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Brothers Michael and Tony Fleming of Ross Castle Boat Tours, (front row) launched their new traditional open boat 'An Cathal' this weekend with family and friends, to make boating experience accessible for all people with challenges and different abilities. Also Included is Pat Fleming, (Wife of the late Charlie Fleming) Daughters, Marie and Laura Fleming and extended family and Grandchildren. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan

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# A Note from the EDITOR



Killarney experienced a really busy Easter weekend with lots happening in the town. The Fleming Family unveiled a new boat in memory of their father, Charlie, the Killarney Valley AC Road race attracted 1000 runners and the Easter Bunny was popping up all over town. An emerging Irish singer/songwriter has released her second single, the Glenflesk Rambling House has raised much needed funds for Baby Grace and athlete Oisín Lynch is running rings around his opponents on the track in the USA. Anne Lucey looks at traffic chaos in Fossa, TD's back calls for a new health policy and Karate Kids took part in the International Championships. The Jeremiah Skip Buckley Basketball tournament was a resounding success, Kerry were successful against rivals Cork in the Munster Semi Final and Jimmy looks back on the career of the late Dr. Sean Murphy who was laid to rest last week. As Bishop Browne pays his respect to the late Pope Francis, we look back at a visit to Rome by members of the Hugh O'Flaherty group in 2014 with photographs of the Killarney group with the late Pontiff. I hope you all enjoy this week's Killarney Outlook

*Aisling Crosbie*



*A beautiful bumblebee captured by Bridget Gleason Healy*



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# Launching 'An Cathal' Traditional Open Boat

*Creating a wonderful legacy  
for everyone to enjoy the Lakes  
of Killarney*

*Photos: Valerie O'Sullivan*

Brothers Michael and Tony Fleming of Ross Castle Boat Tours, based at Ross Castle, on the shores of Lough Lein, Killarney National Park, launched their new traditional open boat 'An Cathal' this weekend with family and friends, to make boating experience accessible for all people with challenges and different abilities.

The traditional open boat 'An Cathal' is named in honour of their late Dad, Charlie Fleming, who operated Ross Castle Boat Tours until his untimely passing in 2024.

Michael and Tony Fleming worked collaboratively with the National Parks and Wildlife Services, in the design and output of this inclusive tour boat, where people will now have the opportunity and support and enjoy Killarney National Parks Unesco Biosphere Reserve and experience the beauty of the lakes, mountains and soaring White-tailed Eagles overhead.

The specially designed boat is specifically for people with limited mobility and neurodiverse needs.

'An Cathal' is fitted with a fixed stairway to enable people access / egress the boat with ease and has fasteners built into the floor to allow wheelchairs to be securely attached.

A key aspect is to support neurodiverse people. The boat is also fitted with a dedicated diversity section with a Sensory Box which will be carried in the boat. All the staff have completed 'AsIAm' Online Training. Assistance Dogs are also welcome on-board. Michael Fleming, Ross Castle Boat Tours said they were "Committed to expanding our support services and are currently working on a Visual Guide for inclusion on our website. This will highlight what guests can expect on arrival and during a tour. We support quieter tours on request



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and early morning / late evening tours if required. Our aim when we were looking at this project was to create an outdoor experience, particularly one that was inclusive and supported biodiversity across the Killarney National Park. So with the assistance and support from NPWS (National Parks and Wildlife Services) I think we delivered a much needed experience that really puts Killarney National Park on the map in terms of inclusivity." NPWS Conservation Ranger, Killarney National Park, Padruig O'Sullivan said "It is a great initiative for the National Park - it caters for people from all walks of life, especially people with challenges. It is part of the National Park Mission Statement, which is obligated to open the Park to all. The process

and presentation with the Flemings from safety inspection to boat design was carefully drawn and collaborated with us. We are delighted to see it in operation today.

Also at the launch was NPWS Conservation Ranger, Killarney National Park, Tricia Beecher, who said "it's such a great opportunity and wonderful initiative for Killarney National Park, for the public and for families, people of all abilities can now get out and enjoy the wildlife and beautiful scenery we have in the Park. Deirdre Pendergast of My Canine Companion said after the launch "It's a great initiative for families of children with autism. Tony and Mike have made it possible for people like us to use the lake and see the beautiful scenery around us, and to use the boat in quiet times to cater for children with sensory needs."

Timo O'Sullivan, Lough Lein Anglers and Advocate for Wheelchair accessibility welcomed the new boat, "I'm in my chair using the lake for a long time, it's a game changer making the lakes so accessible for young and old - it's a great facility both secure and safe"

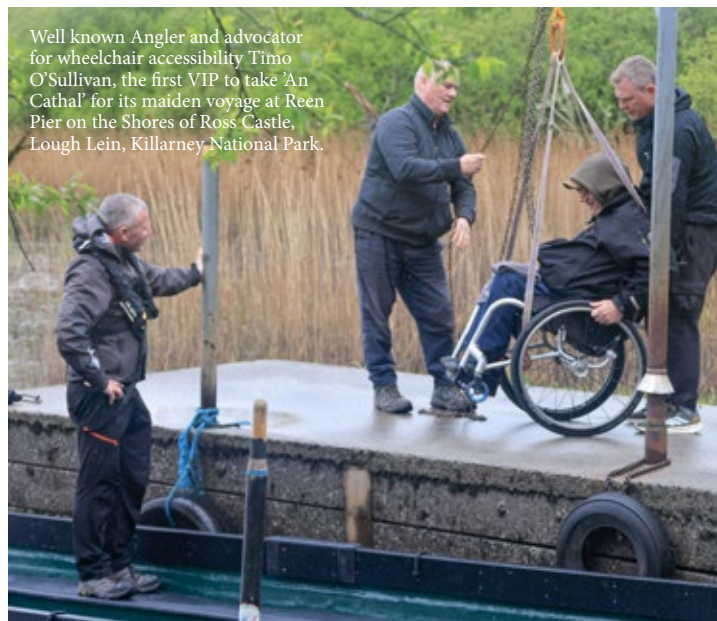
Cllr Martin Grady said the Flemings were due great credit for making the lake accessible for people with disabilities - "I'm sure their Father Charlie Fleming would be very proud of them for making this project come to fruition."

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Brothers Michael and Tony Fleming, from left, Elaine Doonan, Killarney Autism Friendly Town, Mike Fleming, Ross Castle Boat Tours, Padruig O'Sullivan Tricia Beecher, Conservation Rangers, National Parks and Wildlife Service and Emilia Rypalska, Killarney Autism Friendly Town.



Well known Angler and advocator for wheelchair accessibility Timo O'Sullivan, the first VIP to take 'An Cathal' for its maiden voyage at Reen Pier on the Shores of Ross Castle, Lough Lein, Killarney National Park.





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# Kerry TDs back calls for new HEALTH POLICY

Three Kerry TDs have joined an Oireachtas Heart and Stroke group to back urgent calls for a new national cardiovascular disease (CVD) health policy.

Deputies Danny Healy-Rae, Michael Cahill and Pa Daly have agreed to be advocates for the thousands of heart disease and stroke patients in their constituency.

Ten thousand lives a year are claimed by CVD, Ireland's biggest killer, accounting for almost 30% of all mortality.

In Kerry, 18,000 people live with the disease, which causes a wide range of heart conditions. Nationally, 80,000 CVD patients are discharged home every year – or one every seven minutes. But despite the enormous toll of death and infirmity, Ireland has not had a CVD disease policy for over five years.

The new group, set up by the Irish Heart Foundation, aims to build consensus across the political spectrum to support these "abandoned" patients – and thereby deliver huge reductions in preventable death and disability.

"The absence of a policy framework for the prevention, detection and treatment of CVD, along with services that maximise patients' health and wellbeing in the community, is preventing the development of lifesaving services," said Chris Macey, Director of Advocacy with the charity.

"This is resulting in preventable death, disability and loss of quality of life on a significant scale.

"Cardiovascular care has been operating in a policy vacuum for the last five and a half years since the previous National Cardiovascular Health Policy expired."

Ireland, he said, has the lowest number of cardiologists per capita in the EU and there is a critical need for investment in cardiac imaging, including Echocardiography, Cardiac CT, and Cardiac MRI.

In addition, for those discharged from hospital,



Chris Macey,  
Director of Advocacy  
with the charity.

access to cardiac and stroke rehabilitation remains inadequate, they are also struggling due to the high costs associated with having a CVD condition and the widespread absence of psychological support to deal with the trauma of having a stroke, heart attack or other heart disease diagnosis.

As well as the need for the fresh CVD policy, the Irish Heart Foundation is also asking the Oireachtas Heart and Stroke group to support the following:

Action to increase awareness, treatment and control of high blood pressure which affects 1.5 million people in Ireland and is the biggest risk factor for heart disease and stroke;

Full implementation of the National Stroke Strategy to ensure stroke survivors are admitted to dedicated stroke units, which reduce death and severe disability;

Greater investment in cardiac rehabilitation programmes, which can reduce deaths from heart disease by at least a fifth, but which are

understaffed and under-resourced nationwide. Mr Macey said that for the first time in several years, the Irish Heart Foundation is optimistic about the future prospects of heart patients and stroke survivors.

"The sector is united. It has a vision that can address current deficits and futureproof services for the rapid upsurge in heart disease and stroke due to our expanding and ageing population," he said.

"This can deliver big reductions in preventable death and disability, through more cost-effective services, but it can only be achieved if policymakers make CVD a national health priority in the midst of so many crucial competing needs across our health services and our population."

If you are a TD or Senator and want to join the Oireachtas Heart and Stroke group, please contact Pauline O'Shea at poshea@irishheart.ie.



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# Statement of Bishop Ray Browne on the death of Pope Francis

O God, who... through your only begotten Son, have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity  
(Opening prayer of the Mass of Easter Sunday)

It was with great sadness that I learned of the death of our Holy Father Pope Francis, a gentle shepherd who walked with us leading the People of God of our Church worldwide for the last twelve years.

From the moment he chose the name Francis, following in the footsteps of Francis of Assisi, rooted in humility he signalled a papacy of building peace, care for the poor, and love for all of God's creation. He constantly emphasised the need for all of us to take care of our planet, our common home. Like St Francis he alerted us to the "Cry of the Earth" and "Cry of the Poor", all creation united by the love of the Creator.

Pope Francis ever sought to be a voice for the voiceless, a champion of mercy, and a witness to the Gospel in word and deed, always on the side of those on the margins. He preached and lived God's Mercy for all.

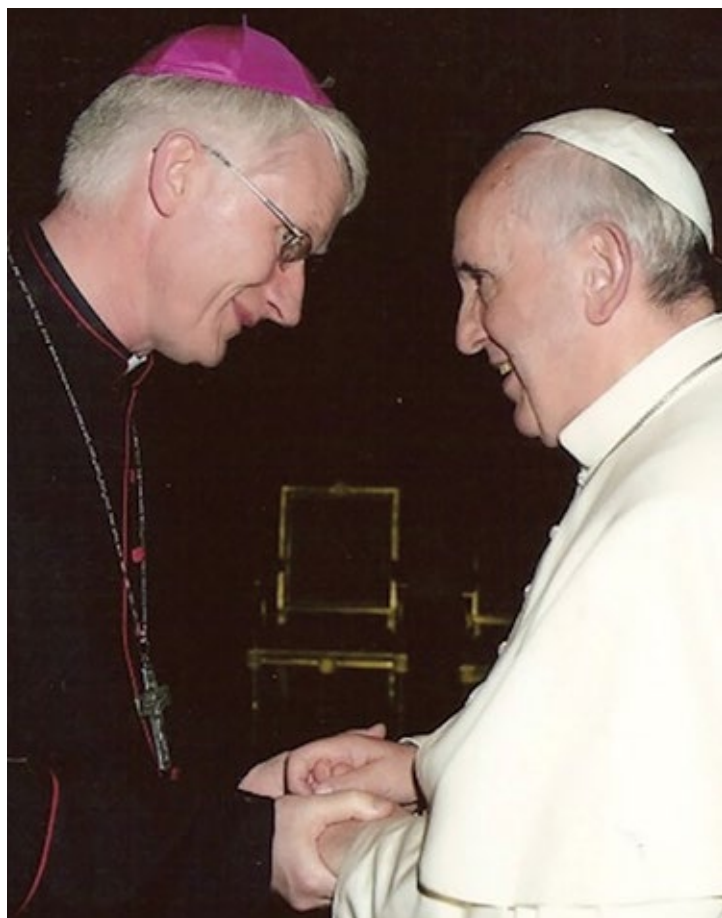
In his Urbi et Orbi address on Easter Sunday, his final day among us, Pope Francis gave us these prophetic words:

"The Resurrection of Jesus is indeed the basis of our hope. For in the light of this event, hope is no longer an illusion... Thanks to Christ — crucified and risen from the dead — hope does not disappoint! (cf. Rom 5:5) All those who put their hope in God place their feeble hands in his strong and mighty hand; they let themselves be raised up and set out on a journey. Together with the risen Jesus, they become pilgrims of hope, witnesses of the victory of love and of the disarmed power of Life."

I pray that he now enjoys Christian hope fulfilled, - eternal life with God the Father. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

*Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam. Our Lady Queen of heaven, pray for him.*

+Ray Browne



## LOCALS MEET POPE FRANCIS ON THE O'FLAHERTY TOUR TO ROME IN 2014

In 2014 THE Hugh O'Flaherty Centenary Commemoration Tour of Rome took place.

The third day of the tour, began with the Papal Audience in St Peter's Square. Prior to the public audience, group members Johnny Maguire and Monsignor Fenton were given the incredible opportunity to meet personally with Pope Francis.

*Johnny Maguire and Monsignor Fenton met with Pope Francis.*



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Baby Grace was born prematurely to her devoted parents, Padraig O'Sullivan and Julett Culloty with the help of surrogacy in Cyprus. They have remained by her side in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit since her birth. At just four days old, Grace underwent

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## CONCERN ABOUT THE STRAIGHT AND NARROWER IN FOSSA



Concern regarding the reduced carriageway on the Fossa road has come to light

The big conundrum: how will two tourist coaches pass each other on the narrower Fossa straight?

The wider raised cycleways will be welcomed by some cyclists - although serious cyclists eschew bike paths. But the road will narrow to under 20 ft, it seems. These are supposedly traffic calming measures.

In reality a one-way system may have to be introduced to allow agriculture contractors and large coaches to travel through Fossa, is the fear.

Agricultural contractors are particularly vexed. To get from Beaufort to Killarney and back with standard 10 ft wide silage and machines, operators will have to drive over the white line at Fossa, they tell me.

They can't drive right up to the kerb as this would endanger cyclists. So they will have to go over the white line into the oncoming lane! You have a similar story with wide buses on the Ring of Kerry unless they take down their side mirrors coming through Fossa.

Michael Cahill TD defended the work - saying engineers have assured him the 19 ft plus

road will be wide enough. That it conforms to European standards, is what he has been assured. (Is that an assurance?)

Mayor Maura Healy-Rae told me she has become concerned as the works progress.

"Concern regarding the reduced carriageway has come to light," Maura says.

Council staff and engineers tell her the plans are in accordance with national guidelines "and that once the surface is down it will not appear or seem as narrow," Mayor Maura says.

She is "not completely satisfied with this response".

Killarney Councillors, let us recall, unanimously voted the project through in July 2022 - amid fear the funding from the TII would not come through.

It is not the first time projects like Fossa have been voted through because of the threat they would lose the funding and have ended up in the mire. The South Kerry Greenway, is an example

The inappropriate medical centre at the Aras Phádraig is a more recent example. Actually, a birdie tells me the Aras will have to be voted on again, because of omissions in the reports by council management. Apparently "a technical glitch" was responsible.

## The mess being made of the new EU led self-catering regulations

The Irish Self-Catering Federation are calling for clarity with the new rules which could see many short term lets across the Killarney Municipal District shut down - partly because of the mess that has been created in getting rid of town councils.

Killarney MD is a rent pressure zone and has a population of over 10,000, so it's not looking good.

We have no towns anymore. It's all lumped into

MDs which makes town boundaries impossible to determine.

The register is necessary. There is no doubt about that. It will be handled by the already highly funded Fáilte Ireland, which abandoned self catering to US booking agents like Airbnb.

But the other elephant in the room

is the EU. The short-term letting regulation is coming from a Europe increasingly concerned with the effect of Airbnbs on housing for locals. Just to recap what it says on the Department of Local Government press release last week:

"The legislation will introduce a register for all Short Term Lets (STLs) in Ireland, which will be implemented and managed by Fáilte Ireland from 20 May 2026, ensuring compliance with the new EU Short Term Rental Regulation which was adopted by the EU on 11 April 2024." The real story here is that line minister James Browne can't actually explain the rules for Ireland until he goes back and makes sure they are in line with European legislation.

Our Dáil is now little more than a version of Kerry County Council: Europe is dictating most legislation. And Fine Gael and Labour made such a mess of local government reform in 2014, there is no difference between a town and a townland!

Junior minister Michael Healy-Rae is hoping to persuade his fellow ministers to change the population limits to suit Killarney. Perhaps the person he should really lobby is Killarney's Fine Gael MEP Sean Kelly?



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## Milltown and the Green Fields of France

Owen O'Shea's new book *One Man's Ireland*, based on the memoirs and letters of republican Dan Mulvihill of Castlemaine, is his latest foray into the early years of the last century in Kerry. I read it while taking "a breath of French air" through the landscape of Verdun in France.

This is where millions of French men fought against the Germans in 1916. Most of the beautiful peaceful falling down villages you cycle through have monuments to these young men.

France won the battle as well as the war. But it never recovered from Verdun. Crossing the Meuse, it struck me there is more written about Milltown than Verdun, thanks to O'Shea.

I have reservations about any war, whether battle or skirmish, Irish or French. I derive this mainly from my years in University during the Hunger Strikes. I vividly recall the anger and fear I and other people felt - but also the nagging doubt about all of it. What exactly were young people of my age dying and killing for? The whole thing left me with an increasingly jaundiced view of nationalism.

Mulvihill, like many Irish revolutionaries, also believed they were killing for the perfect system. In 1917 Russian communists believed this too. As do Hamas in 2025.

O'Shea's book reinforces the tragic and pointless nature of all of it. In his old age, Mulvihill and his fellow revolutionaries felt truly "betrayed" by their treatment and lack of influence in the new Irish State.

Mulvihill emerges as one of the finest people of his generation. After training in London, a city he liked, he was a telegraphist with a good job. Many families have stories like this: fine people with great opportunity who returned from overseas, and in Mulvihill's case created a State that ultimately let them down.

O'Shea's book is well-written and a page turner - albeit a bit local.

I would still like to know more about Verdun. And how the mass slaughter worldwide whetted the appetite for violence here. Was it simply that every country from the largest to the smallest was under a cloud of blood lust at the time?

Historian and author Owen O'Shea speaking at the launch of his new book, *One Man's Ireland* in Milltown Community Hall





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# TIME TO TEE OFF

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It will give golfers the opportunity to play on one of Ireland's most picturesque courses, the famed but equally fair O'Mahony's Point where you will still enjoy the track regardless of your skill level.

"We are committed to providing our members and the broader Killarney community with the best facilities possible to enhance their health and wellbeing. Every week, hundreds of families use the facilities in the Club and over the past few years, these facilities have been upgraded substantially including excellent floodlighting, upgrading and resurfacing of our 2 main pitches and installation of a 3rd smaller training pitch as well as upgrading of gym facilities to incorporate all ages and sections of the Club", Enda Walsh, PRO for the club told Killarney Outlook.

To continue to be able to fund this we are running our Classic and if you would look to support us now is your chance. A team of three is €300 and a tee box can be sponsored for €100.

"We are delighted also to welcome the GlenEagle Hotel and Apartments as the main sponsor of our Classic and we are very grateful to Patrick and the O Donoghue Family for their marvellous support", he added. For more details, to book a tee time or sponsor a tee box you can contact

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*Pictured at the launch are*

*Back Row L to R: Dave Randles (Chairman Killarney Legion), Tom Moriarty, Tim Healy, Patrick O Donoghue (GlenEagle Hotel) John Bowler*

*Front Row L to R: Peter McCarthy, Peter O Sullivan, Ryan O Grady, Sean Murphy.*

## ALDI Ireland Launches 2025 Community Grants Programme Open to Kerry Charities

**Kerry Charities and Community Groups invited to apply for over €86,000 worth of grants in 2025**



*The 2025 Community Grants Programme is now open.*

ALDI Ireland has launched its 2025 Community Grants Programme, continuing its commitment to supporting local charities and community organisations across the country. This programme aims to empower local organisations who contribute vital work and services to their local communities, including in Kerry.

