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Glanmire Parish News



St Joseph's Church Choir once again had the privilege of singing Aifreann Cholmcille, composed by the late Tomas O Canainn, on St Patrick's Day. Tomas was a longtime resident of Glanmire, a well-known composer of beautiful music and a world renowned uilleann piper, who shared his wonderful talents with so many.

We are eternally grateful to him and hopefully will be able to share this beautiful Mass with many generations going forward. Go raibh mile maith agat Tomas.

This year we will continue a relatively new tradition of celebrating the Dawn Mass of Easter in Rathcoony Cemetery. Many of our deceased loved ones from Glanmire and neighbouring parishes are interred there and are remembered fondly.

Gathering for mass together to celebrate the joy of the Resurrection as night turns to day, surrounded by nature and the sound of birdsong welcoming the light, has been a very meaningful experience for those who have attended each year to date. Easter fills us with the hope of the Resurrection for ourselves and our loved ones who have gone before us in faith. Wishing all the families of the parish peace, joy and many blessings this Easter season.

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Our **AGM** took place in Vienna Woods in March where members gathered to reflect on the past year and look ahead to an exciting year for our local business community. A special thank you to Frances Hegarty, who retired from her long-held role as Treasurer and was presented with flowers by Chairperson Andrew

Walker in recognition of her dedication and service to the Chamber.

We were also delighted to welcome Louise Mehigan, who joins the Executive Committee as Secretary, while Karen Doyle steps into the role of Treasurer.

The meeting was also attended by Community Gardaí Noel & Clodagh Fitzgerald, who introduced themselves and shared insights into the important work they do in supporting the local community.

Lunch & Learn

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Celebrating Holy Week 2026 in the Family of Parishes of Carraig na bhFear, Glanmire Glounthaune, Watergrasshill and Glenville



HOLY THURSDAY, 2nd April

Mass of the Lord's Supper :

7pm Watergrasshill 'Watch & Pray' at Altar of Repose

Altar of repose in Glenville also until 9pm

7.30pm Springhill. Adoration at Altar of Repose until 9.30pm

7.30pm Carraig na bhFear. Altar of Repose until 9.30pm

7.30pm Knockraha. Altar of Repose until Night Prayer at 9.30pm

GOOD FRIDAY, 3rd April

Stations of the Cross:

12 noon Little Island; Watergrasshill; Upper Glanmire

3pm Carraig na bhFear; Glenville.

7.30pm Knockraha

Celebration of the Lord's Passion:

3pm Watergrasshill, Glounthaune & Springhill

7.30pm Carraig na bhFear

Prayer Around The Cross:

7pm Glenville

8pm Upper Glanmire

HOLY SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL , 4th April

8pm Little Island

8.15pm Carraig na bhFear

8.30pm Glenville

8.30pm Springhill

EASTER SUNDAY, 5th April

DAWN MASS 6.30am Rathcooney Cemetery

9am Knockraha

10am Upper Glanmire

10.30am Springhill

11.00am Glounthaune

11.30am Carraig na bhFear

12 noon Watergrasshill

12 noon. Springhill



The Annual May Procession in Glanmire will take place at **3:00 p.m.** on Sunday, **May 3rd**, beginning at St. Joseph's Church, Springhill, and proceeding to the Lourdes Grotto, Glanmire.

Now in its **77th year**, the procession continues a cherished local tradition that began in 1949 with the opening of the Grotto and the first May procession held that same year.

This year's event will be marked by the absence of a much-loved committee member, Michael Quinlan, who has gone to his eternal reward since the last gathering. His contribution to the procession over many years will be fondly remembered.

The ceremony at the Grotto will include the Recitation of the Rosary, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and a homily by Father Emmanuel Ihomon from Peva-Chanchanji in Taraba State, Nigeria.

Father Emmanuel was born in 1982. He has two brothers and one sister, his parents are now deceased. He studied for six years at St Peter's in Yola, a St. Augustine Seminary. He was ordained to the priesthood in 2011 and served as a Diocesan Priest in Nigeria.



Father Emmanuel Ihomon

Father Emmanuel speaks four languages and is currently learning Irish. He came to Glanmire in May of last year and is now active in the family of parishes.

