was cleared, but play was called back for a free in the build-up on Gearoid White. Máirtín McKivergan had scored a great two pointer to all but seal victory in that cracking semi-final. This one was even more impressive and put another two points on the board for Tralee. With the gap back down to three points, they would have felt reasonably pleased with their recovery from that disastrous start heading into the dressing room – but there was a sting left in the tale yet! With just seconds left on the clock, Finn Higgins played across to Michael Moloney, and the wing back fisted home yet another goal.

**Half-time Coláiste Mhuire 3-6 Tralee CBS 0-9**

Tralee CBS emerged after half-time in more determined fashion. Ronan Carroll opened the scoring with a free after another foul on Gearoid White before adding another from play. With just four minutes gone, the lionhearted Carroll burst in and passed across the square, only for Coláiste Mhuire to intercept at the last second and clear. At the other end Mikey Weir made a burst and fed Paul Keating for his third score. Five points in it again, 3-7 to 0-11. Tadhg O'Connor kicked a good score for Tralee but it was immediately cancelled out by the impressive Weir.

Tralee CBS were working ferociously and got their reward in the fortieth minute when Cian McKenna raced in, found a sliver of space, and picked his spot perfectly. Goal for the Green

and game on!

Suddenly it was the Kerry side making all the running. Eoin O'Flaherty raced into open space and once again split the posts. Brilliant defending by Tom Quilter eventually saw Nick Lacey fouled at the other end and Ronan Carroll extracting due punishment on the scoreboard. 1-14 to 3-8, and Tralee CBS back on level terms against the odds. In fairness, it was a great comeback.

In fact, they went ahead, another great run by the superb Eoin O'Flaherty and another deft kick by Nick Lacey to notch his third score. Back came Coláiste Mhuire, Michael Moloney picking off another score. The clock was beginning to tick louder now!

Gearoid White almost produced a moment of magic, racing through, chipping over the defender and gathering, but he just couldn't get enough power into the finish. However, Tralee CBS won the knockout and this time Gearoid fisted over after another fantastic burst of space. Tralee in front, could they hold on? Alas, up came Coláiste Mhuire, Finn Higgins blasting over the bar. He might have been tempted to go for goal. As it happened, it didn't matter – Coláiste Mhuire won the kick-out and there was Will Scahill to shoot the winner.

History for Coláiste Mhuire, heartbreak for a Tralee CBS side who gave it absolutely everything.

Man of the Match: Michael Moloney, Coláiste Mhuire

The flying wing back for Mullingar notched 1-2 in a great display, but he could only have just edged the outstanding Eoin O'Flaherty for Tralee CBS, while Máirtín McKivergan must have been in the conversation as well.

Turning Point

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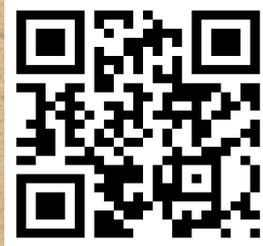


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**THE LEGION OF MARY ARE HOLDING THEIR ANNUAL ACIES CEREMONY (CONSECRATION TO JESUS THROUGH MARY) on Sunday 22nd March @ 3 p.m. in the Church of the Resurrection, Park Road Killarney. Tea follows in the parish center. Everyone is invited to come and join in making the consecration.**

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**LENTEN ONLINE TALK SERIES:** The Diocese of Kerry invites you to its Lenten online talk series, "Beyond Almsgiving," exploring poverty in the light of Catholic Social Teaching, on 24 March at 7.30 pm. Speakers include Dr Aoife McGrath (Maynooth) and guest speakers from SVP and Trócaire. Information and registration: www.dioceseofkerry.ie

**K.W.O.T.E., KILLARNEY WOMEN'S ORGANISATION FOR TRAINING AND EMPOWERMENT.** Our monthly meeting is on Wednesday 18th March at 2PM in the Parish Centre next to the Church of the Resurrection V93WN32.

