



O'Malley Clan Association Monthly Newsletter

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- Get in touch and share your stories!
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Table Quiz in Murroe, Co. Limerick this October 23rd

Kit O'Malley is a brave little 3 year old girl from Kansas in the USA who's fighting a tough battle with Leukaemia. When We heard of Kit fighting the good fight We all wanted to help.

We've organized a table quiz to take place in **Crokers Bar, Murroe, Co. Limerick on the 23rd of October next at 8:30pm.**

It would be great to see as many of our O'Malley cousins and friends as possible on the night in Murroe where We'll raise a few Euros to help with Kits treatment. It'll be a great night for a good cause so come along if you can!



Welcome to the new O'Malley Clan Association Newsletter 'Ó Máille' from the O'Malley Clan Association

The new US Ambassador to Ireland Mr Kevin F O'Malley

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Get in touch and share your O'Malley Heritage!

Have you got an article or old photographs that you'd like to submit for future editions of "O Máille" The O'Malley Clan Association Newsletter.

We'd love to hear from you wherever you're based around the world. Old photographs and stories to go with them, old letters, family trees or just an arti-

cle that you'd like to share with the rest of the clan. Drop us a line and We'll get right to it!



Murrisk Friary

An Historic O'Malley Site

Murrisk Friary (or “Abbey” as it is generally called) situated at the foot of Croagh Patrick, about 12.8 kilometers south-west of Westport, will always be associated with the O'Malley clan.

It was at this spot that tradition says the chieftain of the area and his people were first baptised into the Christian faith by St. Patrick on his visit to Ireland in the fifth century. People have resorted in their thousands ever since to make the arduous ascent of the nearby mountain on Garland Friday or Reek Sunday, which is the last Sunday of July.

Beautifully situated on the seashore opposite the pilgrims path, are the striking remains of Murrisk Augustinian Friary on land granted by Tadhg O'Malley “chief of his nation” in 1457. The first Prior was Hugh O'Malley from Banada in Co. Sligo, a distinguished member of his Order. There are very few surviving records of the Friary, which would appear to be due to the remoteness of its situation and the poverty of its endowment.

It was always a small establishment and some authorities doubt that it ever consisted of more than the present remains of the church and domestic buildings extending northwards from its eastern end. The church is long and narrow with no internal division between choir and nave. Its east window has been described by the historical author Harold Graham Leask as being “perhaps the best window of its type in the west of Ireland.” A square tower had been inserted, unusually, at the west end of the church, but this had fallen before 1800. The south wall of the church is well built of dressed stone and is surmounted for forty feet by an embattled parapet, a feature which is seen in many churches of the period.

The Friary was suppressed and the lands were granted about the year 1578 to James Garvey, who was a brother of John Garvey later to be Protestant Archbishop of Armagh. The friars remained in the neighbourhood, however, and were back in the Friary by 1635. In that year a chalice, now in Ballintuber Abbey, was presented to them by *Tiobóid na Long*, Lord Viscount Mayo (son of Gráinne Uaile) and his wife Maeve, daughter of O'Conor Sligo. Another chalice was presented in 1648 which would indicate that the friars were still in residence. However by 1653 they were definitely in hiding. They appear to have returned for a brief period after the restoration of Charles the second, but the Act of 1692 banishing the regular clergy would have severed their connection with the Friary. However they remained in the neighbourhood serving the people and the last friar associated with the Friary was probably Father Myles Prendergast who ended his life “on his keeping” near Clifden, about 1832, as a result of his activities during the French Invasion of 1798.





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The O'Malley Clan Association aims to reach out to O'Malleys from all around the world and foster links between the O'Malleys around the globe and the clan at home here in Ireland.

The Clan Association formed in 1953 has been connecting O'Malleys around the world in The US and Canada, Britain, Australia, South Africa, New Zealand, South America, and anywhere else you can think of for over 60 years now.

We hope with our new website, and newsletter, that We can go from strength to strength in our aim to connect all the O'Malleys around the world.

Martin O'Malley needs a big performance in the debates!!



Its all or nothing for Irish American presidential candidate Martin O'Malley in the presidential debates against Hillary Clinton, Bernie Sanders, Jim Webb and Lincoln Chafee.

The 52-year-old O'Malley, who traces his roots to Galway and Mayo, is a former Baltimore mayor and Maryland governor and was considered a viable outsider before entering the race.

Young, dynamic, good looking, and smart with a Kennedyesque air, many felt he would line up as the biggest opposition to Hillary Clinton in the primaries,

However, that role has fallen instead to Bernie Sanders, the 74-year-old fiery left-winger, who has grabbed the torch for those to the left of Clinton.

As a result, O'Malley has been pretty much ignored in the race up to now as the media have turned it into a two horse race between Sanders and Clinton. The media will also be focused on the man who is not there, Joe Biden and his intentions, so O'Malley will have to hit a home run to become relevant. He has several aspects on his side: his youth in contrast to Hillary who is 67 and Sanders 74, his experience as a popular mayor and governor and his willingness to challenge the status quo and the near reverence in which Hillary is held by many primary voters.

Now it remains to be seen if he can move up the ladder. Remember Joe Biden got little more than 1 percent in Iowa and ended up Vice President. O'Malley is looking at similarly long odds, but he has defied those in the past.

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