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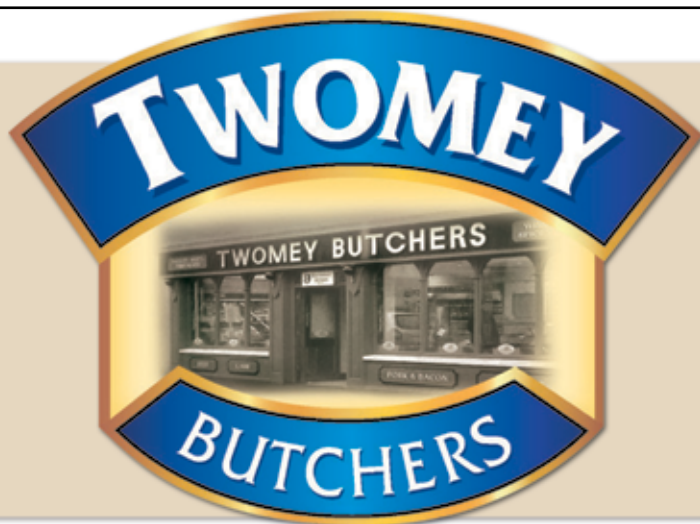
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# Macroom Twinning

**Macroom is twinned with Bubry in Brittany and Marcallo con Casone in Italy and in normal times visits by groups from each of the town is a central part to keeping alive the friendships which have developed between them.**

During the past year the twinning groups in each town have been in contact with each other and in March 2021 the three groups held a teleconference to make plans for 2021. On St Patrick's Day in the past Macroom has been entertained by the Breton band, Bagad Sant Euen from Bubry and the Brass and Reed band from Marcallo and in more recent years twinning groups from France and Italy have come to Macroom in summertime.

De La Salle College Macroom had a vibrant exchange arrangement with the second level school in Marcallo. Just as St Patrick's Day is a major festival in Macroom, so is the Feast of San Marco in Marcallo on April 25th and twinning groups and school trips normally travelled to Italy at this time of year.

Last year Covid lock downs made such trips impossible and as it became clear that this April would not bring any improvement, the town council in Marcallo decided to celebrate San Marco Day virtually, just as Macroom had done in March.

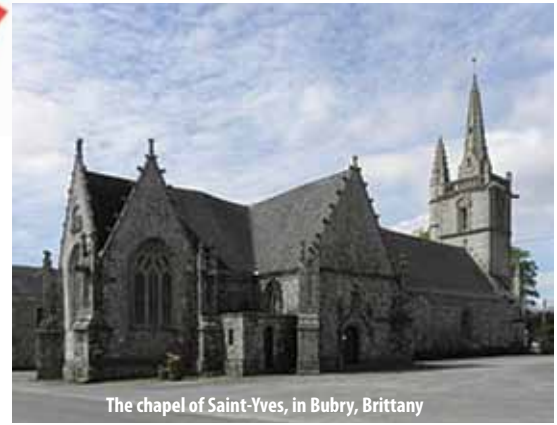
The council put together a full day of special events to be streamed online and as Macroom had done, the programme included messages from their twinned towns, in this case Macroom and Bubry. Chairman of the Macroom Municipal District Council in his message for the feast day, spoke of the links between the towns which have developed over the years and the mutual benefits arising from such links, wished the Marcallese community well in Covid times and looked forward to happier days to come when travel will again be the norm and safe.

Italian Minister for Tourism Massimo Garavaglia also spoke and Macroomians will remember Massimo, a former mayor of Marcallo con Casone who has welcomed many Macroom groups to Northern Italy over the years. Over the course of the day many items of a cultural nature were streamed including an Irish music item.

The Italian organisers of the day's festivities in organising their celebration expressed the wish, "Obviously our hope is to return to living these moments as a community as soon as possible. It would mean that we have finally left this very bad period of pandemic behind us. That is a sentiment being echoed all over the world.



Macroom Castle



The chapel of Saint-Yves, in Bubry, Brittany



Marcallo con Casone in Italy



## Macroom Lions Club

Which Local Club or Charity is Close to Your Heart?



Macroom and District Lions Club is ready to donate a total of €2,000 (4x €500 donations) to local clubs and charities as part of its Big Community Give-Back campaign. The deadline for the campaign was recently extended to 28th May and now the Club is calling on people of all ages to take part in an effort to 'give back' to local clubs and charities that may be struggling due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Big Community Give Back Campaign invites people across Macroom and its districts to show you care by showing WHAT, WHO, or WHERE you are grateful for right now and nominating a deserving club or charity to receive one of the four €500 donations available.

The Lions Club has already received some amazing entries to its Big Community Give-Back Campaign and in the final weeks of the campaign, the Club is reminding people to get their entries in before 28th May. Physical entries can be dropped into the special boxes that are at: Matt Murphy's Pharmacy; O'Leary's SuperValu; Evelyn's Shop; and Macroom Credit Union. Entries can also be received online via Facebook, Instagram or TikTiok (simply use #MacroomLionsClub).

The Club invites entries in the form of artwork, photography, music, dance, poetry, or even an Instagram or TikTok video!

There are four categories for entries:

- Up to 12 years

- 13 years – 17 years
- Adults (18years+)
- Social Media (TikTok, Instagram or Facebook)

Each entry must include

- (1) name and contact details
  - (2) the category being entered
  - (3) the nominated charity or club.
- Social media entries must also include #MacroomLionsClub and mention the nominated club or charity (without the hashtag, entries will not be eligible).

Group submissions are also welcome. Please see the terms and conditions of the competition on the Macroom Lions Club Facebook page.

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# Saving Eden. The Gearagh and Irish Nature

by Kevin Corcoran

The Gearagh was the last, virginal stand of Primeval River Forest in Western Europe to have survived from the time of its formation, at the end of the last ice age nine thousand years previously, up to 1950. Only then, was the bulk of the forest clear-felled to make way for the flood waters of a hydro-electric reservoir, while the unique 'forest-dwelling' community that had lived within it was equally obliterated.

Remarkable upon for centuries the Gearagh has, however, left its mark, with none more celebrated than within the famous lament 'Caoineadh Airt Uí Laoghaire'. Composed by the heartbroken Eibhlín Dubh Ní Chonaill, following her husband's callous murder at Carriganimmy in 1773 through the imposition of the brutal Penal laws, she recounts within one verse her strange dream of the future. How prophetic she was regarding the Gearagh!

*ar leaba im' aonar:  
gur thit ar gcúirt aolda,  
gur chrion an Gaortha,*

*alone, I dreamt  
our bright-limed home tumbling  
the Gearagh all withering,*

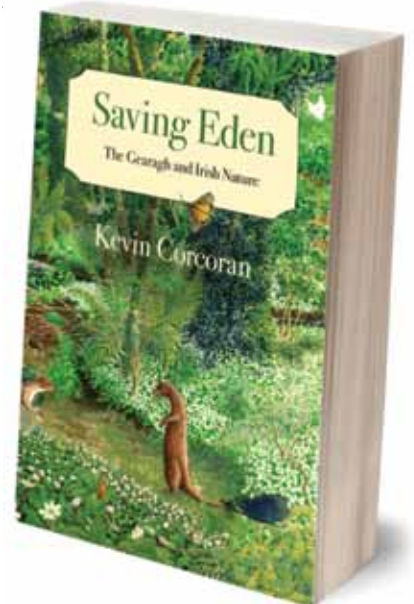
Located on the middle section of the River Lee, near Macroom in County Cork, the Gearagh had escaped deforestation due to its fortuitous location on a bizarre, inland delta. Here, on exiting the Cork and Kerry mountains, the river expanded outwards into a gigantic floodplain as it broke up into an intricate maze of multi-branching streams. Continually dividing, joining and re-dividing, the channels ensnared a network of alluvial islands covered in temperate rainforest. At its heart it contained a tortuous tangle of fallen trees amidst a quagmire of deep pools and sucking muds that was impossible to fully penetrate or cross. All strangers when attempting to enter it lost their way and could neither get in nor out as they continually went around in circles through mental disorientation, the dreaded meascán mearaidhe. As a consequence, it had remained wholly unspoiled over the millennia to preserve a fascinating forest ecology, wildlife biodiversity and human culture.

Its inner core of islands, were smothered in a breath-taking carpet of forest flowers, the upper canopy sported spectacular 'sky gardens' of rare oceanic mosses, liverworts, ferns and lichens, while its streams hid a fragile world of freshwater pearl mussels and sponges.

Intriguingly, it also contained the very last 'forest dwelling' community in western Europe to survive into modern times. Descendant from the semi-subsistent, forest inhabitants of Ireland's earlier medieval period, they retained their Irish language and both customs and folklore that are now hard to believe. They fashioned their own shoes from timber, used the trees to construct everything from simple shelters to chairs and cradles, distilled the finest of poitin and possessed an extraordinary knowledge of forest plants medicinal and practical uses, with none more unusual than their seventeenth century pot scourers. They constructed unique flat-bottomed boats to travel through the forested maze of channels, whereby they used its labyrinthine fastness as a place of sanctuary when threatened and hid numerous rebels and outlaws when on the run. These included those fleeing the dreaded Black 'n Tans during Ireland's War of Independence to those evading the draconian Penal Laws of the eighteenth century, as in the heroic Robin Hood character Shaun Ruadh on Ghaorthaidh, or Red-haired Sean of the Gearagh.

Their folklore was as diverse and contained elements of a forgotten past, but there was none more unusual than their list of Faideoireachta an Ghaorthaidh. or Gearagh prophecies. Each beginning with the words 'Tiocaidh an la' ... (the day will come ...), these not only predicted their own demise and the destruction of the Gearagh but also gave clues as to what strange happenings the future would bring, including the return of plague to Ireland, the loss of every pub between Bantry and Cork and how, although the people will be living in mansions, they will starve within them!

Tragically, the bulk of these details have become lost to human memory, thereby allowing past abuses to be repeated on an ongoing basis. Using the bitter lessons learned from the devastation of the Gearagh, Saving Eden confronts the seemingly unbreakable bond between rampant brute progress and the present ruination of our environment, human culture, and heritage. There is no better example than what wiped out the Gearagh, Corporate Energy Production. Alongside the inexcusable negligence by our political administrators to diligently implement the EU's environmental laws, ('EU Commission takes Ireland to the EU Court of Justice' Independent.ie 3 July 2020), the present explosion in wind farms across Ireland's unspoiled landscapes are, in too many cases, monstrous repetitions of the Gearagh



tragedy. Pristine ecosystems are obliterated, rural communities devastated and, ironically, climate change is exacerbated: all under the derisory banner of environmental protection. To me, personally, the colossal wind turbine towers look more like gargantuan crucifixes crowning the hills, their paired red-eyes peering down on top of us all at night like watch towers from Auschwitz concentration camp, whereby I now perceive our once spectacular Upper Lee Valley as something more akin to a grotesque 'Graveyard from Hell'. In tracing the chronicles of the Gearagh, Saving Eden introduces the history of Ireland's once expansive temperate rainforests, the customs of past cultures that depended on them, the manner by which both were destroyed by brute progress and critically, how modern society maintains this legacy of horrendous environmental destruction. Offering a better way forward Saving Eden advances the concepts of bio-economics and energy conservation, as achievable through sustainable living. Beautifully adorned with poetry, ink and watercolour illustrations, Kevin also outlines the benefits and wonders of nature that will bring joy, hope and inspiration to all those that appreciate a healthy environment, wilderness and the outdoors.

**AVAILABILITY:**

Due to pandemic restrictions Saving Eden is available nation-wide as a soft-back through Vibes and Scribes bookshop in Cork and Fitzgerald Bookshop Macroom. (E 20). It can also be purchased directly from Murphy's Costcuttesr Store, Massytown, Macroom. E-book versions are available. A black-and-white, soft-back version is available through Amazon.



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McEgan Students and Teachers during Active Inclusion Week (1)

## ACTIVE INCLUSION WEEK AT MCEGAN COLLEGE

Active Inclusion Week took place in McEgan College from April 26th to April 30th. All students were encouraged to get involved and to get moving on a daily basis. This is a national initiative and is part of the Governments Keep Well campaign. Being active is important to everyone's health and wellbeing and supports young people in their learning.

Many activities took place throughout the week including a 5km walk/run, outdoor hiit workout classes, yoga, Pilates, kickboxing, soccer penalty shoot, skipping and supervised cycling around the Macroom area. A big emphasis was placed on encouraging the students to reconnect with each other and to enjoy the activity that they were taking part in. Many thanks to all the teachers and SNAs who got involved and to Mr Devane, PE teacher, who co-ordinated the event.

## BANK OF IRELAND'S MONEY SMART COMPETITION

5th Year Business students took part in the Bank of Ireland's Money Smart Competition on Tuesday 27th April competing against students from schools all over the country. The Money Smarts Challenge is a virtual national secondary school competition that combines financial literacy education with a fun challenge. Questions surrounded topics like investment, income and expenditure, fraud and online safety. The MC's were the well-known celebrities James Patrice and Lottie Ryan, adding fun to the event. Well done to all involved.

## INTERVIEW SKILL WORKSHOP FOR LEAVING CERT APPLIED CLASSES

Ms Michelle Dinneen from Ardin Career Development hosted an interview skills workshop recently with our LCA5s and LCA6s. Michelle is qualified to master's level in Human Resource Leadership and is a Master Trainer and

so the insight she was able to give the students in relation to what to expect in an interview was invaluable. The workshop was practical and interactive and will no doubt be of huge benefit our students in their upcoming job/ PLC course/ apprenticeship interviews. The students benefitted from the knowledge Michelle has gained in Human Resources training in numerous multinational companies such as Johnson & Johnson, Pepsi, Stryker, Boston Scientific, MSD Brinny to name a few. The students were very positive in their feedback with the main take home point being.... Preparation, Practice, Impress

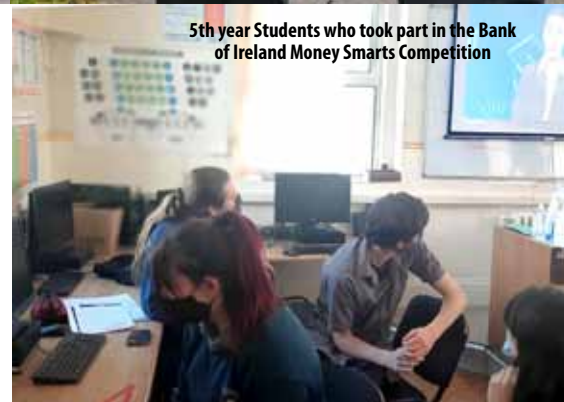
## TY'S REACH NATIONAL SOCIAL ENTERPRISE FINAL 2021

McEgan College can be so proud of the TY Team who represented them in the National Final which was held on Friday the 7th of May. The team of Ricardo Belo, Liva Kreituze, Avril O'Dea, Javier Zaragoza & Tyrone Wilmot did their presentation of "Litter Warden" on a ZOOM Conference Call. With over five thousand students starting out on the Social Enterprise Competition originally, the Team qualified as one of three finalists. This is truly a amazing achievement for this group of young entrepreneurs and they're to be congratulated on getting so far in the competition. The school has a very strong "Green Agenda" and has recently applied for their third green flag. It was appropriate then that the Students would research a social enterprise project that would run parallel with their vision and ethos. Litter Control is still a problem not alone in our community but nationally, so a prototype that would be eye-catching was designed and "Litter Warden" was born. Although the Students didn't get first prize on this occasion, they can be very proud of their achievements. They are fantastic ambassadors for our school

*Well done to one all!*



McEgan Isobel Roberts and Aisling Ni O Leary



5th year Students who took part in the Bank of Ireland Money Smarts Competition



McEgan Transition Year Students Tyrone Wilmot, Avril O Dea and Riccardo Bello who competed in the National Social Enterprise Final .