ALDI is calling on Kerry-based charities and community organisations to nominate themselves for a €500 ALDI Gift Card by dropping into their local ALDI store. Staff from each of ALDI's 163 stores, two distribution centres, and corporate offices will then vote for a charity or community organisation in their local area to receive the grant. This process enables ALDI's staff to support worthy and impactful causes in their local communities.

Since it was launched in 2016, ALDI's Community Grants Programme has donated over €758,000 to more than 1,000 local charity branches and community groups throughout Ireland. Recipient charities and organisations have ranged from disability support to children's charities, animal sanctuaries, mental health support groups, sports organisations, and everything in between.

This funding has enabled us to reach more people in need and provide essential services that make a real difference in our community.

For more information about the 2025 Community Grants Programme and how to apply, please visit ALDI Ireland's Community Grants Page: <https://www.aldi.ie/love-ireland/community>





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## INTERNATIONAL KARATE CHAMPIONSHIPS TAKE PLACE IN KILLARNEY



One of the biggest events on the Karate Calendar took place last weekend.

The 4th Irish Open Southwest Ireland International Karate Championships took place last Saturday at the Killarney Sports and Leisure Complex.

Kerry Martial Arts School Sensei Charles Neri, who organised the event said he was delighted with the success of the event. He noted there was a record number of competitors displaying their skills on the day and there is a growing interest in those who wish to attend the 2026 event already. Chief Referee, Robert Sheehan from Carlow Karate Club, described the event as fantastic and well organised. Referees from as far as Northern Ireland and England described the quality of the competitors as outstanding on the day. Kerry Martial Arts School Sensei Agatha Neri, echoed that this is a positive platform for the sport of Karate with huge international interest already building for 2026, the 5th Event already promises to be a phenomenal success



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# Rathmore Students win top prize at PEXpo

The Scoil Phobail Sliabh Luachra school community are absolutely delighted to congratulate three of their transition year students on being overall winners at the PEXpo held at the National Indoor Arena, Dublin on April 10th.

The team consisting of Tommy O Connor (researcher), Abbie O Leary (designer) and Yvonne Finnegan (data analyst) were winners in the senior competition category of 'Olympic ideas and values'. Mentored by their PE teacher, Aoife O Farrell, the students undertook a research project with the title, 'Could Ireland host the Olympics?'

PEXpo is a national competition for secondary school students from all over Ireland, who come together in the impressive headquarters of Sport Ireland, to showcase their projects on sport, health and physical fitness. The initiative which is supported by the Physical Education Association of Ireland (PEAI), aims to promote a better understanding of PE, sport, fitness and health among second level students.

This is a huge achievement for the students who had to ward off stiff competition to become outright winners. Well done to the students, the PE Department and all involved.



From left - Gerry McDonnell, PEXpo Secretary, Brendan O Keffe, President of PEAi, Representative from Allianz Ireland, Yvonne Finnegan, Tommy O Connor, Abbie O Leary (winners), Orla Comerford (Irish Paralympian Sprinter & Paralympic Bronze Medalist) and Ian Farrell, PEXpo PRO.

## KILLARNEY VALLEY CAR RUN ON THIS SUNDAY

The Killarney Valley Classic & Vintage Club, in association with the Irish Veteran and Vintage Car Club (IVVCC), is inviting classic car enthusiasts to participate in their upcoming Car Run on Sunday, April 27.

The event starts with registration at 9:00am and a sharp departure at 10:00pm. The gathering point for this exciting event is Upper Lewis Road, Killarney, V93 Y0YC.

For a fee of €20 per car, participants will embark on a journey towards Foynes, passing through picturesque locations including Castleisland, Abbeyfeale, Athea, Shanagolden, and Foynes itself.

The return journey will take a different route, calling at Leslie House, and then proceeding through Ballylongford, Listowel, Lyrecompane, Castleisland, and finally back to Killarney. Participants will also have the opportunity to visit the Flying Boat Museum in Foynes, with an entry fee of €17, and Leslie House, with an entry fee of €5.



Some of the Mountain Meitheal volunteers pictured with the Easter Bunny, who paid a surprise visit to the Meitheal in the Blue Pool Wood on Sunday morning. Meitheal volunteers pulled thousands of rhododendron seedlings, preventing re infestation of the woodland. Well done to all concerned.



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# NOT LETTING GO

By Ray O'Callaghan

Last Thursday Gleneagle Squash Club had a great evening of sport where the final game of the night was a thrilling five setter with Paul O'Brien not willing to let go of the Maurice O'Donoghue Memorial Trophy without a dog fight.

This past month saw the knockout handicap scoring which always brings with it some outstanding games as players vvy for top-spot in each division. The night kicked off with the Ladies Final where Noreen Tobin took on Maree Molan. Two similar style players started on even scores as both were well fancied to make the final from the start. Each game went Noreen's way on this occasion. Maree took the lead in the last two games but Noreen dug deep and saw out the Match 3-0.

The Men's D Final was next up with Eoghan Lawlor and Tadhg Hickey taking to the T. Tadhg went into a 13-9 lead in the second game and looked like he would make it even but Eoghan got back in control and took the game. Tadhg threatened in the third as well but Eoghan had that bit more to win the match 3-0.

Eamonn Bowler and Ignacy Truchan were next up for a big rematch in Men's C. Ignacy, a junior in fine form, looking to avenge a previous final against Eamonn - Ignacy got his revenge and won the match 3-0.

Edo Sabic's speed Neil Kavangh's experience made Men's B a thrilling encounter. Edo took the first game but it was not an easy one. Neil came back in the second and Edo knew he was well matched. The next two went Edo's way but in the fourth game while Neil had Edo on the ropes, a costly mistake cost him the match.

The Final match of the night was one nobody wanted to end! Paul O'Brien and Donnagh Crowley stood toe to toe in the Maurice O'Donoghue Memorial Trophy match with Paul



At the presentation of the Gleneagle Squash Club Maurice O'Donoghue memorial award were from left, Sean Counihan (Gleneagle Hotel Duty Manager), Tim O'Leary (BSPM Energy, sponsor of monthly competition) and Paul O'Brien (winner) Picture: Eamonn Keogh

the reigning champion defending his title. The game was a mind boggling 50 minutes long, and did not disappoint. Donnagh took a two-nil lead and it looked like the trophy would have a new home. The rallies in each game were intense and on a knife edge - every time. Paul was not letting go of that title easily and brought the match back to two games a piece, bringing the Final to a five setter, with everything to be decided in the fifth and final game. It was a brilliant way to close out the night - Paul taking a healthy lead, but Donnagh, from somewhere got a third or fourth wind and fought back.

Paul then turned on the afterburners and took it by a close margin 15-13 and will hold on to the trophy for another twelve months.

With thanks to sponsor Tim O'Leary of BSPM Energy for the prizes and a big thank you to the Gleneagle Leisure team, the Gleneagle Hotel, Voluntary Committee & Coaches and all members who make these competition nights so special. Our season is finishing up next month and our training team for Juniors, Ladies and beginners will be taking a break but Courts will be available all year around. Please feel free to contact Gleneagle Leisure for details.



At the presentation of prizes of the Gleneagle Squash Club Killarney monthly competition outing sponsored by BSPM Energy Consultancy were front from left, Ignacy Truchan, Adriana O'Leary, Tim O'Leary (BSPM Energy), Paul O'Brien (winner), Eoghan Lawlor, Noreen Tobin and Edo Sabic. Back from left are Arthur Murphy, Charlie Coakley, Maree Molan, Mike Crowley, Mike O'Donoghue, Ray O'Callaghan, Donnagh Crowley, Maciej Truchan, Neil Kavanagh, Domagoj Rac, Connie Doyle and Tadhg Hickey. Picture: Eamonn Keogh





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# ERP Ireland Encourages Public to Embrace Tech Reuse, Repair and Recycling This World Earth Day

## Latest Research Shows 44% have Purchased Second-Hand Electronics

World Earth Day, which took place this week and the European Recycling Platform (ERP), Ireland's only pan-European compliance scheme for WEEE and Waste Batteries, is calling on households to stop tech hoarding and consider reuse, repair or recycling their old or broken electrical items.

Whether its cluttering kitchen cupboards or stashed away in the infamous man drawer Irish homes, attics and garden sheds are full of forgotten electrical items. According to new Coyne Research commissioned by ERP, 1 in 3 adults claim they are holding on to unused electrical items because they haven't got around to recycling them (32%). A further 15% say they are holding onto old electronics because they might repair them in future.

ERP are particularly encouraging the people of Kerry to clear out old tech this World Earth Day ahead of their latest free drop off event which

will be taking place in The Mart, Tralee on Saturday the 10th of May from 8am to 4pm.

"Irish homes are full of old and forgotten mobile phones, laptops, tablets and gadgets that we

haven't touched in years," says James Burgess, Country General Manager at ERP. "World Earth Day, just after Easter, is the perfect moment to take stock and do something positive for the planet. We want people to consider how their old tech can have a new lease of life, either by being repaired, or by being recycled so it's components can be used again."



## Emerging Irish Artist Lillie Foley releases second Single 'That's Life'

Killarney Singer/Songwriter, Lillie Foleys has released her second son of 2025.

The exciting new voice from Ireland set to captivate listeners with her latest single 'That's Life', launched on all major streaming platforms last Friday, 18th April 2025. A powerful blend of pop, soul music and her life experiences, the track marks another step in Foley's promising journey as a singer-songwriter.

Recorded at the iconic Windmill Lane Recording Studios in Dublin Ireland, 'That's Life' highlights Foley's emotive lyrics, soulful vocals, and modern yet deeply personal

sound. Collaborating with Music Producer and Audio Engineer Hermann Ogulla, Foley



has created a song that bridges her Irish roots with contemporary sensibilities, resonating with audiences in Ireland, the UK, and beyond.

"This is a song about resilience and accepting that bad things happen in life and we just have to get on with it and move on as best we can." Trying to create her own personal sound - she blends powerful vocals with storytelling and well-articulated lyrics and a balanced carefully curated instrumental to accompany. She takes inspiration from various

artists of different genres in the hope to achieving a unique sound. This is the 2nd of many songs planned for 2025 and she hopes you all enjoy "that's life", Lillie told Killarney Outlook.



## OISIN LYNCH RECORDS BIG WIN IN THE USA

KILLARNEY VALLEY AC ATHLETE OISIN LYNCH ON SCHOLARSHIP AT ADAM'S STATE COLLEGE IN COLORADO AKA THE "GRIZZLIES" HAD A BIG WIN THIS WEEKEND IN THE BRYAN CLAY INVITATIONAL 2025 WHICH TOOK PLACE AT THE AZUSA PACIFIC UNIVERSITY IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA THIS WEEKEND.

Oisín stepped forward in a very tactical approach from the Killarney valley ac athlete and past pupil of St. Brendan's college Killarney "the Sem".

Oisín timed his finish to perfection winning in 1.50.01.

It is expected with loads to spare in the tank that Oisín will dip deep into the 1.40's in the season ahead.

Killarney valley ac will announce shortly that other athletes in the club will be taking up scholarships in the coming months. The quality of the coaching team at KVAC is lauded and noted throughout Ireland.

The construction of the track facility and funding by KVAC in the centre of the school area is reaping superb results both nationally and internationally. Several of the community games areas will announce their qualification evenings throughout may at the track and Killarney will host the Killarney area primary school sports hosting 13 local primary schools in may also.



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Champion Marcus with his World Globe.

Four dancers from the Áine Murphy Dance Academy which is based in Gneeveguilla recently competed in the World Irish Dance Championships which were held in the Convention Centre in Dublin and achieved amazing success.

Marcus O'Sullivan from Firies was crowned World Champion in the Under 12 Boys competition retaining the title we won in Glasgow last year.

He has had an incredible year as he's undefeated in all competitions winning the Munster, All-Scotland, Great Britain, Irish National and All-Ireland titles in the last few months. An incredible feat for an eleven year old.

In addition to Marcus's success, 10 year old Isabelle O'Sullivan who hails from Rathmore won a World Medal in the Under 11 competition at her first World Championships finishing in an amazing 8th place. Her sister Grace also won a recall medal in the Under 13 competition.

These 3 dancers were joined by teammate Cian Leahy and they went on to bring another Globe and 4 more World medals back to Kerry by claiming 3rd place in the Mixed 4 Hand Under 13. The dancers spent many many hours training over the past few months in preparation for these championships and all that hard work paid off. The 4 dancers had the very best support from their families and the whole school both in Dublin and at home.



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Amy Pollman Daamen An Riocht AC who won the race is pictured with Mayor Maura Healy Rae.

# Streets of Killarney Good Friday 5 Mile

1,000 athletes and runners had entered the sold-out streets of Killarney 5-mile race on Good Friday the 18th of April. The race was started on time at 7pm by Mayor Maura Healy Rae in Killarney house and gardens with runners coming from the USA, UK, from Europe and from most counties in Ireland. Killarney valley ac the host club created a wonderful race atmosphere with 100 volunteers the necessary safety and stewarding to host such a professional and top-class event. Almost 2,000 spectators at various points on the route and specially on new street and the market cross together with the runners braved the damp conditions on the night. The vocal support with DJ Niall 'botty' O'Callaghan adding to the occasion. The finish line was on Beech road

with race HQ at the tourist office and partial section of the new street car park. At the front of the race was a top-class race in both the men's and women's races with local man Conor Kissane of Killarney valley ac and Local lady Grace O'Meara Killarney valley ac finishing in 4th places respectfully. The winners were presented with their prizes in the tourist office by Maura Healy Rae, assisted by club president Mrs. Eileen Switzer and gold sponsor Eoin Reen of Reen's life pharmacy. An online fundraising appeal was organised through the AAI (athletics association of Ireland) in tandem with the event to bring awareness to cancer and cancer research by Ciaran Brosnan. Both Ciaran and his wife Chantelle took part

in the event receiving massive support along the way with a competitive run for the line enjoying the achievement of running the 5 miles (8km). The race committee and Club would like to thank and congratulate both on the achievement.

Due to the generous sponsorship of the event and participation of all a sizeable sum has been raised to assist the viability of the athletics track in the town and future repair campaign which has commenced.

Killarney valley ac would like to thank the race sponsors Life pharmacy, Tricel, Daly's SuperValu, Port west, Activate gym, Luna coffee shop, Polly's, Grenade protein Mondelez, Reek's centra and Gallivan property.

Kerry county council, Killarney house, Killarney national park, the Gardai, the order of Malta, the tourist office, the jarvey's, The KCYS, the media, the race committee Sinead Hickey and team, volunteers, stewards from participants and the public for their understanding and cooperation.



## MEN'S RESULT:

1st **Paul Moloney** Mallow ac 24.59

2nd **Kenneth Rodger** St John's ac 25.10

3rd **Gavin Sweeney** Togher ac 25.26

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## WOMEN'S RESULT:

1st **Amy Pollman Daamen** An Riocht ac 29.20

2nd **Carol Finn** Leevale ac 29.30

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# JEREMIAH SKIP BUCKLEY TOURNAMENT

By: Enda Walshe

The 2nd annual Jeremiah "Skip" Buckley Mothers & Others Basketball Tournament was held on Saturday 19th April in the Pres Gym Killarney and it was a great success. Nine teams participated on the day, 2 from St Paul's who were joined by teams from Castleisland, Currow, Killorglin, Rathmore, and two teams from Cork representing Glanmire and Dromtariffe. Play got under way at 9am with each team battling it out with two games in the pool stages. At the break there was a free throw competition for juniors and seniors because as Skip Buckley, a renowned coach used always say "Free throws wins games"!

After lunch we saw 4 semi finals with 8 teams battling out for a place in the Cup & Plate finals. Eventual winners in the plate went to 'Ball Breakers' from Castleisland with runners up Sliabh Luachra Lakers and in the Cup the winners were 'The Part Timers' with the host team St Paul's as runners up.

The event organised by sisters Emer & Patrica Buckley, daughters of the late 'Skip', along with his wife Patricia, his sisters & brother and their families presented the medals and trophies to the winners. The Buckley family wishes to thanks all those who helped organise the event and those who helped on the day and to the generous local sponsors in Killarney who provided prizes for a monster raffle. It was a fitting tribute to Jeremiah.

Also a big thank you to Stefan McMahon of McMahon Sports Therapy's who tended to any niggles and injuries during the day.

The celebrations continued into the night where everyone met at The Failte bar for refreshments and some dancing.

## A Great Success



Plate Winners Castleisland Ball Breakers



Cup Winners Cordal Part Timers



Members of the Buckley on duty at the tournament



Basketball referee Emer Buckley, pictured with her fellow referees at the tournament.





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and Rena O'Donovan,  
Killarney.



Warren, Wesley,  
Trinity and  
Evelyn Tierney.



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# 10 Young People from Kerry Join Taoiseach Micheál Martin and Minister Norma Foley at Dublin Castle for Comhairle na nÓg's National Showcase 2025

Over 400 Young People Engage with Ireland's Key Decision-Makers on National Issues

Dublin Castle became a hub of youth empowerment on April 15th as over 400 young people, aged 12-17, from every county in Ireland gathered for the Comhairle na nÓg National Showcase 2025. Hosted by presenter and podcaster Fionnuala Jones, the event brought together the Taoiseach Micheál Martin, Minister Norma Foley, Members of Government and Senior Government Officials to engage directly with young people on the issues that matter most to them.

Hosted by the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth (DCEDIY), the biannual Showcase provided a vital platform for the 31 Comhairle na nÓg groups to present their work and connect directly with decision-makers on policies that impact their lives. The Showcase highlighted the power of youth-led action and demonstrated how young people are influencing policy development at local and national levels.

Taoiseach Micheál Martin praised the event, stating: "Comhairle na nÓg provides young people across the country with the opportunity to have their voices heard. I am delighted to see so many energetic and engaged young people here today expressing their views on topics that impact them. It is of the utmost importance that we consider their inputs, and keep their futures in mind, in all of our Government's work."

Minister for Children, Disability and Equality, Norma Foley, highlighted the importance of youth participation, saying: "Comhairle na nÓg



Aidan Kissane, Emma O Shea, Malwina Mierzinska, Joseph Scanlon, Noah Kelleher, Faith Griffin, Clodagh O Shea, Joseph Gozito, Kiera Griffin, Konrad Kopec.

is a fantastic forum for young people across Ireland, giving them an opportunity to share their views and influence policy development on a local, regional, and even national level. Today's event provides these young people with an excellent opportunity to speak directly with policymakers, Government representatives and those having a direct impact on their lives on a wide range of issues, and I have thoroughly enjoyed witnessing it first-hand."

Throughout the day, young people participated in panel discussions, interactive exhibitions, and networking sessions with policymakers and government representatives. These discussions tackled pressing issues such as mental health, education reform, climate action, transport and

youth rights, reinforcing the significant role young people play in shaping Ireland's future. Kiera Griffin from Kerry Comhairle na nÓg shared their perspective: "Comhairle gives the youth an insight into politics, and as we are the next and upcoming generation it's good we know about what's happening around us. And that's why the showcase is good, it brings all the Comhairle together to show what we've been working on and trying to improve as young people"

The Comhairle na nÓg National Showcase 2025 at Dublin Castle proved to be an inspiring, thought-provoking, and impactful event that celebrated the power of youth participation in Ireland today.

## HOOKED ON CYCLING!

*James Looney recalls his journey with the Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle*

This would be the time of year just after Easter when boys & girls would be getting ready to clean and oil the bike getting ready to train for the Ring of Kerry Cycle.

In my time on the ring I drove the lead van with music and announcing in towns of the cyclists passing through & joking with people along the way that was for about 12 years then at a drivers meeting it was suggested that the drivers should cycle the ring to feel the strains & pains of cycling the Ring of Kerry.

So my training started with a 5 speed bike & my first trip was Muckross & Dinis, If I could survive that cycle & my ass got used to the saddle I would keep at it which I did. 5 or 6 trips around Muckross & Dinis I was ready for the wide open road out to Loo Bridge & back,

up & down the County Bounds out to Kilgarvan & back. Then the big one Killarney, Kenmare, Molls Gap & home. What a sense of achievement in just training for the first time.

