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Happy 90th Birthday Father Martin Barry

May has been a busy month here in the Parish. We began with a special Mass in St Joseph's Church, Springhill for Fr. Martin Barry on the occasion of his 90th birthday.

The choir led us in song and mementos of Fr Martin's religious and sporting life were presented at the altar. We gathered afterwards in the Parish Centre for refreshments and of course birthday cake. Once Fr Martin got over the surprise he entertained us with

stories from his time on the missions in Kenya and even sang a song or two.

A presentation was made on behalf of the parish by the Chairperson of the Parish Assembly and we all wish Fr Martin continued health and happiness. We are very grateful for all he does for us here in the parish and for his incomparable sports reports. He is truly an elder to look up to.

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Our May meeting was held at the new AIB branch in Crestfield Centre where we heard from outgoing branch manager, John Corbett about the range of services on offer as well as their €1 million Community Fund which invites local charities to apply for funding.



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We also heard from Anna O'Driscoll from the Dept of Social Protection about the Work Placement Experience Programme and Louise from Joe Organ Auctioneers about their positive experience with the service.

Attendees enjoyed delicious food from Bia Beirut



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Village Vets

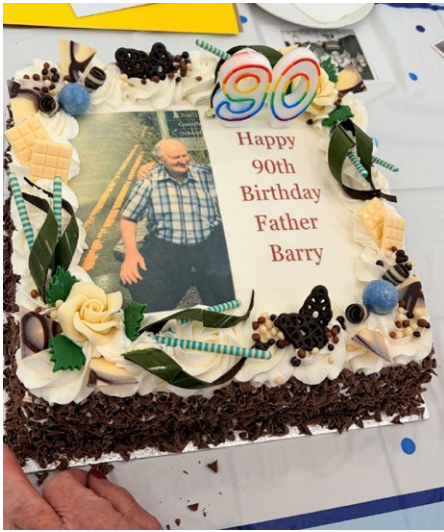
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The 77th annual May procession to Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto in Glanmire took place on Sunday May 3rd. It was well attended and this year St. Joseph's Choir and Upper Glanmire Choir joined forces, with our associate organist, Edward Fuller playing a blinder. You may even have seen the article about our procession in the Evening Echo.

Fr Emmanuel Ihomon, who came to our family of parishes from his native Nigeria last year, gave the homily. We have promised Fr Emmanuel that it doesn't always rain in Ireland but he hasn't seen much evidence of that yet. However, rain or shine, the Grotto procession remains a great tradition in Glanmire and a powerful witness to faith alive and strong in our community.

In May too, the parish assembly gathered for training as we grow into our roles. We represent the voice of the laity in the parish and have been nominated by, and selected from among our faith community. The training helped us to define our purpose and to set manageable goals for the future. Our ministry is underpinned by our faith and our commitment to the community. We will



St Joseph's Choir who sang in St Colman's Cathedral Cobh in May.

continue working with our priests and welcome feedback and suggestions from parishoners. Many people have suggested to us that it would be nice to gather for coffee and a chat after Mass in the parish centre. Now we can, beginning Sunday 24th May, after 10.30a.m Mass and on the third Sunday of the month thereafter, and all are welcome to join us. If you are new to the parish come and introduce yourself, we would love to meet you. Thanks to the committee who have organised this and those who have volunteered to help.

Congratulations to all the Children of the parish schools

who celebrated their First Holy Communion this May. We wish continued blessings on you and your families.

All are invited by Bishop Fintan Gavin to join in the 100th anniversary Eucharistic Procession on Sunday June 7th, on the feast of Corpus Christi. The event begins at 3p.m at the Cathedral of St Mary and St Anne and will process through the streets to conclude with Benediction at the Grand Parade. We walk in the footsteps of our fathers and mothers in faith as we honour Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. It is surely an occasion of grace and a blessing on the city in these troubled times.

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This is one of the busiest months in the garden. Everything is growing and the weeds just seem to pop up overnight. Not to mention the legions of slugs that arrive and are hell bent on eating all your plants.



Do not despair though, as June progresses the month gets drier, and the slugs do tend to thin out, and the weed growth slows.

All the ornamental containers you have planted should be growing well, and the flowers should be starting to bloom. There are a few things to do to ensure a good display for the rest of the summer.

1. Water all the containers well, either early morning or late evening.
2. Feed at least once a week with tomato feed to keep the plants looking their best (I feed my containers twice a week).
3. Dead head the flowers once they have gone over.
4. Keep an eye open for slugs and greenfly attacks and take appropriate action to deal with them.

For the herb containers try to use them as soon as they are ready. For harvesting herbs always use a sharp scissors and never pull them with your hands. Try and use the herbs as quickly as possible to ensure the best flavour.

Herb pots should have as much sun as you can give them.

Any containers that have salads in them then the same rules apply.

