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# CELEBRITY CHEF RORY O'CONNELL HEADLINES FORTHCOMING LISTOWEL FOOD FAIR



One of Ireland's longest running food festivals, the Listowel Food Fair celebrates its 31st fair this year from Thursday 5th – Monday 9th November 2026. The historic North Kerry town of Listowel long famed for its literary geniuses and culinary delights will once again come alive for a host of exciting gourmet events for all ages and appetites. Below is a little taste of what you can expect.

Celebrity Chef, Food Writer and International Irish Food Ambassador Rory O'Connell of Ballymaloe Cookery School will visit the 2026 Listowel Food Fair on Saturday 7th November 2026. A twice recipient of 'Ireland's Chef of the Year', Rory O'Connell will visit Garvey's Supervalu Listowel at 11am on Saturday 7th November 2026 to meet local Kerry Artisan food producers and customers.

Rory O'Connell will then host a live cooking demonstration at 2pm at the Listowel Arms Hotel. After the cooking demonstration, food lovers can meet Rory O'Connell at a Book Signing at the Listowel Arms Hotel and get a signed copy of his book 'The Joy of Food', which was short-listed for an An Post Irish Book Award.

Festival highlights this year include a glamorous evening of 'Gourmet Food & Fashion' - Celebrating 150 Years of John J. Galvin & Son 1876 -2026 at the Listowel Arms Hotel on Saturday 7th November 2026. A very special occasion showcasing five Listowel Fashion Boutiques will be hosted by national and international Fashionista Marietta Doran. Professional models are being provided by Irish fashion legend Celia Holman Lee Agency. Kerry GAA Star and Fashion Designer Paul Galvin will be showcasing his range of menswear for Dunnes Stores on the night. A 'Welcome Drinks Reception' followed by a delicious gourmet menu is included with the tickets.

The much anticipated 2026 Listowel Food Fair Awards will be presented at this special occasion to include the following categories - 2026 Listowel Food Fair Food Book of the Year, 2026 Listowel Food Fair Local Food Hero Award, 2026 Listowel Food Fair Best Emerging Artisan Food Producer Award - Supported by Kerry Local Enterprise Office, 2026 Listowel Food Influencer and Digital Storyteller of the Year Award and the prestigious, 2026 Listowel Food Fair Lifetime Achievement Award.

The opening night at the 2026 Listowel Food Fair features 'Bumbled' live stage performance at St. John's Theatre, Listowel. 'Bumbled' is a poignant one person comedic show which blends razor-sharp wit with a powerful environmental message, making it the perfect festival fit to remind audiences how much our farm-to-fork world depends on its tiniest creatures. Performed by Colin Hamell, Bumbled is a fast, funny, and surprisingly heartfelt one-person comedy that follows an Irish honeybee's hilarious odyssey to find true love and voice the vital importance of pollinators to our global food chain.

'Bumbled' - Supported by honeybee health pioneers NOD Apiary Ireland, opens at St. John's Theatre, Listowel on Thursday 5th November 2026 for one night only.

Health is a big focus for the festival this year with a 'Positive Ageing Seminar' at the Listowel Community Centre on Friday 6th November 2026 at 8pm, to be attended by the Minister of State with Special Responsibility for Older People and Housing, Kieran O'Donnell TD. Dr. Niall Moyna, Professor of Clinical Exercise Physiology at the DCU – Dublin City University will address positive ageing and the importance of exercise. Other featured speakers are Brendan Garvey, Personal Trainer & Neuromuscular Therapist and Julian Cascante - Certified Nutritional Coach.

Food and Education are always an important annual theme at the Listowel Food Fair, with a specific focus on nutrition and healthy eating. This year a nationwide webinar hosted in conjunction with MTU and Tralee Education Support Centre, will go live on Thursday 5th November 2026 from 10am-10.30am with Presenter Maurice O'Brien. The audience is 4th – 6th class primary schools students. Registration is available via Tralee Education Support Centre.

An 'Autism Seminar' by Dr Susan Crawford is to take place at the Listowel Community Centre on Saturday 7th November 2026 at 11am. Dr Susan Crawford (PhD) is a university-based academic researcher, Fulbright Scholar and Fulbright Alumni award recipient, and founder of GetAutismActive. She is also the mother of an autistic son, with whom she has run marathons and half marathons and hiked all over the world. That shared journey is at the heart of her belief in the power of movement.

Dr Susan Crawford is the author of 'Fundamental Movement Skill Acquisition for Children and Adults with Autism' (Jessica Kingsley Publishers, 2018). For more than twenty years her work has focused on the motor delay that affects up to 87% of autistic people. Through GetAutismActive she has run workshops in every county along the Wild Atlantic Way, and her free movement assessment tool and resource kit are used by families and schools across Ireland.

Dr Susan Crawford was recently awarded a place on the Atlantic Fellows programme at the Global Brain Health Institute, Trinity College Dublin, for her Neurodiversity and Neuroinclusion Sanctuary. She is now developing it into "Sanctuary in a Box."

Virgin Media One and Ireland AM's TV presenter Lizzy Lyons will host a special lunch of culinary delights at 'Lizzy's Little Kitchen, Listowel' on Sunday 8th November 2026.

The award winning, Allo's Restaurant, Bistro & Townhouse will offer a €25 two course supper menu on Friday at 5pm. Pre booking is essential for this event.

This year's Listowel Food Fair 'Farming Seminar' will take place on Monday 9th November 2026 and will be attended by Niall Collins TD, Minister of State at the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine with special responsibility for Forestry, Farm Safety and Horticulture.

Presentation of the 2026 Listowel Food Fair 'Best Factory Heifer Award' – In Association with Listowel Livestock Mart, Kinisla, FBD Insurance plc and Buckley Agri will take place on the night. The 'Farming Seminar' addresses current important and topical current issues within the Irish farming and agricultural sectors.

The very popular "Listowel Food Fair Food & Craft Hall" on Sunday 8th November 2026 at the Listowel Arms Hotel will feature a broad selection of local craft, design and artisan food producers, cakes, craft beers, mulled wine, gifts, gourmet food, jewellery, art, chocolate, jams, chutneys and breads.

With something for all ages and tastes, weekend events this year include the ever popular Listowel Food Trail, a 'Harvest Afternoon Tea' at the Listowel Writers Museum and a Live Jazz Sunday Lunch to finish at the Listowel Arms Hotel which all add to a fun filled and jam packed festival schedule.

Speaking about this year's festival programme Jimmy Deenihan said: "On behalf of the Listowel Food Fair Committee, we would like to welcome you to the 2026 Listowel Food Fair. The Listowel Food Fair was first established in 1995 and is one of Ireland's longest running food festivals, now celebrating its 31st year. The Listowel Food Fair has developed over the years to be established as a national platform to promote the literary and culinary town of Listowel as a quality gourmet destination. The Listowel Food Fair is a celebration of all elements of the Irish food chain from farm to fork and tide to table. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our valued sponsors this year. We would also like to acknowledge the participation of the business community of Listowel including our local tourism and hospitality providers, visitor centres and retail outlets that support this festival each year."

The 2026 Listowel Food Fair is supported by Kinisla, Fáilte Ireland, Kerry County Council, Kerry Local Enterprise Office, FBD Insurance plc, Garvey's Supervalu, John J Galvin & Son Ltd, Listowel Credit Union, Media365, Buckley Agri and Tipperary Crystal. FBD Insurance plc is the 'Preferred Insurance Partner' of the 2026 Listowel Food Fair.

Information on the Listowel Food Fair is available at [www.listowelfoodfair.ie](http://www.listowelfoodfair.ie) Tickets can be purchased at [www.eventbrite.ie](http://www.eventbrite.ie)



Pictured at Kinisla in Listowel ahead of this year's 2026 Listowel Food Fair on Wednesday were...  
L/R: Megan Bambury Committee Member, Ger Mulvihill Social Media Content Creator, Pat Murphy C.E.O./ Executive Director of Kinisla, Jimmy Deenihan Programme Curator, Mary Buckley Communications Director at Kinisla





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Listowel Emmets Split the Bucket winner on 6th of October was Kitty Windle receiving her cheque of €960.50 from Michelle O Connell. Next draw on Tuesday 20th of October



Finuge / St. Senans U14 B team who played in the Division 5 North Kerry Final



The O'Sullivan family Neilus, Edward, Harry and Charlie at the weekend Ballyheigue Coursing meeting.  
Photo Moss Joe Browne



Listowel Celtic U15 B team who played last weekend



Finuge / St. Senans Miniors who won Division 4 of The County League last Thursday



John and Caroline Harty from Causeway at Ballyheigue Coursing on Sunday.  
Photo Moss Joe Browne



Elva Clancy, winner of The Dr. Maher's Skincare Competition at Ballyunion G.C. with Captain Elaine Molyneux and President Deirdre Dillane & Mary Horgan. Photo by Francis Bennett



Finuge / St. Senans Junior team who played Abbeydorney in The County Championship last weekend

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## COMMUNITY MONUMENTS FUND OFFERS OPPORTUNITY FOR NORTH KERRY HERITAGE PROJECTS

Community Monuments Fund Offers Opportunities for North Kerry Heritage Projects. By Senator Mike Kennelly

North Kerry is home to many important historic and archaeological sites, from castles and abbeys to churches, graveyards and ancient monuments. The Community Monuments Fund provides valuable support to help protect and preserve these landmarks for future generations.