The big day came for the Ring of Kerry cycle for drivers & helper of support vans August 1995. We started for the ring at 7.00am, Dan McCarthy & Sons, daughter Catherine & Tim O'Connor.

We travelled through Killorglin when Tim O'Connor got a puncture, big stop & everyone in for repair, on again through Glenbeigh for Cahirciveen, up the winding road of Mountain Stage pass the viaduct onto Kells for Cahirciveen town for the break tea & sandwiches for ½ hour. Then out for Waterville & Coomakista climb. Gear down, head down &

keep your composure & head for the top, say a prayer at the cross & head downhill for Sneem. More tea & sandwiches, Sneem to Kenmare passing Parknasilla, Blackwater Bridge, Tahilla. Into Kenmare another break before heading for Molls Gap everyone in good form, a bit tired but looking forward for Molls, time about 3.30pm.

Molls was tough going especially the section of the road that's dead until you pass 2 houses on right about ½ ways up Molls, Jubilation on reaching the top. Heading down from Molls was fast & dangerous, rough uneven road, potholes, sharp twists & turns, just have your wits & use your brakes to arrive safely down to level road from Muckross to town, Our finishing point was at the Golden Gates, so at Flesk Bridge



JAMES LOONEY

we stopped to regroup all the cyclists but with the excitement of the gathering & finished, we danced around the bridge for ½ hour hugging & shouting what at a day to remember. I was hooked on Cycling.



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# STATE EXAM CANDIDATES MUST NOW FOCUS ON JUNE'S WRITTEN EXAMS

## WRITTEN EXAMS

Less than six weeks remain before the state exams get underway on Wednesday, 4th June. The Leaving Certificate exams, the Junior Cycle exams and the Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA) exams will run until Tuesday, 24th June, Monday, 16th June and Thursday, 12th June, respectively.

## GRADES

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

## JUNIOR CYCLE

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

## OPTIMISM

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

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

## CERTIFICATION

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

## GOOD MANAGEMENT

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

## SCHEDULE

With the oral exams now concluded and practical coursework, project work and study reports, due to be completed soon, exam candidates have will have precious marks

banked before June. In the few remaining weeks, the written papers become the major focus of attention as the June exams draw ever closer.

## CHECKLIST

- The State Examinations Commission (SEC) runs the second-level exams
- The Leaving Cert H/O/F grading and points system are very successful
- Six grade descriptors are now used for the Junior Cycle
- Candidates can face up to the state exams with considerable optimism
- Candidates are well prepared by a dedicated teaching force
- Results achieved each year in the state exams are very impressive
- The stigma of failure has been totally removed from the state exams
- The state exams are impartial, unbiased and comprehensive
- The vast majority of candidates can be certain of doing well in the state exams
- The written papers now become the major focus of attention
- Do your best during the remaining weeks and at the actual exams
- Exam timetables are available on [www.examinations.ie](http://www.examinations.ie)
- CAO closing date for late applications at €60 fee is 5pm on 1st May
- CAO online change of mind facility (free) opens at 12.00 noon on 6th May
- The priority closing date for renewal applications for a SUSI Grant is 5th June
- The priority closing date for new applications for a SUSI Grant is 10th July

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## Turn2Me Offers 6 Practical Tips to Help Students Prepare for College Exams

As college exams approach, national mental health charity Turn2Me is encouraging students to manage stress and avoid burnout with six simple, practical steps to exam preparation. The organisation, which offers free mental health support to students in Ireland, highlighted the importance of a healthy routine, smart study habits, and self-compassion during this demanding time.

### 1. Create a Study Plan

Structure is key. Break subjects into manageable chunks and schedule them across your week. Set realistic daily goals and include regular breaks. A study timetable gives you control, reduces likelihood of procrastination, and prevents last-minute cramming.

### 2. Find What Works for You

Everyone learns differently. Some students thrive on flashcards, online MCQs cards (such as from Brainscape), or writing out bullet points, while others prefer summaries, voice recordings, or group study sessions. Identify your preferred learning style and lean into it for maximum retention.

### 3. Take Care of Your Body

Eating well, staying hydrated and getting 7–9 hours of sleep per night will improve focus and memory. Don't underestimate the power of a brisk walk, a jog or a

stretch—it boosts energy and relieves tension.

### 4. Avoid Overloading

Studying for 12 hours straight isn't productive. Schedule 60-90-minute sessions followed by 10-minute breaks. Balance is more effective than intensity.

### 5. Limit Digital Distractions

Use productivity tools like Forest or Focus Keeper to stay on track. Turn off unnecessary notifications. Scrolling through TikTok or doom-scrolling news will only add to stress and waste valuable study time. If you don't want to delete your social media accounts, instead consider deleting social media apps on your phone during exam season to avoid procrastination.

### 6. Talk About It

Exam stress is normal, but it doesn't have to be isolating. Talk to friends, family, or a counsellor. Turn2Me offers free online support groups and up to six free counselling sessions to adults in Ireland, including students who need a safe space to talk through their stress or anxiety.

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## RATHMORE | GNEEVEGUILLA PARISH

By Michael O'Mahony

### SHARE THE BUCKET

Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group reminds you that Share the Bucket takes place weekly. The draw is every Friday evening in Teach Fáilte @ 8.30pm and can be viewed live on our Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group Facebook Page. This week's jackpot was €208 and the winner was Ger Crea. Easter Bonus Draw of €100 was won by Marie Lenihan. 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. Wishing you all a very happy Easter.

### TUREENCAHILL COMMUNITY CENTRE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday: Yoga 6.45–7.45pm & 8–9pm (Contact Denise: 086 8901234)  
 Tuesday: NEW CLASS! From May 6th – Sean Nós Dance (Adults) 7–8pm, 6-week block (Contact Kieran: 085 1731073)  
 Wednesday: Bridge 1–4pm, Kids Kickboxing 4.30–5.30pm (Maurz: 089 4010475), Kids Set Dancing 6–7pm (Marie: 083 0045432)  
 Thursday: Monthly Pop-Up Gaeltacht (see noticeboard/social media) Contact (086 3159744)  
 Friday: Active Retired 12.30–2pm | Yoga 7–8pm & 8.15–9.15pm (Men only) (Contact Denise: 086 8901234) Tutors welcome – space available for classes, workshops & clubs!

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**SYMPATHIES** To Sean O'Keeffe, Lisheen & family on the death of his sister Kathy Hickey (née O'Keeffe) Boherbue & Gneeveguilla, her nieces, nephews & extended family. Kathy's funeral took place on Saturday 5th April in Boherbue. May Kathy rest in Peace

### RATHMORE COMMUNITY COUNCIL TIDY TOWNS WORKSHOP

The tidy towns group of Rathmore Community Council are hosting a morning workshop from 10–1pm on Saturday April 26th in the Community Centre. We need your ideas and your help to plan for developing Rathmore to be the best it can be, or our residents, visitors and nature! Come along to:

- Hear ideas for enhancing your village
  - Have your say about what you'd like to see happening in the coming years
  - Find out what help (and resources) are available for projects
  - Find out how you can help to make your place the best it can be
- We welcome all input from individuals, resident groups, clubs, businesses,

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### KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL TEMPORARY CLOSING OF ROADS

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to Section 75 of the Roads Act 1993, and the Temporary Closing of Roads Regulations 1994, Kerry County Council is proposing to close to public traffic the roads / carpark described hereunder to facilitate the holding of the Rally of the Lakes 2025 on Saturday, 3rd and Sunday, 4th May 2025. Saturday, 3rd May 2025

Headfort SS1 SS4, SS7 06:43 to 10:50, 11:05 to 18:00; R-570, L-3014, L-7055 Lisbabe SS2, SS5, SS8 07:10 to 11:30, 11:45 to 18:35; L-3009, L-7045, L-7046, L-3013, L-7044, L-3012, L-11149, L-3019 Starting at Headfort, Via Headfort, Droom, Dooncurrighbeg, Dooncurrighmore, Gortacarrin, Shrone, Auniskirtane, Raheen and finishing at Rath Beg Starting at Scrahanagullane via Banard, O'Keeffe's garage, Meentogues, Knockdoorah, Barraduff upper, Lisbabe and finishing at Knockyshehane. Red Bog SS3, SS6, SS9 07:40 to 12:00, 12:15 to 19:20 L-7015, L-3009, L-7016, L-2033, L-7015, L-7012, L-7008, L-2033, L-7010, L-7009

In addition, all adjoining public roads will be closed for a distance of 205M from each junction within the above routes. Main Street, Killarney, from the Plaza Hotel to the Junction of Main Street and New Street, will be closed from 6.30 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. on Friday, 2nd May 2025 for the holding of a Ceremonial Start. The Lewis Road Car Park will be used as Parc Ferme and will be unavailable for parking purposes from 7.00 p.m. on Thursday, 1st May to 9.00 pm on Sunday, 4th May 2025. Gortroe Car Park will be closed from 6.00 p.m. on Saturday, 3rd May to 6am on Sunday, 4th May and 6pm on Sunday, 4th May to 6am on Monday, 5th May. On Sunday 4th May the Rally will be in mop Gap kenmare area. that the rally really appreciates the support of the residents along the stages.

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### NOTES

If you would like to add to the notes please email Michael O'Mahony ([momahony14@gmail.com](mailto:momahony14@gmail.com)) or ring or text 087 6676817 Before 6pm Sunday



Knocknagree Ladies Football Under 13 Team 2025



Knocknagree Ladies Football Club Under 14/16s at training

## LISTRY PARISH

Written by: Colette Leslie

### LOTTO

Jackpot €8,700. Numbers drawn 12, 16, 19, 26. Not won. €100 Brian Coffey, Beaufort. €50 Michael Riordan, London. €50 Paul Moynihan, Rathmore. €25 Kennedy, Lahard. €25 Marie Burke, Galway. Jackpot next week 27/04/2025 € 8,850. Easter Hamper Draw: Albert Harte Skibbereen. Declan Spillane, Killorglin. Caoimhe Griffin, Milltown

### SENIORS

Best of luck to our senior team who play the next round of the county

league Sunday April 27th at 2pm Away v Tarbert

### MINORS

Best of luck to our minor team who play Glenflesk in the final of the East Kerry Minor League Monday 28th April time and venue tbc

### U16

The U16 team have qualified for an East regin semi final time and date tbc

### U14

The U14 team play Laune Rangers at home Tuesday 29th April at 7pm



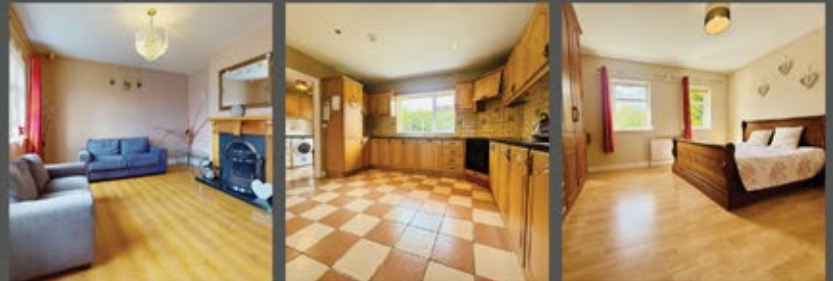
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## KILCUMMIN PARISH

Written by: Helen Moynihan

### BOG WALK

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### KILCUMMIN CCE

Our annual street collection will take place in Killarney on Saturday 26th April. All support will be greatly appreciated.

### KILCUMMIN MOTHERS AND OTHERS

Our Mothers and Others football group return after their winter break. Our group are going from strength to strength but always open to new members. It continues every Monday night (excluding bank holidays) starting back from Monday 28th April from 7.30pm- 8.30pm on the Kilmcummin GAA juvenile pitch. Join us for Fun, Fitness & Football. For more information contact Ann Marie on 087 9047274.

### KILCUMMIN DEFIBRILLATOR GROUP

Kilmcummin Defibrillator Group will be holding their Annual Church Gate Collection on May 17th and 18th, your support would be greatly appreciated.

### KILCUMMIN GAA BY DONAL BARRY PRO

#### SENIOR COUNTY LEAGUE DIV 7B

Meanwhile in Round 4 of Division 7B of the Credit Union Senior Football League we also saw a share of the spoils in a high scoring affair away to Na Gaeil ending in a 5-13 to 4-16 draw. Next up we host Clonmacon in Round 5. Keep an eye on social media accounts for confirmed times and dates.

#### INTER COUNTY

Congratulations to Dara Stack who made his 3rd appearance for the Kerry under 20's on Tuesday evening as Kerry defeated Clare to reach the Munster final which will be played on Monday 28th April with a 7.30pm throw in at Páirc Uí Chaoimh. Dara is the 16th player from our club to play inter county at this level.

#### FEILE FUNDRAISER 2025

Our Kilmcummin under 15 boys have qualified to represent Kerry for the John West Féile Peile na nÓg national finals which will take place at the Derry GAA Centre of Excellence at Owenbeg on Saturday, June 28th. The club has opened an I donate page and we would appreciate any donation you can make by visiting the page via our social media pages.

#### ACADEMY

Our academy continues on Saturday morning at 10.30am for boys (up to u12) and girls (up to u10). New members welcome.

#### UNDER 11

Kilmcummin's U11 footballers delivered an impressive performance last Saturday morning against Douglas GAA. The game, played in great spirits, saw both teams proudly representing their club. A special word of thanks to Douglas GAA for making the trip and contributing to an enjoyable game. After the final whistle, players and mentors from both sides enjoyed refreshments together, with Douglas already looking ahead to hosting the

return fixture later this year. Credit was also given to referee for overseeing the match, as well as the dedicated Kilmcummin volunteers for their superb hospitality.

#### UNDER 14

Our under 14A team were on a bye week this week from their county league action but played a very useful challenge match against Listry in which all the panel enjoyed game time. Many thanks to Listry for hosting. It was great to see so many boys from Kilmcummin at the recent Eoghan Ruadh trails. It gives the boys a chance to compete at a higher level while also getting to play with boys from Glenflesk, Gneevegulla and Rathmore.

#### UNDER 16

Our under 16's secured an East Kerry League Division 1 semi-final spot following a 3 point win over Spa on Thursday winning 3-17 to 4-11. Mark Fleming, Daragh Keane and Joe O'Connor with the goals, while Cian Stack and O'Connor also had eye catching 2 pointers.

Meanwhile the B team put in a very creditable performance against Furies despite losing 2-21 to 2-16. Mark Larkin and Conor O'Leary were among the goals as no fewer than 10 different players got on the scoresheet.

#### MINOR

Our Minors played out a 2-11 to 1-14 draw with Furies in the East Kerry Minor league.

#### NOTES

If anyone has anything they want to add to our club notes please contact Donal by emailing [pro.kilmcummin.kerry@gaa.ie](mailto:pro.kilmcummin.kerry@gaa.ie) or Text/WhatsApp 087-7023681 before 8pm on Sundays.

#### GAA LOTTO

There was no winner of our lotto on Monday 21st April for the Jackpot of €2,750. Numbers drawn were 06,14,19,30. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Paul O'Shea c/o Sean Doherty; Timmie Lane; Denis O'Connor c/o Jer Dwyer; Noel Duggan, Online. Our next draw will be on Monday 5th May for Jackpot of €3,000.

#### MASTERGEEHA F.C

##### Premier League Semi-Final

Mastergeeha 3-1 Listowel Celtic. Mastergeeha emerged victorious in a thrilling semi-final clash against Listowel Celtic, securing their place in the Premier League Final. Goals from Gracie Maher, Lucy Devane & Aine Herlihy. A superb display from the whole team.

#### LOTTO

There was no winner on Friday 18th April 2025 of the Jackpot €6,400. Numbers drawn were 02,04,21,24. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Noel Breen O/L; Maura O'Sullivan, Lyretough; Sean & Seamus Brosnan, Mileen; Evan O'Sullivan, Lyretough. The next draw will be on Friday 25th April for Jackpot of €6,600.



Jennifer and Camryn Leahy, Killarney, with the Easter Bunny at The Killarney Outlet Centre Family Fun Day on Easter Sunday. Picture: Eamonn Keogh

## BEAUFORT PARISH

By Bridget Hartnett

### FIXTURES

Senior men will be away to Kenmare Shamrocks, on Saturday, 26th April in round 5, Co League, Div. 6

Senior men will be home to Laune Rangers, Sunday, 27th in round 5, Div. 1. Co League.

### RESULTS

Beaufort Furies in Senior Co League, Div. 6, round 4.

Beaufort 5.18 Scartaglin 6.04 in round 3, East Region league.

### MATCH REPORT

Beaufort U16 played Scartaglin at home on Thursday 17th April in the third round of the East Kerry U16 League. Beaufort started well, playing brilliant football and took an early lead with a goal from Luke O'Malley and a second goal by Calum Galvin. Luke Foley and Calum Galvin took control around the middle of the pitch with Micheal Culhane kicking over a number of outstanding points.

Scartaglin then hit Beaufort with a couple of goals bringing them right back into the match leaving the score at half time Beaufort 3-8, Scartaglin 3-4.

Beaufort scored two more goals again from Luke O'Malley and Calum Galvin to extend Beaufort's lead.

Scartaglin weren't finished yet and secured two more goals from the penalty spot.

Beaufort closed out the match with a superb defensive effort and stretched their lead, kicking some excellent points.

The final score was Beaufort 5-18 to Scartaglin 6-4.

#### LOTTO

The next draw for a jackpot of €5,600 will be on Sunday, 27th April. Tickets available from usual sellers and online at [www.beaufortgaa.com](http://www.beaufortgaa.com).

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## GLENFLESK PARISH

Written by: Sean Daly

### COUNTY LEAGUE

#### Laune Rangers 0-19 Glenflesk 1-17

After referee Seamus Mullvihill got ready to restart the game with a throw ball, after informing everyone that there was 1 minutes to play, and Shane Daly of Laune Rangers came down with the ball, and won a free, it looked like the home side would hold on to claim the 2 points. Some strong aggressive and fair tackling from Glenflesk, plus a booming last gasp free from Marc Kelliher, changed the games narrative and gave Glenflesk a second County League win in a row. The home side started on top with points from John Tyther and Darragh Clifford. A fine kick out from Kelliher, that found Cian Lynch then started a move that ended with Emmett Finnan firing low to the net, to get a goal for Glenflesk that would prove crucial in the end. This was followed soon after by the first of Glenflesk's 3 double pointers on the day by Killian O'Sullivan. Laune Rangers in contrast were going up in 1's, but they looked dangerous, with corner forward's Clifford and Stephen Gannon on top form. Frees from Darragh Roche, making his first start of the year, plus a Cian Horan score brought Glenflesk back level. Jeff O'Donoghue fired over a second Glenflesk 2 pointer, but errors were creeping into their game. A needless 45 was given away that saw them punished by a point from goalie Jason Browne. Then another Glenflesk error allowed Tyther and easy tap over free. By half time the home side had gone into a 3 point lead, that they probably deserved after the opening 30 minutes. A sharper Glenflesk came out after the restart, with Ian Roche instrumental as they managed to win more of the breaks around midfield. Roche set up brother Dylan for a fine early point. John Kelliher, whose introduction also helped Glenflesk then struck over another great point. Laune Rangers responded well, with points from Clifford, Tyther and Ciaran O'Sullivan. Glenflesk stayed in touch with 2 more Darragh Roche frees, with Roche also having his blast at goal saved by Browne, but after Daly's catch, it looked like time would be at them. They pressed Laune Ranger's well though, leading to a turnover and the chance for Kelliher to win the game. With all eyes on him, he hit a beautifully struck shot that cleared the bar, giving the Laune Rangers defenders in the line no chance to prevent the score. Glenflesk had claimed the win, with the 2 pointers making the critical difference in the end. 1. Marc Kelliher 0-2, 2. Denis O'Connor, 3. Daniel O'Brien, 4. Cian Lynch, 5. Peter Cronin, 6. Emmett Finnan (1-0), 18. Michael Mullane, 8. Killian O'Sullivan (0-2), 9. Tommy Bowler, 10. Cian Horan (0-1), 11. Jeff O Donoghue (0-3), 12. Ian Roche, 13. Callum Cronin, 14.

Darragh Roche (0-6), 20 Darragh O'Connor, 15. Dylan Roche (0-1), 19. John Kelliher (0-1), 21. Sean Doherty (0-1). Meanwhile in Division 6 Glenflesk hosted Rathmore and lost out on a scoreline of 0:12 to 2:12.

