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**THE POMODORO TECHNIQUE...
GETTING READY FOR LEAVING CERT**

By James Kenny is a retired Guidance Counsellor and has taught at both primary and second level.

The Pomodoro Technique is a simple but powerful time-management method designed to keep you focused, productive, and mentally alert while preparing for your exam.

With the long May holiday weekend approaching—one of the biggest blocks of time you have before your exam—this is your opportunity to make real progress. Used well, it can give you a strong sense of confidence and momentum in your revision.

The key is to work in short, focused bursts with regular breaks. This keeps your energy up and helps you avoid burnout, so you can sustain high-quality study over longer periods.

At this stage, your revision should be centred entirely on past examination questions. This is where you'll gain the most marks. Use each session to actively engage with exam-style problems and revisit your mock papers—they often contain valuable hints about the types of questions that may come up again.

The Pomodoro Technique, developed by Francesco Cirillo in the late 1980s, takes its name from the Italian word pomodoro (tomato), inspired by the tomato-shaped kitchen timer he originally used. It's a simple idea—but when applied with purpose, it can make a real difference.

Make this weekend count. Stay focused, trust the process, and build momentum with every session.

The Pomodoro study method is somewhat like modern sports training, where short, high-intensity bursts have largely replaced long training sessions. Just as athletes now favour interval-based drills to maximize focus, recovery, and performance, Pomodoro breaks work into intensive bouts of concentrated effort followed by rest. Both approaches recognize that managing your energy and attention levels which ultimately leads to better outcomes and results.

How it works

You break your work into short, structured intervals:

1. Pick a task or topic from an exam question
2. Set a timer for **25 minutes** → this is one "Pomodoro"
3. Work with full focus and intense concentration
4. Take a **5-minute break**
5. After 4 Pomodoros, take a longer break (15–30 minutes)

Why it's effective

- Improves focus: short bursts reduce distractions
- Prevents burnout: Regular breaks keep your brain fresh
- Builds momentum: Starting feels easier when it's just 25 minutes
- Tracks progress: You can count how many Pomodoros you complete

Good luck with your Pomodoros!



Tony Buckley & Jimmy Deenihan two of the founding members of Listowel Parkrun at the 9th Anniversary of the inaugural event in April 2017.

Three thousand individuals have participated in the run to date including Parkrun tourists from all over the world. Thanks to a superb team effort from our many volunteers the event is going from strength and has added positively to the quality of life of the town & its environs.

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Denise Lynch and Emma Colbert from Lixnaw were helping Damien Gleasure and Sinead Allen from Kilflynny sell their beautiful Palomino Irish Cob Stallion at Milltown Fair on Sunday.
Photo Moss Joe Browne



The Emmets Ladies U16 team with 2 comprehensive wins in the last two weeks over Austin Stacks & Kerins O'Rahillys



Postman Aiden O'Neill on his last round delivering the post to Robert & Eileen Bunyan, Cookeragh. In photo are neighbours John Collins, Pat Riordan, Mary, Enda & Eileen Kilgallon. Aiden was working with An Post for over 50 yrs & has given 45 yrs of that dedicated service to the Shroonwen Postal Area



Well done Listowel's Janina who participated in the girls U16 singing competition at the Kerry Community Games Cultural Events finals in Foilmore last Sunday



Well done to Listowel Community Games Nicole who participated in the girls U13 singing competition at the Kerry Community Games Cultural Events finals in Foilmore last Sunday



Some recent photos from Easter and a visit from Sam Maguire to Ms Griffin's Class at Killokrim NS



Congratulations to the Listowel Community Games Girls U15 badminton team who won gold in Munster last Saturday. Well done to Alexia, Margaret, Emily, Freya, Nadia, Anna and coach Roly Chute who now go on to represent Kerry in the National Finals



Murhur NS fundraiser at The Kingdom Greyhound Stadium last Saturday night.

Moyvane Taylor was the winner of the Fast Fix Doors & Kennelly's Homevalue Hardware, Moyvane 325 at the Murhur NS Fundraiser on Saturday night at the Kingdom Greyhound Stadium, pictured are Marc & Colm Curtin accepting the winning trophy

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MOYVANE DARKNESS INTO LIGHT

Darkness Into Light returns to Moyvane for the second year and will take place on Saturday 9th May commencing at 4:15am.

Last year's walk was fantastic and the local committee are busy putting everything in place ahead of this year's event.

A video is available on YouTube from last year's event, it is available at the following link: <https://youtu.be/KwERJZACpac?si=b4C-zQclmqIErY0M>

Moyvane is one of 7 locations in Kerry and is the most convenient for North Kerry and West Limerick. This is a community event and people from neighbouring areas are all invited to attend on the night. The walk will leave Moyvane Community Centre (V31 KD91) at 4:15am sharp.

There will be no parking at the community centre, this is used for emergency vehicles and wheelchair users only. Parking will be available in the village and all local car parks, please obey stewards who will be in position to ensure the parking is controlled and not causing an obstruction.

This year's route has been extended and will now be 5km in total taking in all local roads in the village, the lime kiln, Woodlands and Moyvane GAA field walk.

Refreshments will be served in the community centre after the walk, everyone is invited to call in for a chat and a cuppa. This proved very popular last year and everyone was very appreciative of the hospitality and chance to have a chat in peaceful surroundings.

Pieta as always offer free counselling to those with suicidal thoughts, those engaging in self-harm and people bereaved by suicide. Freephone 1800 247 247 or Text HELP to 51444.

No one is excluded from this event, if you don't have the capacity to pay you can still join in on the night and walk with us for Pieta. As always the committee are looking for volunteers to help out on the night and you can contact any of the members to register your interest.

You can register online at www.darknessintolight.ie (T-Shirts guaranteed until end of April)
Local registrations (cash and card accepted) will take place at the following locations and dates:

- Friday 1st May @ Moyvane Village Hub (V31 VX57) (from 09:30am to 12:30pm)
- Friday 8th May @ Moyvane Community Centre from 1pm to 5pm
- Saturday 9th May @ Moyvane Community Centre from 3:10am to 4:10am

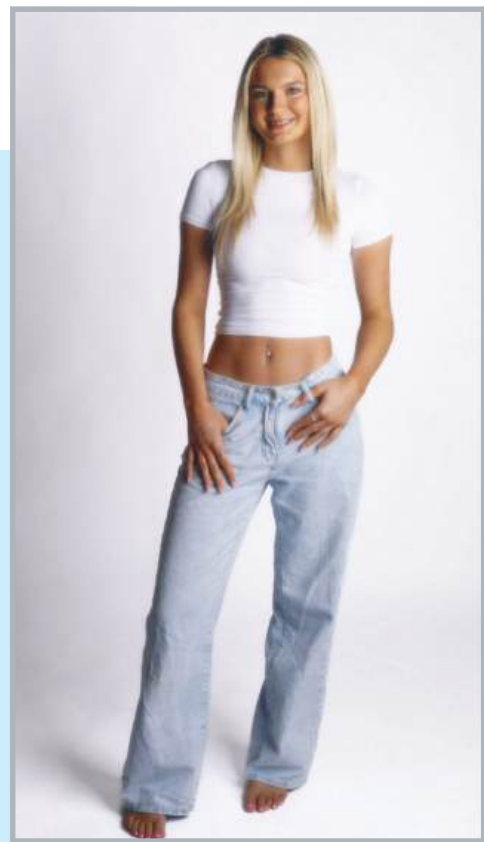
Registration prices for 2026 are as follows:

- Adults 18+ €22 per person
- 13 to 17 year olds €5 per person
- Under 13's Free
- T-Shirts €8.50 each

Limited stocks of T-Shirts will be available for local registration days.

It is greatly appreciated if people re-use old T-Shirts from previous years as that ensures reduced waste and is better for the environment.

Dogs are also very welcome on the walk as long as they are kept on a lead at all times. It is advised that you bring along a torch with you as not all areas of the route are lit up.



LISTOWEL'S AVA COMPETING IN MISS IRELAND TEEN 2026

Fifteen year old Ava Sheehy from Listowel is hoping to make history as the first teen from the county to win the title of Miss Ireland Teen 2026.

Ava is one of the 20 contestants taking part in the 2026 edition of the younger version of Miss Ireland. Open to females aged 13 to 17 years, Miss Ireland Teen brings the same values of Miss Ireland with contestants undertaking a training tuition programme covering aspects such as social media training, social awareness, community catwalk training, photoshoots & interview skills.

Over the course of several weeks finalists take part in online and in person with prizes being awarded in categories such as Sports, Talent, Eco Fashion, Top Model & Teen 4 Change, which highlights their community spirit and charity attitudes.

The weeks build to an overall final held on May 4th in The Red Cow Inn, Dublin, which will see two overall winners - Miss Ireland Teen Junior and Miss Ireland Teen Senior being announced.

There are also two Public voted winners, which can be selected via the MI Org app that is available on all download platforms with free daily votes for users.

Established in 2023 Miss Ireland Teen brings the values of the legacy that is Miss Ireland to the new generation. For more details view @missirelandteen on social media platforms.

VISIT LISTOWEL LIBRARY!

Why not put on your "to do" list to visit your local library this week? Either to join for the first time or re-engage with this wonderful service.

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The Astroturf project at Tarbert Comprehensive School continues to progress well. While the Sports Capital application is currently going through its final clarification stages, steady work is ongoing behind the scenes as we move towards the next phase.

We are deeply grateful to everyone who has already supported the Parents Association GoFundMe fundraiser. The response from our school and wider community has been fantastic. All funds raised through the Parents Association GoFundMe are ringfenced and will go directly towards the Astroturf project costs, alongside other funding supporting the project.

As we approach Summer, we are giving the fundraiser another push to help bring it over the line. If you have been considering making a contribution, now is an ideal time. Every donation, large or small, makes a difference for our students.

If you are not in a position to donate, sharing the link is another valuable way to support the project. Thank you for your continued support. We are truly grateful to everyone who has contributed, shared and supported the project so far.

The Parent's association are also having a bucket collection in Supervalu Listowel on Friday 8th May



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As we head into the first weekend of May, with a lovely bank holiday and the sun shining, many of us are spending more time outdoors — which is wonderful for the body and mind.

However, this time of year can also bring its challenges. For me, it often means **itchy eyes, a runny nose, and high histamine levels**, which can take away from fully enjoying the brighter days.

Over the years, I've found a simple and natural way to support these symptoms using essential oils — and it has made such a difference.

A Natural Antihistamine Trio

My go-to combination is **Peppermint, Lemon, and Lavender** — three powerful oils that work beautifully together.

I take **one drop of each in a veggie capsule with water, morning and evening**, diffuse them at home or at work, and I also carry a **roller blend** (mixed with fractionated coconut oil) to apply behind the ears, on the wrists, and along the neck throughout the day.

This simple routine has helped me manage seasonal symptoms while still enjoying the outdoors.

The Benefits of Each Oil

Each of these oils brings its own unique support:

- Lemon is fresh, cleansing, and tastes beautiful in water while gently supporting the body
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- Lavender is calming and soothing, supporting both the physical body and emotional balance

Together, they create a powerful, natural support system during allergy season.

Caroline's Top Tip – Be Prepared

If you know seasonal allergies affect you, start using your oils early and stay consistent. Having your roller blend ready and your diffuser on hand can make all the difference throughout the day.

Enjoying the Season

This time of year is meant to be enjoyed — longer days, fresh air, and time outdoors. Having natural tools like essential oils allows you to support your body while still making the most of the season.

The **Family Essentials Kit** or **Home Essentials Kit** from dōTERRA are a great place to start, offering these core oils along with others to support everyday health and wellbeing. The Home Essentials Kit also comes with a diffuser, making it even easier to use your oils at home.

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Thought for the Week:

"Nature has its challenges, but it also provides the tools to support us through them."