In the fruit garden Strawberries should be swelling up and starting to ripen. Keep the berries off the soil by putting straw on the soil and resting the berries on it. I also use small pots to do the same. Watch out for slugs.

In the ornamental garden your taller plants will need staking and tying in. Try to use Jute string as this is

softer on the plant stems. Try not to tie the string too tight around the plant as this could strangle them. Keep the flower beds as weed free as possible and keep on top of the dead heading. This is particularly important for Roses and Dahlias. This will help to keep your plants flowering longer.

The main pest in June for the ornamental plants is greenfly. There are a few ways to deal with them.



1. Use a garden hose and wash them off.
2. Make up a solution of washing up liquid in a spray bottle and spray in on the affected areas. Never do this when it is very sunny as it can cause scorching.
3. The chemical solution. Always follow the directions.
4. The other way is to do nothing and allow the predators like ladybirds and birds to take them.

The lawn will be growing well now. Keep it trimmed at least once a week. A well-kept lawn with well-trimmed edges will really show off the whole garden.

If you have the time then visiting other peoples gardens can be a great source of inspiration for your garden. They are always happy to talk about their gardening trials and triumphs.

It can be very easy to get overwhelmed with the garden in summer, so the best tip I can give is to do little but often. The other tip I give to people is to set a time budget for your garden. The time budget is for working in the garden and not just drinking tea and admiring it (which is very important as well).

Start with a realistic amount of time like 15mins per day and then move on from there. You can always increase your time budget as time goes on but start small. You can do a lot in 15mins.

Enjoy your garden.

Chris Troy

Father Martin Barry

Today we celebrate a cherished figure whose life has been defined by faith, service, sport and dedication to others.

Fr. Martin was born into a family of 11 children (he being the youngest) in 1936 in Barrys Shop, Glanmire Village. He had 8 brothers and two sisters. His only remaining sibling Peggy is in her 101st year.



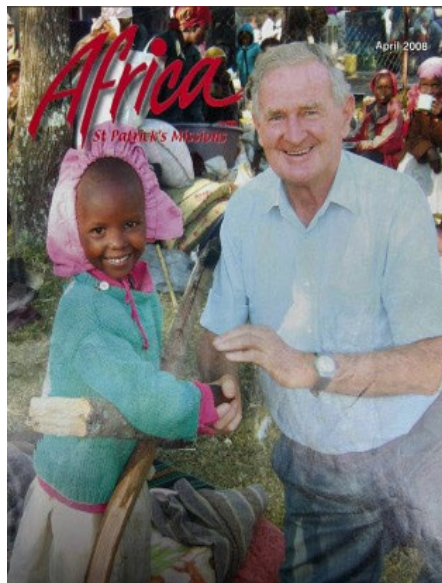
(Photo: The Barry Family)

His love of hurling was evident from a young age and winning ways came early for him, winning County U14 Hurling with Sars in 1950. He went on to win two Minor County Medals in 1953 & 1954. His early success with his club success saw him selected for Munster Colleges Team in 1954. From there he tasted success with his school "The North Mon" winning the coveted Harty Cup in 1955.

He was lucky enough to be part of the Sarsfields team to win the Senior County title in 1957 alongside his brothers Mick & Pat Barry and his colleagues Neil Hurley, Denis Hurley, Pat O'Leary, Bobby Lotty, James Hayes & Noel Looney to name a few. He had missed out on the 1951 success as he was but a teenager however, five of his brothers were involved in that 1951 win.

He was as dedicated to football as he was to hurling and had the honour of captaining Glanmire footballers to a Junior County in 1958 resulting in promotion to senior level. That same year he captained Imokilly.

Beyond sport his life brought him to far away shores. Ordained a Kiltegan Father in 1968 and posted to Londiani in Kenya where his deep love of Africa & his missionary work began. In the 50+ years that followed, he was instrumental in building 22 churches, numerous schools, medical clinics and orphanages in the Londiani area of Kenya. His emphasis was also on educating his parishioners on how to trap rainwater thereby improving their living conditions, land & crops.



In 2008 when tribal war in Kenya made international news, Fr. Martin & his colleagues helped his parishioners to escape certain death during the ethnic violence. Over 2000 people on one night alone sought refuge in his Catholic compound. Fr. Martin was interviewed by Pat Kenny on RTE Radio and appeared on the 6 O'clock news

where he painted the picture of events in his parish and surrounding areas.

Although his work took him far from home Fr. Martin always remained deeply connected to Glanmire and Sarsfields. Initially, he would return to Glanmire every four years for holidays and every two years once he reached the age of 65.

It was on one of these occasions which coincided with the 50th Anniversary of the 1957 County re-union he was asked to say Mass in Sars in the hope that the prayers might bring some future success. His sermons at the club mass were inspirational and this was part of the Sars calendar for a number of years.

He retired home to Glanmire in 2018 after serving 50 years in Kenya. He continues to be part of the fabric of Glanmire community, and he has left an indelible legacy.



