

Mid-Tipperary Senior Hurling Final
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Senior Hurling Final

THURLES SARSFIELDS



DROM - INCH



Stephen Lillis



Reiteoir:
John Kelly (Thurles KRF)



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Holycross-Ballycahill V Thurles Sarsfields

Reiteor: Joe Cahill (Kilruane-MacDonaghs).

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Is cuis mhor athais dom failte a chur roimh gach aoine ata i lathair Teampall Mhor inniu agus ta suil agam go mbeidh sar chluiche again.

I wish to extend a special welcome to everyone today, to Templemore, for the Mid-Tipperary Senior Hurling final between Thurles Sarsfields and Drom-Inch. Thurles Sarsfields will be hoping to retain the trophy they won last year and add one more to their vast array of Mid Senior titles whilst no doubt, Drom-Inch will do their utmost to regain the title which they last held

in 2006. At the County Convention earlier this year, a new system for running the Divisional and County Senior Hurling Championships was adopted by the Clubs of Tipperary and this has proved to be very successful in Mid-Tipperary, giving Club Players plenty of games and retaining interest for all Clubs, right up to the concluding games of each group.

2008 is my third and final year as Chairman of this division and I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow officers, all the Clubs together with Referees and their officials for all the help and co-operation afforded to me, during my three year term. In particular, I would like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the CCC (fixtures) Committee, who meet almost on a weekly basis for nine months of the year. This year, we expect to play approximately 220 matches in total and including today's games, we will have played 190. This is no easy task to organize, taking into account Club Players involvement with County teams, Players playing hurling and football and many Clubs with some players playing minor, U/21 and other adult grades.

I would like to thank the J.K. Brackens Club for the first class arrangements here today and congratulate them on the excellent facilities implemented at this venue in recent years. Also, I would like to thank MacLachlain Roadmarkings for continued sponsorship of our Senior Hurling Championship.

A special welcome also to the Junior Hurlers of Holycross/Ballycahill and Thurles Sarsfield who contest the semi final of the Junior A Championship and thank T.J. Ryan (Roskeen Construction) for continued sponsorship of this competition.

Ta la sportuail l ndan duinn. Banigi taitneamh as agust slán abhaile libh.

P.G. O Meachair. CHAIRMAN MID-TIPPERARY; G.A.A. BOARD.

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Thurles Sarsfields v Drom-Inch 3.30 p.m. Reiteoir: John Kelly (Thurles KRF)

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Holycross-Ballycahill v Thurles Sarsfields 1.45 p.m. Reiteoir: Joe Cahill

Team photos for this evenings programme were provided by John Moloughney, Clonakenny.

Programme Editor: P. J. LEAHY

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The Board wishes to thank the Knights of Malta, who provided first aid at all our games and are in attendance this evening.



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Profile of our Captain.

DROM-INCH CAPTAIN – EAMONN BUCKLEY

Drom/Inch captain for 2008 is 26 year old PE Teacher Eamonn Buckley. Like many of his team mates Eamonn stated out his hurling career under the tutelage of Paudi Butler in Inch N.S. Eamonn has the full set of county underage medals from U12 to U21 and has played in every single county final up along except at U12 level. Winning underage titles for the club brought him to the attention of the county selectors from a very young age. Eamonn captained Mid Tipperary to victories in the Peadar Cummins (U14) in 1996 and Garda Cup (u16) in 1998 before making the Tipp minor team in 2000. His first piece of silverware at county level came when he won a Munster U21 final in 2003 lining out at corner back. Eamonn was brought onto the Tipp senior panel in 2006 when Ken Hogan was in charge and in 2007 he made his competitive debut against Limerick. He won a National hurling league and Munster final medal with Tipperary in 2008 Eamonn is a PE teacher in Thurles CBS where he has been for the past three years and during that time he has coached the Harty, first years and Fitzgerald teams, winning back to back Rice Cup titles. At club level Eamonn has coached teams from U16 to U21 level Today is a great honour for Eamonn and his family. He has been a leader in the senior team from a very young age and this is his ninth year playing for the senior team, we hope to see his leadership and direction start from the square and ooze through to the entire team.