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A REMARKABLE MULTIMEDIA PRODUCTION CELEBRATING EXTRAORDINARY WOMEN COMES TO ST. JOHN'S THEATRE, LISTOWEL

St. John's Theatre, Listowel, will soon host *Natural Woman* — a powerful and uplifting multimedia production created and performed by IRMA Award nominated singer songwriter Fiona Kennedy (pictured). Following multiple sold out performances in Cork, this acclaimed show is now touring nationally and arrives in Kerry as one of the inspiring cultural events of the summer program in St Johns on Saturday May 9th.

Natural Woman blends original songs, spokenword readings, and evocative projected imagery to honour ordinary women who have achieved the extraordinary. Among those featured are Vicky Phelan, whose courage transformed women's healthcare in Ireland, and Mary Elmes, the Corkborn humanitarian known as "the Irish Schindler." The show also includes the story of an inspirational Kerry woman, making this performance especially meaningful for local audiences.

The production celebrates not only Irish changemakers but also iconic female musicians such as Carole King & Janis Joplin, with Fiona weaving her own long career as a performer into the narrative.



Readings by Ethel Crowley and striking visual projections by Cormac O'Connor along with superb musicians Paul Seymour & Billy Kennedy create a rich, immersive experience that resonates deeply with audiences of all ages. Having previously supported icons like Kris Kristofferson, and with accolades including an IRMA Award nomination and her own one-hour RTÉ TV special, Kennedy brings a wealth of experience and authenticity to the stage...audiences at St Johns theatre will be in for a wonderful night.

The show starts at 8pm. Tickets €20 from www.stjohnstheatre.ie

"Fiona Kennedy is a gifted songwriter. A wonderful show" — Clodagh Finn Irish Examiner

"You'll come out inspired and moved... every song a hit." — Elmarie Mawe, The Arts Show, 96FM

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WELLNESS MEETS NIGHTLIFE AT MOYA FESTIVAL

Iconic 90's Ballybunion Hotspot hosts new 'wellness meets nightlife' event this Bank Holiday Weekend!

A new kind of social experience is coming to Ballybunion this weekend, as part of this year's Moya Festival, reflecting growing demand for healthier social activities across Ireland. YogaliciousCLUB is taking Moya festival-goers back to 'Sallys' – Ballybunion's iconic Nightclub at the Cliff House Hotel on Saturday May 2nd, combining yoga, cardio, HIIT, barre and Pilates with high-energy music in a nightclub setting.

Set on one of Kerry's most recognisable dancefloors back for one evening only, the concept blends nostalgia with a new approach to nightlife and the timing couldn't be better with Ireland's drinking culture shifting.

"It's Sallys but not as we know it" – says YogaliciousCLUB founder Jacqui Meskell, a Yoga Alliance Certified instructor with over 20 years' experience across Ashtanga, Hatha and other disciplines. "People still want the music, the energy and the social side, but without losing the next day. This offers a different kind of experience where you leave feeling better, not worse."

The class is designed as a full-body workout, beginning with dynamic movement and cardio-based sequences, followed by strength-focused barre and Pilates - before transitioning into deep stretching and a guided wind-down.

"People often think yoga has to be slow-paced but there are many different types of yoga and this class is a very energising experience and a proper workout," Meskell said. "It's suitable for both men and women, and because it also includes deep stretching is particularly beneficial for anyone who runs or goes to the gym regularly."

The event will close with refreshments and a chance to connect socially after class. All attendees will also receive an invite to a complimentary 'Jazz n' Juice Yoga' class the following morning at the same venue. "There won't be hangovers but that 'good' soreness you get after a great workout" says Meskell. "So, Sunday morning's class will be a lovely opportunity to stretch and recover," she says.

YogaliciousCLUB is just one of many events being held as part of the 9th Annual MOYA Wellness Festival of Meditation, Ocean, Yoga and Art in Ballybunion. It showcases a wealth of local talent practicing in the areas of art, holistic therapies and wellness.

Event details:

Saturday May 2nd 5:00pm – 7:30pm
Sally's Nightclub, The Cliff House Hotel

Bonus session:

Donations based "Jazz n' Juice" recovery class at 9.30 Sunday morning (complementary for YogaliciousCLUB attendees).

YogaliciousCLUB tickets at MOYA website or Eventbrite



O'RAHILLY'S GAA CLUB BALLYLONGFORD



DEVELOPMENT PLAN

A Phased, Sustainable Development Plan

Our programme will be delivered in structured phases, aligned with fundraising capacity and available grant support. Each phase is designed to build long-term sustainability, increase participation and create measurable community benefit.



Phase One: Excellence in Training & Wellness

Youth Skills Zone: Upgrading the basketball court into a dedicated skills area, featuring a Wall Ball to foster the next generation of talent.
The Sports Complex Reborn: Transforming the old squash courts into:
- A State-of-the-art Gym for teams and members.
- A Wellness Studio for Yoga, Pilates, and fitness classes.
- A modern Meeting Room for club and community strategy.

Phase Two: All-Weather Outdoor Facilities

The Astro Training Bay: Replacing the existing bank with concrete tiered seating and a high-spec Astro-turf surface. This provides a year-round, all-weather training space for our club and external partners.
The Sprint Track: A new 4-to-6 lane running track at the town-end of the grounds, serving as an elite training tool for players and a dedicated exercise zone for the community.

Phase Three: Hall Refurb and Modernisation

Indoor Elite Facilities: Retrofitting the hall with an indoor Astro surface for warm-ups and training.
Modern Amenities: Expanding to include dedicated Physio rooms, Ladies' changing rooms, and upgraded official and catering facilities.
Sustainability: A full Solar Panel retro-fit across the complex to ensure a greener, cost-effective future.
The Stand: Refurbishing or relocating our spectator stand, including a new dedicated Media Zone.

A Legacy Worth Protecting



For over a century, O'Rahilly's GAA Club has been the heartbeat of Ballylongford. From the golden eras of the 60's through to the turn of the millennium, the Blue and White has represented more than just a team - it represents our identity.

But as the landscape of rural Ireland changes, so must our club. We are facing the challenges of depopulation and modern life head-on. We continue to field teams, nurture young talent, and see genuine "green shoots" emerging through our underage ranks - encouraged then to move into our Senior ranks. We also have a vibrant "Mothers and Others" group, and a community ready to evolve.

Our vision is simple: "A club for everyone"

Whether you love sport or just love being part of the community.

Our aim is to create a welcoming, all-inclusive environment where everyone feels valued, respected, and part of the club. Whether you play, volunteer, support, or just drop in for a chat, there is a place for you here.

O'Rahilly's GAA Club is not simply seeking funding - we are seeking partners who share our belief in grassroots development, inclusivity and community resilience.



Wherever you are in the world you are still a part of this story.

There was a time when this club gave us some of our greatest memories. Summer evenings on the pitch Packed sidelines. Voices carrying across the field.

For many, those memories travelled far - across counties, across countries, across continents. But no matter how far life has taken you, Ballylongford is never too far away. We are seeking partners, donors, and sponsors to help us reach our fundraising targets, which will in turn unlock vital government grant funding.

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- **Individual & Family Donations:** Become a named patron of the development.
- **The Diaspora Fund:** A way for those abroad to leave a lasting mark on their home parish.



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If you would like to support what we do, donations can be made directly using the details below. Every contribution, big or small, is greatly appreciated and helps us continue our work.

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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.

This week we are focusing on your "Table Manners".

Studies show that watching TV or being on a device while eating your meals increases portion sizes and appetites because we are not properly engaged with our food. Eating away from distractions is therefore helpful for weight loss. Even for a person on their own it is also very easy to fall into the trap of distraction for example sitting on the couch in front of the TV with your meal on your lap.

Families eating together has been proven to help children bond with their parents, for example catching up after the day as well as developing healthy eating habits. Now that we are all in a more structured routine, there are probably more of us around the table at the one time now as we are starting the Summer holidays.

BEST LAID PLANS

Let's say you've convinced the family to eat at the table with you, here are some tips on how to lay it for weight loss success.

- Clear any distractions off the table such as newspapers, devices etc
- Make the table look appealing by having a place set for everyone.
- Use nice colourful plates. (They are no use up on the dresser)
- Have your meal planned in advance so you are really looking forward to it.

TABLE FOR ONE

If you are cooking for one it can be easy to neglect making a proper meal of dinner, so try these ideas to create a positive impact on your weight loss.

- A ready meal can be an easy option, but why not commit to cooking a new simple recipe once a week
- Take the time to cook a large quantity of your favourite meal which you can then freeze in batches, giving you a quick and healthy ready meal for when you're short on time.
- Try eating at the table instead of on the sofa in front of the TV, even if it's just occasionally.

So whether you are eating on your own or with the family, being more mindful of what is on your plate and allowing yourself time for your meal, you are more aware of feeling satisfied and are less likely to go back for second helpings.

ONE FOR ALL AND ALL FOR ONE

Cooking the one type of meal to suit yourself and the rest of the family works well. Any recipe can be adapted to suit everyone in the house, which makes life easier especially for the cook. This time of the year stews, soups and casseroles are ideal as they can be done in the one pot.

To make your meals even more colourful and satisfying include lots of fruit and vegetables which most are calorie free on our "San Rita Wellness Plan"

"Be aware of your behaviour and savour the flavour"

For extra support and for weekly accountability check us out on Facebook San Rita Wellness or sanritawellness.ie 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

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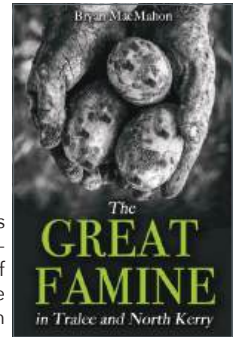
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The Great Famine in Tralee and North Kerry

By Bryan MacMahon



Bryan MacMahon focuses on human stories rather than statistics as he depicts the unprecedented events, upheavals and challenges of the famine years through the eyes of those who were there and reveals information which has lain hidden and untapped for 170 years.

This book gives an account of incidents in Tralee and North Kerry. It gives a detailed overview and a moving insight into the suffering endured by thousands in the area. The contemporary accounts allow the reader to relive the shocking events, and to understand the stark dilemmas faced by those who were not themselves directly affected by hunger or disease.

Here too are the names and inquest details of some of the dead, and poignant descriptions of life in the workhouses of Tralee and Listowel. Included are stories of scandals and possible sexual abuse in the workhouse but also many examples of selfless humanitarian work.

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Christy started in AI in 1972 working in Caherciveen with John O'Neill. He worked out of Castleisland, covering Kilcummin, Cordal, Scartaglen, Hedleysbridge and parts of Fealesbridge. This lunch was celebrated with his former colleagues, and John Cantillon who is still working with us, in the Rose Hotel, Tralee on Monday 20th April. We wish him a long and happy retirement.

(L-R) Former AI Techs Dick Kissane and Joe Doran, Christy Dillon, Martin Kavanagh (CEO), Michael Molyneux, working AI Tech John Cantillon and Fidelma O'Leary



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The Tellus aircraft will be flying at low levels of 60 metres over rural areas and 240 metres over urban areas collecting geological information from mid-March until late Autumn 2026. The sound of the plane is similar to that of a passing lorry and may startle sensitive livestock, such as horses.

Where is the aircraft flying?
The Tellus team will be revisiting Co. Kerry to finish the A10 survey. For identification purposes, a white De Havilland Twin Otter propeller aircraft with black and red stripes, labelled 'SURVEY', is operating under registration C-GSGP

Why is the survey necessary?
This is the final phase of a national programme to gather geophysical data across Ireland to help inform the management of our environment and natural resources. All data from Tellus is made available free of charge online.

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WILLIE GUINEY

A KERRY RUNNER WITH GREAT HEART

FRANK GREALLY meets Kerry running legend Willie Guiney, who has raised €100,000 for charity in his running career.

Listowel native Willie Guiney is a runner with great passion and big heart and has notched up over 100 marathons and, even more importantly, over the years raised €100,000 for various charities.

