

TÁ AN FHÍRINNE TUGTHA ABHAILE FAOI DHEIREADH THIAR THE TRUTH HAS BEEN BROUGHT HOME AT LAST

The 39th anniversary of Bloody Sunday takes place in an unprecedented atmosphere of celebration marking the successful culmination of a long and arduous campaign for truth and justice. Against all the odds, ordinary people have wrested an outstanding moral and legal victory over a state that murdered peaceful protestors and then told the world lies about them.

No more will the lies of the British establishment, or the whitewash of Widgery, be repeated to excuse the actions of the British Army on the streets of Derry on the 30th January 1972. What we have always known has been acknowledged and recognised: Bloody Sunday was unjustified and unjustifiable.

From the lips of the British Prime Minister, the truth has been acknowledged. All those murdered and wounded on Bloody Sunday were innocent. We have always known that. Now the world does as well. All the victims of Bloody Sunday have been exonerated. Their relatives, friends and supporters across the world have been vindicated.

For the first time in British legal history an official inquiry, Widgery, has been consigned to the legal dustbin. The Saville Report however is far from perfect. It carries a number of serious flaws and has been accurately described as heavy on innocence and light on guilt. Its treatment of Gerald Donaghey is simply incomprehensible. The Report stops short of placing blame for the atrocity at the middle and higher echelons of the British army and the British establishment. But its core message is inescapable and unavoidable: innocence has been proven and accepted. The truth has been acknowledged. The families and their supporters stood vindicated on the steps of the Guildhall on June 15th 2010. Finally, the lies and whitewash were exposed and the truth shone free. In the words of one campaigner, "We have moved a mountain!"

The complete turnaround of the Bloody Sunday story, from darkness into light, will serve as a beacon of hope and inspiration for many other families at home and throughout the world who are currently struggling for truth and justice. The parallels between Bloody Sunday and the Ballymurphy Massacre are manifest. The people of Gaza, among the most beleaguered and demonised in the world, were the first to send congratulations to the people of Derry on 15th June. Just as the jubilant release of the Guildford 4 and the Birmingham 6 in 1989 and 1991 gave inspiration to the Bloody Sunday Justice Campaign, oppressed people everywhere will take heart from the ground-breaking culmination of that campaign less than seven months ago.

Derry's stubborn refusal to accept the state's lies gave rise to the most remarkable justice campaign in modern Irish history, a campaign that reached a climax on the 15th June 2010, amid joyous and emotional scenes in Derry's Guildhall Square. Derided and sneered at for years; told by defeatists to give up any hope of reaching success; the dark and difficult days of campaigning were at last vindicated, when the Bloody Sunday families and wounded announced to a waiting world:

***"The great lie
has been laid
bare.
The Truth has
been brought
home at last."***

VINDICATED CEARTAITHE



Bloody Sunday Domhnach na Fola

30th January 2011 Creggan Shops 2.30pm

**Thursday 20 January / An Déardaoin
20 Eanáir**

Launch of annual Black Ribbon campaign.

Ionad / Venue: Museum of Free Derry,
12.30pm.

**Thursday 27 January / An Déardaoin
27 Eanáir**

Bloody Sunday Memorial Shield: Quiz.

Teams of 5, entry fee £10 per team. All
welcome.

Ionad / Venue: Crescent Bar, 10.00pm.

**Friday 28 January / An Aoine 28
Eanáir**

“Bringing the Truth to Light”: the untold
story of the decades long campaign for truth
and justice. A night of discussion, reflection,
music and poetry looking at the years of
campaigning that culminated in vindication for
the Bloody Sunday victims.

Guest speakers to include:

Mitchel McLaughlin MLA, Sinn Féin, Paul
O’Connor, founding member of the Bloody
Sunday Initiative, Patrica Coyle, human rights
lawyer and Bloody Sunday campaigner,
Jane Winter, human rights campaigner and
founding member of the Bloody Sunday Trust
(BST), Eamonn McCann, Bloody Sunday
campaigner & Chair of BST, Don Mullan,
Bloody Sunday campaigner, Geraldine
Doherty, founding member of the Bloody
Sunday Justice Campaign (BSJC) & niece
of Gerald Donaghey, John Kelly, founding
member of the BSJC and brother of Michael
Kelly, Gerry Duddy, founding member of the

BSJC and brother of Jackie Duddy, Conal
McFeely, founding member of the BST.

