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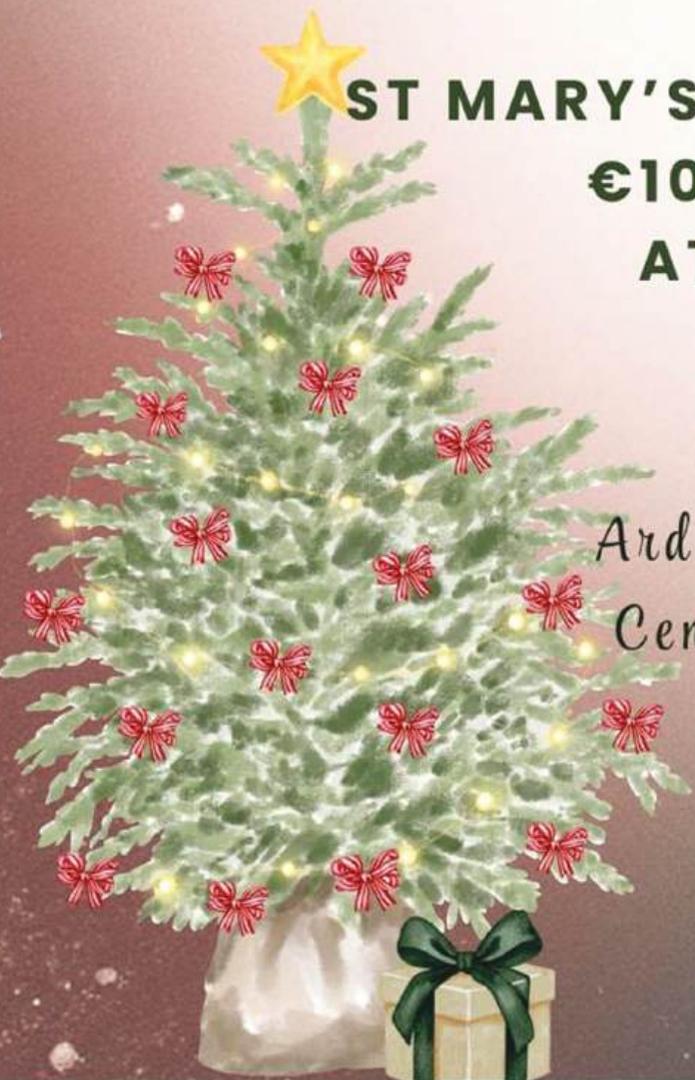
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### Festive Wellness & Natural Gifts

As we step into December, life gets a little busier - festive gatherings, gift shopping, late nights, and plenty of tempting treats. With all the fun also comes the need to keep our bodies and minds supported, nourished, and balanced during this sparkly (and sometimes stressful!) month.

This week, I'm focusing on two beautiful gifts you can give to yourself — **dóTERRA's MetaPWR Advantage Collagen** and some simple but powerful festive wellness rituals.

#### MetaPWR Advantage Collagen – My Favourite December Reset

One of the most popular products I recommend at this time of year is **dóTERRA's** collagen from the MetaPWR range. What makes it stand out is that it contains **multiple types of collagen peptides**, while many brands focus only on Types 1 or 2. I can only speak from my own experience, but I notice real benefits after taking a month's supply — especially in how my skin looks and how my body feels overall. I also find myself naturally drinking more water when taking it, which adds to the glow, the hydration, and the sense of starting the month on the right foot before the party foods and prosecco begin! It's a lovely wellness gift for yourself or someone who loves to feel their best heading into the festive season.

#### Festive Wellness – Supporting Your Mood & Energy

As magical as December is, it can also bring pressure, busy schedules, and plenty of "snappy mammy moments" — I know them well myself! One oil that helps me hugely is **Clary Calm**. I keep it in my handbag and roll it onto my pulse points whenever I feel tension creeping in. It helps me breathe, reset, and navigate the festive rush with a calmer attitude. Here are some other beautiful oils to support festive wellness:

**Holiday Peace or Holiday Joy (if you have them)** – warm, cosy and instantly festive. These blends bring pine, spice, and citrus together for that classic Christmas feeling.

**On Guard** – protective, comforting and cleansing.

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If you'd like alternatives, here are *two lovely December diffuser blends*:

#### Winter Glow Diffuser Blend

- 2 drops Wild Orange
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#### Cosy Christmas Blend

- 2 drops Cassia
- 2 drops Clove
- 2 drops Wild Orange

Both are beautiful for setting a festive mood while keeping your home warm, welcoming, and emotionally supportive.

#### A Moment for You

December can easily sweep us away — shopping, parties, school plays, family dinners, wrapping gifts late at night. But small wellness moments truly make the season more enjoyable:

- A quiet 5 minutes with Wild Orange in the diffuser
- Rolling Clary Calm on your wrists before the school run
- Drinking an extra glass of water with your MetaPWR Collagen
- A deep breath before you answer to "Maaaaaam!"

These little pauses are powerful - they help us show up with more patience, presence, and peace.

#### Supporting You on Your Wellness Journey

I continue to be the **go-to dóTERRA Wellness Advocate for North Kerry and West Limerick**, supporting anyone who wants to purchase essential oils or set up their own dóTERRA account. Having your own account is the most cost-effective way to buy oils, with **25% savings on every product** — and when you open one through me for **just €25 for the year (or free with a kit purchase)**, you also receive my ongoing guidance to help you use everything confidently and safely.

#### Caroline's Top Tip – A Quick "Festive Calm" Roller

In a 10ml roller bottle combine the following and roll onto wrists, back of neck, and over the heart whenever you need emotional support, grounding, and a hint of festive brightness.

- 5 drops Clary Calm • 3 drops Wild Orange • Top with carrier oil

#### Thought for the Week:

"Take care of yourself this December — your peace, your joy, and your calm are the greatest gifts you can give your home."

Caroline - dóTERRA Wellness Advocate –  
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Wellness with Caroline Horgan



## FAMILY TIME AT LISTOWEL LIBRARY

Family Time with your Library is a family-focused initiative and is part of the National Right to Read Programme. It aims to increase awareness of the benefits of reading together as a family and promote reading as a fun, recreational activity for children. This December, Kerry Library encourages the involvement of the whole family in children's reading through a range of events.

On Saturday 6th December, Listowel Library will host a Storytime & Craft session with author Katie O'Donoghue. 'Winter Wonderland Sensory Storytime'. Bring your little one to a magical, multi-sensory winter experience through storytelling, play, and creativity — encouraging engagement, and imagination. Suitable for 0 - 6 years.

On Saturday 13th December at 11.00am there will be Christmas Storytime and Colouring with Maria. All welcome.

On Saturday 20th December at 11.00am - Christmas Card Making Workshop with Maria - no need to book and at 2.30 pm there will be an extra special Storytime event with author Roisin Meaney. Come and meet Roisin and hear about how a lonely little donkey got the best Christmas surprise, and how a boy's biggest Christmas wish came true. For 3- to 6-year-olds, and anyone else who loves Christmas.

And don't forget that on Saturday afternoon on the 6th and 13th we will have our usual Sensory Construction Play Time from 2.00 - 4.00 pm.

## BALLYDUFF BASED AUTHOR CELEBRATES NEW PUBLICATION

Ballyduff based author and workshop facilitator Susan Browne celebrates the publication of her new book *Ask Your Angel Guides*, Thursday 4th December. The mind, body, spirit title is now available in bookshops across the county. The launch marks a milestone for the Kerry based writer published by an international mind, body, spirit press.

A counsellor and life coach, she has been teaching angel and wellbeing workshops in Kerry for more than fifteen years and previously worked in mental health services. Originally from Warwickshire and married and living in Ballyduff since 2000, she brings a practical and grounded approach to spiritual topics. This is her second mind, body, spirit release.



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## SAN RITA WELLNESS

Welcome to San Rita Wellness weekly column...We hope all is good with you, below is our weekly column for this week.

### How are you?

This is a question we often ask or are asked and it can roll off the tongue very easily. It is also a question we can answer without really thinking about.

Some words that may come to mind when you are answering that question could be for example.. I am great, I'm ok, I'm grand, I'm fine, I'm awful, I'm not too good, I'm hanging in there. Your answer could be from a positive answer to a negative answer, all depending on your mood and feelings at the time.

Moods and Feelings can have arms and legs and can grow in different directions and also take us in different directions.

*"How we think determines how we feel and how we feel determines what we do"*

Some of you may be feeling:

### In Control

#### Routine -

Many of us feel more in control when we have a set routine. Whether it is with work or children going to school. Have a set bedtime ensures that we have a good nights sleep.

#### Food -

Having the right foods in the house is important especially when we are conscious of making healthy choices for mealtimes. Also we are less likely to make rash decisions and choose less healthier foods.

#### Activity -

Becoming more active are all important steps for a healthy lifestyle. Throughout the day be mindful of walking as much as you can. All of these steps count towards the recommended 10,000 steps a day for overall good health and wellbeing.