In February Willie was presented with a certificate of recognition from Kerry County Council at a function in Listowel, for a lifelong dedication to running that began in 1982 at age 18, when he struck up a friendship with another Kerry running stalwart, Sonny Fennell - winner of the All-Ireland Intermediate Cross Country title at Belfield in 1975.

Chasing Sonny Fennell around the roads near Tarbert, where he worked as an apprentice butcher, still conjures sweet memories for Willie.

In those early days of his running career he tasted success, winning a silver medal in the Kerry BLE Novice County Championships. Willie joined An Ríocht A.C. in 1984 and found inspiration in becoming part of a strong club team.

In the same year he ran with great heart to finish third in the county 10-mile championship in 53 minutes - a proud day for him when he chased the talented Griffin brothers, John and Stephen, from St John's A.C. in Tralee.

Since those heady early running days of the early 1980s, Willie has become a familiar face at running events all over the country. His engaging smile and can-do attitude is greatly admired by runners he meets.

Willie completed his 100th marathon in Galway last October - a feat that underlined his determined spirit, persevering through some serious injury setbacks in recent years.



Willie Guiney - Hill running international

Photo: John Kelliher

He has also completed all six Major Marathons; New York, Boston, London, Berlin, Chicago and Tokyo. He was determined to reach his 100th marathon target in 2025 - to reach it meant running 11 in a twelve-month period, including four in the five weeks leading up to the Galway event.

The year ended on a couple more high notes when Willie ran the Irish Life Dublin Marathon in October - and then in November, his daughter Katie gave birth to a beautiful baby

daughter, Aoibhin, a first grandchild for Willie and his wife Kathleen.

Katie and her husband Tom Slattery, from West Kerry, were in Galway to welcome Willie home as he completed his 100th marathon. Kathleen's work commitments meant that she could not be present in Galway, but she accompanies her husband to most of his marathons and was there to greet him when he finished the Irish Life Dublin Marathon last October.

"It's wonderful to see Kathleen's smiling face as I'm approaching the finish of a marathon," Willie said. "Kathleen is everything to me - and my best friend."

At the award ceremony in Listowel, Willie paid tribute to his late brother Brendan, who was killed in a hit-and-run traffic accident in New York in 1990. Brendan was a talented Gaelic footballer, who captained Listowel in the 1985 North Kerry championship final against Tarbert at age 19.

Willie was living in Luton that New Year's Day when he received the terrible news from New York. Brendan was only 24.

"We went everywhere together as kids around Listowel," Willie said. "Willie travelled to New York and arranged the return of his brother's remains home to Listowel - a poignant and heart-aching journey.

"I'm often asked what keeps me going when things get tough in running," he said. "I say that what helps me is that when running, I feel I am in a good place and I'm not alone. The people that I loved and have passed are not too far away from me. I think that even though they're gone, their spirits are still with me when I run."

“I use that as inspiration towards the end of a marathon because even though I might be hurting, I know that pain is only temporary. I can get up again tomorrow and lace up my running shoes. When I think of that, I never quit.”

In remembrance of his brother, Willie organised a run through North Kerry in 1990; a 35-mile journey around North Kerry passing six football grounds where his departed brother used to play. It was a charity run and Willie raised €5,000 for St John of God's Care Centre in Beaufort.

Over the years, Willie has supported many other local and national charities on his way to notching up 100 marathons and a total of €100,000 in fundraising.

“It's not just the running you did,” said Councillor Tom Barry, “it's also the charities you've raised money for within the town and the county, and even the country.”

Listowel Mayor Michael Leane said: “What makes Willie's contribution particularly special is the consistency and longevity of his career. Year after year he continues to train, compete and inspire others by his example. Willie's example will continue to inspire other generations.”

“

The people that I loved and have passed ... are still with me when I run. ”

In 1985 Willie emigrated and lived and worked on construction in Boston for two years. He loved Boston, and while there ran in the Boston, New York and Washington D.C. marathons.

He also found love in Boston when he met his future wife, Kerry native Kathleen Devane from Lispolé. The couple then spent a few years in



Recognition on Home Ground – Willie with his son Liam and wife Kathleen

Photo: Pauline Dennygan

London, but the year 1990 brought another change in Willie's life when his brother Brendan died in that tragic hit and run accident in New York.

“I've lost two brothers over the years; Brendan in 1990 and my brother John seven years ago, who died as a result of a brain haemorrhage,” he said. “My dad, John died 20 years ago.”

After Brendan died, Willie and Kathleen returned home from London to Listowel and settled there, raising a family; son Liam and three daughters, Noreen, Katie and Martina. Willie came from a large family of twelve - six boys and six girls.

Back home in Listowel in the 1990s working in his own business as a cleaning contractor, Willie's running career fully ignited and he found new success in hill running, winning two Munster titles and a Connacht title in 1997 when he ran bravely to the finish on a badly injured ankle.

At that time, the legendary Kerry runner John Lenihan was ‘King Of The Mountains’, but Willie was always close to him in races. Another of Willie's Kerry heroes was Jerry Kiernan and he has fond memories of finishing in 22nd place overall in 2:41 in the 1992 Belfast Marathon that Jerry won.

In 1995 Willie moved from Ríocht A.C. to Desmond Curran Athletic Club, and soon after that move achieved a long-cherished dream of making the official Ireland team for the World Mountain Running Championships in Austria.

He was delighted to be selected again for the Irish team to compete in the Czech Republic in 1997 and then the European Mountain Running Championships near Turin in 1998.

Willie has a marathon personal best time of 2:35 and other PBs include; a sub-16 minute 5K, sub-21 minute 4 miles, sub-27 minutes 5 miles, sub-33 minutes 10K and a half-marathon time of 1:13.

In mid-February, Willie's mother Sheila passed peacefully at age 93 in the Aras Mhuire Nursing Home in Listowel.

“She was a wonderful mother with a heart of gold and a big smile for all who knew her,” Willie said.

That same heart of gold and warm smile also defines Willie, who still has many miles to run, including the Rome Marathon this month – a trip gifted by the family for Kathleen's 60th birthday which she celebrated last August.

“I have a lot to be grateful for and it's family and my running that continues to keep me striding on with great delight,” Willie said.

BALLYBUNION

CONDOLENCES

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Anne O'Connor (née Carmody) of Loughanes, Lisselton and late of Ahanagran, Ballylongford, Teresa Molyneux (née Casey) of Woodford Listowel, Timmy Dalton of Glouria, Lisselton. May they Rest in Peace.

MOYA WELLNESS FESTIVAL

Ballybunion this May Bank Holiday Weekend, Friday 1st to Monday 4th May, for more info on each event and bookings, check out www.moyaballybunion.ie or contact us on (087) 783 7448 or (086) 894 4292 or email: moya.ballybunion@gmail.com

PUB QUIZ

Friday 1st of May, Railway Bar, Starting at 9pm, Teams of 4, €10 per person.

In support of students from St. Joseph's Secondary School, volunteer helpers on the Kerry Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes in June.

BALLYBUNION WILDCATS BASKETBALL CLUB AGM

Will take place on Monday May 18th and 8pm in the upstairs meeting room - Ballybunion community centre. Motions and nominations can be forward to the club secretary by email - secretaryballybunionwildcats@gmail.com. Your support is greatly appreciated.

TINTEÁN THEATRE

Wed 29th & Thurs 30th April: Abbeyfeale TY Musical – Coláiste Ide Agus Iosef present 'A Medley of Musicals'. Shows start at 7.30pm.
Sat 2nd May: Dublin City Ramblers - Show starts at 8pm, doors open 7pm
Check out www.tintean.ie for ticket sales and other upcoming events.

COFFEE MORNING

Ballydonoghue GAA, will host a Coffee Morning, at the Clubrooms, Coolard. In aid of: Kerry Cancer Support Group and Health Link Transport, in memory of Eleanor Allen Foley. Event takes place on Bank Holiday Monday, 4th May from 11am – 1pm. Thank you for your support!

TIDY TOWNS

Every Tuesday we will be holding a clean-up group, meeting up at Supervalu car park at 6.15pm. We are pleased to announce that we will be running our Garden Awards again this year. It proved very popular last year. To enter the forms can be collected from the Tourist Office from 1st May and close in June. The judging and results will be in July/August. Also, we have started a campaign "Adopt a Patch" where residents adopt an area that they will look after. This is very important, as a group we do not have a large group of volunteers, so we need your help. More information on our activities can be found on our Facebook and Instagram pages.

FUNDRAISING SWIM FOR PALLIATIVE CARE IN KERRY

On June 14th at 1pm, five young swimmers from North Kerry — Cathal Slattery, Ewan Kennelly, Noah Connolly, JJ Liston and Adam Burns — will take on an extraordinary endurance challenge at Ballybunion Leisure Centre. The group will swim the equivalent of a half marathon (21.1km) to raise vital funds for the development of new Palliative Care rooms in Tralee.

This inspiring effort aims to support enhanced care services for patients and families across the region. Donations can be made at: <https://www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/swimforkerryhospice>

BINGO BALLYBUNION

Every Wednesday at 8pm 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!

CREATIVE KIDS AT THE COTTAGE

Drop In Children's Art Classes, Cinema Lane, Main Street, Ballybunion. May classes will be held on Saturday 2nd, 16th & 30th. Classes are from 11.30am to 1.30pm €15 per child. All art materials are supplied. Please contact Marie @ 086-0664435 for any further enquiries.

MASS ON SUNDAY

St John's Parish Ballybunion is seeking new musicians and singers to support the 11.30am Mass. They are inviting volunteers who could commit to one or more Sundays during the year. Any contribution, no matter how small, would be greatly appreciated.

Please contact Fr. Sean or any member of the parish team for further information

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!

HORIZON FESTIVAL BALLYBUNION

Taking place 10th - 12th July, an outdoor music festival taking place at the former Atlantic Hotel site & Marine Car Park. Combined into one secure, fully managed festival arena in the heart of town. Line-Up Includes: The Highstool Prophets, Super Céili, The Rising, Jenny Greene, Bingo Loco, Riffshop, The Circus Ponies, Electrad & more to be announced. Limited capacity, Over 19s only. Tickets available on www.eventbrite.ie

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BALLYBUNION TRIATHLON CLUB

Mark the date of 6th June 2026 in your calendar. Ballybunion Triathlon Club will hold its exciting Duathlon taking in the town and surrounding areas. Experience the Duathlon with the best views in Kerry. <https://app.triathlonireland.com/race-entry/3443> check out our website at www.ballybuniontriathlon.ie

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BALLYBUNION ACTIVE RETIREMENT

Weekly Meetings: Every Wednesday, 2pm, Location: The Old Convent, Doon Road. New members are always welcome! Come along and enjoy a wide range of activities, including: Creative writing, Theatre visits, Day trips, Guest speakers, Yoga, and most importantly, great company! For more information, contact Pat Buckley at 086 356 1615

TAEKWONDO BALLYBUNION

Taekwondo Classes — Ballybunion Community Centre. Join our Taekwondo classes in the upstairs hall for all ages and skill levels! Every Wednesday — Beginners (ages 5+), teens & adults & every Friday — Beginner teens & adults. Build confidence, balance & coordination, improve fitness & self-defence skills & Develop self-discipline in a fun environment. Interested? Contact Michael at 087 924 5637 to get started!

BALLYBUNION BADMINTON

Stay Active with Ballybunion Badminton! Looking for a fun and engaging way to stay fit? Join Ballybunion Badminton for a great cardio workout that improves agility, coordination, and relieves stress. Every Thursday, 8 PM — 10 PM at Ballybunion Community Centre. Strictly over 15s — New members are always welcome! For enquiries, contact us via the Ballybunion Baseliners Facebook page or text 086 166 0682.