McEgan third year students Maya O Mahony, Lucy O Callaghan, Aisling Ni O Leary, Lauren O Sullivan taking part in outdoor activities during Active Awareness Week

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# St. Mary's News



Darkness into light - 5th year students



Darkness into light - 1st year students



Rowen Moore, Niamh Murray, Marissa Duarte and Niamh Deasy decorating reception for darkness into light

## HISTORY TALK

We were very grateful to Anaïs Jacqueline, French Language Assistant at St Mary's this year, who gave a fascinating presentation to Third Year students on the D Day Landings in France. Anaïs hails from Villers Bocage in Normandy, close to the beaches where the Allied invasion took place in 1944. She outlined some of the major aspects of the operation, and at the memorials that stand today. She also described how her own family became directly caught up in the events of the World War II. The girls really enjoyed this very informative presentation. Thanks so much Anaïs.

## DARKNESS INTO LIGHT

In 2009, in the Phoenix Park in Dublin, 400 people set off on the inaugural Darkness into Light 5km walk to raise funds for Pieta House. From small beginnings, the movement has continued to grow, and around 200,000 people now take part in the event annually. Each year the walk provides an opportunity for people to connect with their local community and to show their support for those who have been impacted by suicide. Since Darkness into Light began, almost €29 million has been raised, this money has enabled Pieta House to keep their doors and their 24/7 helpline open for people in crisis, free of charge! Although in 2021 we may not be able to gather together as we have before, our Student Council organised a non-uniform day on the theme of "Darkness into light", where all students and staff were asked to wear yellow and black in support of this wonderful cause, each student brought in a €2 donation. The school body also walked 600km from "Malin Head to Mizen head" around the school complex. The Student council created an Information board on suicide awareness and the "Wellness Ambassadors" created and decorated a Reflection corner. These days are a challenge for all of us as we try our best to protect ourselves and our communities from Covid 19. It is so important to look after ourselves and each other during these challenging times. At St Mary's we are very aware of the importance of mental health awareness and we are always so grateful for the support of Pieta House. Well done and thank you to all. We raised €840.....

## SOROPTIMIST IRELAND GIRLS' PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

Last week Emma Cahill (TY) was awarded her Soroptimist Ireland Girls' Public Speaking Competition certificates and prizes. She won the Local District Heat and was chosen to represent the district at the Regional Final. We are so proud of her for getting this far and for representing our school so well. She addressed current social issues that affect our country today and delivered her

speech with confidence and professionalism. Well done Emma and thank you to Mr McLaughlin for presenting the awards to her.

## ALL IRELAND FINAL FOR ST MARYS IRISH DEBATING

Thug Tomás Ó Cadhla ó Ghael Linn i mBaile Átha Cliath cuairt orainn inniu chun duaiseanna a bhronnadh ar na cailíní a bhí páirteach sa chomórtas óráide an Phiarasaigh i mBlana. Ghlac Abigail Ní Chéilleachair agus Áine Ní Shuíocháin páirt sa chéad bhabhta den chomórtas seo, d'éirigh le hAoi bhe Ní Chéilleachair agus Sadbh de Búrca áit a fháil sa Chraobh Réigiúnach tar éis dhá bhabhta a bhuachaint agus glacfaidh Anna Ní Mhathúna agus Cara Ní Mhaoldomhnaigh páirt i gCraobh na hÉireann an tseachtain seo i ndiaidh dhá bhabhta a bhuachaint agus an chraobh réigiúnach a bhuachaint. Táimid fíor bhródúil as na cailíní seo ar fad!! Guimíd gach rath ar an mbeirt atá páirteach i gCraobh na hÉireann. Táimid ag tnúth go mór le sibh a fheiscint beo ar YouTube Gael Linn an tseachtain seo chugainn

## ZOOM WITH PROFESSOR LUKE O NEILL

Last week two students from Our Student Council, Gemma Munroe and Geraldine McCarthy, took part in a live zoom call with Professor Luke O'Neill. "The call was very interesting, Mr O Neil commented on how important it is to have an active student council in schools. Prof. Luke answered questions that had been sent to him by students. One question that we found interesting was "if you can smell someone's perfume are you close enough that you could get Covid?" Prof. Luke told the students that it doesn't matter if you can smell their perfume or cologne but what is important is the time you spend with a person and if you are in an enclosed area or if you are outside. We learned about how the vaccine works, the first vaccine is 80% effective and then the second dose is 95% effective. There were many other questions that were not usually answered in the News or by doctors, this is what made the zoom so interesting and enjoyable. It was really nice hearing people from other schools and what they had to say on the matter."

## TY IBEC PRESENTATION

Transition Year students attended a symposium on Wednesday last. Organised by IBEC. This a virtual event that gave students insights into future careers as well as motivational presentations from business leaders. Topics included Designing your Future, The World of Work, Educational Pathways and Life Skills for Success.

It was a very informative morning which the TY students appreciated, given that they didn't have work placements in this academic year.

## FIRST CUT! YOUTH FILM FESTIVAL COMPETITION

Congratulations to Nora Twomey, 2nd Year, who won first prize in her category in the First Cut! Youth Film Festival Competition. First Cut! Youth Film Festival provides young filmmakers between the ages of 12 and 24 with a platform for screening their short films. It is committed to fostering the creative development of young filmmakers from every background and provides a broad range of programming from animation workshops and screenings for primary school students right up to events aimed at emerging filmmakers entering the film industry in their early twenties. First Cut! is youth centred, placing great emphasis on bringing young filmmakers together. It is a positive story centred around young people and their extraordinary creativity. Diversity and inclusion are core values for this festival. The festival creates a space where young filmmakers can share their passion for making films with their peers. Nora entered a category called Creating stories from the past. Nora had to create a short film where she had to incorporate archive film footage in to her film. There were 14 in the category, a winner and two runner up prizes were awarded. Well done Nora, your film was amazing, so professional. Congratulations also to the very talented actresses, Aimee Sheehan, Eimear O'Connor and Gemma Munro - the stars of the show! We are very proud of you Nora, well done and well deserved.



Gemma Munro and Geraldine McCarthy who attended a zoom call with professor Luke O'Neill



Emma Cahill receiving her prize for the soroptimist ireland girl's public speaking competition.

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# CDYS

## Cloyne Diocesan Youth Services students plant the 'Good lives' tree and the 'Fiadh' Tree in the Castle Demesne with Ted Cook

Fiadh and I were delighted to join CDYS students who were undertaking horticulture training for a Level 4 QQI Sport and Recreation. Ted Cook was on hand to educate and monitor the movement of 'trenched' trees to their forever homes.

Students prepped the soil with seaweed powder, potted the trees, infilled the hole and protected the bottom of the trees with rabbit protectors. It was wonderful to be part of a group so enthusiastic and interested in the redevelopment of this section of land, all the students expressed great joy being able to work outdoors and to learn from Ted Cook. They now leave behind them, a beautiful woodland. Which with love, care and attention will bring joy to the local community for many years to come. What a mark to leave on the world.

A special thanks to Ted Cook and Karen O' Callaghan who allowed us be part of a wonderful community moment.



Ted Cook, CDYS students & Fiadh planting trees on the 5th of May (Pic's Sarah Kate Murphy)

# MACROOM TIDY TOWNS

## Macroom Tidy Towns and National Biodiversity Week, May 17th to 23rd 2021.

### So what does biodiversity mean?

This refers to biological diversity, the variety of life that we see around us everywhere, the trees, the flowers insects, mammals, birds and fish. People are very conscious of wider global issues from hearing about these is the media, but many are more now more conscious of their local environment as well, particularly so due to the pandemic.

Everybody has a part to play in enhancing biodiversity no matter how small one's garden might be. Consider leaving an 'untidy' corner, and that might include some deadwood, leaves and the likes. This promotes larvae of various types, which in turn provides feed for the birds and attracts them to your garden. Consider a water pond or water feature, again an attraction for the birds. Bird boxes, made by the Mens's Shed are another feature that are simple, cheap and effective and how lovely it is to see these being used by small birds nesting.

Cutting of grass is another area where you can play your part is enhancing biodiversity. While lawns and open spaces need to be managed, perhaps cutting the borders regularly will suffice and less

regular cutting in areas unless these are very regularly used, and perhaps no cutting, or just one cut a year in other sections. Macroom now has a Pollinator Plan, developed in conjunction with Co Co ecologist and management of grass cutting in the green areas on approach roads and in the housing estates is a major element of this plan. The Tidy Towns have been actively involved for some years now in managing grass cutting in the residential estates and have been promoting this. However, there is still a requirement for increased appreciation by residents and more local involvement. There are opportunities for all residential estates to get involved and all these have some areas that could benefit by having a plan that promotes biodiversity. This may be additional planting of suitable trees and shrubs, or areas for pollinators and we would ask that residents consider this. Tidy Towns will advise and will provide some support to suitable projects. Selecting suitable trees and shrubs to plant is a major help to biodiversity. The Tidy Towns Biodiversity Garden in Masseytown Park provides an example and information on this. The best trees and shrubs to select are natives, and those that will have flowers, seeds, berries and fruit. Birds is another area that is being focused on, particularly those species in decline, the swifts and the barn own. With support from IRD and the Council, the tidy towns have erected a swift tower in the mart area, and have erected triple nesting boxes for swifts at various locations and also owl nesting boxes. Last year, together with Macroom and District Gun Club, we released 50

you mallard into the river between Town Park and Castle Demesne and some of these are still to be seen locally.

Managing of invasive species is another aspect of promoting biodiversity. Locally the Japanese Knotweed is managed by a contractor on behalf of the council. Sightings of this should be reported to the council.

Rhododendron is another that goes out of control, killing off all other species as it keeps spreading and needs to be managed also. Finally, use of sprays is not environmentally friendly. Any spraying of herbicides and insecticides should be considered seriously and avoided where possible. Tidy Towns have purchased an edging machine and this is available to residential estates to cut grass at edges of paths that otherwise may be sprayed.



Pupils from the Junior room Muinefiuch NS with their jungle animal masks



Pupils from the senior room Muinefiuch NS who cycled to school for Walk to school day

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# Double second in toastmasters for Macroom local Moira O'Brien



"Today is the first day of the rest of my life" is the motto of Moira O'Brien who recently secured a double second in the Toastmasters Cork Division Finals defeating tough competition. Moira, living in Macroom, represented Blarney in both the Evaluation Speech and International Speech Contests. Asked was she nervous before the competition, Moira replies "Yes - even after nearly seven years, I still get a small touch of nerves beforehand, but this is a good thing as it makes sure that one is keyed up to give the best presentation one can. All the nerves go as soon as I start speaking." Moira first joined Toastmasters in September 2014

settling into Blarney Toastmasters Club in January 2015. At the time she was running an Internet radio station but when asked to go behind the microphone to speak she admits that her brain froze, and she knew she had to do something about it. When asked if she enjoyed speaking at the Cork Division Finals, she confirmed that she did though added "it is always tinged with a bit of apprehension to see if the speech would do as well as I had hoped." This is the second time Moira has competed in the International Speech contest. Though it was a huge achievement to place second Moira laments "At the end of the day I came second which was a big disappointment,

but I lost to a worthy winner. It was by far my best speech ever - plus my delivery of the speech was also the best ever". As a public speaker there is always the desire to become better and better. One of the ways one can improve is by taking part in competitions which happen regularly. If you would like to brush up your public speaking skills, why not attend a Blarney Toastmasters meetings as a guest and see what it's like? Blarney Toastmasters meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 8pm via Zoom. To find out more see [www.blarneytoastmasters.com](http://www.blarneytoastmasters.com) or [www.facebook.com/blarneytoastmasters/](http://www.facebook.com/blarneytoastmasters/).



Leona O'Hanlon (NTC Solo Traditional Dance winner)



Families and pets from Muinefliuch NS who took part in the recent walk to school day for Green Schools Action Week



Muinefliuch NS Middle room pupil with his project on Russia for Multicultural day



Aidan O'Connor, The Maharees, at his Fruit and Vegetable stall in The Square. He has taken over from Breda and Diarmaid McCarthy who gave over thirty years serving Macroom. Breda's grandmother and mother had stalls in Macroom from about 1960. (C. Kelleher).



Willie Linnane, Youghal, at his Vegetable stall in Macroom Mart. (C. Kelleher).



Gerard O'Leary with Cullen customers selling fowl at Macroom Mart. (C. Kelleher).



Tom Sweeney, Macroom, with Jack and Pat Charlton. Jack recently passed away but had Dementia for his last few years and lost many of his 'good' memories of Ireland. Through his interest in fishing he had strong ties with Macroom anglers and fished with Tom. (Supplied by Tom Sweeney).



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In partnership with **Healthy Ireland and Libraries Ireland**, GIY Ireland (Grow It Yourself) announced the launch of "Grow It Forward". Through this initiative, 50,000 free food growing 'seed packs' were given away. Each food growing pack includes seeds for beetroot, carrots, salad leaves, peas & tomatoes.

For those of you that received the seed packs please be sure to share your photos of your produce to [growitforward@corkcoco.ie](mailto:growitforward@corkcoco.ie) & you could be in a chance of winning some fantastic Grow It Forward books.

There are a lot of **Events & Activities happening this month, May as part of Bealtaine 2021.**

**Travel in the Time of No Travel with Manchán Magan:** Cork County Library brings you a creative writing workshop online hosted by well-known author & broadcaster Manchán Magan. Participants will learn how to identify the story they most wish to tell & to shape it into a series of absorbing anecdotes & insights that will charm, engage & excite readers. They will create potent

pieces of writing for either personal memoir, travel journalism or literature – transforming the sights, sounds & soul of a journey into engaging prose.

Places are limited & filling up fast – if you are a Cork County Library patron aged over 50, email: [corkcountylibrary@corkcoco.ie](mailto:corkcountylibrary@corkcoco.ie) to apply today.

As part of our **Age Friendly At Your Library** Programme & to celebrate Bealtaine Festival, Cork County Library & Arts Service are delighted to introduce our **Dementia-Friendly Short Story Competition.**

What we are looking for are simple, uplifting stories of up to 800 words, that can be read by, or to, someone with dementia. Stories about memories or reminiscences are very welcome.

All entries must be accompanied with the application form, you can print this out from our Facebook page, or alternatively email; [corkcountylibrary@corkcoco.ie](mailto:corkcountylibrary@corkcoco.ie) to request a copy or contact the library.

The winning three stories, along with a shortlist, will be included in our collection of dementia-friendly readings which we are producing as part of our Age Friendly programme. First prize will receive £50 book token. Second/Third will receive a £25 book token each.

**Creative Stitch:** We have a series of **two hour online hand stitch workshops.** It involves learning simple techniques & approaches which you will need to make a stitched needle & mending kit purse. You will be sent a full kit including needles, threads & a starter pack of fabrics. You will need to provide your own scissors, ruler & iron. No experience necessary. This course takes place over four Mondays, starting on May 17th, 2021. To apply contact: [sinead.donnely@corkcoco.ie](mailto:sinead.donnely@corkcoco.ie)

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**Bealtaine Online Concert Series:** Cork County Arts will be bringing music to the masses during Bealtaine with Concerts filmed & broadcast from Cork County Towns. First up will be the acclaimed Cork Chanteuse Fiona Kennedy with music from Kinsale. If interested, send an email; [sinead.donnely@corkcoco.ie](mailto:sinead.donnely@corkcoco.ie)

**Cork County Library & Arts Service are seeking stories, anecdotes, poems, songs or whatever verbal treat springs forth** to celebrate the Bealtaine Festival in County Cork this year. We are looking for WhatsApp recordings of three or less minutes that illuminate the theme of "May". Your recording should address one of the following ideas: Family & May, May Day, Nature & May, Mary's month, May adventures. To submit an entry, simply leave a WhatsApp audio on 087 1096435. Entries may be used as part of our upcoming podcasts to celebrate Bealtaine & creativity in older age.

