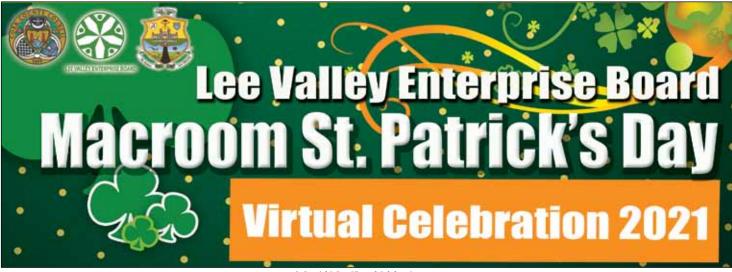
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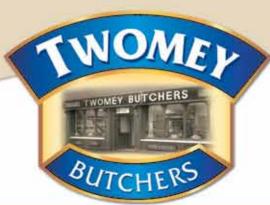
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Editor's NOTE

Following on from last week's editorial on what future we want for Macroom and its environs, it led me down a meandering path about the dwindling nightlife of our town centre.

What was once a popular destination for a Friday, Saturday, and Sunday night out for townies and country folk alike, the town at night has become somewhat of a ghost town. Quite due to Covid, but also quite due to several pubs, nightclubs, restaurants closures and the closure of the Briary Gap all of which proceeded lockdown.

It led me to think about how one would 're-invent' nightlife in Macroom in a multi-generational way. Which in turn led me to Purple Flag accreditation. The Purple Flag accreditation which acts as a standard of excellence for evening and night-time actives. There are 14 towns in Ireland with Purple Flag accreditation, and we are in-between two Purple Flag towns, Cork and Killarney. The premise is to marry appeal of a town centre, with integrated public policy, a safe environment to socialise and suitable methods of transport home. A town which is a hive of activity during the day should have the same appeal for evening and night activities which allow for greater expenditure within the town. Evening and night-time activities could

include a cinema, theatre, bowling, a live music venue, restaurants, a night market, all weather pitches, sports, clubs, late night dining, bars, and nightclubs. It could even be simple things like solar street lighting in the castle grounds and town park to make evening walks safer. The repurposing of vacant properties could be utilised. Special attention could be given to facilities that teenagers require, who have been hit hard by Covid. With many missing their debs, their first legal pint in a pub or a night out to celebrate leaving cert results with their friends. Past successes of the Mountain Dew Festival, Macroom Food Festival, St Patrick's Week Festival, Inchigeela festival I and Townlands Carnival serve to highlight all the amazing things our community has already accomplished.

The good news is the size of the town doesn't have to be an issue, the likes of Leap and Ballydehob have lively social scenes come sundown, with busloads from Cork coming to enjoy a night out in West Cork. The benefits of revitalising our towns nightlife are three-fold, increased expenditure in the town boosts the local economy and provides more work for locals, it leads to a reduction in property vacancies within the town centre and creates a hive of activity as a social outlet and a nice ambience for many.

I find myself asking if Macroom, is not located on any designated tourism trail such as the Wild Atlantic Way, so how can we ensure people will come to our town and spend their money here throughout the day and at night? Or how can we make Macroom a cultural and social destination rather than a stopping point along a well-trodden route? And how do we go about revitalising our historic core with a modern urban space which revitalised the town centre and community?

From research and evaluating other towns in Ireland which have driven thriving local economies, collaboration seems to be a common theme.

Like before, I'll leave you with that food for thought, if you have ideas or thoughts about what you would like Macroom to grow into email us at leevalleyoutlook@gmail.com

On a side note, to this the Lee Valley Enterprise Board have a wonderful Virtual Parade this year, so be sure to follow their Facebook page for more info.

Sarah Kate Murphy





Have you noticed our St Patrick's Day dancers practising across the town? The sound of The Killers ringing out in the street? We can't celebrate St Patricks Day in the normal way this year, but we can still celebrate.

The Macroom St Patricks Day Virtual Celebration will be launched on Facebook on 17th of March; it will tell a St Patrick's Day story which will celebrate all of our front line and essential workers in Macroom and showcase our town. The idea was the brainchild of local An Post staff Jerry Murphy and Ann O'Connell who were inspired by the recent Jerusalema challenge and wanted to see what moves the people of Macroom had. They then decided to get Cllr Eileen Lynch and Deirdre O'Sullivan of O'Sullivan School of Irish Dancing on board and put the wheels in motion to turn an idea into a reality. The group then linked up with the Lee Valley Enterprise Board who were very impressed with their idea and fully got behind the initiative.

The final video will be launched at 10AM on the Macroom St Patricks Day Virtual Celebration Facebook page on St Patricks Day. Follow the page in the week leading up to it as we bring you messages and memories from previous St Patrick's Day.

As many people cannot travel to be with Family at the moment, the facebook page will also share videos and messages from Macrompians abroad, so please contact the page directly if your loved ones would like to have a message included or email "macroomdancechallenge@gmail.com"

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Killian Lynch Auctioneers are pleased to offer this traditional 3 bedroom farmhouse situated on c.0.9 acres. The property which is in excellent condition throughout comprises of c 1,110 sq.ft. living accommodation and comes with a good variety of outbuildings. This property which is located in a private and secluded setting is c.20 minutes drive west of Cork City. This house is full of character and charm and must be seen to be appreciated.

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My son, David Neville (13) is a first year De la Salle student. He has taken on a Lenten challenge with a difference! He has undertaken to run 5km every day in lent for 'Cork Arc Cancer Support House. This charity was a huge support to David's family during his Uncle, Daniel Kingston's, battle with cancer. Daniel passed away from Hodgkin's

lymphoma at the age of 25 in 2009.

However, his memory lives on in the minds and hearts of his family and people from Macroom. We gather every June to run 5km for Daniel and raise funds for ARC. This annual event has generated €237k since Daniel's passing. Unfortunately, as a result of COVID we missed last year and will again

in 2021.

David says on his go fund me page "Cork Arc helped him (his uncle) and my family so much and because we were unable to do the Daniel Kingston run, which we do in the summer every year, I decided that for lent I would run 5k a day for 40 days." https://www.gofundme.com/f/40-days-running-

for-daniel40 David has been supported by his pals Ruadhan

McKenna and James Cuddihy who are running with him each day. He has

been blown away by the very generous donations and after only 8 days of running he has already raised €3k.

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POEMS FROM A HEALTHCARE WORK

I wrote these three poems during the last 11 months. I have worked in healthcare for going on 10 years and these 11 months have been by far the most challenging and heartbreaking but at the very same time filled with many, many privileged and loving moments, both with those I've cared for, their families and most especially with my fellow colleagues. I hope these two poems give you a tiny insight into the experiences of a healthcare worker in these times. -Emer O' Leary

I hope you can see in my eyes The smile hidden behind this mask, I hope you can see in my eyes The kindness in every task.

I hope you can see in my eyes The love in the words that I say, I hope you can see in my eyes The light I wish to bring to your day.

I hope you can see in my eyes That I see not just your being but your spirit too, One soul to another eye to eye, And beneath this damn mask a warm smile.

And in that moment, The light of the Son shone on that one soul.

It illumined every rough edge, It seeped into every crevasse and shadow,

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It flooded every part,

So much so that His wondrous light embraced them,

And made them one with Him again.

A simple smile can hide an awful lot. An awful lot can hide behind a simple smile. Emer O' Leary

MACROOM CAMERA CLUB

WE NEED YOU!!! My name is Joan Murphy, from just outside Macroom town and together with a few others we have decided to set up a Macroom Camera Club.

Spending more time in the locality has made us all appreciate how lucky we are to be surrounded by the beauty of nature, creative individuals, and powerful community strength. Macroom Camera Club aims to celebrate all these attributes of the local area by creating a space where people

can learn from each other, form friendships, contribute to club themed photography collections and lots more to suit the members preferences.

If you would like to get involved in this club. please free to contact us on macroomcameraclub@ gmail.com or join our Facebook Group Macroom Camera Club for the latest updates.

Let us celebrate the beauty of our surroundings captured by locals.

PICTURE ABOVE: Dragon Fly taken by Mary O`Connell







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2-4pm - starts Sunday 21st March



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St. Mary's Musings

era O' Sullivan

Above: Emma Cahill

Orla Lynch

Lara O'Sullivan

PE CHALLENGE

During Lockdown our PE teachers have started a PE challenge! What they are trying to do is to promote some creativity, activity, and fun for our students during the lock down. Our PE Teachers didn't want to give the girls 'Fitness Targets' to reach each week (i.e., time your 5k etc). They felt that this might add to the stress they are already under and in doing so the girls may go on to associate physical activity with further stress, pressure, and expectation. Their aim was to create an atmosphere in which physical activity is seen as a healthy and creative outlet from all that is going on.

They set up a 'PE Challenge' page that's open to all of the students of St. Marys should they be inclined join in. Teachers send the class code around in their weekly emails to their PE classes. Every couple of weeks Mr Hennessy will post a video of a new challenge for the girls to try out at home. If the girls are so inclined, they can then post in a video of their own accepting/ attempting that challenge. The hope is that we will get some girls sending in a video, even more girls attempting the challenge (even if they don't send in a video) and that we get all the group members smiling and enjoying the creative expressions when a video is sent in.

Our first challenge was 'Kicky Uppies' how many times could you solo a soccer ball in a row. Coming up to the end of this challenge we were a little worried that our inspiration hadn't taken flight as only

Mr Hennessy's video had been entered (he set the record at 13 kicky uppies). Thankfully a bunch of innovative 5th years consisting of Syve Lynch, Tess Hennessy, Ellie Cooney Lynch, Marian Creedon, Lorraine Casey, Laoise O'Sullivan and Alannah Cunningham sent in a combined montage of their efforts. This group, who go by the name 'Zoomers and Loomers', raised the bar significantly in terms of their execution of the challenge - they scored a combined 49 Kicky Uppies! Their technological innovation also stood out as the song 'Head and Heart' played us through the montage. The girls, going on their own initiative, spent time and effort putting together a joyful and creative expression of physical activity in a time when they have every excuse not to. In doing this we feel that they brought a smile and some inspiration to all members of the PE Challenge group.

The next challenge is a 'Trick Shot' challenge in which any sort of sporting trick shots can be entered (cross bar challenge, scoring a basket whilst facing the other way etc.). We're looking forward to seeing what the 'Zoomers and Loomers' and all of our other girls have in store for us on this one.

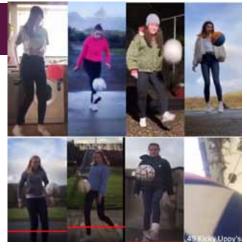
EUROPEAN YOUTH PARLIAMENT

Well done to Lara O' Sullivan, 5th year, who participated in the Munster Regional Session of European Youth Parliament during Mid Term. Lara was a member of the committee called



Well done to Orla Lynch, Mia Normoyle O Sullivan and Emma Cahill, 4th year, who also participated in the Munster Regional Session of European Youth Parliament during Mid Term. Emma was part of the AFET committee which focuses on foreign affairs. Their topic for the session

was focused on dealing with the Arctic in a peaceful and sustainable way. They had to think of solutions to problems like the exploitation of indigenous people's land, little co-operation between geopolitical players in the Arctic and unsustainable sourcing of fossil fuels in the Arctic. Emma and her team worked really hard and were very proud when their resolution passed with 66 votes in favour and 31 against. Emma says that she really enjoyed the session, and she learned a lot from the other delegates on her team and other teams. She found the other debates very interesting, and it was clear to see that everyone involved had a passion for this type of thing. "I'm really glad I did it as it was an experience to remember". Orla was a member of the committee called CULT, which focussed on culture and education. The motion was "Can you hear me? Some of the EU's 60 regional and minority languages are currently facing extinction. Bearing in mind the importance of multilingualism in Europe, what should Member States do to preserve their rich linguistic heritage?" Orla and her teams aim were the protection of Regional and Minority Languages (RMLs). Orla's group were tasked with creating ways that EU Member States could promote and preserve RML's, for example, making public services more accessible to RML speakers. They were delighted that their resolution received 74 votes in favour which



meant it passed! Orla says "It was a very enjoyable experience. I made many friends and got to work with people I had never met before! I also learnt a lot about the workings of the European Parliament". Well done Girls, what a productive use of your mid-term break!

BODY POSITIVITY SEMINAR

Transition Year student Áine Sheehan organised and presented a A Positive Body Seminar recently. Áine presented this seminar to all TY Students on Monday the 22nd of March. Áine delivered two very interesting presentations on our relationship with food and with movement. Students were asked to reflect on their own relationships with both during the seminar. Then they watched a very inspiring Ted Talk entitled "Body Positivity or Body Obsession" by Lindsay Kite before getting a talk and short zumba session from Danny Payne. The afternoon was both enjoyable and informative. Many thanks to Aine for all the preparatory work and for delivering this very informative seminar.

ANGUS ART COMPETITION

As part of the St Mary's Angus group promotion of Angus beef, TY Students: Aoife Downey, Abigail Kelleher, Sinead Creedon and Siobhan O' Leary, are running a drawing competition for 1st year students in St Mary's, they are also opening it up for 5-14 years olds in the wider Macroom community. The theme is 'Angus in Springtime'. To be in with a chance of winning a delicious Easter Egg, anyone interested in entering is encouraged to draw, colour or paint a drawing of an Angus cow in springtime, this can be your own interpretation. To submit the drawing, email a photo of it to Ms Foley at the following email address:

angus@stmarysmacroom.ie

Please include the entrants name and age, and an email address to be used as a means of contact. A winner will be chosen from each of the St Mary's 1st year class groups as well the top 3 entries from members of the community! Best of luck!!



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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.

A Housebound Book Delivery Service is available for our elderly and vulnerable patrons. If you are interested in availing of this service, please contact the Cork County Council's Community Helpline at 1800 805 819 or email covidsupport@ corkcoco.ie or contact Macroom Library at; 026

'From The Well' Short Story Competition 2021: Cork County Council Library & Arts Service have launched it's annual 'From The Well' Short Story Competition. The highly regarded literacy competition is now in its 17th year & is open to registered library members who are over 18 years. Applications should be submitted online through YourCouncil.ie before the closing date Thursday 1st April 2021 at 4.00 pm. Any problems contact – sinead.donnelly@corkcoco.ie

Artist by My Side 2021: New series of online craft workshops will be delivered on Zoom by Cork County Council Library & Arts Service. Materials will be posted to successful applicants in advance of workshop.

If you would like to enroll for any please contact Sinead.donnelly@corkcoco.ie

This series of Artist by My Side workshops are:

Ann Burns - Environmental & Natural Artwork Each week will involve a haptic experience where the senses will be the focus on the appreciation of environmental and natural artwork using clay and found materials at home and in the garden.

10 participants (6 pre-chosen from Rehab) 5 sessions 12th March - 30th April 2021 10:00 -

Anja Reinhold - Paper Folding & Printing

Workshops 01 and 02 will focus on paper, paper folding, origami etc. and Workshops 03 and 04 will be about stamp printing, different printing techniques and linocut.

12 participants 4 sessions Saturday 13th, 20th, 27th March and 3rd April 2021 15:00 - 17:00

Sylwia Migdal - Sound Mapping

10 participants 6 sessions 10th March – 14th 11am -1pm April

Participants will be asked to map sound around their home place or surrounding area, (it can be outside or inside using their phones) From collective sounds we will make sound composition.

Belinda Walsh - Art & Creative Wellbeing

10 participants 6 sessions 11th March 2021 - 15th April 2021 11:00 - 12:30

In this online course, tutor Belinda Walsh will guide you through a playful approach to art making. We will look at other artist's experimental ways of working to inspire you in your own creative endeavours. Participants will explore a variety of hands-on visual arts activities including automatic drawing, expressive mark making, collage and paper cut outs.

Stephanie Tenier - Wet felting

In this workshop participants will make a wet felting village scene picture and a wet felting flower brooch

10 participants 4 sessions 11th March 2021 - 1st April 2021 19:00 - 20:30

Art of Living Project: The Arts Office are currently looking for participants for a project titled "Art of Living" devised & developed by Cormac O'Connor. The project will interview older participants in the Arts & examine how their interaction with the medium has grown & changed over the years. The aim of the project is to create a short documentary to celebrate the role of older people in the Arts in Cork & this will be shown as part of the Bealtaine Festival next year. If you know of any suitable candidates to be put forward for the film, please do let us know. Contact; sinead.donnelly@

Cork County Council has set up a dedicated **COVID 19 Community Response Freephone** Helpline. Our COVID-19 Community Support Program is here to assist vulnerable members of the community or those living alone who may need help in getting food/medication/fuel or other household items delivered or someone to talk to. Call; 1800 805 819

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Please follow us on Facebook - Cork County Council Library & Arts Service and Twitter -@ Corkcolibrary for all our up-to-date news and information.

