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### Time to Gather in Westport!

Less than two weeks to go to the O'Malley Clan Gathering in Westport, County Mayo, when Chieftain Grace will welcome us all to the O'Malley Clan Gathering 2025. There's a small number of spots available at a couple of events so **Click on the image below for any last minute bookings. See you in Mayo!**



### 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!



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## FROM “Four Families and Me” - Part 2

### FROM

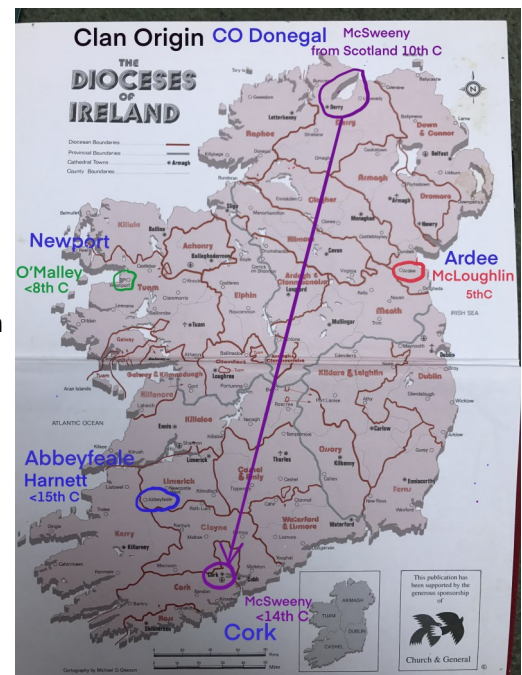
#### Four Families and Me

In the beginning, and for sixty years, I knew little of my past. Ancestral past, that is. I grew up in Brooklyn surrounded by relatives, relationships unknown and unquestioned. The first McLoughlin arrived in the 1850's; the last, my second cousin, died there in 2022 – almost 175 years of continuous McLoughlin occupation. Brooklyn's neighborhoods were defined by parishes. I went to the same parochial school as my father with further education also under the Jesuit banner. Homes were not real estate. They were housing for large families. Nobody was rich or poor, but we were comfortable.

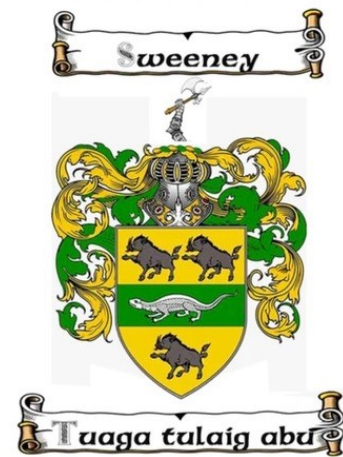
Father – we addressed our parents as ‘mother’ and ‘father’ – died in 1975, aged 68. Too many Chesterfields early on gave him emphysema in his final years. Successful life; pretty miserable ending. We never talked about things personal, nor about immediate family, much less ancestors. Nobody did back in the day. Life went on with mother (an O'Malley) at the top of the flagpole. I knew something of the O'Malley's from summers on Boston's South Shore. Gramps had written a book but he died before I was old enough to show interest in his past. The book, all so much blather to his children, was but a placeholder on family shelves. It would prove pivotal to this writing.

Between Brooklyn and Boston my life was fairly circumscribed, my world limited, ancestry undiscovered. I did have a sense of inherited Faith and character without knowing how I knew.

I was hardly an ancestral orphan, just an ignorant pup, the last of five in a traditional post-war Irish-Catholic family in Brooklyn. As I wrote in Part I, that would all change in 2005 when I researched Grace O'Malley at the National Library of Ireland in Dublin. That same year we received an inquiry via Ancestry.com, “Are you by any chance related to the McSweeney's?” “Yes indeedy!” Five years later we discovered the McSweeney Chalice. Grace O'Malley would become the personage that would lead me into the history of my people. The McSweeney Chalice would be the talisman reflecting the Faith of my forbearers through time. Together, Grace and the Chalice, would become the rootstock for Four Families and Me. Never could I have imagined how the vine would grow.



Above: A map showing the dioceses of Ireland and the areas that the families originated from



Above: The Sweeney family originated in Ulster (CO Donegal) then moved south to Munster as hired galloglasses. The crest shows “an arm in armor holding a battle axe.” Over time they prospered in their own right.



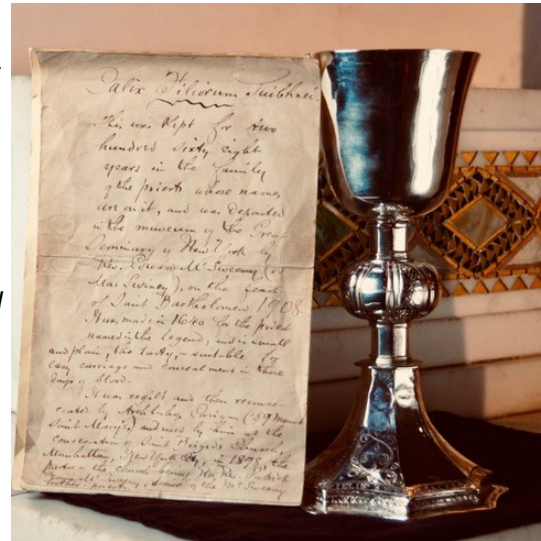
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### *Calix Filiorum Suibhaneí*