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**Tradition & Folklore of May Podcast:** Cork County Library Local Studies has written & recorded about the various traditions & folklore associated the month of May. It along with the other holiday-themed Local Studies podcasts, can be found on the Library website at [corkcoco.ie](http://corkcoco.ie)

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Contact; [Deirdre.murphy@corkcoco.ie](mailto:Deirdre.murphy@corkcoco.ie)

Cork County Library & Arts Service is proud to announce the launch of its Virtual LGBTQIA+ Bookclub.

The initiative is part of our "Words Will Change Worlds" project, funded by the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration & Youth to help increase visibility & awareness of the LGBTQIA+ Community. It also aims to alleviate some of the issues felt, such as social isolation especially in rural areas.

The books will be LGBTQIA+ themed – adults over 18 are welcome to join & the library service will provide books & facilitate meetings.

If you are over 18 & are interested in joining, send an expression of interest message or if you need more information, please send an email to: [bookclubs@corkcoco.ie](mailto:bookclubs@corkcoco.ie)

Keep an eye out for our Online Weekly Quizzes for Children and Adults. They are a great source of entertainment and fun for all the family or maybe you can have a zoom quiz meeting with your friends some evening. Our Facebook page is Cork County Council Library & Arts Service & have all the details.

We are delighted to announce that our Cork County Council Library & Arts Service Summer Stars Reading Programme is going ahead again this year from June to August. We will be encouraging all children in Cork County to sign up, read & take part in our wonderful series of events during the summer holidays. Each child who registers for the Summer Stars Programme will receive a Bookmark, pencil & reading card, that they can fill out as they read during the summer.

A programme of arts & crafts workshops for children from Cork County Arts office will also be announced soon.

**On June 12th**, we will be celebrating **Cruinniú na nÓg**, a day of creativity for children & young people. We will be launching our series of Summer Arts activities then so there will be loads going on to keep our young patrons busy during the summer months. Keep an eye out on our Facebook page/Posters on library windows.

In conjunction with this, we are running a **Bookmark Design Competition** for primary school children. The theme is: "My Favourite Book Character goes on holiday".

There will be four prize categories: age 5 & under/6-8 years/ 9-12 years & children with special needs.

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Closing date: May 29th. There are lots of great prizes to be won & the winning designs will be announced by the wonderful Basher Bacon during the Cruinniú na nÓg celebrations on YouTube on June 12th.

Get drawing & Good luck. We are really looking forward to seeing all your wonderful designs.

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## Seán Ó Riada Medal goes to young Louth and Carlow musicians broadcast live from Baile Bhúirne

Harper Fionnuala Donlon from Dundalk, Co. Louth, and piper Colm Broderick, from Carlow, were winners of the Seán Ó Riada Gold Medal in the final of the prestigious traditional music competition broadcast live from Baile Bhúirne, Co. Cork. on RTÉ Raidió na Gaeltachta over the weekend.

Each year the competition focuses on different traditional music instruments, and this year it was for harp and pipes. The final was presented by broadcaster and composer Peadar Ó Riada on his RTÉ RnaG show, and the judges were esteemed musicians Mick O'Brien, Laoise Kelly and Michelle Mulcahy. The winners were presented with the Seán Ó Riada Gold Medal and €2500 each for their win.

There was no audience this year due to public health restrictions, but people could watch the stream live online.

Piper Muireann Ní Shé, from Ballinhassig, was the only Cork competitor in the final.

Fionnuala Donlon, 22, comes from a musical family and started playing harp at nine years of age. She has won numerous All Ireland medals for her playing, and won the Senior Harp trophy at Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann in Drogheda in 2019. She has taken part in the Comhaltas tours of

Ireland, and her music has brought her to places such as France, Germany and Bangkok.

Speaking of her win, Fionnuala said:

"Being in the final was a great motivation to keep me playing music for myself over these last few months, it kept me focused. Winning this is such a great boost after a difficult year, I'm really delighted. I'm looking forward now to getting back playing music with people in the coming months."

Colm Broderick, also 22, comes from Graiguecullen in Carlow. He is an All-Ireland winning uilleann piper, and is in demand as a teacher too. Na Piobairí Uilleann recently gave Colm the honour of taking possession of a set of Leo Rowsome pipes, made in 1936, which have previously belonged to piping legends including Willie Clancy, and most recently Liam O'Flynn.

Speaking of his win, Colm siad.

"I'm grateful and humbled to have been selected as the winner, because the standard of musicianship was so high. Peadar Ó Riada has done a great job developing a competition like this which is friendly and supportive to musicians, which is not always the case. It's an honour to be in possession of these historic pipes, and this award will keep me motivated to keep playing them as best as I

can. To win the Seán Ó Riada medal on them was really something special."

The medal was designed by the late Cashel gold and silversmith Pádraig Ó Mathúna, and features a portrait of musician and composer Seán Ó Riada on it. The medal is created in solid silver, and once the winners have been chosen each year their names are then engraved on the bespoke medal, which is then coated in gold.



Peadar Ó Riada

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Saturday from 10am to 1pm

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# Continuation My Name is Baxter A True Story. (Mostly)

## Chapter 7

### Baxter / Paul

#### BAXTER:

The years have flown by and my days are now filled with long sleeps and very short strolls. Paul still takes me for runs on the local beach which I love but I could sleep for days after an hour running on the sand as if I was a young pup again.

Pains and aches are slowing me down now and I find it harder to jump on the settee, I don't hear or see as well as I used to but my family understand all this stuff and make loads of allowances for me.

I used to love lying in front of the fire until I was snoozing one evening when it leapt out and bit me. Now I won't stay in the same room as it, as I

don't trust it anymore. I am much safer in Mums bed when she lights up the hot monster.

When Dad is home I love just following him from room to room, he knows I am getting old now so he spends loads of time in the sitting room with me so I don't need to climb the stairs, these are my glory days, being with people I love and with people who love me.

#### PAUL:

We are heartbroken. What began as a funny bark and an unremarkable cough has escalated to cancer everywhere on our beloved Baxter. We have battled every tumour but there is nothing left for Bax or us to fight with.

Today I took our beloved Baxter for one last run on the beach before we made our final visit to the

vets who have battled so hard to save him. Bax ran for one last time across the sands like the mad ridiculous impetuous rambunctious dog I saved from the thirty day rule back in Australia so many years ago.

#### EPILOGUE:

On the sixth July 2019 Baxter was put to sleep. While this decision was taken with great heartbreak by his owner Paul and all the Twomey family who loved him so much it was also done with the same generosity of spirit that flew this huge lovable dog half way round the world to a home filled with people that grew to love him.

That so many other dogs may be so lucky.....

## CLONDROHID

**CHURCH SERVICES:** Great to hear that Church services are getting back to some form of normality this week. The weekly 9.30am Mass will be celebrated in Clondrohid. On Saturday May 15 the 6pm Mass will be in Carriganima, and the 7.30pm Mass will be in Clondrohid. And the 9.30am on Sunday 16 will be in Clondrohid.

The rules are as follows: 50 people per Mass with face covering and the usual hygiene precautions  
Baptism, Immediate family members- Parents, siblings, sponsors, and grandparents.

Marriage: Up to 50 guests in church

Funeral Mass / Prayers: Up to 50 mourners in Church.

Confession: 12.30pm in Clondrohid with health measures being observed.

House calls to Sick : First Friday visits recommence in June.

No definite dates at the moment for First Holy Communion and Confirmation

**CLONDROHID DEV GROUP:** Thanks to Millstreet Co. Council for installing a container for dog poo bags. This container is on the wall on the right-hand side as you go up to the pitch / Clann Aire. Please follow instructions.

Complaints were received by the Group of dogs poo on the footpaths etc. so hopefully this facility

will help.

Remember it would be great if you could take the full bag home with you to dispose of, but if this is not possible every time, please put it in the rubbish bins, Let's all work together to keep village clean and tidy.

**BLOOD TRANSFUSION BORD:** As mentioned before, this excellent facility is coming to Clondrohid again.

Mark the dates in your calendar

Tues, Wed., and Thurs., July 20 to July 22 from 1.30pm on each day until 10.30pm approx.

**DARKNESS INTO LIGHT:** Well, done to all those who took part in this event, though much restricted again this year. The amount raised is just unbelievable, but for a great cause Pieta House. Clondrohid G.A.A. will be running their Darkness into Light at end of month. Check locally, on social media, or from any G.A.A. member.

**SUMMER CAMP ALERT** at Busy Bees Carriganima. Call Carmel on 083 8571714 for more details.

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Week 4 July 19 to July 23

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**G.A.A. BLAST FROM THE PAST:** ( Clondrohid 1971 Muskerry under 12 win )

In 1971 an inaugural under 12B 13 a side football competition was organised in the Mid Cork Muskerry Division. Previously U 14 was the youngest competitive underage level available. Clondrohid having grouped with Aghinagh, Kilmichael, Ballingearry and Ivelary won all 4 matches convincingly to qualify for the final, which was played on May 20 versus Ballinora in Coachford. Clondrohid made a great start to lead at half time by 5 points. Ballinora reduced this lead to 1 point in the second half but Clondrohid prevailed to emerge winners on a score line of 4 2 to 4 1

Team Panel: Humphrey Lynch Capt., Dan O'Shea, Eddie McDonagh, Paddy Kelleher, Tim O'Connor, Larry Creed, Paddy Kelly, Tim O'Sullivan, Ted O'Connell, Pat O'Connor, Con Healy, Tim Healy, Gene McCarthy, Derry Kelleher, Raymond O'Brien, Jack Healy,

Team Trainers, James O'Leary and Paddy Corkery  
Club Officials involved included Denis O'Riordan, John and Maura Kelly, Sean Creed, and John A O'Connell.

This win was a tremendous boost to Clondrohid G.A.A. resulting in further underage titles being won in the following decade.

## Ballyvongane

Ballyvongane NS were delighted to receive a donation of a new security system which included the installation of IP, CCTV, IP intercom system, and an intruder alarm upgrade with monitoring from Converjint Technologies. This project was completed as part of Converjint's Global program Step-Up for schools.

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Adrian Hill, Commercial Director EMEA Converjint Technologies with his team at Ballyvongane NS where they recently sponsored and installed a new security system for the school through their Step-Up programme

invested in hiring of Cork based colleagues and plan to open our new regional office here in Cork on June 1st to continue supporting our clients and future growth in the area", added Adrian. School principal Liam Buckley thanked Converjint Technologies for their immense generosity. "It is

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## BRILLIANT BUSHWORK

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## DARKNESS INTO LIGHT

It's a big WELL DONE to all who did some activity for the Pieta House cause over the weekend or whenever you chose to run, walk, cycle or swim with others or individually. The funds raised were

beyond expectations, considering the difficulties presented by the Covid virus. Donations can still be given of course.

## VACCINE SHOTS

We see some nice pictures in the media of young nurse, Nora Cronin of Graigue Inchigeela with Taoiseach, Micheal Martin and Simon Coveney Minister for Foreign affairs and Defence as they got their Vaccine jab. Nora is on the team, delivering the vaccine in City Hall, Cork. At present they are reaching their target of 1,000 a day. We will be ever grateful to all frontline workers, who cared for our health and safety needs during a difficult year, and we should not hide our appreciation from them. And the flag still flies high in Inchigeela in honour of heroes of the past and of the present!

## PAINT FEST

The May Bank holiday saw dozens of volunteers out on a painting mission in Ballingearry village. Coiste na mbailte slachtmhara (Tidy Towns) had arranged pods of people to paint walls, high and low, in a lovely assortment of brilliant colours. The end result

was worth the effort, and everyone had some fun. Beidh al áit ag feachaint go hálainn don samhradh. Maith sibh. Tagann an coiste le chéile gach Satharn ar a !0.45am ag Casadh na spride le haghaidh job beag nó dhó a dheanamh. Tabhair tacaíocht doibh. Fáilte roimh cách.

## AR AIS ARÍS

Among those starting up again locally is Cecily Ní Chonaill, beautician. Cecily will be working from Wed. 12th of May in Cuan Barra, Ballingearry and can be contacted on (085)1679563. It is good to see so much opening up either now or very soon-young people training, more freedom of travel, friends meeting up, hairdressers and barbers taking appointments (thank goodness! ) We must be careful of course not to make the mistakes of some countries who have returned to another lockdown, not having abided by good advice. Our leaders and health experts have guided us well so far. Let's follow their advice for just another short while and we are "out of the woods" Stay safe.



Inchigeela young tidy town volunteers Inchigeela



Micheal and Grainne Fitzgibbon



Muinefliuch NS Junior room pupil with his flag and picture of Lithuania for Multicultural day



Families from Muinefliuch NS who took part in the recent walk to school day for Green Schools Action Week

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Approaching Mt Tyndall via Shepherd's Pass. (Photo K. Higgins.)



Mt Tyndall, East Face and NE Ridge from Shepherd's Pass. (Photo K. Higgins)

# Richard Cotter, from Macroom to Gold Miner and Mountain Adventurer

by Kevin Higgins

Nowadays it is almost impossible to imagine what it was like for a young family to experience the horrors of the Great Famine. The life of a child growing up in the 1840s must surely have been traumatic to some degree. What was his or her experience of school if they managed to get there? How were festivals celebrated and was Christmas an important event?

Richard Cotter was such a child. He was born in 1842 near Macroom, possibly in the parish of Clondrohid, but in 1849 he was on an emigrant ship, the *Bridgetown*, from Cork to New Orleans, where they landed on 26th December with his mother and siblings along with 260 other passengers. There seems to be some uncertainty about his family – the ship's passenger list indicates that his mother and two sisters accompanied him. Another source claims that he had three brothers before he left for the USA. A father is not mentioned, and it seems likely that the family was traveling to join the father, who had already emigrated.

The complete family appears in the US census for 1850 in Springfield township in Hamilton County, Ohio, where the father, James, is a labourer, aged forty-four, and Richard, recorded as aged ten, is attending school. The mother, Mary was thirty-three and there were three siblings, Ellen (aged 8), John (aged 4) and Mary (aged 2), all born in Ireland. Springfield is now a suburb of Cincinnati.

What happened to them after that is unclear but James C. Sutton, a rancher and businessman, is recorded as having 'taken Richard from an orphans' home in St Louis and gave him a home and such education as the Sutton children received.' He may also have adopted Richard's siblings. At the age of eighteen Richard asked Sutton for permission to go west and seek his fortune in the gold mines, as some of the Sutton boys had already done.

He didn't succeed in 'striking it rich' but was hired instead as a 'packer' on the California Geological Survey, from 1860-64, under Josiah Whitney its director. Initially he didn't show much skill in the work of packing the mules but learned quickly and became a firm friend of Clarence King, a member of the survey team. In King's 'Mountaineering in the Sierra Nevada' he describes his friend as 'our man-of-all work, to whom science already owes its debt'. As to his character he was 'stout of limb, stronger yet of heart, of iron endurance and of a quiet unexcited temperament...I felt that Cotter was one comrade I would choose to face death with, for I believed there was in his manhood no room for fear or shirk'.