Photo from a workshop by Marianne Beasley of The Ballybunion North Kerry Environmental Forum who had an outing by the KCYS Ballybunion Youth Group in Tralee Bay Wetlands on Saturday 25th. The workshop session focused on World Earth Day (22nd April) and the Rights of Nature



Congratulations to Listowel Celtic U10 Girls who graduated from our academy last Sunday

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LIXNAW

PARISH MASS TIMES

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH: MFriday 1st May Mass at 7.30pm. Saturday 2nd May, Mass at 7.30pm for Mike O'Brien, Lower Pallas, (Month's Mind); Bids, Paud & Eileen O'Connell; Mary O'Sullivan, London & Lixnaw; Sheila Walsh, Ahabeg.

RATHEA CHURCH: Sunday 3rd May, Mass at 9.30am.

IRREMORE CHURCH: Saturday 3rd May, Mass at 11.00am for Moss Galvin, Irremore.

ROSARY: During the month of May, the Rosary will take place each Tuesday night at 8pm at Our Lady's Grotto, Finuge. All are welcome.

DEATHS

Michael (Mike) Fuller, Clonpet, Tipperary Town and formerly of Glenoe. Sympathy to his wife Gerardine, daughters Majella, Emma, sisters Bess & Mary, brothers Sean, William, Gerry and all the extended Fuller family. May he rest in peace.

John Scanlon, Stoughton, Massachusetts, USA and formerly of Ahabeg, Lixnaw. Sympathy to his mother Ciss, brothers Liam, Martin, sister Mary and all the extended Scanlon family. May he rest in peace.

LIXNAW COMMUNITY GAMES

Athletics Evening: Last Friday Lixnaw Community Games held their annual Sports Evening in pleasant sunshine. Medals were awarded on the podium to the first three competitors crossing the finishing line. Tiny Tots and Under 6's also received medals, some taking their first run down the home straight. Children who won first and second place now proceed to the County Finals at the end of June. To conclude, the night finished with the traditional novelty events, consisting of egg and spoon races, sack races, and a tug o'war. Children went home happy with ice cream cones in hand.

Lixnaw Community Games would like to thank Brian Mannion for doing MC on the night. Brian always brings good fun to the event with his commentary and warm-up routines for the children. Thanks also to Niamh Mannion for her help in making sure Brian was briefed on all updates during the event. Also, thanks to Declan of 'It's My Party' who provided the much needed ice-cream and refreshments to the kids, as well as the parents. We would also like to thank the field management team at St. Senan's for allowing us the use of the pitch again this year. Thanks, are also due to Eamon McElligott and Tom Galvin who lined the pitch and to all our helpers on the night. We couldn't do it without you. Finally, thanks to all the parents and children who turned out for the event and supported Community Games in the parish. Mile buiochas.

Church-Gate Collection: Lixnaw Community Games would like to thank everyone who supported our Church-Gate Collection last weekend.

Upcoming Events: Entries are now being taken for Projects (U.11, U.13 and U.16), Skittles (U.12, U.14 and U.16) and Girls Gaelic Football (U.14). Please send your details (name, address, date of birth, preferred event and contact details) to lixnaw@communitygames.eu before the deadline of this Friday, 1st May. Participants must reside in Lixnaw Parish, and the cut-off date is 31st July for individual age groups. More information on these competitions can be found at www.cairncommunitygames.ie/team.

Long Puck: The annual Long Puck competition will take place at Lixnaw's Hermitage Park on Tuesday, 5th May, at 7pm. This competition is for Boys U.12 (over 10) and Girls U.14 (over 12). Admission: €2 per competitor.

Field Events: Any child interested in taking part in field events are asked to email the secretary at lixnaw@communitygames.eu as soon as possible. Field Events include: Ball Throw (U.12), Javelin (U.14), Long Jump (U.12 and U.14), High Jump (U.16), Shot Put (U.14) and Discus (U.16).

Track Event: Entries for Hurdles (U.10 and U.14) will also be taken. Experience in this event is necessary.

LIXNAW GAA

SPLIT THE BUCKET DRAW

Congratulations to Gus Horgan on winning €80 in the Split the Bucket Draw.

LIXNAW GAA

LIXNAW 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS: Lixnaw 50th Anniversary celebrations of our 1974 and 1976 winning minor championship teams will take place on Saturday 9th May. The intermediate winning championship team of 1974 will also be honoured on the night. Venue: Lixnaw Community Centre. Times: meet and greet at 6pm, function begins at 6.45pm.

Tickets €25 each. Tickets for the function are essential and are available from the following people: Patrick McMahon, Kay Conway and Foley's Shop. We look forward to welcoming everyone who wishes to attend.

LIXNAW CLUB LOTTO DRAW

Jackpot €18,250. Numbers drawn were 3, 4, 10, 30. No jackpot winner. €30 winners: Roisin Relihan, Adare (online); Billy Stack, Lixnaw; Jerry Buckley, Lixnaw. Next draw will be held on Monday 27th April by the Lixnaw GAA Club. Jackpot will be €18,300. Tickets are available 3 for €5. Visit <https://www.lottoraiser.ie/LixnawCC/> or from usual outlets. Many thanks to all who contribute to our weekly lotto.

ST SENAN'S GAA CLUB LOTTO DRAW

20/04/2026 Jackpot €2,100. Numbers drawn were 02, 03, 12, 32. No jackpot winner. €30 winners: Paul Twomey, Meabh Walsh, Halfway. €20 winners: Mary Hickey, Cleiveragh, Listowel, Aoife, Daragh, & Aodan Behan; Jerry Enright, Glenoe. Next week's Jackpot will be €2,200. Tickets €2 each or 3 for €5. Tickets are available at Kelly's Six Crosses, The Halfway Bar, Parker's Bar, Kilflyn, or play online.

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 April 21st are as follows: The numbers drawn were 7, 19, 21 and the Bonus Number was 6. There was no winner of the Lotto Jackpot of €14,700 or Match 3 prize of €400. The €20 consolation prize winners were Áine Corridan, Bushmount; Tom Enright, Ardoughter and Anne Marie Corridan, Creeveen. 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. Remember "If you are not in you can't win"

BALLYDUFF GAA

U14 football

Our Under 14 footballers played Round 2 of the County League at home to Currow. The lead changed many times with both teams having dominant spells. A late goal by Currow gave them a two point lead at the short whistle. Our boys dug deep and battled exceptionally well in the second half. In all areas of the field leaders drove Ballyduff to a battling one point victory. Ballyduff 2 – 10 Currow 3 – 6

Best of luck to Currow in the season ahead. Thank you to Eamon Moran for refing and the support that came out in big numbers

U10 Football:

A great start to the season for our U10 boys this evening, with a very strong performance against Beale

The teams played some excellent football throughout and took some quality scores. Credit to their hard work and teamwork

CHURCH NEWS:

Anniversaries: Eileen Griffin, Thomas O'Grady, Jim Thornton, Cork/Clash, Pat & Madge Thornton; Deceased members of the Leahy family, Sleaven & Essex.

Death: Norma Harrington, Listowel, sister of Catherine Goggin, Marian Terrace, Causeway.

Masses for the week:

Friday May 1st 10.00am: 1st Friday -

Saturday May 2nd 6.30pm: Mass in Causeway

Sunday May 3rd 11.00am: John Foran; Martin, James & Julia O'Sullivan; Eddie & Margaret Hussey; Martin Browne, Bridie Evans – requested by the Choir

Thursday April 30th 3.30pm: Confirmation in Causeway – No Adoration on the morning

Reader May 3rd: Mairead Enright

Eucharistic Ministers May 3rd : Catherine O'Driscoll/ Carmel Costello/ Helen Dowling

Mass Servers May 3rd: Elliott, Aodhán, Aaron

Divine Mercy Devotion: every Thursday in SS Peter's & Paul's Church

Eucharistic Adoration: Every Sunday in Ballyduff Church at 3.00pm

Follow our Facebook Page: For more information and announcements

Parish Office: Is open Tuesday to Friday weekly from 10.30am to 1:00pm. Please phone (066)7148404

Individual Confessions: First Saturday: Ballyduff 11.00am – 11.45am. Causeway 12.00noon to 12.45pm

Communion Calls: Will be done on the week commencing Monday May 4th

Masses Change: This weekend for May – Causeway

on Saturday at 6.30pm – Ballyduff on Sunday at 11am

Rosaries During May: Feans Grotto at 8.00pm – Lady's Walk Holy Well at 3.00pm – Monday to Friday Bishop Ray Invites All Prayer Group Leaders: Saturday May 9th 10.30am to 12.30pm in Killarney. To register please ring Deacon Thady O'Connor, on 087-2626187 or email: thadyoc1@gmail.com. Ballyduff NS Fundraiser: Clothes Collection on Tuesday May 5th. All bags can be dropped to the School from Mon 27th April

CHAIR EXERCISE CLASSES

Chair exercise classes with music takes place on each Thursday night at the Ballyduff Community Centre from 7pm to 8pm. There is a fee of €10.

BINGO

Bingo continues at the Community Centre, Ballyduff on each Friday night commencing at 8.00pm. All are welcome.

BUDS FRC

Wednesday: Life coaching with Margaret Gilbert from 10am-12pm

Thursday: Sewing class for kids from 3.30pm to 6.30pm

Friday: Men's Shed breakfast every Friday from 9am-12pm

Monday:

ADHD support group 10.00am to 11.00am; Active Retirement Group 2.00pm to 4.00pm; Joe Burkett theatre 5.00pm to 6.30pm; N.E.W.K.D craft circle Ballyduff from 7pm to 9pm

Tuesday:

Buds pantry surplus food for everyone 9.00am to 1.00pm; Parent and toddler group 10.00am to 12.00pm; Irish dancing 3.00pm to 4.00pm

CLOTHES COLLECTION

Ballyduff National School is holding a Clothes Collection Fundraiser on Tuesday next May 5th. We need your support to raise much needed funds. We accept all types of clothing, shoes, belts, bed linen, towels and curtains. NO duvets, pillows or soft toys please. All bags can be dropped to the school from now until collection day.

BRÚ COLUMBANUS

RING OF KERRY CHARITY CYCLE 2026

We are absolutely delighted to share that Brú Columbanus has once again been chosen as a Main Beneficiary of the Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle 2026! To be selected once is an honour. To be chosen three years running is truly incredible, and it's all thanks to the amazing community that stands behind us. REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW - so get ready to dust off the bike, gather your friends, and take on one of Ireland's most iconic cycles in support of Brú. More details on how to sign up and ride for us are coming very soon! Every kilometre cycled and every euro raised will help us grow our capacity, giving even more families a warm, supportive place to stay while their loved ones are in Cork hospitals. Together, we can make every mile matter.

Please spread the word - and thank you, as always, for being part of our journey. Did you know?

Many companies in Ireland offer match funding for charitable fundraising through platforms like Benevity - meaning your employer could match every euro you raise!

If you think your company might offer match funding, give us a call on 021 4345754 and we'll happily help you get it set up. It's a simple step that can double your impact.



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TARBERT

TARBERT NEWS

Contact: tarbertnews@outlook.com or telephone Patrick Lynch at 068/36117 on or before 7pm Sunday. Fan slán.

DEATH

The death took place of Frank Kelly, Carhoonakilla, Tarbert. Frank died at University Hospital Kerry, Tralee on Friday 17 April after a long illness. He was predeceased by his parents Paddy and Catherine, née Fitzell, sister Anne (Dee), nephew Garrett and niece Nicola. He reposed at St. Mary's Funeral Home, Tarbert on Sunday 19 April. Requiem Mass took place on Monday 20 April and was celebrated by Fr. John Buckley. His daughter Catriona recited the panegyric 'Ecclesiastes' to everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under the heaven - a time to be born and a time to die'. His son Pat spoke of his sense of humour and well being. He spoke of how after finishing at National School he joined his father in carrying out threshing for local farmers. He married Catherine Brosnan from Listowel and they had two daughters and one son. When they retired they both liked to travel which they did extensively. He had a keen interest in local history as had his father. St. Mary's Choir rendered hymns in Irish, English and Latin. Following recessionary prayers Frank Kelly was laid to rest beside his parents in Kilnaughtin cemetery.