### RAMBLING HOUSE

The Rambling House held Easter Sunday night was a tremendous success, featuring an enjoyable evening of music, song and dance. A total of €3,043 was raised in support of the Baby Grace Fund. Neily Moynihan would like to extend his sincere gratitude to all those who attended, helped out and generously donated spot prizes. Your support and contributions are deeply appreciated.

### MUNSTER CHAMPIONSHIP

Glenflesk were honoured to host to Munster LGFA Minor Championship match between Kerry and Cork last Saturday. Cork came out on top on a scoreline of 4:12 to 2:09. Our own Aoise and Paud O'Donoghue were involved with the Kerry minors. Well done to the U10 and U12 girls who put on a super exhibition of football at half time and were treated to an Easter Egg for their great efforts afterwards.

### KERRY

Congratulations to Shauna O'Riordan who toggled out at half time of the Kerry v Cork game last Saturday night in Pairc Ui Chaoimh. Well done to Megan O'Reilly who was part of the Kerry U16 team who beat Cork after extra time in the Munster Championship Final in Mallow on a score of 2:14 to 2:13.

### LOTTO

There was no winner of Glenflesk Lotto 14/4/25. Jackpot €5,800. Numbers 3, 12, 19, 22. Consolation Prizes of €50: Mike O'Shea, Barradubh, Mike O'Shea (Sellers' Prize), Catherine Smith, Lisbabe, Antony Phillips, Glamorgan, Wales. Next draw 28/4/25. Jackpot will be €6,000. Thank you to all who support our Lotto, our sellers and to Diarmuid Lynch Plumbing and Heating Ltd for sponsoring the tickets.

### ACADEMY

Continues every Tuesday evening 6:15pm to 7:15pm in Barraduff Community Field. Little legends 3 plus, U6 and U8 Boys, U6 and U8 girls. All welcome!

### NOTES

If you would like anything added in the notes, please email to [pro.glenflesk.kerry@gaa](mailto:pro.glenflesk.kerry@gaa)

## SPA PARISH

By Leanne Cronin

### CREDIT UNION SENIOR FOOTBALL COUNTY LEAGUE ROUND 4

Spa played Legion in Derreen on Sunday last, after training for a lot of the game in an exciting finish the saying it isn't over until it's over really lived up to its meaning when in the final play of ball Spa managed to equalise the scoring Spa 0-19 Legion 0-19 and walked away with a draw. Spa welcome Ballymacelligott on Sunday 27th at 2pm in the next round of this competition.

**OUR JUNIOR MEN** will play Austin Stacks at home on Friday 25th at 7pm in Group 7B of the Credit Union Senior Football County League

### LGFA

The Spa Senior ladies travel to Firies in round 5 of the Credit Union Donal Curtin Cup Division 3 on Sunday 27th at 12 noon

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### SPA LOTTO 21/4/25

Numbers drawn: 5, 6, 7, 14. No jackpot winner. Lucky dips €50 each: Kieran O'Sullivan Darcy, Online; James Naughton c/o Brendan Cronin; Fiona O'Shea c/o Assumpta; Triona Mangan. Next week's draw is on Monday 28 April @ 9pm for a jackpot of €8,700

### NOTES

Any items for our notes please contact Leanne 085-7762411



EASTER FUN AT SPA GAA CLUB. Photo: Anne Holland

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## MUCKROSS ROWING CLUB

### LIMERICK & SCHOOLS REGATTAS

A busy weekend ahead for the club with two regattas taking place. On Saturday, the club will have 17 crews competing in the annual Limerick Regatta at O'Briensbridge while Sunday will see several crews returning to the same venue for the Schools Regatta. Best of luck to all!

### EASTER CAMP

Well done to all the beginner rowers who took part in the club's Easter Rowing Camp held from Easter Monday to Wednesday last. Great energy and enthusiasm from all involved. Our thanks to everyone who helped in the running and organising of the camp.

### UPCOMING

Bantry Sprint Regatta, Sat May 3rd, Reendonegan Lake; Lough Rynn Regatta, Sat May 10th, Lough Rynn; Castleconnell Spring Regatta, Sat May 17th; Dublin Metro Regatta, Sat May 24th, Blessington; Lee Regatta, Sat May 24th, Cork Marina.

## FOSSA ROWING CLUB

### LAKESHORE CLEAN UP

Well done to our clean up crews who took part in the county clean up last week, focussing on the Lakeshore and did a truly sterling job. Well done to everyone who took part and all who looked after our younger members. A fantastic job by everyone.

### CLUBZAP APP

Fossa Rowing Club is now using the Clubzap app for all club news, membership payments etc and we would ask that everyone downloads the app, if not already done so, to keep up to date. Simply head to Google Play Store or Apple App Store and download load the Clubzap app. Check out our Facebook page for more or contact any of the committee for details.

### CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Please note that Club membership is now due and can be paid using the Clubzap app.

## FOSSA BRIDGE CLUB

### AGM

Our AGM is on next Thursday 1st May at 10am at The Castlerosse Hotel with a bridge session to follow after if time allows.



Emer Corridan, (2nd right) General Manager of the Cahernane House Hotel, delighted to meet members of Muckross Rowing Club, to announce the Hotels continuing support and very generous sponsorship of the Janousek coxed four racing boat. The racing boat is named in honour of Kathleen Murphy, a lifelong supporter and dedicated member of Muckross Rowing Club. Included is, Sharon Cooper, Chairperson, Muckross Rowing Club, and from left, Club officials, Sean Daly, Jeremiah Kenny, Cathal Devlin and Kieran Murphy. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan

We would like to thank ex officio Phyllis O'Regan and our secretary, Ursula Daly for their commitment and work the last few years and who are now stepping down from committee. I'm sure we will be seeking their expertise from time to time in the future. Thanks again ladies.

**RESULTS FROM THE PRESIDENT PAULINE PRIZE** which was held the last two weeks will be available next week.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

We are delighted that the "Killarney Bridge Congress" is returning after an absent of many years. It will be on the 13th-15th June at The Castlerosse Hotel with a full programme of events to suit all levels.

If you have any query about this congress, please contact Ciarán Broadbery on 085 277 3535

## KILLARNEY JUDO

### MUNSTER TEAM SELECTION

Last weekend, players attendee a training session in Tralee with Isabel Puche, a 4 time Spanish National Champion. Isobel previously represented Spain in Judo competing at European and World Championships. She taught a masterclass of her favourite techniques from her career.

After the class, she also awarded those selected to represent Munster at the inaugural team event next weekend with a unique patch of their

name and province. Six of our players Michelle, Emily, Carolina, Zarah, Rian and Tim were chosen to represent the best of Munster in Dublin next weekend. We wish them all the best of luck!

## KILLARNEY SWIMMING CLUB

Killarney Swimming Club competed at the Munster Open Splash over two days of the weekend at the UL Sport Arena with 28 other swimming clubs. Killarney had excellent swims, with more swimmers now qualifying for Summer Nationals in July.

### Results:

Ella Cremin Gold 200 Fly, 4th 400 Free; Cathal Mackey Silver 50 Back, 4th 100 Free, 5th 200IM; Evan O'Donoghue Silver 400 Free; Aoibhin Heinemann Bronze 50 Free; Cathal Larkin 4th 100 Breast; 5th 200 Breast.

The club now has 8 swimmers eligible for Summer Nationals: Ella Cremin, Emily Brosnan, Cathal Mackey, Evan O'Donoghue, Aoibhin Heinemann, Lily Larkin, Aoife Coffey, Sarah Quirke.

Training continues in preparation for the Kingdom Gala in Tralee next weekend and the Munster Long Course Championships in May and for our younger swimmers the John Dempsey Gala on 11th May in UL.



Fossa Rowing Club clean up crew who participated in the county clean up at the lakeshore



Killarney Judo Players with Spanish Champion Isobel Puche



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Killarney Swimming Club members Evan O'Donoghue & Aoibhin Heinemann, silver and bronze medalists at the Munster open Splash.



Killarney Swimming Club members Samuel O'Neill, Dara Sheehan, Cathal Larkin, Evan O'Donoghue, Orlaith Mackey, Ella Cremin, Zarah Tomlinson & Lily Larkin.



Killarney Swimming Club members Cathal Mackey & Cathal Larkin

## KILLARNEY BADMINTON CLUB

The div 3 & 5 league finals took place in Castleisland last Wednesday. Our division 3 team finished off the season in style with a hard fought victory over a very strong Tralee team.

Well done to everyone who played on the night & throughout the season. The team will go on to represent Kerry in the Munster Interleague finals. Congratulations and good luck going forward.

Congratulations to our club member Cara O Connor on her recent nuptials to Marcel, best of

luck for the future.

Our remaining Club nights for this season are April 16, 18, 23 & 25.



Killarney badminton division 3 team



Killarney Swimming Club members Orlaith Mackey, Sarah Quirke & Aoife Coffey

## MOLLIE HEADING STATESIDE ON ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP

Killarney Valley AC Athlete, Mollie O'Riordan has accepted a scholarship to the USA. Mollie who is a 400m and 800m specialist has achieved provincial and national medals since she took up athletics with Killarney valley ac and in January finished in 2nd place in an invitational in Boston university running the 400m indoors earlier in the year. This was the young athlete's first taste of international competition.

Over the last year the young starlet has caught the eye of a few universities in the USA and has accepted one and is due to travel to the USA in August post the outdoor national stage.

She will travel to McNeese university in Louisiana in the USA.

Mollie is a top class and very committed athlete and will revel in the challenge and heat of Louisiana. The Killarney valley ac coaching team are very proud of this young lady who is a great role model for her teammates at the club.

Other club announcements are expected to be made over the coming weeks, with other athletes in discussions with universities also.





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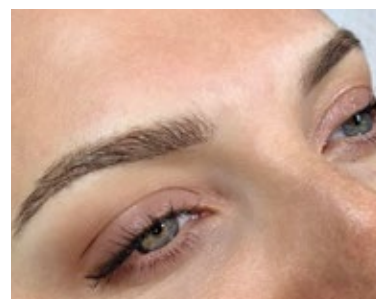
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Activities such as yoga and stretching combine physical movement with mindfulness and breathing. Doing this reduces your heart rate, calms your nervous system and acts as a distraction to the busyness of everyday life.

Regular exercise has also shown to improve sleep quality and helps you fall asleep faster. Poor quality sleep can trigger anxiety and make even the smallest tasks feel unmanageable.

You don't need to run a marathon or make massive changes to your daily routine to reduce stress and anxiety. A quick walk, dance around the kitchen or stretching between tasks will make a huge improvement to your mental health. The key is to start small and find a type of exercise that suits you. Your body and mind will thank you!



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**What is the treatment for presbyopia?**  
Presbyopia is a natural part of ageing and there is no cure for it. The solution is generally to wear glasses for reading. Contact lenses are also available

for presbyopia if you do not want to wear glasses.

**Are there exercises I can do to stop needing reading glasses? Will I make my eyes worse by wearing glasses?**  
No. As presbyopia is caused by the lens stiffening, and not the muscles weakening. Wearing glasses will not make your eyes worse and there are no exercises that can help this. However, you may notice that when you take your glasses off, things appear to be worse without them than before you had them. This is simply because you are noticing how clear and comfortable vision should be. Before you had the glasses, you were unaware how blurry your vision really was because it changed slowly over the years. Presbyopia will get worse as you age until you reach your late fifties, when you will have no natural focusing ability left. Unfortunately there is nothing you can do to stop it. For any vision changes it is important to have a sight test to determine the cause.

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## Danny to Cycle from Malin to Mizen in aid of the Kerry Hospice Foundation

On 30 October 2024, Alison O'Sullivan passed away at just 37 years old after a short but brave fight with cancer. Her sudden and unexpected loss has been truly devastating, and Alison's death has left a massive gap in the hearts of everyone who knew and loved her, especially her husband Danny, her adoring children Amelia and William, her mother Colette and her brothers and sister.

"To honor Alison and to thank the incredible Palliative Care Unit at Kerry General Hospital who looked after her so well in her final days, some friends and I are planning to cycle the length of Ireland, from Malin Head to Mizen Head over 3 days, from 13 – 16 June, to raise much needed funds to support the work of the Kerry Hospice, who plan to develop their facilities, with the addition of five new beds", Danny said.

"The support provided to Alison and our family by the Kerry Hospice was invaluable, and every single member of staff of the Palliative Care Unit provided exceptional care, offering a shoulder to lean on and providing comfort, compassion and empathy when it was needed the most. We want to help them continue supporting other families going through tough times, in Alison's memory", Danny added.

Any donation you can make to this I donate will go directly to the Palliative Care Unit at Kerry General Hospital.

You can donate at the following link: <https://www.idonate.ie/cause/kerryhospice>



*Happier times: Alison and Danny O'Sullivan with their children Amelia and William.*



## New Literary Thriller from Colin O'Sullivan Plunges Readers into a Haunting Descent of Music, Madness, and Obsession

*They came to create music. Instead, they may be unmaking themselves.*

In his most atmospheric and unsettling novel to date, Killarney native, Colin O'Sullivan, award-winning author of Killarney Blues and The Dark Manual (now Sunny), returns with a claustrophobic tale of artistic ambition, psychosexual tension, and the sinister pull of isolation in rural Japan.

In an old, secluded house surrounded by forest, three musicians—Maiko Mikami, a mercurial Japanese lead singer, and her two foreign male bandmates—come seeking inspiration. What they find is something far stranger. As creative tension builds into obsession and mistrust, Maiko's voice—ethereal, anguished, unearthly—begins to blur the lines between song and something deeper. Memories fracture. Desires intensify. The house pulses with something ancient, watching. Waiting.

What begins as a creative retreat becomes a fever dream of dread and dissolution. Are they descending into madness—or awakening something darker?

"Claustrophobic, sensual, and unrelenting," this literary thriller delivers lyrical prose and slow-burn psychological horror in equal measure. O'Sullivan masterfully conjures a world where the boundaries of self and sanity are stretched until they snap.

"O'Sullivan deftly dials up the tension in this lyrical thriller until there's nothing left to do but scream." —Brian McAuley, author of Curse of the Reaper

Colin O'Sullivan, originally from Killarney, Ireland, now lives in northern

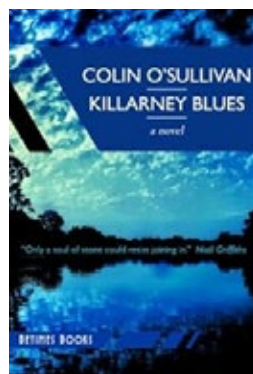
Japan where he works as an English teacher.

Formerly of Ardshanvooley, he hit the top grades in his Leaving Cert at Killarney Community College in 1992, continued his studies at Trinity College and has been living and teaching in Japan since then. His first novel was the highly acclaimed prose winner, Killarney Blues, where the central character is a Killarney jarvey.

His parents, Pa and Betty O'Sullivan, ran the Safe Hands Cleaners, now The Shire. They retired to Woodlawn, where they still live.

His 6th novel, 'Sunny' was serialised on Apple TV worldwide. His 7th novel, Maiko Moans, has just been published.

His work has been widely published, translated, and acclaimed. His debut novel Killarney Blues won the prestigious Prix Mystère de la critique in France. The Starved Lover Sings has been translated into Russian, and The Dark Manual—republished by Harper Collins under the title Sunny—has been adapted into an Apple TV series starring Rashida Jones. His fiction and poetry have appeared in a variety of print and online outlets, and his work has been translated into French, Russian, Turkish, and Japanese.





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# KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL STOPPING HOUSE BUILDING IN KERRY

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

## “ERRATIC PLANNING DECISIONS WITHOUT CONSEQUENCES FOR KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL”

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

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

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

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



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



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

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




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



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# Toyota Land Cruiser Commercial Arrives in Ireland This June

Orders now open for the Toyota Land Cruiser Commercial, with prices starting from €57,192 ex VAT

Evolution of the legend combines modern-retro design and cutting-edge technology. Stronger-than-ever Land Cruiser can now pull up to 3.5 tonnes.

Demand is high and Commercial customers are encouraged to contact Kelliher's Toyota, Tralee to order now to avoid disappointment.

Toyota Ireland is excited to announce that the legendary Land Cruiser is back, with an all-new commercial model hitting the Irish roads and countryside this June. The wait for commercial drivers is finally over, open for orders now.

Unveiled to enthusiastic crowds at the 2024 National Ploughing Championships, the new exterior design pays homage to the classic Land Cruiser. As the first all-new model in 15 years, this latest version combines retro aesthetics with cutting-edge technology and raw power, making it a standout choice for drivers tackling rugged, off-road terrain.

The highly sought after commercial model is priced from €57,192 ex VAT. Toyota is expecting the commercial model of this iconic model to sell quickly, and potential customers are urged to place their orders early with Kelliher's Toyota, Tralee to avoid disappointment.

## Unrivalled Performance & Capability

Built for the toughest terrains, the Land Cruiser is renowned among Irish farmers, adventurers, and motoring enthusiasts for its quality, durability, and reliability. The all-new model enhances these attributes with a powerful 2.8L diesel engine, a redesigned turbocharger, and an advanced eight-speed automatic transmission, ensuring a smoother and more efficient driving experience both on and off-road.

The Land Cruiser can now tow up to 3.5 tonnes (matching the towing capacity of the Toyota Hilux), making it the ideal choice for drivers requiring a vehicle that can take on tough challenges. Designed to be the ideal companion for drivers moving heavy loads, managing a farm, or working in rugged terrain, the commercial model is set to be a hit in Ireland yet again.

The introduction of electric power steering replaces the former hydraulic system, improving off-road handling while enabling lane assist as part of Toyota's renowned Safety Sense system.



## Performance highlights include:

Engine: 2.8L Diesel (2755cc)  
Max Power: 204hp (151 kW @ 3,400 rpm)  
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Acceleration (0-100km/h): 12 seconds  
Fuel Consumption (Combined WLTP): 10.6 L/100km  
CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions (WLTP): 278 g/km  
Towing Capacity: 3.5 tonnes (braked)

## Designed for Adventure & Comfort

With an off-road heritage spanning over 65 years, the stunning all-new model represents the rebirth of an icon, combining modern-retro exterior styling that harks back to Land Cruiser's classic design heritage, with a modernised interior and the latest technology. Engineered for both rugged landscapes and refined on-road experiences, the latest model features a spacious, high-tech cabin with significant upgrades designed for driver and passenger convenience.

The intelligent cockpit ensures seamless connectivity between your car and smartphone via the MyToyota App, allowing drivers to check trip data and even control remote air conditioning. Additionally, the Land Cruiser comes with Wireless Smartphone Integration (Apple CarPlay™ & Android Auto™), a rear-view camera with washer, and front & rear parking sensors for enhanced safety.

## Interior highlights include:

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Dual-zone climate control for added comfort  
Front ventilated & heated seats

Smart entry & digital key

Power back door & opening rear tailgate window

Ahead of the arrival, Zoë Bradley, Head of Marketing Communications and Corporate Affairs in Toyota Ireland, said, "The Land Cruiser has long been a symbol of resilience, reliability, and adventure, and this all-new model takes those qualities to the next level."

"Blending modern-retro styling with advanced technology and improved performance, the next-generation Land Cruiser is designed to take on everything Ireland throws its way—from farm tracks to rugged backroads. Loyal fans have been eagerly awaiting the arrival of the Commercial model, with pre-orders already rolling in. Demand is expected to grow, so we encourage customers to order early to avoid disappointment."

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### EASTER DRAWS

Unfortunately, the inclement weather on Good Friday last meant we were only able to have draws on Easter Monday. Results- Two Ball Betterball- First Nett: Mark O'Shea & Dan Kiely 40½, Gross: Sean Ashe & Denis Duggan 52 and Second Nett: Denis Duggan & Sean O'Brien 41.

### MEMBERSHIP

Please note that membership for 2025 is due now as of March 1st. Prices the same as last year namely- Single Adult- €150, OAP- €100, Juvenile- €80 Family- €300. Club Registrar Bobby Kelly will be available over the coming weeks after competitions for anyone wishing to sign up for the year.

### OPENING HOURS

The club wish to clarify that in order for the general public to enquire as to whether we are open at present they must contact 087 7823138 in advance regarding same. Our opening hours for the summer months (June, July and August) are 12pm-8pm (Weekdays) and 12pm-6pm (Weekends).

