

Ballymurphy families' campaign goes to Scotland



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Three events to highlight killings to take place at Féile an Phobail

FOUR members of the Ballymurphy Massacre Committee,

on an invite from Cairde na hÉireann, led this year's annual parade in Coatbridge, Scotland, to highlight the killings of the 11 innocent civilians shot dead by the Parachute Regiment over a three-day period in West Belfast in August 1971.

The families also held a photo exhibition during their visit and were heartened by the amount of support at both events.

The families would like to thank Cairde na hÉireann for making the weekend a great success and would like to thank Franny McAdam for all the hospitality and the community of Coatbridge for making them feel so welcome.

Meanwhile, there will be several events during Féile an Phobail to mark the 1971 killings.

Exhibition

A photographic exhibition, on the Ballymurphy Massacre will run from Monday, August 3 to Saturday, August 8.

The exhibition by the families documents the story of the killings by the British Parachute Regiment – the same regiment that six months later carried out the Bloody Sunday killings in Derry.

The exhibition bears witness to the strength and determination of the families to recover their history and tell their story as part of their campaign for truth and justice.

The event is organised by the Ballymurphy Massacre Committee with support from Relatives For Justice.

On August 8 there will be a walk which will mark the spot where each of the 11 people were killed and will point to the community's support for the families' campaign for truth and justice.

Invitation

The walk will assemble at the corner of Springfield Park/Springfield Road and the families extend an invitation to all local people and visitors to come along and walk with them.

On Sunday, August 9 the families are also extending an invitation to the public to attend a Mass in Corpus Christi church to remember all those who died in August 1971. The Mass begins at 11.30am.

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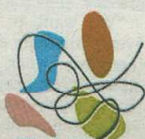
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