Our San Rita Wellness ethos is when we "Eat Well" we "Feel Well" and therefore we "Live Well"

#### Emotional -

Happy, Sad, Stressed, Tired. These FEELINGS can be triggers to reach for the wrong kind of foods. This can create what is known as a vicious circle and can be hard to break out of. Identifying these emotional feelings and dealing with them in a different way other than eating your way through them can have a different outcome for you at the end of the day.

#### More Positive

Positive V Negative. Many things can sway us from one to the other. The weather for example, sunny day/rainy day, restrictions or no restrictions. These are some of the things we have no control over. Focus on the things we have control over to leave you feeling more positive and getting an outcome that will benefit you for the better.

#### Supported

There are many support groups out there in all areas so nobody should ever feel that they have to do or cope with something on their own. We also find that our members in our San Rita Wellness "In Person Meetings" and in our weekly Zoom meetings feel that being part of a group offers them the support they need with their weight loss and wellness journey.

For extra support and for weekly accountability check us out on Facebook San Rita Wellness or [sanritawellness.com](http://sanritawellness.com) for details of our "In Person Meetings", "At Home Service" or our "One to One Service".

NB - Our weekly "In Person Meetings" take place in the Kerry Writers Museum, The Square, Listowel every Wednesday from 10am to 11am and 6pm to 7pm

Give us a call on Sandra 087 6718377, Rita 087 1012174  
Until next week, Sandra and Rita



Early arrivals at Lixnaw Coursing on Saturday were Sean Carr, Asdee, Callum McMahon, Ballyduff with Marc and Colm Curtin, Listowel. Photo Moss Joe Browne

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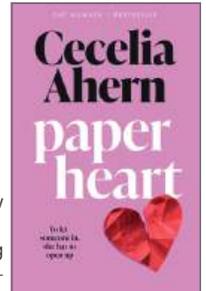
### Paper Heart:

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# “MATT THE THRESHER: GO WEST YOUNG MAN”

## A Gripping New Novel from Donald P. Murphy

Knocknagoshel author Donald P. Murphy has launched his latest work, *Matt the Thresher: Go West Young Man*, a powerful new novel inspired by the true hardships, hopes, and heartbreaks of Irish emigration. Murphy is no stranger to literary success. His previous publication, *Knocknagoshel: History of Past and Present 1890–2023*, became a remarkable bestseller, with 1,700 copies sold across the USA, England, and Ireland. Only 300 copies remain, with 200 destined for Birmingham and London, and the final 100 held in Kerry for local readers and returning emigrants.

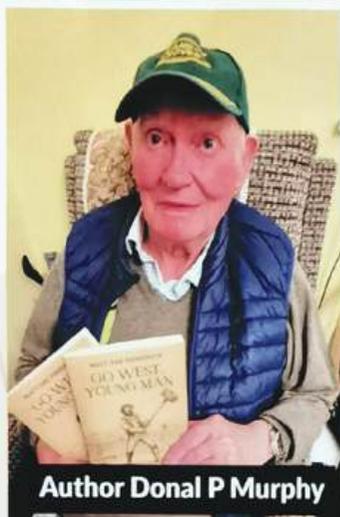
The new novel centres on Hugh McCann, better known as Matt the Thresher—a name made famous by Tipperary writer Charles Kickham in *Knocknagow (The Homes of Tipperary)*.

Murphy’s fictionalised account follows the young Kerryman as he emigrates to Chicago in 1947, where he becomes a star full-back for the Kerry team in Gaelic Park.

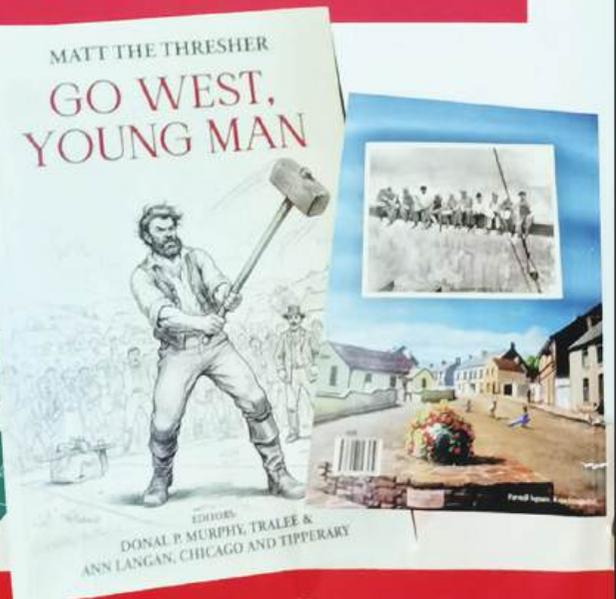
But the bright lights come at a cost. Though he finds initial success, Matt is eventually drawn into the darker side of life in the Windy City. In a dramatic turn, he is tragically killed during a violent confrontation between the Irish and Italian mafia. His teammates in Gaelic Park honour him with an oak coffin, where he lies in state for two days before being flown home to Shannon and finally laid to rest in Knockane Cemetery, Knocknagoshel. Large crowds gathered to pay their respects, with the local GAA forming a guard of honour as Hugh McCann returned to the soil he longed for—another poignant reminder of the toll emigration has taken on generations of Irish families.

*Matt the Thresher: Go West Young Man* is now available in bookstores throughout Kerry. *Sonnas Síoraí dá anam dílis.*

**The introduction piece to this book has been written by Mr Dick Spring, Former Minister for Foreign Affairs. This certainly enhances the book. Dick has been requested to be MC at the launch of this book in Knocknagoshel Community Centre in mid December.**



Author Donal P. Murphy



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# ARAS MUIRE NURSING HOME ART EXHIBITION

Talented artists who live in Áras Mhuire Nursing Home in Listowel recently delighted staff, families and friends as they gathered for a celebration of art, community spirit, music, song, dance and food.



"A year in the making and, as their facilitator, what a wonderful, joyous year. Most residents had never held a paintbrush before, but all were enthusiastic and eager to learn. Precious memories and stories of bygone years slowly found their way onto canvas. Confidence and pride grew with every brushstroke, and my artists looked forward to an exhibition of their work. The fruits of their creativity proudly grace the dining room walls, and memories of opening night will live long in the minds of families and friends. I consider myself fortunate and enriched by the opportunity to work with the residents of Áras Mhuire. Age is no barrier to talent or achievement." Jean Mc Namara ( Art Teacher)

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## BALLYBUNION

### BALLYBUNION CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Join us to switch on the Christmas lights at 5.30pm on Sunday December 7th at McMunn's Garden. Get a photo with Santa & Mrs Claus, Post your letter to Santa, Meet & Greet the Disney characters, Willie Wonka's Chocolate Factory, Children's games, face painting. Refreshments on sale, Christmas music and more. Books of five tickets €5 for involvement in children's games (One ticket per game)  
All proceeds to Ballybunion Christmas Lights Appeal. Please donate via the link <https://gofund.me/9be6821b0>

### NOEL NASH CONCERT

Join Noel Nash for a special night of music, storytelling, and entertainment at the Tinteán Theatre on 29th December 8pm.

Noel will be accompanied by an impressive line-up of local performers, promising a vibrant mix of styles to suit every musical preference. Featured guests include the vocal and instrumental ensemble Echoes, All-Ireland Fleadh Cheoil champion Katie Joyce, the lively Shannon Vale Céilí Band, singer-guitarist Kevin Cullen, along with Declan O'Mahony and Ger Walsh.

Tickets are €20, with all proceeds going to support Ballybunion Sea & Cliff Rescue and the Tinteán Theatre. Tickets can be purchased at [www.tintean.ie](http://www.tintean.ie).

### DOON ROAD CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Doon Lights is been switched on Saturday 13th December at 5pm. Santa will be there and promises to be a great night, not to be missed. Everyone is welcome.

### Ballybunion Nature Group

Ballybunion Nature Group had a fantastic get together on Friday night to screen the short film "Dinnseanchas" with the HomeTree group from Lyrcrompane and County Clare. There were 40 people there and we had fantastic discussions afterwards, touching on important considerations around nature, forestry, and the importance of listening to the people who have farmed and live in an area, their sense of place, names of fields, bogs and trees.

We wish to thank all of you who attended, the guys from HomeTree and Gavin Daly at St Joseph's Secondary School for his hospitality.

The next session is Friday 19th December at St Joseph's again. It will inform us about the legislation that exists to protect nature and what the role of our Statutory Bodies are in this regard. This is essential information for anyone who cares about the environment. Speakers from LAWPRO and NPWS on the night.

### TIDY TOWNS

Thank you to Kerry County Council, the main street is looking great with the resurfacing and road painting.

### BEACH HIVE

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### TINTEAN THEATRE

Upcoming shows:

Friday 5th Dec 2025 - Nathan Carter 8pm

Sat 13th Dec 2025 - Showdown The ELO Experience

Monday 29th Dec 2025 - Noel Nash Songs and Stories

Friday 2nd Jan 2026 - Mike Denver with Special Guests Liam O Connor and Jack Keogh.

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### CHRISTMAS CHORAL NIGHT

St Joseph's Secondary School Choral Night Friday 12th Dec at 7pm in St John's Church Ballybunion.