Profile of our Captain.

SARSFIELDS CAPTAIN – STEPHEN LILLIS

Stephen Lillis is a man with a lot of hurling experience having been through the mill with Durlas Og and Sarsfields.

A multiple medal winner with Durlas Og in his juvenile days, Stephen is a sweet striker of the ball and a man who is renowned for his reading of the game. His class comes to the fore time and again and he was delighted to have helped Sarsfields to the elusive county crown in 2005 in only his second year on the senior panel.

His brother John is also a member of the panel. Stephen has also represented Tipperary at minor, under 21 and senior level. He won Munster titles at both minor and under 21 levels but Kilkenny stopped Stephens attempts at All-Ireland honours in 04 and 06. This season he has already won his first Fitzgibbon Cup medal playing a significant role in W.I.T's victory over L.I.T in the final.

Stephen is honoured to be captain of Thurles Sarsfields in 2008 and would love to lift the Leahy Cup for his native parish.





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Physio:

Andy Cummins

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(2) Tadhg Flanagan

(3) John Fogarty

(4) Thomas Comerford

(5) Sean Stakelum

(6) Thomas Hayes

(7) Cathal Carroll

(8) Shane Lanigan

(9) Tony Leahy

(10) Kevin O'Dwyer

(11) Colm McGrath

(12) Gerry Ryan

(13) Michael Harty

(14) Padraic McGrath

(15) Kevin O'Riordan

HOLYCROSS-BALLYCAHILL	Cúill	Cúilíní	Seanchaí	65m	Saor Pocanna
Tadh Leath					
2nd Leath					
IOMALAN					

THURLES SARSFIELDS

Colours: Blue & White

(1) Jamie Barrett

(2) Conor Stapleton (3) Michael Callanan (4) Stephen Dorney

(5) Gerry Spain (6) David Shannon (7) Peter Maher

(8) Willie Lawlor (9) Alan Ryan

(10) Paul Dwyer-Darcy (11) Paudie Duggan (12) Jamie Murphy
Captain

(13) Barry McCormack (14) Jim Mackey (15) Eoin O'Dwyer



Fir Ionaid:

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17. Brian O'Loughlin
18. Niall O'Riordan
19. Barty Flynn
20. Lenny Philips
21. Damien Grimes
22. John Hussey
23. Peadar Graydon
24. Barry McLoughlin
25. Peadar Ryan
26. Liam Hickey
27. Paddy Kenny
28. Conor Moloney
29. Liam Phelan
30. Rodney Mason

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The Thurles Sarsfields panel





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16. Bill McCormack
17. Tony Ruth
18. Michael Collins
19. Garry Mernagh
20. Jim Corbett
21. Stephen Mason
22. John Lillis
23. David O'Dwyer
24. Barry O'Dwyer
25. Colm Rourke
26. Eoin Russell
27. Tony Connolly
28. Tommy Collins
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Tom King

(5)
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(Captain)**

(6)
Liam Cahill

(7)
John Lawlor

(8)
Padraig Maher

(9)
Michael Gleeson

(10)
Wayne Cully

(11)
Johnny Enright

(12)
Lar Corbett

(13)
Pa Bourke

(14)
Shane Ryan

(15)
Ger O'Grady

THURLES SARSFIELDS	Cúill	Cúilini	Seanchai	65m	Saor Pocanna
Tadh Leath					
2nd Leath					
IOMALAN					

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extra time
be played

DROM-INCH

Colours: Green and White



(1)

Damian Young

(2)

Kevin Butler

(17)

**Eamon Buckley
(Captain)**

(4)

Michael Costello

(5)

Martin Butler

(6)

Michael Butler

(7)

Paul Stapleton

(8)

James Woodlock

(9)

Michael Long

(10)

James Ryan

(11)

Seamus Callanan

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Johnny Ryan

(13)

Matthew Ryan

(14)

Seamus Butler

(15)