This opinion was tested in 1864. It was during 'the first extensive exploration of the hitherto vaguely known regions of the High Sierras when together, Cotter and King set out on a five-day expedition from the survey's base camp in the Sierras to attempt to climb the highest

peaks in the region. The summits had been declared impossible and inaccessible by the pair's companions. Undaunted, they set out with improvised rucksacks, each carrying forty pounds of supplies. They reached what appeared to be the highest summit after much tribulation only to see that there was another, higher peak (later named Mt Whitney). They returned to the camp but not before each had put his life in the hands of the other on the steep granite walls of the Sierras. As King recalled in his book, 'in all my experience of mountaineering I have never known an act of such real, profound courage as this of Cotter's'. Their summit they named Mt Tyndall in honour of the celebrated Irish alpinist. They had been familiar with Tyndall's Alpine exploits through his writing and King wrote to Tyndall informing him of their feat and the naming of the mountain in his honour, even inviting him to visit their camp in the Sierras.

Dick Cotter kept no written record of his work but is likely to have done quite a bit of climbing during his time with the Survey. King records that they also attempted to climb the Obelisk (now Mt Clark) but were turned back by a severe snowstorm. Also, along with one of the soldiers who had been detailed as an escort to the party, Cotter managed to get to within a few hundred feet of a summit (13,555ft), later called Mt Goddard (Farquhar).

When the Survey of California was completed in 1864 Cotter joined the Western Union Telegraphic Expedition to British Columbia and Alaska from 1864 to 1867. This was the attempt to provide a telegraph link between Europe and America via Alaska and the Bering Strait. Cotter worked on the Russian American (i.e Alaskan) section of the expedition and wrote a report from Norton Bay on its progress in the Spring of 1866. They had worked through the severe conditions of the Alaskan winter unaware that the work was being superseded by the transatlantic cable that was completed in July 1866.

The Russian American project was abandoned in 1867. Despite its apparent failure it has been regarded as the major cause of the purchase of Alaska by the United States.

After this, in 1867, Cotter joined the Geological Exploration of the Fortieth Parallel where his friend Clarence King was the senior geologist. Also on this project was the renowned photographer Timothy H. O'Sullivan. However, Cotter resigned from this project in 1869 and settled in Montana where he is recorded as a placer gold miner in April 1870 in New York Gulch, near the town of Helena, where he purchased a claim for one hundred dollars. Several factors may have attracted him to the region: a new army base had been established in Fort Shaw with which he may have had



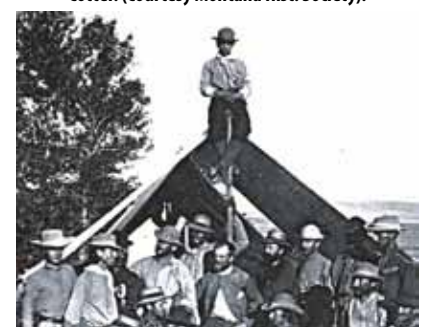
From William H. Brewer's *Up and Down California in 1860-1864*. Cotter is 2nd from left.



Cotter from 'Up and Down California in 1860-1864' by WH Brewer



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connections; placer gold had been discovered there and he may have been attracted to this and it seems that at least one of the Sutton boys was mining there.

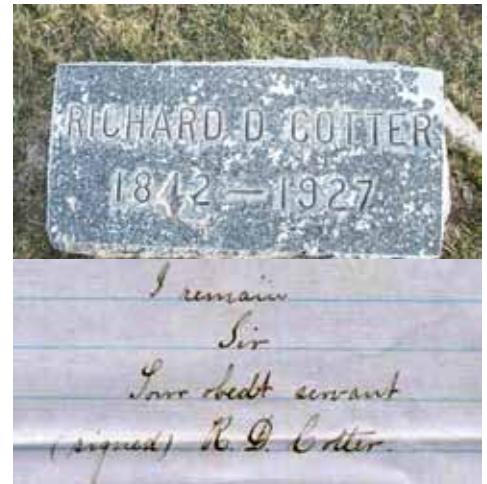
In any event it was here that he spent the rest of his life, apart from a brief sojourn into Washington Territory in 1875 about which he kept a short diary. As well as owning a mine he worked as postmaster, rancher, justice of the peace and acted as coroner in a murder enquiry in 1880. It seems that he was very much an active member of the community, even contributing to the purchase of premises for a dancing club and meeting hall in New York Gulch. He was a member, along with the Sutton men of this dancing club that was part of the social life of the area.

Mrs Sherriff of Helena, Montana, was a relative of the Suttons and a friend of Cotter's, wrote of him;

'Dick was always a gentleman, clean, honest, neat...' In a local newspaper article of 1923, L.A. Osborn described the 'Passing of the Placer Miner' noted that 'Cotter lived in a little, low, log cabin. (in Jimtown) ...he was the most fearless, bluff, outspoken man I ever knew. He had a deep religious tinge under all his high-fallutingness. He never drank...and has never received credit enough... (for his exploration of the Sierras and Alaska).

Mount Cotter in the Sierra Nevada range was named in his honour, mainly through the instigation of the Sutton family. He spent the last eight years of his life in the county hospital in Helena, where he died on March 12th, 1927, and is interred in Forestvale Cemetary there.

*If any of your readers have any info on his early days or family email leevalleyoutlook@gmail.com*



## Cowardly Killing of Cork Priest, Fr. James O'Callaghan Murdered by Black and Tans 100 Years Ago

By Rita O'Brien and Seán Crowley

This weekend marks the 100th anniversary of one of the grimmest and most shocking episodes of the War of Independence in Cork, when Fr. James (Seamus) O'Callaghan, C.C. Clogheen was shot dead in the home of Alderman Liam de Róiste at Sunday's Well, Cork, on Whit Sunday morning, May 15th 1921 at 4am.

Fr. James was born on the 22nd of April 1883, the fourth of ten children born to John and Mary (nee Hennessey) O'Callaghan, farmers in Laravoulta, Enniskeane. He received his early education in Castletown-Kinneigh National School and then attended the Lordan Classical School in Bandon, where he was a classmate of another famous son of Newcestown, Edward J. (Bishop) Galvin, who co-founded the Maynooth Mission to China.

In 1901, having attended Farranferris Seminary, James entered St. Patrick's College Maynooth to study for the priesthood. After "a brilliant course" in Maynooth (according to reports in the Irish Independent), he was ordained in 1908 and worked on the English Mission for three years.

Though not a native Irish speaker, James had a great love for the language, and studied it until he became a proficient Irish scholar. His command of an Ghaeilge was such that in 1911, when Fr. Conchubhar O'Leary PP of the Uibh Laoire Gaeltacht, was in declining health, Fr. O'Callaghan was appointed to assist him.

On Fr. O'Leary's death in 1913, Fr. James was transferred to Ballingearry as its first curate, where he was held in very high esteem, and taught as Professor in Coláiste na Mumhan. It was a great disappointment to his parishioners when an tAthair Seamus, as he was affectionately known, was transferred as Curate to the Cathedral Parish Cork in 1917. A very fine illuminated address was presented to their departing Sagart Óg by the Pioneer T.A.A. on behalf of Paróisdánaig Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaigh.

In Cork city he was appointed chaplain to the Good Shepherd Convent, Sunday's Well, and additionally curate to Clogheen in 1920. As there was no residence attached to Clogheen, he obtained temporary lodgings at 2 Upper Janemount, Sunday's Well, the house of his good friend Alderman Liam de Róiste who he knew from their involvement with Coláiste na Múmhan.

Liam de Róiste had been elected as an M.P in

1918, however he and other members of Sinn Féin refused to recognise the British Parliament and had instead declared the First Dáil Éireann in the Mansion House in Dublin in 1919. Due to the subsequent political unrest and violent turmoil, de Róiste did not usually sleep at home, and Fr. James knew that he himself would be in danger as the house was regularly raided. However, he put all these risks aside, stating "They would not dare lay hands on a priest".

On the afternoon of Saturday, May 14th as the Southern Ireland (Home Rule) parliamentary election was being held, members of the RIC patrolling and searching houses in the Blackpool/Watercourse Rd. area were attacked by rebels hurling bombs, killing three of them and wounding others.

This event triggered a "Reign of Terror" in Cork city as large forces of military and police poured onto the streets in reprisal. At 10 pm troops swarmed from a military lorry on Patrick Street and systematically raided 'nationalist' houses - one man was shot in his bed. Residents hid indoors, terrified at the sound of machine gunfire.

Newly re-elected Liam de Róiste was warned not to stay at home that night and although Fr. O'Callaghan was advised to do likewise, he refused. In the very early morning of May 15th, 1921, the four people staying at de Róiste's house were suddenly woken by shouting and banging on the door. A group of drunk, masked Black and Tans dressed in plainclothes had come armed looking for the T.D. Fr. James, Norah de Róiste, her mother Bridget O'Brien, and Kate Kearney the housekeeper (originally from Inchigeela) scrambled out of their beds to see what was happening.

Fr. James leaned out the upstairs window and told the men "I am only a priest and a guest in this house." However the angry mob continued pounding on the door. When the housekeeper explained that Liam de Róiste was not home, and there were only three women and a priest present, the men outside demanded that they open the door anyway. They then smashed the glass with the butt of a rifle, blew the lock off the door and rushed upstairs, where Fr. James had come out onto the landing.

The housekeeper reported that he shouted "I am a priest, for God's sake don't shoot me!" while grappling with the intruder.



Fr. O'Callaghan



The bullet hole inside the shoulder of the coat

Mrs. O'Brien told the Irish Independent that "the man threw his left arm around Fr. O'Callaghan's neck, pulled him towards himself, and hooking his right hand to the back, discharged a shot which entered Fr. O'Callaghan's body above the shoulder blade."

Years later, the housekeeper (Mrs. Kate McSweeney of Carriganine, Macroom) described how she

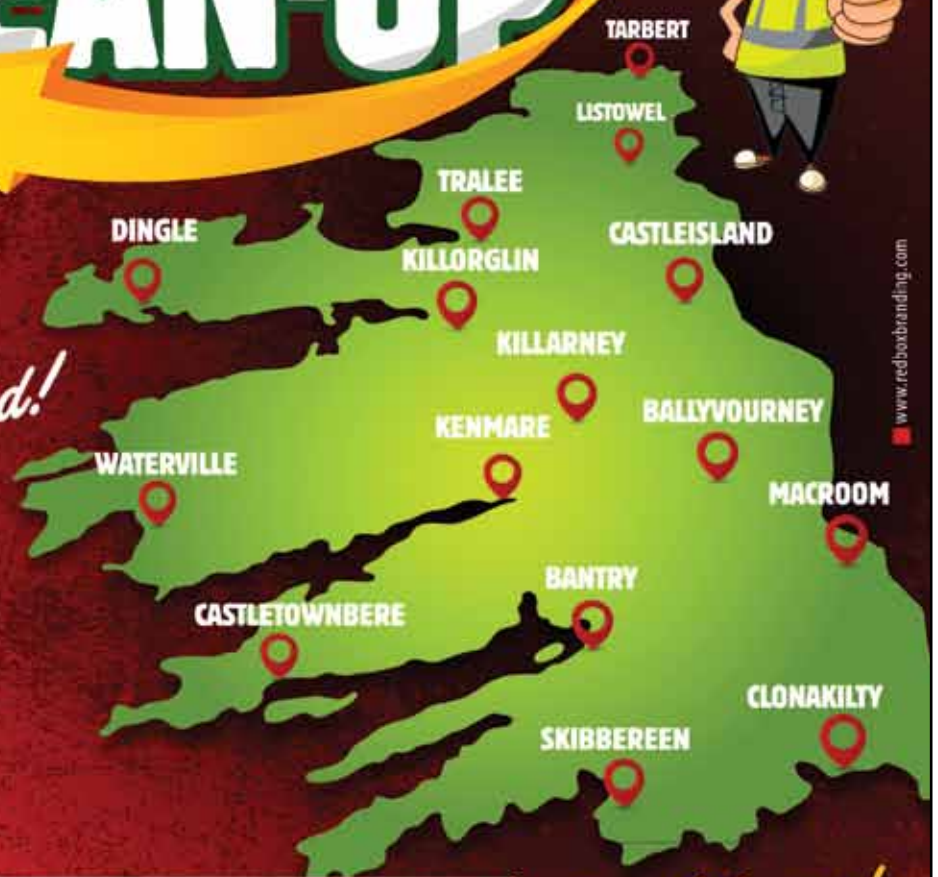
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managed to grasp the revolver by the muzzle and direct a second shot away, but the Black and Tan quickly regained control of the gun. One of the bullets hit her on the finger, a mark she took with her to the grave.

Having fatally shot the priest through the spine, the assassin fired again into Fr. James' body on the ground before turning and running away. The mortally wounded priest was removed to the North Infirmary where it was discovered he had extensive internal and spinal injuries. There was no hope for his recovery.

Prayers were requested at all Masses in the diocese. Fr. James was visited in the hospital during the day by Bishop Coholan as well as many priests and members of his family. He was quite conscious and conversed in Irish with them until the Lord called him at 6 pm that evening.

Before he passed away, he identified his assassin to his PP Canon O'Sullivan, who later swore an affidavit that when asked if he knew who shot him, Fr. O' Callaghan answered, "I do, he is a tall lanky fellow with a clean shaven face, a Black and Tan I've often seen at the North Gate Bridge. Despite the eyewitness statements, no-one was ever brought to justice.

The North Cathedral was at capacity for his funeral, filled with members of clergy including the Bishop, public representatives and members of the general public. As the cortege passed the Good Shepherd Convent, the Sisters and children from the

orphanage recited the Rosary in Irish.

At the request of his parishioners, Fr. O'Callaghan was laid to rest in the grounds of Clogheen Church where a celtic cross stands to his memory.

Relics of Fr. James including the blood-stained coat he was wearing when he was shot were returned to his sister Bridget O'Callaghan, married to John Connolly (Canovee), and have been preserved by her descendents the O'Brien family ever since.

Solas na bhFlaitheas ar a Anam Dhílis

## AN t-ATHAIR Ó CEALLACHÁIN

By 'Glenanaar'

- author of the "Third West Cork Brigade"  
Air "Galway Bay" or "Irish Molly O"

(1)

*In Ireland's triumphs we shan't forget  
the great and glorious dead,  
Who in the dark and troublous days  
for Ireland nobly bled,*

*In Rebel Cork a priest was shot  
by a cowardly Black and Tan,  
And we lament a thorough  
Gael - an t-Athair Ó Ceallacháin.*

(2)

*No son of Erin ever worked  
with greater love and pride,  
To have the language of the Gael  
be spoken far and wide;*

*He prided in the mother tongue  
- in freedom's early dawn,*

*We'll miss the help and moral power  
of an t-Athair Ó Ceallacháin.*

(3)

*When direful threats, signed Black and Tans,  
were served as thick as rain,  
He proudly wore the emblem  
of the Irish speaking Gael,  
Though gentle as an infant child  
yet he'd not cringe or fawn*

*On Greenwood's crew, and so they slew  
an t-Athair Ó Ceallacháin.*

(4)

*The cruel assassins came at night  
to do their cowardly work,  
Oh! Men may talk of Indians fierce  
or the cruel and bloody Turk,  
But Turk or demon could not match  
the callous Black and Tan,  
Who murdered our dear holy priest  
- an t-Athair Ó Ceallacháin.*

(5)

*When Black and Tans are from us  
gone their memory we'll revile,  
We'll loathe their name and curse their deeds  
in Erin's lovely isle;*

*But all true-hearted Irishmen  
of every tribe and clan,  
Will think with pride of him who died  
- an t-Athair Ó Ceallacháin.*

## KILMURRY GROTTO

By Mary O'Mahony

In Celtic tradition, the month of May is associated with the ancient festival of Bealtaine, which marked the beginning of the summer season. Celebrations of Bealtaine included visiting holy wells and decorating May bushes (usually a flowering hawthorn). Hawthorn, also known as Whitethorn, is one of our most common native trees and is steeped in legend and folklore. In Celtic mythology it is considered a sacred tree and is often referred to by the Irish name for a thorn - sceach.