Join us for a wonderful evening of festive music and community spirit as Kerry Choral Union performs alongside talented local students. Tickets €15 each, children are free once accompanied with an adult. Tickets are avail-

able at the Secondary School, The Marine & Cahill's Supervalu.

### CHRISTMAS CHARITY SOCIAL DANCE

In St. Patrick's Hall, Listowel V31 P275 on Sunday 21st December from 3pm-5.30pm. Music by Eddie Lee, Admission €10. Proceeds in aid of Ballybunion Sea and Cliff Rescue. Enjoy an afternoon of lively music, energetic dancing, warm company, and delicious tea and refreshments. Join us for a joyful celebration of music, friendship, and community spirit — all in support of a truly worthy cause. Everyone is welcome! Plenty of spot prizes up for grabs

### TUMS, BUMS & GUNS FOR MUMS

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### BINGO BALLYBUNION

Every Wednesday at 8.15pm in Mikey Joe's Bar, Main Street, Ballybunion. Prices: Single book €10, double book €13, plenty of prizes to be won! Come along for a fun-filled evening, everyone is welcome!

### SCOIL ÍOSAGÁIN FUNDRAISER WEEKLY LOTTO

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### CREATIVE KIDS ART AT THE COTTAGE

Children's Drop-In Art Classes, Cinema Lane, Main Street, Ballybunion. Autumn/Winter Schedule-December Classes Sat 6th & 20th. Time: 11:30 am – 1:30 pm, Cost: €15 per child. All art materials are supplied. For enquiries, contact Marie: 086-0664435

### PARENTS ASSOCIATION OF SCOIL ÍOSAGÁIN BALLYBUNION

Ongoing Clothes Collection — drop off reusable clothes, bed linen (no quilts/pillows), paired shoes, belts, handbags, towels & curtains at the front door during school hours (Mon-Fri). Thank you for your continued support! Please don't leave bags at the gates.

### CHRISTMAS WORKSHOPS

Wreath Making Workshop 12th Dec 7pm @ Marine Cafe, Ballybunion, €55 — All materials supplied €10 deposit required to secure booking. Text 0851454656

Centre piece Workshop at The Marine Cafe, Bakery & Coastal Accommodation on Sunday, 14th December at 7pm-€55, All materials supplied, Booking essential, €10 deposit required. Text 085 145 4656

### SOCIAL DANCING

Join us every Tuesday at 7:30 PM in the upstairs hall of the Community Centre, The Old Central Ballroom, for a wonderful evening of music, movement, and fun! Dance the night away with waltz, jive, quickstep, line dancing, and more. No partner? No problem everyone is welcome! Come along, meet new friends, enjoy the rhythm, and support your local dance community. We can't wait to see you there!

### POSITIONS AVAILABLE IN COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT

Community Employment offers paid work, welfare supports, free training courses and an opportunity to get involved in the community. Current part-time positions (19.5 hrs. /wk.) Include: Tinteán caretaker, Leisure Centre Cleaner, Sea Rescue Hut Caretaker. For details, contact Rosaleen on 089-2763786 or email [saothairmanabhann@gmail.com](mailto:saothairmanabhann@gmail.com)

### BOOK LAUNCH ALERT

Join us on Sunday, December 14th at 3pm in the Listowel Arms Hotel for the launch of Beal- My Own Place — a heartfelt memoir by Johnny Dalton of Beale, edited by Vincent Carmody & Tom Donovan. All are welcome. We'd love to see you there!

### GROW SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS

Are on Wednesdays from 7:30-9:30pm in the Seanchai Centre, Listowel, V31 RD93 everyone is welcome to attend for more information or contact Jerry @ 0860271990, well supported in 2025.



Sponsor Vincent McKenna, centre, is presenting the cup to Jo Jo Daly while Chairman Martin Galvin is giving a plaque to Gavin Johns from Ballybunion after Spiders Silk won the Oaks Trial Stake at Lixnaw. Also included are local trainer Paudie Lyons and his team. Photo Moss Joe Browne



Winners of the John J. Galvin Men's Christmas Hamper at Ballybunion Golf Club with Captain Frank Dore & President Frank Fenn. Seated L-R: John Bambury, Old Course Winner, John J. Galvin, Sponsor & Patrick Shanahan, Cashen Course Winner. Photo by Francis Bennett



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## BALLYDUFF

### LOTTO DRAW

The results of the weekly Ballyduff GAA Club, Lady's Walk Hurling Club and the Ballyduff Community Games Committee Lotto Draw for Tuesday November 25th, 2025, are as follows: The numbers drawn were 10, 16, 25 and the Bonus Number was 9. There was no winner of the Lotto Jackpot of €12,600 or the Match 3 prize of €400. The €20 Consolation prizes were won by Darragh James, Addergown; Mikie Rochford, Clahane and Ballyduff Boxing Club, Ballyduff. The Lotto Draw takes place on each Tuesday night at the Ballyduff GAA Clubhouse. Tickets cost €2.50 each and are available at the local shops and businesses and from members of the promoting Clubs. You may also play the Lotto online at [www.ballyduffgaa.com](http://www.ballyduffgaa.com). Remember "If you are not in you can't win"

### BALLYDUFF GAA

#### U21 HURLING:

Congratulations to our u21 hurlers who defeated Crotta O'Neills in the final of the 2025 North Kerry u21 Hurling Championship played in Dromakee on Saturday afternoon last on a scoreline of 0 - 21 to 1 - 16. Ballyduff lined out as follows:

Cillian Murphy; Gavin Murphy, Aaron Whyte, Reece O'Connor; Jake Rochford, Adam Segal, Tommy O'Grady (Capt); Anthony Kavanagh, Jack Enright; Scott Sheehan, Jake Segal, Killian Boyle; Luke Rochford, Kieran O'Carroll, Dylan Costello.

SUBS: Cillian Mulcahy, Adam Lynch, Stefan Carrig, Evan Boyle, Ryan O'Rourke, Michael Houlihan, Evan O'Connor, Luke Kennelly, Callum Carey, John Curtin, Aodhán Curley.

Well done also to the management team of William Quinlan (Manager), John Hennessy (Trainer), Patrick Quinlan and Jerry Moriarty (Selectors).

After the game North Kerry Hurling Board Chairman, Joe Walsh, presented the Paddy Kelly Cup to Ballyduff Captain, Tommy O'Grady. The "Man of the Match" award went to Ballyduff midfielder Anthony Kavanagh.

### BALLYDUFF GAA RACE NIGHT

Thanks to everyone that came to support our recent Race Night. Thanks to all our race sponsors and everyone that took an ad in the programme. Big thanks is also due to Purcell's Bar for hosting the Race Night. We couldn't have done it without everyone's support. Congratulations to all the winners, commiserations to those that didn't win...there's always next time!! The winners are listed below and we'll be in touch shortly with your prize money.

#### Winners

Race 1 - The Marsh Flyer. Race 2 - The Kerry Master  
Race 3 - Rich Strike. Race 4 - Last Place  
Race 5 - Six Seven. Race 6 - One More Cut  
Race 7 - The Tall Guy. Race 8 - Ballyuneeen Lass  
Race 9 - Up the Bleedin Dubs. Race 10 - Dublin  
Best named Horse - The Chop Heir

#### Junior Football:

In last week's Junior Football list of substitutes Darragh Slattery's name was included by mistake and the name should have read Darragh Moriarty.

### RATTOO ROVERS MONTHLY DRAW

The results of the Rattoo Rovers Monthly Soccer Draw for November are as follows

1st €400 - Tony O'Carroll, Clashmealcon  
2nd €100 - Mary O'Sullivan, 29 Clogher Drive, Lixnaw  
3rd €75 - Morgan Nix, The Kerries, Tralee  
4th €50 - Don Kenlin, Ballyuneeen

The Draw for Fully Paid Members is as follows

€50 - Colm Brosnan, Kilcummin, Killarney  
€50 - Michael Kissane, Killorglin  
€50 - Natalie O'Connor, Dromartin, Ballyduff  
€50 - Liam Young, Oakpark, Tralee  
€50 - Sheila Enright, Water Tower, Ballyduff  
€50 - Mick Brosnan, Ahabeg, Lixnaw  
Rattoo Rovers Soccer Club wishes to thank all those who supported the Monthly Soccer Draw this year.

### BALLYDUFF FESTIVE LIGHTS

Have a GoFundMe to raise some funds. You can contribute directly to Cecilia Forde, Karen Browne or Tom Lawlor. Contributions would be appreciated.

### RAMBLERS GOLF SOCIETY

The Ramblers Golf Society travelled to Doonbeg Golf Club in County Clare on Saturday last for their final outing of 2025. The results are as follows:

#### Category A:

1st - Brian McGrath. 2nd - Michael Mulcahy

#### Category B:

1st - Johnny Quinlan. 2nd - Cianán Ferris

#### Category C:

1st - Stefan Carrig. 2nd - Pakie Quinlan

Front Nine - Nathan McGrath

Back Nine - Gary O'Brien

Guest Prize - Pádraig Harrington

Golfer of the Year - Brian McGrath

Many thanks to all our members and guests who played in our outings during the year. Thanks also to Purcell's Bar for sponsoring the outing on Saturday and the prizegiving was held there on the night.