*“This was kept for two hundred sixty eight years in the family of priests whose names are on it, and was deposited in the museum of the Great Seminary in New York by Rev. Edward McSweeney (or Mac Swiney), on the feast of Saint Barthollemew 1908. It was made in 1640 for the priest named in the legend, and is small and plain, tho lastly, - suitable for easy carriage and concealment in those days of blood. It was regilt and then reconsecrated by Archbishop Corrigan ('59 Mount Saint Mary's) and used by him at the consecration of St Brigid's Church, Manhattan, New York City, in 1898, the pastor of the church being the Rev. Patrick Francis McSweeney, Senior of the McSweeney brother-priests.”*

I learned of the chalice's existence in 2010 from an AOH (Ancient Order of Hibernians) newsletter. The AOH celebrated mass with the chalice on ceremonial occasions, but getting to see it would take three years. The archivist for the Archdiocese was an elderly nun who owned the reputation of 'not letting anyone in and not letting anything out'. She answered to no one but the archives she guarded. Finally she was called home and I was let in. It is difficult to convey the feeling of cradling this old sacred vessel, which history I knew. Pursuing that history would take me to Ireland.

The McSweeney Chalice is used annually at the Cardinal's St. Patrick's Day Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral in New York. Its significance, however, is far less the object itself than the journey it took and the history it witnessed in the hands of McSweeney priests since Father Danielis Swynne “me fieri fecit” in 1640. Were it not for St. Patrick's Cathedral and the Parade, the chalice might never have left the vault of St. Joseph's Seminary. The church has new immigrants, and their saints, to recognize. The Irish impact was a long time ago. But that is what this writing is all about.



*Above: The McSweeney Chalice and its letter of transmittal*



*The Ancient Order of Hibernians march up Fifth Avenue in the parade on May 2, 1908, to commemorate the centennial of the diocese.*



*Above: Cardinal Dolan using the chalice on St Patrick's Day 2018 in New York, and left, the AOH marching at the centennial in New York in 1908*

## FROM “Four Families and Me” - Part 2

### *Whitechurch Cemetery, Whitechurch CO Cork*

In 2017 I went to Ireland with my monsignor from New York who had relatives in Cork and was a frequent visitor. Monsignor Leonard had also hosted John Buckley, Bishop of Cork and Ross, when he came to New York to offer mass for fallen firefighters in the aftermath of 9/11.

I reconstructed its journey from 1640. Fr McSweeney's letter of transmittal was a primary source but well supported by the historical record. We had located the graveyard for the McSweeney family from modern methods, but little could have prepared me for what I encountered. Breathtaking.

We had the overgrowth removed to reveal a fallen obelisk similar to that of the newer McSwiney grave site in the distance. At the time I did not recognize the significance of the enclosed railings on both, unique in the cemetery, until coming upon Caitriona Paudeen

extolling the fancy (The Dirty Dust: Cré na Cille by Máirtín Ó Cadhain) “Having a cross here is like having a big slate house aboveground, a house with a name over the door,...an iron gate with a bowered arch overhanging it, security and money in the bank. The railings on the grave are just the same as the fancy borders around the Earl's house.” The McSweeney's were both secular players and church builders.

Patrick McSwiney had willed the chalice to Dean Denis McSwiney who in turn sent it to his priest cousins in America. As important as McSweeney priests were to Cork in the 18th and 19th centuries, it was in America, and particularly in New York, where they left their mark. The little McSweeney Chalice on the altar at St Patrick's Cathedral stands as grand testimony.



Above: The journey of the McSweeney Chalice



Right: The grave of Daniel McSwiney, as it was, overgrown, and left, the grave of Fr Patrick McSwiney, Rector of The Irish College at Paris, 1828-1850





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### St Patrick Claim

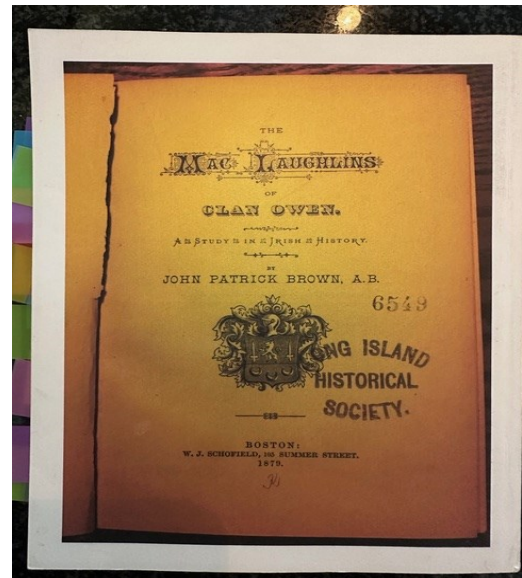
In 2012, I found *The Mac Laughlins of Clan Owen* buried high in the stacks of the Brooklyn Historical Society. It would add much to the treasury but how could I make claim if nobody else could see it? I kept it to myself...until 2025 when, can you imagine (?), it was available print-on demand\*.

Legare Street Press stated on the back cover, *“This work has been selected by scholars as being culturally important, and is part of the knowledge base of civilization as we know it.”* Claim on.