Any queries please feel free to contact us at Macroom Library: 026 42483 Tuesday Saturday: 10:00 am - 5:30 pm.

We would only be too delighted to assist you.

Leabharlann Mhaigh Chromtha - Seachtain na Gaeilge

Tá Seachtain Na Gaeilge buailte linn arís ón 1ú Márta go dtí an 17ú Márta. Is Féile Idirnáisiúnta í Seachtain na Gaeilge ag ceiliúradh teanga, cultúr agus dúchas na hEireann. Tugann sé deis agus spreagadh do gach duine an Ghaeilge atá acu a

Faraor, i mbliana ní féidir linn í a cheiliúradh sa Leabharlann mar a dheineamar blianta eile. Tá bliain imithe anois ó bhuail an Ciorcal Cainte le chéile don uair deireanach ar an 12ú Márta 2020. Is beag a cheapamar ag an am nach mbeimís ag bualadh lena chéile aris don chuid eile den bhliain sin, agus de réir cosúlachta ní bheidh sé ag tárlú i mbliana ach an oiread.

Ach caithfimíd a bheith dóchasach. Tiocfaidh deireadh le seo agus beimíd go léir ag ceiliúradh arís. Idir an dá linn, bí bródúil as do theanga agus bain úsáid as, go háirithe le linn Seachtain Na Gaeilge.

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Aoibhinn liom an ciorcal cainte a sheolann an teanga istigh ón tsráid.

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Soe a leanas roinnt seanfhocail a bheadh oiriúnach don saol mar atá sé faoi láthair. (Some proverbs appropriate for current times).

- 1. Ní bhíonn in aon rud ach seal. Nothing lasts forever.
- 2. Is giorra cabhair Dé ná an doras. God's help is nearer than the door.
- 3. Níl tuille dá mhéad nach dtránn. There's no flood, no matter how big, that won't subside.
- 4. Is fearr an tsláinte ná na táiinte. Health is better than wealth.
- 5. Ní neart go cur le chéile. There is no strength without unity.
- 6. Níor dhún Dia doras riamh, nár oscail sé ceann eile. God never closed a door without opening another.
- 7. Ar scáth a chéile a mhaireann na daoine. People live in each other's shadow.
- 8. Is olc an ghaoth nach séideann maith do dhuine éigin. It's an ill wind that doesn't blow good for someone.
- 9. Is glas iad na cnoic i bhfad uainn. Faraway hills are green.
- 10. Níl aon tinteán mar do thinteán féin. There's no fireside like your own fireside.

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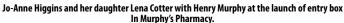
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MACROOM LIONS CLUB







Siobhan O Dowd Macroom and District Lions club with Tony Hughes Manager Macroom Credit Union with the entry box at Macroom credit union.

#MacroomLionsClub €2,000 Give-Back

Macroom & District Lions Club launches its Big Community Give-Back Campaign and encourages everyone to join and be in with a chance to win €500 for your club/charity

These are difficult times and as everyone deals with their own unique challenges, Macroom & District Lions Club wants to celebrate the things, people, and places we are grateful for right now. The Club has just launched its €2,000 Big Community Give-Back Campaign inviting people of all ages across Macroom and its districts to show you care by telling the world WHAT, WHO, or WHERE you are grateful for right now and nominating a deserving club or charity to receive €500. The Club is ready to donate a total of €2,000 to four local charities or clubs (€500 each) that serve the Macroom & District areas.

People of all ages are encouraged to take part in the campaign by showing WHAT, WHO, or WHERE you are grateful for right now. The Club invites entries in the form of artwork, photography, music, dance, poetry, or even an Instagram or TikTok video! Hard copies/physical entries can be dropped off at the following locations in Macroom town: Matt Murphy's Pharmacy; O'Leary's SuperValu; Evelyn's Shop; Macroom Credit Union. These hard copy entries will then be displayed on the windows of many businesses and shops in the town throughout March and April for everyone to enjoy. Macroom Lions Club hopes that the artwork will bring a splash of colour and positivity to the town. The closing date for entries is Saturday, 17th April 2021.

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) category being entered, (3) the nominated charity or club. Social media entries must also include #MacroomLionsClub and #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 & District Lions Club Facebook page.

Macroom & District Lions Club realises that, the past 12 months have been hugely challenging for everyone and we are very conscious of the impact of this on people's mental health. We want to remind people that our community is still strong and supportive. Even though we are all living so apart right now, we hope our Big Community Give-Back will show people that we are very much 'together"

Macroom & District Lions Club will also be raising awareness, throughout this campaign, of the many supports that are available for anyone struggling with their mental health. The Club encourages people to visit www.mentalhealthireland.ie where there are supports, resources and helplines available.

For further information, visit Macroom & District Lions Club Facebook page.

MCEGAN COLLEGE

5th year students engaged online with Robert Wynne Research Zoologist at UCC. A questions and answers discussion allowed students to gain knowledge from an expect in the field of Sea Life. Salmon, trout and sharks are the main areas of research for Robert and his passion for nature was infectious. The session really ignited students love for animals and wildlife. It has inspired us to get out and clean up the waterways in the local area of Macroom to protect life in water.



MACROOM TIDY TOWNS:

VOLUNTEERING

Volunteering has been proven to be beneficial to our health and our well-being. In addition, being part of Tidy Towns volunteer group means you are advocating for your local area, in whatever way this might be. A wide diversity of volunteers from the active elderly, young people, those new to the area, those of different Nationalities, all working together help to break down barriers around inequalities etc,. With such a menu of tasks to choose from, and such flexibility in terms of times and commitment, there is something there for everybody, so please make your interest known to any current volunteer or just send a text to 086/8175859.

MACROOM SUSTAINABLE ENERGY

My name is Tadgh Quill-Manley and I am a ; the Macroom area. Donoughmore Community ; member of the Steering Committee of the Blarney Sustainable Energy Community. It is run under the guidance of the SEAI. I, along with others, are looking to establish an SEC for

Council has already established itself as one. We are looking for people/organisations in the area who would be interested in taking part. I have attached a link about SECs below.

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MACROOM POST OFFICE'S DELIVERY SERVICE UNIT - 'BUSY, BUSY'

by Con Kelleher.

Busy, busy' is a modern phrase that denotes being very busy but manageable. This is an apt description of Macroom Post Office's Delivery Service Unit - the sorting office to you and me. Since the pandemic lockdowns many businesses were forced to stop trading, and online shopping took up much of the 'slack'. Goods are delivered by post or courier. Traditionally, after Christmas, there is a lull in post but 2021's January and February have seen no let-up. Extra temporary staff is employed, a canopy has been erected and Murray's former auctioneering rooms are and will be used for the foreseeable future.

Having obtained due clearance, I visited the Macroom Delivery Unit on February 22, on a lovely frosty dry morning. Jerry Murphy, the manager, was my host and guide. He said that some workers begin at 5.30 a.m. and others arrive later, on a staggered basis. Hive-like, the operatives (the {politically} correct term) take their places in a well organised fashion and begin work. Work involves sorting unsorted mail and allocating the sorted mail to the appropriate vans and bicycles.

Post is received from Portlaoise where 90% of the mail is mechanically sorted. Because the other 10% of items are too big, too thick, or too awkward, they must be sorted locally: even this is a big job and needs many hands. Twenty vans and two bicycles operate from the Macroom Unit, and deliveries begin as soon as sorting is finished. The flotilla of vehicles leaves at about eight. P.J Keane (Ballyvourney) has a bigger van for the town's deliveries. His first route section is the western end of town to the Main Street; he returns to base, reloads, and completes the other half of the urban area. The last portion his beat is the Coolehane and Kiel area. Vans service from Coolea, Ballymakeera, Ballingeary, Kilnamartyra and Clondrohid in the west to Coachford and Dripsey to the east, Aghinagh to the north and Crookstown, Kilmurry, Kilmichael, Terelton and Inchigeela to the south. Mail is collected from outlying post offices in the evenings, first brought to Macroom before dispatch to Portlaoise where the mechanical sorting is re-enacted. Because it is busy, the Macroom unit now functions on Saturdays.

For many the postman or post-woman is often a rare and sometimes the only caller in a day, week or longer. Máiread Delaney, Coachford, pointed out the importance of this function, especially for people in isolated rural areas. P.J Keane said that his deliveries range widely but probably books, and clothes are the most popular items, and he notes repeat 'offenders' - here I must confess my 'sin' of getting books. Paul Kingston and Noel O'Riordan still deliver on bicycles, and Paul is certain that these will soon be obsolete. With their disappearance there will probably be only one delivery of parcels and letters together each day. Letter volume has dropped by about thirty percent over the past few years, even including various 'promotions. Muriel O'Riordan Murphy works split hours, and this suits her home situation. Her husband Jerh still attends work, but her children (Jerry Murphy, Delivery Unit Manager). In 2007

are fifteen and seventeen respectively, are good and are well able to fend for themselves; her splits shifts suit her. Each person has their own tale to tell, one more interesting than the other.

Organised postal services in Ireland date from the 16th century, with deliveries within Dublin and to some major towns (http://www.anpost. com/About/History-Heritage/History 23 February 2021). Before post boxes, bellmen collected letters on the street, which were delivered by post boys. Bishop invented the post mark in 1661 which marked the day and month of dispatch. Mail coaches first appeared in 1789. Cork merchant John Anderson carried coach mail from 1790 but Bianconi introduced a regular cheaper public transport with horse drawn carriages in 1810; these also carried post (Aoife Valentine, Irish Times, 4 July, 2015). An English teacher, Rowland Hill, knighted for his invention, conceived the idea of the adhesive stamp in 1837 and the first stamp, the Penny Black, was released on 6 May 1840 (http:www. thoughtco.com/history-of-stamps-1992419 Mary Bellis, accessed 23 February 2021). His introduction of 'uniform postage rates, based on weight rather than size' was accepted and it'made mail postage possible and practical'. The advent of trains speeded up deliveries, and in 1855 post services began to use sorting carriages when the trains were travelling. The nineteenth century saw the telegraph invented and in 1861 the Post Office Saving Bank was set up. The UK was then the world's leading industrial and economic power, and as Ireland was part of the UK, these developments were introduced early in Ireland. When telephones were introduced, they came under the Post Offices' auspices. International mail was first taken by boat and is now mostly carried by planes.

The first reference to Macroom's Post Office I found was in the Cork Examiner, 7 August 1866 where applications could be made for cheap travel. through the Post Office, to Laurence Sullivan (Cork Examiner, 7 August 1866). A Cork Examiner 22 July 1868 article mentions the Post Office Savings Bank in Macroom'. An advertisement in the same paper on 21 January 1878 locates the P.O. in Main Street. Whether in the same premises or not, Main Street was the P.O.'s home for many years, in the building immediately to the west of T.P. Cotter's pub. When phones came in, they were run by the P.O. and Macroom had a manually worked telephone exchange for many years.

Post was a vital form of communication and often brought vital remittances from emigrants; Irish emigrants in Britain and America remitted substantial amounts back to Ireland. Phones in Macroom were scarce until the 1970s - our family got a phone in the late 1940s/early1950 and had the number Macroom 28. When I opened my surgery in 1982 the number was (026) 41783, with '783' the equivalent comparator, and it meant that 755 new lines were provided in almost fort years. Macroom P.O. moved to its present site in 1969 and the sorting extension was added in 2011 Macroom P.O. was threatened with downgrading and a petition from its staff to then Taoiseach, Bertie Ahern, helped to maintain its status (Southern Star, 3 February 2007).

Macroom Post Office had many characters working there over the years. Notable figures included Post Master Jack Sheehan, clerks Seán Cronin, Billy Leahy and John Buckley, telephone exchange supervisor Kitty Lynch, Ballyverrane, telephonists Joan O'Sullivan/Purcell, Marie and June Murphy, night operators Charlie Twomey and Michael O'Sullivan, postmen such as Michael 'Buckeen' O'Sullivan, Dinny 'Taoiseach' O'Callaghan, Peter McSweeney, John Cronin, Jimmy Deasy, Jerry Dennehy, Thady Oldham and to the present-day, Paul Kingston and Noel O'Riordan, Telegram boys included Pat 'The Barber' O'Riordan, Jimmy O'Donoghue and Donal Buckley, and Ann Cronin, Railway View, has long looked after the kitchen. The stories they have are colourful and many, and their knowledge immense. The above are just some of the town-based workers and were/ are matched by country Post Masters/Mistresses, postmen and post women.

With summer coming and the vaccine rollout gathering momentum, the prospects of approaching normality are good. Jerry Murphy observed that the pandemic has brought fear and a change of habit in many areas of our lives. As no one can predict the Covid pandemic's future no one knows how long these factors will last or how strong will be their influence.

The pandemic has proved how vital good public services are, and how effective they can be. This is clearly demonstrated in mail delivery. The service, while not perfect, is constant, essential, invaluable, and irreplaceable. Work conditions include early hours, long days, exposure to rain, frost, snow and ice, and unwanted attention from some dogs. Like shop assistants, wages for post operatives are reasonably good but not great. From what I saw, their work is done enthusiastically, precisely, with banter, good humour and mostly with a bit of crack.

Letter and parcel deliveries were/are taken for granted but, having seen first-hand what post operatives do and how hard they work, I have a better appreciation of their work and the excellent service they provide, especially in society's/our hour of need.

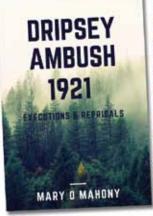
Well Done and Thanks.

I would like to say thanks to Jerry Murphy, Macroom Sorting Unit Manager, and Dan Herlihy, Macroom Post Office Manager, for their assistance in facilitating this article.

Local Interest Book Now Available

To commemorate the centenary of the Dripsey Ambush, local historian Mary O'Mahony has published Dripsey Ambush 1921, Executions & Reprisals. Proceeds from the sale of this publication will go towards Independence Museum Kilmurry and the Dripsey Ambush Site Fund.

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By PO'C

With the country coming out of lockdown and travel abroad not advised the offer of a trip to Derry with some family members was a very welcome invitation. We leave Cork City early on Wednesday July 22nd and having skirted Dublin by the M50 soon we are travelling through Meath and Louth and before long we reach the rolling uplands and the drumhills of County Monaghan. Though the land lacks the wide pastures of the Golden Vale, it has much grassland and lots of trees and shrubs in evidence.

Of course, the GAA Centre of Excellence at Cloghan of the progressive Monaghan County Board, has captured our imagination and appreciation. We travel through the towns of Monaghan and Emyvale and before long we reach the border of County Tyrone.

The GAA complex at Aughnacloy is a sight to behold with the Tricolour proudly flying aloft. We journey on by the Ballygawley roundabout to Omagh and recall the sad fate of those who perished in the bombings on 15th August 1998. We also view the Healy Park GAA ground where Tyrone and Cork played many epic tussles as well as other exciting games with the Dubs, Kerry etc. down through the years.

This is in stark contrast with the nearby town of Bready where the many Union Jack flags show that the July 12th celebrations have not gone away.

By early afternoon we reach our destination at the Creggan in the heart of Derry City. The weather is nice and the scenery is impressive. A quick amble around takes us to St Eugene's Cathedral where the funeral mass for the late John Hume was celebrated just two weeks later. We travel on to the nearby Bogside, home of course to our first Eurovision winner the legendary Dana, in Amsterdam in 1970 with "All Kinds of Everything" when she was just 18 years of age. The people on the streets are friendly, the roads and sidewalks have been upgraded and the housing is of a newly constructed high standard. The choice of food is excellent in quality and keenly priced and it is great to sample our first pint of Arthur Guinness since the lockdown. The day has passed quickly, and we retire early to ensure that we can make an early start on day two.

We rise with the lark and after an excellent wholesome breakfast we are back on the road again. We are travelling north to Malin Head and shortly outside Derry we are back in the Irish Republic and on the Wild Atlantic Way. The scenery is spectacular. We refuel at Muff and following a pleasant twenty-mile journey we reach Malin Head on the Inisowen peninsula. It is a sight to behold with its excellent walkways and paths plus adequate outdoor facilities. The mist drifts in from the Atlantic as we spot the "Eire 80" landmark etched on the ground in white stone. More than just a decoration or patriotic landmark, this sign held an important role during World War 11 telling pilots which country they were flying over. Malin Head was also one of 83 lookout points (LOL's) set up along the coast from Louth to Donegal following the commencement of the war in September 1939 and hence the number 80 on the sign.