Since the 13th century the Christian custom has been to dedicate the month of May to the Blessed Virgin. Throughout the centuries the practice of honouring Mary during May has been especially recommended by Popes. Pope Pius XI declared 1954 as a Marion Year - a year dedicated to Our Lady. In parishes throughout Ireland, hundreds of shrines and grottos were built by faithful parishioners.

The site for the grotto at Kilmurry is situated in a place which was locally known as Sceach an tSagairt which means the Priest's Whitethorn Bush. It is said that in 1652 Cromwellian forces converted the remains of the medieval church in the old graveyard in Kilmurry for use as a garrison. Tradition is that the remaining five monks were captured at nearby Cnoc a Tobair where the field was known as Pairc an tSagairt (field of the priest) but one escaped and was hunted down, caught and hanged from a tree on the site where the grotto now stands. It is reported that a whitethorn tree marked the spot up to the late 1890s where the monk was killed.

This site was situated on Hartnett's farm and was donated by Teddy and Mae Hartnett, Clomacow. The plans for the grotto site were drawn up by Mr D Dunnion, Cork County Council Engineer (originally from Donegal) and the work was carried out by volunteer labour under the direction of the Kilmurry Shrine Committee

which included Michael Murphy, Kilmurry, Domhnall Ua Buachalla, Kilmurry, Sean O'Carroll, Coolduve, John O'Mahony, Coolduve, Danjoe Murphy, Clomacow, Teddy Hartnett, Clomacow, Jerh O'Mahony, Ballymichael, Michael O'Mahony, Ballymichael, Johnny Bradfield, Currabehe and Pat Desmond, Hornhill.

Jack Dwyer, a mason from Coppeen built the piers and walls and was ably assisted by local mason, Denis Murphy, Ballymichael and Dan O'Mahony, Ardra. The intricate traditional stonework which surrounds the grotto was completed by Paddy Harrington, Curraclough. The iron gates were made and supplied by Patrick (Paddy) Murphy, The Forge, Dooniskey. The limestone steps came from Greenville House, the home of G. S. Sweete who is registered as owning 3,094 acres in 1871.

On the 23rd of July 1955, the Southern Star reported that Daniel Hickey, Monumental Sculptor, Aherla had sourced a white marble statue of Our Lady for the Kilmurry grotto and that it has been shipped from Italy the previous week. The official blessing of the grotto took place in September 1955 by Rev D Neville C.C. who was assisted by Rev. M Corcoran, O.C (a native of Kilmurry) and Rev D Curtain, C.S.Sp. Local parishioners attended the official blessing at which hymns were sung by members of the Kilmurry church choir under the direction of choir master, John Cronin.

Originally the grotto had flower beds of roses on both sides of the limestone steps with grass set on the remainder of the site. Lil and John O'Mahony, Coolduve were the initial caretakers, followed by a group of local volunteers including Mary O'Sullivan, Coolduve, Ma Harrington, Kilmurry, Margaret Wall, Clomacow and Anna O'Flynn, Ballymichael. By the 1970s, Michael Murphy, Kilmurry took over responsibility for the grotto.

In the late 1980's, Betty O'Mahony, Ballymichael took over the care of the grotto. Over the years



the planting has been changed to be compatible with the soil and gradient of the site. The grass was replaced with chipping and a group of local volunteers undertook this task including Michael O'Donoghue, Kilcondy (who took away the grass with his tractor and trailer), Anthony & Mary O'Sullivan and Dermot & Betty O'Mahony. The chipping was provided by Finbarr O'Neill Ltd, Ballincollig.

Every year, the annual Corpus Christi procession rotates between the three churches in Kilmurry parish. The procession route taken in Kilmurry goes from the church to the top of the village and down to the grotto, where a small altar has been prepared by Mary & Tom Murray, Clomacow, Sally Galvin and Betty O'Mahony. The altar with posies of fresh flowers is placed at the foot of the statue of Our Lady with large vases of fresh flowers placed on each side of the limestone steps.

In recent years, Michael Vaughan, C.E. worker has undertaken the maintenance of the grotto as part of his duties in keeping the village tidy. In the sixty-six years since the grotto was first blessed, many volunteer hours have gone into maintaining the grotto by local people, all of whom have worked quietly and diligently offering their work in devotion to Our Lady.

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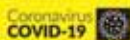
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Catchment Name	Date and Time	Meeting Link
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## Macroom GAA Juvenile Update

MACROOM GAA would like to thank all our players, parents, coaches, volunteers and everyone involved in our underage training. We are especially proud of our Juvenile players who are assisting in the coaching of their younger club mates. We are thrilled by the large attendances at every

age group since our return to training. The positivity and enjoyment on display is a joy to behold.

We would like to remind people that we are very eager for new members and can ensure that you will get a very warm welcome at Macroom GAA. We cater for players of every age and ability, with

our age groups commencing with the under 5's. We invite everyone to come down and give Macroom GAA a try. You will not be disappointed. For further information please contact Mark O'Sullivan 087 9803311 or Alan O'Shea 087 7973820.



Macroom under age GAA

### Advice; Making Clubhouse Water Safe

*Dr Con Kelleher, Macroom.*

Recently I was asked by Denis Noonan, a Macroom GAA Club member, about the safety and healthiness of water in the dressing rooms. Water flow in sports clubhouses has been minimal due to lack of use over the past sixteen months. It is heartwarming to see

boys and girls, women and men return to their 'fields of dreams', exercise and socializing.

To give a proper answer I contacted Croke Park, the GAA's headquarters. It very kindly provided relatively brief guidelines on good practice in dealing with the situation.

Clubs might read and consider the attached documents.



Croke Park has provided guidelines to advise in dealing with the situation of water in GAA dressing rooms

There are more extensive manuals and reports available. If you have further queries, consider contacting the relevant governing body of your particular sport, the Cork County Council or perhaps even the Environmental Protection Agency. Thanks, Denis, for asking a great question.

## Wrapping up the 2020 season in Cork

At the latest Cork County Board meeting, Cork GAA CEO Kevin O'Donovan and chairperson of Cork's competitions control committee Pat Horgan, unveiled the county's 2021 master fixture schedule, as well as the dates for the postponed 2020 deciders.

Éire Óg in Senior A Football and in Intermediate hurling, Aghabullogue in Intermediate hurling and Ivelary in Junior Football are still involved in 2020 county championships.

The outstanding 2020 Cork county senior football final between Castlehaven and Nemo Rangers will be played on the weekend of August 6-8, if Cork are not still involved in the All-Ireland SFC. The 2020 Cork SAFC final involving Éire Óg and Mallow will be played on Saturday, June 19, less than two weeks after club matches are sanctioned to return. If the Cork footballers reach the Division 2 League final, which is scheduled for that weekend, then the Cork Senior A decider will be pushed back to June 26. The board executive has secured the release of Cork panellists from the two clubs to play the final on either of the two dates mentioned.

The Lower Intermediate hurling final between Castlemartyr and Russell Rovers is fixed for the weekend of July 10/11.

The Intermediate A hurling final, Aghabullogue v Éire Óg, Premier Intermediate football final (Kanturk-Knocknagree), and Intermediate A football final (Mitchelstown-Rockchapel) are to be played on the August Bank Holiday weekend, provided the Cork footballers do not progress beyond the Munster championship. If Cork are involved in the All-Ireland championships, those games will be pushed back week by week.

The 2020 Cork JAFc quarter-finals which include the Ivelary v Middleton game, will be played on June 18-20. The Junior B divisional county quarter-finals will be played the following weekend.

### 2021 SEASON SCHEDULE

County league action for clubs in Cork will start on June 7. There will be no promotion or relegation in the league this summer. Groups of eight have been drawn up based on finishing positions in the 2019 league. These groups were adjusted after the recent county championship

draws to avoid repeat pairings.

The league will run for approximately 10 weeks, with finals on August 1 and August 8.

If Cork do not reach either All-Ireland senior final then the 2021 county football championships will commence on August 21/22. The first round of the various hurling championships will commence on the weekend of August 28/29.

The county quarter-finals have been pencilled in for the weekends of October 9/10 and 16/17. Semi-finals follow on October 23/24 and 30/31. County finals will be played across the first three weekends in November.

The early rounds of the 2021 colleges/division section will be played on Wednesday, July 14 and Wednesday, July 21. Muskerry did not participate last season in either senior hurling or football; no decision has been taken yet regarding this year's competitions.

The 2020 All-Ireland U20 hurling final, in which Cork are involved, is likely to be played on July 10/11th.

## GAA - Inter County Action Resumes 2021 Allianz National Hurling League

Inter county team competitive season started with the Allianz National Hurling League with Cork at home to Waterford. Cork hurlers are in action in the six-team Division 1a group of the league in which they will meet Waterford, Tipperary, Westmeath, Limerick and Galway. Cork remaining fixtures in the 2021 Allianz National Hurling League are:  
Saturday May 15: Tipperary, Thurles, 7.30pm.  
Sunday May 23: Westmeath, Páirc Uí Chaoimh,

3pm.  
Saturday June 5: Limerick, Gaelic Grounds, 7.15pm.  
Sunday June 13: Galway, Páirc Uí Chaoimh, 1.45pm.  
League relegation play-off on August 7/8. There will not be any Hurling League final between Div 1a and 1b winners, unless it can be doubled up with a subsequent championship meeting.

### Cork 5-22 Waterford 1-27

A young Cork side got off to a winning start against Waterford in the Allianz HL Division 1 Group A clash at Páirc Uí Chaoimh, but needed three late goals to be sure of the points. The Rebels never trailed against a side that beat them in the League and Championship last year, but what had been an 11-point lead at one stage was reduced to four as Waterford fought back late in the second half. However, Cork's subs had



a decisive impact as a goal from Shane Kingston was followed by two more from Blackrock's Alan Connolly who making his senior debut. Though Waterford had a late flurry with an unanswered 1-3, Cork still retained a seven-point cushion by the end.

Blarney had two players in action, Mark Coleman at centre back and Shane Barrett at corner forward and Inniscarra's Seán O'Donoghue was again at corner back in the Cork defence.

It was a good start to the season for Cork but Waterford manager Liam Cahill's assessment of the situation - 'I would rather be showing good form in the last two matches rather than the first two matches of the league', he is reported as saying.

Scorers for Cork: Patrick Horgan 0-12 (0-7fs, 0-2 65s), Alan Connolly 2-0, Robbie O'Flynn 1-1, Darragh Fitzgibbon 0-3, Jack O'Connor, Shane Kingston 1-0 each, Shane Barrett, Tim O'Mahony (1f) 0-2 each, Luke Meade, Séamus Harnedy 0-1 each.

Cork: Patrick Collins (Ballinhassig); Niall O'Leary (Castlelyons), Damien Cahalane (St Finbarrs), Seán O'Donoghue (Inniscarra); Tim O'Mahony (Newtownshandrum), Mark Coleman (Blarney), Niall Cashman (Blackrock); Billy Hennessy (St Finbarrs), Darragh Fitzgibbon (Charleville);

Robbie O'Flynn (Erin's Own), Séamus Harnedy (St Ita's), Luke Meade (Newcestown); Jack O'Connor (Sarsfields), Patrick Horgan (Glen Rovers), Shane Barrett (Blarney).

Subs: Alan Cadogan (Douglas) for O'Connor, Shane Kingston (Douglas) for Harnedy (both 54), Daniel Meaney (Blackrock) for Hennessy (59), Alan Connolly (Blackrock) for Barrett (65), Conor Cahalane (St Finbarrs) for Robbie O'Flynn (65), James O'Flynn (Erin's Own) for O'Mahony, Robert Downey (Glen Rovers) for Damien Cahalane (both 70).

#### ALLIANZ NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE:

Cork footballers are competing in Division 2A South and will play Kildare, Laois and Clare with no home fixture, the penalty imposed for Covid restriction violation.

The Allianz Football League will run from the weekend of May 15/16 to the weekend of June 19/20 with Divisions split into North and South. There are four teams in each group based on geography with three Round Robin games per team. The top two in each divisional group will advance to the league semi-finals followed by a league final. The bottom two in each divisional group will play relegation semi-finals with the two losers of those matches relegated.

League finals will only be played on June 19/20

if counties involved are not playing in the championship the following weekend. If they are, then joint winners will be declared for Division 1 and joint winners and promotion for Divisions 2, 3, and 4.

#### Cork fixtures:

Saturday May 15: Kildare, Thurles, 3.30pm.

May 22: Laois, Portlaoise, 7pm.

May 30: Clare, Ennis, 1.45pm.

Relegation play-off or league semi-final on June 12/13.

A league final will be played on June 19/20, only if both counties aren't in championship action the following week. Otherwise, there will be joint-winners.

#### MUNSTER CHAMPIONSHIP DRAWS

##### 2021 MUNSTER SHC

Munster SHC fixtures

Quarter-final: Clare v Waterford

Semi-finals: Limerick v Cork, Tipperary v Clare/Waterford

Final: July 17/18

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Quarter-final: Clare v Kerry, Waterford v Limerick

Semi-finals: Tipperary v Clare/Kerry, Cork v Waterford/Limerick

Final: July 24/25

## Littlewood Ireland Camogie National League

The first round of group stages across all divisions will take place on Saturday, 15 May, with Division 1 holders Galway facing neighbours Clare, All-Ireland champions Kilkenny taking on Dublin and Cork at home to Tipperary, Waterford, Limerick and Offaly receive opening byes.

There are 3 groups in Div 1, each of three teams, Cork and Tipperary being joined by Waterford in

their group. Two of the three Division 1 group winners qualifying directly for the semi-finals, while the other will advance to the quarter-finals alongside the three second placed teams. The finals are scheduled for the weekend of 19/20 June.

Cork camogie fixtures:

May 15: Tipperary, home.

May 29: Waterford, away.

June 5/6: League quarter-finals.

June 12/13: Relegation play-off and league semi-finals.

June 19/20: Relegation and league finals.

Championship details have yet to be confirmed.

## Lidl Ladies Gaelic Football National League

Cork play in Division One which has two sections, four teams in each. The top two teams in each section qualify for the divisional semi final stage. Cork Ladies football fixtures in Div 1 b:

May 23: Tipperary, home.

May 30: Dublin, home.

June 6: Waterford, away.

June 12/13: Relegation play-off and league semi-

finals.

June 26/27: League final.

## Ten Years Ago

## Conclusion of 2011 County Championships

### 2011 Evening Echo Cork County Hurling Championships

**Senior Hurling Final: Carrigtwohill 0 - 15 C.I.T. 1 - 11**

**Premier Intermediate Hurling Final: Courcey Rovers 0 - 15 Youghal 1 - 9**

**Intermediate Hurling Final: Bandon 2-14 Fr O'Neill's 0-7**

**County Junior Hurling Championship**

**Mayfield 1 - 16 Cloughduv 1 - 9**

Cloughduv junior hurlers will have to be satisfied with a third-in-a-row Mid Cork title this year as they exited the County Championship at the first hurdle against city champions Mayfield at Ballyanley. Mayfield got the near perfect start with a goal after only five minutes and they led by 1-6 to 0-2 after the opening quarter, Darragh Ring and Dave O'Leary scoring for Cloughduv. Mayfield, backed by the strong wind, had stretched their lead to eleven points before Darragh Ring struck over three points for Cloughduv in the run up to half time, at which stage the city side led by 1-10 to 0-5 and were in a strong position.