The book makes a number of useful – to me – points: my father’s name is Maurice as was his father’s. The Mac Laughlins were rulers of the land from 528 A.D. till 1165 A.D. It places St Patrick in Ulster, now CO Louth. It would even stand the test of *Ireland’s Saint – The Essential Biography of St.*

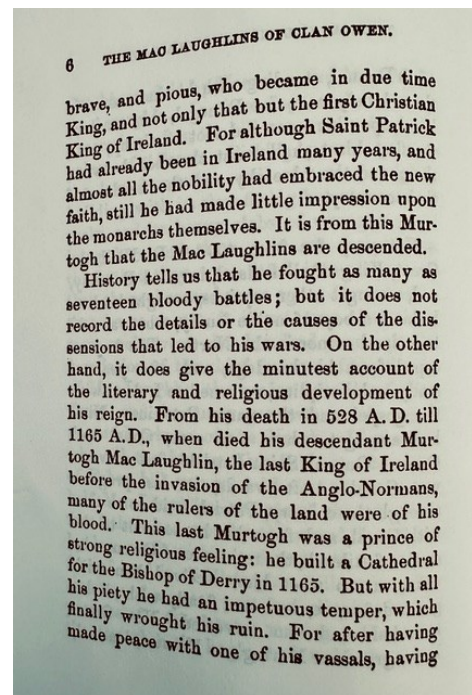
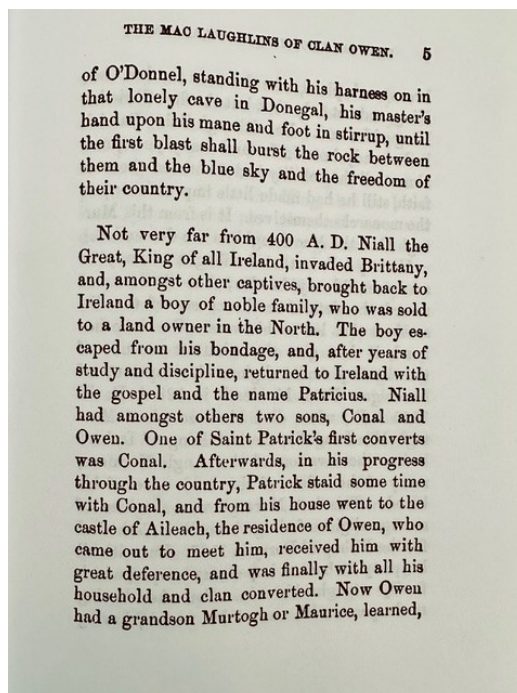
**Patrick** (1905) by J. B.

Bury. Nothing in contradiction. It suggests a strong link between McSweeney and McLoughlin, neighbors in the north, going far back. Finally it ties dramatically to the Centennial in 1908 in a way inimitable to the transfer of Irish Faith to America.



Above: “The Mac Laughlins of Clan Owen”

Below: Pages 5 & 6



\*My grandfather, Maurice, chronicler of all things Brooklyn, was a vaudeville critic for the

Brooklyn Eagle for over 25 years. He compiled Sunday articles into a book, *The Gowanusians* (1894). (The first line of the PREFACE, *It's no joke to write a funny book.*) In 2015 I found a copy on microfiche in the Yale library and had it roughly reproduced. This year it was available print on demand, legible leather-bound from Skilled Books, New Delhi, India. Really?





## FROM “Four Families and Me” - Part II

### O'Malley Markers in America

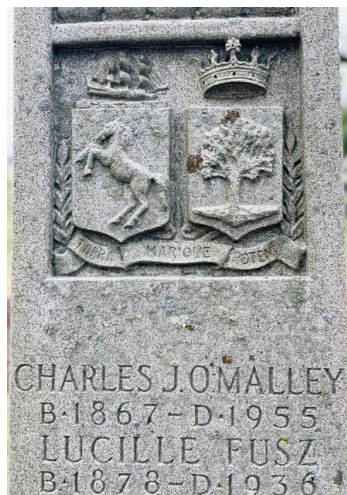
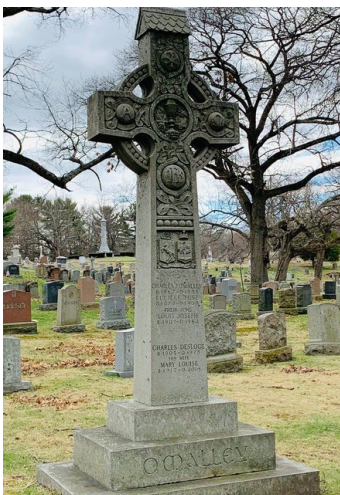
Tombstones are etched in words or symbols – hard and fixed – no life-story there. But they do capture how the interred wanted to be remembered. Charles M. O'Malley, first cousin to Gramp's father, was as his stone simply states, “Born in Newport County Mayo Ireland 1807.” He lies next to his younger brother, Tulley, in a shared grave on Mackinac Isle above the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Neither married and perhaps Charles M. (to distinguish him from Charles J.) wanted to convey a degree of comity that didn't reflect their brief years together. Tulley died when Island House was completed. CM would carry on quite prominently for another thirty years. “By the 1880s the Island House was known as ‘The best family hotel on the Island.’” CM is credited with an influx of O'Malley's to the UP including Gramp's brother, JP, who settled in Manistee Michigan. Manistee would also be Gramp's first stop in America. Gramp's tombstone in Evergreen Cemetery in Boston reflects a stronger O'Malley identification. He had a rearing horse take the place of Grace's wild boar perhaps with the thought that the image of a stallion was more appropriate in America. The plot was purchased and the stone carved upon the death of his beloved wife, Lucille Fusz, who had not a trickle of Irish blood in her. (He was not the same man thereafter.) He chose the plot in the non-Catholic cemetery, or so the story goes, so he could keep an eye on Archbishop William Henry O'Connell who would be buried across the street at Boston College. They were very different people.