### SUMMER SERIES

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Front (l to r): Peter Wickham, Captain, Mary McCarrick, Daniel Ling, Brenda Kelliher, Seamus McCarthy. Back (l to r): Tristan Eadie, Larry Daly, Lucas Cronin, Alan Flynn, Jim Casey, Mary Moynihan, Muireann Hayes, M J O'Sullivan

GMIB on 26th & 27th April 2025

## ROSS GC (GENTS)

### RESULTS

### ON APRIL 19TH & 20TH WE HELD A THREE MAN RUMBLE COMPETITION.

The winning teams were :-

1st: John Cuskelly, Johnny Brosnan, MJ Casey 80 pts  
2nd: Alan Flynn, Denis Nash, Dan Cronin 76 pts  
3rd: Michael O'Keeffe, Barry O'Grady, John O'Brien 76 pts

### ON EASTER MONDAY WE HELD A 10 HOLE MIXED SCRAMBLE WITH A LARGE TURNOUT IN GOOD COURSE AND WEATHER CONDITIONS

This was followed by the presentation of prizes for the M D O'Shea Spring League and we enjoyed some food, banter and golf analysis in the clubhouse.

Thanks to our caterers and all of our sponsors for a great event.

The mixed scramble winners were:-

1st: Daniel Ling, Seamus McCarthy, Mary McCarrick, Ger Scott.  
2nd: Alan Flynn, Mary Moynihan, Jim Casey, Larry Daly.  
3rd: M J O'Sullivan, Tristan Eadie, Brenda Kelliher, Mary O'Connor.  
4th: John Cuskelly, Lucas Cronin, Muireann Hayes, Donie Broderick

### THE M D O'SHEA SPRING LEAGUE CATEGORY WINNERS WERE :-

Category 1: Peter Wickham  
Category 2: John Cuskelly  
Category 3: Tony Lenihan  
Category 4: Denis O'Riordan  
Category 5: Eoin Moriarty

### THE M D O'SHEA SPRING LEAGUE TEAM RESULT IS AS FOLLOWS :-

1st: Team I on 191 pts  
Donald McSweeney, Jimmie Smith, Michael O'Keeffe, Denis Casey, Tristan Eadie.  
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## LATE WOES SCUPPER CRONIN'S CIRCUIT BID

Reigning NAPA Auto Parts Irish Tarmac Rally champions, Keith Cronin and Mikie Galvin, finished in eighth place on the Circuit of Ireland, after late dramas snatched away a seemingly certain victory. They had led the event for nine of its eleven stages in their Citroën C3, and had 36 seconds in hand over the Skoda Fabia crew of Callum Devine and Noel O'Sullivan, when they encountered brake issues approaching the penultimate test. They made efforts to bleed the system at the roadside, and were nine minutes late starting the stage as a result, incurring one minute and thirty seconds in penalties. They then picked up a puncture in the stage, which lost them further time, and saw them drop to eighth on the leaderboard. With no prospect of improving their overall position, they nursed the car through the final stage to make the finish. The outcome has cost them valuable points in their quest to retain the Tarmac Championship title.

Devine and O'Sullivan took the rally win, with Garry Jennings and Rory Kennedy coming through to take second place in a Ford Fiesta Rally 2, ahead of Declan Boyle and Patrick Walsh in another Fabia.

"It was fine on the first stage after service, then when I was pulling away from the finish I noticed it," said Cronin of his brake maladies. "We tried to fix it, and I was driving very carefully on the next stage, but I had no handbrake or anything, I was having to drive in over things, and we got a puncture. It's very disappointing. We got some few points but it won't be a lot. Today will

obviously have to be a dropped score from us," he added.

The Circuit started on Friday afternoon, with two runs over the Ivy Hill stage near Aughnacloy on the itinerary. Conditions were extremely wet, with patches of standing water waiting to catch out the crews. Cronin and Galvin set down a marker on the opener, going fastest by 9.2 seconds from Devine and O'Sullivan, with James Ford and Neil Shanks a further tenth back in their Citroën. The latter then undid their good work with an overshoot on the stage two, allowing Matt Edwards and David Moynihan (Hyundai i20N) through into third spot. Cronin and Galvin were fastest again on the second run, but only by a tenth from Devine and O'Sullivan.

Saturday's route consisted of three loops of three stages, south of Dungannon. The weather was equally as inhospitable as the previous day, causing more standing water and mud to be liberally scattered across the roads. Cronin and Galvin were fastest on the first four tests of the day, and had built up a margin of half a minute over Devine and O'Sullivan. As the leaders then moved to manage their advantage, Edwards and Moynihan upped the ante, and set a trio of fastest times, to move to within seven seconds of Devine and O'Sullivan. Josh Moffett and Andy Hayes (Citroën) had earlier challenged Edwards and Moynihan, before going off the road on stage five. Little damage was caused and they later returned to the field under SuperRally rules. The chase was then taken up by Eddie Doherty and Tom Murphy (Skoda), but they fell back as



Keith Cronin and Mikie Galvin led the Circuit of Ireland for nine of its eleven stages, before brake issues dropped them down the order. Photo: Martin Walsh

Edwards and Moynihan smelt a chance of second spot.

The tumultuous penultimate test was to prove the undoing of three of the top four crews. Aside from the troubles of Cronin and Galvin, it also saw the retirements of Edwards and Moynihan, who damaged their Hyundai, and Doherty and Murphy, who picked up two punctures and could not continue, having only one spare on board their Fabia. Through the chaos emerged Devine and O'Sullivan, to take the Circuit of Ireland victory on what was their first appearance of 2025.

Cronin and Galvin's next scheduled outing will be the Rally of the Lakes in Killarney in two weeks' time, where they will be hoping to regain momentum in their defence of the Tarmac crown.



## ON THURSDAY APRIL 17TH OUR SENIORS HELD A 10 HOLE STABLEFORD COMPETITION.

The winners were :-

- 1st: John Ivory (8) 22pts
- 2nd: Dermot O Connor (11) 21 pts.
- 3rd: Andy Cole (11) 21 pts
- 4th: Lee Grange (9) 21pts

## SAHARA CUP STABLEFORD COMPETITION

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- 3rd: Mary Moynihan 27 (24)

### 9 Hole Results

- 1st: Brenda Kelleher 21 (27)
- 2nd: Jennifer Nash 17 (27)
- 3rd: Miriam Hickey 12 (27)

## COMPETITIONS - SATURDAY 26TH APRIL 2025

9 & 18 hole single Stableford qualifying competition. Booking through the BRS.

### LADIES GET INTO GOLF

The Get into Golf is starting up again this season. Wednesday evenings June 4th to July 9th. Please Contact Breda on 087 4629501 for further information and booking.

*Pictured Mary Moynihan, Brenda Kelleher, Lady Captain Elaine Casey, Emir Coffey and Miriam Hickey missing from photo Jennifer Nash.*



Micheal Culloty, Kilcummin, with the Easter Bunny at The Killarney Outlet Centre Family Fun Day on Easter Sunday. Picture: Eamonn Keogh



Runners taking part in the Killarney Valley AC Road Race on Good Friday



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## KILLARNEY ATHLETIC AFC

### U12 GIRLS DIV 3 LEAGUE SEMI FINAL

*Killarney Athletic A (Blues) 1 - 0 Killarney Athletic B (Whites)*

*Sinead Coleman x 1*

On a beautiful afternoon Tuesday afternoon in Woodlawn, our two u12 girls teams went head to head in their div 3 League semi final. From the opening whistle it was a thrilling back-and-forth battle, with neither side willing to give an inch. With half time approaching, Holly O'Connor spotted a gap and played a lovely ball high up the pitch. Sinead Coleman reacted instantly, timing her run perfectly to get on the end of it. With a superb strike, fired it past the keeper into the bottom corner. A brilliant finish. In the second half, the game started off very tight again, but our White team having some great chances to equalise, just could not get that goal they deserved. Maja Lesniak, in goal for the Blues, pulled off some great saves to keep her team in front. With seconds left on the clock, As the game pressed on toward full-time, the Whites continued to pile on the pressure, throwing everything they had at the Blues in search of an equaliser, but the Blues defense held strong and got the win securing them a hard-fought 1-0 victory and a place in the Divisional 3 final. Well done to both teams for such a great game. Captains Blue- Maja Lesniak White-Anna Lyne

## MEK

### PREMIER LEAGUE U14 GIRLS

*MEK Galaxy vs Camp fc*

Today was the day our girls secured the double header of winning the Kerry cup and Premier league with an undefeated season in Kerry. This has been a well earned by our amazing team!! from the goal keeper through the back line and middle, onto our amazing attacking players, our girls showed through class all season.

Thank you to all the parents who have been the backbone of this team and all the long trips away and supporting us caoches throughout the year. Coaching the team all season has been a joy and we look forward to next season as the team to beat.

Special mention to Camp on providing a great



MEK U14 Girls Champions

supporting game, and making to journey over to us this morning on a wet day.

Goals by Ava Harty Alannah Daly Lilly Fogarty Sinead Curran Isabelle O Connor POTM Elise Brunner

## BALLYHAR DYNAMOS FC

### TEAMS

The club u15s advanced to the next round of the Healy Family Cup thanks to a home victory over MEK FC played on Good Friday. It was a strong squad performance with Dan Duggan, Daire Cornally, Ryan Quilter, Ryan Vickers, Jack Kelly, Eoin Casey, Jamie O'Brien & Dylan Fitzgerald very effective on the evening.

### SYMPATHY

The club offers its condolences to the Brosnan Family, Ballyhar on the passing of their mother Peggy & uncle Timmy Pigott. May both rest in peace. The club offers its sympathy to the O'Sullivan Family, Ballyhar on the passing of Sean (Seano) in London. May Sean rest in peace.

## KILLARNEY CELTIC

### CELTIC LOTTO

Numbers drawn 7,11,12,17. No jackpot winner. Match 3 winners received €40. Next jackpot €15,000 on Monday April 28th. Jackpot is capped at €15,000 with the additional €200 going on to the 1st jackpot after the next jackpot win. Tickets

available from The Dungeon Bookshop, Amber Shop (Top of Ross Road), club members and online through clubzap.

### U14 CUP

**Killarney Celtic B 2-9 St Brendan's Park**

*Sean Doyle, Eoin Murphy*

Celtic B gave Premier side Park A an early scare by jumping into a 2 goal lead but eventually the Premier side showed their class to run out clear winners.

### U13 PREMIER

**Killorglin 1-1 Killarney Celtic Green**

*Dylan McCarthy*

Celtic Green dominated for long periods of their game with Killorglin but had to settle for a point. Celtic opened the scoring through Dylan McCarthy to lead 1-0 at the break. Celtic dominated the 2nd half proceedings but were pegged back by a late penalty.

### U13 JOHN JOE NAUGHTON SHIELD

**Killarney Celtic White 0-1 Mastergeeha**

Celtic White bowed out of the shield after a battling performance last week. Good approach play was not rewarded with a goal and so the team exited the competition.

### U13 DIV 2

**Killarney Celtic Hoops 1-0 Mastergeeha B**

*Josh Buckley*

Celtic Hoops rounded off their league winning season with a hard fought win over Mastergeeha. Ryan Cronin kept Celtic level with a save from a penalty in the 1st half and this proved vital as



Ballyhar Dynamos FC u15s who advanced to the next round of the u15 Healy family cup when defeating MEK FC last weekend.



Killarney Celtic U13 Hoops winners of Div 2 South



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with time ebbing away Celtic were awarded a free which Josh Buckley dispatched to the net to secure the win.

## U12 DIV 2

### Killarney Celtic Hoops 1-1 Castlemaine

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Celtic hoops finished their league campaign with a fine display against Castlemaine. Celtic hit the front when a cross from Ryan Lowe was deflected in by a Castlemaine player. Castlemaine were back on level terms after they scored from a penalty. Both sides had chances but no further goals were forthcoming.

**CONGRATS** to Rowan Murphy who was named on the KSBGL Team of the Week.

## CONDOLENCES

The club sends its sincerest condolences to the O'Sullivan family following the recent passing of Susan, mother of club player Daniel.

## KERRY SCHOOLBOYS & GIRLS LEAGUE

### GIRLS

#### U12 GIRLS LEAGUE SEMI FINALS

##### PREMIER DIVISION S/FINAL

Castleisland 2-1 Killorglin

Mastergeeha 3-1 Listowel Celtic

##### DIVISION 1 S/FINAL

Park 1-0 MEK

Iveragh 4-0 Fenit

##### DIVISION 3 S/FINAL

Killarney Athletic A 1-0 Killarney Athletic B

#### U13 GIRLS BRID DEVANE PERPETUAL CUP

Mastergeeha 6-0 MEK

#### U14 GIRLS PREMIER

MEK 6-0 Camp

#### U14 GIRLS DIVISION 1

Listowel Celtic 0-4 Killorglin

#### U15 GIRLS MARY LYNE PERPETUAL CUP

Dingle 1-6 Camp

#### U16 GIRLS LOL O'LEARY CUP

Camp 1-2 Park

### BOYS

#### U12 BOYS DIV 2 (NORTH)

LB Rovers B 4-0 Listowel Celtic C

#### U12 BOYS DIV 2 (SOUTH)

Killarney Celtic C 1-1 Castlemaine

#### U12 BOYS JOHN MURPHY CUP/SHIELD PRELIMINARY

Ardfert 1-1 Mastergeeha A AET (Mastergeeha won 3-0 on pens)

#### JOHN JOE NAUGHTON U13 BOYS SHIELD Q/F

Killarney Celtic B 0-1 Mastergeeha A

#### U13 BOYS PREMIER

Killorglin 1-1 Killarney Celtic

Fenit 3-0 Listowel Celtic

Iveragh 3-2 Park

#### U13 BOYS DIVISION 1

Park B 5-1 Milltown

Camp 5-1 Milltown

#### U13 BOYS DIV 2 (SOUTH)

MEK B 3-7 Killarney Athletic C

Killarney Celtic C 1-0 Mastergeeha B

Killorglin C 2-1 Dingle B

#### U13 BOYS DIV 2 (NORTH)

Tralee Dynamos B 6-0 Camp B

LB Rovers B 0-6 Park C

Mastergeeha A 3-0 Fenit B W/O

#### U14 BOYS TOM HAYES CUP/SHIELD ROUND 1



Killarney Athletic A Girls

Listowel Celtic C 2-4 Fenit A

Park B 1-6 Castleisland A

Killarney Celtic B 2-9 Park A

#### U15 BOYS HEALY FAMILY CUP/SHIELD

Tralee Dynamos A 3-0 Killarney Athletic B

Killorglin A 0-3 Park A

Inter Kenmare A 2-1 Mastergeeha A

Castleisland A 6-0 Dingle A

Ballyhar A 7-1 MEK A

#### U15 BOY'S HEALY FAMILY TROPHY Q/F

Ballyhar B 3-0 Fenit A w/o

Castleisland B 0-6 Inter Kenmare B

#### U15 BOYS DIVISION 1

Listowel Celtic A 1-5 Tralee Dynamos A

### GIRLS

#### U12 LEAGUE FINALS TAKING SHAPE

As the season nears its conclusion, the U12 Girls Division Finals are slowly taking shape, with Castleisland and Mastergeeha contesting the Premier Final.

In Castleisland, the home side edged past Killorglin in a tightly contested 2-1 battle. Goals from Grace Kerins and Bella Clifford proved decisive, despite Chloe O'Sullivan finding the net for Killorglin.

Elsewhere in the other semi-final, Mastergeeha impressed with a 3-1 win over a spirited Listowel Celtic side. The goals came from Gracie Maher, Lucy Devane, and Aine Herlihy, while Samantha Lyons netted for Listowel in a brave effort.

The Division 1 semi-finals were equally hard fought. St Brendan's Park had a narrow 1-0 victory over MEK, thanks to a decisive finish from Caoimhe Field. In the other tie, Iveragh produced a commanding performance to defeat Fenit 4-0, securing their place in the final in style.

In a special all-club clash, Killarney Athletic A came out on top with a 1-0 win over their B team in front of a great crowd in Woodlawn.

The game was packed with energy and heart from both sides, but the decisive moment came just before halftime. A clever lofted ball from Holly O'Connor set up Sinead Coleman, who showed great composure to fire it into the bottom corner.

In the second half, the B team threw everything forward in search of an equaliser, but Maja Lesniak in goal for the A's was outstanding, pulling off some key saves to preserve the lead. The Blues held out in the dying minutes to secure a hard-fought victory and a place in the Division 3 final where they meet Camp.

#### MASTERGEEHA ADVANCE TO BRID DEVANE SEMI-FINAL

A big win for Mastergeeha saw them advance in the Brid Devane Perpetual Cup, and a bye has seen them avoid the drama of the quarter final stage.

Mastergeeha advanced with a dominant 6-0 win over MEK in a polished team performance. Six different players got on the scoresheet in a display of squad depth and attacking flair. Kaitlin O'Riordan, Aoibhinn O'Leary, Éabha Moynihan, Lily O'Donoghue, Isla Cronin, and Aine Herlihy all found the net, capping off an impressive all-round showing.

#### MEK RECORD UNBEATEN LEAGUE AND CUP TRIUMPH

Just weeks after winning the Eve O' Callaghan Cup Final, MEK Galaxy continued their dominance of the U14 Girls game in Kerry with the 14's League Title, capping off an unbeaten season with another impressive win.

The coronation happened after a comprehensive 6-0 win over Camp on home soil. Ava Harty led the charge with a well-taken brace, while Alannah Daly, Lilly Fogarty, Sinead Curran, and Isabelle O'Connor all chipped in with goals in a dominant team performance.

#### CAMP ADVANCE TO MARY LYNE CUP SEMI-FINAL

Camp booked their spot in the next round of the Mary Lyne Perpetual Cup with an emphatic 6-1 win over Dingle.

Kayla O'Neill was in sensational form, bagging a hat-trick, while Meseret O'Brien struck twice and Órlaith Flynn added another to round off a dominant display. Dingle managed to pull one back, but Camp's firepower proved too much on the day as they marched on in style, as they meet MEK in the final four.

#### PARK THROUGH TO LOL O'LEARY SEMI-FINAL

Park edged past Camp in a tightly-contested LOL O'Leary Cup tie to progress to the semi-final stage.

Eve O'Regan and Taylor Kate Leane were on target for Park, with both finding the net in a game that saw plenty of attacking intent from both sides. Camp battled hard and got on the scoresheet themselves to make it 2-1, but Park's clinical finishing proved the difference as they held on for victory.

### BOYS



## LB CLOSE THE GAP TO DINGLE IN 12'S NORTH

Just five points is all that separates LB Rovers from the leaders Dingle in the U12 Division 2 North standings, as LB picked up a comprehensive result on home side at the weekend in a local North Kerry derby.

LB Rovers B put in a dominant display to secure a 4-0 win over Listowel Celtic C. Anlon O'Brien was the standout performer, hitting a superb hat-trick, while Tommy Houlihan added a fourth to round off an impressive team performance.

## MASTERGEEHA BOOK SEMI-FINAL APPEARANCE

A tightly contested quarter-final saw Mastergeeha A edge out Killarney Celtic B 1-0 thanks to a decisive goal from Karl Thompson. Both sides battled hard throughout, but it was Thompson's composed finish that proved the difference on the day, sending Mastergeeha into the semi-finals of the Shield.

## CELTIC GETTING CLOSER TO DIVISION 2 SOUTH TITLE

Another win at the weekend saw Killarney Celtic continue their impressive unbeaten season in the 13's Division 2 South. The title is almost within their grasp, as they seek to be crowned invincibles.

A tight affair in Celtic Park against Mastergeeha was decided by a single strike from Josh Buckley, earning Killarney Celtic C a hard-fought three points in a 1-0 closely contested match. Elsewhere Killorglin C came out on top 2-1 in a tough encounter against Dingle B, with goals from Daniel Poff and Paidi O'Shea sealing the win.

Ten goals were scored in a goal-packed clash that saw Killarney Athletic C power past MEK B with an impressive 7-3 win. Despite a spirited effort from the home side, Athletic's firepower proved too strong.

## KNOCKOUT STAGE PLACES SECURED IN TOM HAYES CUP

St Brendan's Park, Fenit and Castleisland all booked their place in the quarter final stage of the U14 Tom Hayes Cup with some fantastic performances.

Fenit A booked their spot in the next round with a strong showing on the road, winning 4-2 away to Listowel Celtic C. Goals from Shea Gilligan (2), Hugo Cashell Lowe, and Conor Stack were enough to see off Celtic, who put up a good fight.