After a slow start to the second half, Cloughduv began to hurl well and found the range at last with two points from Brian Ahern, one from a free, and one each from Darren Kelly and Darragh Ring and they had the Mayfield lead down to five points ten minutes from time. Mayfield were not to be denied however and they got on top again

in defence and began to send good ball forward to the attack. They hit over five points without reply to go 1-16 to 0-9 in front as normal time ended and after Cloughduv lost an attacker to a straight red card, the Mid Cork champions had a terrific goal from a bullet of a free from Darragh Ring. Mayfield had the final score and they were



Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh who met Iveleary in the 2011 Junior B Football championship

deserving winners. Cloughdub had many young players gaining experience this season and will be happy enough with their victory in Mid Cork. Cloughdub: Colm Ryan: Liam Long, Jerry Lucey, Tadgh McCarthy: James McCarthy, Andrew

Cronin, Denis O'Sullivan: David O'Leary, Brian Ahern: Donal Corkery, Con Dunne, Gerard Ahern: Darragh Ring, Tom O'Mahony, Seán O'Connor. Subs: Darren Kelly, Stephen Down, Charles Kenneally and Tony Dineen.

County Semi Finals: Mayfield 3-12 Dungourney 0-15: Charleville 2-17 Kilbrin 0-12  
County Junior Final: Charleville 2-10 Mayfield 0-11



Ivelery who met Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh in the 2011 Junior B Football championship at Cill na Martra



Macroom U 16 footballers 2011

## 2011 Evening Echo Cork County Senior Football Championship

### County Final: UCC 1-12 Castlehaven 0-10

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE Cork completed a memorable double by adding the county senior football title to the Sigerson Cup won earlier in the year with a richly-deserved win over favourites Castlehaven in front of a crowd of just over 7,000 at Páirc Uí Chaoimh. It was a repeat of their 1969 twin success and the county victory was their 10th in all and the first since 1999.

The decisive moment came five minutes from the end of regulation time with the sides tied at 0-10 apiece. College pieced together a typical flowing move, initiated by captain and man-of-the-match Seán Kiely, and it resulted in a penalty following a foul on Paul Geaney.

Daithí Casey, who helped Dr Croke's to the Kerry final the day before, duly tucked the kick low to the right of goalkeeper Paudie Hurley for the game's defining score.

It knocked the heart out of the Castlehaven challenge after they had fought back from a five-point deficit to restore parity thanks to a long-range Mark Collins free.

College fully deserved to be 0-8 to 0-4 in front at half-time after the Haven won the toss and

handed their opponents first use of the wind. Although the sides were level three times in the opening 20 minutes of the match, UCC powered ahead with a turbo-charged finish to the half, scoring three points without response to really put it up to the title favourites. Roscommon's Niall Daly started the sequence with a super point from wing back, followed almost immediately by Kiely, who surged forward from centre back to land an inspirational score. In the third minute of injury-time, Casey's accuracy from frees nudged them four in front, leaving the Haven with a major task on their hands.

The sides traded points on the resumption, Kiely adding a brilliant second after 36 minutes, but they were held scoreless for the next 20 minutes as Castlehaven took a grip, scoring four unanswered points to eventually draw level. However, Casey's penalty dashed their hopes.

UCC: S Mellet; M Hickey (both Cork), P Crowley, M Galvin (both Kerry); T Clancy (Cork), N Daly (Roscommon, 0-1), Seán Kiely (Cork, 0-2) captain; J Buckley (Kerry, 0-1), W Kennedy (Cork); M Griffin (Kerry, 0-1), S Beston (Cork), JP Spillane; S O'Brien, D Casey, (1-4, 1-0 penalty, four frees), P Geaney



Seán Kiely, Macroom, who captained U.C.C. to win the Cork County senior Football championship final against Castlehaven and was voted Man of the Match.

(all Kerry, 0-1). Subs: J O'Sullivan (Kerry) for Griffin (41 mins), B Coughlan (Cork) for Beston (44 mins), G O'Grady (Kerry, 0-2, one free) for O'Brien (54 mins).

## Premier Intermediate Football Championship

### Semi Finals: Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh v Clyda: Newmarket v St Vincents

### County Final: Newmarket 3-6 Clyda Rovers 1-10

### Clyda Rovers 1-9 Beal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh 0-9

It was a wet and windy Saturday afternoon at Donoughmore when Clyda and Beal Átha did battle in the county semi final. Clyda had defeated Macroom at the same venue a fortnight earlier in similar conditions and were well up for this encounter also and their victory was deserved and they are now to appear in their third final in a row. The goal was the decisive score in this encounter and it came after only nine minutes and effectively was the gap between the teams to the finish. Clyda had 11 wides to 2 for Beal Átha and could have been more comfortable at the finish had they done better with their opportunities.

The opening exchanges were even and the score was 0-1 each when Clyda scored their goal after nine minutes, a rebound off the crossbar being grabbed and buried in the Béal Átha net from close range. Liam Shorten and Andy Concannon had a point apiece at the end of the opening quarter when Clyda led by 1-2 to 0-3. At half time there were still two points between the teams, Colman Twomey and Andy Concannon (from a '45') pointing for Béal Átha who now trailed by 1-4 to 0-5.

Clyda went a goal clear on the restart but Ben Shorten replied with a fine point for Béal Átha. Clyda had stretched their advantage to 1-7 to 0-7 (Cian Dineen scoring for Béal Átha) at the three quarter mark and a further point in the 51st minute gave them a four point lead. Béal Átha then rallied with two superb points, one each from Liam Shorten and Barra Concannon and only two points separated the teams with five

minutes remaining. Béal Átha were now pressing strongly but Clyda are masters at soaking up pressure and they held possession with short passing and eventually worked a forward into a scoring position and they fired over a point in injury time to assure themselves of victory. BAG scorers: Ben and Liam Shorten 0-2 each, Andy Concannon 0-2, 0-1 '45', Colman Twomey, Cian Dineen and Barra Concannon 0-1 each.

Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh: Gearóid Ó Muirthille: Seán Ó Duinnín, Leonáird Ó Conchuir, Finén Ó Loinsigh: Nollaig Ó Duinnín, Amhlaibh Ó Loinsigh, Donal MacCárthaigh: Colmán Ó Tuama, Aindrias Ó Coinceannain: Pol Ó Buachalla, Ian Ó Coinceannain, Cian Ó Duinnín: Tadgh Ó Laoire, Liam Seartan, Ben Seartan. Fir Ionaid: Micheál Ó Tuama, Barra Ó Coinceannain, Seán Ó Donnchú.



## Intermediate Football Championship

**County Final: Kinsale 1-9 Castletownbere 0-8**  
**Cork County Junior Football Championship**  
**County Final: Kanturk 1-20 Mitchelstown 0-4**  
**Donoughmore 0-10 Courcey Rovers 1-10**

Donoughmore had been staging late rallies all season in their victorious Mid Cork championship campaign and they staged another in the county first round tie at Brinny against Courceys but this time it was not enough and they exited the competition as a result. Donoughmore were desperately unlucky though, as they hit the crossbar twice in the final moments and the Courceys goalkeeper made a terrific save to keep the game from going to a replay. Courceys started well and were three points

up after the opening minutes. Shane Sexton opened the Donoughmore scoring and only for their sharpshooter Donoughmore would have been in terrible trouble in that first half. As it was Courceys were dominant and a goal from a penalty in the 23rd minute gave them a 1-6 to 0-4 lead at that stage and at half time they led by 1-8 to 0-5.

Two further Courcey points early in the second half gave the Ballinspittle men a 1-10 to 0-6 lead by the 38th minute but they were not to score again. Gradually Donoughmore began to get their act together and a string of points from Ollie Murphy, Brian O'Connell, Aidan O'Shea and Sexton had the gap between the teams down to a single goal as normal time ended. With

the game in time added on the Donoughmore pressure was ferocious and how the Mid Cork champions did not get through for the equaliser was just pure bad luck but the goal eluded them and so Courceys march on as Donoughmore reflect on what has been a great season for their young side.

Donoughmore: Evan Forde: Denis O'Connell, James Honohan, Dan O'Sullivan: Aidan Corkery, Patrick Murphy, David Lee: Daniel Forde, Tom Daly: Ollie Murphy, Conor Kelleher, Shane Sexton: Aidan O'Shea, Darren Barrett, Brian O'Connell. Subs: Colm O'Callaghan, Alan McSweeney, Stephen O'Connor and Stephen Golden.

## 2011 Cork County Camogie Championships

### SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

**Inniscarra 1-12 St Finbarrs 1-7**

Inniscarra had a five point win over the 'Barrs at Cloughdub to qualify for the quarter final stage. A late goal from Fiona O'Connell ensured victory for the reigning county champions after a very close encounter that could have gone either way. Rena Buckley was terrific at midfield for 'Scarra and her tussle with fellow county star Gemma O'Connor was a highlight of the game. Inniscarra led by two points at half time, temporarily lost the lead after the Barrs had a goal but recovered to lead by two points and then finished with a flourish and their goal to make victory assured. Inniscarra: E O'Donovan: R McCarthy, Liz Hayes, C Looney: Emma Kingston, Rosie O'Mahony, Aileen Sheehan: Rena Buckley, Fiona O'Connell: Niamh Dilworth, Y Twomey, Terese McCarthy: Kathy O'Mahony, Margaret Cosgrave, Joanne Casey. Subs: C Sheehan, E Looney and Karen Jones.

**Cloughdub 1-7 Douglas 0-9**

Cloughdub had a surprise in store for a hotly fancied Douglas side at Brinny. Brieghe Corkery at full forward was hero of the hour for Cloughdub as the All Ireland star got the golden goal for the winners after fifteen minutes play but in truth Cloughdub had many outstanding performers all through the field. In defence Joanne O'Callaghan, Sinead Corkery and Emma Dunne were disciplined and hard working, Jean Lucey was outstanding at midfield and in attack Una O'Donoghue, Caoimhe Creedon and Aoife BarryMurphy gave great assistance to Brieghe Corkery who was a constant threat to the Douglas defence. The opening quarter was very even and the teams were level at 0-2 as the quarter ended. Caoimhe Creedon then burst through the defence, parted to Una O'Donoghue who in turn passed on to Corkery and the Cork star, former Irish Woman Athlete of the Year, finished to the Douglas net in smashing fashion. Cloughdub

were not to lose the lead to the finish though they had to withstand tremendous pressure at times. At half time Cloughdub led by 1-5 to 0-4 but Douglas knocked two points off the deficit on the resumption. After an exchange of points the two point gap remained and that was still the case with ten minutes remaining. Douglas at last got a point to cut the gap to the minimum in injury time but their last chance of an equaliser, a long range free, fell outside the post and so Cloughdub are through to Round Three while Douglas must contest the losers round.

Cloughdub: Aoife Murray: Michelle Burns, Sinead Corkery, Grace O'Sullivan: Ellen Healy, Joanne O'Callaghan (0-1 free), Emma Dunne: Jean Lucey, Catriona Corkery (0-3, 0-1 free): Una O'Donoghue (0-1), Caoimhe Creedon, Aoife BarryMurphy (0-2): Sinead Buckley, Brieghe Corkery (1-0), Joanne Down.

**Milford 1-13 Cloughdub 1-7**

The wind was blowing straight down the field at Grenagh for this county senior championship quarter final and it had a bearing on the game but quite the opposite to what one would have expected. Cloughdub faced the elements in the first half, gave a magnificent performance and led at half time by 1-5 to 0-5, Brieghe Corkery securing the goal in the 16th minute. Things looked good for Cloughdub at this stage but amazingly it was Milford who controlled the second half when they face the gale and their goal at the three quarter stage gave them a lead they never subsequently lost against a Cloughdub side which had lost its earlier focus. Milford rattled over a series of points in the closing stages.

Cloughdub: Aoife Murray: Eva Dunne, Sinead Corkery, Grace O'Sullivan: Ellen Healy, Joanne O'Callaghan, Emma Dunne: Jean Lucey, Catriona Corkery (0-2 frees): Aoife BarryMurphy, Caoimhe Creedon, Una O'Donoghue (0-3, 0-2 frees): Sinead Buckley, Brieghe Corkery (1-2), Joanne

Down.

**Semi Finals: Milford 2-10 Courcey Rovers 1-6: Inniscarra 2-5 Douglas 3-13**

**County Final: Douglas 1-9 Milford 0-11**

**Douglas 3-13 Inniscarra 2-5**

Three goals for Douglas in three minutes early in the second half proved decisive in this county semi final at Castle Road, Blackrock. Inniscarra, the reigning county champions, had been struggling all through the first half but a goal just before the break had left them still in contention, only two points behind Douglas, the 2009 champions. After the three-goal blitz, Inniscarra were in a hopeless position and Douglas ran out convincing winners at the finish, though the 2010 champs battled on to the finish.

All the Inniscarra scores in the first half came from frees, Joanne Casey being on target, and only for her goal before the break the game would have been decided a lot earlier. As it was the scoreline of 0-9 to 1-4 gave Inniscarra a chance of recovery but the Douglas goals killed off their dreams for this year.

Inniscarra: E O'Donovan; M. Buckley, Liz Hayes, Karen Jones; Emma Kingston, Rosie O'Mahony, Aileen Sheehan; Rena Buckley, M N O'Sullivan: Joanne Casey (1-5, 1-3 frees, 0-1 '45'), Niamh Dilworth (1-0), Kathy O'Mahony; Treasa McCarthy, Fiona O'Connell, C Looney. Subs: E. Looney, Y. Twomey, N. Byrne, A. Twohig, and M. Desmond.

### SENIOR B CHAMPIONSHIP

In the Senior B championship Eire Óg suffered their second group defeat, this time losing to Ballinhassig by 2-10 to 1-7. Eire Óg: M Gleeson: M Corkery, C McKenna, A Hennessey: S Hutchinson, K McCarthy, C O'Keefe: C Meaney, E Crowley :A McKenna, M O'Herlihy, A Scally: E Corkery, A McCarthy, E Scally. Sub: O Meaney.

## Intermediate Championship

**Aghabullogue 3-9 Newtownshandrum 0-4**

Aghabullogue recorded an impressive win over Newtownshandrum in the first round of the Intermediate Camogie Championship at Doneraile. The opening score of the game came from Newtownshandrum, however Aghabullogue quickly responded with a great goal from corner forward Caroline Kiely. Mary Buckley added another goal for Aghabullogue, Emma Healy a point from a free and with Caroline Kiely adding another point, the ladies in green and white, led at half time on a scoreline of 2-2

to 0-1.

During the second half, great points from play from Mary Buckley, Emma Healy and Michelle Healy gave Aghabullogue a further advantage and a great goal from substitute Nicola Doherty pushed Aghabullogue even further ahead. The Aghabullogue girls still have to play Ballyhea and Tracton. Aghabullogue: Nicola Moynihan, Aisling Duff, Marian Twomey, Erinn O'Connell, Claire Dennehy, Joan Twomey, Deirdre Twomey, Aileen Twomey, Tina Roche, Mairead Twomey, Emma Healy, Mary Buckley, Caroline Kiely, Michelle

Healy, Sarah Dineen.

Subs: Nicola Doherty, Elaine O'Mahony.

Scorers: Mary Buckley 1-05, Caroline Kiely 1-01, Nicola Doherty 1-0, Emma Healy 0-02 (1 free), Michelle Healy 0-01.