On our return journey to Derry, we take the alternative route via Buncrana and our first stop is the "Five Fingers Bay" which is a little gem hidden away in the sand dunes. Nearby is the local ancient Catholic Church and graveyard of St Mary's Lag. We travelled through Carndonagh and onto the seaside town of Buncrana where we admire its many features of attraction.

Not far outside the town we are back again in Northern Ireland (we smile as we note the word Northern has been defaced) and we arrive back to our Derry accommodation.

In the afternoon we come to the highlight of our trip which is a guided walking tour of the Bogside. We view Free Derry Corner, the Bloody Sunday Memorial, and the many Murals - the work of the Bogside artists. Our guide Glen Doherty discloses to us that his father Patrick Doherty aged 32 and married with six children was shot by the Paratroope regiment on Bloody Sunday (30th January 1972). Nevertheless, his knowledge of the troubles is balanced and informative and far too quickly it's over.

Before leaving the Bogside, we visit the nearby Derry Girls "Sweet Shop" of TV fame and view their life size mural on the side of Badger's Bar on Orchard Street.

We take a quick walk over to the newly constructed Peace Bridge opened on 25th June 2011 across the river Foyle with funding from Local Government Departments and the Peace 111 programme. We also view the Museum of Free Derry, the famous Guild Hall and walk on the Derry Walls built in the 17th century with its seven gates and twenty-four restored cannons.

We are glad to avail of our evening meal at The Thirsty Goat and retire after a very enjoyable day.

After another full Irish, but before we leave the Creggan area, we view the nearby Celtic Park which is the headquarters of the Derry GAA County Board. Close by also is the Brandywell Stadium home of the Derry City Soccer Club. We are unable to gain access to the Derry City Cemetery where we had hoped to see the resting place of Martin Mc Guinness and many other prominent figures. Unfortunately, it is not open to the public until 2.30pm daily. By that time, we are well on our homeward journey where we deviate to take in County Armagh and the famous Crossmaglen Rangers GAA Club. This is a most impressive complex named Oliver Plunkett Park, opened in 1959 and was seized for a British Army helicopter pad in the early '70's.

As we motor home, with happy memories, we reflect on the many hidden treasures that are dotted countrywide and can by appreciated by young and old alike. Roll on the Summer of 2021 and here's to many similar trips.



The Mural of "The Derry Girls " on the side of Badgers Bar, Orchard Street, Derry.

St Oliver Plunkett Park, home of Crossmaglen Rangers GAA club.



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My Name is Baxter A True Story. (Mostly)

Chapter 2 - Paul

This has gone horribly wrong. The landlord has discovered I am apartment sharing with a dog, actually quite a large dog, ok being honest here a huge dog. I may have been somewhat premature in adopting a dog as I am not moving into my pet friendly house rental for another two weeks. The conversation with Mr landlord was somewhat tense and perhaps made more so as Baxter appeared from the bedroom with a half chewed pillow hanging from his huge jaws just as I was trying to convince Mr Landlord how well behaved he was.

An uneasy truce was reached when I agreed to forfeit my deposit when I moved out plus pay an additional \$250.00 rent. Having been in Australia for almost eight month now I realised that though I was really enjoying my job and the circle of friends I had built up, I really missed my family and the company of a dog having been reared in a house back in Ireland where a dog had always been present for as long as I could remember.

So how come I ended up choosing a dog that is slightly larger than a small donkey? It was the eyes that got me, they sucked me in and would not let me go, that and the fact that Bax had only a few days left before he would have been put to sleep. The shelter manager was almost apologetic but she explained that due to pressure of space dogs could only be kept for thirty days, if they were not adopted by then they had to be euthanized.

For the first week after getting Bax the biggest

problem was curbing his excitement every time I returned home, the simple solution was to take him to work with me which I was able to do as I had a company van and travelled quite a bit around Brisbane with my job as an auto electrician. But some days when the temperatures soared I had to leave him behind for his own safety.

On those days the only thing that was safe was Bax. Anything that had my scent was fair game. Pillows, shoes, even duvets were all literally up for grabs, the more destruction he had inflicted while I was out the guieter he was when I got home. This dog felt shame, almost like an addict that could not help

Things did improve once we left the apartment and moved into a small house with a decent sized back garden but that brought its own challenges as Bax would only stay outside while I was outside, I think he was still pretty insecure and afraid that if he could not see me I would vanish forever.

After almost two years living the life of a couple of bachelors I decided it was time to return home to Ireland. From the moment I made the decision there was absolutely no doubt but Bax was coming too. When I looked into the logistics of transporting my giant canine friend home the cost was coming to roughly three thousand Australian dollars. However a bigger problem than the cost was how was I going to sell this to my parents as I was planning on moving back to the family home in Cork. They already knew that Bax had been adopted by me and had obviously seen loads of pictures but I doubted that they still fully grasped how big this guy was.

Another slight complication was that my parents already had a dog; Trix had been adopted from a rescue several years before and was lord of all he surveyed and could do no wrong, he was a small to medium sized terrier that could be quite territorial. There was nothing for it but hope that everything would work out great once we got home. I decided to adopt that general Irish attitude of "It will all be

As I packed up for the marathon journey back to Ireland I kept having conversations with Bax, explaining that we would not see each other for a few days as I was was flying on ahead and he would see me in Dublin airport a few days later as he had to go through quarantine checks. To be honest I think he thought we were talking about food as he kept sitting down waiting for treats every time I brought up the subject.

Finally it was time to put the flight travel cage in the car and persuade a very reluctant dog to get into it, this was necessary as the airline conditions were very clearly laid out. All dogs had to be caged prior to drop off at their airport holding area.

I had already given him the first of a series of sedatives which he would be given during the entire period we would be apart.

Walking away from him at the airport was one of the hardest things I ever did.

That evening I boarded a flight for Dublin. This was going to be great, wasn't it?

TO BE CONTINUED NEXT EDITION......

Carrigadrohid: 'Music of the Land', a Local Folk Music Film

"Tune my body and my brain to the music from the land" David Mallett, Garden Song (1975)

Filmed during the Covid-19 Crisis lockdown last spring 'Music of the Land' is a seventeen-minute music film featuring original folk songs that draw on the local landscape and soundscape of rural Co. Cork. Now that we find ourselves in a déjà vu lockdown once again the film has a renewed relevancy. Through the medium of music, the film seeks to engage the public on environmental issues and encourage viewers to feel inspired and calmed by the natural world during this time of crisis when many people are turning to gardening, growing their own food, and reconnecting to a simpler way of life.

Funded by the Arts Council of Ireland, singer-

songwriter and organic gardener, Laura Ní Carthaigh, performs three original songs; writing, filming and editing the videos independently during the lockdown on her family farm and the Gearagh nature reserve.

'Music of the Land' is available to watch on YouTube: https://youtu.be/wySNI1aOgFk

Carrigadrohid Updates

COVID: Great to see a buzz around Macroom last Friday and Saturday as the over 85's arrived in force to be vaccinated. A light at the end of this long tunnel. There is a strong possibility if some of those senior citizens were asked last year would they take the vaccine, a little hesitation would probably have existed, but now safe to say after a year of lockdowns, almost everyone just wants to get that vaccine, the sooner the better.

But please remember to continue to adhere to Level 5 restrictions for at least another month or so, we are getting there, but we must continue to wear our masks, keep our distance sanitize and before long we will all be able to get back to some normality. The good weather gives us all that buzz, but unfortunately, we still need to be mindful of each other, numbers are still that bit high.

As mentioned before Alone manage a national support line for older people. Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week 8am to 8pm by calling 0818 222024.

CHURCH SERVICES: Mass online every morning at 9.30am. Special prayers before Mass and rosary after Mass will be recited during the season of Lent, and a short Stations of the Cross on Fridays

Churches open for private prayer every day and on Mondays Adoration of Blessed Sacrament in Clondrohid 10am to 6pm

Unfortunately, there will be no house Stations again this Spring. Fr Joe will be celebrating combined area Masses as follows. All Masses will be online from Clondrohid at 9.30am

Wednesday March 3: Carriganima, Gloundave, Curraleigh ,Gurrane, Moulnagrough, Glantane East and West, Carriganorthane, Gortnagiseach, Cahirbrane, Knockraheen.

Thursday March 11: Moulnahorna, Scrahanard, Lackaduve, Kilpatrick, Cackanode, Cashloura, Muinfliuch, Coolacussane.

Monday March 15: Clonfadda, Glounanarrig, The Glebe, Fairyland, Carraignamadrai, Carrigaphooka, Curra, Killacluig, Inchinlinane, Lissacreasig,

Coolacreasig, Lackaneen, Ardeen, Shronegar, Lisscarrigane, Barathanaknuck, Gortnapeasta, Derryleigh Upper.

Tuesday March 23: Gortnalicka, Kilgobnet, Derryleigh Lower, Clashmaguire, Bridgemount, Coolmountain, Lactify, Ardnacrusha, Kilvoultra, Mullinroe, Ballymacorcoran, Gortnavranner, Mount Cross, Church Cross, Gurrane, Clondrohid Village.

The Station envelopes are available on rack at back of both churches. Your contributions are much appreciated.

GAA LOTTO: The Lotto has recommenced since last Wednesday and will continue Wednesdays. Tickets can be purchased at Healy's Spar, Dairygold, and M&J Kellehers

REBELS BOUNTY DRAW: Anyone wishing to purchase a ticket for this draw can still do so up to March 20

Check on face book, twitter or contact any club officer for more info.







Leabharlann Bhaile Bhúirne

The weeks are stretching and rolling, and I find it hard to know what day of the week it is a lot of the time. January seemed to last an eternity and then February disappeared over night! But the stretch in the evenings is a welcome and uplifting event. I know some households are juggling with some children back at school while others anxiously await their turn to get back and meet their friends. As I was driving down the road today a few friendly lambs crossed my path, and I must say the sight of lambs playing in the fields always brings a smile to my face. As I look beyond those fields I can see, in the distance, the busy machinery that is working to develop the new bypass. Over the course of this work there have been many feats of engineering from the work done near Macroom, while building what is now the longest bridge in Ireland, to the more local new Beochil bridge. This is a double span bridge and is the longest on the scheme and crosses the Bohill River as well as the road at Cappagh West, just above Ballyvourney village. The planning and engineering that goes into something like this is phenomenal.

If you have any aspiring engineers, there's still time to participate in Engineer's Week 2021 which runs until 5th March. Why not check out the Engineers Ireland web site, https://www.engineersireland. ie/schools/News-and-Resources, where you'll find some great resources for the whole family. Or you could log on to BorrowBox where you'll find a great selection of engineering books available to download for all age groups. It's never too early to get children reading about all the fascinating things that engineers do and who knows it just might be the start of the journey to a wonderful

There have been some very interesting online events over the past few months with authors including Marita Conlon-McKenna, Donal Ryan and Joseph O'Connor. The next event takes place on Wednesday 24th March at 7.30 pm when you can join John Boyne for an evening of live reading and questions & answers as he takes us through his work and world and explains the process behind his book A Traveller at the Gates of Wisdom. Tickets are available, free of charge, on Eventbrite.ie/An Evening with John Boyne/138935199923 or search, An Evening with John Boyne, on the Eventbrite website. Judging by how popular the previous events proved to be I would advise you to book early to avoid disappointment.

On 8th March we celebrate International women's Day 2021. International Women's Day aims to open a conversation about what each of us can do to challenge the status quo: to ensure gender balance across all aspects of society, from government to the media, boardroom to the sports field. This year Cork County Library has chosen to champion local heroines from the past who broke the mould and achieved what might have been considered impossible in their time. Follow along on our social media sites and tell us about your own local heroine using the hashtags - #ChooseToChallenge and #IWD2021. Or if you would like to send a small written piece or a drawing into Ballyvourney Library about your local heroine from the past please drop it in the letterbox and it will be displayed in the window if possible. Be sure to write your name and a contact number on the back!

Mar chuid de Lá Idirnáisiúnta na mBan ar 8ú Márta 2021 ar mhaith leat insint dúinn faoi do bhanlaoch áitiúil ón am atá thart a bhris an múnla agus a bhain amach an rud a d'fhéadfaí a mheas a bheith dodhéanta ina gcuid ama? Lean sinn ar ár leathanaigh meán sóisialta agus inis dúinn faoi do bhanlaoch áitiúil féin ag baint úsáide as na hashtags seo a leanas - #ChooseToChallenge # IWD2021. Nó scríobh píosa beag faoi do bhanlaoch áitiúil ón am atá thart nó tarraing pictiúr di agus cuir i mbosca litreach Leabharlann Bhaile Bhúirne é faoin 8ú Márta agus taispeánfar é san fhuinneog más féidir. Bí cinnte d'ainm féin agus uimhir theagmhála a scríobh ar chúl!

"Reading gives us someplace to go when we have to stay where we are." -Mason Cooley -

Uibh Laoire

ROAD REPAIRS

This week again we have to praise the men who worked last Saturday on their day off, to catch up with the road repairs locally. If the broken surfaces were neglected for the weekend we dread to think what damage would have been done to vehicles or what accidents would have occurred. Well done to them

EMERGENCY MASKS

The development groups in Inchigeela and Ballingeary have placed masks and sanitising material in the villages for those who might need them in an emergency. In Inchigeela it is placed in a box at the village hall door near the defibrillator and in Ballingeary it is placed in the telephone box with the defibrillator. In Toonsbridge it is outside the Bridge Shop. Please use them. Be safe.

CLEAN UP

Inchigeela Tidy Towns group are planning on holding a big clean-up of the nearby roads in about 5 weeks time if restrictions permit. Already about 10 people have cleaned up the roadsides in their own vicinity. Volunteers have been very willing to join in the past so watch out for notices or contact any member of Tidy Towns.

DOG FOULING

There are some reports of dogs fouling the footpaths in both villages. The owners should know that such soiling is a health hazard to humans and is also an offence in law. Owners should be considerate of other users of the pathways and not allow their pets to wander unaccompanied and should provide themselves with the means to pick up the animal faeces

TRANSLATIONS

Tá daoine á lorg ag coiste an Museum i mBéal athan Ghaorthaidh chun aistriúchan a dheanamh ar scéalta i nGaeilge a tógadh sios ó daoine aitiúla timpeall 80 bliain ó shoin. Dein teaghháil leis an coiste má tá suim agat cabhrú leo.

BACK TO SCHOOL

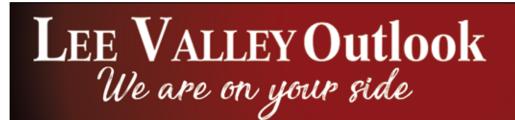
We wish success and happiness to the young people and to their teachers who started back to school or who will be shortly returning. These are different times for all and we want you to know that we are thinking about you and will support you in every way we can.

CIORCAL COMHRÁ

We hear that the ciorcal comhrá or chat sessions as Gaeilge are off to a great start in Béal Athan Ghaorthaidh. They are run under the guidance of Cecily Ní Loinsigh and I am told that the "craic is mighty" Go neirí go geal libh

SEACHTAIN NA GAEILGE

These two weeks every year are dedicated to a national effort at getting us to realise that we do have a language of our own and that only we can keep our own language alive. Or maybe I should say keep afloat, since sadly it is struggling and drowning in a sea of foreign influences, commercialism and native apathy. Sadly, we don't seem to realise that nearly every country in the world has its own language and are proud of their native language. Even that is evident here, in big stores, hotels and building sites where foreign workers proudly speak their own languages among themselves, while our language struggles to exist. Since so many outside influences and multi cultures have shaped the modern Ireland, making us practically indistinguishable from any other nation, the only thing left to us, to identify us truly as Irish is our language. We will deny the generations to come the right to own their own language, unless we make the effort, no matter how small, to nurture the language of our forefathers. A few suggestions for these days might be to share the cúpla focal with someone, especially if you know that they are favourable towards the Gaeilge. They might actually want to have a few words in Irish with someone. On Radio na Gaeltachta "An Saol ó dheas" is an interesting programme from Cork and Kerry (every day after midday with Munster Irish. I've just heard Ryan Tubridy say that TG4 is the best channel on TV at the moment. Bain trial as (have a go) ahus go neirí leat (best of luck) Slán



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Ríordáin

By Kathy O'Sullivan

March is a month for reflecting on our heritage and culture, the month of St. Patrick's Day. Ireland is a land of legends, of rebels, of dreamers, of poets. Therefore, there is no better time to reflect on the life and legacy of he who is considered to be Ireland's greatest Irish language poet of the 20th century, Seán Ó Ríordáin.