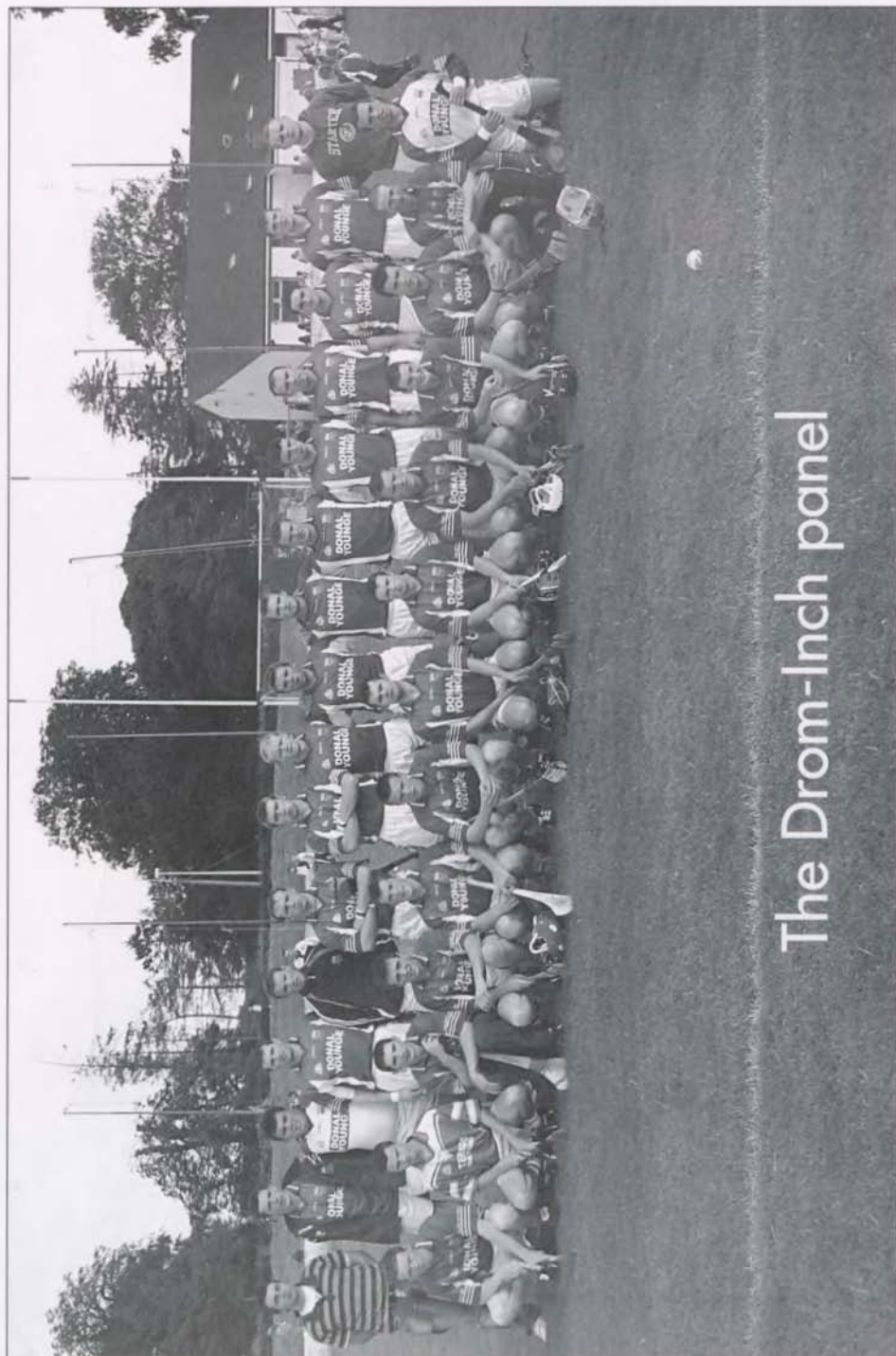
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Fir Ionaid:

