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## Shock at death of Mick Kenny

There is widespread shock over a large area of County Roscommon this week at news of the sudden death after a brief illness of well-known local taxi driver Mick (Michael) Kenny of Glenview, Roscommon and formerly of Fourmilehouse, Co. Roscommon.

Aged in his mid 40's, Mick Kenny became ill only last weekend and passed away suddenly in a Dublin hospital on Monday last.

Mr Kenny was one of the best known faces around Roscommon town and operated the well established Roscommon Radio Cars taxi firm along with his colleagues Eugene Kelly and Kevin Bishop.

Mick Kenny is survived by his wife Margaret, son Frank and daughter Mairead, his parents Patsy and Frances, brothers Pdraig and Kevin, sister Carmel and many other relatives and a huge circle of friends.

His remains will be reposing at Smyth's Funeral home today (Thursday) from 5.30 pm to 8 pm with removal to the Sacred Heart Church, Roscommon. Mass of the resurrection on Friday at 12 noon will be followed by burial in St. Coman's cemetery.

A dheis de go raibh a anam dilis.

### Advent booklet

For the third year in succession the Elphin diocese will produce a resource booklet to support persons pray with the Sunday Gospels of the Advent season.

Entitled 'Discerning and Responding to God's Presence in our Lives', the booklet will contain contributions from Bishop Christopher Jones, Fr. Tom Cahill SVD, Donamon, Sr. Olive Flanagan, Galilee Community, Boyle, Fr. Eamonn O'Connor, Tarmonbarry and Justin Harkin, Pastoral Development Office, Strokestown. A special cover is also being designed by Fr. Niall Ahern (Strandhill).



Pictured at the launch of the Biggest Loser Weight Loss Challenge in the Abbey Hotel Roscommon were (l-r) Bernie Kearney, Fourmilehouse, Cllr. Domnick Connolly, Mary Gleeson, Gleeson's and Noleen Rudden, Roscommon Manager Western Alzheimers.

### MICHAEL O'CONNOR Glebe St., Ballinrobe, Co. Mayo (7th Son) Faith Healer

Michael will attend Hannon's Hotel,  
 Athlone Road, Roscommon.

Friday 7th November 2pm-8pm

Friday 14th November 2pm-8pm

Friday 21st November 2-8pm

Michael has success with migraine, sinus, acne, psoriasis, eczema and other skin rashes, asthma, fatigue, eyesight, depression, anxiety, angina, stress, back, neck and muscle pain, knee and ankle pain, arthritis, rheumatism, warts, blood pressure, burns, ulcers and many other ailments.

No appointment necessary - just call on the day.

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## Faith Healer now coming to Roscommon

Renowned faith healer, Michael O'Connor, is to offer his healing hands to the people of Roscommon and the surrounding areas over the next three weeks.

Michael has helped

many people over the last few years. A total of twenty people who were blind say that after visiting Michael their eyesight has been restored.

Michael, a seventh son

said he never realised he had the gift of healing until fifteen years ago. It is said that if a person who has healing in their hands places a worm in their hand, the worm will die. This myth

is how Michael discovered his powers. He says he was asked to do this and see what would happen. After a lot of persuasion he did it and was amazed when the worm in his left hand died in about thirty seconds and the one in his right hand died after approximately three minutes. Michael says that the palms of his hands felt as if they were on fire for the rest of day. He told his friends what had happened and a lot of them seemed to have some kind of ailment. Michael tried leaving his hands on them just to see what would happen and was amazed with the results. Many of them noticed improvements almost immediately.

Michael has worked with a huge number of people from all walks of life. He has helped people with a variety of ailments including headaches, skin disorders, aches and pains, arthritis and rheumatism to name but a few. People have travelled from abroad to see him and he has held numerous clinics all over Ireland.

To date, Michael has had success with approximately 80% of the people he has seen. However, he makes no claims that his healing will work for everyone. "Two people with the same ailment may come to me and it would work for one but not for the other. It's all part of the work of God and I cannot explain it," he says.

### Councillor seeks meeting on agriculture

East Galway Fianna Fail Councillor, Michael Connolly, called on the agricultural sub Committee of East Galway Comhairle Dáil Ceanntair to hold an urgent meeting to discuss the proposed cuts in agriculture in the recent budget.

The Moylough-based Fianna Fail Councillor states that after a year of terrible weather and depressed prices for livestock, the cut in the disadvantaged area payment and the Suckler welfare scheme will cause untold hardship to farmers who are struggling to survive in farming.

"The proposed suspension of the young farmer installation aid and Early retirement Schemes, will cause further stagnation in the agricultural sector and those proposed cuts can not be justified.

"Further clarification is needed regarding the farm waste management scheme, and with 5000 farmers locked out of the farm improvement scheme, and €14m cut in the fallen animal scheme will hit farmers hard especially those on low income.

"The one percent income levy will discriminate against farmers as it hits depreciation and investment allowances which are vital for farmer to continue to change and adapt as agriculture changes. Galway Mayo and Roscommon are the worst hit Counties when it comes to cuts in the suckler welfare scheme and the disadvantaged areas Scheme," said Councillor Connolly.

"Adjustments will have to be made to prevent a more farmers leaving agriculture," concluded Councillor Connolly.



### Mahon murder book launch

The launch of the new book by author Padhraig Vesey "The Murder of Major Mahon, Strokestown, Co. Roscommon, 1847", under the aegis of The Co. Roscommon Historical and Archaeological Society, will take place in the library, Strokestown Park House at 7 pm on Sunday, 2nd November.

The launch will be performed by Dr Susan Hood of The Representative Church Body Library. November 2nd is the 161st anniversary of the murder to the hour. Two men were put on trial and hanged for the offence at Roscommon Jail sometime afterward.

The murder of Major Mahon sent shockwaves throughout Ireland. Some saw it as a Catholic plot to execute protestant landlords that would soon spread out of Roscommon into other parts of

Ireland. Others saw it as a revenge on a rapacious evicting landowner. Despite reform programmes before the assassination, tensions were created amongst the tenantry and led to a series of events that not only changed Roscommon forever but had repercussions to the Vatican and beyond.

Padhraig Vesey has for many years been interested in the Land Question as it was termed in the late 19th century and has done many studies and lectured on the subject. He is a full-time farmer near Castlerea and also a graduate of NUI, Galway and NUI, Maynooth.

The book appears in the Maynooth Studies in Local history Series and published by Four Courts Press. All are welcome to the event.

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