Born in Baile Mhúirne in 1916, to a family where the father spoke Irish and the mother spoke English, Seán's life was a tragic one, in many ways. His father died of tuberculosis before Seán turned ten, and Seán himself developed pneumonia at the age of thirteen, the beginning of a life of illness and isolation, and most likely also the beginning of his life as a poet. Family circumstances were hard, and so, in order to have a secondary education and a better future, in 1932 the family moved to Iniscarra. Seán enrolled as a student in the North Monastery, Cork in the autumn of that year. It seemed that life was getting better.

After completing his Leaving Certificate in 1936, Ó Ríordáin successfully applied for a clerical position with Cork corporation but was diagnosed with tuberculosis before he began employment. Having seen what his father endured; one can only imagine what this must have felt like for Seán. A room was added to the house in Iniscarra under special provisions for TB sufferers, and it was there that he began a diary on January 1st, 1940, a diary that was a detailed, moving account of loneliness, alienation, and physical debilitation. He continued to write in that diary until mere days before his death in 1977.

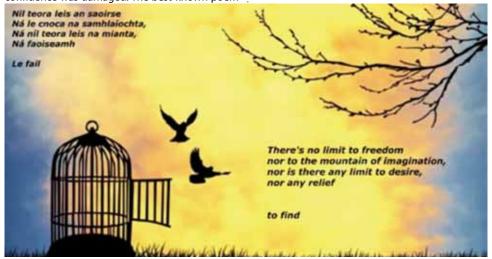
Living with TB in those times was to live a life of social stigma. Ó Ríordáin's diary included many harrowing accounts, similar to a great 20th century writer, George Orwell, who also contracted TB and wrote a diary (a must-read book is Orwell's '1984', which gives valuable insights into life today, almost as if he had a crystal ball). Frequent visits to sanatoria were followed by prolonged periods of recuperation in the isolation room at home. All of this served to increase Seán's sense of alienation from society. Those with TB were regularly shunned at that time, with people avoiding them, not engaging in conversation, instead, looking down and hurrying past. Seán not only resented that, but frequently felt life was not worth living, as can be read in his diaries. He was so hard on himself: "Níl aon ghrá agam don saol a gheobhainn gan sláinte. B'fhearr liom bheith marbh." (translation: I have no love for life without health. I'd rather be dead.)

His mother's death in 1945 severed perhaps the most meaningful connection that Ó Ríordáin had with the world, yet, as tragedy is wont to do, it inspired him to write an incredible poem, 'Adhlacadh mo mháthar' (My mother's burial). His first book of poetry, Eireaball spideoige (A robin's tail), was published in 1952, to mixed reviews. Ó Ríordáin's style of writing was different, as it drew on many influences, breaking with tradition by writing in a style that was highly personal. That





meant controversy, and even when supporters of this fresh, unique voice defended him and his command of the Irish language, Seán's selfconfidence was damaged. The best-known poem in Eireaball Spideoige, 'Saoirse' (Freedom), speaks of choosing between social conformity and absolute human freedom on the other:



Eireaball Spideoige was followed by Brosna (Kindling), published in 1964, characterised by short poems such as 'An gealt' (The lunatic) and 'Bagairt an marbh' (The threat of the dead), as well as poems questioning his own relationship to the language. As he wrote in an earlier poem, 'Fill Arís' (Return Again), the soul does not desert its home:

Sin é do dhoras, Dún Chaoin fé sholas an tráthnóna, Buail is osclófar D'intinn féin is do chló ceart. That is your door,

Language is an emotive subject at the best of times, and there are those who question unique voices that speak truth to power. There is no spat quite like a literary one, in some ways. Some contemporaries, but, in particular, fellow poet Máire Mhac an tSaoi, questioned Ó Ríordáin's Irish language credentials, so there was no love lost between them – to put it mildly. Her criticism undermined Seán's confidence, and added to his stress. He never forgave Mhac an tSaoi, not even when, immediately after a 1970 TV interview with Ó Ríordáin, Mhac an tSaoi phoned the TV station to say that she 'had never heard better Irish spoken than that by Seán Ó Ríordáin tonight'. Seán Ó Coileáin, who wrote an engrossing biography of

Dun Chaoin in the evening light, knock and there will be opened your own mind and your right shape.

Ó Ríordáin, records his reply as: 'My bowels moved in disdain'

Línte Liombó (Lines from Limbo) was published in 1971, and Tar éis mo bháis (After my death) was published posthumously in 1978. Ó Ríordáin took early retirement from the motor taxation division in Cork Corporation in 1965. Appointed as a part-time lecturer at UCC in 1967, he also wrote a weekly column in The Irish Times from 1967 until 1975. He died 21 February 1977 in Sarsfield's Court Hospital, Glanmire, and was buried, as he had requested, alongside his father and paternal grandparents in St Gobnait's cemetery, Baile Mhúirne.





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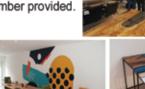
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His library is maintained as a special collection in UCC. Seán Ó Ríordáin had to endure so much prejudice throughout his life. Regarded as antisocial, his poetry and writing, however, makes it clear that the quality in his life and in his work, is derived in large part from interaction with his peers and community. Feeling distanced from others gave him a heightened empathy with others' suffering. Perhaps loneliness made him feel he wanted to disappear from others, when all he really wanted was to be found by them. Perhaps one of his most poignant poems is

> Níl áit, níl sruth, níl sceach í Dá iargúlta iad, níl leac, Bídís thuaidh, thoir, thiar nó theas, Nár cheart dúinn machnamh ar a suíomh, Le gean is le báidhíocht.

'Ní Ceadmhach Neamhshuim' (Don't Tolerate Apathy). Here are a few lines that still hold true

> There is no place, no stream, no bush, However remote, no stone, North, east, west or south Whose situation we should not consider With love and compassion.

"THE APOSTLE OF VERMONT"

Fr. Jeremiah O'Callaghan, Dooneens 1780-1861.

© By Peter Scanlan Continued from last week's edition....

He now left Ireland to seek work in England and offered his services to Bishop Milner, who refused him as did also Bishop Poynter of London, neither of whom wished to become involved in the delicate relations between Father O' Callaghan and his Bishop.

Still convinced that he was fighting for justice's sake, Father O' Callaghan undertook a second journey to Rome, where he arrived April 30, 1829. This journey, however, proved a failure, for he was told that his case had been considered, and that he had only to abide by the decision then rendered.

Late in July, Father O' Callaghan left Rome for his native Erin. The following April, he again embarked for America and arrived in New York after a long and fearful journey of 49 days. Bishop Fenwick, Bishop of Boston, happened to be in New York on the day of Father O' Callaghan's arrival, and a friend introduced him to this prelate.

The diocese of Boston at this time comprised the whole of New England and was very much in need of priests. Vermont had no resident priest and was fast filling with immigrants from Canada and abroad. Bishop Fenwick invited Father O' Callaghan into the diocese. Needless to say, that this good, if obstinately determined, priest accepted with joy the offer and in a short time received his appointment to the Vermont mission.

Father O' Callaghan arrived in Vermont on July 9, 1830. Here he was found true missionary work - a flock scattered in small groups, over the entire state. with no churches, and little means of support surrounded by people often hostile to the Faith.

His parish consisted of the entire state of Vermont, and a large part of Western Massachusetts. During his 24 years of missionary service, he visited every Catholic settlement even though the number in them might be no more than five or six, preaching, teaching the catechism, visiting the sick, administering the sacraments, and offering up the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. His priestly ministrations strengthened them in their faith and consoled them in their trials. The rapid increase of the Catholic population in Vermont brought additional priests to share with him the burden of work. Parishes were founded, resident pastors installed, and new churches erected, so that in 1853 the state was set apart as the diocese of Burlington.

His missionary work was completed and in the following year his request that he be transferred to the diocese of Boston was granted. He had well earned the title, "Apostle of Vermont", and the veneration which today is attached to his name by

the Catholics of that state.

He was in a true sense, a missionary priest, visiting practically every Catholic settlement in Vermont. Furthermore, his work extended not only into the diocese of Ogdensburg in New York State, but into our own diocese; he is credited by Father McCoy as having celebrated the first masses ever said in Pittsfield in 1835 and in North Adams about the

In Burlington he built the first Catholic Church in Vermont, which was later burned down in 1838, considered the work of incendiaries, as that was the period when opposition to Catholics was extremely bitter.

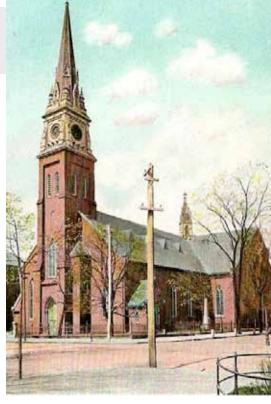
Father O Callaghan also built a second church and purchased a lot on which the residence of Bishop of Burlington now stands. He erected a school building and secured Catholics teachers. school building was turned into the residence for

When Father O Callaghan came to Holyoke the territorial limits of his parish included all the river towns as far north as the state line. Shelburne Falls was occasionally visited by him: and Amherst and Easthamption were attended by priests from Holyoke until Northampton was made the parish in 1866. The population of Holyoke in 1855, according to the official census, was 4639 of which the foreign born, presumably nearly all members of Father O Callaghans parish, numbered 1983.

Father O' Callaghan came to Holyoke in 1854 and continued to say mass in Exchange Hall. On March 3, 1856 in the name of the Bishop he secured for one dollar from the Hadley Falls company the site on which later the church was built. This was one of the many kindly evidence of good will show by people of other religious beliefs to Catholics on Holyoke.

The original dimensions of the lot were too small for the requirements of the building which Fr O'Callaghan had in mind to build. On august 13 of the same year, he was given for 5 dollars an additional frontage of thirty feet on the chestnut street adjoining the lot already required. On the same day in March that he obtained the site for the church, he bought in his own name for \$1200 the lot opposite the church on the south-westerly corner of chestnut and Hamden streets which five years later he sold to John Delaney and Matthew Donnelley.

Father O Callaghan proceeded with the building of the church, retaining the famous architect, Keely, of Brooklyn, to prepare the plans. The contract for building the church was let to Captain Mack of Chicopee, who sublet the stonework to John Delaney, the brickwork to Bosworth and Blodgett, and the carpentry to Patrick Dunn. The excavating was done by men of the parish after they had



completed their own daily work.

The parishioners contributed as generously to the building fund for the new church as their limited fund allowed and at least one contribution was made by a non- - catholic.

It is related that one of the most prominent Protestant men in the town at the time, Mr Jones's. Davis, agent of the layman Mills hearing that Father O Callaghan proposed to take up a collection for the new church, attending mass one Sunday in

Owing to the fact that there was no tabernacle, and hence no way to keep the Blessed Sacrament during the week, the priest, at the Gospel, always counted those who desired communion. This day Father O Callaghan, specking in Irish asked those people to rise so that he might count them. Mr Davis, thinking that he was asking for parish funds for the building of the new church, rose and walking down the aisle to the front of the congregation, addressing them, telling of the great need of a suitable church and the good it would be to the town as well as the parish. Calling a little girl to his side, he drew from his pocket one hundred dollars which he handed to her, saying, "Here, take this and give it to the priest". Father O Callaghan was a learned man and the author of several books, one of which, "Usury Funds and Banking", was published in 1834. It was written in a rather aggressive style and included many quotations from scriptural authorities. He was an idealist and believed that things should be done in an idealistic manner. He was a believer in

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free churches, supported entirely by the voluntary offerings of the parishioners. Unfortunately, in the business world the ideal conditions do not generally prevail and undoubtedly in his career this worthy priest experienced many serious disappointments. His views were not unsound, but were far in advance of his generation, for a century later still finds them debatable questions.

Father O Callaghan commenced his work of building the church at a very unfortunate time. In 1857 the whole country passed through a serious business depression and the panic of that year is often referred to as one of the gloomiest financial periods in the history of the nation. Bank and business failures were widespread and two Catholic parishes in the city of Boston were so financially embarrassed that year as to present serious problems for the Bishop.

The Hadley Falls Company had never fully recovered the financial loss due to the failure of the first dam and the panic of 1857 supplied the final blow. In May, 1858, the affairs of the company were placed in the hands of a trustee and in February, 1859, the company was sold at public auction for a price estimated at one-sixth of its real value. It was soon resold to the newly organised Holyoke WaterPower Company at which point the real story of Holyoke's development and progress begins. It is more than a mere probability that Father O Callaghan's parishioners were seriously affected by the conditions which slowed down all business and by the unemployment resulting from the financial difficulties of the main industry of the town, soon to become bankrupt.

An Irish priest of the old school, Father O Callaghan was fluent in the Irish language, which he used generally in conversation with his people. His sermons and announcements were almost always given in Irish and he heard such of his parishioners as cared to make their confessions in the language of their forefathers. The parishioners reverenced him as a saintly man, old and broken down before his time on account of the hardships of his missionary life in Vermont. It is told that it was a common practice for little children to greet him and run around the square so they could meet him again.

With real Irish flair for mysticism his parishioners attributed to him virtues and holiness far beyond that of the ordinary priest. They often repeated the story still remaining in the households of some of the older families in the parish. As told by them it relates that on one occasion when Father O Callaghan was Crossing Lake Champlain, a storm of hurricane intensity arose, and it seemed as though the frail boat and all on board were doomed to destruction Father O Callaghan and the Catholic passengers knelt and began to recite the Rosary. Death seemed so certain that many of the Protestant passengers on board also knelt and joined in the prayers of Father O Callaghan for deliverance. Their prayers were answered; the storm abated; and all hands reached the welcome shore safely.

The sequel of the story is that some years later Father O Callaghan went into the office of the Hadley Falls Company to buy a lot of land upon which to build his church. While there he was recognised by one of the officials of the company who introduced himself to Father O Callaghan as a fellow-passenger during the stormy trip across the lake. To show his gratitude to Father O Callaghan for the prayers then offered for their safe deliverance he used his influence with the other officials and secured the lot for him without any cost to the parish.

The culminating point of the story, and this portion of it is vouched for by Rev. Mr. Osgood in his "Story of Holyoke Churches", is that a committee from one of the non-Catholic churches had waited on the Hadley Falls Company a few years previously to learn what assistance the company would give them in building their new church. For some reasons which were never satisfactorily explained, the company refused to give them any assistance. However legendary the foregoing tale may seem; no doubt exists as to the extent and value of the missionary work of Father O Callaghan on Vermont and contiguous territory. Histories of that state and of the dioceses of Burlington, of Ogdenburg in New York, and of our own diocese of Springfield, abound in references to the breadth and quality of his ministry. He was a stout defender of the Church and of Catholic education. Despite the hardships of his missionary life, he found time both to write and issue several publications, and to engage publicly in numerous controversies on moral questions. Father O Callaghan is commonly known as the "Apostle of Vermont", and the lapse of time has only clothed him with a veil of romance which gives to the story of his life the flavour of an historic novel.

Father O Callaghan came to Holyoke in 1854. Hardly a year passed before he had his building program fully developed, for as the "Mirror", the local paper of the time relates: "The Hadley Falls Company has presented the Catholics of the town with a lot for the purpose of erecting a church. The lot selected is at the corner of Hampden and Chestnut streets, near the dwelling place of Mr. Ludden. The church is to cost \$17,000 and the building of it is to be commenced at once". In 1856 the plans for a Gothic church were prepared and the construction work was begun and completed under the supervision of the pastor.

Father O'Callaghan's old passion against usury was not stifled by the labours of his mission work in Vermont or by his new undertaking in Holyoke. Rather it was increased, for pew rent was now the object of his anathemas. The policy of collecting pew rent had never obtained in Burlington, and it was Father O Callaghan's intention that pew rent should not be taken in his new church in Holyoke. While he was pastor the sittings were free. He was consistent to the end.

In spite of his arduous and innumerable labours, Father O Callaghan still found time for study and writing. During his 23 years in the Green Mountain State he had written the following books: "A Critical Review of Mr. J. K. Converse's Calvinistic Sermons " , 1834, Burlington: "The Creation and Offspring of the Protestant Church ", containing also a treatise on the "Heresies and Vagaries of John Henry Hopkins , Protestant Bishop of Vermont , and of Three Other False Teachers," 1837, Burlington; "The Hedge Around the Vineyard, Dressed Up"; "The Exposure of Vermont Banking", Burlington; "Usury, Funds and Banking," revised and published in Burlington in 1834. The latter work included an autobiographical preface.