AGM: The Annual General Meeting of the Ramblers Golf Society will take place at O'Connor's Bar, Ballyduff on this Friday night December 5th at 8.00pm. New members are very welcome.

### BINGO

Ballyduff Community Council Bingo continues on each Friday at 8.30pm sharp in the Community Centre. All are welcome.

### CLOTHES COLLECTION

On this Monday, December 8th reusable items of clothing, bed linen (No continental quilts or pillows), paired shoes, belts, handbags, towels and curtains will be collected from Sliabh a'Mhadra National School. The money we receive enables us to provide extra resources and opportunities for our pupils. Therefore, we would appeal to you to drop off any items of clothing you no longer need and spread the word amongst your acquaintances. A big thank you to all who contributed to our last collection which was a great success.

Clothes can be dropped in the shelter here at the school on the evening of the 7th December or from early morning to 10am on December 8th.

## LIXNAW

### PARISH MASS TIMES

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH: Friday 5th December, Mass at 7.30pm for the Philomena & John Joe McAuliffe, Ballinageragh. Saturday 6th December, Mass at 7.30pm for Bridie Hickey, Ballinageragh; John Walsh, Ahabeg; Patrick McAdams, Brigid O'Driscoll, John Joe Barrett & John Joe O'Shea, Cloghers Drive; Denis Moloney, Pallas; Nora & Patrick Maher, Cloghers Drive.

RATHEA CHURCH: Sunday 7th December, Mass at 9.30am for Michael & Kathleen Keane, Rathea; Joanie Kennelly, Rathea.

IRREMORE CHURCH: Sunday 7th December, Mass at 11.00am for Joseph Galvin, Mountcoal; Siobhan Brosnan, Upper Tullig, Kilflyn (birthday remembrance)

### DEATHS

Denis McElligott, Ballinvoher and formerly of Croughcreeen, Dysert Lixnaw. Sympathy to daughters Dymrna, Vivian, Mary, Roseanne, Michelle, his son Tom, his sisters Bridie (Mullane), Eileen (Doyle), Margaret (Fitzgerald), Rose (Buckley) and all the extended McElligott families. May he rest in peace.

Margaret Byrne (née Sommers), Reigate, Surrey, England and formerly of Irremore. Sympathy to her family, friends and neighbours. May she rest in peace.

### ST MICHAEL'S BASKETBALL CLUB

St Michael's Basketball Club will support the Tralee Soup Kitchen. There will be a donation box in Lixnaw Community Centre on Monday from 6pm to 9pm for anyone who would like to donate dry food items. All donated items will be dropped to Tralee Soup Kitchen on Saturday 6th December. We would also like to extend a huge thank you to Stack's Londis for coming on board once again this year to sponsor our club kit.

### LIXNAW GAA SPLIT THE BUCKET DRAW

Congratulations to Seamus Godley, winner of €80 in the Split the Bucket Draw. Thanks for your continued support.

### LIXNAW CLUB LOTTO DRAW

Jackpot €17,200. Numbers drawn were 9, 12, 14, 28. No jackpot winner. €30 winners: Daniel Roche, Banteer (online); Oisín & Caoimhe, O'Dowd, Kilflyn; Kathleen Weir, Abbeydorney Next draw Monday 1st December at the Dew Drop Inn Bar. Next week's Jackpot €17,250. Tickets are available 3 for €5 etc., online. Visit <https://www.lottoiraier.ie/LixnawCC/> or from usual outlets. Many thanks to all who contribute to our weekly lotto.

### ST SENAN'S GAA CLUB LOTTO DRAW

24/11/2025 Jackpot €2,600 Numbers drawn were 14, 16, 19, 28. No jackpot winner. €30 winners: John Somers, Knockreagh, Listowel; Michelle Moran, Billeragh, Listowel. €20 winners: Siobhan Behan (online); Donal Foley, Ballylongford; Eileen O'Connor (online). Next week's Jackpot will be €2,700. Tickets €2 each or 3 for €5. Tickets are available at Kelly's Six Crosses, The Halfway Bar, or play online.

### FINUGE GAA RACE NIGHT

On the night of Saturday 6th December, the club will be hosting a video race night fundraiser in McCarthy's Bar, Finuge. Full lines are available for €80, or parts are available at €20 each for horse name, trainer, jockey, owner. Advertising is available for €100 for a full page or €50 for a half page. On the night there will be raffles for spot prizes and plenty of fun is guaranteed. One of Kerry's top sporting journalists will MC the event! For more details contact [secretary.finuge.kerry@gaa.ie](mailto:secretary.finuge.kerry@gaa.ie) or any club officer.

### FINUGE GAA CLUB SHOP

With Christmas fast approaching we have the perfect gifts for you - Finuge GAA merchandise. This is an online shop hosted by KCS sport. Search for [www.kcsports.ie](http://www.kcsports.ie), click on the 'Club Shop' tab and search for Finuge. We have over thirty items of high quality Finuge branded sports gear to choose from. There is still good time left to receive goods before Christmas but don't delay - happy shopping!



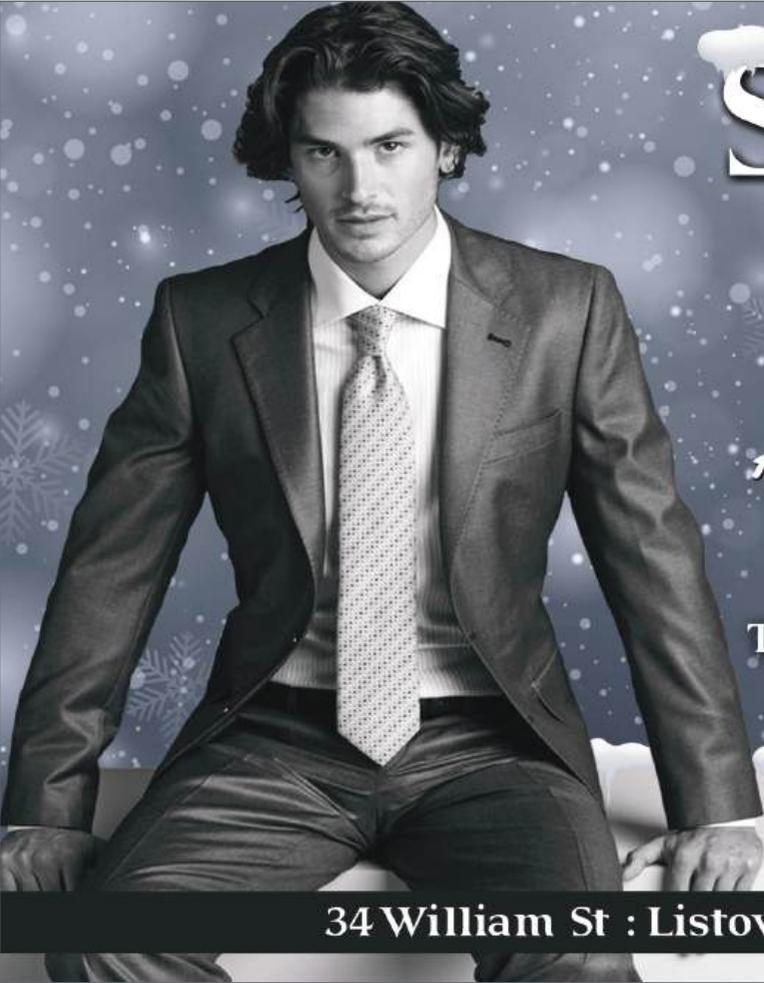
Having a conversation at Lixnaw Coursing were Tadgh O'Sullivan from Ballyduff with friends Dave Murphy and Anthony O'Connell. Photo Moss Joe Browne



P. Mulvihill from nearby Ahabeg attending the Lixnaw Coursing meeting with his grandson Callum Walsh. Photo Moss Joe Browne



St Michael's U14 girls with coach Emma celebrating a very close win over Cobras on Sunday in Lixnaw



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## TARBERT

### TARBERT NEWS

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### DEATHS

The death took place of Dolly O'Malley, née Griffin, of Loughill West. Limerick on Thursday 27 November. She reposed at Madigan's Funeral Home, Shanagolden on Friday 28 November and her Requiem Mass took place in the Church of the Assumption, Loughill on Saturday 29 November followed by interment in Robertstown Cemetery. Dolly was the wife of the late Frank O'Malley, Foynes Harbour Master. Sympathy of the community to the O'Malley and Griffin families and in particular to her sisters Mary O'Connor, Tieradea, Tarbert and Ann O'Callaghan, Tarmons, Tarbert.

Sympathy also to Mary Theresa Dillane and her husband Thomas, Tarbert and Listowel on the death of her father Danny Buckley, Lisroe, Duagh who died on Saturday 29 November and whose Requiem Mass took place at St. Brigid's Church Duagh on Monday 1 December followed by interment in Springmount Cemetery, Duagh.

### ADVENT WREATH

On Saturday last, 29 November the Advent Wreath was blessed by Fr. Carmody at the Vigil Mass. The first Advent candle was lit by James, leaving four other candles to be lit in the coming four weeks leading up to Christmas and the lighting of the white Christmas candle.