Sympathy of the community to his wife Kathleen, his son Pat, daughters Catriona and Mary, brothers Patrick, William and Christopher, sister Mary, nephews, nieces, relatives and friends.

Sympathy also to the Griffin family Tarbert and the Leahy family, Cork on the recent death of Vivienne Griffin, Cork. Vivienne was the daughter in law of the late Gerald Griffin, St. Patrick's Terrace, Tarbert and Cork.

MAY ROSARY

Friday 1 May will see the start of the Rosary month of May at the Marian Shrine in the Square when the Rosary will be prayed at 7pm on 4 evenings, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday each week during the month of May. Everybody welcome to attend.

DARKNESS INTO LIGHT

Moyvane is one of seven locations in Kerry which is hosting the walk fundraiser for suicide and self harm prevention charity Pieta House on Saturday 9 May. Anybody from Tarbert or outlying areas wishing to participate is welcome to take part. The Walk will leave Moyvane Community Centre at 4.15am sharp and will be 5km in total and taking in local roads around Moyvane. Refreshments will be served in the Community Centre after the walk. Registration for the walk can be completed on line at www.darknessintolight.ie or on the night itself at the Community Centre. Registration prices are as follows- Adults 18+ €22, 13 to 17 year olds €5 each and under 13's are free. Local registrations (card and cash) on Friday 1st May from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm at Moyvane Village Hub and on Friday 8th May from 1 p.m to 5 p.m. at Moyvane Community Centre and on the day of the event from 3.15 a.m to 4.10 a.m at the Community Centre. Tee shirts will be available for €8.50 while stocks last. Further information from Pat Kissane of the organising committee.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS

A recent visitor to St. Mary's Church commented on how impressed she was with the large artwork painting of the Risen Christ and the Easter Garden in the Sanctuary. So well done Alan Higgins, artist and Sacristan James Lavery

CLOTHES COLLECTION

The Shannonside Women's Group are holding a Clothes Collection on Tuesday 12 May from 8am to 10.30am in the Church Car Park in aid of Tarbert GAA Club redevelopment of Facilities. Bags can be dropped off to Tarbert Community Centre on Monday 11th. May from 6pm to 7pm. Your support would be appreciated. An aspiring poet has penned the following 'Give away old clothes and the GAA grows'.

COFFEE MORNING

There will be a Coffee morning and Woodland Walk from the Bridewell on Saturday 2 May. The coffee morning is from 11am to 2 pm. All proceeds go to Recovery Haven Cancer Support House.

GAA FACILITIES

Tarbert Gaa have taken possession of their new Clubhouse from builder Padraig Long and are very satisfied with the new modern facilities. They now have two changing/dressing rooms for the home team and visiting teams, facilities for the referee and his assistants, meeting rooms, showers and toilet facilities in a very impressive building with car parking facilities. Congratulations and well done to everybody concerned and they look forward to continued support and funding. The Buy a Brick scheme is still open for support to help pay off the debt and every bit of financial help would be appreciated. There will be an official opening of the facility in the near future.

BALLYLONGFORD

BALLYLONGFORD PLAYGROUND

Don't forget that the official opening of the Ballylongford Playground & Park Area will take place on Saturday 2nd May at 3:30pm. All Welcome.

LENAMORE NATIONAL SCHOOL

The school has received enquiries recently about enrolments for September 2026, with some parents unable to attend the scheduled open days that have taken place due to clashing commitments. Please reach out to the school via Facebook, Instagram, or email the school directly on info@lenamoreskerry.ie, if you would like to arrange a time and date to visit the school and meet the staff.

DARKNESS INTO LIGHT MOYVANE

Darkness Into Light Moyvane returns for the second time on Saturday 9th May.

The walk will leave Moyvane Community centre at 4:15am sharp and will follow an extended 5km route around the village. Refreshments will be served after the walk at Moyvane Community Centre, all are welcome.

You can register in the following ways:

Online (card only) at www.darknessintolight.ie

Local registrations (Card and cash):

- Friday 1st May from 9:30am to 12:30pm at Moyvane Village Hub

- Friday 8th May from 1pm to 5pm at Moyvane Community Centre

- Saturday 9th May from 3:15am to 4:10am at Moyvane Community Centre.

Prices for registration are as follows.

Adults 18+ is €22 | 13 to 17 years old is €5

Under 13's are free

T-Shirts priced at €8.50 will be available while stocks last.

T-shirts can also be purchased at any Sherry Fitzgerald office.

If you re-use t-shirts from previous years or wear something yellow it would be a great way to reduce waste. You can guarantee a new T-Shirt by registering online up until end of April.

As always we are on the lookout for volunteers, if you can help do contact any committee member or email moyvane@darknessintolight.ie

BALLYLONGFORD GAA

Senior County League Round 5

Milltown -Castlemaine 0-6 ,Ballylongford 2-14.

(See sports pages for match report)

Ballylongford GAA –Fundraising Drive!

Exciting times are ahead at Ballylongford GAA as we prepare for the next stage in upgrading O'Rahilly Park! Phase One of our Development Plan is set to kick off in Q3 2026, bringing:

A brand new skills area | A fully equipped gym facility

To make this happen, we're launching our Fundraising Drive – and we're calling on our community at home and abroad to get involved.

Business Owners – Here's Your Chance! We're offering advertising space on our new pitch-side fencing.

For €1,000, you can:

Showcase your business/workplace with a branded sign

Gain visibility in the heart of the community

Support the future of Ballylongford GAA

Your sign will be displayed for 6 years – a great opportunity to promote your brand while backing your club!

Interested? Get in touch with Paudie Moroney (Club Secretary) on: Telephone: 087-7534391

Email- secretary.ballylongford.kerry@gaa.ie

Jim O'Carroll on 087-1177818

Email- jim59ocarrall@hotmail.com

Not advertising? You can still help!

Every contribution, big or small, makes a difference. If you'd like to donate:

Contact Paudie/Jim or the page for details

Or donate directly via the club bank account:

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Please use a relevant reference when transferring to the club account! Together, we can build a stronger future for our club and community. Please share and spread the word!

MOVE WITH MARTINA

Martina is back at the Parish Hall with her chair-based exercise and balance classes. She provides a workout to suit every ability. The classes will improve your physical and mental well-being, as well as reducing your risk of falls. Come and enjoy some light exercise with Martina, who is a fully qualified instructor.

Classes are at the Parish Hall every Wednesday, from 7.30pm-8.30pm. Book now on 087 797 3688.

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.

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.

BALLYLONGFORD NOTES

The notes are entirely free to use for all and are for the benefit of the community to highlight notices, events, services, etc.

If you would like to include something in our weekly notes, please email ballylongfordnotes@gmail.com or phone/WhatsApp 087 930 8223. If you have trouble with electronic submissions, please call me on the above number.

Please Note: Deadline for submission is 8pm on Sunday



Congratulations to this fantastic ballad group who were crowned County Champions in the U16 Group Singing category at the Kerry Community Games Cultural Events Competition in Foilmore on Sunday.

They will now go on to represent Kerry at the National Finals. Pictured: Tommy Bambury, Orlaith Frizelle, Siobhán Lynch, Niamh O Halloran Ahern and Tomás Lynch.



Miriam O'Brien Memorial Walk **IN AID NANO NAGLE SCHOOL**



NANO NAGLE SCHOOL

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**BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY
4TH MAY 2026**

GATHER AT CHRISTY'S @ 1.30PM

STARTS AT: 2PM SHARP

**LOCATION: LIMERICK / KERRY
GREENWAY**

Refreshments provided along the route.



POST-WALK CELEBRATIONS AT CHRISTY'S
Enjoy music, delicious food & the chance to mingle.



SCAN ME



KILFLYNN

HOLY WELL MASS

The Annual Mass will be celebrated at Tobar Flainn, Kilflynn on Thursday evening 30th April at 7 p.m. (weather permitting). May is a special month dedicated to Our Lady – we begin the month with this special celebration at the Well.

CLOTHING DRIVE

St. Teresa's National School, Kilflynn are holding a clothing recycling drive fundraising.

Please donate all your clean unwanted clothes, shoes, bed linen, curtains, towels, bags, belts and soft toys. Please Donate only clean dry and rewardable clothing as we cannot accept wet, dirty or damaged clothing or goods. No Duvels. Drop your bags at the Crotta Hurling Clubhouse, Dromakee, Kilflynn (Eircode V92 NW92) between 7:00 a.m.m to 10.00p.m. 7 days a week. The new collection date is Monday 13th April to Monday 11th May. This clothes drive raises much needed funds to cover the shortfall in Departmental grants, your support will be greatly appreciated. Please spread the word to your family and friends

Thank you for your support and taking the time and effort to support our fundraising drive.

CROTTA LOTTO RESULTS

Parker's Pub in Kilflynn was the venue for the Crotta Hurling Club's weekly lotto draw on Monday 27th April. The four numbers drawn from the drum by the independent observer, Graham Harris, Clounsillagh, Lixnaw were 8, 22, 25, and 26. No one won the €7,300 Jackpot.

Congratulations to the following who won €35 in the lucky dip draw: Mai, Brian, Patrick and Dee, C/o Parker's Pub, Kilflynn Lixnaw, Noelle Heaton, Irrebeg, Lixnaw and Kevin and Cal, C/o Herbert's Bar, Kilflynn

The next draw will take place in Herbert's Bar, Kilflynn on Monday, 4th May at 10:30p.m with a €7,400 Jackpot.

Tickets are available: 3 for €5 online at www.crottagaa.club or this link: <https://tinyurl.com/crotta-club-lotto> 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 overemphasize the importance of our members promoting the Club Lotto among family, friends, and work colleagues. Your continued support is greatly appreciated

CROTTA LEISURE CYCLISTS

The group meets at Crotta Cross at 6:30pm every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. —so no excuses!

CROTTA GAA

On behalf of Crotta Hurling Club we convey our sincere and heartfelt sympathy to the Fuller family on the sad passing of Mike Fuller, Clonpet, Tipperary Town & formerly of Glenoe, Listowel. Mike was a former player with the club Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam

County Senior Hurling League
Division 2 Round 2 result
On Tuesday, 21st April, at the sports field, Dromakee
Crotta O'Neill's 2-23 Lady's Walk 2-11

Lee Strand Kerry Coiste na nÓg U14 Hurling League
Round 2 Friday, 24 April in the sports field, Dromakee
Division 2 -
Crotta O'Neill's 3-13 Kenmare/Kilgarvan 2-12

Lee Strand Kerry Coiste na nÓg U16 Hurling Leagues
Round 2 - Sunday, 3 May, 11.00am
Division 1 - Crotta O'Neill's v Ballyheue

The 2026 Leinster Minor Hurling Peadar O'Liathain Cup Round 2 took place in Park Ratheniska GAA, Laois on Sat 25th April. Full time score: Kerry: 3-16 -v- Meath: 2-17
Well done to the Kerry minor hurlers, especially the Crotta players Matt Cronin (Corner Back), Stephen Shanahan (Left Corner Forward), Paddy Cronin (Right Corner Forward), Darren McElligott, Fionn Hannon and Aiden Beirne and their mentors.

Christy Ring Cup Rd.3
In Ballyforan on Saturday 25th April
Full time: Kerry 4.22 to Roscommon 1.18.
Well done to everyone involved in the victory, especially our own Sean McGrath who played at full back.

Kerry's TG4 Ladies Munster Senior Football Championship campaign started with a defeat.
They lost to Waterford by 0-17 to 2-9 in Austin Stack Park, Tralee. Kerry led by 2-6 to 0-7 at halftime. Niamh Quinn, from Crotta, came on as a substitute in the second half.

