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**THE priest based in the home parish of the late Dolores O'Riordan has said that funeral plans 'have not as yet been finalised'.**

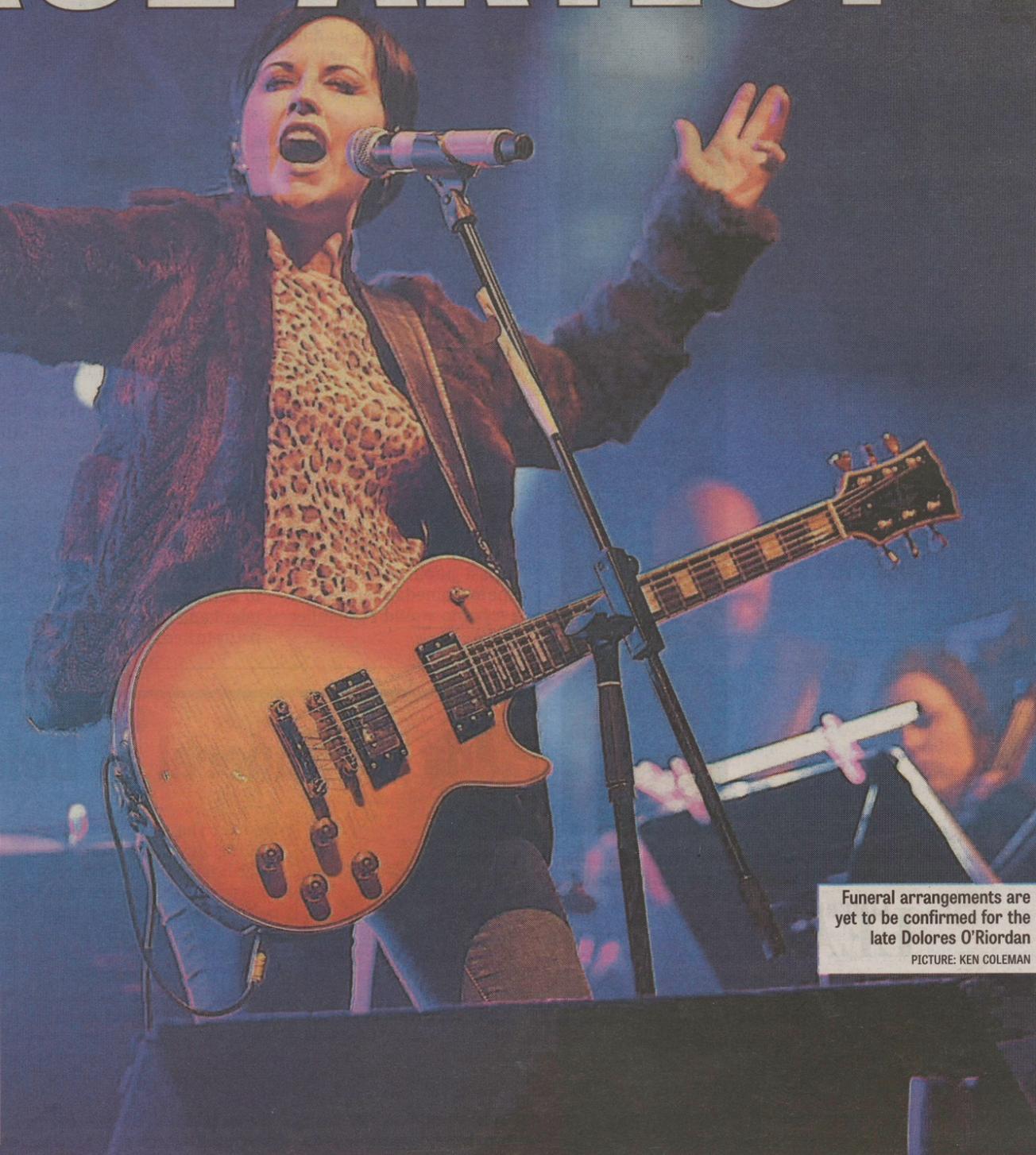
In a statement, Fr James Walton, priest in Dolores' home parish of Ballybricken, said that "details concerning the Funeral Mass for the late Dolores

O'Riordan RIP have not as yet been finalised.

"When information on the funeral liturgy becomes available, it will be circulated to media," he said. It is expected that her funeral will take place in Limerick, however.

Police in London have confirmed that the her sudden death at the Hilton Hotel on Park Lane on Monday is not being treated as suspicious.

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Funeral arrangements are yet to be confirmed for the late Dolores O'Riordan  
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### SHOCK: FANS GATHER TO SIGN BOOK OF CONDOLENCE FOR STAR

# Loving tributes paid to 'iconic' Dolores

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Tuesday was a day of sadness in Limerick as mourners gathered at Merchants Quay to pay their respects to rock star Dolores O'Riordan.

"It's a day of mourning and a day of sadness for Limerick," the Mayor of the City and County of Limerick Cllr Stephen Keary said, speaking at the opening of a book of condolence for the Ballybricken woman at Limerick City and County Council's corporate headquarters.

"My condolences go to her family, her mother and her brothers and her children. It's a sad day because Dolores was an iconic figure. You didn't have to be a rock fan to listen to Dolores, she appealed to everyone."

"The richness of her voice meant so much. She was heard and known worldwide and she will be sadly missed."

One of the mourners who came to pay their respects was principal of Dolores' former secondary school Laurel Hill Colaiste FCJ Aedin Ni Bhriain, who is also a past pupil of the school, she explained, "as are my sisters who would remember Dolores well."