### BEIR BUA D.O.

D.O. O'Connor was described in one of last Sunday's newspapers as 'a Kerryman and former junior rugby player with Douglas RFC in Cork'. With over 717,000 members, 700 staff and income close to one billion euros, the Tarbert man is effectively as Managing Director the boss of Laya, the second largest Health Insurer. Dermot Oliver is the sixth of nine children born to Mary and the late Der O'Connor, Tarbert. He now lives in Cork and is married with four children. He attended Tarbert Comprehensive School and spent his holidays working six days a week on a neighbouring dairy farm. He later qualified with a BSc in information technology and telecommunications at the University of Limerick. He went on to work in various differ-

ent parts of the world and gets a full page to narrate his life and times. Well done D.O.

### ACTIVE RETIREMENT

Tarbert Active Retirement meet every Friday in the Bridewell between 10.30 am and 12 Noon engaging in different activities every week and new members (over 55 years) welcome.

### CHRISTMAS TREE

The official lighting of the Christmas Tree will be in the Square after 6 p.m Vigil Mass on Saturday next 6th December. All welcome to attend.

### CLAR GRANT

In conjunction with Kerry County Council, Tarbert Development Association has been granted a sum of €99,990 towards the upgrading of the public toilets at Tarbert Pier.

### CHRISTMAS CARDS

Kerry Hospice Christmas Cards are now available at Tarbert Bridewell and at Tarbert Post Office and the cost is €7 for 10 Cards.

### SANTA CLAUS

Santa Claus is coming to Tarbert Bridewell on Saturday 13 December from 2 to 4pm and the cost is €5 per child which includes a gift. No booking is necessary.

### HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Tarbert Historical Society will host Joan Quinlan, Ballyunion on Friday 12 December at 8pm in Tarbert Bridewell. Joan will talk on '5 Stans of the Silk Road' an illustrated personal narrative of a month's travel in Central Asia with a group. This talk will conclude the year for the Tarbert Historical and Heritage Society until resumption in February 2026 le cúnamh Dé and everybody welcome to attend.

The Kerry Archaeological & Historical Society has just published the Kerry Magazine celebrating the 250th. Anniversary of the birth of Daniel O'Connell. The magazine also includes an article on The O'Rahilly by Pádraig O'Concubhair and an article by Joshua Nestor on 'Fort Shannon' as well as many other interesting articles.

### SEANFHOCAL NA SEACHTAINE

Ni chuimhnítear riamh ar an arán ite. Eaten bread is soon forgotten.

## BALLYLONGFORD

### BALLYLONGFORD SENIOR CITIZENS PARTY

The Annual Senior Citizens Christmas Party will be held on Sunday 7th December in the lovely surroundings of the Parish Hall. Music will be by Stephen Donegan. Our Parish Priest, Fr. John Buckley will be present. A meal will be delivered to those who are unable to attend. To book your place, please get in touch with Josephine Denihan on 086 358 1800.

### A MESSAGE FROM CLLR MIKE FOLEY

As Cathaoirleach of Kerry County Council, I'm delighted and honoured to host the December Monthly Meeting of Kerry County Council in my home village. The meeting will take place on Friday, 12th December in the Parish Hall, Ballylongford, starting at 11:00am.

Members of the public are warmly invited to attend to observe local government in action. I look forward to welcoming you!  
Councillor Michael Foley, Cathaoirleach Kerry County Council.

### FITZELLE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Becoming a Christmas tradition in Ballylongford, the fund-raising Christmas lights in memory of Ann Fitzell will be on display at Fitzelles/Ryans, Rusheen, Ballylongford. Eircode: V31 HV22. All funds raised will be donated to the Kerry Hospice, Tralee. The lights will be switched on at 6pm on this coming Saturday, December 6th.

### CHRISTMAS DANCE IN AID OF BALLYUNION SEA & CLIFF RESCUE

Everyone is welcome to a social dance at St. Patrick's Hall Listowel V31 P275 on Sunday 21st December from 3pm to 5.30pm. Tea and refreshments will be served in what is sure to be a wonderful way to pass an afternoon. Music is by Eddie Lee and admission is only €10.00. You might even win one of the many spot prizes!

### GROW MENTAL HEALTH

The Grow Support Group meeting take place on Wednesday. Between 7:30pm-9:30pm, at the Seanchai Centre, 24 the Square Listowel, V31 RD93. This group is well supported so far in 2025 with the attendance at the meetings. If you would like any more information please attend or contact Jerry Cronin on 0860271990. All are welcome.

### TARBERT POST OFFICE

Posting items abroad this Christmas? The post office has a large selection of boxes and mailing bags, bubble wrap and tape.

Christmas Stamps are now in stock, the last date of posting packages to the USA is December 4th and letters is December 10th.

### TINTEÁN THEATRE BALLYUNION

Coming Tickets: Nathan Carter 5th Dec, Showdown: The ELO Experience 13th Dec, Mike Denver with Liam O'Connor 2nd Jan. Tickets available at [www.tintean.ie](http://www.tintean.ie)  
Christmas: Why not give a gift of a voucher, available on-line on our website.

### WEEKLY 41 GAME

The Listowel Emmets weekly card game is a 41 card game held on Monday nights at 8:30 PM sharp at the clubhouse in Frank Sheehy Park. It is open to everyone and results are posted on the Listowel Emmets GAA Club Facebook page. All are welcome and generous prize money is on offer.

### THE YOGA ROOM AT THE PARISH HALL

Yoga mat class Tuesday 7pm-8pm. Chair Yoga Thursday 10am-11am. €12 per session at the Parish Hall. Places are limited so booking is essential. Contact Elisha on 087 343 5231

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### UNISLIM

UNISLIM Class every Thursday 6:45-10:15am, with a class talk at 9:30am in The Plaza Hall, Listowel. New and returning members are always welcome.

Call Leader Majella on 0873844481 for more information. For this week it's free to join /rejoin. Online option also available Monday 8pm ([unislilm.com](http://unislilm.com))

### TFI LOCAL LINK

Please call for information on (066) 714 7002 or visit <https://www.localinkkerry.ie/ballylongford/>



Cormac Slattery is presenting the cup to Conor Foley from Lisselton and J. Carroll from Ballyduff after Rush Bella won the Ballyheigue Reserve Oaks Trial Stake at Lixnaw. Also included are trainer Liam O'Callaghan with John B. Reidy, Grainne Murphy and Pat McElligott. Photo Moss Joe Browne



LB Rovers U12 girls who played Dingle Bay Rovers last weekend. LB Rovers 2 -v- Dingle Bay Rovers 2. Goals for LB. Rovers Cianna Flahive & Fiadh Sheehan

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## KILFLYNN

### ST TERESA'S NS, KILFLYNN

St Teresa's Kilflynn is a co-educational school that is committed to ensuring that its motto - Ag Fás, Ag Foghlaim, Ag Forbairt: Growing, Learning, Developing is a living, daily reality for all its pupils. The school boasts a number of excellent facilities such as interactive whiteboards, a large yard, a garden, an astro turf pitch, a hall, a computer room and class iPads, all of which have further enhanced the school's high standard of education.

The school facilitates early drop-off from 8.40am. 'Curious Minds' operates in the school with a breakfast club from 7am to 9am and an after-school club from 1:40pm-6pm. An after-school club is also available at 'Kilflynn

### Pre-school and After School.

We are very proud of and value most highly our relationship with parents and the wider school community. This year, the school is participating in a wide variety of initiatives including Active Schools Flag, Health Promotion, Gaelbhratach, Amber Flag (positive mental health initiative), Chess Club and Science and Maths awards.

We are now taking enrolments for September 2026. We look forward to hearing from you on 066 7135633 or email knschool@gmail.com. Please visit our website for further details [www.kilflynnschool.com](http://www.kilflynnschool.com) or check out our very active Facebook page.

### SANTA IN KILFLYNN

Meet and greet with Santa Claus in St Columba's Centre, Kilflynn on Sunday 7th December from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. Cost per Child is 12 euro. Meet and Greet, Gift from Santa, Face Painting, Christmas Arts and Crafts.

Design your own gingerbread cookies The amazing Wrist Wonders joining us this year! Loads of photo opportunities. To book your place Contact Maureen 0879893847 or Leann 087 9680348. Don't miss the magic and come help us make memories to last a lifetime.

### CROTTA LOTTO RESULTS

Herbert's Bar, Kilflynn was the venue for the Crotta Hurling Club weekly lotto draw on Monday 1st December, The Four numbers drawn out of the drum by the independent observer: Graham Harris, Clounsillagh, Lixnaw were 1,11,13 and 26. There was no winner of the 5,200 Jackpot.

Congratulations to the following who won €35 in the lucky dip draw: David and Mary Power, Abbeydorney, Paddy Quilter, Lixnaw and Gerladine Ryan, Ballyconnell Heights, Kilflynn. The next draw will take place in Parker's Pub, Kilflynn on Monday night 8th December at 10.30p.m with a €5,300 Jackpot.