16. Paul Connors
17. Michael Cantwell
18. Donnacha Kennedy
19. Edward Costello
20. Eric Woodlock
21. David Butler
22. Paul Collins
23. John Kennedy
24. Paddy Kennedy
25. Thomas Cantwell
26. Liam Kennedy
27. Padraig Butler
28. David Collins
29. Shane Delaney
30. Frank McGrath
31. Paul Ryan
32. Joe Egan
33. Trevor Hassett
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DROM-INCH	Cúill	Cúilíní	Seanchaí	65m	Saor Pocanna
Tadh Leath					
2nd Leath					
IOMALAN					



The Drom-Inch panel

Senior Hurling Results 2008

Group 1

Moycarkey Borris 2-19 Boherlahann Dualla 1-10

Holycross Ballycahill 2-11 Upperchurch Drombane 1-11

Boherlahann Dualla 1-16 Upperchurch Drombane 0-15

Moycarkey Borris 1-15 Holycross Ballycahill 0-15

Moycarkey Borris 2-22 Upperchurch Drombane 2-16

Boherlahann Dualla 2-10 Holycross Ballycahill 1-09

Group 2

Loughmore Castleiney 4-16 JK Brackens 1-19

Thurles Sarsfields 0-15 Drom Inch 0-15

Drom Inch 0-15 JK Brackens 0-13

Loughmore Castleiney 2-19 Thurles Sarsfields 1-13

Drom Inch 0-16 Loughmore Castleiney 1-13

Thurles Sarsfields 1-22 JK Brackens 1-17

Quarter Finals:

Thurles Sarsfields 1-17

Drom Inch 0-20

Boherlahann Dualla 3-09

Holycross Ballycahill 1-09

Semi Finals

Drom Inch 1-17

Thurles Sarsfields 1-24

Loughmore Castleiney 2-08

Moycarkey Borris 0-11

The Tom O'Hara Perpetual Trophy

will be presented to the

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in today's Senior Hurling Final.

**The Trophy is named in honour of the late
Tom O'Hara from Fennor in the parish of
Gortnahoe-Glengoose, who served as Secretary
of the Mid-Board for many years.**

Mid Tipperary Bord na Og

2008 has, to date, been a very successful year for mid Bord na Og. In March our U14 Footballers beat West Tipperary to win the Tipperary inter-divisional competition for the second year in a row. In May our U14 Hurlers won the Peadar Cummins inter-divisional hurling competition also for the second year in a row. This resulted from the great dedication of our panel of players which included a representative from most clubs in the division. Great credit must go to the selectors Eamonn Sweeney (Loughmore), Sean Corbett (Durlas Og) & Ray Ralph (Moycarkey).

Our U16 Hurlers also gave a good account of themselves by reaching the Munster semi-final losing out to our neighbours from North Tipperary who eventually went on to win this competition. Great work was put in by our selectors Lar Devane (Boherlahan), Seanie Johnson (Loughmore) & Roddy Lowry (Upperchurch).

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all patrons who bought programs while attending senior and intermediate matches during the course of the championship. The selling of programs is a major source of revenue for mid Bord na Og and your generosity is greatly appreciated. Some of the revenue from this years programs has been used to upgrade and replace the hurling trophies for our competitions. We are also running an U12 Hurling Shield competition which would not be possible without this revenue.

I wish all four teams competing today the best of luck in their respective finals. The teams include many players who represented mid Tipperary Bord na Og in the past. We hope that the current Juvenile players will go on to represent their clubs and counties at senior level in the future.

Joe Kennedy – Mid Bord na Og Chairman

Referees Profile: – An Reiteoir

The referee for today's Mid Senior Hurling Final is John Kelly from the Thurles KRF club. John is a well known referee not alone within this division, but all over the county. As a native of County Kildare, John's refereeing commenced mainly on the football fields. He has refereed football matches at all levels in this division including a number of Mid Senior Football Finals. In the last couple of years John became interested and got a flair for the hurling game and soon came to the notice of those appointing referees for county senior hurling championships which resulted in him taking charge of a number of senior hurling matches in the other divisions.

This is John's first Mid Senior Hurling Final and so we take this opportunity to extend to him and his officials our best wishes in today's final.



Looking back at Yester Years

Compiled by Bob Stakelum, President of the Mid Tipp Senior Board.