Aghabullogue lost to unbeaten Tracton on a 3-9 to 1-1 score line but after earlier victories still qualified for the semi final stage as group runners up. Aghabullogue: Nicola Moynihan, Aisling Duff, Marian Twomey, Marie O'Leary: Claire Dennehy, Joan Twomey, L O'Gorman: Tina Roche, Aileen Twomey: Caroline Kiely, Emma Healy, Mairead



Twomey: Sarah Dineen, Linda Ronan, Elaine O'Mahony.

## Fr O'Neills 2-5 Aghabullogue 0-3

Aghabullogue lost out to Fr O'Neills in the Semi Final stage of the County Intermediate Camogie championship at Castle Road. Fr O'Neills opened much the stronger and despite the efforts of the Aghabullogue girls they had a tally of 2-3 before Aghabullogue recorded their first score with a free from Emma Healy. At half time the score read 2-3 to 0-1 in favour of Fr O'Neills.

The second half turned out to be a much closer affair. Aghabullogue upped their game and

showed great character but unfortunately it was not enough to overcome the challenge of the east Cork ladies. Both teams added a total of two points to their half time tally, with the Aghabullogue scores coming from an Emma Healy free and Brid Twomey, from play. Aghabullogue: Nicola Moynihan, Aisling Duff, Linda Ronan, Erinn O'Connell, Claire Dennehy, Joan Twomey, Lynda O'Gorman, Aileen Twomey, Tina Roche, Mairead Twomey, Emma Healy (0-2, frees), Mary Buckley, Caroline Kiely, Michelle Healy, Sarah Dineen.

Subs: Brid Twomey (0-1), Nicola Doherty, Marian Twomey, Maire O'Leary, Elaine O'Mahony.

## ALL IRELAND CAMOGIE SENIOR SEMI FINAL Wexford 2-11 Cork 1-9

Cork are out of the Camogie Senior All Ireland championship after their five point semi final defeat by Wexford at Kilkenny. Cork had plenty of chances to win this game but a weakness up front cost them dearly and at half time they were a point in arrears after dominating proceedings when wind assisted. They never got in front in the second half despite a magnificent effort. Aoife Murray, Rena Buckley, Brieghe Corkery and Sile Burns all played their hearts out for the Rebels but it was not their day.

## Ladies Gaelic Football



Ladies Gaelic Football Association All Ireland final 2011 - Cork parade before the game with Monaghan



Rena Buckley Donoughmore and Cork star in football and with Inniscarra and Cork in camogie



Brieghe Corkery being interviewed after 2011 All Ireland final with selector Justin McCarthy (N Fionnbarra) in background

## 2011 COUNTY SENIOR FINAL

### Donoughmore 0-16 Inch Rovers 2-9(15)

Donoughmore ended the reign of All Ireland, Munster and Cork champions Inch when a late 53rd minute point from Yvonne Twomey gave the Muskerry ladies the narrowest of winning margins after a tremendous county final at the CIT stadium in Bishopstown. It was the fourth county final in a row between the two teams and even though Donoughmore were winning their 13th title in 16 years they were really elated at reversing last year's result. Cork star Rena Buckley had been injured playing with Inniscarra in the County Camogie semi final the previous day and could not start but when she did come on in the 39th minute she made her presence felt and kicked the equalising point for the new champions nine minutes from time. Juliet Murphy, outstanding for Cork in the recent All Ireland final victory, was in inspirational form for her beloved Donoughmore on this occasion and kicked no less than seven points for the winners. Inch led by 2-6 to 0-8 at half time but Donoughmore limited them to three points in the second half. After Buckley's introduction the Donoughmore challenge took off in a big way with Aisling O'Connor firing over three points in a row before the injured Buckley kicked the equaliser. Yvonne Twomey's winner came two minutes later and the closing seven minutes were hectic for players and the packed stadium. Donoughmore: C O'Connell: Eimer Walsh, Aisling Barrett (capt.), L Barrett: M Dilworth, R O'Mahony (0-1), A M O'Shea: R Barrett, Juliet Murphy (0-7, 0-3 frees): Regina Curtin (0-1), Aisling O'Connor (0-3), Yvonne Twomey (0-1): A Buckley (0-1),

L O'Donoghue, G O'Connor (0-1). Sub: Rena Buckley (0-1).

## LADIES FOOTBALL MUNSTER FINAL

### Cork 2-15 Kerry 0-12

CORK made it eight Munster senior ladies football titles in a row as they saw off the challenge of Kerry at Dr Crokes GAA Grounds in Killarney. Despite playing against the wind in the first half and suffering the loss of Mairéad Kelly for 10 minutes to a yellow card, Cork were still well on top in the first half, which featured a long hold-up due to an injury suffered by Kerry's Breda Lane. While Kerry went ahead through a Louise Ní Mhuirheartaigh free early on, they would only add two more, failing to score from play. With Valerie Mulcahy excellent from frees and Annie Walsh and Juliet Murphy bossing midfield, Cork soon got on top and had moved 0-3 to 0-1 ahead by the time of Lane's injury. When play restarted, Mulcahy pointed another free before Annie Walsh sent a great pass into Rhona Ní Bhuachalla's hands who produced a fine finish. By half-time it was 1-7 to 0-3, and within 40 seconds Mulcahy had added another goal, rounding off a good move involving Ní Bhuachalla and Cleary.

Angela Walsh and Brid Stack at the heart of the Cork defence were dominant, wing-back Áine Sheehan was another who shone for Cork going forward, and they continued to open up the Kerry defence, only outstanding saves from netminder Edel Murphy keeping out efforts from Amy O'Shea, Ní Bhuachalla and Nollaig Cleary. Cleary and Mulcahy both had good scores as the end neared, Houlihan's frees keeping Kerry in touch but even when they did get behind the

Cork defence, goalkeeper Elaine Harte couldn't be beaten, ensuring Cork retained the title.

Scorers - Cork: V Mulcahy 1-7 (0-4f), R Ní Bhuachalla 1-2, J Murphy 0-2f, A O'Shea 0-2, N Cleary, O Farmer 0-1 each.

Cork: E Harte; AM Walsh, Angela Walsh, D O'Reilly; A Sheehan, B Stack, G O'Flynn; Annie Walsh, Juliet Murphy; N Cleary, M Kelly, G Kearney; V Mulcahy, Rhona Ní Bhuachalla, A O'Shea. Subs: L MacMahon for Kearney (45), O Farmer for Ní Bhuachalla (49), Rena Buckley for Annie Walsh (53), N Kelly for M Kelly (57).

## ALL IRELAND QUARTER FINAL:

### Cork 2-14 Dublin 3-10

Cork came from six points down in the final quarter to defeat All Ireland champions Dublin in a pulsating finish at Birr scoring seven points without reply in the closing fifteen minutes after coach Eamonn Ryan introduced five substitutes to re-invigorate his charges. Rhona Ní Bhuachalla from Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh got Cork's second goal and Brieghe Corkery, Juliet Murphy and Rena Buckley all played their part in an epic victory for the Rebels.

All Ireland Semi Final: Cork 4-10 Laois 1-6 The Cork ladies are back in the final after two great wins in the past fortnight. In the semi final at Cahir, Cork were in trouble early on but were rescued before half time by a terrific goal from Rhona Ní Bhuachalla which helped them to be level at half time at 1-3 each with Laois. Early second half goals helped them to break the Midlanders resistance and they now progress to the All Ireland final against Monaghan



## Ladies Football – LGFA All Ireland Final



Juliet Murphy - outstanding for Cork and Donoughmore in 2011



Rhona Ni Bhuachalla (Naomh Fionnbarra) and Briege Corkery (St Vals), who both won All Star Awards with Cork in 2011

### Cork 2 - 7 Monaghan 0 - 11

Cork Ladies took their sixth All Ireland senior title in seven years at Croke Park defeating Monaghan in a close encounter. Cork were made to battle really hard for this win against a Monaghan side which was really up for the contest. Cork got a lucky break in the first half when a poorly directed short pass was intercepted by Nollaig Cleary who blasted the ball to the net. That goal gave Cork a two-point half-time lead (1-3 to 0-4) but four scores apiece by the break indicated just how much on top both defences were.

When Monaghan scored three unanswered points within 10 minutes of the restart it looked increasingly like the Farney women might finally get that first title in 14 years.

Cork's Grace Kearney burst upfield to level it but another Kindlon free edged Monaghan ahead a second time. Geraldine O'Flynn levelled for Cork and the turning point came when Orla Finn burst through the defence after 42 minutes and Isobel Kierans put in a rash rugby tackle to concede a penalty, which Rhona Ni Bhuachalla tucked away for a three-point lead.

Monaghan, to their huge credit, still wouldn't give up. Points from Caoimhe Mohan, Laura

McEnaney (Banty's daughter) and a Cathriona McConnell free pulled it back to a point with just five minutes remaining and Cork badly needed a particularly steadying insurance point from dual star Rena Buckley to hold their composure.

Juliet Murphy was outstanding for Cork at midfield partnered by Donoughmore clubmate Rena Buckley, and Briege Corkery (St Vals) put in a massive effort at wing back. Rhona Ni Bhuachalla (Naomh Fionnbarra) scored the vital goal from the penalty spot for Cork. It was a great day for the Cork Ladies with a massive contribution from the Lee Valley girls on the field and Manager Eamonn Ryan and fellow selector Justin MacCarthaigh of Béal Átha on the line.

Scorers -- Cork: N Cleary, R Ni Bhuachalla (pen) 1-0 each, J Murphy 0-3 (2f), G O'Flynn, R Buckley, G Kearney, V Mulcahy 0-1 each.

Cork: Elaine Harte, Anne Marie Walsh, Angela Walsh, Deirdre O'Reilly, Briege Corkery, Bríd Stack, Geraldine O'Flynn, Juliet Murphy, Rena Buckley, Nollaig Cleary, Mairéad Kelly, Grace Kearney, Valerie Mulcahy, Rhona Ni Bhuachalla, Amy O'Shea (captain) Subs: Ciara O'Sullivan, Orla Finn, Norita Kelly, Áine Sheehan and Annie Walsh.

Not even the prospect of cruciate ligament surgery for the third time could dampen Cork captain Amy O'Shea's spirits as she hobbled up on crutches to receive the Brendan Martin Cup at Croke Park yesterday. The 27-year-old had to be helped off early in the second half, but insisted afterwards: "Every pain and ache was gone lifting that cup. I said two rosaries when I came off and it was nothing related to my knee!"

Monaghan had scored a staggering 18-74 en route to the final but were held goal-less by Cork's imperious defence and that, ultimately, proved the big difference.

### 2011 PLAYER'S PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARD

The senior winner was Juliet Murphy of Cork, judged by her peers to have been the stand out performer of the year.

### The 2011 O'Neills/TG4 All Stars team had

six Cork players including Right Half Back: Briege Corkery, Midfield: Juliet Murphy and Full Forward: Rhona Ni Bhuachalla.

## GOUGANE BARRA LAKE

By Ellie May Cronin, aged 12, took this photo from the hills in Rossalougha looking down on Gougane Barra



# KELLEHER WELCOMES TAOISEACH'S INTERVENTION INTO AN TAISCE OBJECTION TO GLANBIA CHEESE FACTORY IN BELLVIEW, CO. KILKENNY

- GLANBIA MUST WORK WITH DAIRY FARMERS TO ENSURE NO PRICE CAP APPLIES IF FACILITY OPENING IS DELAYED -

Fianna Fáil MEP Billy Kelleher has today welcomed the intervention by An Taoiseach into An Taisce's continuing objection to the proposed Glanbia cheese production facility in Bellview, Co. Kilkenny. "This is a positive development and one that I fully support. A number of weeks ago, I made my views known on An Taisce's objection. At the time, I was very clear that I thought it was beyond their remit. "The Taoiseach's comments today on the floor of the Dáil where he called on An Taisce to withdraw their appeal to the High Court decision were correct.

"The court was clear in its decision to throw out An Taisce's original objection. The judicial system should not be used to set government policy, and the proposed Glanbia production facility is in line with government policy. "The new plant is good for jobs in the region, and crucially is of vital importance to hundreds of dairy farmers who have made significant investments to expand their holdings and herds in order to supply the new facility with enough milk to produce Gouda cheese for export.

"Additionally, I am calling on Glanbia to work with farmer to ensure that they do not suffer price caps as a result of delays to the opening of this facility. Dairy farmers have acted in good faith, and should not suffer because of An Taisce's irresponsible objection. Glanbia must find a way to ensure farmers do not lose out," concluded Kelleher.



Pupil volunteer from Muinefliuch NS during the recent garden volunteer weekend



McEgan Students and Teachers during Active Inclusion Week (2)



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### AGHINAGH GAA:

Aghinagh G.A.A. Lotto Results 3rd May, 2021  
The jackpot was €7,450. The numbers drawn were 14, 20 and 28. There was no jackpot winner. Consolation prizes: €50.00 Andrew Desmond, Oughtierra. €20 each to Lucy O'Callaghan Cronin, C/O Ballinagree Shop; Eileen Lynch, Knockrour, (Online Winner); Ian Twomey, Vancouver (Online Winner); Susan O'Mahoney, The Hermitage, Macroom (Online Winner).

### AGHINAGH G.A.A. LOTTO RESULTS 26TH APRIL 2021

The jackpot was €7,300. The numbers drawn were 5, 18 and 39. There was no jackpot winner. Consolation prizes: €50.00 John & Erica Kelleher, Leades. €20 each to Noel Lynch, Coolgarif; John O'Mahoney, Clondrohid; Caeliv Donnelly, Carrigaline; Pat Barry Murphy, C/O Martin Healy.

### COACHFORD AFC:

Coachford AFC Lotto Results 4/5/2021. Jackpot:

€5,200. Numbers Drawn: 18 - 23 - 32. No Winner.  
€40 Siobhán O'Donovan. €20 Paddy Finnegan. Julie Carey (Online Ticket). Eve O'Leary (Online Ticket). Shane O'Leary (Yearly Ticket).

### RCPA (RYLANE COMMUNITY PARK ASSOCIATION) LOTTO RESULTS: May 4th 2021.

Winning numbers: 5, 11 & 24 Jackpot - €3,600  
No Winner.

Lucky Dip winners who received €20 each: Jackie Ring (Rylane); Denis Leahy (Rylane); Sheila Scannell (Rylane) & John & Phyllis Long (Little Island - Online)  
Next week's Jackpot will be €3,800

### CLONDROHID G.A.A.:

G.A.A. LOTTO: Results for April 28  
€70 Saoirse Kelleher Kilvoultra  
€20 Annette Cullinane Kilpatrick, Donie Kelleher Mounahorna, Adrian Martin c/o B Kearns  
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Results for May 5 Jackpot of €12,600

€70 Antoinette Cullinane Macroom

€20 Siobhan Lawlor Millstreet, Daniel O'Mahony The Village, Donal O'Brien The Village, Grace Balfe Cork Street.

### MACROOM GAA LOTTO RESULTS

27/04/2021 Jackpot €10,000. Numbers 8-14-17-33. €70. Emma & Orla Lynch, Sleaveen West, Macroom. €20. Margaret Coackley, Inchigeela, €20. Sean Cronin, Ardilaun, Macroom. €20. Murt Twomey, Rockboro, Macroom. €20. Judy O'Sullivan, Kilnagurteen, Macroom. €20. Sean Michael Browne, Railway View, Macroom.

04/05/2021. Jackpot €10,200 - Numbers 5-8-29-31. €70. Michael Walsh, Carriganima, Macroom. €20. Stephen Moore, Cooldaniel, Toames. €20. Denis Buckley, 8 An Gleann, Macroom. €20. Sharon Lucey, 2 Millbrook Ave, Macroom. €20. Diarmuid Holland, Ros Alainn, Macroom. €20. Suzann O'Brien, Clondrohid, Macroom.