I encourage community groups, heritage organisations, church committees, landowners and local associations across North Kerry to consider applying for this funding. The scheme supports conservation works, management plans, public access improvements and heritage interpretation projects.

Recent Kerry projects supported under the fund include Castleisland Castle and Killagh Priory, Milltown, demonstrating the positive impact this funding can have. Potential projects in North Kerry could include sites such as Carrigafoyle Castle, Rattoo Round Tower, Lislaughtin Abbey, historic graveyards, churches and archaeological monuments throughout Listowel, Ballylongford, Tarbert, Ballyduff, Asdee, Moyvane and surrounding areas.

### Funding Streams

- Stream 1: Grants up to €130,000 for conservation, repair and restoration works on archaeological monuments.
- Stream 2: Grants up to €30,000 for conservation management plans and reports, including measures to improve public access.
- Stream 3: Grants up to €30,000 for access improvements, signage, interpretation projects and digital or virtual heritage initiatives.
- Stream 4 (new pilot programme): Grants up to €10,000 to monitor and assess conservation works previously funded under the scheme.

The fund offers a significant opportunity for local communities to preserve North Kerry's rich heritage, enhance tourism and strengthen community pride.

Groups interested in applying should contact Kerry County Council's Heritage Office for guidance.

Applications for the 2027 funding round close on 5 February 2027.



Willow Walsh and Eabha Belfry seated front centre celebrating their 7th birthdays with a joint party and some cupcake baking at Ballybunion Golf & Holiday Homes last Sunday

## GABRIEL FITZMAURICE'S POEMS FOR CHILDREN IS NOW AVAILABLE

Gabriel Fitzmaurice's Best-Loved Poems for Children is the first collected edition of the Kerry poet's work for young readers, four decades of poems from a man who spent more than thirty years teaching in the village school in Moyvane, with a new introduction by poet Enda Wyley and wonderfully wicked illustrations by Bob Ó Cathail.

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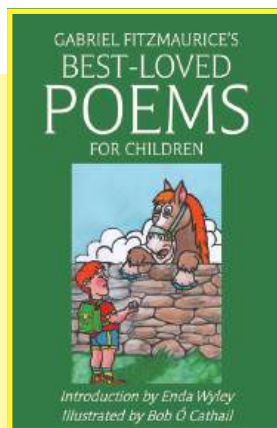
From the glorious mess of school tours and bathtime to the hush of a bedtime prayer, Fitzmaurice writes exactly the way children think: funny, honest, a little bit rude and unapologetically true. These are poems by a teacher who listened to children for a living, poems that know what it's like to be small in a very big world.

This is Irish children's poetry at its warmest and most mischievous - made for reading aloud at bedtime, sharing in the classroom and giving as a gift, for readers aged 4+ and the parents, grandparents and teachers who read to them.

Read them aloud. Laugh out loud. And don't be surprised if you find yourself hugging someone a little tighter afterwards. Because, as the poet himself says, if you can't laugh or cry at these poems, you're OLD.

<https://www.mercierpress.ie/books/gabriel-fitzmaurices-best-loved-poems-for-children/>

Gabriel Fitzmaurice was born in 1952 in the village of Moyvane, County Kerry, where he still lives. The previous principal of the village primary school, he has written more than thirty books, including collections of poetry in English and Irish. His books of verse for children have become classics. Gabriel frequently broadcasts on radio and television on education and the arts.



## ENDING POVERTY, BUILDING RESILIENT COMMUNITIES: ACTION FOR A FAIRER FUTURE

17 October – United Nations International Day for the Eradication of Poverty

As a member of Coalition 2030, Ballybunion North Kerry Environmental Forum joins communities across Ireland and around the world in marking the United Nations International Day for the Eradication of Poverty and calling for meaningful action to tackle poverty and inequality.

"Eradicating poverty is about ensuring that every person has dignity, opportunity and a voice in shaping the communities they call home. The day is also an opportunity to reaffirm our shared commitment to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, in particular SDG 1 Zero Poverty," said Marianne, Chairperson of Ballybunion NKEF and member of the UN 17th October (ATD) Fourth World Committee.



Catherine Morrissey winner of The Master's Competition at Ballybunion Golf Club with Captain Elaine Molyneaux and President Deirdre Dillane & Susan Gilmore Kettler, sponsor. Photo by Francis Bennett

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### Rest, Recovery & the Importance of a Good Night's Sleep

As we move further into October, the evenings are getting darker, the temperatures are beginning to drop and we naturally start to spend more time indoors. Over the past few weeks, we have been looking at nourishing our bodies, supporting our wellbeing and making movement part of our everyday routine. This week, I want to focus on something equally important: **rest, recovery and a good night's sleep.**

In our busy lives, it is so easy to keep going from morning until night. We look after our families, manage work, organise the house and try to fit everything else in around it. Before we know it, the day is over and we haven't taken a single moment for ourselves.

But rest is not a luxury. Giving ourselves time to slow down is an important part of looking after our overall wellbeing.

One of my favourite ways to wind down in the evening is by using essential oils in my own home. **Lavender and Cedarwood** are two oils I particularly love, and I regularly use them together in my cold-water diffuser. I add two to three drops of each, creating a lovely, gentle aroma that helps me establish a calmer atmosphere as the evening draws to a close.

I also enjoy preparing roller bottles with dóTerra's Lavender and Cedarwood, diluted in a suitable carrier oil. I use my roller as part of my personal evening ritual, applying it to pulse points such as my wrists and the back of my neck. It is a lovely reminder to pause, take a few slow breaths and begin leaving the busyness of the day behind.

Of course, creating a relaxing evening routine involves more than essential oils. A warm bath, perhaps with Epsom salts, putting away our phones, reading a book, enjoying a caffeine-free drink and keeping a regular bedtime can all help us prepare for a restful night. The important thing is finding what works for you. You might have ten minutes before bed or you might be fortunate enough to have half an hour to yourself. Either way, give yourself permission to slow down.

#### Caroline's Top Tip

Create your own little evening wind-down ritual. Dim the lights, switch on your diffuser with your drops of Lavender and Cedarwood, put your phone aside and take a few quiet moments for yourself. Try to keep a regular bedtime and give yourself the opportunity to unwind before your head hits the pillow.

If you already have dóTerra's essential oils at home but aren't quite sure how to use them, I would love to help. Having your own **dóTERRA account costs just €25 per year**, giving you access to wholesale pricing on your favourite products. With my guidance and support, I can help you choose oils, learn how to use them safely and incorporate them into simple everyday wellness routines.

#### Thought for the Week

*"You spend so much time caring for everyone else. Remember to give yourself the same care, kindness and attention. Rest is not time wasted; it is time spent looking after you."*

As we settle further into autumn, let us remember that wellness is about balance: nourishing our bodies, moving when we can, resting when we need to and making space for the little things that help us feel good.

Caroline  
dóTERRA Wellness Advocate –  
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Wellness with Caroline Horgan



## SAMHAIN CHIARRAÍ RETURNS TO KERRY THIS AUTUMN

New MÓTHU street parades, five Fire Rituals and a county-wide programme of folklore, music, storytelling and family experiences from 15th October to 1st November 2026

Kerry is set to come alive with fire, folklore and spectacular performances as Samhain Chiarraí: A Kerry Halloween returns from 15th October to 1st November 2026, with a programme celebrating the ancient traditions and contemporary creativity of Samhain.

As one of Fáilte Ireland's Home of Halloween hubs, Samhain Chiarraí brings together spectacular street parades, fire rituals, storytelling, music, family activities and community events across the county.



The festival's two signature weekends will take place in Killarney from 23th to 25th October and Tralee from 30th October to 1st November, featuring vibrant street parades, the captivating Cailleach Chiarraí fire spectacles, death cafes, pop up Scéil & Céilí events and an extensive programme of cultural, community and family-friendly events.

A major highlight of the 2026 programme is Idir Dhá Shaol – Between Two Worlds, a spectacular new street parade commissioned for Samhain Chiarraí and created by MÓTHU – Street & Spectacle Arts Group, Corca Dhuibhne. At the heart of the production is the newly created Cailleach Chiarraí puppet, bringing Kerry's Goddess of Winter to life in a breathtaking fusion of artistry, folklore and performance. Accompanied by live musicians, fire performers and stilt walkers, the parade will take to the streets of Killarney on Saturday, 24th October and Tralee on Saturday, 31st October, from 7pm to 8pm.

The hugely popular Samhain Fire Rituals, led by the Dingle Druid, return for 2026, bringing communities together to mark the third harvest at five locations the county. This year's rituals will take place in Dingle (16th October), Killarney (23rd October), Cahersiveen (29th October), Tralee (30th October) and Listowel (6th November).