1. Seven clubs as constituted now have provided captains for All Ireland Senior Hurling Championship winning teams.

Thurles Sarsfields 10 - 1887, 1906, 1908, 1930, 1937, 1945, 1958, 1962, 1964, 1965.

Boherlahan/Dualla 5 - 1895, 1896, 1898, 1916, 1925.

Borrisoleigh 3 - 1950, 1951, 1989.

Moycarkey/Borris 2 - 1899, 1900.

Holycross/Ballycahill 2 - 1949, 1991.

Toomevara 2 - 1961, 2001.

Roscrea 1 - 1971.

Note: 1989 Captain Bobby Ryan was nominated by Loughmore/Castleiney.

2. From 1912 to 1931, all County Senior Hurling Championships were won by either Boherlahan or Toomevara with the exception of Moycarkey/Borris in 1926 and Thurles Sarsfields in 1929.

3. Thurles Sarsfields and Moycarkey/Borris won all Senior Hurling County titles from 1932 to 1940.

Moycarkey/Borris - 1932, 1933, 1934, 1937 and 1940.

Thurles Sarsfields - 1935, 1936, 1938 and 1939.

4. From 1902 to 1942 only four clubs won Senior County Hurling titles, Thurles Sarsfields, Boherlahan, Moycarkey/Borris and Toomevara. Eire Og/Annacarty broke the sequence in 1943 when they defeated Moycarkey in the final.

5. Rahealty was the first club to win a County Minor Hurling Championship (1953). Divisional selections or Thurles C.B.S. were previous winners.

6. The following were All Star winners from Mid Tipperary: Tommy Butler 1978, Declan Carr 1989, Eamon Corcoran 2001 and Eddie Enright 2001.

7. From 1908 until 1946 all Mid Senior Hurling titles were shared by Thurles Sarsfields, Moycarkey/Borris and Boherlahan with the exception of Clonoulty in 1929 and Killea/Castleiney in 1928.

8. The following from Mid Tipp refereed All Ireland Hurling Finals: John Joe Callanan - Junior Hurling in 1929 and Senior Hurling in 1940. Phil Purcell - Junior Hurling in 1946 and Senior Hurling in 1947. Bob Stakelum - Senior Hurling 1955. John Ryan - Under 21 Hurling final in 2007.

9. The parishes that have produced teams that have won County Senior titles in both hurling and football are: Nenagh, Mullinahone, Loughmore/Castleiney, Moyne/Templetuohy, Kilruane and Thurles.

10. During the 1940's, seven clubs won Senior Hurling titles: Moycarkey/Borris 1940, Boherlahan/Dualla 1941, Thurles Sarsfields 1942, 1944, 1945 and 1946, Carrick Swans 1947, Holycross/Ballycahill 1948 and Borrisoleigh 1949.

This did not happen again until the 1980's when the winners were Roscrea 1980, Borrisoleigh 1981, 1983 and 1986, Kilruane 1985, Cappawhite 1987, Loughmore/Castleiney 1988 and Clonoulty/Rossmore 1989.

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1910	Two-Mile-Borris	1965	Moycarkey
1911	Thurles	1968-69	Thurles Sarsfields
1912	Sarsfields	1970	Moyne
1913-14	Boherlahan	1971	Moycarkey
1915	Thurles Sarsfields	1972	Moyne
1916-19	Boherlahan	1973	Thurles Sarsfields
1920	Thurles/Moycarkey	1974	Drom-Inch
1921	No Championship	1975	Thurles Sarsfields
1922	Moycarkey/Two-Mile-Borris	1976-77	Moyne
1923-24	Moycarkey	1978	Holycross
1925	Thurles Sarsfields	1979-80	Thurles Sarsfields
1926	Moycarkey/Borris	1981-82	Moycarkey
1927	Clonoulty	1983	Loughmore/Castleiney
1928	Castleiney/Killea	1984	Drom-Inch
1929	Thurles Sarsfields	1985	Holycross/Ballycahill
1930-34	Moycarkey/Borris	1986-88	Loughmore/Castleiney
1935-36	Thurles Sarsfields	1989-91	Holycross/Ballycahill
1937	Moycarkey	1992	Loughmore/Castleiney
1938-40	Thurles Sarsfields	1993	Thurles Sarsfields
1941	Boherlahan	1994	Loughmore/Castleiney
1942	Thurles Sarsfields	1995	Boherlahan-Dualla
1943	Moycarkey	1996	Thurles Sarsfields
1944-46	Thurles Sarsfields	1997	Holycross/Ballycahill
1947-48	Holycross	1998	Loughmore/Castleiney
1949	Borrisoleigh	1999	Holycross/Ballycahill
1950	Thurles Sarsfields	2000-01	Thurles Sarsfields
1951	Holycross	2002-04	Loughmore/Castleiney
1952	Thurles Sarsfields	2005	Thurles Sarsfields
1953	Boherlahan	2006	Drom-Inch
1954	Holycross	2007	Thurles Sarsfields