Tickets available 3 for €5 online visit [www.crottagaa.club](http://www.crottagaa.club) or this link [https://play.clubforce.com/play\\_newa.asp?l\\_id=427#Anchor](https://play.clubforce.com/play_newa.asp?l_id=427#Anchor) or Herbert's Bar/Village Store, Parker's Pub,

Zam Zam Kabab, Foley Shop Lixnaw, Abbeydorney Post Office or from Club ticket sellers. Many thanks to all who contribute to our weekly Club Lotto. The Club cannot emphasize enough the importance of our members promoting the Club Lotto among family, friends, and work colleagues. Your continued support is greatly appreciated

### CARE GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY

Abbeydorney/Kilflynn Care Group Christmas Party in Ballyroe Lodge on Sunday 7th December. Bus leaving Abbeydorney at 12.30 and on to Kilflynn. Meal at 1.30 p.m.

### SYMPATHIES

The death has occurred of Irene [Ellen] Slattery (née O'Sullivan) Laccamore, Kilflynn, and late of Ballyduff, on Tuesday 28th October 2025 Irene's remains were Reposed at McElligott's Funeral Home, Tralee on Thursday evening. Irene's funeral cortège arrived at St Mary's Church, Kilflynn on Friday morning where the Requiem Mass for Irene was celebrated at 11.00AM by Fr. Jerry Keane, Fr. Willie Keane and Deacon Francis White, followed by interment afterwards in St Mary's Cemetery, Kilflynn. On behalf of the community, we offer our sincere sympathy to her husband Maurice, her sons Joe and Eamon, grandchildren Conor, Emma and Holly, daughters-in-law Helen and Jennifer, brother Michael, sister Mary, extended family, neighbours and friends. Predeceased by her loving daughter Elma, sister Kathleen and niece Norma. May Irene Rest in Peace.

### CROTTA GAA

The North Kerry Hurling Board Annual Awards presentation took place on Friday, 28 November.

Players of the Final Awards were presented for the North Kerry underage and adult Championship Finals from 2025.

Congratulations and well done to our hurler Stephen Shanahan who received the Under 16 'A' Championship player of the final award from Paudie Dineen for his outstanding performance and finished top scorer against Ballyheigue in the final.

The 2025 Annual Hall of Fame Award was presented to former Kerry hurler and Sports Editor of The Kerryman newspaper John Barry [Austin Stacks].

The North Kerry Under 21 Hurling Championship Final [Paddy Kelly Memorial Cup] played before a large crowd in ideal weather conditions at the Sports field, Dromakee, Kilflynn on Saturday 29th November with victory going to the visitors on the final score Ballyduff 0-21 Crotta O'Neills 1-16, the home side led at the interval break by 0-09 to 0-08. The Crotta team lined out as follows Adam Corkery, Cillian Hurley, Donnacha Sayers, Thomas Breen, John Donovan, Rory Mahony, Dara Nolan, Oisín Heaton, Evan O'Sullivan, Alex Reihan, Sean McElligott, Ryan Hurley, Mark Sheehan (Capt) Ryan Houilhan and Jack Ryan. Subs Diarmuid O'Driscoll, Cian O'Connor, Cillian Hussey and Neil Galvin. Congratulations to Ballyduff and well done the Crotta players.

## MOYVANE

Contact: moyvanenotes@gmail.com

### BLOTTO

There was no winner of last Thursday night's Jackpot. Numbers drawn were 5 8 15 17. Lucky Dips: €100: Deirdre & Bill Horan, Aughrim, Moyvane. €50: Trish O'Sullivan, Carrickerry. €20 each Mike O'Connor, Carrickerry, Kay Heffernan, Listowel. Michael Lynch, Taxi. Josephine O'Connor, Ardagh. Charlene Mulvihill, Moyvane. Free Tickets: Kit Flaherty, Moyvane. Margaret Reidy, Upper Athea. Joan Fitzgibbon, c/o Marie Wrenn. Marian Mulcahy, Abbeyfeale. Mary Kennelly, Lisselton. Next draw will be held this Thursday night, December 04 at Bingo in The Marian Hall. Bingo starts at 8.00pm. Jackpot €13,000.

### SPIN THE WHEEL

Congratulations to Paddy O'Sullivan, Abbeyfeale won €500 last week. The minimum you can win on the wheel is €300 and the top prize is €2,000.

### SPLIT THE BUCKET

This Thursday night is Split the Bucket night. This week, it could be you. Envelopes are available in all the usual outlets locally, Holly's Gala, Mike Kennelly's HomeValue Hardware, Noel Stack Butchers, Enright's Bar, The Village Grill, Speedy's Bar, Moyvane. Newtownsandies Co-op Curl up and Dye (Anna Enright Fogarty) and at Bingo in the Marian Hall. €2.00 per entry or 3 for €5.00. Thank you all for supporting this very important fundraiser for your local school.

### CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

It's that time of year again and isn't it nice to do some shopping away from the commercial side of things. By doing so you are supporting "the local thing". On Sunday, December 14 Lisselton NS is holding a craft fair in Coolard Sports Hall. All are welcome

### MEN'S SHED

Is about to get up and running. There will be a meeting in the village Hub on Thursday, December 11 starting at 7.00pm. A representative from the Men's Shed association and NEWKD will attend. This is something positive. Just in case you don't know there is a building/workshop and garden back there so contact 087 2429183 for more information. Men's sheds are doing a wonderful job everywhere they have been set up so why should Moyvane be any different. You are all welcome on the night.

### BALLYGUILTENANE N.S.

150th Anniversary open meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 09 at 8.00pm to continue with plans to celebrate this milestone in the school's history. All pupils, parents, staff (past and present) and members of the local community are welcome.

### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

#### MOYVANE

Thursday, December 04 Mass at 7.00pm Paddy & Tess Stack and their daughters, Margaret Stack & Mary O'Rourke. (Anniversaries)

Friday, December 05 7.00pm Second Anniversary Mass at 7.00pm for Mai Carr and her husband, Mick Carr, followed by Confessions.

Saturday, December 06 Anniversary Mass at 7.30pm for (1) Denny & Kitty McEnery, Tubbertoureen & (2) 2nd anniversary of Teddy Keane and members of the Keane & Murphy families. Sunday, December 07 Anniversary Mass at 11.00am for (1) Peggy & Mick Sheehan, Leitrim Middle. (2) Maurice & Joe O'Connell, Tarbert & UK and deceased members of the O'Connell Family. (3) Bridie & Jack Shine, Glin Road, Moyvane.

#### KNOCKANURE:

Friday, December 05 First Friday. Mass at 10.00am followed by Confessions

Sunday, December 07 Second Anniversary Mass at 9.30am for Sheila Nash, Gortdromagouna & deceased members of the Nash family.



The gallant Knocknagoshel senior team who were defeated in The 2025 North Kerry Championship Final in Ballylongford 2-18 to 2-07 last Sunday. Photo by John Stack



# 2025 NOTICE OF AGM

**WEDNESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2025  
@ 7.30PM**

Notice is hereby given that the **2025 Virtual Annual General Meeting** of the members of Listowel Credit Union Limited will take place via **Zoom Webinar** on Wednesday 17th December @7.30pm

Members wishing to attend the Virtual AGM need to register and may do so by emailing [agm@listowelcu.ie](mailto:agm@listowelcu.ie) and include the following:

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The request for attendance must be received by midnight on Thursday 11th December

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A massive congratulations to the girls in Duagh National School who elegantly showcased their dancing skills at the Tara Door School of Dance Concert last weekend in Siamsa Tire



Katie Galvin was on hand to help Santa at Garvey's SuperValu Listowel during the week.

It seems his sleigh was parked illegally!!



Listowel Celtic Academy girls who played last weekend against LB Rovers



Listowel Bridge Club Secretary presenting the perpetual trophy to the winners in the recent President's prize tournament. Marie Brosnan (Winner), Nora Brassil (Club Secretary), Dymna O'Carroll (Winner)



Congratulations to Lios Tuathail AC U10. 4 x 500m relay team Ben, Daryl, Jack and Dylan who finished 4th in the Munster Cross Country competition in Tramore, Waterford. Photo: David Kissane



Listowel Celtic U15 A Boys who beat Killarney Celtic 6-1 last weekend



Listowel Celtic Under 15B who played Fenit B in Ardferd Astro last Saturday morning in a game that finished 1-1



Brigid & Dermot Fitzgerald making the winning presentation to Brendan Keane and members of the Random Bag Syndicate with trainer Jack Kennelly following Oreo Ollie's win in the Parents of Dermot & Brigid Fitzgerald Remembrance Race on Saturday night at the Kingdom Greyhound Stadium



Left - Listowel Bridge Club winners in the recent President's prize tournament: Front: Marie Brosnan & Dymna O'Carroll (Tournament winners). Middle: Helen Kenny & Breda Lyons (1st session winners). Back: Sheila Ahern & Eileen Stack (2nd Session winners). Missing from the photo were Beatrice Hayes & Martina Rohan (runners up). Right - Bridge Members





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## LISTOWEL EMMETS

The 41 Card game organised by Emmets GAA Club continues every Monday night in the Clubhouse at Frank Sheehy Park, Listowel. Jackpot for week 11 is €200 for 12 games. Starting time is 8.30 sharp and all are welcome.

