

Irish rugby heroes prepare to write their own chapter in the history books tonight.



This is the eighth time an Irish side has made it to the quarter-finals of the rugby World Cup. On the previous occasions, we had a glimpse of hope, we thought we had it in our hands, but it proved intangible. However, we have good reasons for believing the trickster demons of self-doubt have been exorcised. Not by bell, book and candle, but by dint of results. When we were named No 1 in the world, there was a sceptical “Really?” that scarcely disguised the scornful dismissal at the vagaries of statistics. But scoreboards faithfully told a story of what the players delivered on the pitch.

So whatever happens in Stade de France tonight, this Irish team has already given us more thrills than Big Thunder Mountain – or Le Train de la Mine, as the biggest rollercoaster at Disneyland Paris is known to locals. The skill-set of this Irish squad, and the coaching and backroom crew behind them, have propelled them to new levels of success. Much of the sharpness came from clashing with the best teams in the world, such as the All Blacks, who we meet tonight. The proud wearers of the silver fern have been the team to beat for more than a century – indeed, it took us 111 years to do so.

The roots linking New Zealand rugby and Ireland are long and deep. The captain of ‘The Originals’ – the All Black team who toured Britain and Ireland in 1905 – was Dave Gallaher, who was born in Donegal but whose family emigrated. Tonight, Beauden, Jordie and Scott Barrett, who became the first three brothers to line out for New Zealand, will face us. They lived in Ballinacree, north Co Meath, when their dad, Kevin, came to work here in 1999. Today is all about writing our own chapter in history. If winning isn’t everything, the effort to do so must be, and on that front this team has never come up short, and nor have our fans, who have been the talk of the tournament.

There is a rumour that the parish priest of Notre Dame will even be delaying Sunday morning’s 10 o’clock mass so Irish fans can catch it on their way to bed after the all-night celebrations. So don’t anyone dare say we haven’t a prayer.

“Use your smile to change the world but don’t let the world change your smile.” ~Author Unknown

Sometimes all it takes to make a day a bit better is a simple smile, whether someone gives it to you or if it’s one you share with someone else. Whether it’s just a simple compliment, a cheery hello or a word of thanks, it will always generate a smile. Sometimes we take our smile for granted but your smile most certainly is beautiful and always makes a difference. Very simply when we frown there is fear and when we smile there is love present. They say smiling is one of the best beauty remedies that costs absolutely nothing. Scientists tell us that smiling lowers your heart beat and reduces stress levels. They also tell us that smiling can lift your mood and lengthen your life expectancy. Smiling is also contagious and we can recognise a smile on someone’s face up to 300 feet away. In relation to our Gospel stories it is my firm belief that Jesus smiled a lot. We don’t have photos of course but I am fully convinced that he had the most beautiful smile. People always warmed to him and connected with him straight away. This could only have happened because of his beautiful smile. I now do the sign of peace at Mass by saying ‘With just a wave, we will offer each other the sign of peace as a sign of the importance of community and the importance of coming together.’ What happens is just beautiful. Everyone as they wave are smiling at each other. It goes beyond words. Nobody else has your beautiful smile and your smile makes a beautiful difference every single day

Synod Prayer

‘We stand before you, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With you alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go

and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in

you our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of you, who are at work in every place and time,

in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen

Amen.

October –Mission Month for this years World Mission Sunday 22nd Oct. Pope Francis has chosen a theme ‘Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move’ This year ‘s mission focuses on Calcutta, former place of work of Mother Teresa.

Remembered In Mass

Donoughmore



Sat.14th Oct	7pm	Michael & Kitty O’Brien
Mon. 16th	10am	
Tues 17th	10am	No Mass
Fri 20th	10am	
Sat.21st	7pm	Josephine & Edward Grimes. Padraig O’Riordan (1st)
Knockea		
Sun 15th Oct.	11am	Parish intentions
Wed.18th	10am	
Sun 22nd	11am	Antoinette Greg (MM)

Sacristan Collection envelopes are being distributed at the moment with huge appreciation to Terry for all his continued work in our churches. Thank you for supporting him.

Donoughmore liturgy meeting this Monday 16th Oct. 7.30pm –Church House

Funeral Ministry group Thursday 19th Oct. –Church House

Sli Padraig -Pastoral Unit Mon. 23rd 7.30pm

Parish Pastoral Council Wed. 25th ,7pm-Church House

Dkr Comm. Café courthouse Ballyneety Fridays 10.30 am call in for a free cup of tea/coffee and a chat any Fri. morning

“Down memory Lane” concert in aid of DKR Parish funds will take place in Ballyneety Golf club on Thurs. 2nd Nov. at 8pm , featuring Parish groups/choirs, special guests.

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Pastoral Unit ‘Sli Padraig’ Patrick’s Way ;Donoughmore /Knockea/ Roxboro, Queen of Peace, Holy Family

Men’s Shed Ballyneety are holding a meeting in the men’s shed this Monday 16th Oct. 7.30pm ,all welcome

Recently deceased Our sympathies to family of Mary Maher (Nee Moloney) O’Connell Ave & Croom sister to Carmel Nolan and to the family of Brian Ryan Cappamore brother to Mike Ryan, Oatlands Ballysheedy May they rest in Peace.

Parish family Envelope Boxes 2024 are being ordered , thanks to all who support the parish financially through envelope, cheque, online,

Weekly Lotto €6,700 no winner, winning No’s10,18,24,25 Lucky dips. 1.Pat Carmody 2.Liam O’Mahony 3.Carmel Foley 4.Naomi Cleary Graham 5.Caroline Carr O’Flaherty 6.Mary Shier Next Jackpot €6,800 Draw Tues 17th Oct. 9.30pm The Four Elms Many thanks.