Roll of Honour - Mid Senior Hurling Titles

Thurles Sarsfields	40	Drom-Inch	3
Moycarkey Borris	17	Two-Mile-Borris	1
Holycross-Ballycahill	11	Clonlulty	1
Boherlahan-Dualla	11	Killea-Castleiney	1
Loughmore-Castleiney	10	Borrisoleigh	1
Moyne-Templetuohy	4	Thurles-Moycarkey	1

Mid Tipperary Senior Football Champions

1908-09:	Thurles
1910:	Borrisoleigh
1911-12:	Templetuohy
1913:	Templemore
1914-15:	Castleiney/Templetuohy United
1916:	Templemore
1917:	Mullinahone
1918:	The Commons
1919:	Castleiney
1920-21:	No Championship
1922-29:	Templemore
1930:	Mullinahone
1931-33:	No Championship
1934-39:	Templemore
1940-41:	Castleiney/Loughmore
1942:	Templemore
1943-45:	The Tenth Battalion, Templemore
1946-48:	Loughmore/Castleiney
1949-50:	Templetuohy/Moyne
1951:	Loughmore/Castleiney
1952:	Thurles Sarsfields
1953:	Ballingarry
1954-58:	Loughmore/Castleiney
1959:	Templemore
1960-62:	Thurles Crokes
1963-64:	Templemore
1965-85:	Loughmore/Castleiney
1986:	Templetuohy/Moyne
1987-2000:	Loughmore/Castleiney
2001:	Moyne/Templetuohy
2002:	Loughmore/Castleiney
2003:	J.K. Brackens
2004-05:	Loughmore/Castleiney
2006:	J.K. Brackens
2007-08:	Loughmore-Castleiney

Mid Board Chairmen

1907	John Cahill, Cashel
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1912	T. Semple, Thurles
1916	E.D. Ryan, Cashel
1919	Tom Kerwick, Thurles
1924	T. Gleeson, Drombane
1927	Rev J. Meagher CC, Thurles
1929	Rev Phil Fogarty CC, Thurles
1948	Rev Patrick Lee CC Templemore
1956	Rev Mick Russell, St. Patrick's
1961	Rev D. O'Meara CC, Moycarkey
1969	T. O'Hara, Gortnahoe
1973	Mi. Small, Sarsfields
1976	T. O'Hara, Gortnahoe
1979	Tim Maher, Boherlahan
1982	Mi. Lowry, Holycross
1985	Pat Cullen, Loughmore
1988	Liam Hennessy, Moycarkey
1991	Sean Fogarty, Moyne-Templetuohy
1994	Sean Mockler, Loughmore-Castleiney
1997	Harry Ryan, Moycarkey-Borris
2000	Mi Burke, Upperchurch-Drombane
2003	John Doyle, Holycross
2006	PJ Maher, Boherlahan-Dualla

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1907	A. Mason, Drombane
1930	Phil Cahill, Holycross,
1937	P. Purcell, Moycarkey
1948	P. Ryan, Moycarkey
1966	S. Ryan, Loughmore
1974	L. Ryan, Holycross
1979	T. O'Hara, Gortnahoe
1991	M. Connolly, Boherlahan
2005	Tom Maher, Moyne-Templetuohy

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