

Na Gaeil Notes Monday November 23rd 2020

Annual Mass We extend a big thank you to Fr. Padraig Walsh for celebrating and live streaming our annual mass from St. Brendan's Church on Thursday night last. It was a very moving celebration by Fr. Padraig who prayed especially for all our deceased members and also recounted memories of our wonderful journey to All Ireland glory in Croke Park last season. We also say thank you to Cathy Carey, Tim Lynch Jnr. Cáit Ní Chonchúir and Colm Ó Súilleabháin who did the prayers of the faithful; Tim Lynch Snr. and Mike Moynihan who did the readings; Therese Keating and Mary Ellen O'Connor for their beautiful music and singing. Their contributions greatly enhanced the celebration.

Virtual Race Night It is not long now until our Virtual Race Night on Friday December 11th. We are now appealing to our members, supporters and the wider public to support Na Gaeil CLG at this difficult time by contributing to our Race Night as very many of you have done in the past. Thanks to all of you that have bought a horse already. Buying a horse for €40 will ensure the continued growth and development of the club. You can do this by contacting any club officer or member of the Race committee. You can buy a horse online using the link: <https://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Na%20Gaeil%20CLG/EventRegistration>

We are asking all the various teams in the club to support this fundraising event. There is a fantastic prize on offer for the team that sells the most horses for the event. They win an exclusive coaching session with Kerry and Na Gaeil stars Jack Barry and Diarmuid O'Connor along with a mystery Kerry footballer. There are other great prizes on offer too, for the best dressed lady and gent and also for the best dressed family. Thanks to all those that have supported us to date. Time is fast approaching to December 11th so please click into our link and purchase a horse for the big night!

Bloody Sunday Commemoration Croke Park is used to high emotion and it was clearly in evidence on Saturday evening as a special ceremony to mark 100 years of Bloody Sunday was held at GAA headquarters. Wreaths were laid in front of Hill 16 by President Michael D Higgins, Taoiseach Micheál Martin, GAA President John Horan and GAA Ard Stiúrthóir Tom Ryan to mark the deaths of 14 people a century ago when Crown Forces opened fire ahead of a football match between Tipperary and Dublin. Brendan Gleeson, in an oration written by Michael Foley, author of the book The Bloodied Field, said: "In 90 seconds, 14

people lay dead and mortally wounded in the fields and banks of Croke Park and on the streets outside. Tonight, 100 years on, we pause to remember them all: the 14 who went to a match and never came home." Fourteen torches were also lit on the Hill in memory of those who died in the massacre, with the occasion also marking the renaming of a lane near the stadium in honour of Joseph Traynor. He died there having earlier been shot in the attack. Dozens more were injured in the 1920 killings which came during Ireland's War of Independence. Kerry great Pat Spillane paid tribute to the 14 victims, describing Bloody Sunday as "one of the darkest, saddest days in Irish history." The commemorative event also saw Colm Mac Con Iomaire, Lisa Hannigan and Catherine Fitzgerald perform a specially commissioned piece, 'More Than a Game', alongside a video re-enactment of some of events of the day. The event concluded with the words "We will remember them all. Cuimhnínis orthu uilig." It was so special to see the Tipperary football team win the Munster final on Sunday for the first time in 85 years on the centenary of the killing of one of their footballers Tom Hogan on Bloody Sunday. Great credit is due to the GAA for such a wonderful commemoration.

Sympathy We extend our sincere sympathy to the Sayers family on the recent passing of Eileen Sayers, Derryquay. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a h-anam dílis. We offer our condolences to the Nix family on the sad passing of Marie Nix (nee Slattery), Curravough. May she rest in peace. We extend our condolences also to the Foley family on the sad passing of Betty Foley, St. Brendan's Park. May she rest in peace.

Clubhouse The clubhouse is closed for all outside activities and the gym will also be closed until there is further clarification from GAA Headquarters as to when they can re-open. This means that our Monday night bingo, Tuesday night lotto and Wednesday night card playing are suspended until then as well as all other activities that normally took place there on a weekly basis.

Clothes Collection There is now a Clothes Collection Bin situated in Na Gaeil car park for use by all members of the public.