Perhaps his masterpiece in the use of invective is his book on "Free Love", published in Holyoke in 1858. The book was called forth by a convention of Free Lovers, held in Rutland sometime in the early fifties. This sect was but one of the many which shook the country with its "back to nature" craze. Father O Callaghan, in his book, not only set down the doctrine of the Church on marriage, the Bible, baptism, and divorce in an irrefutable manner, but also did it in such a manner that it left no doubt in the minds of the readers as to the true character of this peculiar sect.

This book contained also "Three Responses to Mr. Walker", who was a Protestant clergyman of Holyoke. These responses were in reply to articles printed in the "Mirror" early in 1858 wherein the writer expressed the kindest feelings for Catholics but determined opposition to their priests.

In these responses are several local references which are particularly interesting. To the oft-repeated charge that Catholics were not allowed to own or read the Holy Bible, Father O Callaghan replied that "it (the Bible) is in the hands of every Catholic family, even here in Holyoke; for instance, James Lalor and Thomas Burns, North Block, possess two splendid Douay Bibles".

These responses afforded Father O Callaghan an opportunity he did not fail to grasp of expounding his lifelong aversion to usury and pew rent, in part follows:

The selling of seats in the church demoralises both the rich and the poor Such impressions came upon my observations long since in Europe; they became stronger since my arrival in America. Consequently, I resolved that if kind Providence should ever put any little church under my control, to exclude private seats and all respect of persons. This resolution I carried out, with God's grace, in the churches which I erected in Burlington, Vermont, and at Holvoke: the foxes had holes and the birds of the air had nests, whilst the Son of Man had not where to lay His head. The flocks, being chiefly servant and labourers, had not the means to erect a suitable house of worship; being doomed to offer up the Holy Sacrifice in a public hall, which was occasionally used by the several groups of travelling showmen and actors, and by the citizens for their town meetings and political elections. All this is revolting to the pious Christian, especially to the priest of God. Consequently, all my means are soon enlisted for removing the scandal; an appeal is made to the good sense and piety of the people. Their voluntary subscriptions and handsome donations of generous Americans, amounted to \$6,364, whilst the edifice which stands upon the beautiful site, the gift of the Hadley Falls Company, had already cost \$22,416, leaving due \$16,052. This balance has swept away all my savings during twenty-seven years' mission both in Vermont and Massachusetts. The grace of God has enabled me to meet each call instantly, to preserve my people from the demand of creditors, and the House of God from the pollution of usury; not one cent of interest have we paid, nor is one cent due".

Father O Callaghan continued to live in Holyoke, residing, according to Father Edmund S. Casey, the esteemed chaplain of the Farran Hospital, with a family named Kane, first in what is now Oliver St. and later with the same family on Layman Street. He celebrated mass in his private room, attended frequently by his former parishioners, until his death which occurred on February 23rd, 1861.

He was buried in the churchyard, and as Fr McCoy expressed it: "A grateful people erected a granite shaft to his memory. They tenderly laid him to rest beneath the eastern wall of the church he had built. and every sunrise lights his grave at the time, it guilds the crosses".







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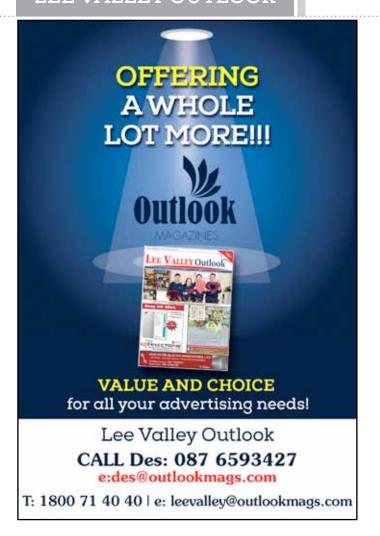
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This re-opening announcement has been met

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Rory added that 'while our 70th Year in Business hasn't begun how we might have imagined, we're looking forward with great hope and optimism. Our focus will be on assisting our quests to rekindle their love of Ireland, inform them on the endless options of 'Things To See & Do' and above all stressing that they can book with confidence, in the knowledge that we offer free cancellations if required. All ready we have seen a keen interest in multi-generational stays, whereby grandparents, parents and kids are planning breaks away to make-up for missed moments and are longing to make new memories.'

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LOCAL SNIPPETS

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AGHINAGH GAA: 15/2/2021

The jackpot was €5,800. The numbers drawn were 02, 23 and 31. There was no jackpot winner. Consolation prizes: €50.00 to Dan Coakley, Rahalisk. €20 each to Cathal and Aisling Rea, Ballinagree: Helen Kelleher, Aghabullogue (online winner); Anthony Hubbard, Bealnamorrive; Bracken Family, Mount Bolus, Co. Offaly.

22/2/2021 The jackpot was €5,950. The numbers drawn were 01, 07 and 34. There was no jackpot winner. Consolation prizes: €50.00 to John Twomey Rusheen. €20 each to JJ & Kate Delaney, Caherbaroule; Aaron & Cian O'Sullivan, Carrigthomas; Con & Noreen O'Connor, Rusheen; Patrick Ring, Blackrock (online winner).

COACHFORD AFC: 15/2/2021 Jackpot: €3,000. Numbers Drawn: 9 - 12 -24. No Winner. €40 Annette Kearney, Donoughmore (Online Ticket). €20 Megan Field (Yearly Ticket). Ber O'Leary. Paddy Finnegan. Raphella McFaul.

22/2/2021 Jackpot: €3,200. Numbers Drawn: 4 -11 –20. No Winner. €40 Greg Murphy. €20 Michael O'Connell. Lesley Lucey (Online Ticket). Megan Field (Yearly Ticket). John Moynihan (Yearly Ticket). 1/3/2021 Jackpot: €3,400. Numbers Drawn: 5 -20 -23. No Winner. €40 Patrick O'Callaghan. €20 Sophie, Darragh & James O'Shea. Hugh O'Shea. Oliver Krutz (Yearly Ticket). Donna Peyton (Online Ticket).

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1/03/2021 - Winning numbers: 11,19 & 36 Jackpot -€2,800. No Winner.

Lucky Dip winners who received €20 each: Donagh, Cathal & Tadhg Murphy (Rylane); Mags O'Brien, Chipper (Coachford); Joe Barrett (Rylane) & John & Phyllis Long (Little Island - Online) Next week's Jackpot will be €2,900.

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AGHINAGH MACRA:

Aghinagh Macra are currently running a "Step

into Spring" competition to encourage people to get out and about during the month of February. The person with the most distance ran/walked by

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After a successful calendar campaign, the club has also made a charitable donation of €1250 to the Macroom Senior Citizens Committee. Thanks to all those who purchased calendars.

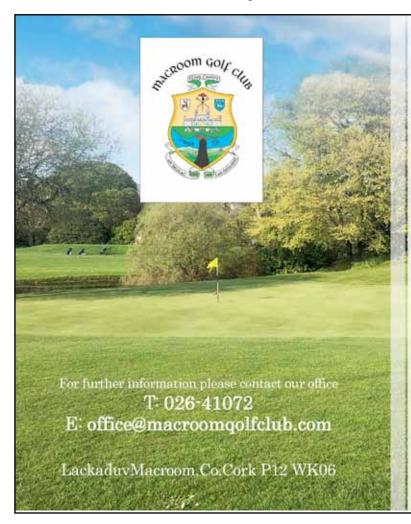
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MACROOM GAA

Uncertainty regarding the inter county and club seasons in 2021 still prevails, and will for another while, until the infection rate of Covid-19 falls and the Government, Health Authorities and the GAA can plan ahead with a reasonable certainty based on firm assumptions. After the recent GAA Congress it is likely that the inter county championships will proceed first with All Ireland Finals in July and then the club championships will commence in mid to late July at county and divisional level.

The grading of some teams for Cork county championships cannot be determined until 2020 championships are concluded, Mid Cork teams Éire Óg in Senior Football and Intermediate Hurling, Aghabullogue in Intermediate Hurling and Iveleary in Junior Football, all still involved in unfinished county championships which will determine their grading this coming season. Championship draws cannot be made until outstanding games are decided.

In Mid Cork, the officers of the executive have been meeting by Zoom and new Mid Cork Board Rúnaí, Énda Ni Léanacháin (Inniscarra) has issued on behalf of the Board the list of the grading for Junior and U21 teams for the year.

In football, the following clubs requested and were granted regarding: Aghabullogue - U21 from A to B grade, Cill na Martra – U21 from B to C grade, Aghinagh - Junior - from B to C grade, Blarney - Junior - from A to B grade.

The following are the 2021 entries:

JAF (13 teams) - Aghinagh, Ballincollig, Ballingeary, Canovee, Cill na Matra, Clondrohid, Donoughmore, Éire Óg, Grenagh, Inniscarra, Iveleary, Kilmichael, Kilmurry. (*Iveleary are still involved in the 2020 county championship)

JBF (12 teams) - Aghabullogue, Ballincollig, Ballinora, Blarney, Canovee, Dripsey, Gleann na Laoi, Inniscarra, Iveleary, Kilmurry, Macroom, Naomh Ahán

JCF (12 teams) - Aghinagh, Ballincollig, Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh, Blarney, Clondrohid, Donoughmore, Dripsey, Éire Óg, Grenagh, Kilmichael, Macroom, Naomh Abán.

JAH (10 teams) - Aghabullogue, Ballincollig, Ballinora, Blarney, Cloughduv, Donoughmore, Éire Óg, Inniscarra, Iveleary, Kilmichael.

JBH (9 teams) - Ballincollig, Ballinora, Blarney, Donoughmore, Éire Óg, Gleann na Laoi, Grenagh, Inniscarra, Laochra Óg.

U21AF (3 Teams) - Ballincollig, Éire Óg, Inniscarra. U21BF (8 teams) - Aghabulloque, Aghinagh, Ballinora, Blarney, Canovee, Grenagh, Kilmurry, Naomh Abán.

U21CF (10 teams) - Ballincollig 2, Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh, Cill na Martra, Clondrohid, Donoughmore, Éire Óg 2, Inniscarra 2, Iveleary, Kilmichael, Macroom.

U21AH (2 teams) - Ballincollig, Cloughduv.

U21BH (5 teams) - Ballincollig 2, Ballinora, Grenagh, Inniscarra, Western Gaels.

The formats for the championships have been discussed in brief with no decisions taken until further consultation, hopefully with all Board delegates, and also there is no definite date on the return to play.

The U21 Football is usually up and going early in the year, it is the intention to play these competitions after the Adult games towards the end of the year and if the calendar allows.

Re U21 Hurling - it is also intended to play these competitions. For the clubs in the division that play U21 hurling at premier grade in the county if the county board decide not to proceed it would be the intention to have a Mid Cork competition for these teams also, provided the clubs would be interested.

The 2021 league programme format and schedules cannot be decided on now.

For competitions that remain to be played from 2020 - JBH final and U21 Football, B and C, - it is the intention to play these soon after a return

Ten Years Ago

Muskerry hurlers had a fine season, winning three group games and the Divisions/Colleges play off before going down to the eventual county champions, Carrigtwohill.

Muskerry 2 – 18 (24) Duhallow 3 – 12 (21) Muskerry hurlers got their season off to a good start with a narrow victory over Duhallow at Cloughduv. Muskerry are in a group of four divisions with Duhallow, Imokilly and Avondhu from which two teams will qualify to meet with UCC and CIT, so this win gives Muskerry a major boost facing into their remaining two group games. Duhallow were reduced to 14 men after only 20minutes play and so will have thoughts of what might have been if they had been at full strength for the whole game. Muskerry started well but Duhallow fought back and a goal in the 7th minute put them ahead. Muskerry then got on top at midfield through the efforts of Tom Kenny and John Dineen and scored five points in a row with Mark Cremin and Colin Murphy also on target. Duhallow had their man dismissed, yet they stayed with Muskerry to the break. John Dineen had three points for the winners and in defence Paul O'Leary and Joe Jordan were very effective. The half time score was 0-11 to 1-6 in favour of Muskerry.

The second half was very exciting and built up to a thrilling climax. Muskerry managed to stay in front in the early stages but on the three-quarter mark, a long ball out of the Duhallow defence bounced in the Muskerry goalmouth and reared up viciously into the roof of the net to level the scores. Muskerry got a much-needed reply within minutes when Colin Murphy was fouled and Blarney clubmate Mark Cremin blasted the resultant penalty to the Duhallow net. Tom Kenny followed with two points but Duhallow

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kept plugging away and had the deficit down to three points by the 57th minute. Colin Murphy now scrambled a second Muskerry goal but still Duhallow would not die, and goalkeeper Anthony Nash lashed a penalty to the Muskerry net to again leave only a single score between the teams with the game in injury time. Time however was up and so Muskerry took the points. Muskerry: Pádraig O'Sullivan (Inniscara): Kelvin Cummins (Grenagh), Paul O'Learv (Blarney), Cian O'Mahony (Eire Óg): Niall Buckley (Aghabullogue), Rory Doherty (Ballincollig), Joe Jordan (Blarney): Tom Kenny (Grenagh) (0-3), John Dineen (Eire Óg) (0-3): Mark Cremin (Blarney) (1-7, 1-4 frees) John Crowley (Eire Óg) (0-1), Shane Sexton (Donoughmore): Brian Ahern (Cloughduv), Mark O'Sullivan (Dripsey) (0-1), Colin Murphy (Blarney) (1-3). Subs: David O'Sullivan (Dripsey) 42 min, Donal Corkery (Cloughduv) 50.

Muskerry 1-18 Imokilly 1-15

Another fine display by the Muskerry hurlers at Páirc Uí Rinn leaves them undefeated after two

games in the Divisional section of the county championship. Duhallow and Avondhu are the other two teams involved, with the winners of the group to play UCC and the group runners up to play CIT on the same date, the two winners of these games then to advance in the county championship.

Muskerry had Dripsey's Diarmuid O'Riordan back in action, and had Colin Harris of Ballincollig at corner back, both making big contributions to the Muskerry cause. The Mid Cork men had a good opening half and led by 0-12 to 0-6 at half time. Diarmuiid O'Riordan, Mark Cremin and Shane Sexton had early points and Mark Cremin then landed a super point to put Muskerry four points clear before Imokilly had their first point. Another Imokilly point brought a renewed surge from Muskerry and with Neil Buckley and Stephen O'Donoghue excellent in the half back line, Tom Kenny ruling the roost at midfield, the attack was well supplied. Cremin, O'Riordan and Mark O'Sullivan were knocking over the points and Muskerry moved into a 0-10 to 0-5 lead

coming up to the interval. Neil Buckley from play and Mark Cremin from a free increased the lead further but a late Imokillly point left Muskerry leading by six points at the break.

Muskerry had a golden spell on the restart with the highlight being a smashing goal from Diarmuid O'Riordan after ten minutes which put them 10 points clear and seemingly on the road to an easy victory with the score at 1-16 to 0-9. Imokilly are a proud hurling division however and they were not giving up the spoils just yet. They staged a great recovery in the closing period, boosted by a goal at the three-quarter stage. Points followed in quick succession and suddenly Muskerry were under pressure as Imokilly had the deficit down to a single goal. A further Imokilly point left only two points between the teams and Muskerry were relieved when Mark Cremin pointed a free to open up a three-point gap once again. Imokilly came in search of a goal but the Muskerry defence held firm and so the Mid Cork side remain unbeaten after two games with Avondhu now next on the list. Muskerry: Pádraig O'Sullivan (Inniscarra): John Carey (Dripsey), Paul O'Leary (Blarney), Colin Harris (Ballincollig): Neil Buckley (Aghabullogue), Stephen O'Donoghue (Ballincollig), Joe Jordan (Blarney): Tom Kenny (Grenagh), Donal Corkery (Cloughduv): Shane Sexton (Donoughmore), Diarmuid O'Riordan (Dripsey), Mark O'Sullivan (Dripsey): David O'Sullivan (Dripsey), Rory Doherty (Ballincollig), Mark Cremin (Blarney). Subs: Aidan O Mahony (Eire Óg) 40, J O'Regan (Blarney) 56, Brian Aherne (Cloughduv) 56.

Muskerry 1-14 Avondhu 2-11

The final group game finished level resulting in Muskerry and Imokilly to qualify for the play offs against UCC and CIT respectively, winners to advance to last 16 of championship.

