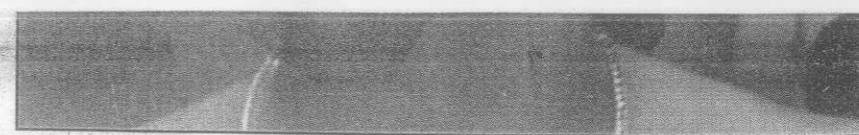


Kate Walsh holds a photo of her Son Kevin as she is comforted by Kevin Uncle Vincent Tierney in Bruff Co. Limerick.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and especially with his mother, Kate, and sister, Mandy, at this time. Ar dheis Dé go raibh ananam dílis," said Mr Clifford.

of youthful exuberance," Mgr Lane said. Ciara is the second child the family have mourned. Seven years ago, parents Josephine and



Ciara Leahy, Patrickswell: full of youthful exuberance

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Hundreds mourn Catherine 77

By DONAL O'REGAN

HUNDREDS of mourners attended the funeral this Monday of Catherine Noonan who was killed in a traffic accident the same day that penalty points for 31 new road traffic offences came into effect.

Ms Noonan 77, of 5, The Brewery Apartments, John Street, and late of Ballysheedy, was knocked down in the city centre

last Thursday evening and died later in hospital. In a moving Mass at St John's Cathedral celebrated by Fr Joe Cussen, Fr Michael Cussen and Fr Gary Bluett, Ms Noonan, affectionately known as Kitty, was described as a woman of great faith.

"She was a regular at Mass in St John's on Saturday nights," said Fr Joe Cussen.

He prayed for all those who have been involved in serious accidents,

including the driver of the lorry, and said after the Mass that Ms Noonan was a woman of deep prayer.

He mentioned in particular her friends and family who helped out in any way they could in the past few days.

"They deeply appreciate the large presence here today and at the removal," said Fr Joe Cussen.

He said it was a "tragic death", but offered a message of hope to the bereaved in his sermon.

On behalf of her family, Fr Cussen paid a special thank you to the Gardaí, the Ambulance Service, Limerick Fire Brigade and the staff at the Mid-West Regional Hospital.

Ms Noonan was buried in Mount St Oliver Cemetery following 11am mass. She is survived by her sister, Breda, and brother, Mick.

Ms Noonan was waiting at the traffic lights at the

junction of Henry Street and Bedford Row when she was knocked down by a truck at about 6.45pm on Thursday.

She was rushed to hospital but died from her injuries.

Gardaí interviewed the lorry driver at the scene and are appealing for witnesses.

"We would ask anyone with information to come forward and make contact with us on 061-212400," said a spokesman.



The Driven: Darrin Mullins, Christian Best, Brendan Markham and Paul Power

Local band driven to success

By FRANK O'CONNELL

IT'S been a long and challenging road for Limerick Rock outfit The Driven.

From the highs of a record deal in London to living *la vita bella* in Italy and playing with Sting, it's been an interesting few years for the band and their lead singer Brendan Markham.

The band have just finished recording an album in West Cork, and are poised for the release of their first single over the coming months.

This Saturday, they play an exclusive free gig in probably one of the city's most happening venues at the moment, Riddlers Bar on Sarsfield Street

Here, they will playing lots of new material including Eyeball, one of the best rock songs written for a number of years.

The Driven are a rock and roll band in the classic sense. Big songs with a raw edge, catchy choruses and melodies are their forte.

The band has four members: vocalist Brendan Markham and Darrin Mullins, lead guitarist, are both from Rathkeale. Paul Power from Newcastle West is the bass player, and Skibereen man Christian Best is the drummer.

Their tale began at the end of the 90s when they landed a record deal with UK giant Polydor. They went on to record an album, and tour alongside such big names as Stereo-

phonic, Kula Shaker and Skunk Anansie.

However, as happens with a lot of young bands who sign to a major label, record company politics and a change in the industry's economics played a part in the band parting company with the label.

And so began a few 'wilderness years', during which the band scattered to the four corners of the world, taking break from the music industry, and recharging their batteries.

These days, from lead singer Brendan Markham you get the impression that the band has musically matured. They are looking forward to the release of the album, on their terms.

"To be honest," Brendan said, "We are looking to the future for inspiration and not the past. We have learned a lot from our time in the industry, and those experiences have made us stronger."

Asked about what the new music sounds like, Brendan said "It's a good blend of the old Driven passion for rock and roll, with some great poppy choruses. We are releasing our first single in a few months time, Capicho—we've had great feedback on it from certain DJs."

"We will be releasing it on FIFA records, a label who have also have the Frank And Walters on their roster. I guess now we are doing things for ourselves, we feel more in control of the creative

process and that's a good thing."

Speaking about the upcoming Limerick gig, he said: "It's always good to be on the road—that's what we do best. Playing Limerick is always cool, and we're looking forward to it; we always get a fantastic response from our fans here."

The Driven play Riddlers, with special guests, on Saturday April 8. Admission is free

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