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Your local updates in the Parish of Crossmolina

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> Religious Services

St Mary's Church of Ireland

Sunday service at 12 noon.

- 1st & 3rd Sundays - Morning Prayer
- 2nd & 4th Sundays - Holy Communion

Communion services may be subject to change as they depend on the availability of an ordained minister.

St Tiernan's RC Church

All masses are live online.

To access the webcam log on to:

www.churchtv.ie/Crossmolina
or www.crossmolinaparish.com

Click on Live Webcam on the Home Page.

(If you have problems with streaming, log out and start again as the WiFi can be poor)

> Gardening Tips

If your flowers are not thriving or even living, don't be disheartened. The inclement weather during May has caused havoc for some gardeners and most plants. There is very little in bloom at the moment.

If you are looking for something to do in the garden, now is the time to remove bulbs for storage by placing them in a brown paper bag. Don't forget to label them, ready for next year!




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St John's Night

June 23rd celebrates both a pre-Christian ritual, as it is close to the June solstice, and the Christian tradition celebrating the eve of the birth of St John the Baptist.

St John's night in our area was no different from communities in other parts of Ireland and in many parts of the world. It is centred around a bonfire, from burning bones in the olden days, to wood, to tyres in the 60s, 70s and 80s. The tyres are no longer allowed of course and the local councils now try to promote safety and consideration for the environment. There are many great stories of rivalry and revelry with much of the rivalry associated with the collecting of items to build up the bonfire. All the hard work was done in the weeks before, gathering everything and storing it securely in fear of it being stolen by the rival streets and communities. Then on the night, the bonfire was lit and once the flames shot into the sky and no other bonfire could be seen – an indication that yours was the best – the fun and craic went on into the early hours.

Bonfires, like the ones at Fotish will never be seen again, with Pat Judge on the button accordion and the crowd dancing and singing at the crossroads, they will become only a memory for lots of us. Saying that, Rakestreet, the Boreen and others around the area have tried to keep the tradition alive. Important traditions and celebrations never go away completely, they evolve over time so let's see what the future of St John's Night brings.



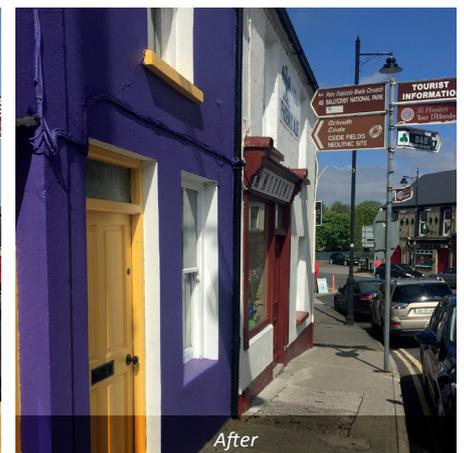
The Boreen Bonfire!

> Colour Crossmolina

Planning for outdoor painting is never easy but the good will of the Colour Crossmolina volunteers will not let the recent downpours deter them. Work will continue as the weather allows. Plans are in place for the weekends ahead. The group will progress to Church and Chapel Streets when Erris Street is complete.



Before



After



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COVID-19 Update

What you can do in June

(subject to the public health situation at the time)

From 2 June

Accommodation services including hotels, B&Bs, self-catering and hostels can reopen. Services including leisure facilities, indoor restaurant and bar services must be restricted to overnight guests/residents only.

From 7 June

- Outdoor sports matches can recommence. No spectators are permitted
- Gyms, swimming pools, leisure centres can reopen for individual training only
- Outdoor services in restaurants and bars can recommence, with groups limited to a maximum of 6 people
- The numbers of guests attending wedding celebrations/receptions can increase to 25
- Visiting indoors in private homes – visitors from one other household are permitted

Next steps

A number of higher-risk activities will be considered at the end of June for later in the year including:

- Indoor hospitality (restaurants, bars, nightclubs, casinos)
- Indoor team/group sports including matches, training and exercise classes
- Mass gatherings/events (including spectators) indoors and outdoors
- International travel

For the latest information visit www.gov.ie/covid

> Know your Social Media Acronyms!

FOMO Fear of missing out

WFH Work from home

ATD At the doctor



> The Jesus and Mary Sisters' Cemetery

If you've been down the Lake Road recently you will have noticed that there is a new entrance constructed beside the gates to Gortnor Abbey Secondary School. The new gateway opens to a well thought out, gently curved path that leads to the cemetery of the Jesus and Mary Sisters'. The public are welcome to take a stroll and experience the peace and quiet, with nothing to interfere with your thoughts except the birdsong. Along the path, on both sides are newly planted trees and it's hoped that a bench will be installed there in the future.



Snippets

> Nephin Path

The new Nephin path is becoming well established. Guiding posts were placed there to enable non experienced climbers to climb and descend it safely. Together with the car park, these new features have drawn a big increase in the number of visitors to the area. It was especially appreciated by locals and used continuously during the limitations of COVID-19. Now that restrictions are beginning to lift, we expect many national visitors. It's expected that many Irish people will staycation again this year. Those that choose to visit our area and climb Nephin, will get to experience this magnificent attraction that we are lucky enough to have on our doorstep.



Photo: J Hegarty

> Accommodation Opening at the Dolphin Hotel

It's great news to hear that the Dolphin Hotel will be opening their rooms to residents this June. The newly refurbished bedrooms have been designed and furnished to the highest of standards, enough to rival any hotel in the country. The presence of the Dolphin Hotel in the centre of the town will be a major boost for the image of Crossmolina and all that it has to offer the visitor and tourist alike. We hope that it will be a great success, attracting positive reviews and recommendations from near and far. Congratulations to everyone involved.



Enquiries and Reservations for the Dolphin Hotel can be made on 096-31640

> Maintenance Service

The Community Council offer a maintenance service for the elderly. The service which is available Monday to Friday is offered in the local area to anyone over 65. Services include indoor and outdoor work; painting, grass cutting, hedging, guttering, yard and garden maintenance.

Please contact us on 096 30935, we will be happy to help.

> Place Names

Carrowcloagh/Ceathramhadh Chlochach
Carrowgarve/Ceathramhadh Garbh
Carrowkeel/Ceathramhadh Chaol
Cartrongilbert/Cartun Ghilbeirt

Stony Quarter
Rough Quarter
Narrow Quarter
Gilbert's Quarter