The Carrigaline Pipe Band and St. Joseph's Choir will provide uplifting music throughout the ceremony. In recent years, many new parishioners have joined our community in Glanmire. Those who have not yet experienced this colourful and prayerful occasion are warmly invited to take part.

All are welcome to attend.

Welcome to the April edition of the Garden News. April is a very busy month in the garden. The hour has gone forward and we have more time in the evenings for all those jobs.

For people who have lawns they will be busy cutting and trimming the grass and borders. This is one of the best months for applying lawn feed and weedkiller, as well as Moss killer. If you can try and rake out the dead moss, as this will help to give the grass more light and air to grow stronger.

Always remember to never compost the grass clippings from treated lawns.

This is a great time of the year to mulch all shrubs in the garden, as they will be actively growing. In the case of winter flowering shrubs, such as Camellias they will be making flower buds now for next year.

Not only will you be feeding the shrubs, but you will also be improving water retention in the soil as well as helping to suppress weeds.

In the case of Roses there should be plenty of new growth, but at this time of year they may be under attack from greenfly. Keep an eye on the roses and dispose of the greenfly how you see fit.



With the weather getting warmer this is a good time to start potting up your ornamental containers like baskets and window boxes. I would tend to do this towards the end of the month when frost is less likely.

When you buy your bedding plants try and harden them off during the day before you leave them out at night.

Another job I do this time of year is to remove the seed heads from all the Daffodils. This helps to concentrate their energy into producing bigger bulbs for next year. I will also dig up any large clumps of Daffodils that have started to die back. Once they are out of the ground, I dry them off in a shed for a few weeks, then separate them and replant around the garden. This helps to prevent the Daffodils going "blind" (all leaves and no flowers).

In the fruit garden there should be a lot of flowering happening, from Apples to currants and strawberries and anything in between. It's a great time for blossom, but watch out for birds that like to strip the flowers from the stems thus making it impossible to be pollinated.

A small amount of damage is tolerable but too much may lead to a whole crop failure.



Netting will help with the soft fruit but make sure it is tight all the way around and well anchored down.

This is also a very busy time in the vegetable garden. All the summer salads should now be sown and or transplanted into their beds. Try and sow fresh salads every two weeks to give a good succession of salads over the summer and Autumn.

All these summer salads can be grown in pots or large containers easily and can look quite ornamental.



All our winter vegetables should now be sown. These are what we call long crops, in other words in the soil for a long time. The best winter vegetables to sow are Purple Sprouting Broccoli, Leeks, Kale, Winter cabbage, Brussell sprouts, Parsnips and Carrots. There are lots of others but these are the best suited to our climate.

You do not need a large Vegetable plot for all of these, just grow a few of each and see how you get on.

Jobs for April

1. Weed and feed the lawns.
2. Mulch all shrubs.
3. This is a good time to trim any winter flowering shrubs that need it.
4. Keep an eye open for pests, Greenfly
5. Net any fruit plants that need protection.
6. Keep sowing salads.
7. Start potting up the ornamental containers.
8. Try not to do everything at once. Little and often.
9. Enjoy the garden.

Chris Troy



Ann Holland LOCAL HERO

The Glanmire Area Community Association along with SuperValu Glanmire have come together celebrate those who work behind the scenes, often without seeking recognition. Every month, we will highlight one outstanding nominee who exemplifies compassion, leadership, and community spirit. Every month a new nominee will receive a beautiful bouquet of flowers and a €50 voucher to spend in SuperValu. At the end of the year, we will bring all nominees together for a December Community gathering. We at the Community Association are delighted for the support of Ryan's SuperValu in this endeavour.

This month our nominated LOCAL HERO is Ann Holland.

Ann has been an integral part of the community from the earliest days of the Community Association.

Back in the day, she helped set up a community creche, volunteering with the annual summer Play Scheme, arranging day trips, activities, and educational visits for the kids.

Over the years, Ann has been involved in community clean-ups, research on Glanmire's heritage and history and in local drama endeavours.

Forty years on, Ann is still volunteering, working with the seniors, organising outings and events and heading up the Tuesday Club meetings. Her tireless and enthusiastic commitment to her community has definitely earned her the title of **Local Hero for April**.

Congratulations Ann for all your good work, goodwill and for showing us what community spirit is made of.