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We all need Hope. In times of trouble and pain, everything can feel dark and hopeless. This is the enemy's work for he is a thief who 'comes only to steal, kill, and to destroy' (John 10:10). Satan has destroyed many beautiful lives however Jesus made it clear that He came to bring Life. Everything boils down to a battle between darkness and Light, death and Life (Deuteronomy 30:15). We have a choice to make – sometimes it can be hard to see out of problems, but circumstances will change – just don't give up - press through! God is doing a new thing – maybe you have discerned this friend, there is a shift in the Spirit – people are waking up to their need for the Living God. And the earth is crying out for the sons of God to be revealed (Romans 8:18-23). We have witnessed much sin and wickedness in our world, and sometimes it appears to not even move people. Many consciences are seared from what they have been indulging in - thinking of these things as 'normal'. Also, the effects of abuse, tormenting fear, and unresolved pain, restricts wonderful people from receiving breakthrough. Lack of knowledge of the Word of God and understanding of God's Love brings a deep darkness (Isaiah 60:1-2). But God is shaking the world order - everything that can be shaken, so that only the unshakable things will remain as He promised (Hebrews 13:26-27). Things are not going to look the same going forward, no matter how desperately those who promote wickedness try to prevent it – God's Spirit is being poured out upon all flesh – young and old and it's a privilege to witness it. The table is set; the oil and wine of His Holy Spirit are flowing. Come, taste the goodness of God dear friend.

Believers in Jesus are called to arise and shine. He's not talking about beauty or earthly achievements – it's relationship with the Lord of all that brings a radiance – a glow and stability that is visible to all (Psalm 34:5-6). When Moses met with God, the evidence was that his face shone, and others asked him to cover himself. You know sometimes those in darkness hate light (John 3:16-21; 2 Corinthians 3:13-16). For Light exposes everything. The enemy operates in the power of the secret: hiding - fearing discovery. God knows everything though, nothing is hidden from Him. His Love for each one of us is unrelenting; His compassion for us is unending, and in learning to know Him, leaning upon Him by listening to, and studying His Word, His strength pulls us through the difficult times, and joy comes that cannot be taken. Hope in God is an anchor, keeping our souls, minds, and emotions steady in every season (Isaiah 26:3; Hebrews 6:19). "Weeping may endure for a time, but joy comes in the morning" (Psalm 30:5). "These three remain forever - Faith, Hope, and Love, and the greatest of these, is Love (1 Corinthians 13:13). There is always Hope friend.

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 And my later years aswell.  
 And everytime I think of you  
 My heart still fills with pride,  
 Though I'll always miss you Dad  
 I know you're by my side.  
 In laughter and in sorrow  
 In sunshine and through rain  
 I know you are watching over us  
 Until we meet again.*

Loved and missed every day by  
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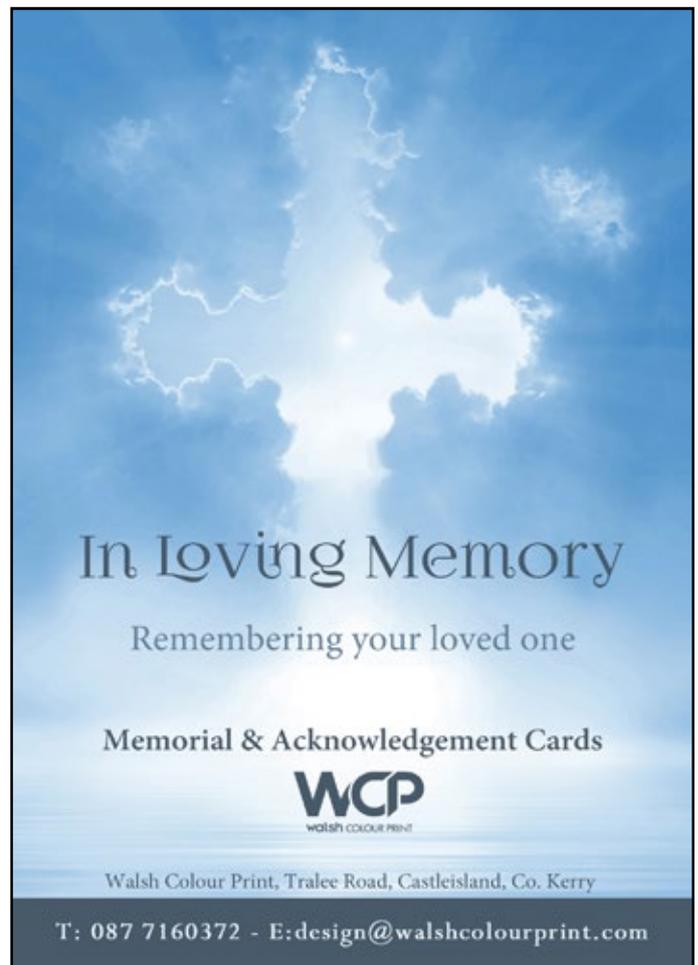


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*I little knew that morning  
 That God was going to call your name  
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*It broke my heart to lose you  
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(NEE COURTNEY)



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PIKE HILL, LISSIVIGEEN,  
KILLARNEY, CO KERRY,  
WHO PASSED ON  
23RD MARCH 2025.