An impressive attacking performance from Castleisland A saw them defeat Park B 6-1. Alex Ryan bagged a superb four-goal haul, while Ryan O'Connor and Aidan O'Connor also got on the scoresheet.

A goal-filled thriller in Celtic Park saw Park A secure a 9-2 win over Killarney Celtic B. Doubles from Daniel Diggins, Ben O'Sullivan, and Luca Fusco, along with goals from Blake Bowler, Kian Cronin, and Daniel O'Leary, secured a big win despite a pair of consolation goals from Sean Doyle and Eoin Murphy for Killarney Celtic B.

## 15'S HEALY FAMILY CUP/SHIELD ACTION CONTINUES

A dramatic weekend of results saw a host of teams book safe passage into the Cup competition of the 15's Healy Family Cup.



Castlemaine United U12's



Killarney Athletic Kerry Youths Premier League

A dominant performance from Tralee Dynamos A, led by a brace from Danny Lane and a solid finish from Albi Gaxha, saw them through to the next round, with a 3-0 win over Killarney Athletic B.

Castleisland A 6-0 Dingle A

A sensational hat-trick from Adam Griffin set the tone for Castleisland A's big 6-0 win at home to Dingle. Dean O'Donoghue added a brace, while Ronan O'Connor capped off the scoring in a commanding display.

Ballyhar A put on a scoring clinic with seven different contributors in a 7-1 win over MEK. A brace from Eoin Casey and goals from Ryan Vickers, Jack Kelly, Brendan Allman, Alan Morteck, and Ryan Quilter saw safe passage for Ballyhar. Shane O'Neill netted a consolation for MEK A.

Park A continued their strong form with a clinical 3-0 win away from home, shutting out Killorglin A in a composed display. A tight contest in Kenmare, saw Inter Kenmare A come out 2-1 winners over Mastergeeha. Despite a goal from Noah Clifford for the visitors, Inter held firm to advance.

## BOYS TEAM OF THE WEEK

1. Naoise Fitzmaurice (Ardfert U12)
2. Ciaran Dunlea (Listowel Celtic U12)
4. Ryan Quilter (Ballyhar Dynamos U15)
5. Ohdran O'Sullivan (Castlemaine United U12)
3. Sam O'Shea (Killarney Athletic U15)
6. Rowan Murphy (Killarney Celtic U13)
7. Ben O'Sullivan (St Brendan's Park U14)
8. Ostap Dudnik (St Brendan's Park U13)
9. Danny Lane (Tralee Dynamos U15)
10. Adam Griffin (Castleisland U15)
11. Anlon O'Brien (LB Rovers U12)

## GIRLS ROLL OF HONOUR

1. Caoimhe O'Connor (Killorglin)
2. Emma O'Shea (St Brendan's Park)
4. Holly O'Connor (Killarney Athletic)

5. Emily Wolska (Listowel Celtic)
3. Alisha O'Connell (Castleisland)
6. Elise Brunner (MEK Galaxy)
8. Kayla O'Neill (Camp Juniors)
7. Annie Mai O'Donoghue (Mastergeeha)
10. Siun Foley (St Brendan's Park)
9. Ava Harty (MEK Galaxy)
11. Meseret O'Brien (Camp Juniors)

## KERRY YOUTHS PREMIER LEAGUE

### Killarney Athletic 4-0 MEK

Luke Doolan 1, OG 1, Jake Nash 2

Job done tonight for the lads and this win should book their place in the league final v Dynamos. MEK were no pushover, having already qualified for the Cup final, and they battled hard over the 90 minutes. It wasn't until 3 goals early in the second half that victory was secured.

We enjoyed plenty of possession in the first half but MEK defended well and were dangerous on the counter. The deadlock was eventually broken when Fionn Daly delivered a great corner which Luke got his head on to guide it past the keeper. 1-0 at the break.

Early in the second half, James Dempsey delivered a great ball from the left for the onrushing Brian O'Shea to head off an unfortunate MEK defended and ended in the net. This was quickly followed by a ball across the box from Luke for Jake Nash to finish to the net. The same two players combined again soon after when Luke's shot was parried by the goalie and Jake reacted quickest to score his second. Great to see Jake getting the goals that his effort has deserved.

Thanks to MEK for a sporting game.

Next up for this group is the Cup semi final v Dynamos on Saturday at 5pm in Tralee





JIMMY O'SULLIVAN-DARCY

takes a look at all things sport...

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## MUNSTER SEMI-FINAL

Kerry 3-21 Cork 1-25

I have to open with a confession. I absolutely bought the hype. I had pre-determined that this would not be a long report on a game where I expected few lessons to be learned and without significant consequence. There's always a little bit of "will the loser go into the Tailteann Cup?" No. Will Cork put it up to us? Absolutely, they caught us in 2020 and have been steadily improving over the last couple of years, but Kerry's dominance at U20 and minor means we all know which side will be favourites for the next number of years. We'll face harder tests than Cork.

By jaysus, if we face harder tests than this Cork team, we won't be going too far. They were magnificent. Kerry got out of jail as much because of Cork's profligacy when they had us on the rack as any inherent merit of Kerry's; that's the plain and honest truth of it.

Now, that doesn't mean that I join in with the chorus of muppets trying to have an inquest while the patient still has a pulse. This game was more about Cork being good – much better than anyone, including Cork supporters – really expected rather than any inherent defect of Kerry's.

We started so strong Ruairí Murphy clipped over a good opening score. Cork replied, a good kick by Mark Cronin. Super burst of pace by David Clifford and he fisted over. Chris Óg Jones did likewise at the other end, but already Kerry were dominating the middle and sending very quick ball into their forward line. Cork had nothing like that cutting in them, everything looked like hard work.

David and Dylan Geaney with good Kerry scores. Kerry are kicking great long passes, Paudie Clifford in particular acting as a great fulcrum. He sent that ball in to Dylan; he might have gone for goal. Paudie and Dylan combine to tee up David for his third point. Joe O'Connor adds another. Paudie becomes the second Clifford on the scoreboard.

0-7 to 0-2. Lads, I'd only whisper it, but I'd be very tempted now to head off while the traffic is quiet and go out to my brother's for a cup of tea and watch it from there. I actually like Cork, they are fierce passionate without ever being nasty. I honestly don't want to see them demolished. That really and truly is what I was thinking. It felt like one way traffic and a Kerry garda directing it.

Except that his shift must have ended, because traffic very quickly began to switch direction. Cork made astute positional switches, but a big thing was Ian Maguire really rising to the



midfield challenge. I always thought he was solid but not quite in the elite bracket; that's more humble pie for me to swallow. He was awesome. Worse, Cork started beating us to the breaking ball.

Graham O'Sullivan had started the game well and been very involved in Kerry's scores, but once Cork were winning ball, he was dropping deep. I saw two problems. One is simply that Graham drifting back gave Brian O'Driscoll license to roam and he kicked a great two pointer. I don't blame Graham; I blame the overall tactics. Putting a defender in to bolster the forwards is an old tactic – Paddy Bawn Brosnan, Tom Prendergast, Seán Murphy, Eamonn O'Donoghue, Páidí Ó Sé, Jonathan Lyne and Brian Ó Beagaoich in recent years.... Mick O'Dwyer, of course. He was a huge success at it, and one of the very, very few. I could understand, but never like, the idea of sacrificing a scorer for a workhorse under the old rules that rewarded negativity. But with the new rules?

The second problem, and a more pressing issue for me, was the sight of Kerry forming a defensive shield. Cork, who didn't have Kerry's speed in the build-up, were happy to recycle until they found an opening around the two point arc. It's not that any one defender had a bad game for Kerry, but we gave Cork more space and time to probe at us than I liked. You're telling me that the likes of McGuinness, McGeeney, Joyce, McStay aren't looking at that and rubbing their hands at the idea of meeting a Kerry team with that defensive strategy?

Ah, cool the jets. David Clifford with another score. Paul Geaney off the mark after Brian Hurley's effort drops short. Again, Kerry's speed bursting out was crucial. A good turnover by David sees him notch another point. 0-10 to 0-4. But I am a lot more intrigued by this contest now.

Brilliant save by Shane Ryan, and it had to be to deny Seán McDonnell. Shane has to go off with injury. That was a big moment, a goal there would have invigorated Cork. Instead, Paul Geaney reads the pass perfectly and clips over for Kerry.

Except that Cork are rising to this. They are

coming at Kerry now. Brian Hurley wasn't far away with a two point effort. Ian Mauire slots a great point. Brian O'Driscoll with a point from play. He's cleverly finding space to stretch Kerry's as Cork recycle and he booms over another two pointer. Mark Cronin drops an effort short, but slots a '45 just on the whistle. Half-time Kerry 0-11 Cork 0-9. I still think that Kerry will be okay, but just two points up after completely dominating the first quarter?

Two pointers break games open, and Cork are better at them than us. No surprise there after league form, but the reason that we weren't kicking too many two pointers is because we were using the space to open teams for goals. Brian Hurley opens the second half with a two point free, though, and it's level pegging. Seán O'Shea is on now for Kerry; I imagined management had hoped to give him an easy quarter of an hour late on. There'll be nothing easy here! Despite the weather, there's a buzz about the crowd now.

Paudie Clifford with a free – very soft, I have to say – and he finds Seán O'Shea for a score. Lovely little cut-back by Paul Geaney and it's another one. Seán McDonnell responds with a super score, though.

Great block to deny David Clifford. Paudie Clifford with a point; he has probably been Kerry's best player so far. David isn't going to be denied twice and splits the posts. Kerry, with Joe O'Connor really beginning to take hold, are winning turnovers now and Dylan Geaney picks off another point. Brian Hurley replies but Barry Dan O'Sullivan fists over. I'm more and more convinced that I'd love to see Diarmuid and Barry Dan as our first choice midfield and Joe free to inflict and prevent damage with a roving commission on the wing – his instincts aren't defensive but he does track well. 0-17 to 0-13. Back in the old days when I was a younger man (i.e. Four months ago) that was real daylight. Now, with two pointers....who knows?

Shane Murphy with a kick-out, Joe O'Connor gathers and sets Paudie Clifford clear. Paudie slices straight through the heart of the defence, he could go himself, but he unselfishly flicks it to Paul Geaney....Geaneys don't miss chances like that. 1-17 to 0-13, maybe fifteen minutes





left including injury time. Safe enough, surely.... Now, I'll wear two hats just for a minute. I saw it, and I saw it clearly, and I instantly thought "that's a yellow for Paudie". I know the player is low, but the hands are high and clear contact. Definite yellow. But I now know that referees were notified about stringency in regard to head contact. I didn't think it was a red at the time, but the rules are both strict and unambiguous. As for any suggestion of the Cork player "making a meal of it"? A nonsensical and embarrassing comment. The school of punditry where attention is more important than accuracy or intelligence.

Cathail O'Mahony is just on the pitch, but he kicks a great two pointer. Seán McDonnell with another. That's four points in fewer minutes and an extra man for Cork.

It gets worse fast. Cork turn over the kick-out and race at Kerry on the overlap. Great finish by Chris Og Jones. 1-17 apiece. You'd fancy Cork now. Ruairí Deane puts them in front.

A high and hopeful punt from Cathail O'Mahony, but Shane Murphy gathers well. Kerry recycle. Cork are pressing forward but that gives Joe O'Connor space to carry it down the left wing before laying off to Seán O'Shea. He dummies the defender, cuts in, and strikes a real beauty. Great goal. Did he take too many steps? Yes, absolutely. I couldn't even run that far in one go. The truth is that it should have been a free out, but have you ever seen those frees given? I haven't. Take another look at Owen Mulligan's famous goal against Dublin in 2005. One of many examples.

Mark Cronin with a free. Just a point in it now. Great chance for David after a super catch by Joe. David's off balance from close range and it spirals off his boot and wide. Should he have fisted it? Easy for the likes of you and I to say, isn't it?

Colm O'Callaghan sets up Eoghan McSweeney. One point; it wasn't far away from being two.

David clips over a Kerry point, but play is called back for off the ground. Whistle blows, extra-time. Cork supporters are animated but very friendly. Kerry supporters aren't saying too much.

Both sides are going for it in the first half of extra time, but the gaps aren't showing. Good fetch by Joe O'Connor – an absolute colossus for Kerry – and he takes a hard full frontal tackle. Again, I thought "that's surely a yellow". Again, with the benefit of hindsight and a closer look, it's closed fist to the body and there is head

contact – Seán Brady won't be succeeding in any appeal either.

David Clifford's free puts Kerry in front and he adds a two pointer. 2-20 to 1-20, but Chris Óg Jones pulls one back with a free. Half-time in extra-time, 2-20 to 1-21.

Chris Óg Jones from play. One point in it. Good work by Cathail O'Mahony to set up Eoghan McSweeney....great two pointer. There's still one point in it, but the lead has been reversed. Great reply by Killian Spillane, but Conor Cahalane cancels that out.

Seemingly out of nowhere, Kerry drive forward. As is my wont, I'm advising Joe O'Connor to take his point. You'd have to be daft or brilliant to go for goal from there. It turned out that Joe certainly wasn't daft. What a shot! It deserved to win.

Mind you, Cork must have serious regrets when they look at the dying minutes. Conor Cahalane with a clear chance at goal, but it goes just wide. Cathail O'Mahony with a point effort.... wide. With single digit seconds left, Cork are recycling.....in fairness to Eoghan McSweeney, he has the courage to go for it....and it curls away left. A two pointer there would have meant penalties.

As it is, Cork leave with a loss but with pride in their team fully restored. Kerry leave, but I think more with a sense of relief rather than jubilation.

Great game. The best Kerry/Cork game in years, arguably decades. 2020 was drama rather than quality. This was quality all through. The sendings off on both sides and the amount of steps taken by Seán O'Shea are talking points by supporters. I'm a simpler man. I'd be looking at our defensive structure with two pointers and both sides should look at the chances they missed to close it out.

Kerry: Shane Ryan, Paul Murphy, Jason Foley, Dylan Casey, Brian O Beaglaioich, Gavin White, Tadhg Morley, Joe O'Connor (1-1), Barry Dan O'Sullivan (0-1), Ruairí Murphy (0-1), Paudie Clifford (0-2), Graham O'Sullivan, David Clifford (0-9, 1tp, 1f), Paul Geaney (1-3), Dylan Geaney (0-2). Subs: Shane Murphy (for Shane Ryan, 27 mins), Damien Bourke (for Paul Murphy, half-time), Sean O'Shea 1-1 (for Ruairí Murphy, half-time), Tony Brosnan (for Paul Geaney, 60 mins), Seán O'Brien (for Barry Dan O'Sullivan, 65 mins), Killian Spillane 0-1 (for Dylan Geaney, 73 mins), Micheál Burns (for Graham O'Sullivan, 77 mins), Armin Heinrich (for Brian O Beaglaioich, 80 mins)

Cork: Michéal Aodh Martin, Seán Brady, Daniel O'Mahony, Tommy Walsh, Brian O'Driscoll (0-5, 2tp), Rory Maguire, Matty Taylor, Ian Maguire (0-1), Colm O'Callaghan, Paul Walsh, Sean Powter, Séan McDonnell (0-3, 1tp), Mark Cronin (0-3, 1'45, 1f), Brian Hurley (0-3, 1tp, 1f), Chris Óg Jones (1-3, 1f). Subs: Maurice Shanley (for Tommy Walsh, 14 mins), Ruairí Deane 0-1 (for Sean Powter, 47 mins), Eoghan McSweeney 0-3, 1tp (for Paul Walsh, 52 mins), Cathail O'Mahony (0-02, 1tp) for Brian Hurley (59), Neil Lordan for Maurice Shanley (70), Sean Walsh for Ian Maguire (75), Conor Cahalane (0-01) for Sean McDonnell (79), Hugh O'Connor for Mark Cronin (80), Darragh Cashman for Ruairí Deane (83)

Referee: Barry Tiernan (Dublin)

## MCDONAGH CUP ROUND ONE

### Kerry 1-17 Kildare 0-19

I know it was Round One, but we all know that Kerry had to beat Kildare or their McDonagh Cup berth would be in serious jeopardy – I remember how long it took us to get out of the Christy Ring previously. This was always going to be tight and tough. Pádraig Boyle was the main man for Kerry and he got the goal that helped John Griffin's team into a 1-7 to 0-9 half-time lead. The third quarter was a nightmare for Kerry as Kildare turned that deficit into a four point lead. Moreover, Kerry lost Podge to injury and with Shane Conway still nowhere close to returning from injury, who was going to step up as our main scorer?

Oisín Maunsell, the captain, picked off two fine points. Dylan Moriarty stepped up to the frees – I must admit to being taken very much by surprise – he was immaculate. Kerry back level, but Kildare notched another four points on the trot. I thought – I was certain – that we were gone.

'Tweek' Griffin, never the biggest of men, always had ferocious heart and drive as a Kerry hurler. He has managed to install that in his players as well. Moriarty – he scored five from five chances in that last quarter, Kevin Goulding....and one last look at the posts for Oisín Maunsell.

There are games where the fact of winning is far more important than the manner of it. This was one of those.



## DR. SEÁN MURPHY RIP



Only three men have ever had an All Ireland Football Final be referenced in culture and folklore by their personal name. You can talk about iconic displays – Willie Bryan in 1972, teenager Jimmy Barry Murphy with 2-2 in 1973, Seamus in 2000, Seán Cavanagh eight years later, David three years ago. But the final is not remembered, not outrightly defined, by their name. You had Larry Stanley in 1919 captaining Kildare to victory over Galway. You had the Maurice Fitzgerald Final – if you don't know which final I am talking about, you may as well stop reading now. But in 1959 Seán Murphy stamped his name at wingback in Kerry's victory over Galway, and he did it so emphatically that he later became an automatic choice on the Team of the Century and the Team of the Millennium. It may well have been – and probably was – the greatest single display in an All Ireland Final ever.

It wasn't a big surprise to any of his neighbours from Camp, or to good football judges from farther afield. Mike Allen, a man who has always lived at the core of Kerry football, told me one time about watching a Frewen Cup game between the Sem and Ballyvourney. The Sem won it, but 'Small Jer' O'Leary, arguably the best judge of them all, singled out a very young and small wing forward for Ballyvourney named Seán Murphy. "That young lad will be heard of yet". Small Jer got very little wrong, and he certainly wasn't wrong on that occasion. He made his senior debut for Camp as a 15 year old, going toe-to-toe with the likes of Thomas Ashe, Paddy Bawn Brosnan, and Danno Keefe, names from his childhood.

Murphy from Camp wasn't any new name in Kerry GAA circles. The four sons of Jackie Murphy, the local headmaster, would have grown up around stories of Tim and John 'Kerry' O'Donnell, Charlie O'Sullivan, and the great Paddy Kennedy. Jackie had played junior for Kerry himself in the 1920s. The Murphy brothers didn't lick their football from the stones!

Pádraig and Seán attended Coláiste Íosagáin in Ballyvourney. You'd be surprised to find out how many Kerry footballers came out of that nursery, but it wasn't considered one of the top GAA schools (it had been a Seminary Prep. School until it accepted ordinary boarders in 1949). Until the Murphy brothers came along, with Pádraig as captain and Seán man of the match in midfield led the school to their first ever Corn uí Mhuirí. All four brothers, Pádraig, Seán, Tomás, and Seamus would captain the school to Corn uí Mhuirí titles.

He was a year underage when he was first picked for the Kerry minors in 1949. He was partnered in midfield with Denny Falvey from Annascaul and that team had Johnny Foley in goal, Jerome O'Shea and Mike Galway (uncle to the rugby legend and an All Ireland winner with Kerry three years later), Mick Brosnan, Paudie Sheehy, and Colm Kennelly at full forward. A

serious array of talent, and they reached the All Ireland Final, only to lose to Armagh on a 1-7 to 1-5 scoreline.

Back then, it wasn't unheard of for the best minors to be called into the Junior team, and Seán Murphy lined out for them at midfield beside John Dowling, with his brother Pádraig at wing forward. They beat Lancashire in the All Ireland Final and Seán had his first inter-county celtic cross.