Samhain Chiarraí, curated by Kerry County Council, delivers a countywide programme of events celebrating the origins of Halloween through culture, creativity and community participation. Developed in partnership with cultural organisations including the Patrick O'Keeffe Traditional Music Festival, Kerry International Film Festival and An Féile Eile, the festival showcases a rich and diverse range of experiences across Kerry.

In addition, Kerry County Council is supporting 13 community-led events throughout the county, including Kenmare Halloween Howl, Samhain na Snadhma in Sneem, and Halloween celebrations in Cahersiveen, Waterville, Moyvane, further strengthening the festival's local reach and community spirit.

Samhain Chiarraí invites visitors to experience Halloween through Kerry's stories, traditions, creativity and communities. The veil begins to thin on 15th October.

For more information visit: [www.discoverkerry.com/SamhainChiarrai](http://www.discoverkerry.com/SamhainChiarrai)  
<https://www.discoverkerry.com/samhain-chiarrai/programme/>  
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## SEAN KELLY MEP TO JOIN NORTH KERRY AND EUROPE EVENT AT TEACH SIAMSA FINUGE

Sean Kelly MEP will be the guest speaker at a special North Kerry and Europe evening at Teach Siamsa, Finuge, on Friday, October 23 at 7.30pm. The event is being held in conjunction with Teach Siamsa as part of the Communicating Europe Initiative (CEI) and coincides with Ireland's Presidency of the Council of the European Union. It will bring together European affairs, local culture, music and storytelling, exploring the connections between North Kerry, Ireland and Europe.

The evening will be moderated by Jimmy Deenihan and Audrey Galvin, with Sean Kelly MEP discussing Ireland's place in Europe and the importance of the European Union to rural communities such as North Kerry. This will be followed by an open discussion with the audience. A central part of the evening will be Rambling Europe – Stories Across Borders, inspired by the traditional rambling house and the importance of storytelling in preserving the experiences and memories of communities.

Members of the public are being invited to become part of the evening by contributing their own stories. These might be traditional rambling house stories or local memories, stories that cross borders, or personal recollections of Ireland's membership of the European Union and how Ireland and local communities have changed during that time. Contributions on the night will be recorded as part of the Communicating Europe Initiative, capturing local voices and experiences and celebrating the stories that connect North Kerry with communities across Europe.

Traditional music will also feature during the evening, celebrating North Kerry's rich cultural heritage and its connections with a wider European identity.

Everyone is welcome – whether you have a story or memory to share or simply want to come along, listen and join the conversation. If you wish to contribute on the night please contact us in advance at [teachsiamsa-finance@gmail.com](mailto:teachsiamsa-finance@gmail.com) with subject "North Kerry and Europe Event" Numbers are limited and advance booking is required.

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## SAN RITA WELLNESS

Welcome to San Rita Wellness weekly column... We hope you are safe and well.

Everyone dreams about achieving their Weight loss and Wellness goals (and staying there) but how many of us actually put the time into planning how we will reach and maintain our overall target. Preparation, Planning and Focus are essential in staying motivated for your long term Weight loss and Wellness journey.

Many of us spend a great deal of our time planning the logistics of family life, such as budgeting, child care, pick ups, drop offs, work, shopping, family meals and paying bills. But when it comes to focusing on our own health and wellbeing we somehow just run out of time and very often we end up at the bottom of the "To do List"

### MAKE TIME FOR YOU!

15 x 7 = 105 minutes

This week we want you to think about how you can set aside 15 minutes out of each day over the week just for YOU and how you can use that 15 minutes to help you achieve your Weight loss and Wellness goals. By doing this you are actually creating 105 minutes over all just for YOU in your week. There are a lot of "you's" in what we just said there, but after all YOU are important.

What part of the day could you set aside those 15 minutes for yourself this week?

Morning?

Lunchtime?

Kids in bed at night?

It is also important to think in advance what you want to do with that 15 minutes and how that 15 minutes each day can help you achieve your goals.

### Things you can do in 15 minutes

- Write your shopping list.
- Keep a diary of what you eat and drink
- Reorganise the kitchen press (Tempting snacks out of sight)
- Plan your meals for the following day.
- Choose a new recipe to try
- Get out for a short walk rather than sitting on the couch.

### YOU ARE WORTH IT!

Know your worth: Self-care is important to maintain a healthy relationship with yourself as it produces positive feelings and boosts your confidence and self-esteem. Also, self-care is necessary to remind yourself and others that you and your needs are important too. By looking after your own health and well being you are actually filling up your own cup, as the saying goes "you can't pour from an empty cup"

### Just before we finish up, 3 things to keep in mind

1. Make the time as nobody else may make it for you.
2. Think about what you want to achieve for your overall wellness.
3. Think about what and how you can do it in that 15 minutes.

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

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

Give us a call on Sandra 087 6718377, Rita 087 1012174

Until next week Sandra and Rita



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### CONDOLENCES

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### CREATIVE KIDS AT THE COTTAGE

Creative Kids is back with a fantastic selection of art classes this October, November & December.

October: Saturday 17th & 31st

November: Saturday 7th & 21st

December: Saturday 5th & 19th

11.30am – 1.30pm

Cottage Studio Gallery, Cinema Lane A fun and creative morning for children, with plenty of opportunities to get artistic and have fun! For more information, text Marie on 086 066 4435.

### BALLYBUNION ACTIVE RETIREMENT

The Room of light - Ballybunion Community Centre. Weekly Meetings: Every Wednesday, 11.30am - 1.30pm. 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.

### BALLYBUNION TIDY TOWNS

Along with St John's Church we held our Golf Classic last Friday. Though the wind blew it was a great day. A special thank you to our sponsors; Ballybunion Golf Club, AGC Constructions, Dan Ahern, Cahills Supervalu, Go Games, East 73rd, Pat Healy Pavings, Marie Butler. Our quiz date has changed to 6th November. Venue the Bunker.

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### SAN RITA WELLNESS

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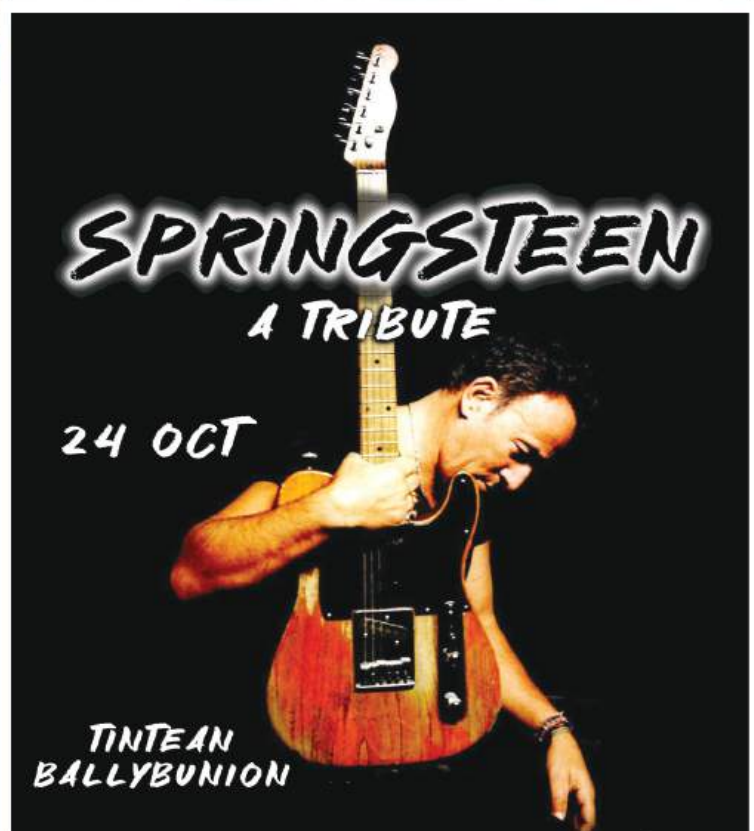
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## LIXNAW

### PARISH MASS TIMES

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH: Saturday 17th October, Mass at 7.30pm.  
IRREMORE CHURCH: Sunday 18th October, Mass at 11.00am.

### DEATHS

Pat Nolan, London & Crotta Cross, Lixnaw. Sympathy to his sisters/ brothers: John Joe, Tim, Mary, and Peggy and all the extended Nolan family. May he rest in peace.

### SPLIT THE BUCKET DRAW

Congratulations to Zoe Quilter on winning €65 in this week's Split the Bucket Draw.

### LIXNAW GAA LOTTO DRAW

5/10/26 Jackpot €1,000. Numbers drawn were 6, 7, 14, 25. No winner. €30 winners: Grainne Walsh, Clogher; Michael McDonnell (online), Nuala Horgan, Finuge. Next week's jackpot will be €1,050. Thank you for your continued support.

### ST SENAN'S GAA CLUB LOTTO DRAW

5/10/26 Jackpot €4,500. Numbers drawn were 15, 16, 19, 24.

No Jackpot winner.

€30 winners: Patricia Lyons (online), John Somers, (online).

€20 winners: Johnny Dillon, Rathea Noreen Duaghton, Tullig, Kilflynn Alice O'Connor (online).

Next week's Jackpot will be €4,600. Tickets €2 each or 3 for €5. Tickets are available at Kelly's Six Crosses, The Halfway Bar, Parker's Bar, Kilflynn, or play online.