Above: The Gravestone in Mackinac



Above: Island House



Left: The Cross marking the resting place of Charles J O'Malley in Evergreen Cemetery in Boston



## FROM “Four Families and Me” - Preface to Part III

### Preface to Part III

No story of family is ever complete, particularly if one is dealing with over 1500 years from St. Patrick to Pope Leo XIV. There is always something more. That said, **FROM – Four Families And Me** could not have been written much before now. For years I worked alone on mine by me. There was little coherence, fewer facts, less corroboration. Three items changed that, made the circle round.

#### The O'Malley Family Project

Gramps wrote in his book that there were 12 generations of his relatives who were buried at Burrishoole Abbey. The formal genealogical pursuit by Maurice Gleeson and Brendan O'Malley put genes to the test. Lacking O'Malley Y-DNA (I was a Y-not) had me engage my O'Malley cousins. They took the test. The results put me on course. It also led to discovering other relatives, including JP's descendants. People, relatives, literally appeared. A number of my family now interested I attended the 300th Anniversary of the founding of Newport in 2022. The results of the Family Project continue to grow as more relatives participate. (You will hear the progress at the Clan Gathering later this month.)

#### Plentiful Country by Tyler Anbinder (2024)

Professor Anbinder examined the exhumed records of the Emigrant Savings Bank, the bank of choice for Irish Famine Immigrants. He found banking records of McLoughlin's and McSweeney's, my relatives, indicating their success. He contacted me for permission to use family photographs and we met. The story grew. With a historian's discipline he proved what I thought I knew. Comforting.

#### The Viscount Mayo Chalice

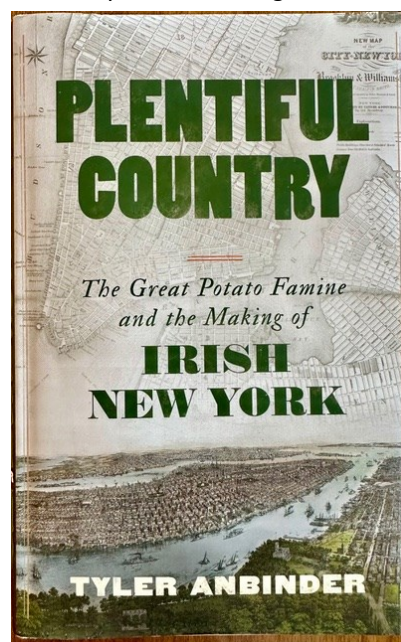
Perhaps nothing could have surprised me more than the discovery of the Viscount Mayo Chalice. In the course of the 2022 Clan Gathering we went on a day trip to Ballintubber Abbey. There in the sacristy they produced a small, elegant silver chalice. The engraved variant of 'me fieri fecit' on its base startled me. It was dated 1635. I realized that O'Malley and McSweeney /McLoughlin history was enshrined in two chalices uniquely bestowed on me. Undeserved ancestry, but now all part of the story to be told, the story of **FROM – Four Families and Me**.

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Above: Burrishoole Abbey ,(Click on the image to check out the events at this months O'Malley Clan Gathering



Above Right: "Plentiful Country"



Right: The Viscount Mayp Chalice

## Fighting the scourge that is Sepsis— Ciaran & Orlaith Staunton

Irish couple's fight to end sepsis sees legislation reintroduced in Congress

Ciaran and Orlaith Staunton say the reintroduction of the SEPSIS Act in US Congress "is a major milestone in the fight against a preventable and treatable condition."

**End Sepsis, the movement launched by Irish parents**

**Ciaran and Orlaith Staunton following** the death of their 12-year-old son Rory in New York in 2012, **announced yesterday, June 5, that** the SEPSIS Act **has been reintroduced into Congress.** If passed, the bill would guarantee an investment of \$20 million annually that would expand outreach and education to hospitals to encourage adoption of the CDC's comprehensive new sepsis guidelines, Hospital Sepsis Program Core Elements.

It would also finalize and implement a sepsis outcome measure, improve data collection on pediatric sepsis, and create an incentive program for hospitals to improve sepsis outcomes. End Sepsis said in a statement on Thursday that the legislation represents a major milestone in its national effort to combat the sepsis crisis.

The bipartisan bill is being co-sponsored by Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY), Senator Susan Collins (R-ME), and Senator Andy Kim (D-NJ).

Sen Schumer, who previously introduced the SEPSIS Act in 2024, said on Thursday that he will continue to urge the Trump Administration and the CDC to ensure that sepsis is prioritized on a federal level.

"I am grateful to my dear friends Ciaran and Orlaith Staunton from New York who went through the worst thing a parent could endure – losing their 12-year-old son Rory to sepsis a decade ago," Sen Schumer said.

"Instead of retreating to darkness, they turned their grief into action to raise awareness for the disease and are working to create a future where no parent has to experience the same pain."

End Sepsis noted on Thursday that "in a powerful show of support," the bill has also been endorsed by the American Hospital Association and the Federation of American Hospitals, two leading voices in the healthcare sector.



*Above: Ciaran and Orlaith Staunton with Senator Chuck Schumer (Centre), on Capitol Hill in Washington DC.*



## Fighting the scourge that is Sepsis— Ciaran & Orlaith Staunton

To mark this important development, End Sepsis returned to Capitol Hill this week to engage with lawmakers and staff.

There, they met with key members of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee, where we emphasized the staggering human and economic toll of sepsis on American families and the healthcare system.