Muskerry 2 - 13 U.C.C. 0 - 17

Muskerry are through to the last 16 in the senior hurling championship after a hard-earned victory over UCC at Páirc Uí Rinn. It took two points in four minutes of injury time from Aghabullogue's Patrick Finnegan to give victory to Muskerry but they deserved their win after a game in which the sides were very evenly matched and were level on many occasions. Muskerry will now be hopeful of a favourable draw in the next round,

which would enable their campaign to gather momentum for the concluding stages of the championship.

U.C.C. had a slight edge in the first half and led the divisional side up to the break at which stage they had a 0-10 to 0-8 lead. Muskerry had shot some wild wides and in addition had a Mark O'Sullivan 'goal' disallowed somewhat controversially. Immediately on the restart however Muskerry hit the front for the first time when Ballincollig's Rory O'Doherty shot a goal after good approach work by John Dineen of Eire Óg but UCC reasserted their control and outscored Muskerry by four points to one to lead by 0-14 to 1-9 at the three-quarter stage. With the Muskerry half back line of Niall Buckley, Stephen O'Donoghue and Joe Jordan getting on top of the College attack, Muskerry came back strongly in the last quarter but two points still separated the sides with five minutes of normal time remaining, UCC still leading on a 0-16 to 1-11 scoreline. Mark O'Sullivan (Dripsey) now caught a Donal Corkery delivery out of defence and booted a second goal for Muskerry, ample compensation for his earlier disallowed effort. UCC now were in arrears but to their credit they fought back and levelled the tie again with a point as 'normal time' came to an end. The game went into injury time and Patrick Finnegan shot a point to put Muskerry back in front and he added another for good measure to secure the win for the Muskerry men. Muskerry: Paul Ryan (Eire Óg): John Carey (Dripsey), Alan O'Mahony (Eire Óg), Paul O'Leary (Blarney): Niall Buckley (Aghabullogue) (0-1), Stephen O'Donoghue (Ballincollig), Joe Jordan (Blarney): Tom Kenny (Grenagh), Donal Corkery (Cloughduv): Mark Cremin (Blarney), Rory O'Doherty (Ballincollig) (1-0), John Dineen (Eire Óg)(0-2): Patrick Finnegan (Aghabullogue) (0-5, 0-1 free), Mark O'Sullivan (Dripsey) (1-0), Colin Murphy (Blarney) (0-4, 0-2 frees). Subs: Daniel O'Connell (Inniscarra) (0-1), John Crowley (Eire Óg)

Carrigtwohil 0 - 16 Muskerry 1 - 10

Muskerry hurlers made their exit from the county senior championship for 2011, going under to Carrigtwohill by three points at Páirc Uí Rinn. Muskerry scored first when Patrick Finnegan pointed a free but Carrig quickly equalised and after the sides were level at 0-2 each, the East Cork men hit form and rattled over four points in a row to draw away from a Muskerry side hampered by the absence from midfield of Cork star Tom Kenny and team captain Donal Corkery. The Carrig forward division caused major problems for the Muskerry defenders and only the brilliance of goalkeeper of Paul Ryan kept the East Cork men from going too far away and kept Muskerry within touch. Still, Carrig led by 0-11 to 0-6 at half time and were in command. The Muskerry attack was not getting much change out of the Carrig backs with the exception of Patrick Finnegan but the divisional side was still in with a chance of ultimate victory.

The second half saw the same tend being maintained with Carrigtwohill still on top. Muskerry were in desperate pursuit of a goal and came near on two occasions to getting one but the chances were missed and Carrig remained on top and with the score at 0-15 to 0-8 entering the home stretch they were looking assured of victory. To Muskerry's credit, they fought to the finish and had the winners under severe pressure in the closing minutes. Aidan O'Mahony pointed a free and then in the 56th minute John Crowley's ground shot whizzed to the Carrig net and the gap between the teams was down to four points. Mark Cremin then pointed for Muskerry and only a goal separated the teams and Muskerry kept up the pressure. However, the Carrig defence held firm and when an Aidan O'Mahony '65' was cleared Muskerry's last chance was gone and Carrig move on.

It has been a good season for Muskerry despite this defeat and had they been at full strength they could still be in contention for honours.

Muskerry: Paul Ryan (Eire Óg): John Carey (Dripsey), Aidan O'Mahony (Eire Óg) (0-1), Paul O'Leary (Blarney): Niall Buckley (Aghabullogue), Stephen O'Donoghue (Ballincollig), Joe Jordan (Blarney): Colin Harris (Ballincollig), John Dineen (Eire Óg) (0-3): Mark Cremin (Blarney), Rory Doherty (Ballincollig) (0-1), Diarmuid O'Riordan (Dripsey): Patrick Finnegan (Aghabullogue) (0-5, 0-4 frees), Mark O'Sullivan (Dripsey), Colin Murphy (Blarney). Subs: Eoin Hegarty (Ballincollig), John Crowley (Éire Óg) (1-0), Aidan O'Mahony (Inniscarra).

Cork Colleges U 16 'A' Football Final

De La Salle, Macroom 0 – 20 St. Fachtnas, Skibbereen 2 – 8

De La Salle Macroom U 16 footballers won the Cork Colleges 'A' title by defeating St Fachtnas in high quality final at a sun splashed Páirc Uí Chaoimh, the game being played as the forerunner to the National Football League game between Cork and Armagh. The Mid Cork boys recovered from a slow start, they were in arrears 1-4 to 0-2 after eight minutes, to be just one point behind at the break. On the restart they were in sparkling form and eight unanswered points in a row gave them a lead that enabled them to absorb the setback of conceding a second Fachtna's goal and not lose their momentum.

De La Salle scored first with Michael Cronin sending over the bar after two minutes but Fachtna's quickly equalised and then went ahead. John Murphy levelled the scores in the 4th minute, but the West Cork boys struck back with two further points and then slammed in a goal in the 8th minutes to go five points clear.



De La Salle Macroom - Cork Colleges U16A Football Champions 2011

Aidan Moynihan, who was to be a very influential leader of the attack, led the DLS revival, firing over three points in a row in two minutes, and John Murphy and Paul Foley had a point apiece to level matters after 13 minutes. Fachtna's went in front from a free, James Moynihan equalised and Cian Healy then put DLS in front with a point

as the second quarter commenced. Another free yielded an equaliser for Fachtna's and they went ahead in the 22nd minute with a point which proved to be the final score of the first half. The score was 1-7 to 0-9 and it was anybody's game at this stage.

On the resumption, DLS went into overdrive and again Aidan Moynihan led the charge with two early points, one from a free. Shane Creedon came forward to shoot a superb point, Aidan Moynihan and John Murphy had another point each to put DLS five points clear after only eight minutes. Pádraig Berhanu now fired over two points in quick succession and Paul Foley had his second point to further increase the winners lead after 42 minutes. A Fachtna's point was matched by another point from a free from Aidan Moynihan and then in the 49th minute Fachtna's struck for another goal that gave them renewed hope, the score now being 0-18 to 2-8. De La Salle were equal to the challenge with Dermot O'Callaghan and Barry O'Leary and Sean Kelleher ultra-safe in a quick tackling defence in

front of alert goalkeeper William Coakley, Sean O'Sullivan, Peter Kelleher and David Murphy tireless at midfield and the forwards always creative and hard working. John Murphy had a DLS point in the 50th minute and appropriately Aidan Movnihan had the last score of the game. a point for DLS three minutes from time, his eight point of the game. DLS scorers: Aidan Moynihan 0-8 (0-3 from frees), John Murphy 0-5 (0-1 free), Paul Foley and Pádraig Berhanu 0-2 each, Michael Cronin, Cian Healy and Shane Creedon 0-1 each. De La Salle: William Coakley (Aghinagh): Barry O'Leary (Iveleary/Western Gaels), David Murphy (Iveleary/Western Gaels), Dermot O'Callaghan (Aghinagh): Shane Creedon (Macroom), Michael Cronin (Macroom), Seán Kelleher (Aghinagh): Peter Kelleher (Kilmichael/Western Gaels),

Seán O'Sullivan (Aghabullogue): John Murphy (Macroom), Aidan Moynihan (Canovee), James Moynihan (Canovee): Cian Healy (Newcestown), Pádraig Berhanu (Kilmurry), Paul Foley (Eire Óg). Subs: Ciarán Noonan (Beal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh), Michael Dunne (Canovee), Liam Kearney (Iveleary/Western Gaels) Used and Shane Foley (Kilmichael/W.Gaels), Daniel Cahalane (Kilmurry), Daniel McSweeney (Clondrohid), Michael J Grainger (Kilmurry), Cillian O'Mahony (Macroom), Ciarán Cummins (Clondrohid). Team mentors were staff members Fergus Ryan, Jack Cott and Daniel McCarthy.

In the Cork Colleges semifinal, De la Salle had a hard-earned victory over Coláiste Chríost Rí, Cork on a 1-12 to 0-8 scoreline, the line out as in the final

2011 County Football Championship 1st Rounds

Cork County Senior Football Championship

Ballincollig 1 – 7 Nemo Rangers 0 – 12

Ballincollig, the only Muskerry team in the senior football championship, suffered a disappointing defeat at Ovens against county champions Nemo Rangers. In awful conditions, the Capwell side controlled the game until a late Ballincollig rally which produced the only goal of the game, put them under pressure for the first time. Cork All Ireland star John Miskella did not line out for the losers as he was injured after the recent

National League final. Na Piarsaigh will provide the opposition in the 2nd round for Ballincollig. 2nd Round: Ballincollig v Na Piarsaigh

County Premier Intermediate Football Championship

Ballinora 0 – 4 Kiskeam 0 – 3

The torrential rain at Clondrohid made the game a nightmare for the players and the spectators alike. Ballinora won this game against the odds. They played with the wind in the first half but the

sides were level at 0-3 each at half time. Ballinora had to play the entire second half a man short after a defender was red carded as the teams left the field at half time and they lost a second player to a second yellow card ten minutes from time. Despite these reverses, the Ballinora men succeeded in holding Kiskeam scoreless in the second half and a 33rd minute point from a Brian Ahern free, the only score of the second half and the last score of the game, was to prove their winner.

Macroom 0 - 7 Grenagh 0 - 6

A howling wind blowing straight across the field from wing to wing was the nightmare that players had to contend with at Donoughmore. Macroom were down five of their intermediate championship winning team of the previous year, including Fintan Goold who was their mainstay in defence last season and Gary Morris who was always prominent at centre forward. Macroom started well and David Goold pointed a free in the 9th minute to open the scoring, Olan Murphy having been fouled. Two minutes later Tony Dineen was fouled as he worked goalwards and again Goold pointed the resultant free. David Goold then pointed from play and to complete a fine opening quarter Goold pointed his third free after a foul on himself. Macroom were happy leading by 0-4 to nil. Grenagh now took over for the 2nd quarter and had Macroom on the rack by half time when the score was 0-4 to 0-3 in Macroom's favour but only because Grenagh had shot no fewer than seven wides.

On the restart, David Goold now at midfield, got possession from the throw in and went through the Grenagh defence to send over the bar. From the kick out John Goold won possession and he in turn went through and shot another point to open up a three-point gap. The game then swung Grenagh's way again and developed into a contest between the Macroom defence and the Grenagh forwards. Two pointed frees had the difference between the teams down to a single point by the 42nd minute but Grenagh continued to shoot wides. Just when it seemed that Macroom might hold on to their slender lead, Grenagh drew level with a DD Dorgan point in the 58th minute and had the momentum but Macroom responded magnificently however and managed to put Grenagh on the defensive for the closing stages. With the game in injury time Rory Buckley was fouled going forward and David Goold had a difficult shot to score but from 35 metres out and into the gale, his free off the ground went straight between the posts to give



Macroom who defeated Grenagh in the 1st round of the Premier Intermediate football championship at Donoughmore

Macroom a memorable victory. Macroom: James O'Connell: Peter Lynch, Eoin O'Mahony, Martin O'Donnell: Gerard Angland, Rory Buckley, Ciarán Murphy: Seán Kiely, Philip Corrigan: Tony Dineen, Brendan Lynch, John Goold (0-1): Olan Murphy, David Goold (0-6, 0-4 frees), Denis Quinlan. Subs: Robbie O'Dwyer, John Ryan and Conor O'Sullivan.

Clyda Rovers 0 – 7 Naomh Abán 0 – 4

Appalling weather was the dominant feature of this game at Dromtariffe and it ruined the glamour tie of the opening round of the Premier intermediate championship. Beaten finalists last year. Clyda are the favourites to take the crown this season and Naomh Abán are also strongly fancied in their first season back from senior ranks. Against the gale in the opening half, Clyda dictated matters with their all running, possession game, orchestrated by county star Paudie Kissane at midfield. Clyda took the lead after fifteen minutes but Naomh Abán, with Anthony Lynch steady at centreback, were level in the 22nd minute when prominent centre forward Shane McCarthy sent over the bar. Clyda then scored twice to move clear but just before the break Micheál Ó Cróinín had a point from play for Naomh Abán and followed immediately with a point from a long range free to leave the teams tied at the break at 0-3 each.

On the restart, the play was very even, and it was Naomh Abán who took the lead with another point from a Micheál O Cronin free in the 38th minute, this one from close range. Clyda were back on level terms within a minute and followed on with two further points to lead by 0-6 to 0-4 at the three-quarter stage. It was grinding stuff and both sides were giving it their all. A further Clyda point in the 51st minute opened up a three-point gap and Naomh Aban spent the last stages in desperate pursuit of the goal needed to save the day. It almost came four minutes from time, but the Fates did not favour N. Abán and so the three point gap still remained to the finish.

Naomh Abán: Seanachán Ó hUidhir: Seamus Ó Riada, Seamus O Mathúna, Tadgh O Scanaill: Colm de hÍde, Antóin Ó Loinsigh, Conchuir Ó Loinsigh: Micheál Ó Laoghaire, Arthur Hankus: Donncadh Ó Cróinín, Shane MacCarthaigh, Micheál Ó Cróinín: Seán A. MacCarthaigh, Seamus Ó Laoghaire, Daire Ó Súilleabháin. Fear Ionad: Jason MacCarthaigh 55.

Beal Atha'n Ghaorthaidh 0 – 10 Carrigaline

Beal Átha deservedly won this contest of two recent former Intermediate champions at Newcestown and their winning margin could

have been greater at the finish, but weather conditions militated against forward play and the Gaeltacht side were well content with their win.

The first half was a very even affair and the sides were level at 0-5 each at the end of the opening thirty minutes. Carrigaline opened the scoring after three minutes but Ian Concannon quickly replied for Beal Átha. Carrig again took the lead but Ben Shorten then equalised for the Gaeltacht men to leave the sides level at the end of the first quarter. Another free for Carrigaline yielded another point but Noel Dineen equalised and then Ben Shorten and Carrig's David Drake swapped points twice to leave the teams deadlocked at half time at 0-5 each.

On the restart Liam Shorten pointed two frees for a resurgent Beal Átha and added a super point from play. When Andy Concannon chipped in with a further point Beal Átha were four points clear as the final guarter dawned. Carrig had their first point of the second half in the 46th minute and went close to scoring a goal later but Beal Átha survived and when Carrig had another point, Andy Concannon replied with a massive point for Beal Átha to keep three points between the teams. Carrig did have one more chance but had to be satisfied with a point from a free and so Beal Átha move on to Round Four.

Beal Átha: Gearóid Ó Muirthille: Florrie Ó Loinsigh. Leonáird Ó Conchuir, Amhlaoibh Ó Loinsigh: Nollaig Ó Duinnín (0-1), Seán Ó Donnchú, Seán Ó Duinnín: Eoin Ó Coill, Liam Ó Coinceannain: Cian Ó Duinnín, Liam Seartan (0-3, 0-2 frees), Tadgh Ó Laoire: Aindí Ó Coinceannain (0-2, 0-1 free), Ian Ó Coinceannain (0-1), Ben Seartan (0-3). Fear Ionad: Gearóid MacCárthaigh.

2nd Round (Winners to Rd. 4, Losers to Rd. 3): Newmarket v Kiskeam: Nemo/Vincents v Grenagh, Michaels/Mayfield v Glenville: Naomh Aban v Carrigaline

County Intermediate Football Championship

Canovee 0-13 Aghabullogue 0-8

Greater firepower in attack and the lethal accuracy of Pat Dunlea from frees saw Canovee safely over the challenge of Aghabullogue at windswept Ovens. The first half exchanges were very even until Canovee hit their neighbours with a four-point burst coming up to the interval which left them five points in front, their eventual winning margin. They matched Aghabullogue score for score in the second half and repelled all their opponents' efforts at securing the goal the losers needed to really ignite their challenge. Seán O'Connor opened the scoring for Canovee

(and eventually got the game's final score as well!), John Corkery replied for Aghabullogue. Pat Dunlea had two points for Canovee and Corkery and John Hogan pointed for the Aghabullogue men to leave the score at 0-3 each at the end of the opening quarter. Brian Ahern and Con Dunne then had points for Canovee to which Niall Buckley replied with a point after a strong run but in the five minutes before the break Pat Dunlea twice, and Damien Ahern and Con Dunne had Canovee points to give their side a 0-9 to 0-4 interval lead.