Each month, people can nominate someone they feel deserves recognition for their efforts in the community. Just email your entry – a short few lines on who you are nominating and why – to gacacork@gmail.com with LOCAL HEROES in the subject line or drop it into the Community Centre and we'll do the rest.

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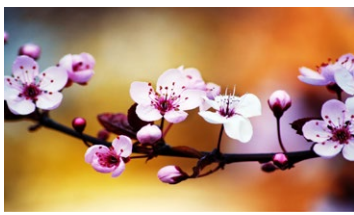
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Spring is in the air, temperatures are rising. Are you looking to refresh some of your daily pieces, or maybe planning a city break.

For busy professionals, mums on the go, or anyone who wants to look polished without overthinking their outfits, a **cream trouser and jacket set** is a valuable addition.

A well-cut **cream trouser and jacket Co-Ord** can easily move between:

- work meetings
- weekend lunches
- travel days
- city breaks

It's the kind of outfit that **looks considered but feels effortless**. When worn as a set, cream trousers and a matching jacket create a **polished, elongated silhouette**.

Style it simply with a soft coloured knit or a fresh brehon stiped top.

- tan or nude loafers
- minimal gold jewellery



Split the Co-Ord for Multiple Outfits. Cream trousers work beautifully with: a navy knit or Breton stripe, a soft pastel blouse, a lightweight trench coat.

This creates an easy **smart-casual look that feels fresh for spring**. A cream jacket instantly elevates simpler outfits. Try pairing it with dark denim and a white tee. It acts almost like a **modern neutral blazer that pulls everything together**.

When packing for a **city break**, versatility matters. A cream Co-Ord is ideal because: the pieces mix easily with other items it creates several outfits from just two pieces.

Wear the **trousers with trainers and a knit for the flight**, then add the jacket later for an evening meal or museum visit..

If you would like to work with me for wardrobe decluttering, personal styling, colour analysis and personal shopping sessions. Local studio or central Glanmire appointments.

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Lynda Di Blasi

Situated behind Monkey Maze along the banks of the Glashaboy River, lies the recorded monument (CO075-002001), which is also a protected structure (20907510).

The building, currently disused, originally functioned as a flour bolting mill and was constructed in the 1700s by Samuel Pike. Pike, a Quaker, was the son of Joseph Pike, a successful pioneer in the development of the Cork city marshes.

The spirit of enterprise clearly ran in the family, as highlighted in Charles Smith's work *The Ancient and Present State of the County and City of Cork*, first published in 1750. Smith notes the enterprising persona of Samuel Pike: 'Glanmire is a small village, prettily planted.'

Here is a curious bolting-mill, with another near Ballyrochine, both belonging to Mr. Samuel Pike, merchant, of Cork. The water-wheel of this last mill is 24 feet diameter, being an over-shot wheel, the cog-wheel and axle-tree are very large; these were the first of the kind erected in this part of the kingdom, and stand very convenient for bringing wheat, and sending flour and meal by water, from and to the city of Cork.'



Figure 1: 'Science Polish Factory', Glanmire.

Flour mills experienced significant advancements during the eighteenth century. In the latter half of this era, the methods

employed for cleaning cereal grains before milling became increasingly sophisticated. The larger mills were equipped with mechanically driven four-dressing machinery, essential for sieving and grading flour. The standard configuration required by the new milling technology typically consisted of a building with a minimum of three floors.

Grain was stored on the top floor or elevated to that level; shelling, grinding, and bolting occurred on the intermediate levels, while the main shafting and gear systems were placed on the ground floor. The structure also included hoists for raising sacks and elevators for transporting loose grain or flour, all powered by the water wheel.

According to the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage, the mill building in Glanmire was originally five storeys high, dating to the mid-nineteenth century. The Shaw family, who operated the mill in the early nineteenth century, produced 25,000 barrels of flour per annum, following the introduction of a steam engine in the 1830s.

After the death of Archibald Shaw, the concern came under the control of Alexander Lawe. However, Lawe's tenure was short-lived; the *Southern Reporter* announced his death in the edition of 28 February 1868.

The article noted that he had been suffering attacks of bronchitis but 'was not impeded by it'. 'He was in the city ... and took a Turkish bath, but on going home he felt somewhat indisposed ... but so sudden was Mr. Lawe's prostration that in a few hours afterwards he expired in much agony.'