Sixth year students at Laurel Hill Colaiste, Ms O'Riordan's former secondary school, Christina O'Brien, Ciara Deegan and Sophia O'Callaghan, signing the book of condolence at City Hall

PICTURE: ADRIAN BUTLER

"They were in the school at the same time and she was heavily involved in music." "She asked the school choir to come back and sing at her wedding when she got married some years later so she maintained the links with the school."

"She was always proud of her roots and of Limerick and of being a past pupil of our school. We're here today to remember her fabulous talent and express our sympathy to her family."

Ms Ni Bhriain was accompanied by sixth year students Sophie O'Callaghan, Christina O'Brien and Ciara Deegan who also came to pay their respects.

"We are here to express our deepest sympathy to the family and to show how proud we are of Dolores and her being a past pupil, and all she's done and all she's achieved," Ms O'Callaghan said.

"We all study music and we would listen to her songs

and watch her performances. There's pictures of her hanging in our music room. Our teacher, Ms Colgan, would always remind us that she's a past pupil."

"We were very shocked to hear about Dolores," fan Noreen Burke from Ballysimon told the Limerick Leader.

"Her music and her voice were absolutely beautiful. So sad, so young then as well."

## Plans for funeral of Dolores 'not finalised'

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The Metropolitan Police said after a preliminary investigation that her death was not being treated as suspicious and the case will be handed over to the coroner's office.

A book of condolence was opened at City Hall this Tuesday morning, with a massive outpouring of grief and tributes following her death. Her bandmates have said that they were "devastated

ated on the passing of our friend Dolores. She was an extraordinary talent and we feel very privileged to have been part of her life from 1989 when we started the Cranberries. The world has lost a true artist today," they said.

Meanwhile, a close friend of Dolores' has said he received a call from her on Sunday night and that she was "full of life, joking and excited".

Record label boss Dan Waite of Eleven Seven Music

said in a statement: "The news that my friend Dolores has passed deeply shocked me. I worked with the Cranberries at Universal Records and have kept in touch ever since."

"Dolores left me a voice message just after midnight last night stating how much she loved Bad Wolves' version of Zombie. She was looking forward to seeing me in the studio and recording vocals."

"She sounded full of life, was joking and excited to see

me and my wife this week. The news of her passing is devastating and my thoughts are with Don her ex-husband, her children and her mother."

Bishop Brendan Leahy said it was "such a sad loss of a young and precious life. Way beyond anything else, this is the passing of a loving mother, daughter and sister. This is a family that will grieve deeply in the same as others who lose loved ones. It starts and ends with them."

### NEWS

# 'We are devastated': Tributes are paid to Dolores O'Riordan

## 'An honour': Cranberries guitarist Hogan remembers 'friend'

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TRIBUTES to Dolores O'Riordan have poured in from the worlds of music, entertainment and politics, while her former bandmates have spoken of their 'devastation' at her sudden death.

The remaining members of the band, Noel Hogan, Mike Hogan and Fergal Lawler, said they were "devastated on the passing of our friend Dolores" following her death on Monday.

In a statement, they said: "She was an extraordinary talent and we feel very privileged to have been part of her life from 1989 when we started the Cranberries. The world has lost a true artist."

Guitarist Noel Hogan said in a post online: "For the past 29 years, Dolores was my friend, band mate and writing partner. It was an



'The world has lost a true artist': Noel Hogan, Mike Hogan and Fergal Lawler have paid tribute to lead singer of The Cranberries Dolores O'Riordan, who died this Monday

**I love their music. The legacy she and The Cranberries left is incredible**  
Conor Murray, Munster

honour and I will miss you."

On outpouring of grief, predominantly online, has followed the death of the 46-year-old in a London hotel. A wave of tributes have followed, led by President of Ireland Michael D Higgins, who hailed a musician, singer and song writer who "had an immense influence on rock and pop music in Ireland and internationally."

Taoiseach Leo Varadkar said Dolores was the "voice of a generation" who "blazed a trail and might just have been Limerick's greatest ever rock star".

Mayor Cllr Stephen Keary said she was "a phenomenal talent and a gifted singer" who "was an international success, but never forgot her Ballybricken roots".

Pop group Duran Duran -



Mayor of Limerick Cllr Stephen Keary signs the book of condolence for Dolores O'Riordan Picture: True Media

whose tour manager Don Burton married the Limerick woman in Tipperary in 1994 - said they were "crushed to hear the news".

"Our thoughts go out to her family at this terrible time," they said.

Stephen Street, who produced The Cranberries' first two studio albums, 1993's Everybody Else Is Doing It, So Why Can't We? and 1994's No Need to Argue, said in a tribute that he remembered a "firebrand that kept everybody on their toes" that was an "Irish songbird".

Speaking in UL this Tuesday, Munster rugby star Conor Murray told the Leader that Dolores' death was "very sad for the region of Limerick."

"I love their music. I was very used to hearing all of

their songs," said the Patrickswell native.

"It was a nice thing this morning, in our gym session, we have them playing for the hour and a half. It is a very sad thing to happen. I don't know what the circumstances were, but obviously she was quite young and it was too soon, but the legacy she and the others in the Cranberries left is incredible and everyone from Limerick and a lot further afield are very proud of them."

Asked if his fellow players would have been aware of the group's music, he said: "The local lads did of course and the foreign players were all asking questions about their music. They got into it after a while in the gym this morning and they really like their music."