Kerry is through to the Munster Senior Football Championship final. They defeated Clare in the last four by 2-19 to 1-14 in front of a crowd of 5,526. At halftime, the score was Kerry 0-13 to Clare 1-6. Cillian Trant made his Championship debut at wing forward. The final will be in Killarney at 1:45pm on Sunday 10th May.

A massive congratulations and well done to St. Teresa's National School, Kilflynn 6th Class pupil Tom Reilhan, who lined out for Kerry in the Primary Game at halftime during the Kerry v Clare Munster Senior Football Semi final on Saturday, April 25th in Cusack Park, Ennis. Tom plays his club football for Na Gaeil Football Club, Tralee.

No doubt it won't be the last time we see him in the green & gold.

The Kerry hurlers received a walkover from Down in the 2026 Leinster U20 Hurling Championship Tier 2 Round 3. The game was scheduled to be played

in the Laois Centre of Excellence on Saturday 25th April. Kerry plays Antrim next weekend. We wish the Crotta players Dara Nolan, Cillian Hurlley, Oisín Heaton, Evan O'Sullivan, Ryan Hurlley and Alex Reilhan, their teammates, and Manager Jerome O'Sullivan and his backroom team the best of luck.

Munster LGFA Senior B Championship Round 2 at Páirc Uí Rinn on Saturday 25th April full time Cork 2-18 to Kerry 2-05. Ada Reilhan, Cappa was a member of the Kerry panel

MOYVANE

Contact: moyvanenotes@gmail.com

BLOTTO

There was no winner of last Thursday night's Jackpot. Numbers drawn were 2 8 16 23. Lucky Dips: €100: Katie O'Leary, Causeway. €50: Marie Flavin, Woodview, Cahirdown, Listowel. €20 each: Des O'Brien, Shanagolden. Dolores Sugrue, O'Connell's Avenue, Listowel. Angela Moroney, Listowel. Joan Allen, Ballyhorgan, Ballyduff. Mary Brosnan, Derry, Listowel. Free Tickets: Caroline Brennan, Tarbert. John Shanahan. Helen Smith, Athea. Oisín & Cian Woods, Listowel. Bernie Curtin, c/o Caroline Maune. Next draw will be held this Thursday night, April 30 at Bingo in The Marian Hall. Jackpot: €15,000. Bingo starts at 8.00pm.

SPIN THE WHEEL

Congratulations to Ann Quinlan, Ballyduff who spun the wheel and won €600 last week. The minimum you can win on the wheel is €300 and the top prize is €2,000.

SPLIT THE BUCKET

It is split the bucket week again. Chloe Coffey, Moyvane Bingo won €310 in the last draw. 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. Newtownsandnes 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. Next draw will be held at Bingo Thursday, May 07.

DARKNESS INTO LIGHT

Moyvane returns for the second time Saturday, May 09. The walk will leave Moyvane Community centre at 4:15am sharp and will follow an extended 5km route around the village. Refreshments served after the walk at Moyvane Community Centre, all welcome. You can register in the following ways; Online (card only) at www.darknessintolight.ie or Local registrations (Card and cash): Friday, May 01 9:30am-12:30pm at Moyvane Village Hub - Friday, May 08 from 1.00pm-5.00pm at Moyvane Community Centre - Saturday May 09 from 3:15am-4:10am at Moyvane Community Centre. Prices for registration; Adults 18+ €22, 13-17 years old is €5.00. Under 13's free. T-Shirts €8.50 available while stocks last and can also be purchased at any Sherry Fitzgerald office. Re-use t-shirts from previous years or wear something yellow to reduce waste. You can guarantee a new T-shirt by registering online until the end of April. As always we are on the lookout for volunteers, if you can help do contact any committee member or email moyvane@darknessintolight.ie

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Murhur National School, Moyvane are holding a "Cash for Clothes" Fundraiser for the school. Please drop your unwanted clothing to Moyvane Community Centre on Saturday, April 24 from 10.00am to 4.00pm, Friday, May 01 from 6.00pm to 8.00pm, Wednesday, May 06 from 10.00am to 11.00am. Please note no bedding, cushions or curtains accepted. Thank you for your support.

MOYVANE GAA

LOTTO: 19/04/2026. Numbers Drawn: 13, 21, 22, 30
No Winner. Lucky Dips: Eileen & Tom Haugh - Tarmons. Ronan Kearney - Online Franko Galvin - Baurgougeen. Donncha Moloney - Online. Noreen O'Connell - Ahalahanna. Next Week's Jackpot: €8,100. Next Week's Draw: 26/4/2026 8:30pm at Speedy's Bar.

LENAMORE NATIONAL SCHOOL

The school has received enquiries recently about enrolments for September 2026, with some parents unable to attend the scheduled open days that have taken place due to clashing commitments. Please reach out to the school via Facebook, Instagram, or email the school directly on info@lenamorenokerry.ie, if you would like to arrange a time and date to visit the school and meet the staff.

MOYVANE PARISH GRAVEYARD MASSES 2026

Monday, August 03 at 8.00pm in Ahavoher Cemetery. Tuesday, August 04 at 8.00pm in Knockanure Old Cemetery. Wednesday, August 05 at 8.00pm in Murhur Cemetery.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MOYVANE
Thursday, April 23 Mass at 7.00pm.
Saturday, April 25 Mass at 7.30pm for the following: Anniversaries of Con & John Carmody and deceased members of the Carmody family. Anniversaries of Maureen & Tom Foley and deceased members of the Foley family. "Do this in memory of me Mass".

KNOCKANURE:

Friday, April 24 Anniversary Mass at 7.00pm for Lawrence, Ellen & Maurice Collins, Lisaniskea.
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Listowel Celtic U14 Girls who played last Tuesday night in the U14 Cup



Emmets ladies U8s being put through their paces by their coaches, senior players Nora Keane and Cliona Pierce



Listowel girls Aisling O'Connor and Orla Lyons at Stage 1 of the All Ireland U14 Championship in Athlone. Kerry beat Sligo, Down and Laois. Great going girls!



Mary B. Curtin presenting a trophy to Kevin O'Connor after Mossie Mayhem was a winner at the Murhur National School Moyvane Fundraiser at Tralee Track on Saturday night. Also included are members of the O'Connor family with Amanda Loughnane and school students. Photo Moss Joe Browne



Enjoying having a get-together during Milltown Horse Fair on Sunday were Maurice Brosnahan, Brosna, John Bosco McMahon, Lisselton, David Curtin, Knocknagoshel and Mary Donegan, Causeway. Photo Moss Joe Browne



Ballybunion Men's Shed Front L-R: Christy Moriarty, Philly Hornyak Person of the Year at Shed Award, Francis Bennett Manager, Matty McMahon receives photo for 10 Years of Service at the Shed, Eamon Kissane. Back: Mike Dowling, Liam O' Donoghue, John Lyons, Jim Coffey & Mikey Hurley



Christy Walsh presenting a cheque to Kerry Parents and Friends Listowel branch - proceeds from The Pre-Cheltenham night. This money helped to purchase a bus for Green Thumbs Up social enterprise. Well done to all involved



Congratulations to Listowel Celtic U10 Boys who graduated from our academy last Sunday morning



Well done to Listowel Community Games' Dara who participated in the boys U16 music competition and came joint 4th at the Kerry Community Games Cultural Events finals in Foilmore last Sunday

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Draw 27/04/26 - Numbers Drawn 9-10-14-25

Jackpot not won - Lucky Dip Winners

€40 Declan O'Connell, Clieveragh
 €20 Louis McElligott, Killarney
 €20 Larry Donovan, Clieveragh
 €20 James Barry
 €20 Maria Guiney, Ashfield
 Next Draw Tues 05/05/26 at Cons - Jackpot €2,850

LISTOWEL EMMETS

The 41 Card game organised by Emmets GAA Club continues every Monday night in the Clubhouse at Frank Sheehy Park, Listowel.

Jackpot of €230 for 11 games in week 32 next Monday evening. Starting time remains at 8.30 sharp and all are welcome.

Winners from Week 30:

1st Shared: Mike Dowling and Tom Sullivan;
 Toddy Toss O'Connor and Danno Fitzmaurice.

Table Prizes: Seán Egan and Pat Shaughnessy; John Joe Flavin and Mike Cox; Seán Galvin and John McNamara; Maurice Walsh and Kathleen Kelliher

Winners from Week 31:

1st: Frank and Liz Reidy
 2nd: Margaret Scannell and Jane Sullivan.

Table Prizes: Seán Egan and Pat Shaughnessy; Eamon Kennelly and Jimmy Buckley; Mike Dowling and Tom Sullivan; Seán Healy and Mike Donoghue.

Coiste na nÓg
 Saturday Morning Club

Our popular Saturday Morning Club continues to thrive, with ABC and U8s training each Saturday at 10.30am in Frank Sheehy Park. These sessions are full of energy and fun, and new players are always very welcome to come along and join in. U8s welcome Beale to Frank Sheehy Park on Wednesday evening 29th April where they will showcase all their new skills.

The U10s train every Wednesday evening at 6.30pm in the Boys School Field, and it's been great to see new faces joining each week. The boys have begun their Go Games matches and are thoroughly enjoying their football, showing great enthusiasm and skills week on week. Their next game will take place away on Wednesday 6th May when they play Ballyduff.

The U12 teams are well into the opening phase of their County League campaign, with huge progress evident at every outing. Training continues each Thursday at 6.30pm in the Boys School Field, with league matches taking place on Sunday evenings. This Sunday evening, they travel to play Tarbert/Ballylongford. The commitment and development of this group has been excellent. Our U14s are well into their County League competitions with the A team competing extremely well in Division 1. Huge credit to the B team who are also doing exceptionally well. Both teams have their sights firmly set on reaching the semi-finals as the final round of games gets underway this week. Both Teams play Austin Stacks away on Tuesday night 28th April. Training continues each Thursday and Sunday.

The U16s are training hard twice weekly and have been performing well in the North Kerry League, with the A team qualifying for the North Kerry League Final where they will face Duagh. The final is fixed for Thursday, 7th May in Finuge. The B team make the Journey to Brosna on Wednesday 29th to play Knock/Brosna, Kick Off at 6.45pm

Well done to all our players involved with Kerry teams and Kerry Development Squads, great to see all your hard work paying off.

Congratulations to all our players who are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this week, we hope you have a wonderful day.

For all the latest club news, fixtures and updates, download the ClubZap app and follow Listowel Emmets.

LISTOWEL EMMETS LADIES

New Members:

New members of all ages are always very welcome — whether you're new to football or returning to the game.

Training times are as follows;

- U8: Saturday mornings 10.30-11.30am in Frank Sheehy Park, Listowel
 - U10: Thursdays 5.00-6.00pm in The Boys School Field
 - U12: Mondays 7-8pm in St Michael's Grass Pitch
 - U14: Mondays & Wednesdays 6-7.30pm in the Cows Lawn
 - U16: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 6-7.30pm in the Cows Lawn
 - Minor & Senior: Wednesdays & Fridays 7pm, Sundays 10.30am (if no matches) in the Cows Lawn.

For more information, please contact Senior Manager and Chairman Mark on 087 719 4276, or speak to anyone involved with Listowel Emmets Ladies.

Fixtures:

Senior Development League

Listowel Emmets B vs. Na Gaeil B
 Friday 1st May, 7pm - Na Gaeil GAA, Tralee

Senior County League

Listowel Emmets vs. Kilcummin
 Sunday 3rd May, 12pm - Frank Sheehy Park, Listowel

U16 North Kerry Division 2 Final

Listowel Emmets vs. Churchill
 Monday 4th May, 7pm - Churchill GAA, Tralee

Results:

U16 North Kerry League - Emmets vs Rahillys

We got off to a flying start with Evanne Mason opening the scoring after some excellent build-up play from Aoise Kennelly, Emma O'Rahilly and Daisy O'Donnell. Aideen Duffy then won a great ball and setting up another point for Evanne before adding a goal of her own following Rahillys kickout won by Emma. The exact same thing happened again with Emma winning another kickout and laying it off to Aideen for another goal.