Pat Dunlea extended the Canovee lead on the restart but Aghabullogue, with the wind behind them now, came back with two points from John Corkery. Pat Dunlea again pointed another free and John Hogan had a point for Aghabullogue. Another Dunlea point was followed by a point for Aghabullogue from Donal Cullinane but the goal the losers needed was not forthcoming and Canovee had the final score from Seán O'Connor. Canovee: Michael Deasy: James McCarthy, Paul O'Sullivan, Donal Murphy: Brian Ahern, John O'Brien, Damien Ahern: Ger Ahern, Tadgh Murphy: Seán O'Connor, Pat Dunlea, Tadgh McCarthy: Denis O'Sullivan, Con Dunne, Daragh Ring.

Aghabullogue: John Buckley: Paudie Twomey, Danny Buckley, Jerome Corkery: Barry Kiely, Dan Twomey, Dhani Merrick: Donal Cullinane, Niall Buckley: Brian Buckley, Patrick Finnegan, Pádraig Murphy: Paul O'Rourke, John Hogan, John Corkery. Sub: Kenneth Hogan.

Kildorrery 2-6 Cill na Martra 0-7

Two killer goals, one scored early in each half, put paid to Cill na Martra's chances of reversing last year's first round result against Kildorrery at a windy Donoughmore. The first within five minutes of the start was a bad blow on a day when it was obvious that scoring was going to be difficult and the second, which came four minutes into the second half, was an unlucky reverse from which Cill na Martra never recovered. Kildorrery scored an early point, and the goal gave them the perfect start. Kevin Hoare had Cill na Martra'a only first half score after 6 minutes, but the North Cork men replied with a point from a '45'. A Kildorrery point from a free in the 17th minute completed the first half scoring but Cill na Martra had kicked no less than nine wides in that opening half.

Cill na Martra started the second half well with a point each from Noel O'Leary and Kevin Hoare, both from frees, but the good work was undone immediately and in a most unlucky fashion. A high cross from the wing into the Cill na Martra goalmouth did not appear to pose any undue threat but the ball fell to the ground, bounced and a Kildorrery fist forced it over the line. This was a bad blow but the Muskerry men got on with their task and Kevin Hoare landed two points to give them renewed hope. Kildorrery scored another point in the 40th minute to restore the five-point gap and they maintained at least a four-point lead to the finish, answering each Cill na Martra point with another. Kevin Hoare and Kevin O'Sullivan had the last two scores for Cill na Martra who now face Cloyne, the 2010 Junior champions in the second round and one would expect that the Muskerry men will be an improved side on that occasion.

Cill na Martra: Eoin Ó Duinnín: Colm Ó Laoire. Cathal MacSuibhne, Caoimhín Ó hEaluithe: Danní Ó Conaill, Nollaig Ó Laoire, Marc Ó Goilí: Seán Ó Céilleachair, Graham Ó Mocháin: Seanachán Ó Loinsigh, Donal Óg Ó Laoire, Martin Ó Conchuir: Caoimhín Ó Súilleabháin, Caoimhín Ó hUidhir, Maidhchí Ó Duinnín. Fir Ionaid: Alan Ó Mocháin agus Micheál Ó Mocháin.

Éire Óg 4 – 14 Cloyne 3 – 5

On a day when most teams struggled to get even a point on the board, Eire Óg had no such problem at Riverstown and their final tally gives further evidence that the Ovens men possess a powerful attack, and they will be now fancied in many quarters to take the Intermediate title this season. Although Cloyne were never outclassed the result was a foregone conclusion well before the finish. Four early points from Cork star Daniel Goulding and one each from Kevin Hallissey and John Dineen, both Cork minors in recent years, had Eire Óg nicely settled after the opening ten minutes, their opponents being still scoreless at this stage. When Cloyne did eventually get a point to open their account, Eire Óg hit back with a goal from Kevin Hallissey but Cloyne finished the half in battling form with two points from play and a late goal from a penalty. Eire Óg led at the break by 1-8 to 1-3 and were still not out the gap!

On the restart Eire Óg cemented their dominance with 1-4 without reply to kill off the Cloyne challenge. Daniel Goulding had two of the points and his county colleague Ciaran Sheehan set up the goal for John Dineen. Cloyne plugged away and their persistence was rewarded with a second goal, again from the penalty spot in the 50th minute. Immediately Eire Óg went down field and Daniel Goulding banged in a goal and when Kevin Hallissey followed with his second and a fourth goal for Eire Óg the contest was well and truly over.

Éire Óg: Conor Hallissey: Shane McCarthy, S Murphy, Cian O'Mahony: Cian Lowney, Barry Corkery, Dermot Herlihy: Liam Murphy, Alan O'Mahony: Kevin Hallissey, Ciarán Sheehan, Aidan O'Connor: Vincent Fahy, Daniel Goulding, John Dineen.

2nd Round (Winners to Rd 4, losers to Rd. 3) Ballyclough v Aghabullogue: Cill na Martra v Clovne

Ross Oil Mid Cork Junior A Football Championship 2011

There were three pairings played early in the Junior Football championship with Inniscarra defeating Donoughmore after a replay, Iveleary and Ballincollig having first round wins. Preliminary Round:

Donoughmore 1 – 10 Inniscarra 1 – 10 (a draw) Inniscarra 0 – 9 Donoughmore 1 – 2 (replay)

Round 1 (Winners to Rd 3, losers to Rd 2) Iveleary 0 – 10 Blarney 0 - 8 Ballincollig 1 – 6 Kilmurry 0 - 6

Donoughmore 1 – 10 Inniscarra 1 – 10

This was a game that Inniscarra looked to have won but a late, late Donoughmore goal denied them victory at Coachford.

Donoughmore started this game in fine form and were three points up after only three minutes with Aidan O'Shea, from a free and from play, and Shane Sexton from play sending over early points. In the tenth minute Daniel O'Connell pointed an Iniscarra free to open the winners account and as 'Scarra settled they got further encouragement when Timmy Murphy pointed in the 16th minute. Two minutes later Donoughmore were awarded a free which Aidan O'Shea had no difficulty in pointing but then Inniscarra hit back with points from Daniel O'Connell and Liam O Riain to level matters by the 22nd minute. Three minutes before half time Shane Sexton put Donoughmore back in front with a fine point and they led at half time by 0-6 to 0-5 after the sides exchanged late points, Aidan O'Shea's score from play being matched by a point from a free from Liam O'Riain

Donoughmore started the second half as they had the first with three early points in a row, one from Tom Daly and two from Shane Sexton to lead by 0-9 to 0-5 after 36 minutes. Inniscarra got the boost they needed two minutes later when Daniel O'Connell's blistering shot hit the Donoughmore post and Sean O'Callaghan buried the rebound in the net! Timmy Murphy's point in the 42nd minute levelled the scores and then Dan O'Connell scored a superb point to put 'Scarra in

the lead for the first time in the 45th minute. A foul on the now rampant O'Connell gave Timmy Murphy a point from a free in the 49th minute and O'Connell then added a further point after a great clearance out of the 'Scarra defence by John O'Callaghan. Donoughmore recovered and Shane Sexton landed a free on the top of the Inniscara net to leave two points between the teams but when Jack O'Leary Keating had another point for Inniscarra in the 32nd minute it seemed that the issue was settled. However,

Donoughmore still had time for another attack and when Shane Sexton dropped a high centre over from the right wing, Conor Kelleher got the vital connection in a crowded goalmouth and the ball dropped over the Inniscarra goalline to level the scores a the final whistle ended matters. Donoughmore: Lawrence Barry: Denis O'Connell, Stephen Looney, Aidan Corkery: Ciaran Crowley, Paul Crowley, Dan O'Sullivan: Tom Daly, Daniel Forde: Ollie Murphy, Jerry Buckley, Stephen O'Connor: Colm O'Callaghan, Shane Sexton, Aidan O'Shea. Subs: Dave Lee, Stephen Golden, Patrick Murphy and Conor Kelleher, Darren

Inniscarra: Dominic Kelleher: Donal O'Callaghan, Kevin Burke, Jack O'Leary Keating: Brian O'Keeffe, Padraig O'Callaghan, John O'Callaghan: JJ Herlihy, Alan Sheehan: Liam O Riain, Daniel O'Connell, Timmy Murphy: Sean O'Callaghan, Conor Buckley, Padraig O'Brien. Subs; James Murphy, Tommy Burke. Referee: Mr. Miah Moynihan, Grenagh.

Inniscarra 0 – 9 Donoughmore 1 – 2

The replay at Coachford a week later was played in awful weather conditions with torrential rain falling. The older and physically stronger Inniscarra players were less hampered by the prevailing conditions and deserved their win against the plucky Donoughmore side. Inniscarra got off to the good start on this occasion and points from Dan O'Connell (2), Timmy Murphy and Liam O'Riain, all four from frees had them comfortably ahead after 20 minutes and five minutes later Padraig O'Brien added a point from play to make it 0-5 to nil at that stage. Donoughmore had their opening score in the 26th minute and Timmy Murphy had an Inniscarra point in quick reply. In injury time, Donoughmore got a lucky break when Shane Sexton's free was added to by Terence Looney and finished in the 'Scarra net to leave Donoughmore only two points in arrears at the break, 0-6 to 1-1.

Inniscarra again went on the offensive on the restart and Liam O Riain pointed a free which was added to by a super point from play from Dan O'Connell in the 42nd minute to put Inniscarra four points clear. In the 50th minute Shane Sexton pointed a Donoughmore free, and the



Inniscarra junior footballers who defeated Donoughmore at Coachford in the Mid Cork Championship

losers now came forward in search of goal to save the day. Inniscarra held out however and in injury time James Murphy made victory certain with a point to finally settle the issue.

David Buckley and James Murphy were on the stating fifteen for 'Scarra in the replay with John

O'Keeffe coming in as a substitute. Evan Forde, James Honohan, Darren Barrett, Stephen Golden and Terence Looney all started the replay in a much-changed Donoughmore line out.

Iveleary 0 - 10 Blarney 0 - 8

Iveleary reversed last season's championship semifinal defeat when they deservedly defeated the champions for the past two seasons Blarney at Kilmurry. It was a good performance from the Iveleary side that showed plenty of spirit and contested every ball in determined fashion. They have a nice blend of experience and youth and now have some time to improve further, heartened by this bright start to their campaign. Blarney have been defeated in the first round before and still went on to win the competition and they still remain formidable opponents for any team in Muskerry.

Blarney had the better start to the game and midfielder Barry Phelan opened their account after only two minutes play. Iveleary goalkeeper Jamie Cronin denied Blarney a goal with an excellent save from Raymond O'Leary; John Hurley did take a point in the ensuing play. Patrick O'Riordan had a point for Iveleary in the 12th minute and Cathal Vaughan's point two minutes later levelled the scores. Blarney again took the lead with a point from Conor Foley but in the 27th minute Cathal Vaughan again pointed to again level matters. Before the break Iveleary followed up with two further points, one from a long range free from Edward Buckley which was allowed to hop over the Blarney crossbar and the other from Daniel O'Riordan, the fourth midfielder to score in the opening half.

Within five minutes of the restart Blarney were on level terms again as Peter Ahern and Joe Jordan had a point apiece. Brian Cronin now put Iveleary back into the lead and when Donal O'Sullivan was fouled, Cathal Vaughan had the



Iveleary junior footballers who defeated Blarney at Kilmurry in the Mid Cork championship

easy task of pointing the close range free in the 41st minute. Peter Ahern pointed another Blarney free but Blarney were guilty of some wild shooting, just as Iveleary had been in the first half. In the 49th minute Cathal Vaughan was fouled and pointed the resultant free himself to restore the two-point gap, 0-8 to 0-6. Barry Phelan had another point for Blarney in the 54th minute to reduce the difference to the minimum but Iveleary finished the game strongly. Richard Manning extended their lead to two points again and Denis O'Leary punched over a point in the 58th minute to make their position more secure still. A late point from a Peter Ahern free for Blarney concluded the scoring.

Jamie Cronin was excellent in goals for Iveleary

and his huge kick outs were a major plus for his side. Kevin Manning, Kevin Hourihan and Gerard O'Riordan were always prominent in defence and in attack Edward Buckley did well with Cathal Vaughan maintaining his promise and Denis O'Leary also doing very well. Overall, it was the team performance that impressed with everybody willing to chase and commit.

Iveleary: Jamie Cronin: Kevin Manning, Kevin Hourihan, Barry Murphy: Sean Lehane, Gerard O'Riordan, Donal Cotter: Daniel O'Riordan, Patrick O'Riordan: Finbarr McSweeney, Edward Buckley, Denis O'Leary: Brian Cronin, Donal O'Sullivan, Cathal Vaughan. Subs: John Flynn and Richard Manning.

Ballincollig 1 - 6 Kilmurry 0 - 6

Kilmurry will have regrets that they did not win this tie at Kilmichael and they now face a difficult assignment in facing Blarney in the loser's round, which is 'the last chance saloon' in Muskerry. There was a very strong wind blowing at Annahala and it benefited Ballincollig in the first half. Forwards had difficulties with the wind however and scores were scarce. Ballincollig took the lead with appoint and they needed the goal they scored in the 20th minute. Dermot Desmond had an opening point for Kilmurry in the 23rd minute and Ballincollig managed one

further point before the break to lead by 1-2 to 0-1 at the interval.

Kilmurry now had the benefit of the elements and William Buckley had a 40th minute point to cut the deficit to three points. David O'Leary then had hard luck with a shot for goal but Kilmurry had their tails up and with points from John O'Leary, a William Buckley free and Alan O'Sullivan they were level at 1-2 to 0-5 by the 50th minute. One would have expected them to drive on to victory now, but this strong Ballincollig side had other ideas. The satellite town men regained the lead with a point, but Alan O'Sullivan equalised again for Kilmurry, this a smashing effort. As the end of normal time drew near Ballincollig again took the lead and in injury time, they added two further points to ensure themselves of a place in the third round with Kilmurry to face the reigning champions. Kilmurry: Kevin Crowley: Liam Long, Kevin Barrett, Eoin Barrett: Liam Buckley, David O'Leary, William Barrett: Eoin Creedon, Finbarr Crowley: James White, Dermot Desmond, Alan O'Sullivan: John O'Leary, Dave O'Halloran, William Buckley. Sub: Paul Kearney.







Kilmurry who lost to Ballincollig in the Mid Cork championship at Kilmichael

Mid Cork Junior 'B' Hurling League 2010 Final

Donoughmore 5-6 (21) Kilmichael 3-9 (18) Donoughmore found themselves ten points in arrears after three minutes play in the second half of this delayed final of the 2010 Junior B hurling league at Coachford but they then embarked on a goal scoring spree which yielded four goals and had them level by the three-quarter stage. A fifth goal put them in front, and they held their lead to the finish to take the title.

Conor Cotter slammed home a very early goal for Kilmichael to give his side the best possible start. They tacked on three points before Donoughmore hit back with a brace, but Daragh Foley's goal for Kilmichael early in the second quarter was a major boost for his side. Donoughmore needed a break and they got it in the form of Shane Horgan's goal before the interval which left the score at 2-6 to 1-2 at that stage.

On the resumption Kilmichael got another goal, this one from Donal O'Brien, and they now led by ten points, 3-6 to 1-2. Donoughmore had a point from James O'Connell soon after and then their avalanche of goals started to fall on Kilmichael. $Leon\,Cogan\,slammed\,home\,a\,goal\,for\,the\,winners,$ and another followed from William Murphy in the 39th minute to leave only a goal between the teams. Four minutes later it was all square as the main danger man in the Donoughmore attack, James O'Connell, banged in goal No.4. Donoughmore were on fire and Kilmichael were reeling but Conor Cotter did restore the lead for them with a point as the last guarter started. In the 48th minute Donoughmore struck for their fifth goal, William Murphy finishing off after O'Connell's ground shot had been parried but ran loose. Donoughmore were now in front for the first time and when Colm Dromey had a 50th minute point for Kilmichael, James O'Connell replied with a similar score for the winners to

keep two points between the teams. Daragh Foley had another Kilmichael point but again Donoughmore replied with a point, this one from Jerry Buckley. William Murphy's point for the winners was the final score of a dramatic game.