Meetings included productive conversations with senior staff from the offices of Senators Tim Scott (R-SC), Roger Marshall (R-KS), Josh Hawley (R-MO), and Ashley Moody (R-FL), in addition to direct engagement with the offices of co-sponsors Senators Schumer and Collins.

End Sepsis says that it has long championed the need for a comprehensive federal response to sepsis, and that it remains fully committed to securing the passage of this landmark legislation.

"With bipartisan leadership and broad healthcare industry backing, we are laser-focused on moving this bill forward to protect millions of Americans from one of the leading causes of death and healthcare costs in the nation," End Sepsis said.

In a statement, Ciaran and Orlaith Staunton thanked Senator Schumer for his "unwavering leadership in championing this lifesaving bill."

They added: "13 years ago, sepsis claimed the life of our 12-year-old son, Rory.

"Since then, we've dedicated ourselves to ensuring other families don't endure the same heartbreak.

"Sepsis takes hundreds of thousands of lives each year, strains our healthcare system, and costs \$64 billion annually.

"This bill is a major milestone in the fight against a preventable and treatable condition.

"As a child, Rory liked nothing better than helping people and lifting them up. He is still lifting us all up now and urging us to fight even harder. Our promise to him is that we will."

*Irish Central*

*Below: To Check out the work that "End Sepsis" is doing, click on the image below to visit their website.*



**ENDSEPSIS**  
The Legacy of Rory Staunton

## Fighting the scourge that is Sepsis— A Tribute to Rory Staunton

A beautiful boy leaves this earth, the hardest column I will ever write Niall O'Dowd's heartbreaking tribute to his 12-year-old nephew Rory Staunton, who passed away from sepsis on April 1, 2012, in New York.

*Editor's Note: In this column, first published in April 2012, IrishCentral founder Niall O'Dowd mourns the death of his 12-year-old nephew Rory Staunton. In the years since Rory's untimely passing, his family launched the END*

*SEPSIS movement and helped secure the passage of new sepsis regulations in New York hospitals, known as Rory's Regulations.*



*Above: Rory Staunton, who passed away as a result of Sepsis in 2012.*

*To view a tribute to Rory on Youtube, click on the image above.*

This is the toughest column I will ever write and the one I least expected to.

On Sunday, April 1, 2012, in a New York hospital, my beautiful 12-year-old nephew Rory Staunton passed from this earth. Rory wasn't just my nephew, he was the son I never had, the precious possession of my sister Orlaith and her husband Ciaran Staunton, along with their daughter Kathleen. Orlaith was the one that followed me to America. I introduced her and Ciaran on an Irish weekend in the Catskills back in the 1990s. Soon they were pledged to each other and they have had a wonderful marriage and family.

From earliest times, Rory was a laughing little boy, an impish toddler always ready for fun, especially when his sister Kathleen and her sidekick, my daughter Alana, were involved.

In later years, he was also strangely mature for his age, taking part in adult conversations while other kids played childhood games.

I tried to steal Rory away often; a Notre Dame game, a weekend at our house, whenever the opportunity presented itself. I reveled in this big laughing Irishman, with "The Simpsons" and "Family Guy" obsession, the absurd sense of humor, and the serious political side of him who studied American politics with the intensity of a professional. JFK was his hero, he told me, because of his idealism. Rory too wanted to make a difference, to help the less well off. For one so young he already had a highly developed social conscience. He had already been to the White House and had met President Obama and Michelle on St. Patrick's Day in 2011. Not surprisingly, given his parents and their keen interest in all things political, Rory was fast becoming a political



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expert.

Rory charmed the pants off whoever met him. The girls were already showing interest, but Rory was a busy guy. He had taken flying lessons at 11, leaving his parents with their hearts in their mouths as he flew fearlessly into the wild blue yonder with his instructor.

Ireland was his spiritual home. On vacations back in his Dad's Mayo or his Mom's Kerry and Louth, he fell in with the locals and a gaggle of cousins, discussed Mayo's continued Gaelic Football failures with the best of them, and came back to New York as attuned to Ireland and its rhythms as any local.

He was about to spread his wings, and Georgetown University and its politics degree were on his radar. Rory was opening up, emerging from a chrysalis, ready for the beckoning world, to take flight.

Then on April 1, we lost him. Four days earlier, he had received an elbow scrape after falling while playing basketball, which had somehow allowed a toxic bacteria into his system. Two days later he was hospitalized, fighting for his life, a battle he ultimately lost.

There is an air of unreality even as I write this. My beautiful red-headed, five-foot nine-inch tall nephew has departed, leaving an utterly broken family and circle of friends that stretches from New York to Ireland to many other points behind. It was the worst weekend of my life as I watched the beloved boy battle vainly against the host of toxins that were attacking him.

Despite the best efforts of outstanding doctors and nurses in the Intensive Care Unit, the darling boy did not survive.

He is gone now into the wild blue yonder where he used to travel as a pilot in the making.

Soar high Rory, and keep watch on us down below. We love you and miss you so much. Someday with a blue sky above and a fair wind behind, and our hearts full, our dreams will come true and we will meet our beautiful boy again.

Until then, slan go foill a chuisle mo chroi.