Winners from Week 9: 1st: Pete Lyons and Kay Heffernan

2nd Shared: Danno Fitzmaurice and Toddy Toss O'Connor; John Joe Flavin and Mike Cox.

Table Prizes: Roddie Gormley and Pat Shaughnessy; Brendan Whelan and Johnnie Leahy; John McNamara and Seán Galvin; Denis Paul Curtin and Tom Murphy.

Winners Week 10: Shared: Kathleen Nolan and Nora Lynch; Maurice Walsh and Kay Kelliher.

Table Prizes: Pete Lyons and Kay Heffernan Michael Dowling and Seán Egan; Mick Quinn and Roddy Gormley; Seán Healy and Michael O'Donoghue.

## LISTOWEL CELTIC

Draw 2/12/25 - Numbers Drawn 6-9-17-29

Jackpot not won - Lucky Dip Winners

€40	Betty Heaphy
€20	Cindy Broderick -Online
€20	Breda Hannon, 11 Luachra Road
€20	Ailish & John Riordan
€20	Kay Halpin-Online

Next Draw 8/12/25 at Joes - Jackpot €1,850

## LISTOWEL ATHLETIC CLUB

Munster Cross Country Relays

Well done to our fantastic four Lios Tuathail AC athletes Ben, Daryl, Dylan and Jack who had a great run last Sunday in the Munster XC 4 x 500m relay in Tramore, Co Waterford. Unfortunately, they were pipped in the run to the finish for the medals. The team finished fourth overall and gave a fantastic display of running in a large field of fifteen teams at this age group, the largest of the competition. They made the long journey to Tramore with their families to run in crisp dry conditions but sticky underfoot. A trip to the arcades after topped off their day making great childhood memories. Well done to Daryl Mongey, Ben Stack, Jack Collins, and Dylan O'Connell. Thanks to Brian for the photos and to our athletes and parents for travelling and supporting.

All Ireland Cross Country

Best of luck to both Ben Stack and Daryl Mongey who have qualified and now represent Kerry on the u11 team for All Ireland cross country uneven age in Dublin on Dec 7th. Safe journey.

## LISTOWEL BADMINTON CLUB

Last Sunday saw the Kerry Mixed Doubles Shields take place in Tralee. Well done to all the Listowel players who took part and there was plenty of success for our players on the day.

Division 5 Winner	Emille Keane Stack
Division 4 Winner	Daniel Weiland
Division 4 Runner-up	Sinead Mcelligott
Division 1 Winner	Trish O'Herlihy

The Kerry Doubles Leagues are also in full swing with our teams playing in the Division 3, 4 & 5 Mens & Womens Doubles Leagues.

Our club training nights continue Monday to Thursday each week. New & returning members are very welcome throughout the season to play socially or competitively. So come along to try out a fun activity & to meet new people - message Margaret on 087 960 4361 or send us a message on Facebook/Instagram at Listowel Senior Badminton.

## BEALE GAA

The AGM of Beale GAA Club was held on Saturday night. The following positions were filled and officers appointed. President, Pat Lynch; Vice-Presidents, Robert Stack, Tim Buckley, Jimmy Buckley, Mike Joyce, Tommy Allen and Liam Browne; Chairperson, Colm Kissane; Secretary, Brid Griffin; Assistant Secretary, Maurice Mannix; Treasurers, Mairéad O'Neill and Gráinne Toomey; PRO, Brid Griffin; Registrar, Sarah Larkin; Irish Language and Cultural Officer, Claire O'Mahony; Children's Officer, Denis Kennelly; Coaching Officer, Martin Foley; John Dee, John Farrell, John Hennessy, Johnny O'Sullivan, Mike O'Connell, Pat Carolan and Paudie Mulvihill. Any member who would like a copy of the Annual Report, please email Brid, secretary.beale.kerry@gaa.ie.

The next big social date for the diary is Beale GAA's Race Night on Saturday, December 27th, in JD's - the event of the Xmas season! A horse still costs the same as it did thirty years ago - just €50 - making this a brilliant bargain for a great event. For €50, buy a horse and get the full jockey/trainer/owner package - on your own or as part of a syndicate with friends or family. If you prefer,

you can instead choose to be a jockey, a trainer or an owner for €20.

'Buy your horse' from our senior players (men and ladies), underage mentors or club officers. Once you're in, it's all about following your horse, cheering every step of the way and hoping to celebrate in the winner's enclosure on the night. Don't miss out, 'buy a horse' today! We are delighted to link in with Scoil Íosagáin for this event and part of the proceeds will go towards the school's proposed new all-weather pitch and walkway. Beale GAA look forward to making good use of the new facilities and we are proud to get behind this great project.

This week's Beale Lotto draw took place on Sunday night in The Feale Bar. Numbers were: 2, 5, 6 and 16. There was no jackpot winner and Match-3 winners each won €35: John Bambury, Podge Holly and Kieran Galvin. 6 Free tickets: Ryan Walsh.

Next week's draw will take place in The Bunker on Sunday night, with a jackpot of €3,450. A huge 'mile buiochas' to all who support and promote the lotto. Beale Lotto tickets, €2 or three for a fiver, are available in Cahill's SuperValu, the local pubs and online.

## BALLYBUNION GOLF CLUB

John J Galvin Men's Competition Christmas Hamper - Sunday 30th November Old Course

1st	John Bambury(12)	40 Pts (B9 20)
2nd	Des Adams(13)	40 Pts (B9 19)
3rd	Kevin W Barry(10)	39 Pts
Best Gross:	James O'Callaghan	32

Category 1

1st	Giles O'Grady(7)	37 Pts
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Category 2

1st	Sean O'Keefe(11)	34 Pts (B9 17)
2nd	Shane O'Connor(10)	34 Pts (B9 16)

Category 3

1st	Frank Geary(17)	38 Pts
2nd	Kevin McCarthy(16)	37 Pts

Category 4

1st	Brendan Slattery(18)	38 Pts
2nd	Brian Mulvihill(22)	34 Pts

John J Galvin Men's Competition Christmas Hamper - Sunday 30th November Cashen Course

1st	Patrick Shanahan(9)	23
2nd	Thomas Stack (6)	22
3rd	Michael D Farrell(10)	21
Gross:	Peter Sheehan	16 (B6 11)

Mixed Hamper Scramble Kindly Sponsored by Henry Sheahan Enterprises - Sunday 7th December Old and Cashen Course

Ladies Tuesday Voucher Competition - Tuesday 25th November Cashen Course

1st	Bernadette Burke (25)	28pts
2nd	Martha Woulfe (20)	23pts (B6:18)
3rd	Mary Hickey Keane (16)	23pts (B6:14)
4th	Sighle Henigan (16)	22pts

Ladies Christmas Hamper Sponsored by Spar Listowel - Saturday 29th Nov

1st	Josephine Larkin (16), Mary Fagan (22)	
	Carol Anne Coolican (33), Eileen Barrett (35)	47
2nd	Margaret McAuliffe (5), Marie Reen (27)	
	Eileen Daly (30), Stephanie O'Reilly (36)	47.2
3rd	Georgina Keane (12), Josette O'Donnell (24)	
	Ann Laverty (32), Carol Lenihan (36)	48

## BALLYDONOGHUE GAA

Lotto Draw results:

The numbers drawn for Friday 28th November 2025, were as follows, 3, 4, 13, 23. The Jackpot was €3,100 and there was no Jackpot winner.

The following won 30 euro lucky dips:

Kiera O' Connor - c/o John O' Connor.
John O' Donoghue - Bedford.
David Lynch - Coolkeragh.
Aine Riordan - Online.
Cathal O'Mahony - Online.

The following won three free tickets:

Mairéad McNamara - Online.
Pat Collins - c/o Pat Griffin.
Donal Enright - Dromerin.

Next Jackpot will be €3,200 and it will take place at the usual day and time Friday 5th December 2025, will be held in the Coolard Clubhouse, at 9p.m.

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North Kerry Minor Championship - Division 1 Final Northern Gaels v Listowel Emmett's Sunday 7th December - Venue - Ballybunion @ 2pm

Kerry Cup Final Ballydonoghue B v St Michael's B Sunday 14th December - Venue - T.B.C @ 1pm

North Kerry Championship Final:

Congratulations and well done to both teams and all players and management involved in the North Kerry Championship Final. Congratulations to Listowel Emmett's on winning and to Knocknagoshel for an amazing performance. Another fantastic display of football in horrific weather conditions. Well done to our very own Eamonn Moran who was the referee on the day and did a fantastic job and managed a very fair game.

Save the Date:

Lisselton National School Parents Association are holding a Christmas Craft Fair in aid of Lisselton school in Ballydonoghue GAA Clubhouse on Sunday 14th of December from 11.30am to 3.30pm. Everyone welcome.

The Ballydonoghue GAA 2025 AGM will take on Friday 12th December @ 7.30pm in the Clubhouse Coolard before the Christmas Lotto draw. Nominations for officers and motions for the AGM to be sent to Secretary Micheál Mason in writing to secretary.ballydonoghue.kerry@gaa.ie by 7.30pm on Friday 05th December.