Headford played Dr. Crokes in that year's East Kerry Final (it wouldn't become the Dr. Paddy O'Donohue Memorial Cup until 1954). The simplest way to describe Headford is to consider it a precursor of Sliabh Luachra but without Kilcummin, who were a senior club. Dr. Crokes, with the likes of John C. Cooper and Dan Kavanagh on board, were red hot favourites. But Glenflesk parish priest Fr. Michael O'Driscoll, a keen GAA supporter, cycled to Ballyvourney to watch a challenge game between Coláiste Íosagáin and Headford, and the next time Headford trained, they had Seán and Pádraig Murphy from Camp and the Laois minor keeper on board. That would be considered disgraceful now and wasn't legal back then, but it was fairly commonplace. A late penalty save that denied Teddy O'Connor saw Headford shock everybody by winning by two points, with Seán Murphy one of the day's heroes for Headford.

A year later, in 1950, he was an automatic selection for the minors. They still had the most of last year's minors and were joined by Donal Marcus O'Neill in goal, and Seán's brother Tomás. Another really formidable outfit, and while Cork were unlucky enough to lose to them by a point, no other team came close. They beat Wexford by 3-6 to 1-4 in a one-sided final in Croke Park. Seán had already made his senior debut for Kerry in late April, lining out at centre forward in a league defeat to Cavan.

A year later he played against Mayo in the All Ireland Semi-Final. The sides drew, 1-5 apiece, but Mayo won the replay by 2-4 to 1-5. That was a great Mayo team, Paddy Prendergast, Seán Flanagan, Mick Mulderrig, Pádraig Carney, Mick Mulderrig....a lot of Mayo supporters can name that team off the top of their head. They beat Dublin in the All Ireland Final, the last Mayo team to win Sam.

1952. It must have felt like a nadir. Paddy Bawn Brosnan had an absolute stormer in the Munster Final. But he was the only Kerry player to emerge with any credit as Cork demolished them by 0-11 to 0-2. Certainly Seán Murphy could make no hand of Donie O'Donovan.

Steps had to be taken. Kerry secretary Micheál Ó Ruairc made some phone calls. A year later Tom Cronin, one of Cork's heroes that day, was back in Kerry colours. So was Tom Moriarty, and Ned Roche came back from Tipperary to his native county.

1953: The Miraculous Horseshoe

Seán Murphy had only played one National League game that year, coming on as a sub in another defeat to Cavan, and he missed the facile win over Clare in the Munster Championship, but he was back in the geansaí for the Cork game. The Rebels were obvious favourites after the previous year. Kerry had a

point to prove and did – they actually led by 1-4 to no score after a whirlwind opening. In the end it was 2-7 to 2-3, a very late goal giving Cork a veneer of respectability.

Louth in the All Ireland semi-final. Louth were a formidable team back then. In fact, reports indicate that they actually played more of the football that day but just couldn't put it on the scoreboard. Kerry had the cushion of two early goals from Tom Ashe and another from Seán Kelly (uncle of our MEP). They needed it; Louth actually cut the gap back down to two before Kerry edged clear on a 3-6 to 0-10 scoreline.

Armagh in the final. Jerome O'Shea was man of the match at cornerback. Paudie Sheehy had gotten well beaten by Stephen White. No shame in that; White was one of the best footballers in the country at the time. When it came to the crunch selection meeting, his father John Joe recused himself – by the time he came back, his son was no longer starting and no longer captain. Mitchels had no other starter so they nominated Jas. as Kerry captain. An early goal had Armagh ahead by 1-3 to 0-5 at the break. Kerry gradually pulled level and went two points in front. Then came the famous penalty – the story goes that Johnny Foley had a lucky horseshoe given to him by the great Danno Keefe and that was why Bill McCorry missed. A less interesting but a lot more honest story would take into account Jas. Murphy and Micksie Palmer running alongside McCorry and shouting at him, and Colm Kennelly jumping across his path as he began his run-up. Ah well, just like America's Wild West, 'when the legend becomes fact, print the legend'. The official attendance was just over 85,000 to see Kerry win by four points. In fact, people flocked through two broken-down gates. It didn't sound like a big deal back then, but a friend told me that people were passing children along overhead to keep them safe from the crush. At least 92,000 people got in, maybe more.

1954: Royal Revenge

Kerry were back, and back with a vengeance. They were favourites in 1954. Seán Murphy had firmly established himself at half back. He considered it his best position and would not be budged again, having filled a lot of different berths for Kerry previously. Kerry got out of Munster easily enough and beat Galway by 2-6 to 1-6. Meath in the final, and there weren't too many people expecting a Royal victory. Mick Dunne was the only pundit to tip Meath – but Mick Dunne was one of the greats in his own right.

That was a disservice to a great Meath team. Peter McDermott, the famous 'man in the cap', Kevin Lenehan, Nobby Clarke, Willie Rattigan....I get the impression that Paddy 'Hands' O'Brien was the best full back of his own or many eras. They were an aging team; this was the last chance saloon for many of them.

Man of the match was Tom Moriarty from Castlegregory, and he wore green and gold. Except that it was Meath's green and gold. Kerry's midfielder Tom Moriarty, also from Castlegregory, and his team-mates were wearing Dingle's red and white to avoid a clash of colours. It wasn't an issue beforehand



– Kerry had also worn Dingle jerseys and won an All Ireland Final in 1939. Guess who they had beaten? In fact, Meath had never beaten Kerry in a championship game?

Meath knew their history too, and they won fair and square. The day didn't start well. The Kerry minors, including the likes of Tim Barrett, Jack Dowling, Brendan Kennelly, Tom Long, Jim Foley, Teddy Dowd, Johnny Culloty, Fred Lynch....the likes of Tomo Burke, Teddy O'Sullivan, Johnny Foley, Eamonn Horan, and some lad called Mick O'Dwyer only just made the subs' bench. They looked better than Dublin, but a star turn from Vinnie Bell and a very late goal he created saw Dublin win out by 3-3 to 1-8. Dublin, and Bell, would also win the minor hurling.

The game started with referee Simon Deignan, who had refereed Kerry's Munster Final victory in 1947 before playing on the Cavan team that beat them in the Polo Grounds Final that year, and had also played county championship with Tralee's John Mitchels, chasing a small dog off the pitch...That's got nothing to do with Seán Murphy. It's just that there's no way I could resist the opportunity to write a sentence like that.

To cut a long story a tiny bit shorter, Meath were stronger, fitter, and faster than Kerry. John Joe Sheehan's goal shortly before half-time gave Kerry a tiny lifeline, but Meath were simply better overall. There was talk afterwards about banning collective training – Kerry, with ten players domiciled outside the county, apparently felt that it had given Meath an unfair advantage.

1955: Collective training was banned in 1955. I believe it complicated matters for everyone and equalled opportunities for no-one. Kerry only led Waterford by two points at half-time in their first game but blew them away in the second. Mind you, Kerry were without Jim Brosnan, studying medicine in the US, or the retired Jackie Lyne. Kerry had given championship debuts to Gerald O'Sullivan of Legion and Dan McAuliffe from Duagh, both of whom were working in South Kerry at the time. Poor ould South Kerry....arrah, they'd be more likely to win a County Championship than Waterford to beat Kerry! The idea that a Waterford side could beat Kerry in football....ah, hubris. But both of those are later stories. Seán missed that game but he was back for Cork.

Kerry needed him, needed everybody. Eamonn Young had Cork well primed. It was an absolute cracker. If anything Cork were better footballers, but hadn't any shooters like Paudie Sheehy (0-5) or Tadghie Lyne (0-4). Kerry edged a titanic battle by 0-14 to 2-6, with Cork desperately unlucky to crash a goal chance back off the post late on.

Confidence in Kerry wasn't high, and it didn't improve when they were haunted to draw against Cavan in the semi-final. With two minutes left, Kerry were two points down and barely hanging on. Seán won the ball, sent it to teenage Johnny Culloty, who crossed it into the Cavan square. Seamus Morris, the keeper, went to gather. But so did Phil 'Gunner' Brady, one of Cavan's Polo Grounds heroes. Tadghie Lyne had just a sliver of a chance as he nipped in....but

even a sliver was plenty for Tadghie Lyne. Goal, and Kerry a point up. More drama. Cavan got, and deserved, a late equaliser.

The replay saw a very low-scoring first half before Kerry cut loose with two goals early in the second half from John Joe Sheehan and Johnny Culloty and Mick Morris added two more for a comfortable Kerry finish.

Dublin had been the strongest early power in gaelic football, but that was largely based on immigration from rural areas. The GAA was essentially a 'culchie' sport, proudly so, soccer was the urban one and much riven by dissent, rugby was upper class. None of that may have been fair, but all of it was true.

Until Vincents. Love them or hate them – and a lot of Dublin inclined to the latter – but they were very much Dublin. Seán Murphy, who had given up teaching and gone to UCD to study medicine, had played Dublin Championship with Geraldines, although not under his own name. Vincents formed a homegrown core of the Dublin team and in 1955 they looked unbeatable, sweeping all before them. Heffernan, Des 'Snitchie' Ferguson, the Freaneys, Cathal O'Leary, Pádraig 'Jock' Haughey....Dublin to the core, and Dublin loved them. They were new, dashing, pace and precision. Kerry were cumbersome in comparison. Catch and kick was going to be replaced by panache....

Hubris. It'll get you every time. Let's be fair. Dublin were missing Norman Allen, Marcus Wilson, and Jim McGionness through injury and Kevin Heffernan needed an injection to play. Dublin actually put up a good battle, and Ollie Freaney's late goal had the gap at just three points, but with Tadghie Lyne on board with 0-6 and our own 'flying doctor' Jim Brosnan with two of his own, Kerry had pulled off a bit of a surprise win. Lyne was man of the match, but Seán Murphy featured prominently in that discussion too.

1956. Cork were hurting. It didn't get better quickly as they were hit by a long punt from Denny O'Shea dropping into the net. No problem. They had Kerry completely on the ropes in the first half, leading by 0-6 to 1-0 and with Neilly Duggan's goal disallowed. Kerry were barely hanging on and, in truth, a late goal from Dr. Jim Brosnan to snatch a draw was probably more than Kerry deserved. It was the same story in the replay. Cork were the better side and led by three points when John Cronin got a late goal to make it 1-7 apiece. This time though, Cork held their nerve. Neilly Fitzgerald kicked a winner and Kerry were out. Not an auspicious start for this young Mick O'Connell lad!

Another South Kerry lad made his debut a year later. Just Waterford, though, basically a formality. Except....Waterford 2-5 Kerry 0-10. And, look, spare me all the guff about Kerry's disarray; Waterford earned every bit of it. They took out Cork a few years later as well. Ardfer's Tom Collins played three Munster Finals in 36 hours that weekend – only one of those games is remembered now. It was a long road home for the likes of young O'Dwyer; probably even longer for veterans like Seán Murphy.

1958. Kerry actually got another serious fright

against Tipperary – that was the day that Mick O'Dwyer really made a name for himself. Two goals from Garry McMahon saw Cork off surprisingly comfortably, 2-7 to 0-3. There was a bit of a new name in the All Ireland semi-final. Ulster, apart from Cavan, hadn't really featured much in All Irelands. Tyrone had tried to make the breakthrough last year but were overhauled by Louth. This time out Derry, a highly respected Derry side that included Seán O'Connell, Jimmy McKeever, Roddy Gribben, and Patsy Gormley, saw off Kerry by a point after an absolute cracker.

1959. Seán was rested for the comfortable opening win over Tipperary but, inevitably, was back in situ against Cork. The big news was the return of the teenage corner forward from 1955. Johnny Culloty was back after an ACL injury (a career-ender for most back then), now as a goalkeeper. Cork still had dash and flair, but couldn't break Kerry's half back line of Seán Murphy, Kevin Coffey, and Mick O'Dwyer. A 2-15 to 2-8 victory was deserved overall.

Dublin in the semi-final. Several of the players on either side recall it as the best game they ever played in. Certainly they all gave it everything. Mick O'Connell lorded the first half and Dan McAuliffe got the vital goal. Cathal O'Leary went toe-to-toe with O'Connell in the second half – O'Leary was always under-rated outside his native county – and Pádraig Haughey and Ollie Freaney got goals, but Kerry prevailed on a 1-10 to 2-5 scoreline.

Croke Park, September 27th, 1959. Kerry versus Galway in Croke Park. Seán Murphy's finest hour, possibly by the best individual display in a game by any gaelic footballer. Frank Evers had given Galway the ascendancy with a goal after five minutes to put them in front. Kerry managed to draw level by half-time, 0-5 to 1-2. It was a day for defenders, really, with the likes of Enda Colleran, Jack Mahon, Jerome O'Shea, and Niall Sheehy. And one of them absolutely reigned supreme. Mind you....let's keep these grains of truth in the story – it was surprising that Galway kept playing it out to the left wing. I've heard it suggested that they wanted to avoid O'Connell in the middle.... nonsense. Frank Evers would have loved competing against Micko and Seamus Murphy, and was plenty good enough to do it. Galway's problems were two-fold. They just couldn't keep the ball away from Seán Murphy, and they couldn't keep their goal protected. Kerry took over, with two goals from Dan McAuliffe and another from Garry McMahon, to win by 3-7 to 1-4. In truth, it was as comfortable as it sounds. We'd see those Gaway players again and things would be nowhere near as comfortable for Kerry, but Seán Murphy would have retired from the inter-county scene by then.

Seán Murphy was the obvious certainty to follow in Jim McKeever's footsteps as the Texaco Footballer of the Year – Christy Ring won the hurling.

Seán was a beloved family doctor in Tralee and a devoted family man. Those aspects of his life are obviously far more important, but the fabric of Kerry is woven of football stories and there was none finer on any field than Dr. Seán Murphy. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dilis.



## FOSSA

### LOTTO

The numbers drawn on 20/04/2025 for a jackpot of €9,750 were 5, 10, 11, 23. There was no jackpot winner. The €40 consolation prize winners were; Audery Roche, Kevin McCarthy, Diarmuid O'Beaghlaigh, Emma Lenihan, Jade Houlihan. 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 DIV.2

Fossa had a much needed win over An Ghaeltacht on Sunday in the county league. The home side started with a flourish, a brilliant pass by Emmett O'Shea put Ruari Doyle through on goal and he duly finished with aplomb after only two minutes of play. It took An Ghaeltacht ten minutes to open their account but a brace of scores from Emmett O'Shea and a lovely point by Rian Colleran had Fossa leading by five points after 20 minutes. An Ghaeltacht had a purple patch and they drew level after their danger man, Ruaidhri O'Beaghlaigh struck for 1-01 within a minute, Emmett O'Shea pushed Fossa in front just before the break to leave the half time score Fossa 1-06, An Ghaeltacht 1-05. Killian Buckley opened the scoring in the second half with a well taken point, then Harry Buckley reacted quickest to a breaking ball to crash home a goal in the 10th minute. The very impressive Rian Colleran added his second of the day and from there on Fossa were in complete control, Tadgh O'Shea kicked a couple of two pointers to leave Fossa winners on a score of 2-14 to 1-11.

### COUNTY LEAGUE DIV.5

Our B team met a very strong Cromane side in this 4th round league game, they found it hard to break down the opposition defence and had only three points on the board at the break, courtesy of two frees from Kevin McCarthy and a 45 from Lee Lenihan. They started the second half well and goals from Mark Dennehy and Pdraig Burke within a minute gave them a chance but Cromane had too much firepower. Fossa never gave up and they had further scores from Lee Lenihan and Sean Dineen but it finished Cromane 2-20, Fossa 2-06.

### MINOR BOYS

Our minors emerged victorious from a high scoring East Kerry league game in Cordal on Monday evening. Scores from Harry O'Connor, Shay McCormick and Cathal Breen had Fossa ahead by one point after 15 minutes of play. David Butler and Mark Kennelly took control of midfield, winning some great ball and with Paddy Myers having a great game in defence, the forwards got a plentiful supply of ball. A slick passing move by Jack Hallissey and Harry O'Connor put Karl James O'Neill through for his first goal of the evening, he quickly followed this up with a second goal after a lovely pass from David Butler. Further points from Cathal Breen and Harry O'Connor left Fossa leading at the break, 2-11 to 1-4.

Cathal Breen got the first two scores of the second half to extend the lead but Cordal got a foothold after they scored their second goal on the 10 minute mark. Dara Whelton pulled off a couple of superb saves in this half to keep Cordal at bay, scores by Sam Clerkin, Shay McCormick,

Luke Clancy and a goal by Harry O'Connor gave Fossa breathing space again. Cordal were awarded a penalty which was brilliantly saved by Dara Whelton, they did manage to get a goal for their efforts shortly afterwards but a super pass from Mark Kennelly put Harry O'Connor through for his second goal of the night to leave Fossa winners on a score of 4-18 to 4-12.

### U16 BOYS - EAST KERRY LEAGUE

The Fossa U16 boys travelled to Rathmore for their second outing in the East Kerry League. They got off to a flying start with an early point from Mikey Moroney, quickly followed by a well-taken goal from James O'Meara. Rathmore responded with two points of their own, but Ross O'Gorman restored Fossa's lead with a fine score. Unfortunately, Fossa suffered a blow when Mikey Moroney was forced off due to injury early in the half. The game remained tightly contested, with both defences standing firm. Paddy Myers, Oisín Cryan, and Charlie Griffin impressed at the back with strong performances. Scores were exchanged evenly as the half progressed, and Fossa went into the break leading 1-4 to 0-5.

Rathmore came out stronger after the interval, overturning the two-point deficit with a quick goal and a point to go ahead by two. However, Fossa responded well with excellent points from James O'Meara, Luke Clancy, and Luke Rennie. Mateusz Golebicki brought great intensity to the forward line, winning crucial possession at vital times. Luke Clancy dominated the aerial battles while Eoin Bennett worked tirelessly to keep Fossa on the front foot.

Despite being hit with another sucker punch of a goal, Fossa kept their heads and replied in style with a fantastic goal from Donnacha Vaughan. The sides continued to trade scores heading into the final moments. Rathmore had a golden opportunity to steal the win, but Dara Whelton produced a brilliant save to deny them.

Nearing the closing stages, Mikey Moroney made a return to the field and with Rathmore leading by one, Morgan O'Brien made a superb interception. The ball found its way to Donnacha Vaughan out on the wing, and he coolly slotted the equalising point to leave the final score at 2-10 apiece.

It was a gutsy display from the Fossa boys, who showed tremendous character to battle back on multiple occasions and earn a hard-fought draw at the death.

### U15 BOYS FEILE DIV.3

The boys reached the Div 3 final on Easter Sunday after wins over Kenmare and Glenflesk in the opening stage, Churchill in the quarter final and Dingle in the semi-final.

They came up short against a physically strong Glenbeigh/Glencare/Cromane side. Credit to the Fossa boys they never gave up and played with skill and determination and heart until the final whistle. Well done players and managers.

### UNDER 13 BOYS

#### Fossa 3-13, Kilcummin 5-07

Fossa played out a thriller when they played Kilcummin in an U-13 challenge game. This was a great opportunity for our lads to test their skills against their East Kerry neighbours who are always very difficult opponents. The 1st half was most competitive with the hosts getting the better start to lead by 5 points at the short whistle on a score line of 3-08 to 3-03.

But Kilcummin upped their game considerably in the 2nd period and hit Fossa for 2 further goals to ensure a grandstand finish. Ryan Lynch pulled off a great penalty save in the closing minutes to keep Fossa's hopes alive. When Referee Cian Doyle blew the long whistle the game ended in a draw, a fitting conclusion to a great game. Fossa scorers: Mark O' Connor 1-03, Aaron O'Sullivan 0-04, Sean Doyle 1-01, Finian Swarwick 1-01, Eoin Murphy 0-02, Billy Brosnan 0-01, Rian O'Reilly 0-01. Fossa Team : Noah Keogh, Colm O'Sullivan, David Kennelly, Cian Sheehan, Rian O'Reilly, George Nomikas, Rory Salvador, Aaron O'Sullivan, Sean Doyle, Eoin Murphy, Mark O'Connor, Finian Swarwick, Luke Nott, Ryan Lynch, Peter Clifford, Billy Brosnan.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Huge congratulations to Tara O'Sullivan, Naoise O'Connor and Kelsey Cummins who are Munster U16 A Champions after overcoming Cork.

Down 10 points at half time, 0-02 to 2-06, the Kerry Girls came out all guns blazing and sent the game to extra time, 2-10 a piece. At the end of extra time it finished, Kerry 2-14, Cork 2-13.

Congratulations to Kerry Ladies Gaelic Football U16 Team and Mgt.

### HI ALL CLUB MEMBERS

We are continuing with our efforts to raise funds for the development of our Club facilities and it's wonderful to see the new dressing rooms advance week on week towards completion.

