



**A time to remember and honour those who have gone before us**

At Halloween, it was believed that, as a new year began, the boundary between the natural and

supernatural world opened and yielded movement between those two worlds. That belief, and others associated with the pre-Christian feast of Samhain, remind us this time of year has long been one when we commemorate our dead. The Celtic nations have traditionally had a more frank and open attitude toward death than other peoples, and last Wednesday was marked by most Christian churches as All Souls Day. It is by tradition a time to visit cemeteries and graveyards to lay flowers and say a prayer or reflect on those who have gone before. The practice is principally associated with honouring the memory of loved ones, but many people also spread their commemorative thoughts a little wider to all the dead of the locality, to the entire nation, to exiles laid to rest abroad and to the wider sweep of humanity.

Death is a leveller that renders the high and the low, the mighty and the meek, the rich and the poor, all equal before it. It is also a source of unity that brings together communities, sometimes riven by tensions, to mourn and later to commemorate.

Generations of Irish students learned James Shirley's powerful poem, *Death the Leveller*, which dates from the 17th century. The concept of a person's demise banishing all human pretence has been very widely accepted since the dawn of humanity. However, the poet takes this commonplace thought and gives it depth and reality, reminding us how transient and fleeting the human glories of success and victory really are. The vainglorious doings of humanity are reduced to fleeting shadows that pass in the blink of an eye.

Quite simply, death is a fate to which all of us must yield in time. But enough of this irrepressible optimism. What is more important here is to ask what lessons we can take from a matter-of-fact appraisal of death, and from honouring the memories of those who have pre-deceased us. Most immediately, we can see it is beneficial to reflect on the work and sacrifices of previous generations of Irish people who helped to estab-

lish and develop the State, whose centenary we are marking. Our nation and society, despite flaws for which we continually seek remedies, has been built on the efforts of those who have gone before us. This is a chance to remember we are standing on the shoulders of giants.

A curious reality about this time of year is that it gives people licence to talk frankly about the dead, memories of them and even the belief that in some ways they remain with us. Doing this at other times can result in a person being marginalised as eccentric or morbid or worse.

During these darker evenings and shorter days, reflections on these topics can be positive and therapeutic for us all. We could do worse than set aside some time for this reflection



List of Deceased Members 2022  
We believe that all the ties of friendship and affection which knit us as one throughout our lives do not end with death. Confident that God always re-

members the good we have done and forgives our sins, let us pray, asking God to gather our loved ones to eternal life ~Prayer of the Church for those who have died

- Joan Greensmyth, 9 Sonas, Drombanna -5<sup>th</sup> February
- Martin Costelloe, Routagh- 3<sup>rd</sup> March
- Marie Fitzpatrick, The Four Elms-13<sup>th</sup> April
- Maura McKeown, Derrynane, Old Cork Rd-18<sup>th</sup> April
- Eamonn Hannon, Bohercoyle-20<sup>th</sup> April
- Margaret Hurley, Crossagala-21<sup>st</sup> April
- Marie Hartigan, Inchmore, -13<sup>th</sup> May
- Ethna Mary Clifford, Hammersmith London & Ballyneety , 27<sup>th</sup> May
- Luke Buckley, Friarstown, Grange -6<sup>th</sup> June
- Jack Brosnahan, Drombanna -20<sup>th</sup> June
- Willie Ahern, Roxboro -1<sup>st</sup> July
- Kathleen O'Neill, 3 Sonas & Mill Rd -9<sup>th</sup> August
- Willie Dooley, Ballyneety-17<sup>th</sup> August
- Gerard Glynn, Drombanna-21<sup>st</sup> August
- Bernie Byrne, Routagh, Ballysheedy & Ballybrown, Clarina-29<sup>th</sup> August
- Bill Kenny, Drombanna, Killaloe-5<sup>th</sup> Sept.
- Alice O'Connell, Donoughmore-24<sup>th</sup> Sept.
- John Sheehan, Ballymacreese-1<sup>st</sup> Oct.

**Remembered In Mass**

**Donoughmore**



Sat 5th Nov.	7pm	Kayla Hope Grimes Ann Hickey (9)
Mon.7th	10m	
Tues 8th	10am	No Mass
Fri 11th	10am	
Sat 12th	4pm	(MM) Alice O'Connell
	7pm	Cyril Carney Mick & Lena Kelly
<b>Knockea</b>		
Sun 6th Nov.	11am	Jack & Nancy Leahy John Frances Sheehan (MM0)
Wed.9th	10am	
Sun 13th Nov.	11am	

Thomas O'Brien, Ballinagarde- 11<sup>th</sup> October

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine on them. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace, Amen. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a n-anamacha dílis*

Mass deceased Members Ballyneety Golf Club  
Mon. 7th -7pm

Following the recent launch of The Ballyneety Community Defibrillator, subsidised AED and CPR training will be provided for anyone that is interested in the community .It is so important to be able to deliver CPR and use the defibrillator in the event of an emergency. Training is on



Sat 19<sup>th</sup> November delivered by trained instructor, venue The Day Care Centre, Drombanna. 10am to 1pm Duration will be 2.5 to 3 hrs. Please register by

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Knockea is **V94 D938**.

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**Congrats** to Drombanna ICA celebrating their 50th year in existence this year in the parish, on Wednesday last at 10am in Knockea, Mass was offered for their deceased members.

**Thursday Night Club** has resumed after a long break due to Covid. We meet in The Day Care Centre, every Thurs. night at 7 15pm,-10pm to play 45'/ Bingo and tea. If you would enjoy a sociable game of bingo or 45' please come along any Thurs. night. Kathy O' Riordan Organiser.

**Weekly Lotto** €1,800 no winner winning No 2,12,19,21. Lucky dips 1.J. Wade 2.J.Wade 3.James & Finn Kelly 4 Marie Dooley 5.Mike Fitzpatrick 6.Rosan & Shane Next Jackpot €1,900 Draw Tues 8th Nov. Cat's Cradle 9.30pm