In June 1868, the *Cork Examiner*

printed a notice 'important to millers' stating that Glanmire Mills were to be let. The enterprise was supplied 'with first-class machinery, with all the latest improvements, and are in full working order. They have ample storage, and a never-failing supply of water. Water carriage to the door of the lower, or Glanmire Mills.'

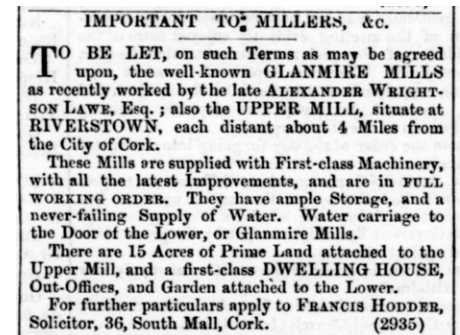


Figure 2: *Cork Examiner*, 6 June 1868.

However, disaster was to befall the mills in August 1870, when 'one of most destructive fires that has occurred for some time in this neighbourhood broke out in the Glanmire Mills, and resulted in the almost ruin of that fine establishment.'

The mill passed to the Punch family in the 1910s, and evidence of this revival is found in several publications, which you can read about next month. If you have any more information about this article or any others, please email irishfamilydetective@gmail.com.

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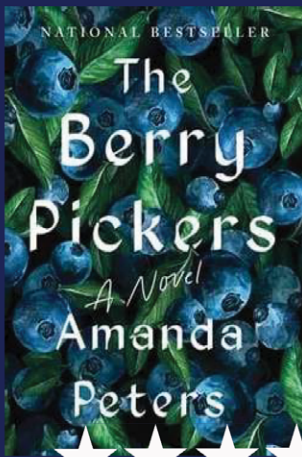
A plaque is to be erected at the entrance of Glashaboy Woods, Glanmire, in recognition of Law's Well, which was in use up to the 1950's. The Law family resided in the Sallybrook area and are buried in Rathcooney Cemetary.

Further details later.

April at Glanmire Library

April Book of the Month

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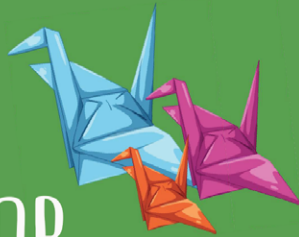
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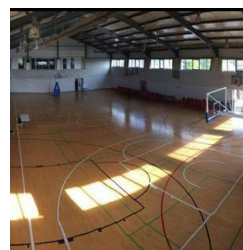
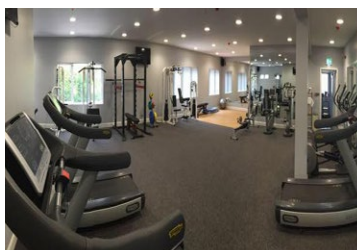
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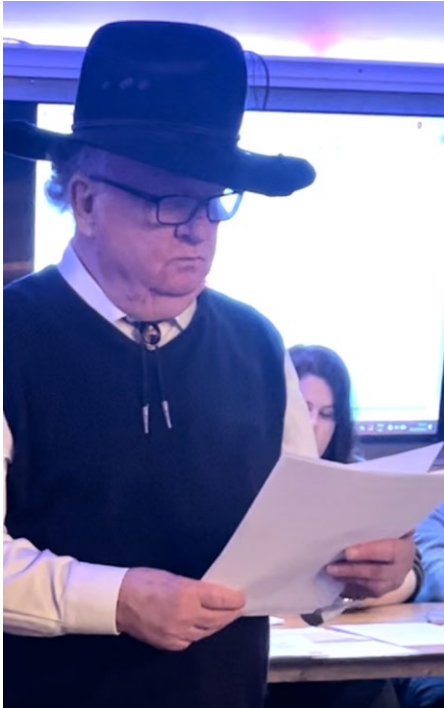
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Glanmire Players Drama group Fundraising Table Quiz





Glanmire Community Games



Glanmire Community Games invites all budding young Artists and Handwriters within our community to apply April Competitions to be held at Riverstick.

We are allowed have three entrants in each separate age for each of the competitions.

In the event of us being over prescribed in any age category, entries will be independently judged ahead of the Riverstick Event.