Happy 90th Birthday Fr. Martin.

Fr. Martin, your kindness and dedication to Glanmire is truly appreciated.

SUMMER STYLING INSPIRATION by Lynda Di Blasi

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There is something about the arrival of Summer that encourages a reset – not just in nature, but in how we dress. It's the perfect opportunity to reassess our wardrobes and **dress for the life we are living now. Dressing for our current shape.**

For many women, their lifestyle may look quite different from this time last year. A return to the workplace, a busier social calendar, or simply a renewed focus on feeling confident and put-together each day may create new outfit decision struggle. An altered weight loss related to hormones, illness, or weight loss programmes may add extra outfit struggle. I help women dress for their current selves, not your past or future self.

It's your time to invest in You!

Let's look a timeless wardrobe essential, a crisp white/cream or a favourite colour of yours cotton shirt, this under looked item brings an instant sense of polish.

Worn with tailored trousers or pairing a striped cotton shirt and cream denim jeans looks very fresh this time of year. Create a clean, confident look, swap runners for neat trainers or loafers. Shirts are so versatile and can be

styled in various ways, tucked in with belted trousers for structure, worn loose for a more relaxed feel. Going on holiday to warmer climates pair a camisole under your shirt for evening dinner dates.

I love layering necklaces inside an open neck line for a modern chic look. A neat coloured neck scarf adds warmth and panache. Roll up the sleeves to elongate your arms.

This is the season to have fun with your accessories, add classic pearl bracelet or layer bracelets of different widths to express your creative personality.

What makes these pieces so valuable is their adaptability. With just one shirt, you can create looks for several activities.

- A shirt that sits well on your shoulders, complements your proportions, and feels comfortable will always look more elevated regardless of how you style it.



For many women, getting dressed can feel overwhelming when wardrobes are filled with pieces that do not work together. Investing in a co ord a matching top and trousers or a skirt and top, cropped

wide leg trousers and a waistcoat as featured in the photo.

Co Ord's result in easy outfit creation. There is no stress trying to match. I can pair a fine fitted top under the waistcoat if I prefer to cover my arms. Applying a layer of fake tan does wonders to slim and elongate our arms this time of year.

Simplifying your wardrobe to suit the woman you are now gives you more confidence in your everyday style choices.

At **Lynda Di Blasi Style**, I work with women to simplify their wardrobes, refine their personal style, and build confidence through pieces that truly work for them – not just for trends, but for real life. Because great style isn't about having more... it's about knowing what works.

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Nowadays, starch is perhaps more associated with food and diet rather than laundry. However, before the introduction of electricity and washing machines, starch and blue were staples in most Irish homes. In fact, starch has an ancient history indicated by the discovery of starch grains on grinding stones and pottery, suggesting that early human societies were using starch-based materials for food and textiles over 30,000 years ago, but back to the 1800s. At this time, Ireland imported large amounts of blue and starch from England, but the enterprising Denny Lane, from Cork, spotted an opportunity to seize the home market and embarked on the production of starch from rice.

Evidence of his venture is nestled a mere 600 meters to the northeast of Kearney's Cross (Sarsfield Court Cross), with the distinctive chimney of Silverspring Starch Works visible. The site, located in the townland of Knocknahorgan, includes the remains of a large complex first mapped in 1842 and recorded as 'Bleach and Cloth Mill' on the Ordnance Survey map. Also indicated on the nineteenth-century map is an underground brick tunnel that meanders uphill to this stone-built chimney, which rises approximately 12 meters into the air.



Figure 1: Chimney of Silverspring Starch Mills (Glanmire Heritage)

But back to Denny Lane, according to the Cork Examiner, 17 August 1901, 'the old Silverspring mill, built 60 years before, and used successively as a frieze factory, and bleach mills, was acquired by him, and the plant for the manufacture of starch was soon put in position and work begun.' Lane, aware that Ireland did not have a tradition of starch-making, realised help was needed from overseas, so he enticed skilled workers from England and Scotland to Cork shores to train his workers, who, according to local folklore, were handpicked on the recommendation of the schoolmaster at Riverstown. Soon, Lane and his workers had transformed the vacant mills once owned by Thomas Lyons and Company and were producing rice starch, which was available in both granulated and crystal forms. While starch was the predominant product, the facility also produced packing boxes and sturdy transit cases.

A comprehensive article in the Cork Examiner, 17 August 1901, outlines the process employed in Silverspring Starch Mills. The rice, sourced from Burma because of its purity, was hoisted to the fourth floor by elevator. There it was immersed in a chemical solution to purify it from glutinous matter. Then the cleansed rice was ground and pumped into macerators to separate starch and gluten.

The starch was milled again and the purified result, resembling milk, was poured into perforated linen-lined boxes, drained, cut into slabs and dried at 200°F for 24 hours. The outer surfaces of the slabs were scraped, wrapped and further dried at 90–100°F over five weeks to remove moisture and bleach the starch. Once dried, the cubes crumbled into large white crystals, ready for packing.