Hosted by Tony Doherty, founding member of
the Bloody Sunday Initiative, BSJC, Bloody
Sunday Weekend Committee and BST and
journalist & commentator Paul McFadden.

Ionad / Venue: Guildhall, 7.30pm. Admission
by donation. Bar facilities available.

**Saturday 29 January / An Satharn 29
Eanáir**

**The road from Bloody Sunday to
Ballymurphy - Searching for the Truth:**

Tony Doherty, Bloody Sunday Relative,
Ballymurphy Speaker, Speaker from
Relatives for Justice. Organised by Ogra
Shinn Féin.

Ionad / Venue: Gasyard Centre, Lecky Road,
11.30 am – 1.00pm.

Uachtarán Shinn Féin, Gerry Adams
address to the Ógra Shinn Féin National
Conference. Members of the public welcome.

Ionad / Venue: Gasyard Centre, Lecky Road,
2.00pm.

**The crisis, cutbacks and communities
under attack - Making the case for a
new politics in Ireland:** Speakers Pól O’
Callaghan MLA, SDLP, Pearse Doherty TD,
Sinn Féin, Roy Garland, Michael Gallagher,
economist and other speakers. Organised by
Ógra Shinn Féin.

Ionad / Venue: Gasyard Centre, Lecky Road,
2.00pm.

Saville: A Leagáid agus Impleachtaí
idirnáisiúnta: Díospóireacht Phainéil i
gCultúrlann Uí Chanáin agus Póilín Ní
Chiaráin, tuairisceoir Raidió na Gaeltachta
ina cathaoirleach ar an imeacht. Déanfar an
díospóireacht as Gaeilge.

Ionad / Venue: Cultúrlann Uí Chanáin,
Mórshráid Shéamais, 2.00 – 4.00pm.

Weapons of Choice: A dramatic
presentation by The Pat Finucane Centre.
A Sterling sub-machine gun “stolen” from
a UDR base was used to kill 12 people
between 1974 and 1980. The Pat Finucane
Centre presents a dramatic, multi-media
account giving hard evidence of how such
high velocity weapons were allegedly “stolen”
or otherwise mysteriously “disappeared”
from various British Army, UDR and RUC
bases throughout the conflict and used to kill
dozens of nationalists and republicans.

Those who died included the Miami
Showband; teenage boys; building workers
from Donegal and many other victims of state
collusion in the so-called “Murder Triangle” of
mid-Ulster in the 1970’s.

Using hitherto “Top Secret” documents,
the PFC shows the British government’s
response was cover up and lies while
judges made “allowances” for the proven
involvement of RUC officers in murder.

Ionad / Venue: Cultúrlann Uí Chanáin, Great
James St, 4.30 – 5.30pm.

Bloody Sunday Memorial Mass:

All welcome.

Ionad / Venue: St Mary’s, Creggan, 6.30pm.

8.00: “Assessing Saville” - Seven months
after the publication of the Saville Report
a panel discussion seeking to assess the
strengths, flaws and impact of the report
legally, politically and culturally. Panel to
include:

- Eamonn McCann – Chair of Bloody
Sunday Trust
- Christine Bell – legal academic
- Jane Winter – British Irish Rights Watch
- Niall Ó Dochartaigh – historian
- Eamonn Mallie – media analyst &
journalist
- Chair – Paul O’Connor – Pat Finucane
Centre

Ionad / Venue: Pilots Row, Rossville
Street, 8.00pm

**Sunday 30 January / An Domhnach 30
Eanáir**

**Wreath Laying Ceremony and Prayer
Service**

Ionad / Venue: Bloody Sunday Monument,
Rossville Street, 11.00am.

**Bloody Sunday Commemorative March
and Rally.** Chair: John Kelly, Speakers
Gerry Adams Sinn Féin, Mark Durkan SDLP,
Ballymurphy Family representative, Gerry
Duddy, Bloody Sunday relative. Renowned
singer Frances Black will conclude
proceedings on the platform.

Tionóil / Assemble: Creggan Shops,
2.30pm.