Please note: Closing date is Thursday 9th April with final entries accepted up to 1pm.

For further information including: Criteria, Size and Rules etc please visit www.cairncommunitygames.ie. Go to the Events tag and use the dropdown menu for details you need.

Two ways of submitting your entries:

- Scan/upload your work to gacacork@gmail.com with fully completed scanned 2026 application form.

- Drop in you competed work/application marked For the attention of Sandal, April 2026 Competition into the Mailbox at the Community Centre Riverstown. Good Luck!

Our small band of dedicated volunteers invite any expression of interest for any other events.

As always, we appeal for any help and support at all you can give us to keep our area going into the future. It's a seasonal programme and a non-heavy commitment.

A couple of hours per week would make all the difference, ensuring we provide endless opportunities for the children here to showcase their talents and to participate in what is, a wonderful organisation. For more information check out www.cairncommunitygames.ie

Glanmire Players Ready for the Stage



The Glanmire Players are all set and ready for their debut performance of the Tommy Marren play, *It's the Real McCoy*, on the 9th, 10th and 11th of April in Riverstown National School.

Set in 1964 rural Ireland, the play is a hilarious comedy woven with a strong emotional thread and a wonderfully crafted storyline. Rehearsals are in full swing with only a week to go before audiences get to see and experience this live local drama in their own community provided by their own community.

Packed with sharp wit, Elma McCarthy and Anne Malone bring Cora and Nora O'Hora to life with their comic timing and their superb characterisation of these larger-than-life characters. Siobhan McGrath Buckley is a formidable Madge with a well-honed sense of timing and nuance. Herself and Matt Murphy share some sharp exchanges and some touching moments of tenderness on stage.

Another local resident, Jennifer Lane does a memorable job capturing the essence of Maura, Madge's loyal and faithful daughter. The performances of Tyrone Power and Johnny Brackett are both wonderfully comedic and their characters reflect the beliefs, dreams and expectations of people in the heart of a close-knit Irish community at a time of change.

A huge thanks to Elevate Credit Union here in Glanmire who agreed to sponsor the performances. With their help and support, the Glanmire Players can mark a proud and memorable milestone for this new local drama group.

Catriona O'Gorman, director said the group is eagerly looking forward to performing in front of their own community and sharing the joy of live theatre together.

With a talented local cast, a much-loved script and plenty of heart, the Glanmire Players' debut promises three wonderful nights of laughter and connection this April.

Tickets can be purchased in advance and booking highly advisable.

To book contact 0872773737 or 0863826922 or glanmireplayers@yahoo.com. Tickets are also available at Uparty in the Crestfield Shopping Centre.

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Entry Form 2026



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If an event is oversubscribed a local Glanmire contest may be held
to select the Glanmire representative(s)

Please note entrants must be living in the Glanmire local re - Glanmire Area Addresses essential

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Date	Event Type	Location	Closing Dates	Events
18th/19th April	County	Riverstick	12th April	Art & Handwriting
19th April	Munster	RathkealeHouseHotel	13th April	Chess, Draughts
25th April	Munster	UL	13th April	Table Tennis, Volleyball, Badminton, X Rugby 7s, Basketball
		TheFactory Galvone	13th April	Indoor Soccer
26th April	Munster	TheFactory Galvone	13th April	Futsal
May 23rd	National	Drumlish, Longford	26th April	Indoor Soccer U10
		Keenagh, Longford	26th April	Indoor Soccer U13
		Gormanstown	26th April	Basketball, X Rugby 7s
		Edgeworthstown, Longford	26th April	Handball (Boys)
May 24th	National	Gormanstown	26th April	Table Tennis, Badminton, Volleyball, Futsal, Cross Country, Mixed Distance Relay, Marathon (5K), Cycling on Grass
May 24th	National	Edgeworthstown, Longford	26th April	Handball (Girls)
14th June	Munster Prelims	UL North Campus	8th June	Outdoor teams
28th June	Munster	UL North Campus	8th June	Camogie, Tag Rugby, Gaelic Football, Soccer, Hurling, Rounders, Throwball Rounders
TBA	Munster	UL North Campus	8th June	Skittles
July 4th	National	TheWatershed Kilkenny	26th April	Swimming - boys, Quiz, Chess, Draughts
July 5th	National	TheWatershed Kilkenny	26th April	Swimming - girls, Gymnastics
18th July	National	Clonmel	28th June	Regional Athletics(for 2nd & 3rd in county)
18th July	National	Clara, Offaly	28th June	Pitch & Putt
23rd August	National	SETU Carlow	28th June	Athletics U12,14,16; Field events
			26th July	Rounders, Throwball Rounders
24th August	National	SETU Carlow	28th June	Athletics U8,10
			26th July	Tag Rugby, Camogie, Hurling, Gaelic Football, Soccer
5th September	National	Carlow Visual Arts	26th July	Art, Solo & Group Singing, All Dance, Choir



