

Limerick hosts memorial Mass for Richard Harris

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By EUGENE PHELAN

FILM maker Noel Pearson will deliver the eulogy at the memorial Mass for actor Richard Harris in Limerick this Saturday morning.

It was also confirmed this week that Elizabeth Harris and her three children, Damien, Jared and Jamie, sons of the late Limerick actor, will attend the memorial Mass in his honour in the Jesuit Church at 11am.

The church is expected to be full to capacity with over 700 people attending.

"Richard was very comfortable in Limerick. He loved meeting the people here. He loved it here and that is why the family are having this Mass on Saturday," said his brother Ivan.

"We are expecting a large crowd. There is massive interest and all are welcome," he stressed.

Apart from the upper part which will be sectioned off for 100 or so guests, the Jesuit Church's remaining 600 seats will be open to the public.

The Mass is timed for 11am and those attending have been asked to note that the family have asked for no photographs to be



Richard Harris: memorial Mass in Limerick this Saturday (LL)

taken in the church.

Ivan Harris and his family, who live in Limerick; his brother Noel and his family in Dublin, and Billy and his family who now reside in Southampton, will be present.

Elizabeth Harris, the actor's first wife, will travel with her three sons.

Friends of the late actor from around the world are also expected to attend.

Redemptorist Fr Tommy Byrne, a brother of former city councillor and publican Bobby, will say the Mass, assisted by members of the Jesuit Order.

The ceremony, a celebration of the actor's life, will include prayer, singing and a verbal tribute from a friend.

"We are setting in motion the plans for the Mass. Everything is not yet finalised, and we are still putting the finishing touches," said Ivan Harris.

Computer training centre for Galbally

By DEIRDRE McGRATH

GALBALLY community council has been awarded a E10,000 grant to equip and run a computer training programme.

The council will get the funds under the Scheme of Grants to Voluntary Organisations 2002 which was announced by Minister of State Noel Aherne.

Jim Fitzgerald, chairman of Galbally community council, welcomed the news and said the money will be used to set up an IT centre.

"It is good news for Galbally, we are very excited about the grant. It will be a great amenity for the area and hopefully FAS

might use it as a training centre," said Mr Fitzgerald.

In association with Limerick County Council and the local rugby club, the community council is involved in plans to build a path from the community centre to the Mitchelstown road.

Other developments in the village include a new 30-strong Community Alert group and plans are in the pipeline to install a lift in the community centre.

"We will be going after a further grant to help us do this. The centre is two-storey and needs to be accessible for people in wheelchairs," said Mr Fitzgerald.

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