Strong defensive work from Katie Toomey and Charlee Ann Duffy helped turn over possession, allowing Aoise to get her first point. Aoibhinn McNamara Moore, Aoise, Evanne and Una Dillane kept the scoreboard ticking with goals and points, while Rahillys added a goal and a point at the other end. Midfielders Lily O'Flynn and Aideen did some great fielding, linking up brilliantly to see Lily get a point and Aideen complete her hat-trick of goals.

The second half started just as strong, with early points from Aoibhinn and Evanne, followed by a fine score off Daisy's left. Niamh Loughnane was outstanding at full-back, winning a huge amount of ball, which led to another goal finished by Aoise. Rahillys pushed hard in the closing stages with some excellent scores, but the girls stayed composed to see out a well-deserved win.

Full-time: Emmets 6-14 | Rahillys 3-5
 Scorers: Evanne 1-4, Aideen 3-1, Aoise 1-3, Aoibhinn 1-2, Lily 0-2, Una 0-1, Daisy 0-1

Senior County League - Emmets vs. MKL B

MKL opened the scoring with an early point before Caoimhe O'Sullivan responded with a strong run through the centre to split the posts. MKL then struck for a goal, sending a high ball in that was batted into the net.

Emmets replied immediately, with Éire O'Hanlon working the ball up the field where Emilie Browne finished clinically to the net. Hannah Healy worked hard winning turnovers and driving the team forward, which led to Daisy Walsh firing home an excellent goal. Great defending was displayed from our tight and tigerish full-back line of Nora Keane, Aoife Shine and Aoife Sweeney to keep the ship steady.

MKL added on a point, but great interplay between Laura Foley and Sinéad Lyons who then delivered a superb kick pass to set up Caoimhe O'Sullivan to add another point. Emma Cotter then got off the mark with two points but MKL responded with three points in succession before Emma added another just before the break.

In the second half, Daisy Walsh and Laura Foley both raised white flags, but MKL retaliated by scoring 1-3 without reply due to a series of misplaced passes from Listowel allowing MKL to edge one point ahead by the 58th minute.

But the girls showed composure and experience, with standout Emma Cotter stepping up to convert a crucial free to level the game. She wasn't finished there—linking up brilliantly with Laura Foley before burying the ball in the back of the net to put Emmets back in front. Sinéad capped off the win by adding the final point, sealing a hard-earned 4 point victory.

Special mention goes to our minor girls making their senior debuts—Caoimhe McNamara Moore, Holly Ryan and in particular Sinéad Lyons—whose work rate and impact was outstanding as she covered every blade of grass.
 Full Time: Emmets 3-9 | MKL 2-8
 Scorers: Caoimhe 0-2, Emilie 1-0, Daisy 1-1, Emma 1-4, Laura 0-1, Sinéad 0-1

Groove & Bingo Fundraiser:

What a fantastic night we had at our fundraiser in the Arms Hotel. It was a roaring success!

A huge thank you to everyone who came along, supported, and took part on the night. Congratulations as well to our lucky Bingo winner Jennifer Kelly who walked away with the €500 prize!

We're incredibly grateful to all the local businesses who generously supported the fundraiser — your kindness does not go unnoticed. And to everyone who bought a raffle ticket over the past few weeks, thank you so much. Your support means a great deal to us and helps continue to grow opportunities for women and girls in sport in Listowel.

LISTOWEL COMMUNITY GAMES

Congratulations to the Listowel Community Games girls U15 badminton team who won gold in Munster last Saturday.

Great performance from the girls as they overcame some hard fought battles on the day. It was a great achievement and we are so proud of the whole team. All those hours of practice have paid off.

Well done to Alexia, Margaret, Emily, Freya, Nadia, Anna and coach Roly Chute who now go on to represent Kerry in the National Finals.

Thanks to all the parents for your support and thanks to the event organisers and volunteers for a well run event.

Well done to our three participants who competed in the Kerry Community Games Cultural Events finals last Sunday in Foilmore.

Well done Janina who participated in the girls U16 singing competition. Well done Dara who participated in the boys U16 music and came joint 4th. Well done to Nicole who participated in the girls U13 singing. Everyone gave it their all. We hope you enjoyed the experience and had fun. Thank you to all the parents for their support and to all the volunteers and organisers for a great day.

Thank's to everyone for their contributions last Saturday and Sunday at our annual church gate collection. All support is greatly appreciated.

Well done to everyone who participated in our Athletics event last Monday evening. It was a great success with a massive turnout. Thanks to all the parents for their support and thanks to all the volunteers who helped out on the night. Keep an eye out on our facebook page for photos from the evening.

BEALE GAA

The sun shone brightly in Páirc de Staic on Sunday as both our senior lads and u14 girls recorded well-earned wins. Our senior lads continued the fine run of form with another impressive victory. One could not afford to blink in this high-intensity North Kerry clash with Moyvane in round 5 of the County League, Division 4.

Very little separated the teams throughout. We trailed by the bare minimum at the short whistle, 0.6 to 0.7, and took the lead on the changeover with two well-taken points. The sides were level going into the final quarter and again in the closing minutes. Our opponents would come to rue some missed chances as we snatched the game-clincher. With the clock ticking, we found the net. Victory was ours on a scoreline of 1.13 to 0.13.

Played with control and purpose throughout, it's a result that keeps us firmly on track. With the lads showing great composure and teamwork, confidence is clearly high in the camp. Five wins on the bounce see us sitting proudly at the top of the table. All roads now lead to Renard over the May Bank Holiday weekend for a top-of-the-table clash. Both sides go into the game unbeaten, on 10 points apiece, setting the scene for a huge battle with plenty at stake. It promises to be a real cracker and one not to be missed. The game is scheduled for 2 o'clock on Sunday.

Earlier on Sunday, Beale u14 girls set the winning tone. The girls put in a solid team performance to secure a win over Ballymac in Phase 1 of the County League. A great display of teamwork gave us a 3.17 to 4.8 victory. This win gives the team great confidence going forward.

Beale minor lads are through to the semi-final of the North Kerry League, Division 1, following a well-earned win over Duagh on Monday. Holding a commanding lead at half-time, our opponents responded strongly after the restart and had it back to a goal within five minutes. However, our lads never relinquished control and pushed on again to run out deserving winners on a scoreline of 4.10 to 2.11. We now face Emmets in the semi-final.

More good news on the underage scene. Our u16 lads are through to the North Kerry League final after a gripping semi-final win over St. Senans in perfect weather conditions on Thursday evening. It was a fierce, high-intensity contest throughout, with both sides trading scores. A penalty miss at either end added to the drama, but our lads reacted quickest to take the rebound and keep momentum. Even reduced to 14, Senans fought hard and kept the pressure on. Level at full-time, extra time was needed, and our lads showed real character, digging deep, despite tiring legs, to drive on and seal the win. The final score, read: Beale 6.07, St. Senans 3.13 - a well-earned victory that sets up a final clash with Moyvane.

The week rounded off on a high note on Sunday evening, as our u12s had a super Go Games evening in Mountacool with St Senans, with great skill, effort, and enthusiasm on show from all involved.

The week ahead!

Beale u8s travel to Listowel on Wednesday for the next Go Games, at 7 o'clock. Beale u14B boys welcome Glenbeigh/Glenclar/Cromane B to Asdee GAA pitch, in the County League, Division 15A, round 5, on Thursday at 7 o'clock. Beale u16 girls play Ballyduff on Thursday at 8 o'clock in Ballyduff, in the North Kerry League, Division 4A. Beale Ladies host Knock/Brosna to Páirc de Staic on Friday in the County League, Division 3. Throw in is at 7 o'clock.

Mol an óige agus tiocfaidh sí! - this phrase certainly holds true in Páirc de Staic on Saturday mornings. The pitch is absolutely buzzing as our underage academy springs to life, with energy and excitement in every corner. Huge numbers of boys and girls, from u5 right up to u10, are out in force each week, honing their skills and building confidence under the watchful eye of dedicated coaches and volunteers. The emphasis is firmly on fun, friendship and learning the game. It's clear for all to see that the football is flowing, and the smiles say it all. It's fantastic to witness such a vibrant group coming through, enjoying their football and creating lasting memories together along the way.

New players are always more than welcome, and no previous experience is needed. We understand taking that first step into a team environment can feel a little daunting for some children, but rest assured, we're here to help. If your child is feeling unsure, please don't hesitate to get in touch - we'll be only too happy to support them and make their introduction to the game as enjoyable and comfortable as possible.

Best of luck to Brian Dinneen, lining out in goals for Aughinish Alumina on Thursday evening in the the All-Ireland Intermediate Inter-Firms semi-final against Roscommon Garda. Congratulations to Odhran Buckley selected on the Kerry Minor panel. Kerry minors begin their Munster Championship campaign against Waterford in Lemybrien on Monday evening. Best of luck to Odhran, teammates and management. Congrats too to Emer O'Sullivan on making the Primary Games team and played at half-time in the Kerry v Clare match in Ennis on Saturday.

The Lotto draw took place in The Exchange on Sunday night. Numbers were: 11, 12, 17 and 32.

There was no jackpot winner and Match-3 winner, won €50: (Online) Brian Griffin, Boston, and Edward Falvey. 6 Free Tickets: Joyce Madden

Check out the winning Beale Lotto numbers and prize details each week in the local newspapers, on our social media platforms or in designated outlets. Next week's draw will take place in Mikey Joe's, with a jackpot of €4,500

BALLYBUNION GOLF CLUB

Men's Intermediate Scratch Cup Handicap Index 9.7 – 17.5 Sponsored by MCG Financial Services Ltd – Sunday 26th April 2026 Old Course

1st	David Duhig(13) Shannon Golf Club	77
2nd	David McCabe(14) The Heritage	78
3rd	Jim O Flynn(13)	79
4th	Mr Damien Adams(13) Arklow	79
5th	Liam Galvin (17)	80
6th	John Hickie (16)	81

Nett Prize

1st	John Kennelly(18)	67 (B9 29)
2nd	Joe Costello (20)	67 (B9 31)

Fixtures: Captain's Charity Day Mr Frank Dore – Sun 3rd May Old & Cashen

Ladies Tuesday Competition – Tuesday 21st April – Old Course 18 Hole Competition

1st	Anne Marie Sexton (22)	36 pts
2nd	Nora Quaid (16)	35 pts
3rd	Ann Kennelly (20)	33 pts

9 Hole Competition

1st	Sighle Henigan (16)	16pts
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Ladies GOLF 2 Medal 1 Competition Sponsored by Sexton's Menswear Listowel – Saturday 25th April Old Course

1st	Noirin Hitchen(12)	66 Nett
2nd	J OConnell(11)	67 Nett
Best Gross	Margaret McAuliffe(6)	75 Nett

Division 1

1st	Josephine Larkin(16)	70 Nett
2nd	Susan Gilmore Kettler(10)	74 Nett (BK9 – 30)

Division 2

1st	Anne Marie Healy(21)	70 Nett
2nd	Louise Griffin(21)	71 Nett

Division 3

1st	Caroline Griffin(26)	71 Nett
2nd	Ann Laverty(29)	72 Nett

Division 4

1st	Patricia Barrett(35)	78 Nett
Seniors	Lorraine Cauty (13)	74 Nett (Bk6 23.6)
Vintage	Mgt. McAuliffe (28)	76 Nett

9 Hole

1st	Niamh Kennelly(18)	23 pts
2nd	Patsy Lydon(24)	20 pts

Fixtures:

Ladies Voucher Competition GOLF – Saturday 2nd May Old Course

Ladies Open Day Team of 4 Sponsored by Garvey's Supervalu Listowel -Monday 4th May Old Course

Ladies Tuesday Competition – Tuesday 5th May Cashen Course

Senior Men's Competition - Thursday 23rd April Cashen Course

1st.	Eoin O'Shaughnessy (8)	2pts. B6-17.
2nd.	Michael Barrett(9)	22pts B6-15.
3rd.	Tom Quilter (14)	21pts. B6-15.
Gross.	Michael K Barrett	15pts.
4th.	John Sexton (9)	21pts. B6-14.
5th.	Michael P.Donegan (8)	20pts. B6-12.
V.	Michael (BB)Sugrue(8)	17pts. B614.
S.V.	Fin Broderick (13)	17pts. B6-14.
S.S.V.	Eamonn Condon(10)	16pts. B6-11

Senior Ladies 9 Hole Competition – Friday 24th April Cashen Course

1st	Toni Quilter (9)	21 pts
2nd	Margaret Scannell (13)	19 pts
3rd	Annemarie Healy (9)	18 pts

Fixtures: Senior Ladies 9 Hole Competition – Friday 1st May Cashen Course

BALLYDONOGHUE GAA

Lotto Draw results: The numbers drawn for Friday 24th April 2026, were as follows, 3, 15, 22, 31. The Jackpot was €5,100 and there was no Jackpot winner.