### COFFEE MORNING

The Lixnaw Hospice Group are holding their annual coffee morning in aid of the Kerry Hospice at JJ Walsh's Bar, Lixnaw on Saturday October 17th in the morning from 11am – 1pm and after 7.30pm Mass onwards. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

### ST. MICHAEL'S BASKETBALL CLUB

St Michael's Basketball Club Lixnaw is delighted to be back on the court in Lixnaw Community Centre with basketball now underway for boys and girls from U6 age group right up to our new U16 boys team competition in KABB league for the year ahead. We are looking forward to a fun-filled year of basketball, friendship and plenty of activity for all our young players.

St. Michael's Basketball Club is delighted to continue its Mother & Others social group, which takes place every Tuesday night in Lixnaw Community Centre. A great way to get active, improve fitness while having fun and making new friendships over the winter months. For further information, please contact Sophie on 087-4645534 or Tara on 086-8386061

### FINUGE GAA

FINUGE 500: Congratulations to our September €500 winner Bridie Carroll. A really hot bonus prize is coming for October in the shape of 500 litres of free home heating oil with thanks to Maccoil's of Asdee.

This will certainly be a well sought after prize and huge win for the lucky recipient! Entry tickets for each month are available at McCarthy's Bar Finuge, Foleys Your Stop Shop Lixnaw, Stacks Londis Lixnaw, JJ Walsh Bar & Butchers Lixnaw, Post Office Lixnaw and O'Carroll's Bar Listowel. Tickets are also available online at [www.finugegaa.com](http://www.finugegaa.com) or from any club officer.

### CONTACT

To include items in the Lixnaw notes, please email [lixnawnotes@gmail.com](mailto:lixnawnotes@gmail.com) by 10pm on Sunday evening.

## 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 October 6th are as follows: The numbers drawn were 1, 11, 24 and the Bonus Number was 4. There was no winner of the Lotto Jackpot of €17,200 or Match 3 prize of €400. The €20 consolation prize winners were Mark Welch, New York; Teresa O'Sullivan, Ardoughter; Tomás O'Sullivan, Benmore. The Lotto Draw takes place on each Tuesday night at the Ballyduff GAA Clubrooms.

### BALLYDUFF GAA

AGM 2026 on Thursday October 29th at 7.30pm in the GAA Clubrooms

Any motions or nominations for our Annual General Meeting to be with John Paul Leahy/Tomas O'Sullivan no later than 5.00pm on Thursday October 22nd.

Below is the list of the 2026 Officers. As always, all Officerships may be contested at each Convention.

Chairperson: William Quinlan (Vacating)  
Vice Chairperson: Deirdre Ross (Outgoing)  
Secretary: John Paul Leahy (Vacating)  
Assistant Secretary: Tomas O'Sullivan (Outgoing)  
Treasurer: Ailish Segal (Vacating)  
County Board Delegate: Tom O'Sullivan (Outgoing)  
NKFB Delegates: Mike Moriarty (Outgoing)  
PRO: Marie Slattery O'Carroll (Vacating)  
Child Welfare Officer: Marie Lucid (appointment)  
Coaching Officer: Ger Lynch (appointment)  
Club Registrar: Michael Hussey (appointment)

### U16 Football:

Our u16 footballers welcomed Finuge to Ballyduff on Saturday afternoon last for the North Kerry Div 1 u16 semi-final. This was an eagerly awaited contest between two evenly matched teams. The home team came away from slips early and notched up 1 – 2 from two possessions, however the Finuge boys settled well and by the short whistle the teams were tied at 1 – 6 to 0 – 9. Another lively start to the second half by the Duffers saw them in control but again Finuge got a foothold in the game and when they rattled the net to bring them within a point it was game on coming down the stretch. To their credit the home team dug deep to secure the vital scores to edge out a four point victory. A good quality encounter with plenty of talent on display on both teams. Well done to the Cashen boys who now move on to the decider in two weeks' time against Listowel Emmets. Thanks to Finuge for a sporting game and to ref Sean O'Connell for officiating. Final score Ballyduff 2 – 14 Finuge 1 – 13.

### CHURCH NEWS

Anniversaries: Geraldine Guerin; Billy Regan; Patrick O'Mahony; Kevin Sheehan; Helen Browne; Catherine-Anne Prendergast

Deaths: John Leen, Killarney & Causeway

### Masses for the week:

Friday October 16th 7.00pm: Catherine-Anne Prendergast  
Saturday October 17th 6.30pm: Denis Costello; Mrs. Sweeney, Thomas & Sheila Hennessy; Patrick & Andrew Hennessy, New Jersey; Christy Dalton; John & Chrissie Dalton  
Sunday October 18th 11.00am: Mass in Causeway

Eucharistic Adoration: Every Sunday in Ballyduff Church at 3pm  
Divine Mercy Devotion: every Thursday in SS Peter's & Paul's Church, Ballyduff  
Rosaries October: Holy Well, Lady's Walk at 3.00pm Monday – Friday; Fean's Grotto at 8.00pm  
2027 Diary: Now Open until October 16th to book First Anniversaries only

Confirmation 2027: Ballyduff Church Friday March 12th at 11am  
Private Confessions: First Saturday in Ballyduff from 11.00am – 11.45am; in Causeway 12noon -12.45pm  
Follow our Facebook Page: For more information and announcements

Parish Office: Is open Tuesday to Friday from 10.30am to 1.00pm. Please phone (066) 714 8404

Mission Month Online Talk: The Diocese of Kerry invites you to an online talk, One in Christ, United in Mission, with Fr Michael Kelly, and Miriam Hanlon from Asdee. They will share their mission experiences and reflect on why it matters today. Thursday October 15th at 7.30pm. visit [dioceseofkerry.ie](http://dioceseofkerry.ie)

National Synodal Gathering Working Document: Has printed the working document containing the proposals to be voted on at the National Synodal Gathering on this Saturday October 17th. To read and share your thoughts on these proposals, please visit <https://www.dioceseofkerry.ie/natsyn/>

Synod Assembly: In conjunction with the worldwide ecclesial gathering in Rome in October 2028, there is a Synodal Assembly of representatives of Irish dioceses and other church bodies on Saturday October 17th this year in Dublin. We pray that it may give guidance and direction to the Irish Church for the years ahead.

Youth Ministry in the Diocese of Kerry: Springs of Hope Newsletter is now available to view. The Newsletter provides a colourful and interesting look at some of the exciting things happening within the Diocese of Kerry in Youth Ministry and all involved. Either access this QR Code or go to [www.dioceseofkerry.ie/YouthMinistry](http://www.dioceseofkerry.ie/YouthMinistry)  
Communion Calls: Ballyduff this coming Week

### BALLYDUFF CPR & DEFIBRILLATOR DEMONSTRATION

On this Thursday October 15th at 8.00pm in Ballyduff GAA Clubhouse. Booking Essential (087)4148530 (087)9014847

### FERRIS

The Martin Ferris story, a play by Mike O'Halloran, will be presented in the Abbeydorney Community Parish Hall on November 7th, 8th, 14th & 15th at 8.15pm nightly. Tickets can be booked by texting (086)3116077. Tickets for November 7th are nearly all booked out. Tickets cost €15 each.

### HALLOWEEN DISCO

Join us for a Spooky evening of fun! Get ready for a night of dance and delight with Sliabh a'Mhadra National School. Our Halloween Disco will take place at The Hopper Inn on Friday October 23rd from 7.00pm to 8.30pm. Children from Junior Infants to Fourth Class must be accompanied by an adult. Tickets are now on sale from the school for €7.50 per person. (Adults go free) Don't miss out on the fun. Happy Halloween for the Parent's Association. Please note this is for students of Sliabh a'Mhadra National School ONLY.

### PUMPKIN PATCH OPENS IN CLAHANE

A North Kerry farming family, more noted for its pedigree Holstein cattle, has decided to take on a rather unusual seasonal venture this autumn by transforming the farm into a Halloween theme. Ballybunion Pumpkin Patch is the idea of teacher and farmer Lauren Fitzmaurice, who is in the final stages of preparing what will be a unique use of the family farm when the gates open this October to the public keen on enjoying all things Halloween.

### BINGO

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

### BUDS FRC

Thursday  
Sewing classes 3.30pm to 6.30pm

Friday:  
Men's Shed breakfast every Friday from 9.00am to 12.00pm

Monday:  
Baby massage classes 10.30am to 12.00pm  
Active Retirement Group 2.00pm to 4.00pm

Joe Burkett theatre from 5.00pm to 6.30pm

Tuesday:  
Buds pantry surplus food for everyone 9.00am to 1.00pm  
Irish Dancing 3.00pm to 4.00pm



## THERAPY WITH JOHN

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For the month of October, we're teaming up with psychotherapist John Pio Groarke to raise awareness around mental health and the importance of looking after our wellbeing.

### Relationships: Understanding Yourself First

Have you ever found yourself having the same argument with your partner, wondering how something so small turned into such a big issue? Perhaps you felt ignored, misunderstood, or hurt by something they said. Sometimes, your reaction can feel bigger than the situation itself, leaving you wondering why it affected you so much.

