



O'Malley Clan Association Monthly Newsletter

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Our new Chieftain Tom O'Malley

What a weekend we had in Limerick at the Annual O'Malley Clan Gathering 2019!

From the magnificent exhibition in Limerick City Hall, through the bus tour on Saturday, the Genealogy workshop and fabulous food and music on Saturday evening, and then the Mass and Clan Luncheon on Sunday, a mighty weekend was had by all. Well done Brendan & Co!

The final part of the weekend of course was the inauguration of Tom O'Malley from Mayo as the O'Malley Clan Chieftain for 2019-2020, along with the appointment of Martin O'Malley of Maryland, as Táiniste. Congratulations to Tom and We look forward to heading to Westport next June for the O'Malley Clan Gathering 2020

Full Report on the Gathering Next Month!



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 Maille" 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 article

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



The Allianz Response to Prof Diarmuid Ferriter

Sir, – We wish to add context and an alternative perspective to Prof Diarmaid Ferriter’s opinion piece “Allianz’s act of monumental hypocrisy” (Opinion & Analysis, May 4th).

The overall argument presented by Prof Ferriter is that Allianz is guilty of profiteering from then-minister for education Donogh O’Malley’s decision to introduce free second-level education in 1966 and is engaging in an “act of monumental hypocrisy”.

From an historical context, it is important to understand that since 1902 Allianz has been the leading insurer of schools across Ireland. O’Malley’s courageous 1966 decision resulted in the rapid growth of schools, the recruitment and training of teachers and a corresponding increase in property and casualty-risk exposures. At the time, using our insurance expertise and capacity, we facilitated the achievement of what were very ambitious goals for Ireland’s education sector.

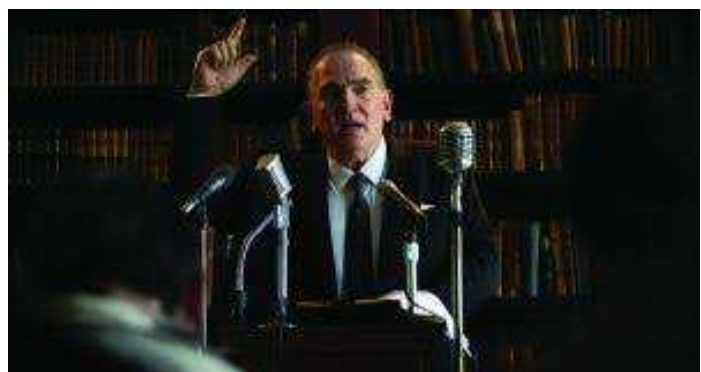
Our response to O’Malley’s vision remains an important period in our company history and we are proud of the part we played.

We believe our involvement as an insurer is an appropriate reference point in our “We Cover Courage” brand advertising featuring the O’Malley announcement.

As we speak to this chapter in our history and reflect honestly on the role we played, we see no evidence of either “profiteering” or “hypocrisy” in our approach.

Prof Ferriter’s opinion that Allianz acts against the “ideals of egalitarianism” displayed by O’Malley’s inclusive decision is simply not true. We provide affordable insurance solutions to as many people as possible in a fair and inclusive manner. As a corporate citizen, we are committed to social inclusion and diversity, evident in our culture, our work practices, our sponsoring and corporate social responsibility (CSR) activities. Allianz simply would not have survived the last 117 years by doing otherwise.

Prof Ferriter’s reference to the Irish insurance industry was also unduly negative. Yes, there are issues, which



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insurers, consumers and government want urgently addressed. High premiums are in nobody's interest but are driven by the cost of claims, running on average 4.4 times EU values. Interestingly, Prof Ferriter failed to reference the €13 billion paid to Irish consumers in 2017 in claims or benefits, the €1.3 billion paid to the Irish exchequer, the employment of 24,000 Irish people, or the significant community benefits derived from services purchased by insurers or their sponsorship and CSR activities.

It is also worth noting that the Irish insurance industry is fully regulated, meaning high levels of accountability, exacting standards of quality delivery and above all customer fairness. While further improvements are possible, we respectfully conclude that Prof Ferriter's opinion of both Allianz and the Irish insurance industry is at odds with reality. – Yours, etc,