Niall O'Dowd



## A Bike Ride to remember Grace O'Malley-Kumar

**Bikers' emotional tribute to 'courageous and brave' Grace O'Malley-Kumar**

**Money was raised for Grace's foundation at the event, with attendees including her parents Dr Sanjoy and Dr Sinead**

Dozens of motorcyclists came together to pay their tributes to Grace O'Malley-Kumar in a bike meet to raise money for a foundation in her name. Organised by PC Dave Merry, a family friend of the Kumar family, the emotional and poignant bike meet follows last year's 'Ride of Remembrance', which took those involved from Essex all the way to Newark Showground.

This year, a similar event was held in Essex, once again set up by PC Dave Merry, encouraging motorcyclists to celebrate Grace's life. As part of this year's event on Sunday (June 1), members of the Nottinghamshire Blood Bikes charity biked down from Nottingham to be part of the parade.

Last year, a blood transfusion service bike was unveiled with Grace's name in her own handwriting printed on the side. This was funded by the money raised and the bike is part of Nottinghamshire Blood Bikes' fleet, used to transport blood to various hospitals and emergency centres in urgent situations.

Grace's parents, Dr Sanjoy Kumar and Dr Sinead O'Malley-Kumar, attended Sunday's event amongst hundreds of bikers. Grace, the 19-year-old University of Nottingham student who was fatally stabbed by Valdo Calocane in the Nottingham attacks of June 2023, had taken a test to be able to ride a motorbike and saved up for a Vespa and insurance for it.

PC Merry met Mr Kumar through the Metropolitan Police, where they both worked - Dr Kumar as a forensic medical examiner - and he had known Grace since she was young. "Grace was courageous and brave," Mr Merry said.

He was given a coronavirus vaccine by Grace when she volunteered as one of the youngest vaccinators in the



*Above: The Blood Bike, named in honour of Grace, and below, Grace with her family, Dr Sanjoy Kumar, Dr Sinead O'Malley-Kumar, and James O'Malley-Kumar*





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country during the pandemic. PC Merry added: "She volunteered her time to vaccinate many officers from the Metropolitan Police, while she vaccinated hundreds of other people in the community. I was not there to protect her so this is my way of reaching out.

"She used to ride her Vespa to the Vaccination Centre - now I'm getting police and other bikers together to pay our respects to this brave and courageous young lady."

In a statement, the Nottinghamshire Blood Bikes added: "We stand in unity and remembrance as we join fellow bikers, family, friends, and the wider community to honour the memory of Grace O'Malley-Kumar - a remarkable young woman whose life was tragically cut short, but whose legacy of compassion, courage, and service lives on.

"Grace was not only a medical student with a bright future, but a true embodiment of care and selflessness - qualities that resonate deeply with our mission as volunteer blood bikers".

It comes after the families of the victims of the attacks invited the public to join them in a memorial walk on the second anniversary of attacks. The families are encouraging those attending the walk to wear colours of either yellow and green or red.

The yellow and green will represent sports at the University of Nottingham, which both Grace and Barnaby Webber took part in, whilst red will represent Ian Coates' beloved Nottingham Forest.



Above: Bikes on the move at the event to honour Grace, left, Grace O'Malley-Kumar, and above left: The Grace O'Malley-Kumar Foundation, (click on the image to visit the foundation's website.

## New Enterprise Ireland CEO—Jenny Melia

### Kildare woman is new CEO of Enterprise Ireland

Kildare woman Jenny Melia has been named head of one of Ireland's largest enterprise agencies.

The Board of Enterprise Ireland has today announced the appointment of Jenny Melia as its new Chief Executive Officer (Designate).

Ms Melia, from Rathangan, has worked in the agency for 29 years and is currently an executive director of Enterprise Ireland, which includes the role of chief client officer. She will take up her new role as chief executive officer in July.

Ms Melia, who graduated from UCD with a BSc and PhD in Chemistry, has held a number of senior leadership roles across the organisation throughout her career.

She has worked extensively with client companies of varying scales from all sectors, including food, industrial and technology, and has also worked with the High Potential Start-Up (HPSU) Division, and the Research and Innovation team. The Kildare woman was described as a “dedicated public servant” with an outstanding track record. Peter Burke TD, Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment, said: “I want to congratulate Jenny Melia on her appointment as Chief Executive Officer of Enterprise Ireland. Jenny is a dedicated public servant, who has spent much of her career supporting and fostering the development of the Irish enterprise base through her impressive tenure with Enterprise Ireland, which spans almost three decades.

“I am looking forward to working with Jenny and her leadership team, as this Government continues to focus on supporting Irish exporters and indigenous SMEs. Irish-owned enterprises are critical to our economy, and we are committed to supporting this sector to continue to be agile, and to grow and scale both domestically and in international markets.” Michael Carey, Chairman of Enterprise Ireland, said: “On behalf of the Board, I am delighted to announce Jenny’s appointment as Chief Executive Officer of Enterprise Ireland, after a highly competitive recruitment process. She has an outstanding track record of providing clear vision and strategic leadership within the organisation, has established deep relationships working collaboratively with key stakeholders from across the ecosystem, and has worked extensively and directly with our client companies. “Enterprise Ireland has successfully helped Irish enterprise to scale and grow enormously in recent years, with our client base now employing and exporting at record levels, and Jenny has played a pivotal role in this success. She was also centrally involved in the design and implementation of the organisation’s new client operating model, and Enterprise Ireland’s new strategy, ‘Delivering for Ireland, Leading Globally (2025-2029)’. She will bring this vast experience and leadership to her new role, and we look forward to working with her to achieve our long-term ambition, that exporting Irish companies will become the primary driver of the Irish economy.” Mr Carey also thanked Kevin Sherry for his leadership as Interim CEO, adding: “Kevin, who will return to his position as Executive Director in July, demonstrated an exceptional level of commitment as he filled this role in recent months, and I would like to thank him for his dedication and leadership during this period.” Employment at companies supported by Enterprise Ireland rose to a record 234,454 earlier this year, and the organisation’s new strategy sets out a number of ambitious targets for the Irish enterprise base, including plans to increase exports to €50bn by 2029.