The quality of the product manufactured at Knocknahorgan, the Silverspring Starch brand, achieved national and international recognition, receiving first prize medals at the Dublin Exhibition, 1882, Cork Exhibition, 1883 and the London Exhibition in both 1883 and 1884.



Figure 2: Advertisement, All Ireland Review, 24 May 1902.

Much of the success of Silverspring Starch must be attributed to Denny Lane's right-hand man, John O'Brien, who was described as 'Mr. Lane's able and energetic aide-de-camp, his unremitting attention to affairs has been no inconsiderable factor in the continued success of the concern'. However, with the death of Denny Lane in 1895, the mill went into decline. With no son to succeed Lane, a private company, Silverspring Starch Co., was formed to take over the business. Starch production persisted until the late 1920s, but after more than half a century, manufacturing at Cork's only starch mills ceased. The only visible signs today are the remnants of the building, the distinctive chimney and the partially collapsed brick-lined tunnel linking the two. Hopefully, though, this article will preserve the history of the site for future generations.



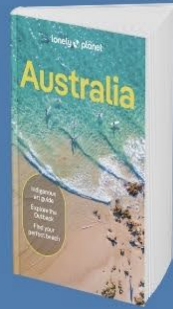
Figure 3: Site of Silverspring Starch Mills, Google Maps (chimney circled).

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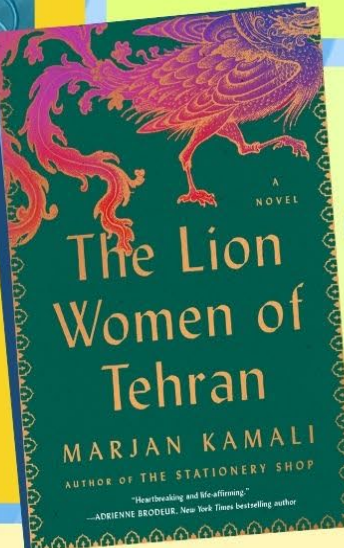
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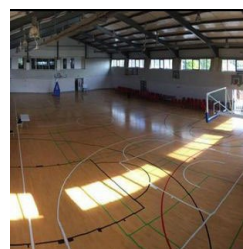
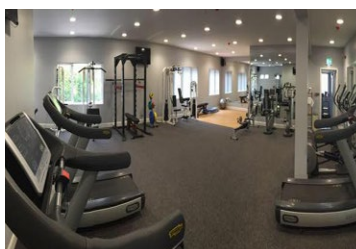
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Local hero Mary Crowley with Eric Downey

June Local Hero

Mary Crowley is this month's nominated Local Hero. Mary has been involved in community volunteering for forty years and still runs the Heritage Society which meets every month. She works quietly behind the scenes and has been instrumental in compiling a wealth of information on the history of Glanmire, the alms houses and the mills.

She has also worked on mapping out Glanmire walking trails and documenting the Old Rathcooney graveyard. We are told that Mary has done an awful lot in the background for this community over many decades and should be recognised for her dedication, hard work and commitment to Glanmire and the people who live here. Many congratulations Mary, we salute you and are delighted to recognise another Glanmire Local Hero.

Each month, we will be selecting a **Local Hero**—someone who goes above and beyond to support others, strengthen our community, and make a real difference in everyday ways. This could be a neighbour, volunteer, community member, or local helper who works tirelessly behind the scenes.

How to Nominate

If you know someone who deserves this recognition, we'd love to hear from you.

Simply send us a short email or letter telling us:

- Who the person is
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- Why you believe they should be our monthly Local Hero

Send nominations before **June 14th** to:

gacacork@gmail.com (with Local Hero in the subject line) or drop in or post to Local Hero Nomination, Glanmire Community Centre, Riverstown, Cork



GCC School Reunion

Back in 1997, GCC started as a brand new school as the first students christened the corridors and classrooms. They are now calling on past students from 1997 to 2002 and whoever did the 4th year 2000/2001 to come together. It's now almost 30 years on.

The GCC reunion committee are hosting a reunion to mark what would be 25 years of finishing GCC in 2027. Details will be announced later on. They have a Facebook group called GCC REUNION and a email GCCreunion2027@yahoo.com for anyone interested.



Singing in the Library

Some of the children of Riverstown National School who recently attended a mini-concert at the Glanmire Library celebrating Cork International Choral Festival. The choir was a Belgian based group, Kamerkoor Furiant, who sang four songs and captivated their audience. Lots of local people also attended this fantastic event and well done to all involved.



Community Safety Meeting

A recent Community Safety meeting in Upper Glanmire Community Hall, attended by Gardaí, Councillors and local residents. The meeting was an opportunity to discuss crime prevention and hear directly from local Gardaí.



Read All About It!