Relationships can bring great happiness, but they can also challenge you in unexpected ways. Building a healthy relationship takes effort and a willingness to understand yourself.

When two people come together, they bring two different histories, belief systems, nervous systems and their own baggage. Childhood experiences, family relationships and how you were treated can influence how you approach love, trust and conflict. Much of this happens unconsciously, so you may not always understand why you react in a particular way.

You might see your partner's need for space as rejection, while they experience your need for reassurance as pressure. Neither person may intend to cause hurt, yet both can end up feeling misunderstood. When difficulties continue, they can affect your mental health. You may experience anxiety, low mood, disrupted sleep, or find yourself constantly replaying conversations. When the same arguments keep arising, it is worth taking a step back and looking at what is happening beneath the surface.

### Self-awareness is an important place to start.

When you feel hurt or criticised, you might become defensive, withdraw or struggle to express your feelings. Sometimes, your reaction is influenced by past experiences rather than just what is happening in the present. Recognising your triggers can help you understand why certain situations affect you so strongly. Instead of immediately reacting, ask yourself: *What has this brought up for me? Am I responding to what is happening now, or does this remind me of something from my past?* Taking a moment to reflect can help you respond more thoughtfully. This does not mean dismissing your feelings or excusing another person's behaviour. It means understanding your reactions and recognising that you have choices in how you respond.

Therapy can provide a space to explore your fears, past experiences and patterns of behaviour, and understand how they influence your relationships. You may discover that you have been repeating the same patterns for years without questioning them. Developing this awareness can be empowering. You cannot change your past, but you can learn from it and make more conscious choices going forward.

It is also important to understand your values and expectations. What does trust mean to you? What do you need to feel respected? How do you expect disagreements to be handled? Your partner may not understand your needs unless you communicate them clearly.

Healthy boundaries are another important part of a healthy relationship. They help you recognise your limits, express your needs, and respect your partner's needs. Boundaries, but are not limited to, can be emotional, physical, sexual, spiritual, digital, financial or related to time and communication. They are not about controlling another person, but about mutual respect and maintaining your own identity within the relationship.

Ultimately, understanding yourself is an important step towards understanding your partner. The more aware you become of your fears, triggers, and expectations, the better equipped you are to communicate, manage conflict, and build a healthier relationship.



If you would like to learn more about relationships, or perhaps you're going through some difficulty and would like some support, please feel free to get in touch.

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### WHAT IS GLAUCOMA?

Glaucoma is the name given to a group of eye conditions where the optic nerve at the back of the eye is damaged. It is often linked with raised pressure within the eye, although the eye pressure can sometimes be normal.

When the nerve is damaged, it can start to cause problems with the peripheral vision (side vision) and, if left untreated, can cause permanent damage. With early treatment, further damage to vision can be prevented.

Glaucoma may not have symptoms and this is why it is very important to have regular sight tests.

### Risk factors

Age is the biggest risk factor for glaucoma. However, your risk also increases if you have family members with glaucoma.

### Symptoms

The danger with open-angle or chronic glaucoma (slow onset) is that, in the early stages, your eyesight may seem perfectly normal. There is no pain, but your peripheral vision (side vision) is being damaged.

Eventually your central vision can be affected. This can be described as tunnel vision because it feels like looking down a long tube. It's important to have regular sight tests as open-angle glaucoma often does not have symptoms.

### TREATMENT

Open-angle glaucoma is usually treated with eye drops which reduce the pressure in the eye. You will need to use these daily. Occasionally people with open-angle glaucoma need surgery to control the pressure.

For more information and honest advice

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## TARBERT

### TARBERT NEWS

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### DEATHS

The death took place of Sean O'Connell, Beaumont Cork and formerly of Doonard, Tarbert. Sean, who was aged 86 years died unexpectedly at Cork University Hospital on Wednesday 7 October surrounded by his family. Sean was the eldest of five boys born to Thomas O'Connell, Tarbert and Midi Culhane of Glin. He was reared by his grand-parents in Glin. He attended James Dore's Secondary School in Glin and he and his brother Danny joined an Garda Síochána. Sean was promoted to Detective Sergeant and spent all his working career in Cork serving at Union Quay Garda Station in the 1960's.

He married Mary in Cork and became father to three boys and two girls. He was a very fine footballer and travelled from Cork to take part as full back with Tarbert in any games in which they were involved in the sixties. He was a member of the 1967 Tarbert team which defeated Moyvane in the North Kerry League and the 1968 team which defeated Ballylongford in the North Kerry League. This was the team which featured 5 O'Connell brothers, 3 Kiely brothers, 2 O'Hanlon brothers and 2 Carrig brothers. Sean was a life long member of the Pioneer Association and was a committed church goer. He was a popular and highly regarded member of An Garda Síochána.

Sadly his wife Mary also a Garda and brother Patsy died some years ago. Sympathy to his three sons and two daughters, his brothers Danny and Mossy in Cork, Thomas in Tarbert. His Requiem Mass took place on Saturday last 10 October in St. Michael's Church, Blackrock followed by interment in St. Michael's cemetery, Blackrock. His coffin was draped in the Tarbert colours of red and black. At the North Kerry Junior Semi-Final played in Shan-non Park on Sunday last, a Minutes Silence was observed in his memory.

The death took place of Sr. Mary Ambrose Fitzgerald in Loughrea, County Galway and formerly of Tieraclea, Tarbert. Sr. Ambrose who died on Thursday 8 October at St. Brendan's Community Nursing Unit, Loughrea was aged 88 years. Nuala was one of a family of 15 children born to James Fitzgerald and Nora Scanlon in Tieraclea, Tarbert. She entered the Mercy Convent in Loughrea in 1959 and having completed her novitiate she made her final profession as Sr. Mary Ambrose in the Convent of Mercy, Loughrea in 1965. She worked with the Mercy Sisters in Tralee in 1999 and having spent a year there she returned to Loughrea. Her Requiem Mass took place in St. Brendan's Cathedral on Monday 12 October followed by interment in the Convent of Mercy cemetery Loughrea. She was predeceased by her 5 sisters and 3 brothers. Sympathy to her brothers William and John in the USA, James in Dublin, Mairead in USA and Celestine in Tarbert, extended family, relatives, neighbours and the Mercy Sisters in Loughrea.

The death took place of Annie Rabbittie, née Rowan, of Scartlea Cross, Listowel and formerly of Kilcolgan, Tarbert. She died on Thursday 8 October at University Hospital Kerry. Requiem Mass took place in St. Mary's Church, Listowel followed by interment in St. John Paul II Cemetery, Listowel. She was predeceased by her husband Peter. Sympathy to her sons Tony and Sean, extended family, relatives, neighbours and friends.

### BEIR BUA GABRIEL

Well done to our neighbour, poet and writer Gabriel Fitzmaurice on the launch of his new poetry book for children. In a very entertaining broadcast on Radio Kerry last Saturday he read some of his poems which were a joy to listen to both for adults and younger listeners.

### HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Patrick Lynch will talk to the Tarbert Historical and Heritage Society on this Friday 16 October in the Bridewell on 'When the Wireless came to Tarbert' a piece of social history on an era in the Fifties before the arrival of RTE and rural electrification when the countryside relied on the dry and wet battery radio for news and entertainment. Beidh cupán tae le fáil agus failté.

### BEIR BUA DECLAN

Dr. Declan Downey gave a very interesting talk on last Wednesday's Nationwide TV programme on Glin Castle its history and occupancy over the years, on the last Knight, Desmond Fitzgerald and his furniture restoration in the Castle. The castle is now owned by his daughter Catherine and her husband, actor Dominick West.

### TARBERT ACTIVE RETIREMENT (OVER 55'S)

Is on every Friday in Tarbert Bridewell between 10.30 and 12.00. Different activities every week followed by Tea/Coffee and refreshments and a chat. New Members always welcome

### THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Coffee Morning at Tarbert Bridewell Courthouse & Jail for Kerry Hospice Foundation. €796.75 Raised

A sincere thank you for all of your generous donations and for the wonderful homebakes. Kerry Hospice Foundation  
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## BALLYLONGFORD

### KEEPING BALLYLONGFORD CONNECTED THIS WINTER

As the evenings draw in and the winter calendar begins to fill, Ballylongford Notes is a great way to keep the community informed and connected, both at home and further afield. For those living away from the village, the weekly notes are also a welcome link with familiar faces and happenings back home.

With the festive season approaching, local clubs, schools, community groups, businesses and residents are invited to submit details of forthcoming events, Christmas activities, fundraising initiatives, club results, lotto draws, celebrations and other items of local interest.

The notes are a free community service, available to everyone. They are compiled from submissions received, so your contributions are what keep the column relevant, interesting and representative of life in Ballylongford.

Have something to share? Please send your news, notices or

event details to:

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Phone/WhatsApp: 087 930 8223

If you have difficulty submitting material electronically, please phone and assistance will be provided.

Weekly deadline: 8pm every Sunday.