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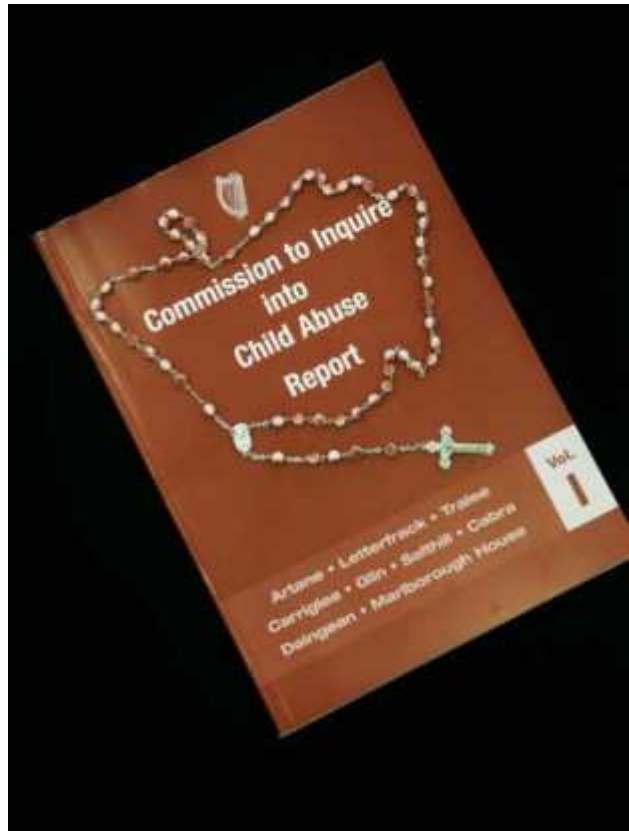
Journey of Light

Ellen O'Malley Dunlop: "Journey of Light" can help us emerge from a dark past'

Ten years ago, the report of the Commission to Inquire into Child Abuse - known as the Ryan Report - was published. It documented a very dark time in our history. It validated the stories told in therapy rooms, in parochial houses, in doctors' surgeries and in A&Es around the country.

These were stories told by adults who had lived through the most horrendous experiences as children, but who were far too often not believed at the time of the telling of their experiences.

These were stories about the heinous crimes committed against the most vulnerable of our society in 20th century Ireland.



Crimes of physical, sexual and emotional abuse against children incarcerated in State institutions, mainly through no fault of their own, but because they were born outside of marriage, were orphaned, or abandoned. Yes, there were some who had committed some misdemeanour but so small were they, they did not in any way warrant the punishment meted down.

Until the report's publication, there was no real acknowledgment or responsibility taken for these atrocities. Far too often the order of the day was denial.

Following publication, the helplines that were made available to support victims and their families were barely able to cope with the escalation in the volume of callers.

In the interim, the 99 recommendations of the Ryan Report have, in the main, been implemented. We have a full Minister for Children and Youth Affairs, we have 'Children First' legislation in place, we had a referendum which delivered the inclusion of the rights of the child in our Constitution, to name just a few of the important, necessary changes.

However, the very first recommendation of the report has yet to be implemented - the construction of a memorial to the survivors of institutional abuse.

An international competition was held to come up with a suitable memorial after the recommendations were published. It delivered a winning entry called 'Journey of Light', to be constructed adjacent to the Garden of Remembrance in Dublin's Parnell Square.

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Sadly, following a third-party appeal, it was refused permission by An Bord Pleanála. Is it not time that we revisited this recommendation for the construction of a memorial?

Since the publication of the Ryan Report, we have also seen those of the Murphy and Cloyne Reports documenting clerical child abuse.

Surely now is the time to remember all our citizens, our children our women and men who were so badly abused. We all have responsibility to remember, not just the State and the Church but all of us. And as Edmund Burke reminds us: "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing."

At the time of the 50th anniversary of 1916, it was decided Oisín Kelly's wonderful sculpture of the 'Children of Lir' would be the fitting symbol to remember those who had given their lives for freedom.

However, we need to remind ourselves the 'Children of Lir' is not the sweetness and light story that so many think it is. It is about the abuse of power, the abuse of children and the abuse of women.

Maybe it's time to revisit the 'Journey of Light' and accept it as the fitting memorial for us to remember all the victims of institutional, clerical and Magdalene laundries' cruelty.

Situated adjacent to the Garden of Remembrance site, it would symbolically bring us out of the darkness of the past and into the light, so we never forget what can happen in plain sight to the most vulnerable in society.

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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.

The O'Malley Clan DNA Project on Family Tree DNA

The most common queries we get at The O'Malley Clan Association are queries in relation to helping to trace peoples ancestors in Ireland. As we all know, written records can only take us so far, (if you're lucky you'll get back to the early 1800's or late 1700's).

Many of the Irish Census Records and other historic documents were destroyed during the early part of the 20th century and as a result it can be very hard to trace ancestors back beyond the 19th century. Church records are a help, but can be patchy at times.

One way of narrowing down the search is through DNA testing. The O'Malley Clan Association is involved in a project with Family Tree DNA to test as many O'Malleys as possible to try and expand our knowledge of our roots as much as we possibly can.

There's a specific page for the project on the Family Tree DNA website:

<https://www.familytreedna.com/groups/omalley/about>

Check it out, there's lots of info there, and administrators also for any questions.