Glanmire and Sarsfields Healthy Clubs



Healthy Clubs Community & GAA Clubs Survey

Our team wants to hear from **you!** What do you think about the activities we organised & the information we shared over the last 3 years? We want to hear your ideas. Please complete this survey to guide us on your preferences for 2026 & 2027.

If you haven't heard of us, this is our purpose: We want to support and enhance the holistic health of our clubs and the community we serve. The Irish Life and GAA Healthy Clubs national prog. helps our local healthy clubs to deliver this goal through 6 priorities:

1. Mental Fitness
2. Physical Activity
3. Healthy Eating
4. Diversity and Inclusion
5. Substance Use and Gambling
6. Community Development

Please use a tick or an X to choose your responses?

<p>Q1. Have you heard about our team?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No, this is new to me.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I have heard about this team.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, and I have taken part in Healthy Clubs activities.</p>	<p>Q2. If you have heard about our team, was it through:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Our club Facebook page?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The Glanmire Area Newsletter?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The Mums of Glanmire Facebook page?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other</p>
<p>Q3. If you or your child(ren) have taken part in any of our activities, please let us know which one(s)?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Glanmire All Stars</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Glanmire Walkers and Talkers</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Ireland Lights Up walks</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Every Step Counts challenge</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Men on The Move</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Couch 2 5K</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> G.O.A.L. Mile</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Nutrition Talk with Marc (Balance)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Water Safety Talk from the RNLI</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Gambling talk with Niall McNamee</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The Marie Keating Foundation Unit visit</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The Irish Heart Foundation Visit</p>	<p>Q4. Thinking of the list of activities in Q3, which activity (or activities) would you like us to arrange again in future?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Glanmire All Stars</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Glanmire Walkers and Talkers</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Ireland Lights Up walks</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Every Step Counts challenge</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Men on The Move</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Couch 2 5K</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> G.O.A.L. Mile</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Nutrition Talk with Marc (Balance)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Water Safety Talk from the RNLI</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Gambling talk with Niall McNamee</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The Marie Keating Unit Foundation visit</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The Irish Heart Foundation Visit</p>
<p>Q5. If, in the past, you had wanted to attend an activity or info session but didn't or couldn't, can you tell us why?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The date didn't suit me</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The event time was too early</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The event time was too late</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I had another event that evening</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I wasn't interested in any of the events</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other</p>	<p>Q6. Are there any new activities or information sessions that you think we could explore and facilitate?</p> <hr/> <p>Q7. Is there any comment or question that you would like to add?</p>

Please drop your survey response into our Healthy Clubs Survey Box in UParty by May 15th

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of every club*

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All of our Club Members and our Community are welcome to our events.

Glanmire Ladies Football

Glanmire Ladies Senior Football team being presented with the Munster Senior B trophy, to the winning Captain Ally McCarthy, and Player of the Match, Orlaith Roche and the girls celebrating that night at our 25 year Anniversary of the Club in Vienna Woods Hotel, organised by Brian Lotty, and Compere on the night was the brilliant Marty Morrissey



Juvenile Awards

Pictures of our Juvenile Awards night in Vienna Woods Hotel recently, with the trophies and medals being presented by Gaby Cashman and Aisling McAllen, our Senior players.



Glanmire Ladies Football

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Glanmire Macra



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Glanmire Macra have been keeping busy, attending several events this month.

The main event for March was the Séandun round of the National Talent Competition in Knockraha Hall on Sunday the 8th of March. Some of our members headed along on the night and had a great evening's entertainment with rounds for singing, dancing, instrumental, comedy sketch and a mastermind quiz at the end.

