

Memorial unveiled in memory of Ger Michael Grogan

A large crowd attended the unveiling of a special memorial monument to the late Roscommon footballer Ger Michael Grogan at The Walk in Roscommon town last Thursday. The monument was unveiled by Roscommon team manager Fergal O'Donnell.

The idea came from John Scally who set up The Rossie foundation two years ago. Mr. Scally told the gathering that the idea to erect a memorial monument came because Ger Michael Grogan was the only Roscommon player to die while he was on the Roscommon county panel.

The monument, which carries the simple inscription 'Gone too soon' was unveiled on the spot where Ger Michael Grogan died in a traffic

accident in March of 2002. Mr. Scally posed the question what would Ger Michael have achieved if he were to go on playing for Roscommon but "death is such a final reminder to us all what can happen" he said.

Fergal O'Donnell said it was an honour to be asked to attend the unveiling. He said that he played along Ger Michael in a Roscommon Gaels team in which there was great competition for places. He said that it was no surprise to him when Ger Michael was called in to the Roscommon panel in 2001 by John Tobin.

Christy Grogan, father of Ger Michael said that in view of a recent terrible tragedy on the roads it was vital that parents tell their children to slow

down. He thanked everyone connected with the organisation of the event on behalf of the Grogan family.

Monsignor Charles Travers blessed the monument which was erected by Frank O'Connor, of O'Connor monumental works.



Fergal O'Donnell addresses the crowd at the unveiling. Picture: Mick McCormack.



Pictured at the unveiling of a monument in memory of former Roscommon Gaels and county footballer Ger Michael Grogan, at The Walk, Roscommon last week were Monsignor Charles Travers, Fergal O'Donnell, Marie Grogan, Christy Grogan Jr., Calum Grogan, Christy Grogan Sr., John Scally and Karen Grogan. Picture: Mick McCormack.



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