*Above: New CEO of Enterprise Ireland, Jenny Melia*



## The O'Malley Clan Gathering 2025, Westport, Co Mayo

### Friday 27th June 2025

#### **Children's Illustration Workshop with Fatti and John Burke**

Friday, 4.00pm - 5.30pm, Cost €10 (donation to Barretstown)

Location: Sean Staunton Room, Westport Town Hall Theatre Westport,

Illustrator Kathi "Fatti" Burke and her father, author John Burke have collaborated on many children's books on Irish culture, language and history, including "Granuaile – The Pirate Queen". Join them for a talk and illustration workshop. Suitable for children aged 5-15.

The entry fee of €10 will go to Barretstown children's charity, which provides free, specially- designed camps and programmes for children and their families affected by cancer and other serious illnesses.

#### **Walking Tour with Anne Chambers: "Westport House and the Descendants of Grace O'Malley"**

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm (Ireland Time). Cost: Free

Location: *Westport Adventure Park, Westport House*

Walking Tour of Westport Demesne grounds. Learn about the history of Westport House and the families who lived there from Anne Chambers, biographer and leading authority on Grace O'Malley - Granuaile the Pirate Queen. Note that this does not include a tour of Westport House itself. Tours of Westport House can be booked directly at [www.westporthouse.ie](http://www.westporthouse.ie)

#### **Genealogy workshop with Dr Maurice Gleeson**

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm (Ireland Time). Cost: Free

Location: *Castlecourt Hotel, Westport*

A discussion on the genealogy of the O'Malleys, the Finding Grace DNA project and an opportunity for those exploring their O'Malley family trees to make contact with like-minded others. Led by Dr Maurice Gleeson, renowned genetic genealogist.

#### **Chieftain's Reception**

9:00 pm - 10:30 pm (Ireland Time). Cost: Free

Location: *CastleCourt Hotel, Westport*

Welcome to the O'Malley Gathering from Chieftain Grace. Mingle and meet other O'Malleys to the sound of traditional Irish music.



## The O'Malley Clan Gathering 2025, Westport, Co Mayo

Saturday 28th June 2025

**Clew Bay, O'Malley Castles, and Circus Bus Tour led by Anne Chambers:**

**"Grace O'Malley and the Bourkes of Mayo"**

9:30 am - 3:00 pm (Ireland Time). Cost: €35.00

*Location: Pickup and return at Castlecourt Hotel, Westport*

Bus tour led by Anne Chambers: Grace O'Malley and the Bourkes of Mayo. The tour will visit the O'Malley Castles at Carrigahowley and Kildavnet. The tour will include a performance of "Grace: The Story of a Pirate Queen" by Circus250 on Achill Island, a new aerial show about Granuaile with original live music, storytelling and performance by an all-female cast and crew. A light lunch at Alice's restaurant in Achill Sound is included.

**O'Malley Clan Annual General Meeting**

7:00 pm - 7:45 pm (Ireland Time). Cost: Free

*Location: Castlecourt Hotel, Westport*

Guardian Chieftain Ellen O'Malley Dunlop will chair the AGM of the O'Malley Clan Association. All O'Malleys and their families are welcome but only members of the association may vote. The Chieftain, Treasurer and Secretaries will present their reports, a new Tánaiste will be elected and any motions submitted for discussion will be debated.

**Gala Dinner**

8:00 pm - 11:00 pm (Ireland Time). Cost: €55

*Ashleigh Suite, Castlecourt Hotel*

An evening of merriment in true O'Malley fashion, bringing together all the Clan from near and far over a delicious four course meal, followed by music and dancing.





## The O'Malley Clan Gathering 2025, Westport, Co Mayo

Sunday 29th June 2025

### Croagh Patrick climb

8:00 am - 1:00 pm (Ireland Time). Cost: Free

*Location: Meet in the car park beside the Murrisk Community Cafe*

Climb the famous "Reek", Croagh Patrick mountain overlooks Clew Bay and is a famous site for pilgrims. Check out this guide to the climb:  
<https://www.destinationwestport.com/explore-westport/a-bluffers-guide-to-climbing-croagh-patrick>

**This is not an organised event, but book here to let other O'Malleys know you're planning to go.**

### Traditional Clan Mass

1:00 pm - 1:45 pm (Ireland Time). Cost: Free

*Location: Murrisk Abbey*

Outdoor Mass beside the ruins of Murrisk Abbey on the shores of Clew Bay.

### Clan lunch and inauguration of new Chieftain

2:30 pm - 4:00 pm (Ireland Time). Cost: €39, (Kids €18)

*Location: LuSeas Rooftop Restaurant, Westport Coast Hotel, Westport Quay*

Clan lunch at LuSeas Rooftop Restaurant with panoramic floor to ceiling views of Croagh Patrick and Clew Bay. After lunch, Tanaiste Denise O'Malley Kelly will be inaugurated as the new Chieftain of the Clan.