We are asking for your support again - little by little each week

If all our club members could bring €1 worth of plastic bottles/cans to the Clubhouse for the club to recycle and get the proceeds, eg if 300 members could bring €1 worth of bottles each week that could potentially generate €15k for the club.

But let's start small - next time when coming to Fossa GAA bring a euro worth of bottles.

Many thanks to Seamus Kelly who sourced our bin and will do the recycling for the club.

### FOSSA CLIMATE ACTION

Fossa Climate Action are hosting a Composting Workshop on Saturday, 26th April from 11-1pm at Fossa Community Centre. Admission is free, the workshop is being given by Donal O'Leary of Waste Down.

## KILLARNEY LEGION

### SENIOR MEN

Our Senior men collected their fifth point of the County league campaign when they shared the spoils with neighbours Spa in Direen on Sunday afternoon. Having led the game for all but the first five minutes you could argue that it was a point dropped but when you consider the absentee list it could be construed as a point gained. Another huge positive was the return of James O Donoghue, who looked sharp when introduced. The first half saw both sides enjoy spells of dominance with Spa starting brightly. But Finbarr Murphy and Ryan O Grady alongside the marauding Eoghan O Sullivan and Cian Gammell soon put us 0-6 to 0-2 clear. It would have been more but for a fine save from Spa netminder Shay O Meara to deny Brian O Shea. Spa finished the half stronger though thanks to the promptings of playmaker Joey McCarthy and it was a slender





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0-9 to 0-8 lead for Legion . David O Sullivan and Cian Gammell put some extra daylight in it but they would be thankful to custodian Brian Kelly who pulled off a magnificent stop. Finbarr Murphy and Brian O Shea pushed it out to 0-13 to 0-10 but Spa eventually narrowed it back to one, thanks to a two pointer. Ryan O Grady replied in kind and when Darragh Lyne slipped another it was now 0-18 to 0-14. But derbies can be fickle as Spa mounted a strong comeback . James O Donoghue looked to have quelled that momentum with a point but Spa worked another two pointer through Joey McCarthy to divide the points. Final score Killarney Legion 0-19 Spa 0-19.

The Senior B team faced Finuge on the same day at the North Kerry venue. With a number of absentees across both panel it was a big test of the playing resources and they put in a highly respectable performance to push Finuge all the way, before going down on a 1-13 to 1-11 scoreline.

#### U14 BOYS

The U14 boys played a combined Glenbeigh / Glencar/ Cromane in the latest game in 16B of County League on Monday evening last. This young team played their hearts out right till the end and came up a few scores short on the evening against a good team from Mid Kerry. Thanks to Glenbeigh /Glencar/ Cromane for travelling up for the game and to the referee who did a great job.

#### U16 BOYS

Our U16 boys played in Kenmare in Round 3 of Division 1 of the East Kerry League on Thursday evening and came away with another comfortable win. The lads played some very good, unselfish football throughout, and all the lads contributed to this fine win. Thanks to Kenmare, who never gave up and showed great heart and to Timmy Clifford for reffing. Our B team has 1 group game remaining, with Glenflesk A at home being the opposition. Date and time TBC. Our A team has topped their group, and now we await our opponent in the semi-final scheduled for next week. Again, date and time TBC.

#### U12 GIRLS

Our U12 girls played a well drilled and very skillful Dr Crokes team on Wednesday evening in Direen . Three good competitive games took place to help the girls progress their football ability .A big thanks to Amy Walshe for taking up

the whistle and refereeing on the night and also thank you to Dr Crokes for visiting and we wish them the best of luck for the season ahead.

#### KERRY U16S

Congrats to Sophie O Shea and Ali Bowler who both captured Munster medals this weekend with Kerry winning the u16 Munster LGFA U16 A final and the U16 Sharon O Keffe B final. Keep up the good work Sophie and Ali.

#### PRIMARY SCHOOLS GAME

Kerry won an epic Munster semi final.clash against Cork in Pairc Ui Chaoimh on Saturday night but the main event for the Hegarty family was Clodagh playing in the Primary Schools game at half time. Daughter of Sean and Christine she made memories that will last a lifetime as she got to play on the same sod as the likes of the Clifford brothers and Seanie O Shea.

#### LOTTO

Results Monday April 14th. Numbers were 6,10, 22, 26. Bonus No 18. Match 3s / Lucky Dips: 1. Joan Doran 2. Sharon O Grady 3. Demi G c/o Lake Hotel

## EAST KERRY

### EAST KERRY MINOR LEAGUE

#### Division 1

Rathmore 3.15 Crokes 2.12

Kenmare 6-11 Legion 0-11

#### Division 2

Glenflesk 1-16 Listry 2-10

Cordal 4-12 Fossa 4-18

#### Division 3A

Kilcummin 2-11 Firies 1-14

Beaufort 8-16 Spa 0-15

#### Division 3B

Gneeveguilla 6-17 Kenmare B 1-14

Finals scheduled for Monday April 28th.

### EAST KERRY U 16 LEAGUE

#### Div 1A

Dr Crokes 2-16 Listry 1-12

Cordal 3-14 Firies 5-24

#### Div 1B

Kilcummin 3-17 Spa 4-11

Kenmare 0-07 Legion 4-22

#### Div 2A

Kilgarvan 5-19 Gneeveguilla 5-09

Rathmore 2-10 Fossa 2-10

#### Div 2B

Beaufort 5-18 Scartaglen 6-04

### ALL IRELAND CHAMPIONSHIP

Well done to the Kerry Senior team on reaching the Munster Football Championship Final.

### JOE MCDONAGH CUP

Well done to the Kerry Hurler's on their superb win against Kildare in the opening round of the Joe McDonagh Cup.

## DR. CROKES

### SFL DIV. 5

#### Dr. Crokes 0:24 Lisperole 2:10

Our B side continued their unbeaten start to County League Division 5 with a well-deserved away win against an experienced Lisperole side. We played against a strong breeze and went in at half time level 0-11 to 2-5. Lisperole has used the long direct ball in the first half, and it caused plenty of difficulties for us but when we got to grips with this we settled down and played some very good football. Dara O Shea was the scorer in chief from play and frees. Aided by the elements in the second half we pulled clear with some great scores by Neil O Carroll, Aodhan Burns, Jack O Sullivan and Cian O Neill. Our defence was superbly marshalled by Sean Coppinger and Aaron Murphy. Our next game is next Saturday night at home v St Michael's Foilmore.

### MEMBERSHIP

Membership for the 2025 season is now due! Follow the link below [https://member.clubforce.com/memberships\\_cart\\_m.asp?LL\\_ID=734&intMF\\_ID=14394#topp](https://member.clubforce.com/memberships_cart_m.asp?LL_ID=734&intMF_ID=14394#topp)

**LOTTO** took place April 21st. Numbers drawn were 5, 16, 19, 26. Jackpot of €5,600 was NOT WON. 9 patrons matched 3 numbers and receive €45 each. Jackpot for draw on April 28th will be €5,900. Play online by following the link below and follow instructions attached [https://play.clubforce.com/play\\_newa.asp?ll\\_id=734#Anchor\(https://play.clubforce.com/play\\_newa.asp?ll\\_id=734#Anchor\)](https://play.clubforce.com/play_newa.asp?ll_id=734#Anchor(https://play.clubforce.com/play_newa.asp?ll_id=734#Anchor))

### DR. CROKES SHOP

You can shop worldwide on our online shop. Follow the link <https://www.oneills.com/shop-by-team/gaa/ireland/dr-crokes-gaa.html?p=2>

### BINGO

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

### NOTES

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



## MUNSTER U16 A CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL – AFTER EXTRA TIME Kerry 2-14 (20) Cork 2-13 (19)

**Venue:** Mallow GAA Complex  
**Referee:** Billy Cummins

Kerry are Munster U16 A Champions for the second year in a row following a game that went all the way against neighbours Cork. It took extra time to decide this titanic battle. Cork won the battle in the first half dominating the scoreboard and making better use of possession. Kerry struggled to get to grips with the first half and were guilty of some poor misses and wasteful distribution. Cork got up and running with a pointed free in the first minute from Carla O'Regan. Luck was on Cork's side shortly after when Róisín Ní Liatháin free dropped short unexpectedly with Kerry keeper Caoimhe O'Mahony unable to prevent it from going under the bar. Norma Murphy opened Kerry's account in the fifth minute. Róisín Ní Liatháin and Carla O'Regan with a brace saw the rebels open up a seven-point lead with five minutes of normal time remaining. Kerry had chances during this but were guilty of some poor decision making and execution. Cork's confidence was up and a goal from Róisín Ní Liatháin and a Caoimhe Foley point saw the rebels open up a commanding eleven-point lead. Iona Wynton free in first half injury time saw the deficit reduced to ten in what was going to be a very big task for the Kerry players and management to mount a comeback in the second half. With the players and management regrouped and focused for the second half Kerry got off to the right start with a free from Iona Wynton. Cork added a free from Carla O'Regan but Kerry appeared to be more settled and getting to grips with the game. The Kingdom added a brace of points from Lily Riordan and Norma Murphy. Despite Caoimhe Foley pointing for Cork, Kerry grew in confidence and belief. A Jessie Lynch converted free was swiftly followed by a goal from substitute Louise Ní Chiobháin who had just entered the game. Urged on by the support in the stand and the sideline Kerry were now the team in control despite still being five points behind with twelve minutes gone in the second half. What Kerry struggled with in the first half was now their strength and it was reflected on the scoreboard. Jessie Lynch free was soon followed by a converted penalty from Norma Murphy. Jessie Lynch had the sides level before captain Leah Griffin pointed the Kingdom in front for the first time in the game with a fine score. Jessie Lynch converted another free to push the Kingdom two in front. But credit to Cork they threw everything at Kerry. Two converted frees from Róisín Ní Liatháin would ensure this game went to extra time just like the 2024 decider did. Kerry started the first period of extra time full of confidence, determination and dominance.



U16 A Munster Champions



U16 Sharon O'Keeffe Tournament

Three converted free's from Jessie Lynch saw Kerry open up a three-point lead midway through the first period. Like all Cork teams do they fought throughout this period. Free's from Carla O'Regan and Sórcha O'Rourke reduced the deficit to the bare minimum ensuring the final period would be all to play for. A Jessie Lynch free saw Kerry go back into a two-point lead upon the start of the second period. Kerry had chances to further extend the lead but were guilty of some poor misses. No doubt tiredness was a factor at this stage but this was elevated by the heart and determination shown by everyone at this critical stage of the game despite Cork throwing everything at the Kingdom. A free late on from Róisín Ní Liatháin set up a nail-biting finish and despite late drama in front of the Kerry goal, the Kingdom held out for a deserving win. Kerry now go forward to the All Ireland Semi Final on Thursday 26th June. Details tbc.

Kerry Scorers: J Lynch (0-08 7f), N Murphy (1p – 02), L Ní Chiobháin (1-0), I Wynton (0-02f), L Riordan (0-01), L Griffin (0-01)  
Cork Scorers: R Ní Liatháin (2-05 5f), C O'Regan (0-05 4f), C Foley (0-02), S O'Rourke (0-01)  
Kerry C O'Mahony, N O'Connor, A Brosnan, S Lyons, S Chute, E Dillane, S Flynn, L Griffin (C), E O'Sullivan, L Riordan, I Wynton, J Lynch, N

Murphy, J O'Connor, K Cummins  
Subs: T O'Sullivan for S Chute, L Ní Chiobháin for J O'Connor, D O'Neill for L Riordan, A Doyle for I Wynton, L Riordan for D O'Neill, J O'Connor for J Lynch  
Cork: O McGrath, H Sweeney, A Kelleher, D O'Flaherty, A Kearney, H Deasy, C O'Regan, A Coughlan (C), C Ní Mhocháin, R Ní Liatháin, L O'Connor, C O'Regan, N O'Connor, K Crowley, C Foley  
Subs: E Motherway for D O'Flaherty, S Keane for K Crowley, S O'Rourke for C Foley, O O'Brien for N O'Connor, A O'Reilly for H Sweeney

## U-16 SHARON O'KEEFFE B FINAL Kerry 8-18 Limerick 2-6

By Anthony Newman

Kerry were crowned Munster U16 B Sharon O'Keeffe Ladies Football Cup winners at Mallow on Saturday. The Kingdom were outstanding as a team, but



their captain Grace O'Sullivan certainly led by example as she finished the game with 5-6 to her name.

They had other impressive performances as well, including the likes of Holly Ryan, Erin Evans, Holly Burke, and Ali Bowler.

Limerick were in front inside the first minute when Ciara Murphy pointed from a free.

It didn't take Kerry long to equalise, as from the restart Erin Evans played Maire Eilis Nic Gearailt in to score.

Kerry took the lead from the kick-out when Sadbh Dowling got their second point.

They put two between the sides when Grace O'Sullivan made it 0-3 to 0-1 after seven minutes.

A minute later and they scored the game's first goal, with Dowling and O'Sullivan combining for the latter to find the back of the net.

Erin Evans added a point, before Kerry had two more goals in less than a minute.

O'Sullivan turned provider this time as she put Holly Burke through to score. Less than a minute later Ally Russell set up O'Sullivan for her second goal, to make it 3-4 to 0-1 after 12 minutes.

Limerick were unlucky not to pull a goal back when Sophia Neville's effort came back off the post and the danger was cleared.

Murphy got Limerick's second point, from another free, as they started to settle into the game.

They got the goal they deserved after 17 minutes when a long free in broke to Medb Kiely and she made no mistake, to make it 3-4 to 1-2.

But Kerry didn't panic and worked the ball up

the pitch as O'Sullivan got her third, and Kerry's fourth, goal to keep them well in front.

O'Sullivan added another point, before Evans struck for their fifth goal, to make it 5-5 to 1-2 after 25 minutes.

Caoimhe O'Sullivan and Holly Burke added points for the Kingdom before Limerick got their second goal.

A free in from Emma Sommers was caught by Ava Walsh and she turned to score.

Grace O'Sullivan got a late point for Kerry as her side led by 5-8 to 2-2 at half-time.

Murphy got the first score of the second half, when she pointed from a free for Limerick with Evans replying at the other end.

Evans scored another point before Grace O'Sullivan got another goal, as the Kerry captain was well and truly leading by example, 6-10 to 2-3.

Murphy added a point for Limerick and with 45 minutes played it was 6-11 to 2-4 in Kerry's favour.

Amy Moriarty added two points for the Kingdom, not long after coming on as a sub, before Dowling struck for their seventh goal, after 48 minutes.

Grace O'Sullivan and Evans were among late point scorers for Kerry as they ran out deserving winners on the day.

Scorers for Kerry: G O'Sullivan 5-6, E Evans 1-5, H Burke, S Dowling 1-1 each, A Moriarty 0-3, M Nic Gearailt, C O'Sullivan 0-1 each.

Limerick: M Kiely, A Walsh 1-0 each, C Murphy 0-5 (3f), K O'Connor 0-1.

KERRY: G O'Regan; A O'Sullivan, L O'Sullivan, E Greaney; K Griffin, A Bowler, E Allman; C O'Sullivan, A Russell; S Dowling, H Ryan, M Nic

Gearailt; H Burke, E Evans, G O'Sullivan.

Subs: A Sweeney, C McNamara Moore, A Kelly, A Moriarty, M O'Connor, A O'Connor, C Heasman, E Quill, K Crowley, R Curran, E Tangney, A Noonan.

LIMERICK: K Sherin; K Dooley, A Williams, M Madigan; C Clifford, S Finnerty, K Sheehan; E Sommers, K O'Connor; K Hogan, C Murphy, M Kiely; S Neville, A Walsh, E Madigan.

Subs: G O'Donnell, C O'Sullivan, G Burton, A Dore, M O'Connor, T Doyle, O O'Connor, E Ryan, M Gleeson, R Barry, M Collins, M Conway, C Mulcahy.

Referee: David Grogan, Tipperary

#### TG4 Munster LGFA Senior Championship Round 1

**CORK -V- KERRY**

Saturday 26th April

Throw in: 2pm

Cloughduv GAA

#### Munster LGFA Senior B Championship Round 1

**KERRY -V- CORK**

Saturday 26th April

Throw in: 6:30pm

Killarney Legion GAA Club

#### Munster Minor Championship Final

**CORK -V- KERRY**

May 3rd - Mallow GAA Complex - Throw in 4pm (TBC)

#### Munster Minor Championship Round 5

**Kerry 2-09 -v- Cork 4-12**



The inspirational Kerry Ladies LGFA - crowned winners of the 13th National Football League Division 1 against Armagh, took part in a panel discussion with Fexco staff in Iveragh Road. from left, Caoimhe Evans, Captain Siofra O'Shea, Fay O'Donoghue, Roisin Smith, Eilis Lynch and Niamh Broderick.  
Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan





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Healthy soil is essential for healthy plants, crops, and healthy wildlife. Soil is the topic of the first workshop hosted by Fossa Climate Action Group and it takes place this Saturday at Fossa Community Hall.

This workshop is facilitated by Donal O' Leary of Waste Down and will focus on turning your food waste, grass clippings, and garden waste into rich compost for your garden. Donal has 25 years of experience in the area of compost and this weekend he will impart his knowledge through a practical and interesting workshop. The workshop is for anyone with an interest in gardening, soil health, and food waste reduction and will run from 11am to 1pm in Fossa.

'It is a great start off our series of workshops with Donal O' Leary of Waste Down. He has a vast knowledge on the fundamentals of soil health and explains it in simple and understandable language.

Everyone can compost whether you have a big garden or none at all. Each method will be explained in detail' says Diarmaid Griffin of Fossa Climate Action Group.

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(Hebrews 4:16 NLT).

Welcome back dear student, continuing on from last week on God supplying our needs. We needed a Saviour and through God's Son Jesus we are delivered from the wages of sin, which is death (Romans 6:23). The Lord Jesus defeated death as God raised Him back to life - for you and me, and all who would believe in Him, as a guarantee that we will receive everlasting life (1 Corinthians 15:20-22). The fear of death is a torment (Hebrews 2:14-15). A fear that haunts many people is where will they end up after they die? What will happen if I'm not as 'good enough' as I thought for God to accept me, and I don't make it into Heaven? Uncertainty is never a good place to be. Wouldn't you like to know for sure friend? Folks joke that they might have to burn somewhere for a while because of how they've lived, but it's no joking matter. The Word of God clearly lays out the Truth. Firstly, there's no purgatory mentioned in Scripture. 'Absent from the body is present with the Lord' - that means when we close our eyes on this earth for the last time, we open them in eternity (2 Corinthians 5:8). Hell is real and it's no party. This isn't a word to frighten you friend, for Jesus gave His life to redeem and deliver us and God wants you to live assured (John 3:16; Ephesians 2:1-10).

Often I see the bars overflowing with people partying, singing, and dancing. There's nothing wrong with enjoying yourself, it's great to see someone happy - but the enemy has trapped people in sinful lifestyles that bring them into bondage. For many, the partying masks inner turmoil. The fanciful notion that hell is party-central, and heaven is just boring and no fun at all - is far from the Truth. Hell was made for Satan and his demons, that's their abode: eternally separated from God's Presence in darkness and anguish. God never intended His creation to end up there. However, He gave us a free will for us to choose whether we spend eternity with Him in heaven, or separated from Him forever, with no second chances.

There is only One Way to know our eternal destination - that is by accepting Jesus Christ as Lord, giving him our whole heart, and acknowledging that His sinless life, death, and resurrection paid the price for our freedom (John 14:6). And there is no other Saviour, and no shortcut through anyone else but Jesus! (Acts 4:12) No matter how good a life we live, that is not a free pass into heaven. Only through the Blood of the Saviour can we come into God's Presence washed and cleansed from our sins (1 John 1:7-9). There's no special prayers after death that will change the outcome. God doesn't change His mind. He's not looking to mess up our fun, but if one's lifestyle is exalting darkness - in opposition to God's principles, we need to make a change and quick! How? By repenting (Romans 10:9-13). That means turning from sin. Whether that is sexual immorality, unforgiveness, a slanderous tongue, lying, cheating, offence, stealing, or hurting others by our actions, we need to ask God's forgiveness and accept Jesus as Lord, and correct the course to follow Him in obedience to His Word. That doesn't mean being 'holier than thou' - it's more than just show. Jesus rebuked those who were full of religious activity but were living in a different manner (Mark chapter 7). Talk is cheap - character is everything.

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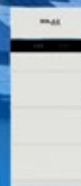
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