The following won 30 euro lucky dips:

Michelle Dillon - Online | Liz Kennelly - Online.
Christina Power - Dromerin. | Kissane Keane - Kilelton.
Frankie Sweeney c/o Martin Sheehy.

The following won three free tickets:

Eilish Flanagan - Online. Nix Riordan. John & Kate Mc Grath.

Next Jackpot will be €5,200 and it will take place at the usual day and time Friday 1st May 2026, will be held in the Coolard Clubhouse, at 9p.m.

Results: County League Division 3

Round 5: St Senan's 1-13 -v- Ballydonoghue 0-16

Fixtures: County League Division 7B Round 6

Ballydonoghue B v Austin Stacks C

Friday 1st May - Venue - Connolly Park @ 7.30pm

County League Division 3 - Round 6

Ballydonoghue v Annascaul

Sunday 3rd May - Venue - Coolard @ 2pm

Coffee Morning: Ballydonoghue GAA will host our yearly coffee morning on Monday 4th of May in the clubhouse in Coolard from 11am to 1pm.

The charity chosen this year is Kerry Cancer support group and health link transport, in memory of Eleanor Allen Foley. Everyone Welcome.

Croke Park: A great day was had Croke Park last weekend, our U10 girls done themselves and their club proud. Thanks to the Parents and Coaches, to Flavins Bus Hire and to Ed Moloney & Family for Sponsoring the jerseys.

Internfirm All Ireland Final: Ballydonoghue Gaa would like to wish Darren O' Connor the very best of luck in the Internfirm All Ireland Intermediate Football Final against the Roscommon Garda this Thursday evening 30th April in Rhebogue Limerick @ 7.15pm.

Condolences and deepest Sympathy:

Ballydonoghue Gaa wish to extend deepest sympathy to all family of Timmy Dalton, Glouria. May he Rest in peace.

BALLYLONGFORD GAA

Senior County League Round 5

Milltown -Castlemaine 0-6, Ballylongford 2-14. It's 5 from 5 in the county league for our boys with this comprehensive win over Milltown Castlemaine in Milltown on Sun last. Played in very humid conditions we pulled away in the second half after an even enough first half -it was our defensive solidity in the second half that made a massive difference and with the hard work without the ball generating a number of scoring opportunities -leading to some excellent scores. What a pleasure it is to watch the team work so hard for each other & using possession unselfishly for the greater good of the team

Ballylongford Senior Team:

Team 1. Paudie Moroney, 2. Liam Hanrahan, 3. Sean Carmody, 4. Pa Carmody, 5. James O'Connor, 6. Tadgh McEllistrem, 7. Padraig O'Neill, 8. Sean Hanrahan, 9. Paddy O'Neill, 10. Conon Carmody, 11. Ciaran O'Connor, 12. Michael Holly, 13. Brendan Keane, 14. Oisín Healy, 15. Cathal Byrne, 16. Matt O'Connor, 17. Jeremiah Tydings, 18. Paul Murphy, 19. Oran O'Neill. 20. Logan O'Sullivan.

Management Team:

Jim O'Carroll, Paudie Moroney, Nelius O'Connor, Liam Donegan, Kieran Culhane. PRO, Tom Carmody, Stats, Hughie Dineen, S&C, Shane Dunne.

Northern Gaels

U14 Div 1B County League

Northern Gaels 2-11 Killarney Legion 3-7

Congratulations to the boys on a great win, thanks to all the players and parents for travelling. Well done to Northern Gaels who progressed to the next round of the Feile after round one in Ballylongford.

Northern Gaels 1-04 Beale 0-6

Northern Gaels 2-05 St Senans 0-6

Thanks to Jack Hannon for refereeing all the games.

Club Member Announcement

We're delighted to celebrate the achievement of our club member Liam Walsh who was recently awarded a prestigious JP McManus All Ireland Scholarship at a ceremony in University Limerick. A Fantastic achievement for Liam and a proud moment for his family.

Ballylongford GAA Club wish Liam every success in the years ahead.

Weekly Lotto Draw: Saturday 25th April – Jackpot €4150

Numbers Drawn: 12, 22, 24, 29 - There was no winner

Lucky Dips

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Ballylongford GAA –Fundraising Drive!

Exciting times are ahead at Ballylongford GAA as we prepare for the next stage in upgrading O'Rahilly Park!

Phase One of our Development Plan is set to kick off in Q3 2026, bringing:

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Interested? Get in touch with Paudie Moroney (Club Secretary) on:

Telephone: 087-7534391

Email- secretary.ballylongford.kerry@gaa.ie

Jim O'Carroll on 087-1177818 | Email- jim59ocarroll@hotmail.com

Not advertising? You can still help!

Every contribution, big or small, makes a difference. If you'd like to donate:

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Together, we can build a stronger future for our club and community.

Please share and spread the word!

ASDEE GAA

Golden Goal winners for Sun 26th April - Mayo v Roscommon: Kissane Keane, Emma Doherty, Noreen Brick

Club meeting will take place on Friday at 8.30pm in Asdee Community Centre.

Memorial Tractor Run

The Tom Collins Memorial Tractor Run will have its first outing on Sunday 3rd May leaving Asdee Village at 1.30pm sharp. All proceeds to go to Palliative Care UHK and Árd Cúram, Listowel.

Registration for tractors from 12pm. Refreshments in Asdee Community Centre afterwards. Anyone wishing to assist with stewarding, etc. is more than welcome to help on the day.

DUAGH / LYRE COMM GAMES

Church gate collection

We would like to thank everyone who contributed to our annual church gate collection last weekend. This is one of our main fundraisers during the year. We would like to thank you for your continued support to our participants, we raised just over €360. Special thanks to our volunteers for helping.

Tag Rugby

Teams have been organised for u11 & u14 tag rugby and training will commence this week. Competition is on Sat 9th May at MTU Tralee times to be confirmed.

Cycling on grass

Training continues at Duagh GAA pitch for those qualified for the County competition please keep an eye on your WhatsApp. Competition at MTU Tralee 9th May before tag rugby.

Annual sports evening

Our annual sports evening takes place Fri 15th May 6pm at Duagh GAA pitch, register 6pm, first race 6.20pm. €3 child/€5 family. Races u8-16, tiny tots. Must reside in Duagh/Lyre. Field events names taken on the night. Any queries contact Liz 0863466043.

Pitch & Putt

If you are interested in u16 pitch and putt, separate boys and girls competition contact Liz 0863466043

Skittles

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OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL
Oh, most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven.

Blessed Mother of the Son of God; Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh, Star of the Sea, help me and show me you are my Mother. Oh, Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succour me in my necessity (Mention your request here)

There are none that can withstand your power. Oh, Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 times). Sweet Mother, I place this cause in your hands (3 times). Amen

This prayer is never known to fail. It is to be said for 3 consecutive days. Publication on granting of the favour must be promised and done. M.K.

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Programme for 6th March 2026:

6pm: Confessions & Rosary
6.15pm: Mass, Sermon & Benediction

Theme: Confirmation Day in Listowel
St. Pio's Devotion to St. Francis of Assisi

All are welcome.
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UNFAILING NOVENA TO ST. ANTHONY

"Blessed be God in His Angels and in His Saints" O Holy St. Anthony, gentlest of Saints, your love for God and Charity for His creatures, made you worthy, when on earth, to possess miraculous powers. Miracles waited on your word, which you were ever ready to speak for those in trouble and anxiety. Encouraged by this thought, I implore you to obtain for me (request). The answer to my prayer may require a miracle, even so, you are the Saint of Miracles. O gentle and loving St. Anthony, whose heart was ever full of human sympathy, whisper my petition into the ears of the sweet Infant Jesus, who loved to be folded in your arms; and the gratitude of my heart will ever be yours. Amen. In Thanksgiving. **M.M.**

MEANING OF LIFE

"It must be because we're starting to edge closer to the front line ourselves that we're becoming more aware of death these days,"
I said to my friend.

We had met for the second time that week—again at a funeral. Another "mortality alarm," as she calls it. Lately, there have been many of them. Standing there, we found ourselves talking about the state of the world, our own health, and even a recent TV programme called *Young Forever*—all about pushing back ageing, even defeating it. A strange kind of conversation, given where we were!

The race to hold on to youth is well underway. There's a growing pressure, fuelled by social media, to stay young, look flawless, and somehow outrun time. The TV programme explored different ways people are trying to extend life and slow ageing.

But for all of that, there's a truth we can't get around: we are all going to die. Physical death isn't optional. Scripture says it plainly in Ecclesiastes 9:2-3—*no matter who we are, good or bad, clean or unclean, righteous or sinner, the same end comes to all.*

So it raises a deeper question—what are we actually here for? Is it just to look better, live longer, im-

prove ourselves, make money, or leave some kind of legacy? Is it to survive, to thrive, to succeed? And even if we do—what then?

For me, the only answer that holds together is found in the Word of God. **Genesis 1** tells us we are made in God's image. **Isaiah** says we are created for His glory. Revelation declares we exist for His pleasure. **Ephesians** speaks of being brought into His family, and **Colossians** reminds us we are made by Him and for Him.

We can spend our lives chasing many things, only to find in the end they don't amount to much. But to know that God made us, loves us, and, in Christ, gave Himself to save us—that gives everything its meaning. Surely, He is worthy of all our worship.

Jeremiah 9:23-24 puts it simply: *"let no one boast in wisdom, strength, or riches—but in this alone, that they know the Lord, who delights in love, justice, and righteousness."*

We are, all of us, only a breath away from eternity. So it matters how we use the time we have now.

If you require any further information or would like a free Bible please contact LCF at 085 7387594 or email lcfkerry@gmail.com
Le Grá, Bridie

SAINT CARLOS ACUTIS

Dear Father,
Who has given us the ardent testimony of the young Servant of God, Carlo Acutis, who made the Eucharist the core of his life and strength of his daily commitments so that everybody may love You above all else, let him soon be counted among the Blessed and Saints in Your Church.

Confirm my Faith nurture my Hope, strengthen my Charity in the image of young Carlo, who, growing in these virtues, now lives with You.

(Mention your request here...)

I trust in you, Father, and your Beloved Son Jesus, in the Virgin Mary, our Dearest Mother, and in the intervention of Your Servant, Carlo Acutis. "To always be close to Jesus, that's my life plan". "The Sacrament of the Eucharist: My Highway to Heaven."

Saint Carlo Acutis, pray for us!

THE MIRACLE PRAYER



Dear Heart of Jesus in the past I have asked many favours.

This time I ask you this special one, (mention favour). Take it dear heart of Jesus and place it within your heart where

your father sees it. Then in his merciful eyes it will become your own favour not mine. Amen.

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

ST. JOSEPH OF CUPERTINO

Dear St. Joseph of Cupertino, who while on earth did obtain from God the grace to be asked at your examination only the questions you knew, obtain for me a like favor in the examinations for which I am now preparing, and in all the trials I face in life.

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