*All events/activities during the weekend are subject to change*



## Test your brain with a crossword on Irish Literature

### Across

4. Sally ..... wrote "Normal People"
5. "..... at Lughnasa, by Brian Friel
7. "The Plough and the ...." by Sean O Casey
12. Author of "The Beauty Queen of Leenane ..... McDonagh.
14. Author of "The Field" John B .....
15. "Finnegan's ...." by James Joyce
17. Author of "Circle of Friends" Maeve .....
20. "Gullivers ....." By Jonathan Swift.
22. Author of "The picture of Dorian Gray" Oscar .....

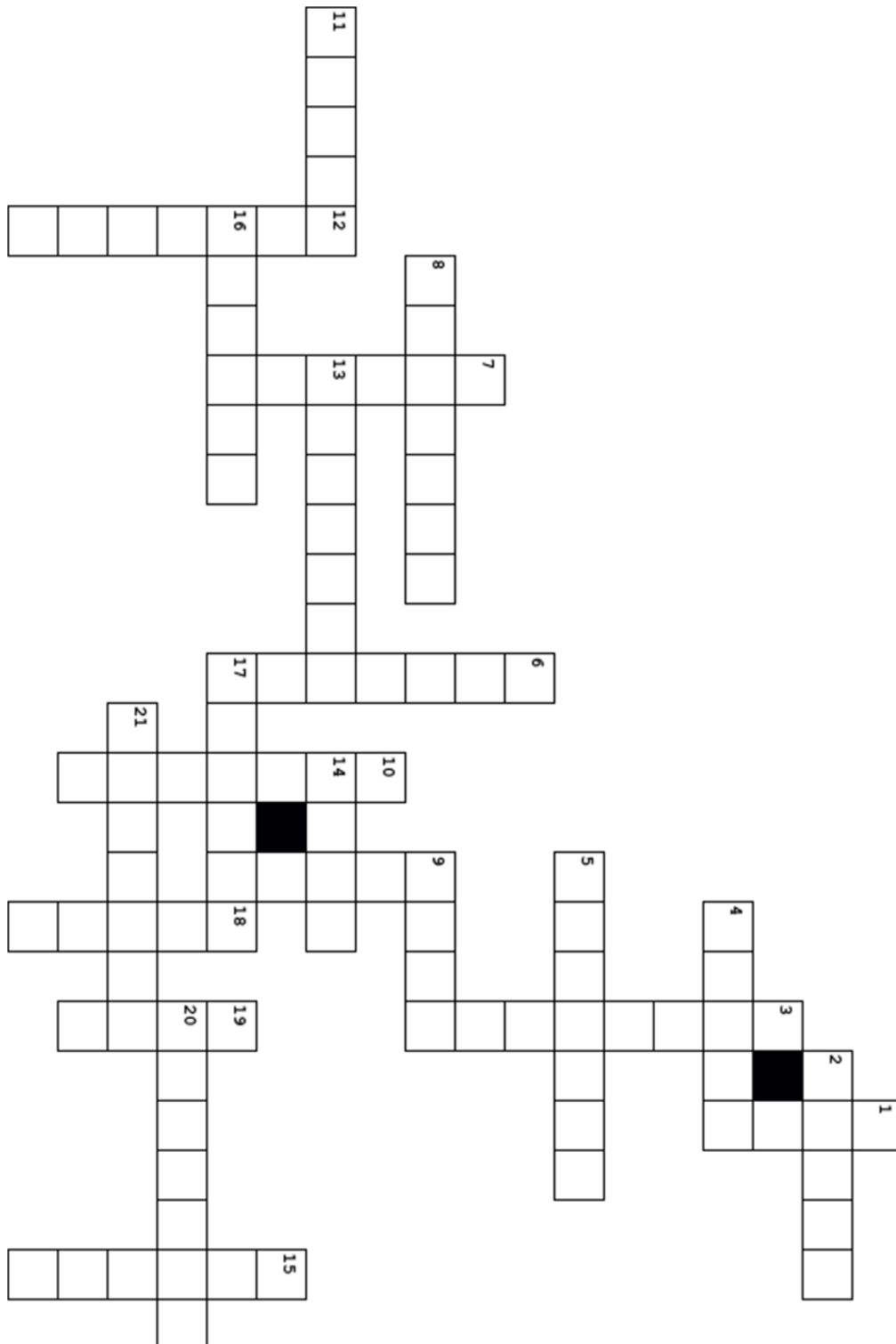
### Down

1. Author of "Confessions of an Irish Rebel" ..... Behan
2. Author of "Brooklyn" .... Toibin
3. Booker prize winner for "The Gathering" Anne .....
6. "Waiting for ...." by Samuel Beckett
8. Author of "Dracula" Bram .....
9. "The Long Road ...." by Sebastian Barry
10. "Country Girls" author .... O'Brien
11. Booker prize winner for "The Sea" John .....
13. Author of "The Van" ..... Doyle.
16. Author of "Angela's Ashes" Frank .....
18. Famous work of James Joyce
19. "The ....." of the western world" by JM Synge
21. "The boy in the ..... pyjamas" by John Boyne.

LAST MONTH'S ANSWERS: **ACROSS**, 2 MOORE, 4 CRANBERRIES, 6 REILLY 9 TOWN, 10 NEWYORK, 12 FAIR, 13 AWAKE, 16 OCONNOR, 17 GIRL, 18. ROCKY 19 GREEN **DOWN**, 1 HOZIER, 3 FRANCE, 5 BURGH, 7 LIZZY, 8 NONAME, 9 TRIANGLE 11 KNEECAP 14 BOY, 15 PIPES, 18 ROAD.



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