## AGHINAGH MACRA

Aghinagh Macra had great success at Macra's National Talent Competition. Due to Covid-19 restrictions the competition was held online this year with competitors being asked to submit videos of their talents. Tomás Keneally represented Aghinagh Macra and Muskerry Macra at the semi-final in the Mastermind category. Tadgh O'Riordan made it to the final of the Solo Singing category, he did the club proud with his rendition of "Getting

Ready to Get Down" by Josh Gritter. Katie O'Connell danced her way to the final of the Tik Tok category. She performed to the song "Human" by the Killers. We had huge success in the Solo Traditional Dance category where Leona O'Hanlon took home the top prize with her performance of a slip jig; she was also voted as the audience's favourite out of all the category winners. We are extremely proud of all of our members who took part and the videos are available to watch on our Facebook page (Aghinagh Mac) and our Instagram page (aghinaghmacra).

We are looking forward to running in person events again such as puc fada, hill walking and farm walks. We will be holding all events in line with Covid restrictions, all events will be risk assessed, everyone attending will be asked to fill out a contact tracing log before attending the event, masks will be worn and a club Covid officer will attend all events. New members are always welcome, please contact our club chairman John Lynch (086-2666789) for more information.

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Naomh Abán Footballers at the Ballyvourney Darkness into Light event.



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*A Word of Victory*

Welcome back dear reader "O God, do not keep silence; do not hold your peace or be still, O God! For behold, your enemies make an uproar; those who hate you have raised their heads. They lay crafty plans against your people; they consult together against your treasured ones. They say, "Come, let us wipe them out as a nation; let the name of Israel be remembered no more!" For they conspire with one accord; against You they make a covenant" (Psalm 83:1-5).

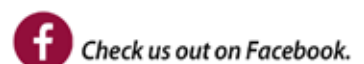
God is very clear in His Word about the nation of Israel. They belong to Him. In fact, they are the 'apple of His eye' (Zechariah 2:8). And He warns that anyone who comes against Israel or God's people is lining themselves up against God Himself. God will deal with His enemies and it won't be pleasant. Friend this is an alert to warn you - please, please, please - do not align yourself against the Living God by judging or speaking against the nation of Israel.

God deals with Israel Himself - He always has. But you have to know that we are in the end of the end times. Jesus is coming back to this earth just as He promised in His Word. And how we can be sure that God's Word is true is - the nation of Israel. So far every prophecy in the Bible about Israel has been fulfilled, including that the nation would be re-born in a day which occurred upon this day in 1948, when their land was given back to them. Yes, their land! (Isaiah 66:5-13; Amos 9:14-15; Jeremiah 30:1-17)

The devil would like nothing better than to divide the land of Israel in order to stop the next prophecies coming to pass, but he won't succeed because Jesus is coming back to take up His millennial reign. Everything that is happening on the world stage right now has been prophesied in the Bible because God - the Alpha and Omega - knows the end from the beginning. The Bible is not a book of myths or fables as Satan would like people to believe. Israel's enemies want that nation obliterated completely, artfully using propaganda to get other nations to hate Israel, thus bringing curse upon themselves, their families and their nations.

The Lord promised Abraham that the nation of Israel would be blessed to be a blessing to every nation upon this earth (Genesis 12:2-3). BUT! He also promised that whoever cursed Israel would be cursed and devoured. It is very serious friend. The terrorists Hamas have no regard for life or democracy. They put the women and children in the front lines and goad Israel by firing rockets constantly, and then have the cameras at the ready to record the destruction for the world's media. But it is not the whole story. The world stood by silently whilst six million Jewish people were killed in the Holocaust because of hatred. Don't let us be uninformed now, instead let us support Israel and pray for the peace of Jerusalem (Psalm 122:6-9).

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**FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**



In loving memory of

**MARGARET CRONIN**

**Coolavokig, Macroom Who died 22nd May 2020**

Dan and the family of the late Margaret would like to thank most sincerely all those who sympathised with us on our great loss.

We offer our heartfelt thanks to the many friends, neighbours and extended family for their kindness and support. For those who sent Mass cards, letters of sympathy, phone calls, flowers and all who left condolences on RIP.ie, your kindness was truly appreciated.

Thank you to Fr John Keane for his beautiful funeral mass and for all his support through our difficulty time. Thank you to the Sacristan and Musician. Our thanks to Dr Ken Harte and his staff who Margaret was so fond of and also to Seamus and the staff at Haven Pharmacy. A heartfelt thank you to all the Doctors, Nurses and Staff at Cork University Hospital and Marymount Hospice who cared for Margaret.

A special word of thanks to Casey Funeral Services for their kindness and professionalism and to the staff at The Island Crematorium, Ringaskiddy. Also we would like to thank everyone who lined the roads and stood outside the church, your presence did not go unnoticed and was really appreciated.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually please accept this acknowledgement as a token of our sincere appreciation.

The Holy Sacrifice of The Mass will be offered for your intentions.

*We miss your smile, your joking ways.  
We miss the things you used to say.  
And when old times we do recall.  
That's when we miss you most of all.*



Always in our heart and prayer

**20TH ANNIVERSARY**



In loving memory of

**KATHLEEN CAZ TWOMEY**

**Killarney Road, Macroom  
Who died on May 16th 2001**

*We hold you close within our hearts  
And there you shall remain,  
To walk with us throughout our lives.  
Until we meet again.  
So rest in peace, dear loved one  
And thanks for all you've done.  
We pray that God has given you  
The crown you've truly won.*

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*We lost a mother with a heart of gold,  
How much we miss her can never be told,  
She shared our troubles  
and helped us along,  
If we follow her footsteps  
we will never go wrong.*

\*\*\*

*We miss you from your fireside chair,  
Your loving smile and gentle air,  
Your vacant place no one can fill,  
We miss you other and always will.*

\*\*\*

*She was a mother so very rare,  
Content in her home and always there,  
On earth she toiled, in Heaven she rests,  
God bless you mother, you were one of  
the best.*



Always cherished, always loved  
By her husband Frank,  
Noel, Sandy, Catherine, Pamela,  
Mairead, Cathal, Terence, Trevor,  
Cian, Eoin, Dylan, Aoife, Aimee, Kaitlyn  
and Saoirse

**FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**



In loving memory of

**ELLEN BOYLE (NEE MARTIN)**

**Glashagarive, Coachford  
Co. Cork  
Who died on 21st May 2020**

A loving Wife, Mother and Grandmother, who was an inspiration to us all and always in our Hearts.

The Family of Ellen Boyle would like to thank the Martin and Boyle families here in Ireland and abroad for their love and support thru the years.

Ellen's dear Friends and Wonderful neighbors for the care and laughs. Ellen appreciated Carechoice Macroom, and all the visitors to Michael.

America had a special place in her heart, and the fond memories of family and friends..

She was adored by young and old, there was no fuss or bother, and she would make the most of the day ahead and the people in it.

Her home always felt welcoming, and her smile had a bit of mischief in it. You will be dearly and fondly remembered Ellen, with a smile on our face.



RIP Ellen Boyle

**FIRST ANNIVERSARY**



In loving memory of

**ELLEN BOYLE**

**Carrigathou, Coachford  
Who died on 21st May 2020**

*A loving nature,  
A heart of gold,  
The very best  
This world could hold.  
Never selfish, always kind,  
These are the memories  
You left behind.*

*When you remember Ellen today  
A little prayer to Jesus say.*



Fondly remembered by the Martin family and by her kind friends and neighbours.

**2ND ANNIVERSARY**



In loving memory of

**MARY HORGAN**

**Belmont Place, Crookstown  
who passed away 15th May 2019**

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



Sadly missed by her daughters Maureen, Rose and Kate, sons n law Dan and Sean, grandchildren & great grandchildren.

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**25TH ANNIVERSARY**



Cherished memories today and always of a dear son and brother

**DEREK HEALY**

Late of Crookstown  
Who died May 12th 1996  
Aged 19 years  
RIP

*Softly the leaves of memory fall  
Gently we gather and treasure them all.  
Unseen, unheard you are always near  
So loved, so missed, so very dear.*

*Will those who think of Derek today  
A little prayer to Jesus say.*



Sadly missed by his loving mother Noreen, sisters Christine, Caroline and brother in law Derek.

**21ST ANNIVERSARY**



In loving memory of

**MARIA DINNEEN**

Coolavokig, Macroom.  
Who died on the 19th May 2000

*Memories are like leaves of gold,  
They never wither or grow old,  
Locked in our hearts you will always be,  
Loved and remembered for eternity.*



Loved always by Dad (Diarmuid), Mam (Joan), Maidhcí, Katie and Emer, the Dinneen and Lucey families.

**4TH ANNIVERSARY**



In loving memory of

**SEAMUS CUNNINGHAM**

Oakwood Court Macroom.  
Who died on 10th May 2017.

*Your name is often spoken.  
We talk about you still.  
You have not been forgotten.  
By us you never will.*



Sadly missed and always remembered by his loving Sons, Grandchildren, and extended Family & All his dear Friends.

May he rest in peace.

**25TH ANNIVERSARY**



In loving memory of

**CHRISTY DESMOND**

Ballymakeera.  
Who died 13th of May 1996



Fondly remembered by his family as a Father, Grandfather and Great Grandfather.

**5TH ANNIVERSARY**



In loving memory of

**CATHERINE DOYLE**

7 Belmont Place, Crookstown,  
Co. Cork  
whose 5th anniversary  
occurs at this time

*Memories of you  
are lovingly kept,  
Someone too special  
to ever forget.*



Sadly missed by your loving sister Joan and Sean.

**5TH ANNIVERSARY**



In loving memory of

**CATHERINE DOYLE**

7 Belmont Place, Crookstown,  
Co. Cork  
who died on 18th May 2016

*May the wind blow gently,  
And whisper for you to hear,  
How much we love and miss you,  
And wish that you were still here.*



Lovingly remembered by your husband John, children Michelle and Clement, son in law Michael, daughter in law Kim and your grandchildren Katelyn, Shauna, Clodagh, Conor, James and Ian

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**THE MIRACLE PRAYER**



Dear Heart of Jesus, in the past I have asked many favours. This time I ask you this special one, (mention favour).  
Take it dear heart of Jesus and place it within your heart where your father sees it. Then in his merciful eyes it will become your favour, not mine. Amen.

Say this prayer three times for three days and your favour will be granted. Never known to fail. Must promise publication of prayer.

MD

**THE MIRACLE PRAYER**



Dear Heart of Jesus, in the past I have asked many favours. This time I ask you this special one, (mention favour).  
Take it dear heart of Jesus and place it within your heart where your father sees it. Then in his merciful eyes it will become your favour, not mine. Amen.

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**20TH ANNIVERSARY**



In loving memory of

**JOAN HINCHION**

**Leades, Aghinagh, Coachford  
Whose 20th anniversary occurs on  
May 9th**

*You are remembered everyday  
for your grace, kindness, wisdom, advice,  
and your sense of humour and fun.  
You made the world a better place.  
A life well lived.*



Lovingly remembered by  
Gerard and Ann

**7TH ANNIVERSARY**



In loving memory of

**STEPHEN LYNCH**

**Coolavokig Lower, Macroom  
Who passed away on the  
14th May 2014**

*This day is remembered  
Deep are the memories  
Precious they stay  
With those  
Who think of Stephen  
A little prayer to Jesus say*



Always remembered by your loving wife  
Eileen and all your family and friends.

**THE MIRACLE PRAYER**



Dear Heart of Jesus, in the past I have asked many favours. This time I ask you this special one, (waiting on result of a pregnancy scan)

Take it dear heart of Jesus and place it within your heart where your father sees it. Then in his merciful eyes it will become your favour, not mine. Amen.

Say this prayer three times for three days and your favour will be granted. Never known to fail. Must promise publication of prayer.

GB

**NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART**



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

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

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

Say this prayer three times for three days and your favour will be granted. Never known to fail. Must promise publication of prayer.

DC

**NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART**



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

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

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

Say this prayer three times for three days and your favour will be granted. Never known to fail. Must promise publication of prayer.

**16TH ANNIVERSARY**



In loving memory of

**JOANIE MCDONNELL**

**17 Belmont Place, Crookstown.  
Who died on the 19th May 2005.**

*Those who love, Don't go away,  
They walk beside us everyday.  
Unseen, Unheard, But always near,  
Still loved, still missed, still very dear.*



Loved & remembered  
by your husband Paddy & family  
Patricia, Mary, Anthony, Denise  
Deirdre & Sinead,  
grandchildren & great grandchildren.

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**5TH ANNIVERSARY**



In loving memory of

**JOHN FLYNN**

Castle Street, Macroom  
whose anniversary occurs at  
this time

*Always remembered  
never forgotten.*



Sadly missed and much loved.  
Nora & Family.

**4TH ANNIVERSARY**



In loving memory of

**MARY BRIDGET MURPHY**

Gort Mhuire, Ballineen &  
Renacahera, Terelton  
Who died on 14th May 2017

*Our Lady of Knock, Queen of Ireland,  
you gave hope to your people in a time of  
distress and comforted them in sorrow.  
You have inspired countless pilgrims to  
pray with confidence to your divine Son,  
remembering His promise, "Ask and you  
shall receive, seek and you shall find".  
Help me to remember that we are all  
pilgrims on the road to Heaven.*



Always remembered by her brother Liam,  
sister in law Joan, nephews & nieces  
John Noel, John Joe, Sile & Ann and their  
families

**2ND ANNIVERSARY**



In loving memory of

**GOBNAIT O'CALLAGHAN**

Dromanallig, Ballingearry Co Cork  
Who went to Heaven on 13th of  
May 2019

*Just a prayer from the family  
who loved her.  
Just a memory fond and true.  
In our hearts you will live forever,  
because we thought the world of you.  
Naomh Gobnait guí orainn.*



Sadly missed and fondly remembered by  
John, Maria, Deirdre, Paul, Ciaran and  
Eimear, her adored Grandchildren &  
extended family.

**6TH ANNIVERSARY**



In loving memory of

**SEAN COUGHLAN**

Kilnagurteen Macroom.  
Who died on the 8th of May 2015

*We miss you from your fire side chair  
Your loving smile and gentle air  
Your vacant place no one can fill  
We miss you Dad and always will.*



From your loving daughters  
Mary, Claire & son Aidan and his  
extended family.

**3RD ANNIVERSARY**



In loving memory of

**FERGAL MURPHY**

Farran View, Dripsey  
Who died on May 13th, 2018

*Fergal,  
"It broke my heart to lose you,  
but you didn't go alone  
For part of me went with you,  
the day God called you home"*



Love always your wife Dee X

**3RD ANNIVERSARY**



In loving memory of

**FERGAL MURPHY**

Farran View, Dripsey  
Who died on May 13th, 2018

*Deep in our hearts  
you will always stay*



Remembered & loved from  
Maudie, Liam & all the  
Cotter families

**18TH BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE**



In loving memory of

**MICHAELA WALSH**

Rylane  
who died 15th May 2003.

*No matter how life changes,  
No matter what we do,  
A special place within our hearts  
is always kept for you.*



Loved and missed everyday by  
Nanna & Granda Walsh, Aunts, Uncles  
and Cousins.

**18TH BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE**



In loving memory of

**MICHAELA WALSH**

Rylane  
who died 15th May 2003.

*Your Birthday's here  
but YOU aren't  
I'd send a gift  
but know I can't.*

*So I'll make a wish  
Upon a star  
To carry my love  
to where YOU are.*



Loved and missed everyday by your Mom  
Norma, Dad Dave, Tina, Tiernan and  
Aoibhe.

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