Let's keep Ballylongford's community spirit alive and well throughout the winter months. Your news is always 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](mailto: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



Lixnaw native Anna Maria Relihan accepting the cup from Pat McElligott after Almost Persuaded won the Reserve Oaks Trial Stake at Ballyheigue for the Lifes Too Short Syndicate while Ethan Moloney is holding the winner. Photo Moss Joe Browne



Listowel Celtic U14 girls who beat MEK 2-1 last weekend



Finuge / St. Senans U10s who played in The County Blitz last weekend

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KILFLYNN

ACTIVE RETIRED

On Wednesday, 21st October, the group will meet at the earlier time of 8:45 a.m. at the Community Hall, before setting off on a day trip to the Kerry Bog Museum in Glenbeigh. New members are always welcome to join our friendly, active and welcoming group. If you would like to find out more, please come along or contact Marie Williams on 066 713 5831 or 085 252 4028

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, KILFLYNN

Mass Intentions for the week in St. Mary's Church: Mass will be celebrated on Friday, 16th October at 10:00 a.m. On Saturday 17th October at 6:00 p.m. Seán Quinlan, Ballyconnell (Anniversary) Anita Shanahan, Tullig (Anniversary), Niamh O'Connell, Clounsillagh (Anniversary), Michael & Mary Power, Kilgubbin (Anniversary) Paddy Leen & Paddy Sheehy, Knocknacaska (Anniversary)

Kilflynn Altar Society for October: Noreen O'Brien, Maureen Weir, Helen Kelly Fuller  
If anyone would like a call, please contact the Parish Office at 066 4018996 or Fr. Jerry Keane 087 2844649.  
Adoration of Blessed Sacrament Kilflynn – Monday, 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

ABBEYDORNEY/KILFLYNN CARE GROUP

The Abbeydorney/Kilflynn Care Group Autumn Outing is on Sunday 25th October 2026. The bus departs both villages at 12:30 p.m., arrives at Churchill Forge Experience at 1:00 p.m., with lunch in the Rose Hotel at 3.00p.m followed by Music at 4.30p.m

CROTTA LOTTO RESULTS

Parker's Pub in Kilflynn hosted the Crotta Hurling Club's weekly lotto draw on Monday 12th October. The four numbers drawn from the drum by the independent observer, Sonny Egan, Garrynagore, Graham Harris, Lixnaw, were 9, 11, 19 and 29. No one won the €9,700 Jackpot. Congratulations to the following who won €35 in the lucky dip draw: J.P O'Connell, Gurtadrislig, Lixnaw, Tom O'Donoghue, Garrynagore, Lixnaw and Patrick O'Halloran, Fearann Flainn, Kilflynn Village.

The next draw will take place in Herbert's Bar, Kilflynn, on Monday, 19th October, at 10:30 p.m. with an €9,800 jackpot. Tickets are available: €2 each or 3 for €5 or play online at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/crotta-club-lotto> or at 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.

KILFLYNN TODDLER GROUP

The Kilflynn Toddler group meets every Thursday at St. Columba's Centre, Kilflynn from 10 a.m. for Sensory Play, Free Time, and Coffee/Tea. The cost is €3 per child or €5 per family. Our first free course, Language and Play, starts this September for 6 weeks. All are welcome. Contact Maureen at 087 9893847 or Carmel 087 9100476 for further information.

FERRIS

Playwright Mike O'Halloran's fifth play, Ferris, featuring actors from Kilmoyley, The Spa, Tralee and Glenflesk, will be performed by the Bog Road Theatre at the Abbeydorney Parish Community Hall on Saturday 7th, Sunday 8th, Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th November. Tickets are now available at €15 by TXT for Ferris (The Martin Ferris Story) to 0863116077

CROTTA GAA

2026 Ask Acorn County U21 Hurling Championship Quarter-Finals result. St. Brendan's 2-14 Crotta O'Neill's 1-13 Played before a large attendance in the sportsfield, Dromakee, Kilflynn. On Sunday, 11th October at 2:00 p.m

Well done to the North Kerry Senior Footballers who booked a semi-final place in The Garvey's SuperValu Senior Football Championship. On Saturday evening 10th October in Austin Stack Park, the final score was North Kerry 2-22 to An Ghaeltacht 1-14. Both semi-finals will take place in Fitzgerald Stadium, Killarney on Sunday, October 18. North Kerry and Kenmare will open proceedings at 1:30 p.m., with the clash of Dr Crokes and Spa following at 3:30 p.m. Best of luck to the North Kerry players and their mentors.

MOYVANE

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BLOTTO

There was no winner of last Thursday night's Jackpot. Numbers drawn were 5 6 10 13. Lucky Dips: €100: Mairead Phillips, Abbeyfeale. €50: John, Jamie & Conor Leahy, Willowbrook, Listowel. €20 each: Margaret O'Mahony, Feale Drive, Listowel. Clodagh Scanlon, c/o Holly's Gala, Moyvane. Grace O'Connor, c/o Tom O'Connor. Phyllis Sheehy, Aughrim, Moyvane. P. & M. Stack, Ballylongford. Free Tickets: Marie Flavin, Woodview, Cahirdown, Listowel. Catherine Madigan, Madigan's Bus. Philip Lyons, Moyvane South. Margaret O'Connor, Inchamore. Mags Lynch, Moyvane Village. Next draw will be held this Thursday night, October 15 at Bingo in The Marian Hall. Jackpot: €18,000. Bingo starts at 8.00pm. Thank you for your support.

SPIN THE WHEEL

Congratulations to Machaela Kelly & Eileen Lynch Spun the Wheel and won €250 each. The minimum you can win on the wheel is €300 and the top prize is €2,000.

MOYVANE VILLAGE FESTIVAL

Will be held over the bank holiday weekend October 22 to October 26. Join us for a great weekend of festive fun. Events kick off Thursday night with a Kiddies Movie Night. On Friday night the three local National Schools will take part in a variety concert in the Marian Hall. Saturday night dust off your cowboy boots for Strictly Goes Country. Come along and see ten couples take to the floor for what promises to be a great night! Sunday is a family day packed with activities: Vintage tractor display, Vintage Cars and Honda 50 run, dog show, kiddies tractor run, craft fair and 30th anniversary Walk celebrations. Monday the North Kerry Harriers have their first hunt of the season. Then brace yourselves for the spine chilling Trail of Horror at 6.00pm!

SPLIT THE BUCKET

Is on again this Thursday night and you could be like Joan O'Connor who won €345 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. Newtownsandess 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. Next draw, Thursday, October 14. Thank you all for supporting this very important fundraiser for our local school.

MOYVANE MEN'S SHED

Is now up and running. Opening times will be Tuesdays 10.00am to 12.00pm and Thursdays 7.00pm to 9.00pm. You are all welcome. Information from John McCarthy 087 6958 770 or John Looney 087 7805 964. I know I can't join the men's shed but I am so glad to see it get up and running. It may seem strange but we are all living more isolated now and there is less and less interaction. We have everything at our fingertips, TV, technology etc but many people never meet anyone on a day to day basis. I don't want to rewind on how much better things were, they weren't in many ways, but remember when you went to the creamery and met the neighbours for a chat. Remember when you went to the pub for a drink and met someone you hadn't seen for ages or you went to Mass at the weekend and had a chat in the car park. The men's shed can replace much of that so come on men, come to the hub and meet other like minded men. It's better than sitting at home alone. You can also share your interests and talents with each other. Please make it work.

MOYVANE GAA LOTTO

Lotto Result 11/10/2026 Numbers drawn 6 10 16 20. There was no winner. Lucky Dips: Tom O'Hanlon, Gortdromasilhiy, Moyvane. Kevin Kennelly, Kilbaha, Moyvane. Eddie Sheehy, Aughrim, Moyvane. Jack & Necco Hudson, Kilbaha, Moyvane. Brian Keane, Ashgrove, Moyvane. Next Week's Jackpot €10,600. Next week's draw: Sunday, October 18 in Enright's Bar at 8:30pm.

HELLO CARD PLAYERS

Listowel Emmets 41 weekly card game is on in Listowel Emmets Club House at 8.30 p.m. Monday nights. All are welcome and generous prize money is on offer including the jackpot of €260 for 10 games.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MOYVANE:  
Thursday, October 15 Eucharistic Adoration after 10.00am Mass.  
Saturday, October 17 Mass at 7.30pm.  
KNOCKANURE:  
Friday, October 16 Mass at 7.00pm.  
Sunday, October 18 Mass at 9.30am.



U12 Finuge / St Senans enjoying their End of Year with a Splatball Party at Paintball Kerry

## A Seanfhocal A Week

By Kian Lyons  
(Listowel Student)



**"Má chuireann tú san earrach,  
bainfidh tú san fhómhar"**

This is the seventh week of our "A Seanfhocal A Week" column, and I've been thoroughly enjoying the process of choosing a different seanfhocal each week. It's nice to discover the meaning of each phrase and think about how it might apply to everyday life.

This week's phrase, as always, is full of wisdom. "Má chuireann tú san earrach, bainfidh tú san fhómhar". It means, "If you sow in the spring, you will reap in the autumn". The idea behind the phrase is simple and full of sense. If a farmer plants seeds in the spring and cares for them throughout the growing season he will reap the benefits of a good harvest.