Donoughmore: Daniel Buckley; Denis Dorney, Barry Holland, Pádraig Buckley; Aidan O'Brien, David Healy, Mark Foley; Robert O'Regan, Paul Crowley: Alan Savage, Jerry Buckley, Pat Crowley: Philip Foley, James O'Connell, Shane Horgan. Subs: William Murphy, Leon Cogan, Tadhg Hartnett, Kevin O'Keeffe, Andy McDonnell.

Kilmichael: Denis O'Donoghue: Donal O'Riordan, Dermot O'Riordan, Finbarr Dromey; Ciarán Kelly, James O'Leary, Finbarr Dromey: Simon Foley, Kieran O'Leary: Donal O'Brien, Conor Cotter, Daragh Foley: Micheál Masters, Neil MacGearailt, Paul O'Sullivan. Subs: Shane Masters, Colm Dromev.

Referee: Mr John Horgan, Gleann na Laoi.



West Muskerry AC - athletes and coaches at the Town Park 2011



The Official Opening of Kilmichael GAA new pavilion at Annahala. From left: Denis O'Callaghan, John Crowley, Dermot Foley, Seamus O'Leary, Fr Cremin, Pat Malone, Mid Cork Board, Gerry Sullivan, Cork County Board



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Macroom MNF after they won the "Light Entertainment Competition" in 1985. © Peter Scanlan



The day Aghinagh GAA under age met "Sam" in 2010. © Peter Scanlan



Carrigadrohid Castle Project Committee at the launch of their "Archaeological Survey" of the castle. The survey was launched by Síle de Valera Minister for Arts, Heritage, Gaeltacht and the Islands, front second from left. 2001. © Peter Scanlan



Gerard Coakley, Ina Coakley, Fr. Jackie Corkery, Sean and Kathleen Shannon at the switching on of the Christmas lights in Bealnamorrive in 2007. © Peter Scanlan



Switching on the Lights in Bealnamorrive 2007. © Peter Scanlan



Canovee 1st Class 2006, Lisa O'Riordan, Jennifer Cassidy, Daniel O'Sullivan, Steven Kelleher, Derry O'Riordan, Michael. © Peter Scanlan



Canovee ICA Cookery Book Launch 2007. © Peter Scanlan



Canovee NS St Patricks Day participants 2007. © Peter Scanlan



A Word of Victory

Welcome back dear reader, personal safety is a big concern right now. Because of the virus we have entered a season where people are literally afraid of each other - cautious and fearful of catching the virus or of doing something wrong that would cause their loved ones to get sick. This is not a good way to live. People have become groomed to walk in fear by constantly listening to the news media reports.

Fear is from the devil and does not come from God. We must be careful about which spirit is controlling our lives and who is behind it. If it is faith based on the hope that shines in our hearts because of knowing what Jesus did to save us, and being led by His Spirit; then that is from God. But if we are controlled by terror and fear that paralyses it is a ploy by the devil to keep us bound in captivity to defeat and despair.

"For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." (2nd Timothy 1:7). Fear is a demonic spirit that seeks a body to dwell in and operate through. It is one of Satan's greatest demons that he uses to terrorise people with. We can open a door to the spirit of fear, inviting it to come in through ignorance of God's Word. In the Scripture above, Paul the apostle reassures his spiritual son Timothy that it is his relationship with God which has empowered him to live in victory and peace, as, even though he was only a young man, the endless and unmatched power of God was living inside of him - displacing the spirit of fear. It is no different for you and I friend. Many years may have passed between then and now, but the same demonic spirits of fear still prey upon God's people. So it is up to us to learn what God's Word says about fear and about finding safety and peace to walk in the freedom that Jesus won for us at the Cross. Just as Noah and his family entered into the Ark to be saved from the trouble which came upon the earth so today we enter into the Ark of God's Son Messiah Jesus for Salvation. (Psalms 23, 27, 61 and 91; Isaiah 41:10; Isaiah 43:1-3; Romans 8:15) Pray....Dear God; please help me understand Your Love for me, and of Your great power which delivers me from all harm and fear. I renounce

the spirit of fear and instead rejoice in the power of Your love which brings me peace and stability. Lord Jesus, You are my Refuge, and my place of safety where I am shielded from trouble. Teach me Your Word so that I might live delivered from fear as I trust in You. In Jesus name I pray, amen.



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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 eves 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.

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NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT



O Holy Spirit, you who solve all problems, light all roads so that I can attain my goal. You gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget all evil against me and that in all instances of my life you are with me. I want in this short prayer to thank you for all things you have given me as you confirm once again that I never wanted to be separated from you in spite of all material illusions. I wish to be with you in Eternal Glory. Thank you for mercy towards me and mine.

This prayer must be said for three days, after three days the favour will be granted.

11TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

DENIS (DENNY) MOSS

Clonmacow, Crookstown, Cork Died 12th March 2010

Those special memories of you, Will always bring a smile, If only we could have you back for just a little while. Then we could sit and talk again, Just like we used to do. You always meant so very much And always will do too. The fact that you're no longer here Will always cause us pain But you're forever in our hearts Until we meet again.



Always remembered by his wife Hannah & family.

11th ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

MARY MURRAY

62 St Colmans Park, Macroom Who died 3rd March 2010

As time goes by and our lives move on We cannot forget the happy days we had with our mother Mary. You were one in a million, always made us laugh and constantly put us first. We will never forget your kindness, love and affection. We miss you dearly.



Always in our hearts Sadly missed by your children Sinead, Geraldine, Concubhar, Tomas, Siobhan and all the family.

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL



O Most Beautiful Flower of Mt. Carmel, Fruitful Vine, Splendour of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist us in our necessity. O Star of the Sea, help us and show us the way. Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who turn to you.

Holy Spirit, you who solve all problems, light all roads, so that we can attain our goal. You who gave us the diving gift to forgive and forget all evil against us, and who are with us in all instances in our lives, thank you for all things, as you confirm once again that we are never to be separated from you in eternal glory. Amen

25TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

TED O'CONNELL

Shronegare, Clondrohid, Macroom Who died on March 6th 1996

Time changes many things, But not the memory this day brings, You always had a smile to share, A laugh, a joke and a time to care, A beautiful nature, warm and true, We just want to say we will always love and miss you.



Fondly remembered by your wife Eileen and daughter Noirin.

21ST ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

IERRY COTTER

Late of Ballingeary Village Died 10th March 2000

Jerry a native of the village. He loved its every stone, In the early days of motorcars, He had the only one, May he see the light of Heaven May he have eternal rest. Although you had to leave us. You are never far away. As we fondly recall the memories, And the things you would say, We miss you from you fireside chair, But your work on earth was done, And so may God reward you. With the crown you've truly won.



Lovingly remembered and sadly missed by the Kearneys & the O'Sullivans.

3RD ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

MARGARET MCELROY

Aghavrin, Coachford, who died on the 15th March, 2018

The eves we loved are sleeping The hands that toiled are still, The one who did so much for us. Is resting at Gods will, Loving thoughts of times together Memories of you will last forever.



Dearly loved and sadly missed by her loving family.

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4TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

ELLEEN DESMOND

Liscarrigane Ballymakeera

Those who think of her today, A little prayer to Jesus say.



Always remembered by your loving family

5TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

KATHERINE O'SULLIVAN

Glen Park, Macroom 27th Feburary 2016

I still see your face before me, Your voice I long to hear-I miss and love you dearly, God knows, I wish, you were still here.



Miss you and love you Peter, **Bev and Drew**

3RD ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

ABBIE O'LEARY

Gortnahoctee, Inchigeela Who died on 10th March 2018

You always had a smile to share, A laugh, a joke and time to care, You left a place no one can fill, I miss you Abbie and always will.



Fondly remembered today and always. Your loving partner Mickie.

7TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

HANC HUBBARD

Inchalea, Aghinagh Who died on 5th March 2014

> Deep in our hearts Your memory is kept To love, to cherish And never forget.



Always remembered by her loving husband Ned and family

6TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

IOAN KELLY

Gneeves, Kilmichael, Macroom. Who died on the 24th February 2015.

Will those who think of Joan today, a little prayer to Jesus say, Sacred Heart of Jesus pray for her.



Always remembered by her loving family.

10th ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

MARGARET KINGSTON

27 O'Connors Park, Macroom Who died on 10th March 2011

We thought of you today, But that is nothing new, We thought of you yesterday, And will tomorrow too, We think of you in silence. And make no outward show, For what it meant to lose you, Only those who love you know, Remembering you is easy, We do it everyday, It's the heartache of losing you, That will never go away.

Love Leah, Conor, Mam, Karen, Colm & Oisin, John & Donagh.

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FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of

JOHN MURRAY

Hillview, Model Village, Dripsey Who died 8th March 2020

As we lovingly remember John on this his first anniversary, lily together with our children Bobby, Liam, Elaine, Liz, Jack and George and their families would like to thank everyone for the great support we received at such a sad time.

Thanks to Dr John and Dr Andy and all at Tower Medical Center for their care of John over the years.

To Grange Con Nursing Home for their kindness and care.

Fr Peader Murphy for helping us to put such a lovely service together and making it so special.

> To Martina and Norma for the beautiful singing.

To Eileen and pods for the great spread they put on for us.

To Cyril Casey and staff for there professional help and kindness without whom we could not have been able to give John the send off he deserved.



FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of

PEADAR Kelleher

Tarelton, Macroom, Co.Cork Who died on 13th March 2020

As we remember Peadar on his first anniversary, we his family would like to express our sincere gratitude to all who sympathised and supported us at the time of his sudden death.

Thank you to those who left heartfelt condolences on RIP.ie which brought us comfort at the time as many couldn't sympathise in person due to covid 19. Also many thanks to those who sent Mass cards, floral tributes and to those who called to the house with groceries and baking at the time.

For those who did the guard of honour at the graveyard, Kilmichael GAA, Macroom Powerlifting Club, and to Musgraves, his lifelong colleagues and workmates who have also provided continued support to our family since Peadar's death. To Donal O Donovan and Kilmichael GAA who organised traffic and who have supported us through this difficult time. And to everyone else who was present the day of his burial, your sympathy is greatly appreciated.

A sincere thank you to Cyril Casey and his team for their professionalism, advice and kindness throughout those days. To Fr. Pat O Donovanfor calling to the house and for officiating Peadar's funeral mass, and to Norma and Teresa for the beautiful music on the day. And finally to Larry and Jackie, Mai Fitzis Lissarda, who opened for our family and provided beautiful food on the evening of



May he rest in Peace.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of

MARK DERVIN

Sydney and Chapel Hill Macroom Who died on 10th March 2020

Mark is lovingly remembered and deeply missed on this the First Anniversary of his death by his Mam Nellie, his brother Colman (residing in Australia), his sister Chrissie, his brother-in-law Steve, and his aunt, uncles, cousins, nephews, niece, friends. Mark made Sydney his home for the last twenty-five years. He is deeply missed by his loving wife Chloe, his two beautiful children, Saoirse and Tadhg, Chloe's extended family, friends, and work colleagues

Mark was one of the gentlest people you could meet. He had a strong faith and lived his life in an honest and honourable fashion. He was involved in his local community and we are very proud of him. Although his life was cut tragically short, he fitted a lot into his lifetime. Because of the current climate we were unable to have a service for Mark and grieve collectively with our family, friends, and community. In the last year, people have extended their support in whatever way possible. We have received socially distanced visits, phone calls, letters, and mass cards. Dinners were prepared and dropped to the house, and companionship and walks were always on offer. We have felt, and continue to feel, held and comforted through this difficult time. For all of this we are eternally

grateful. The Holy Sacrament of Mass will be offered for your intentions

Mark, the pain of your loss can't be measured. You live on in all of us who loved you.



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FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of

KATRINA O'NEILI (NEE MURPHY)

Dromkeen, Innishannon, and Macroom, Co. Cork Died February 29th, 2020

As we lovingly remember Katrina (pre-deceased by her father John) on her First Anniversary, her husband Victor; mother Breda: siblings Fiona, Niamh, Orla, Daniel and Tara; mother-in-law Mary; brothers-in-law John, Paul, James and Tim; sisters-in-law Martha, Celine and Maria; nieces and nephews and extended family wish to express their gratitude to all those who sympathised with us on our sad loss. We will be forever thankful to the many friends, neighbours and well-wishers who visited our home, attended the wake, service and burial, shared great stories and memories, and provided emotional and practical support for us during this difficult time. For those who telephoned, travelled long distances, sent floral tributes, cards and messages of condolences, brought refreshments and made tea, as well as those who made charitable donations, we are truly grateful. And thank you to all who supported us in the past year. To those who helped in any way, your contribution made our loss more bearable.

We would like to thank everyone for their love and friendship of Katrina during her life, especially the many close friends and family who provided daily support and care to Katrina while she was sick. Thank you to all of the healthcare professionals who took such good care of Katrina during her illness, including her GP Dr. Fiona O'Mahony and the staff at the Innishannon Medical Centre, her oncologist Dr. Derek Power and the staff of St. Therese's oncology ward at the Mercy Hospital, her social worker Mary Davis, the palliative care nurses who took care of Katrina at home, and all the staff at Marymount Hospice. Thanks to Cannon Donal Roberts, Father Joe O'Mahony, and all the priests and sacristans of Macroom parish for their prayers and support. Billy and the staff at Fitzgeralds' Funeral Services for their kindness, professionalism and guidance, the gravediggers, Garda

Donal O'Donovan for assisting with the traffic during the funeral, and Clodagh O'Sullivan for the beautiful music. It is impossible to thank everyone individually, so please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of our deepest gratitude.



Always in our thoughts, Forever in our hearts

FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of

MARY O'RIORDAN

Scrahanard, Carriganima, Macroom. Who died on 19th March 2020.

On Mary's first anniversary we, her family, would like to express our sincere thanks to all those who extended their condolences to us on our loss. Those who were able to attend the

removal and funeral and those who sent flowers, Mass Cards, sympathy cards, texted, phoned, or left messages of condolence on RIP.ie

Thanks to Fr. Joe Rohan for his prayers and the lovely funeral Mass, to the readers and musicians, to Patricia the Sacristan and to Carriganima P.T.A.A. who provided a guard of honour.

To our kind neighbours, thank you for your assistance and support which was much appreciated.

Thanks to Bill and Martin of Fitzgeralds Funeral Directors for their help and professionalism.

A special thank you to Dr. Peter Cronin and the staff of Sullane Family Practice for their many years of care, also Deasy's Pharmacy, the Doctors, Nurses and Staff of C.U.H. and the Ambulance service.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of our gratitude and appreciation.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for your intentions.



Marys First Anniversary Mass will be held in Clondrohid Church on March 14th at 9:30 AM and can be viewed online at https://churchmedia.ie/st-abinasclondrohid-macroom/

6TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving Memory of

ELIZABETH (LIZA) KELLEHER

Aharas, Ballingeary, Co. Cork who died on 26th February 2015

Will those who think of Elizabeth today, a little prayer to Jesus say. Sacred Heart of Jesus pray for her.



Sadly missed by your loving husband Diarmuid and her family.

10TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

LAURA MOYNIHAN

No heart so soft and gentle, No heart so tender, true No sorrow life could bring us, Could equal losing you.



Thinking about you and miss you every day Love John, Sean, Kevin, David, Maria, Michelle and Darragh. XXX

22ND ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

MARY WALSH O'SULLIVAN

Late of Newport, Rhode Island & Toames, Macroom who died on March 1st 1999

Beloved Sister Our hearts still ache in sadness. and secret tears still flow, what it meant to lose you, no one will ever know.



Always loved, never forgotten, Your loving sister Noreen, brothers Jimmy, Pat and Stephen and their families.

6TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

MARY (MAURA) RING

Colmans pk, Macroom Who died 14th March 2015

> Deep in our hearts Your memory is kept To love To cherish And never forget



Always remembered Niall, Ruth, Grace, David, Olan & Keelin

6TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

MARY (MAURA) RING

Colmans pk, Macroom Who died 14th March 2015

To us you were someone special, Someone set apart, Your memory will live forever, Engraved within our hearts.



Sadly missed & fondly remembered by her husband Ally Ring & family

6TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

MARY (MAURA) RING

Colmans pk, Macroom Who died 14th March 2015

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



Always in our thoughts Darrin, Aine, Adam & Luke

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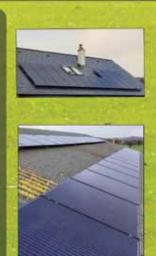
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