Nominations for all positions are open but we are seeking nominations for: 1.Senior Chairperson, 2.Treasurer, 3.Registrar, 4.Coiste nóg Chairperson

## FINUGE GAA

FINUGE 500: Congratulations to our November winner Marie Beirne who took away the €500 prize - perfect timing ahead of Christmas! Thank you everyone for your ongoing support. Entry tickets for each month are available at McCarrthys Bar Finuge, Foleys Your Stop Shop Lixnaw, Stacks Londis Lixnaw, JJ Walsh Bar & Butchers Lixnaw, Gibbons Filling Station Lixnaw and the Post Office Lixnaw. Tickets also available online at [www.finugegaa.com](http://www.finugegaa.com) or from any club officer. Look out for upcoming bonus prizes in our bumper December draw.

SAM MAGUIRE: The most famous cup in the country will be available to our members and the public this Sunday the 7th of December. Watch our social media for times once finalised.

FINUGE/STENANS LADIES: Well done to all the young teams who had their end of year celebration at McCarrthys Bar Finuge a couple of weeks ago. Following a very successful year for the club, medals were presented on the night by local footballing stars Miriam O'Keefe and Caitríona Dillon - two fantastic role models to have in our community.

SECOND LEVEL SCHOOLS: All our youth players are now deeply involved with their respective secondary schools and we wish them the best of luck over the school year ahead. We have players with St Micheals Listowel, Causeway Comprehensive, Gaelchoilaiste Tra Lí, and The Green CBS Tralee.

KERRY HOSPICE: Well done to the Horgan family and everyone involved raising funds with Listowel Hospice, in aid of Kerry Hospice Foundation. This was done in the memory of John Horgan of Gortnamish/Ennismore. Over €7,000 was raised through the sale of two heifers, with the help of Listowel Mart, for a very worthy cause.

NORTH KERRY CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL: It may have taken Knocknagoshel 100 years to get to their first final but then their fans had two finals in one week to deal with! After two titanic battles, our near neighbours in Listowel prevailed and they now join Moyvane at the top of the roll of honour. Congratulations to Listowel and well done to Knocknagoshel. Special mention must go to both Brosna and Ballylongford who done a fantastic job hosting both finals.

## ASDEE GAA

Annual General Meeting - The AGM of St. Mary's, Asdee GAA Club will be held at the Community Centre on Saturday, 6th December, commencing at 8.00pm. Motions and nominations must be submitted to Secretary Mark O'Hanlon no later than Wednesday, 3rd December. All club positions are open for nomination. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Excitement is beginning to build for the upcoming video race night in Jack Js Bar on December 13th, organised by Asdee GAA club, in aid of the walkway project and lighting of the track around Jack Walsh Park. Rumour has it horses are off the drink all week and potential jockeys are galloping around fields. Race cards are filling up fast. Contact any club members to purchase horses or call to Jack Js or John Pius Walsh's shop where tickets are available also. In the meantime, work is continuing on the walkway at Jack Walsh Park. Poles for the new fencing are up, and next will be the tarmacadam on the walkway section along the stand side. So, all funds raised on the race night will be well spent and enable completion of the current tranche of work. Thank you for your continued support. Asdee Abú

# LISTOWEL EMMETS RETAIN THEIR TITLE AS KNOCKNAGOSHEL DENIED FAIRYTALE

Photos by John Stack

Listowel Emmets 2-18 -v- 2-07 Knocknagoshel



The sun has set on this year's North Kerry Championship and it is Listowel Emmets who have once again cemented their seat at the top table. In a game played in grim weather conditions in Ballylongford the contest never lived up to the captivating clash in Brosna. Emmets finished with an eleven point margin and though hard for Knock to accept, the shortfall only slightly flattered Listowel who banished all doubt on a damp day in late November. The destination of the Bernard O'Callaghan cup seemed assured throughout except for a three minute purple patch in the second half where Knocknagoshel fired in two goals in quick succession. Listowel calmly dealt with the fightback and had the game beyond reach in minutes once more. From the throw in it looked like role reversals for the two teams from the drawn game. It was Emmets who were hungry, intense and playing like they'd something to prove. For long stages of the opening period Knocknagoshel just couldn't match the desire and quality from Listowel. There was a sense that if Emmets could increase their work rate as a team they would have the individuality to make it a very difficult task for Knocknagoshel.

The game was only two minutes old when the very impressive Darragh Lynch pointed. Moments later Aaron Kennelly took the ball on the run 45 yards out, not satisfied with a point he drove through and scattered the raindrops from the Knocknagoshel net. Listowel meant business but as ever these Knock boys refused to lay down. The next three scores came from Knock, a brilliant run and score from the excellent Michael Walsh, a Conor Cahill free and a beautiful John Walsh score from an acute angle leaving it 1-01 to 0-03 after fifteen minutes. This spell of dominance was short lived as the next four scores went to Listowel, a Darragh Lynch free, a point from Aaron Kennelly and two from the influential Eddie Healy. John Walsh responded with a sublime 2-pointer from play, which was cancelled out by a Sam Tarrant 2-pointer from a free just moments later. The half finished with a John Bell free and another from play from Darragh Lynch leaving it 1-08 to 0-06 at the break.

The battle recommenced and Knocknagoshel needed the next score, however a brilliant 2-pointer from Darragh Lynch stretched the margin to seven. This could have been nine points minutes later as Darragh Lynch floated what seemed to be a massive 2-pointer free between the post only to be deemed wide. Sam Tarrant then popped up to make it an eight point game. Then came an improbable resurrection as Knock found a way back into the contest. John Bell struck to the net after a sloppy mixup in the Listowel defence. Moments later Knock launched a long ball into the square and midfielder Shane O'Connell calmly slotted beyond Shane Quinn and the crowd were in full voice. Could it happen all over again? From the kickout Knocknagoshel found themselves in the scoring zone but failed to take advantage, the ball dropped short and Listowel began to build for what would be the defining score. After some good play Jo Jo Grimes found the outstanding wing back Pa Walsh in space, and he bellowed the roof of the net from a difficult angle. A crushing score for Knock and one that settled Listowel for the remainder of the game. The contest lost its spark from here and Listowel ran out easy winners in the finish. Emmets outscored Knock in the last twelve minutes 7-1 with points from Bryan Sweeney, Niall Collins, two from Darragh Lynch and an excellent long-range 2-pointer from Eddie Healy. Knock's only reply in that period was a well taken point from Michael Walsh. Final Score: Listowel Emmets 2-18 - Knocknagoshel 2-07.

The buzzer sounded to the delight of a relieved Listowel Emmets. There was an overwhelming sense of disappointment from the Knock players and supporters alike, but acceptance that on this occasion the better team prevailed. Darragh Lynch was named man of the match and who could argue. He scored eight points with seven from play, many at important stages and provided his teammates with countless other opportunities winning an amount of hard-fought ball in the final third. While all Listowel players contributed and played much more like a cohesive unit on this occasion, other considerations from man of the match included Eddie Healy, Pa Walsh and Aaron Kennelly. Sam Tarrant, Niall Collins and Ger McCarthy are also worthy of a mention. For Knocknagoshel Michael Walsh was immense, his brother John was solid throughout, Jack McElligott was strong at centre back, while Jack Walsh and Joe Bell were astute in the full back line.

Listowel are the champions once again and now match Moyvane on the roll of honour with 18 titles, and given their age profile will surely surpass this milestone in the near future. Ger McCarthy is now the sole owner of no fewer than 8 North Kerry Championship medals, an accolade fit for the service he has given to the black and amber. Lessons were needed to be learned for Listowel after the drawn game, and they were. Listowel Emmets have earned the victors tag and can now rest easy for another ten months knowing they remain kings of North Kerry.

For Knocknagoshel they can be very proud of what they achieved in this year's competition, though the last page of their fairytale holds a bitter ending. In many ways this was Knocknagoshel's championship, the players and supporters dared to believe and have brought a welcome freshness to the tournament. It should act as a lesson to others that once you apply yourself, the impossible can become possible, maybe even probable. Hearts are broken and will need time to mend but one hopes this voyage will ignite the green & gold of Knocknagoshel into the new year and even better days ahead.



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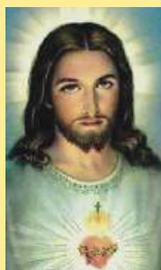
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And the next verse is very sobering: **"Teach us to number our days and recognise how few they are, help us to spend them as we should."**

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Ephesians 5:15-17 is so clear: **"Be very careful, then how you live, not as unwise but as wise,**

**making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish but understand what the Lord's will is."**

Matthew 6:33 tells us how: **"But seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness..."**

We're wise if we invest our time and energy in things that matter to God as Matthew 6:19-20 urges us: **"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth...but lay up treasures in heaven."**

It's never too late to number our days no matter how many days we've spent. Again Colossians 3:2 teaches us: **"Set your heart on things above where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God."**

Time is a precious gift from God. Each day holds opportunities for drawing near to our Lord and Saviour. Our earthly life is temporary but we can invest our time wisely by keeping an eternal perspective, fixed on the promises of God for us, rather than focusing on the world's distractions which daily bombard us. We have the Word of God to guide us. **"Behold! Now is the favourable time. Behold! Now is the day of salvation."** 2 Corinthians 6:2

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