This seanfhocal can be applied to many aspects of our lives. For example, if we train and practice consistently, we are more likely to succeed in sports. If we stay on top of schoolwork, we are more likely to do better in exams. If we put a little money aside regularly, we will eventually have enough to buy something we really want. This seanfhocal reminds us that often it isn't about the outcome, but the journey it takes to get there.

I feel this phrase is a little reminder not to give up when we don't see immediate results. Like a seed growing beneath the soil, our efforts may take time to show. However, with patience, we will always reap the benefits of a little effort. Like a farmer, we reap what we sow!

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Josephine Larkin, winner of Golfer of the Year at Ballybunion G.C. with Captain Elaine Molyneux and President Deirdre Dillane & Mary Horgan, sponsored by Horgan Properties. Photo by Francis Bennett



Listowel Celtic U12 Girls who played at the weekend



Finuge / St. Senans U14s who won the Division 2 North Kerry Shield Final last Sunday



Getting fresh air into the lungs at Ballyheigue Coursing Field with a refreshing breeze coming off the Shannon River during the coursing weekend were Ger Carroll and Frank Mulvihill. Photo Moss Joe Browne



Patsy Coughlan and Jim O'Connor, two Asdee GAA stalwarts, enjoying the Tommy Madden Championship action in Asdee last weekend



Finuge / St. Senans U10s who finished training for the year in Dromclough last week



Finuge / St. Senans Seniors who played in Senior County Championship last weekend



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LISTOWEL EMMETS LADIES

Fixtures  
U14 North Kerry Shield Final - TBC  
Senior Development Championship Shield Final - TBC

Results  
Senior Development Championship  
Listowel Emmets B vs. Finuge/St. Senans B  
A win for our Senior B team on Sunday morning. Despite the tough conditions and playing 11-a-side, both teams put in a fantastic effort in a hard-fought and competitive battle.  
Thanks to our neighbours Finuge/St. Senans for a great game!

Well done to our U13 girls Sadie Leahy, Orla O'Rahilly and Sarah Walsh, who proudly represented North Kerry in their first district blitz against Castleisland and Tralee!

And well done to the North Kerry U15 girls who got their District Championship campaign off to a winning start with a great victory over South Kerry!  
A special mention to our own club girls Aideen, Aoise, Chloe, Aoibhinn, Sofia, Orla, Aisling and Lily who are all part of the squad.

LISTOWEL EMMETS GAA

The 41 Card game organised by Emmets GAA Club continues in the Clubhouse at Frank Sheehy Park, Listowel every Monday night until May 2027 . The game commences at 8.30 sharp and all are welcome.

Results from week 3 are as follows:  
Winners on the night were Eddie Flaherty and Tom Holly with 9 games. Second place was Kathleen Kelliher and Maurice Walsh who beat Noel Carmody and Kevin Enright along with Seán Egan and Con Kirby in a play off, as the three pairs all had 8 games.

Table Prizes: Annie Dillon and Tim Hartnett, Tony Purcell and Mick Donoghue, Tom Murphy and Johnny Leahy, Eamon Canty and Pat Costello.  
Jackpot for next week returns to €110 in fourteen games.

LISTOWEL CELTIC

Draw 12/10/26 - Numbers Drawn 2-9-24-31  
Jackpot not won - Lucky Dip Winners  
€40 Neil Keane Stack - Online  
€20 Lee Henderson Online  
€20 Mairead O'Carroll c/o Shebeen  
€20 Claire Kenny  
€20 Mairead O'Carroll c/o Shebeen  
Next Draw 19/10/26 at Cons - Jackpot €1,250

LISTOWEL RUGBY CLUB

Another busy weekend ahead for Listowel RFC, with our Minis and youth teams all in action.

Minis U8, U10 and U12  
Our Minis welcome Tralee RFC to Listowel Town Park pitch on Saturday 17th, with 10.30am kickoff. Come along and support our youngest players as they take to the field.

U14s: The U14s are away to Rugbaí Corca Dhuibhne on Sunday 18th, with 11am kick off.

U16s: The U16s travel to Tralee to take on Tralee RFC on Sunday 18th, with kick off at 12.00 pm.

U18.5s: The U18.5s are at home to Killorglin next Sunday, with kick off at 12noon in Listowel Town Park. We would love to see plenty of support on the sideline.

U18.5 v Desmond  
Well done to the U18.5 lads after a massive effort in Abbeyfeale last Sunday. The team put in a committed performance and played some great rugby throughout the match. There was plenty of determination on show, with the players continuing to work hard and compete right to the final whistle. Despite the result going Desmond Rugby's way, there were lots of positives to take from the game and plenty to build on as the season continues.

The effort, teamwork, and attitude from the squad were a credit to them, and they can take confidence from the rugby they produced on the day.  
Final Score: Desmond Rugby 45 - 24 Castleisland RFC X Listowel RFC.

Your Club, Your Country  
Tickets for this year's Your Club, Your Country draw are still available. Tickets are €10 each, with all monies raised staying within Listowel Rugby Club to support mini and youth rugby and the development of our new facilities.  
Tickets are available through club members and on our website, listowelrfc.com. Your support would be very much appreciated.

Concussion Awareness  
Player welfare is always a priority at Listowel RFC. We encourage players, parents, coaches, and supporters to remain aware of the signs and symptoms of concussion and to take any suspected concussion seriously. See our website, listowelrfc.com for more information.

When in doubt, sit them out.

Best of luck to all our players and coaches this weekend. If you can, come along and get behind the teams. Keep an eye on our social media pages for any fixture updates or changes.

BALLYBUNION GOLF CLUB

Men's Past Captains – Saturday 10th October Old Course  
1st Patrick J. O'Sullivan (10) 34 pts (back 9: 17)  
2nd Tom Keane (16) 34 pts (back 9: 16)  
3rd Sean C. Kennelly (12) 33 pts

Guest prize:  
1st Shane O'Connor (10) 34 pts  
2nd Conor Liston (18) 33 pts

Fixtures:  
Sponsor's Day – Saturday 17th October Old Course  
Captains' Mixed Scramble Shotgun Start – Sunday 18th October Old Course

Ladies Voucher Competition – Tuesday 6th October Old Course  
1st Maureen Culhane (21) 35pts  
2nd Mary Hickey Keane (32) 32pts [Bk 9:21pts]  
3rd Maeve Barrett (18) 32pts [Bk 9:18pts]

Ladies Voucher Competition – Saturday 10th October Old Course  
1st Bernie Moloney (21) 39pts  
2nd Susan Gilmore Kettler (12) 36pts  
3rd Louise Lane (23) 35pts  
4th Maureen Culhane (21) 34pts  
9 Hole Competition  
Carol Ann Coolican (17) 10pts

Fixtures:  
Captains' Mixed Scramble Shotgun Start – Sunday 18th October  
Ladies Lahinch Exchange Day – Monday 19th October

Ladies Voucher Competition – Tuesday 20th October Old Course

Senior Men's Competition – Thursday 8th October 2026 Cashen Course  
1st Richard Condon (17) 35pts.  
2nd M.P.O' Farrell (22) 30pts. B5-11. B3-8.  
3rd Brendan Nolan (30) 30pts. B5-11.B3-6.  
Gross. Michael K. Barrett 21pts.  
4th Dan Sheehan (12) 30pts. B5-11. B3-5.  
5th Fin Brederick (25) 29pts. B5-11  
6th Aidan (Tralee) Daly (17) 29pts. B5-10.  
7th J oe J. O'Connor (20) 27pts. B5-13.  
8th Michael Barry (16) 27pts.B5-12. B3-8.  
9th Michael Barrett (18) 27pts.B5-12. B3-7.  
10th Jody Fitzmaurice (25) 27pts. B5-9.  
V. Noel Finnell (29) 25pts. B5-10.  
S.V. Eddie Moylan (17) 25pts. B5-11.  
S.S.V. Milie Costello (15) 23pts. B5-11.

Senior Ladies 9 Hole Competition – Friday 9th October Cashen Course  
1st Geraldine Gallagher (16) 16pts  
2nd Susan Gilmore Kettler (6) 15pts

BALLYLONGFORD GAA

The draw for the Bernard O Callaghan Senior North Kerry Championship sponsored by Mcmunns Ballybunion. Took place on Monday last in Mcmunns Ballybunion with the Eamon O'Donoghue Memorial Perpetual Cup up for grabs along with the local bragging rights of course. We wish our Senior team all the best in their first round game against near neighbours Moyvane were we will travel to Con Brosnan Park, the date and time are to be confirmed by the North Kerry Board CCC.