Check out our brand new Banner Stand at the entrance to SuperValu Glanmire. The Glanmire Area News is now available from the stand and well worth picking up a copy for free.

Good news for readers, contributors and advertisers alike. A big thank you to Ryan's SuperValu for giving us space and to Bella Daly Photography who kindly took the photograph of the Community Centre which features on the banner.

Law's Well

To have a fresh water well in a community in past times was very beneficial to both people and livestock. In the Sallybrook area we were lucky to have at least two in close proximity – Laws well, close to Kearney's cross in upper Sallybrook and Fox's well in Hazelwood. (See map. Lewis Heritage Trails)

The Law family owned and operated a corn mill; Slaters Directory states that Robert Law was the registered mill owner in 1870. Close to the well was a corn store, known locally as The Brassy Castle. They also had a corn store on Sand Quay, Glanmire, where Barry's terrace now stands.

In an age before 'personalized' drinking bottles –local residents were able to avail of this fresh water whenever out and about. Mrs. Kathleen Lotty (wife of the late Jimmy) remembers both Fox's and Law's wells, she was born in Brooklodge but lived her married life in Sallybrook.

There were over 18 mills on the Glashaboy River in the 19th century. These industries employed many people. There must be a lot of local verbal history of these times. It would be very interesting to gather a collection of stories from the people and the families who were involved.

On May 29th 2026 at 6.30pm an unveiling of a plaque at the entrance to the Glashaboy Woods estate (opposite Grandon's car sales) will take place. This is a small recognition of the times past and the well which is now redirected to accommodate recent building in this area. We would like to thank David Nodwell Construction Ltd. for their support in making this possible.



Glanmire Heritage Society Areas of Note on map:

Law's Well

Detail: Spring Well named after past local family. A landscape feature with no tradition of sanctity- in Celtic myth however, all springs and natural fountains are deemed to be sacred and under divine protection, and thus attributed with particular powers.

Location: 'Castle Field' main road boundary- across the road from Sallybrook Industrial Estate.

Brassy Castle

Detail: Corn store, now demolished.

Location: 'Castle Field' across the road from Sallybrook Industrial Estate.

Hegarty's forge

Detail: Work ceased here on the death of Davy Hegarty, the last smithy, in the late 1950's.

Location: Beyond the Brook Inn, on the left, was Hegarty's Forge.

Sallybrook Woollen Mill

Detail: Formerly a paper mill, it was established in 1840 as a woollen mill by James Croft & Company. It was later taken over by O'Shaughnessy's who had tweed mills in Dripsey. They installed up-to-date machinery including a water-wheel costing four hundred pounds. For a time the mill was the largest manufacturer in Ireland of blankets, rugs and tweeds. During the war years it produced grey blankets for the Army. Other owners of the mill were the agricultural firm of Four Oaks, and later Sherrards who sold farm machinery.

Location: Sallybrook Industrial Estate.

Glansillagh Mill

Detail: In 1842 Glansillagh Mill, manufactured linen and was also a dye works. Flax was steeped in the adjoining mill-pond and this procedure was known as "retting". An area to the right of Sarsfield Court Road was used for bleaching the linen - hence the name Bleach Yard Hill. In the 1940's and 1950's the mill was owned by Elwoods and Bowles, who manufactured waterproof coats, oilskin coats and capes, and also Army uniforms (as used by the American Army) for Irish soldiers going to the Congo. Glansillagh Mill was destroyed by fire in December 1990.

Location: Situated on the Glashaboy River, Sallybrook.

Glanmire MACRA News

Glanmire Macra have been keeping busy, travelling around the country for events and other activities closer to home.

We had a great start to the month, heading over to Blarney for the National talent competition finals to support Patrick Healy from Glanmire Macra in the finals of Mastermind!

But also got to see plenty of other great entertainment including solo singing, group ballad singing, solo instrumental, novelty acts and Modern dancing and set dancing.

Congratulations to fellow Seandun club Waterfall, who came second in group ballad singing and solo instrumental.

Some of our members also headed further afield, going to the Mountmellicks 60th anniversary ball in the Portlaoise. It was great to celebrate with them on achieving such a milestone. There was great music on the night too from Vegas nights.

May also saw several Cork clubs heading up to Mountmellick a second time! This time for the national one act drama finals. With the Seandun region represented well by Whitechurch Macra who performed "Can you Really Run from your Past" and Waterfall Macra who performed "By Order of the Pink Pantyhose".

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Congratulations to Whitechurch Macra who came third! But top spot on the night went to Fermoy Macra with their performance of "Now Boarding".

We are also looking forward to the Blue Jeans county Queen Festival in Athboy over the June Bank holiday. This is always a great weekend as it approaches its 30th anniversary with the first queen crowned in 1987.

The festival is still going strong, with plenty of entertainment and events on over the weekend, including music till late on the Saturday and Sunday and a field day on the Sunday.

We have plenty of plans for the coming month too and 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!