As we lovingly remember Annette on her first anniversary we, her husband Mike, her sons Michael and Mark and their families, along with her extended family, wish to acknowledge and thank all who supported us over the past year. Your gentle sympathy and practical kindness will be remembered forever.

To those who called to the house for the removal, attended the funeral Mass and months mind, those who sent Mass cards, kind messages and prayers we truly appreciate it. Our sincere thanks to doctors Donal and Fiona Coffey and all their staff at the Ross Medical Practice in Killarney, to all of the doctors, nurses, carers and wider staff that treated Annette at UHK (Kerry), CUH (Cork) and the Mercy University Hospital (Cork). A special word of thanks to Dr Mags Clifford, Dr Cian O'Leary and the nurses (both in the hospital and those who called to the house), carers and wider palliative care team at UHK. The care and kindness Annette and her family received from you at a very difficult time was second to none.

We will be forever grateful to Fr Kieran O'Brien, Fr Roger Kelliher and Sr Regina, who's prayerful presence at the time of Annette's passing was of great comfort. Also, we would like to thank Fr O'Brien and his fellow celebrants for a touching homily at Annette's requiem Mass. Thanks to Annette's niece Lisa and sister Paula for their beautiful singing and their fellow musicians who provided the music at the funeral mass. We would also like to thank Danny and Maura Healy-Rae who played so well at the grave side.

Thanks to Mike's sister Sheila and the team at Ros Printers Killarney for providing the Church booklets.

A sincere thanks to Annette's former colleagues and good friends that worked with her in St Finan's Hospital for a moving guard of honour on the day of the funeral. The stories and fond memories of Annette that they shared with us over the few days after her passing have stuck with us. Thanks to all who brought food to the house, directed traffic, and to all our friends and neighbours for all their help at such a difficult time. A sincere and heartfelt thank you to the extended Courtney and O'Donoghue families for all the help, support, friendship and kindness over the past 12 months. Very much appreciated. Thanks to Mike's sister Margaret (RIP) who called to see Annette every Sunday during her illness. We will be forever grateful and keep you in our prayers.

A very special thanks to Annette's grandchildren and apples of her eye, Lily, Grace and Bonnie for always being so good to their Nana while she was alive and lifting spirits since she passed.

Finally, as it is impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this as an expression of our sincere gratitude. The holy sacrament of Mass has been offered for your intentions.

Annette has positively touched so many lives and her family always enjoy hearing the stories.

*'Remembering you'*

*The day you left and gained your wings  
my heart just broke in two.*

*I wish you could have stayed with me  
but heaven needed you too.*

*You left me with the memories  
and I love you dearly still.*

*No matter how much time goes by  
You know I always will.*

First Anniversary Mass on  
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1ST ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
**ANNETTE  
O'DONOGHUE**



DUNNE COURT,  
PIKE HILL, KILLARNEY  
WHO PASSED ON  
23RD MARCH 2025.

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

*So rest in peace dear loved one  
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*Loving God,  
Today we remember with deep love and  
gratitude a devoted husband, father,  
grandfather and brother who was called home  
to you on 19th March 2025.*

*Though a year has passed since he left this  
world, the love he gave continues to live in our  
hearts. We thank you for the gift of his life, for  
his kindness, his strength and guidance and  
many memories that remain a blessing to us.  
Lord grant him eternal rest and peace in your  
heavenly home.*

*May your perpetual light shine upon him and  
may he rest in your loving embrace forever.*

*Comfort those who miss him each day,  
especially the family who loved him so dearly.  
Give us strength in the moments we feel his  
absence most and remind us that love never  
ends. May we carry forwards the goodness he  
showed in his life, until the day we are reunited  
again in your presence.*

*Amen*

*We sincerely thank our wonderful neighbours  
and friends for their kindness, support  
and many visits that meant so much to us.*

We also extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who sent Mass cards, messages of sympathy and offered support in any way. Your kindness and thoughtfulness have brought great comfort.

Our deepest appreciation goes to the nurses and staff of the Palliative Care unit in Tralee, the public health nurses and the health care assistants for the compassion and care they showed Micheál and our family.

Forever missed and never forgotten by  
his loving wife Noreen, children  
Michael, Mary and Majella, grandchildren,  
brother, sisters, brothers-in-law and  
sister-in-law.

First Anniversary Mass for Micheál  
will take place on Sunday 22nd March  
at 11:30am in St. Joseph's Church, Rathmore.

**NOVENA PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH**

O Saint Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires. O Saint Joseph, assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me from your Divine Son all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, Our Lord; so that having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers.

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

Amen

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