With congratulations going to Glanmire Macras Patrick Healy who won the Mastermind competition. He will now progress on to the national

finals, and we would like to take this opportunity to wish him the best of luck and everyone else who will progress from the Séandun region to the finals. March also saw the Cork county round of Titles night. This was an opportunity for the winners of the Séandun round of titles night to get more practice before the main events.

We were delighted to see Pa Kelleher win Cork county Mr Personality on the night and looking forward to seeing him take part at the national Mr Personality round on the 10th and 11th of April in Kilkenny. This is always a brilliant weekend.

We have plenty of plans for the coming month too. With the weather getting better, we are hoping to arrange a walk soon and a social night in the city. Our weekly sports night in Little Island Sports Complex also continues every Wednesday from 7.30-9pm.

If you're interested in coming along to any of our events, keep an eye on our social medias for the latest updates, and feel free to reach out to us on social media or by contacting us at glanmire@macra.ie.

We would love to hear from you!

Easter is a season of renewal and rebirth – making it an ideal moment to begin – or return to – that short story you've been meaning to write. If you have an unfinished piece tucked away in a drawer, maybe now is a good time to take it out, refine it, and get it out there to potential readers. Who doesn't love a good story? It's in our DNA. We have been telling each other stories since the dawn of civilisation. Elders told tales huddled around campfires in the dark. Children listened wide-eyed, making their own reels in their heads about the hunt, the monsters, the journeys involving danger, adventure, love, loss, betrayal, surrender.

Wisdom was handed down through stories – stories that provided a narrative that was easily remembered, re-imagined and recalled for the next generation. Important values were taught through story, fables, myths, legends, passed down from mother to daughter, from father to son through hundreds and thousands of years. Today, stories are told on the stage, on social media, in film, TV, books, and through poetry, music and dance. Gossip is a form of story. Stories abound in our everyday conversations: *wait till I tell you what happened to me today. And we lean in, all ears. Go on, tell us, what happened?*

Not everyone wants to share their stories. Some people are more interested in other creative pursuits – painting, sports, music, dance. In Ireland though, I do think we are a nation of writers and storytellers. We're good at it and have a proud tradition in prose and poetry. Too often though, writing is deferred with promises of "someday" or "when I have more time." In reality, writing requires no special resources. It can be done anywhere: at the kitchen table, in a library, in a café over a cup of tea, or even in a parked car. The only



real investment is time—and unlike mindless scrolling, writing can offer genuine satisfaction, clarity, and unexpected insights. Even when the words feel slow to come, the effort is never wasted. A short session – say ten minutes – can yield a strong sentence, a few words that work well together, a phrase, a new idea, or material that can be reshaped later. Even on a bad day – you always get something. Writing, in itself, is an act of progress and like anything else – learning to swim, drive, cycle a bike, bake bread, whatever, the more you do it the better you become at it. Practice sharpens your skill.



Meet the judges: (L-R) Jan Carson, Tristan Rosenstock and Aingeala Flannery

So, if you're inclined to get that story done, RTÉ is now inviting entries for the RTÉ Short Story Competition in honour of Francis MacManus, one of Ireland's longest established and most respected literary prizes. Now in its 40th year, the free to enter competition celebrates outstanding new Irish fiction written for radio.

The winning writer will receive €5,000, with second and third prizes of €4,000 and €3,000 respectively. A further seven runners up will each receive €300. Writers aged 18 and over, living in Ireland or Irish writers worldwide, are eligible to enter. Submissions in English or Irish must be between 1,800 and 2,000 words, excluding the title, and must be submitted by Friday 15 May 2026 at www.rte.ie/writing.

New judge, Aingeala Flannery said: "I would encourage anyone with a story, especially the secret writers out there, to seize this opportunity and give it a shot. It's free to enter, so you literally have nothing to lose. I will never forget where I was when I got the call to say that one of my stories had made the Francis MacManus shortlist. It gave me the confidence to call myself a writer and keep going."

Returning to the judging panel this year, Jan Carson explains what she is looking for in a short story: "The key to unlocking a brilliant short story is capturing an authentic, and ideally intriguing, voice. In a radio context, I particularly love it when a story's voice feels as if it's conspiring with me, telling me something candid and confessional, only intended for my ears. I spend a lot of time reading my own stories in progress out loud to myself, just to ensure the voice is spot on."