Glanmire and Sarsfields Healthy Clubs



Couch to 5K

Our annual Couch to 5K event, will commence on Weds, the 19th of August. The coach that we had last year, Charlie from Cork Sports Partnership, will be back with us again this year. Everyone is welcome!



Healthy Clubs and Community Survey

Thank you so much to the people in our community that filled out our Healthy Clubs survey. We are reviewing your responses & ideas, and will try to arrange or support as many as is possible in line with the National Healthy Clubs Priorities (below).

We will continue to share updates on previous & new activities for 2026 and 2027 on Facebook and in Glanmire Area Newsletters. A summary of your requests and ideas here:

- * Gentle activities for seniors
- * Activities for children
- * Exercise activities
- * CPR, first-aid & de-fib training
- * Mental health incl. safeTalk
- * Menopause talk
- * Parenting talks
- * Nutrition

P.S. Politics and providing a new gym or community centre are not in our remit



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

Sarsfields Camogie Club

April & May have been very busy with all teams back in full flow and actively playing their league fixtures & blitzes.

On the Intercounty scene we acknowledge Aisling Ryan U16As, Niamh Quirke U17s; Rebecca Dwane & Niamh Fennessy on Cork U15s and Millie Allen & Caoimhe Desmond who are just beginning their campaign with Cork U14 development squad.

Ava Fitzgerald, Sinead Hurley & Laura Dunlea picked up an U23 All Ireland medal recently. Well done to you all.



Sinead, Laura & Ava Cork U23s



Niamh Cork U17s



Aisling Cork U16s



Caoimhe & Millie



Rebecca and Niamh Cork U15s



Feile Team Black



Feile Team Blue



U12s vs Laochra Og



U7s in Ballygarvan



U16Bs



Sarsfields Camogie Club



Glounthaune Indoor Bowls Club



Glounthaune indoor bowls Martha Tracey team. Rory Canning, Marie Crowe Pat White. Terry O Keeffe runners up.

Glounthaune Indoor Bowls Club newsletter

The final game of the season was held last week with the final of the Prestigious Martha Tracey Cup awaiting the winners.

The final had Glounthaune verses Conna. The Glounthaune team of Pat White, Marie Crowe, Rory Canning and Terry O Keeffe had take some big scalps on the way to the final and showed no nerves running in to a five nil lead after 4 ends thanks to Pat White and Marie Crowe playing great bowls, Conna responded but Glounthaune held the lead at 10-5.

At the ninth end A great shot from Terry O Keeffe saw him prevent a 4 shot score to Conna and Glounthaune held the lead 10- 6 with

three ends to play. A Sloppy end saw Conna score a five and led 11-10 with three ends left. Some fine bowls from Rory Canning brought Glounthaune in to a two point lead with one end to play.

A Fantastic last end saw Conna score two points to force the game into an extra end. Powerful bowls in the extra by both teams saw the result coming down to an Umpires measure and Conna got the win by the closest of margins.

A unlucky result for Glounthaune after leading for 13 of the 16 ends

Glounthaune team Pat White, Marie Crowe, Rory Canning and terry O Keeffe

The club AGM was held recently and the newly elected officers were:

Chairman Liam O Connell,

Secretary Marian Canning,

Treasurer/ Captain Joe Kirby,

Fixtures secretary Marie Crowe,

Selectors Tony O Shea and Phil Crowe.

The club will enter 2 teams in next seasons competitions and are opening the club to new members.

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Playing Matters

White's Cross Junior footballers remain firmly in contention for silverware after a mixed but encouraging league campaign across both the Junior 1 and Junior 4 grades.

The Junior 1 footballers suffered their first league loss with a disappointing home defeat to Ballypnehane in White's Cross. Defensive lapses proved costly on the night as they conceded six goals in a high-scoring encounter. However, the team responded in excellent fashion in their next outing away to Whitechurch, producing one of their best displays of the season to secure a deserved victory on a scoreline of 3-12 to 2-8.

The win has left White's Cross with everything still to play for, as qualification for the league final now depends on the outcome of their final group game against Douglas. At the time of writing, that result is not yet known, but the players can take confidence from the improvement shown after their opening setback.

The club's Junior 4 footballers have already secured their place in the league final after an impressive run through the competition. They faced Ballypnehane's second team in the decider, which was played in Ballinlough on Sunday, May 24th, although the result was unavailable at the time of writing.

White's Cross earned their place in the final thanks to a number of strong performances throughout the campaign. They recorded two victories over Glanmire, first in the group stages and again in the semi-final, while also enjoying a comprehensive win over Na Loachra Aeracha. The consistency and determination shown by the panel throughout the year has been a major positive for the club.

Meanwhile, the Junior 1 hurlers completed their league programme with a narrow

one-point defeat to Glenmore in what was another closely contested game. White's Cross actually outscored their opponents in points, hitting an impressive tally of 20 points, but the Glen's ability to find the net twice ultimately proved decisive as the game finished 2-15 to 0-20.

