

2020

Chairman's
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A Chairde,

At the end of a year that none of us would or could have ever predicted, as Chairman of our great club, I would like to reflect on the year 2020 and the unimaginable changes it brought to all our lives.

Nine months ago we celebrated our victorious 2019 by hosting our Celebration Banquet in Monaghan. It was a night to remember, filled with hope, joy and celebration. Little did we know what lay in store just a few days later.

As the reality of COVID set in, the idea of a football season was further away than ever. However, just as the summer rolled around we were fortunate to see a return to our Gaelic Games. Even though, as a result of the COVID restrictions, the football season was cut unusually short, all of our teams still made the most of this short yet meaningful time by representing our club in various competitions on the field. I would like to thank each and every one of our players from our youth teams to our senior panels who represented our club with pride and honour during this challenging year. To all our management teams, thank you for all your hard work and commitment throughout these difficult times.

I would like to thank the many Club Sponsors, whose contributions have helped with the running of our club. It is very important that we continue to support all our valued sponsors especially during these difficult commercial times.

2020 also saw the sad passing of a number of great Galbally Gaels, whose presence will be sorely missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with them and their families, may they all Rest in Peace.

Throughout 2020 our club undertook many successful different roles, many of them around helping our community during the lockdown. Just a few weeks ago our club was privileged to lead the initiative of lighting up Gaelic Grounds around Ireland and further afield from 19:20 to 20:20 to honour the memory of the 14 Gaels who were murdered in Croke Park on November 21st 1920. This was a poignant tribute to a seminal moment in the history of the GAA and drew great praise from all quarters.

As this year draws to a close, I would sincerely like to thank our committee, our club led COVID group and all of our other club volunteers for your continuous hard work and dedication throughout this strange year. We look forward to 2021 being a successful and more normal year, both on and off the field.

Go raibh míle maith agaibh agus Nollaig Shona Daoibh

Nollaig Mac Eoin

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