So, what are you waiting for? Put away the chocolate and take out your pen or your laptop and start writing. You just don't know where it will lead!

Happy Writing
Eleanor

Eleanor O'Kelly-Lynch is an author, living in Glanmire. Her novels, *'The Girl with Special Knees'* and *'The Girl with Stars in Her Eyes'* are available on www.eleanorokellylynch.ie, Amazon and buythebook.ie

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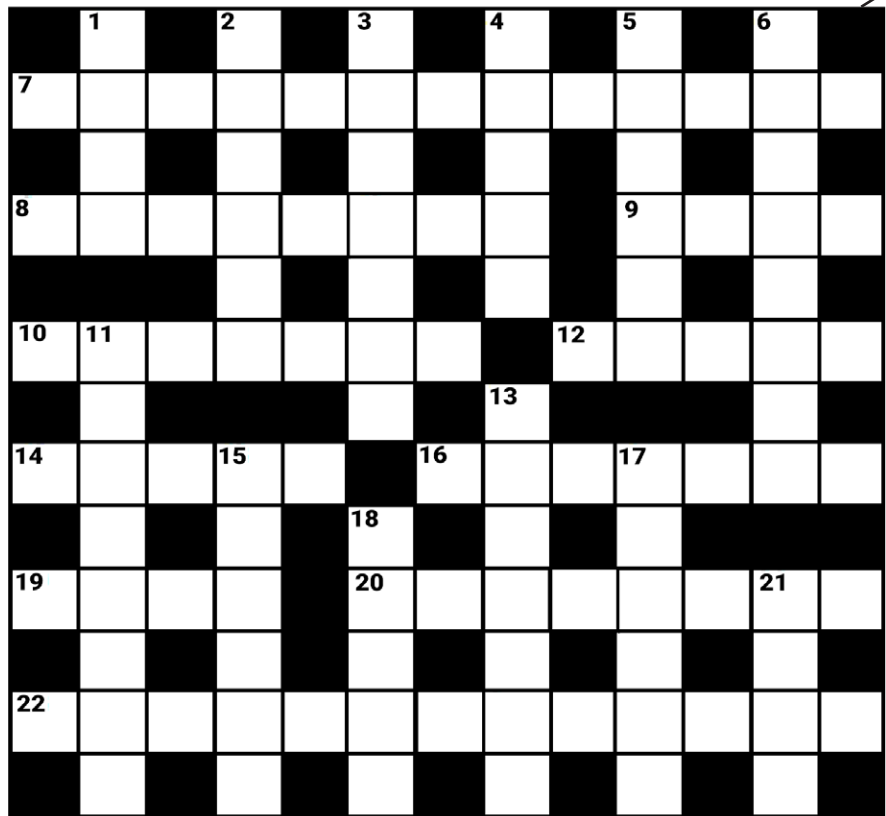
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Across

- 7. Beyond dispute or argument (13)
- 8. Kitchen strainer for draining pasta (8)
- 9. Adhesive strip for joining or fastening (4)
- 10. Lower part of the torso (7)
- 12. Situation where the opposite of what's expected occurs (5)
- 14. Handle turned to operate machinery (5)
- 16. Remove the need for something (7)
- 19. Capital city of Ukraine (4)
- 20. Greatly surprise or amaze (8)
- 22. Person who operates cinema equipment (13)

Down

- 1. Preposition indicating movement within (4)
- 2. Red fruit used in salads and sauces (6)
- 3. Carefully considered or deliberate (7)
- 4. Seize power or position illegally (5)
- 5. One who samples food or drink (6)
- 6. Loop that tightens when pulled (8)
- 11. Enclosed area on a farm (8)
- 13. Refrain from voting or participating (7)
- 15. Indigenous people of the southwestern United States (6)
- 17. Division of play in baseball or cricket (6)
- 18. Liquid accompaniment to food (5)
- 21. Work out or figure something out (4)

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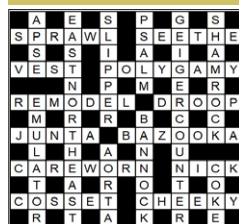
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March Crossword Winner: **Hilda Baker, Riverstown, Glanmire**



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