Overall, the hurlers can look back on the campaign with considerable encouragement. They claimed an excellent victory over Blackrock and also earned a draw with Whitechurch, who subsequently went on to win the tournament. White's Cross also shared the spoils in another competitive encounter with Whitechurch, further underlining their ability to compete with the strongest teams at this level. Narrow defeats against Nemo Rangers and Glen Rovers showed just how fine the margins were throughout the season, and there is little doubt that this group is more than capable of challenging for honours later in the year.

Underage Matters

St Colmcille's underage teams continue to show encouraging signs across football and hurling as several squads make steady progress through their respective leagues and championships. The under-12 footballers completed their grading league campaign in impressive fashion with a comprehensive victory over Whitechurch. In fact, all three of their wins in the competition were dominant performances, with the team proving far too strong for their opponents on each occasion. The hope now is that, when the league proper begins, the squad will be placed in a higher division where they can face stronger opposition and continue their development in more competitive games.

The under-13 hurlers also showed plenty of promise throughout their grading league campaign. Although results did not go their way and they unfortunately lost all of their matches, there were

still many positives to take from their performances. Their final outing against Ballygiblin was particularly encouraging, with the players battling hard throughout before eventually coming up short. The improvement shown by the team over the course of the competition gives plenty of reason for optimism moving forward.

At under-14 level, the footballers are enjoying an excellent season as they compete in the top-tier Premier 1 grade. They have performed strongly in both league and championship action. In the championship, they opened with a hard-earned draw against Éire Óg before suffering their first defeat of the season against a strong Nemo Rangers side. Despite that setback, the team remains very competitive at the highest level.

The club's under-16 section continues to experience a mixed season overall. The under-15 players who make up the under-16 B team have shown flashes of real quality in both hurling and football, recording some impressive wins alongside a number of defeats. Similarly, the minor team has also experienced mixed fortunes so far this year, but all squads continue to work hard and gain valuable experience for the future.

Lorraine and Derek!

Congratulations are extended to recently-retired, former Junior B full-back Derek O'Connor, who married his long-time partner Lorraine O'Leary on May 1st. The wedding ceremony and reception both took place in Charleville, where the couple now reside. A large White's Cross contingent travelled to celebrate the occasion and everyone enjoyed a wonderful day. The club would like to thank Derek and Lorraine for the invitation and wish them both every happiness and success in the future together.

There is something wonderful about grandmothers. They stand at the centre of family life like old oak trees – steady, sheltering, full of stories that stretch far beyond our own memories. I remember my own Granny as clearly as if I saw her yesterday. I can recall her voice, her laughter, her songs – South of the Border, The Boys of Fair Hill – her hands, her beautiful coiled white hair, her love of Dev, as she called the President. She always gave you a shilling for ice-cream, kept a stash of Ireland Owns, Tanora and Taytos in her 'Lumber Room,' cooked you a rasher and egg when you were older, with skull bread spread with thick butter and real tea. And, thankfully she was there at my wedding, singing, spritely and sharp-witted. To grow up loved by a granny is to inherit a kind of wisdom – the wisdom of the Ancestors, handed down, precious, a part of who you are.

I was reminded of my granny this week when I received the following poignant story by Shree Krishnamoorthy. The woman in the story, who once held the family together becomes increasingly fragile, 'every hour just a ticking moment,' and those who love her are forced to reckon with the painful 'letting go.' At its heart, this lovely piece is a reflection on memory, love, and mortality. It honours grandmothers not only for what they do, but for who they are – living archives of family history whose sad fading reminds us how precious ordinary moments truly are.

My Grandma by Shree Krishnamoorthy

I hugged her. She withdrew into herself and gave into the warmth. Being held was unfamiliar to us both. Culture and all. This larger-than-life woman had shrunk into her own dwindling frame. As time passed, she seemed to be returning to her infancy. Her eyes unfocused, a milky grey of glaucoma. Her ears heard nothing, or our issues didn't matter to her anymore. The tiny warm body in her lap reached its fingers out and gripped her equally frail thumb. My baby, almost the same size as her, brought a pleasant, surprised



smile to her face. Finally, the living had her attention again. He goo-gooed, she cooed back with encouraging noises. The first language still intact in both – wordless and yet complete. He fussed. He was hungry. Worry swept between her wrinkles. She couldn't remember my name, but she knew instantly that this new life in her lap was hungry. She knew this from holding many, many lives over her nine decades. Most had lived; some were not meant for our world. Grief, hope all mingled in her lap.

"Radha, Radha feed your child. He is hungry." She was calling out to me but confused me with my mother. She must have thought the baby was me. She was released from the burden of a life. The world around her busied itself catering to the demands of young life. She withdrew into her dreams. The seventh nap since she woke up that



day. The living bothered her less and less. Her memories seemed enough. There was no more space in her life for us. We were all slowly fading, newer ones first. Wonder who would stay the longest with her?