First named teams will have home advantage for Round 1.  
Byes: Ballyduff, Beale & Knocknagoshel  
Duagh V Finuge  
Moyvane v Ballylongford  
Tarbert v Brosna  
St Senans v Ballydonoghue

Listowel Emmets v Castleisland Desmonds  
Ballylongford GAA Development Plan - Launch Night  
On Saturday 19th September all roads led to O Rahilly Park Ballylongford for the launch of the club's development plan. There was a large crowd in attendance which included County Board Chairman Patrick O Sullivan and North

Kerry Board Chairman Eamon Whelan but to name a few. The focus of the club's redevelopment is inclusion for all in our community, while all the time keeping to the fore the development of our facilities for our players and the wider community. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our sponsors, supporters and our members and volunteers for all their hard work to date. The night was a huge success and we again thank our wider community for their continued support and look forward to exciting times ahead for Ballylongford GAA

Weekly Lotto Draw: 3rd October - Jackpot €5,300  
Numbers Drawn: 06, 13, 15, 30. There was no winner  
Lucky Dips  
€20 Mike Barrett Lenamore  
€20 Ciaran O Connor Main Street  
€20 Robbie Walsh Main Street  
€20 online Elaine Keane Main Street  
Free tickets x 3 Mossie O'Connor Main Street  
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ASDEE GAA

It was a fantastic weekend of football for our under 13 and 14s.  
On Friday evening, Beale Under 14s travelled to Listowel to take on Listowel B and produced an outstanding team performance to secure an emphatic victory. Every player played their part in a well-deserved win, displaying great skill, teamwork and determination throughout the game. A special word of congratulations goes to our eight Asdee players involved, who all played their part in a great victory.

The excitement continued on Sunday as Beale Under 13s travelled to Moyvane for the eagerly anticipated replay of the Tommy Madden Championship semi-final. Beale got off to a flying start, taking an early lead and going into the half-time break ahead on a scoreline of 2-3 to 0-5. The second half saw another determined display from the Beale side, who battled tirelessly and showed great character to maintain their advantage. Their hard work and commitment paid off as they emerged victorious on a final scoreline of 2-7 to 0-8, securing a well-deserved place in the Tommy Madden Championship final.

Congratulations to all the players and management on two fantastic performances. It is wonderful to see our local young footballers making such a valuable contribution in securing silverware and reaching finals over the weekend.

We wish Beale the very best of luck in the upcoming final. Fixture details will be confirmed during the week.

KERRY PITCH AND PUTT

Home advantage told true for Tralee in so many different ways in their hosting of the National Scotch Foursomes events last weekend as both the Cups on offer went the club's way amongst many other prizes.

Saturday's Mixed event was all about husband and wife Jason & Bernadette O'Regan as they combined for a total of 93 points, the same total as club-mates Tony Blake & Lisa O'Connor but a better Back 18 of 47 points for Jason & Bernadette as opposed to 46 for Tony & Lisa gave them the win. For Jason it was his first National Adult gold medal since his win as part of the Kerry U16 team back in 1990 and it comes after a silver medal in the National Strokeplay and numerous bronze medals in the National Matchplay throughout the years.

Brother and sister Jamie & Charlotte Blake won the First Session prize in Saturday's event as well with 88 points as Sunday was even better from both a Tralee and Kerry point of view. Dan O'Leary and Eddie Sheehy set the target from Sunday morning's session in the Non-Mixed event with 94 points as they were only bettered in the second session by club-mates John O'Regan & Noel Lee with a score of 95 points which included a brilliant Second 18 of 50 points for the winning pair. Tony Blake & Dairis Liepins made it a 1-2-3 for the club in Nett standings as a total of six of the seven prizes on offer last Sunday went to Kerry.

County Board Chairman and Secretary Damien Fleming and Jason Cregan shot 21 under par for 93 points in winning the Gross prize as Tralee's Jamie Blake & Michael Conway won the First Session prize with 91 points and Deerpark duo Giar Lowe & Eileen McCarthy won the Ladies prize with a score of 81 points. Congratulations to all the winning pairs from the weekend especially Jason & Bernadette along with John & Noel on their wins in both events. Well done to Tralee as a club on the hosting of the weekend itself though.

We are now down to the final weekends of the season as following a large group of Kerry players heading to Barcelona this weekend for the Catalan International Pairs event, the season with conclude with Deerpark's participation in the National Inter-Club Finals weekend alongside one final Pitch & Putt Ireland ranking event for the year.

The County Board wishes the Kerry players travelling to Barcelona this weekend the best of luck and a safe journey.

# CUMANN NA MBUNSCOL

## District Titles for, Ballincrossig NS, Knocknagoshel NS, St. Oliver's NS Ballylongford and Murhur NS

The playing fields across Kerry have been a hive of activity over the past number of weeks, with schools competing across the various teacher categories in the Allianz Cumann na mBunscol Boys' Gaelic Football Competitions. With the district competitions now drawing to a close, attention turns to the county stages, where a number of schools will be back in action this week and next as they bid to secure county honours for their respective schools.

### 2-Teacher North Kerry District – Ballincrossig NS End Long Wait

Ballincrossig NS ended a lengthy wait for district honours when they were crowned North Kerry champions at Bob Stack Park, Ballybunion. Kilconly NS and Drumnacurra NS also contributed to an entertaining competition, with Ballincrossig and Kilconly progressing to the decider.

In a high-scoring final, Ballincrossig produced an impressive attacking display to overcome Kilconly and claim a richly deserved district title. They now advance to the county stages, where they will face Castleisland District champions Knocknagoshel NS in an eagerly anticipated county quarter-final.

### 2-Teacher North Kerry District – Ballincrossig NS End Long Wait

A sun-drenched Willie Walsh Park in Knocknagoshel provided the setting for the Castleisland District competition on Monday morning last, with Knocknagoshel NS successfully retaining their district crown. Brosna NS, Clogher NS and Lyreacompane NS also participated in an entertaining morning of football.

The destination of the title was decided in a keenly contested encounter between neighbouring schools Knocknagoshel NS and Brosna NS. Following a closely fought opening half, Knocknagoshel struck for a crucial goal shortly after the restart and went on to secure a deserved victory. Michael Collins, Ben Cahill, Ryan Mangan and Pádraig Collins were prominent for the winners, while Keelan Lane and Joseph Curtin impressed for Brosna NS.

### 3-Teacher North Kerry District – St. Oliver's NS Claim Crown

O'Rahilly Park, Ballylongford, hosted the North Kerry 3-Teacher competition, with St. Oliver's NS, Lisselton NS and Asdee NS competing for district honours.

Following a series of competitive encounters, St. Oliver's and Lisselton contested a thrilling final, with the Ballylongford school emerging victorious on a scoreline of 1-4 to 0-5. Tadhg Foley was outstanding in defence, Ronan O'Sullivan impressed at midfield, while Luke Carmody posed a constant attacking threat. Goalkeeper Jack Bambury also played a vital role, producing an excellent display to keep a clean sheet and help his side secure the district crown.

### 4/5-Teacher North Kerry District – Murhur NS Emerge Victorious

A blustery Con Brosnan Park in Moyvane was the venue for the North Kerry 4/5-Teacher competition on Friday last, where Murhur NS claimed district honours following victory over near neighbours Knockanure NS.

Murhur overcame Lixnaw NS in their semi-final, while Knockanure defeated Sliabh a' Mhadra NS to set up an eagerly anticipated local derby. Despite playing against the elements in the opening half, Murhur made a decisive start, striking for two well-worked goals to establish a commanding advantage. They maintained their superiority after the interval to secure a deserved 2-4 to 0-4 victory.

Abraham Newland, Jack McCarthy and Cadán Moloney were particularly influential for the winners, while Rián Kennelly and Fionn Larkin battled tirelessly for Knockanure NS.

With district honours now decided across these categories, the focus switches firmly to the county knockout stages. The coming weeks promise further exciting encounters as the district champions seek to continue their winning runs and move a step closer to the ultimate prize of an Allianz Cumann na mBunscol County title.

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### Ballincrossig NS



### Knocknagoshel NS



### Murhur NS



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Of all the words, inventions and philosophies known to man, there is nothing more powerful than the Word of God.

2 Timothy 3:16 tells me:

*"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realise what is wrong with our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right."*

In Matthew 24:35, Jesus says:

*"Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words shall never pass away."*

Hebrews 4:12 tells me:

*"...the Word of God is living and powerful and*

*sharper than any two-edged sword."*

It changes our focus from the anxieties, fears and troubles of life to the truth of God's promises and eternal values.

Psalms 119:105 describes it as *"...a lamp for my feet and a light on my path."*

I read in Matthew 4:4:

*"Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God."*

Just as we need food and water for our physical life, we need to feed on the Word of God to be fully alive. Anyone can read it. You just need to be humble enough to accept it as His Word.

**His Word is a bed to rest upon** (Psalm 4:8), **bread to the hungry** (Deuteronomy 8:3), **comfort to the lonely** (Psalm 34:18), **hope to the hopeless** (Psalm 119:114) **and rest to the weary** (Matthew 11:28).

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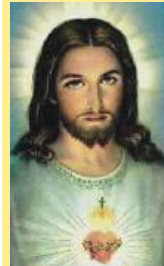
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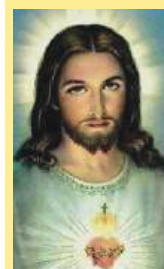
Mother of Devine Grace, You can find a way where there is no way, please hear my prayer and grant my request. Amen. Say 6 times a day for 3 days.  
**M.A.L.**



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

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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

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