She held my hand, her paper skin cooler than my memories of her. Life did not burn through her, neither could she dance through her chores. Time had shrunk for her. Every day was any other day, every hour was just a ticking moment. Like beads counting in a circle, going nowhere, but waiting. Waiting for wear to wear her out of existence. "Radha, you look so young. You are so pretty." She put her hands on my cheek. This was the tenth time she had said this. It irritated me to be forgotten. This time I said nothing, just held her hand. I would miss this touch in time.

Reality didn't matter to her, and labels didn't matter to me. I asked about Grandfather, a test to see which decade she was in now. He was still at school and would return later. I should make sure his tea is served on time. It's 1950. Her brow knitted. Conflict arose, present against past in her mind. Both her current realities. "But I think he may never return." And she looked away. Wistfully. She stared either at a dream or an uncertain reality. She slipped into another slumber. And I just sat next to her. One generation was learning to hold, and another was letting go. I heard him cry in his aunt's arms. Clearly, it was time to be fed again. I left.

I hope Shree's reflective story will give you inspiration to put your own pen to paper and write about something that stays with you from your own memories. Thanks Shree, and Happy writing.

Eleanor

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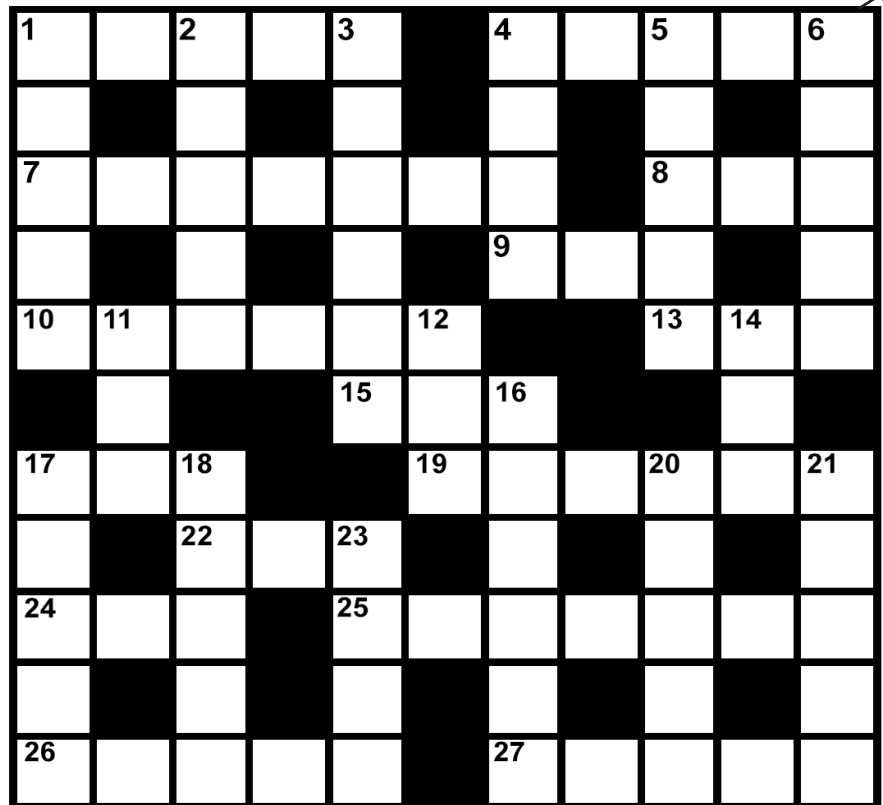
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1. Subsequent (5)
4. Tribal symbol or emblem (5)
7. Over priced swindles (3-4)
8. Final point (3)
9. Small woodland bird (3)
10. Steep slope of a fortification (6)
13. Cured pork from a pig's leg (3)
15. Carry-all container (3)
17. In the past (3)
19. Drowsy (6)
22. Large body of salt water (3)
24. Health resort with mineral springs (3)
25. Indicate or suggest (7)
26. Tartan pattern fabric (5)
27. Alpine singing style involving falsetto breaks (5)

Down

1. Of great size (5)
2. Subject under discussion (5)
3. Renovation, informally (6)
4. Examination (4)
5. Hard structures in the mouth for biting (5)
6. Form of address for a woman (5)
11. Droop or sink in the middle (3)
12. Dance steps (3)
14. High mountain pasture (3)
16. Smooth and shiny like a mirror (6)
17. Ancient Greek fable writer (5)
18. Japanese city famous for its castle and cuisine (5)
20. Correct errors in a text (5)
21. Simple-minded country dweller (5)
23. Still in bed (4)

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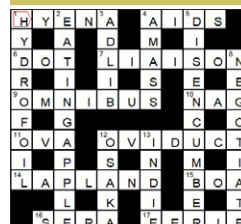
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