

but this was one battle we could not win".

Gardaí suspect Mr Quigley killed his wife at their home near Hackballscross, Co Louth, before driving his car in front of a lorry on the M1

came from well-respected and popular families.

Their son-in-law Jeff Ahern described them as "a wonderful couple and wonderful parents who loved each other dearly", and said

copy of the letter. Jim Quigley loved "a quick flutter, a dare, a chance to win", and a piece of pottery to represent Marie Quigley's creativity.

There was a Scania hat to

perienced such unconditional love as that expressed by the family towards Mr Quigley. He said Mr Quigley had a cross in life that he had described to him as being

Mr Quigley had told Fr Hogan that he knew he hurt his family when he was under that cloud, "but do you know something they always forgave me".

wonderful mother, faithful wife, and friend. Her life was filled with kindness and goodness as well as outreach to those in need". A special reflection after

"but she couldn't successful without support of Jim". He said Mr Quigley "reared his child before going out



Dennis Collins, Dunmanway, and Kamil Szmerdt, Mr Gay Poland, at the Cork Pride LGBT festival parade in Cork yesterday.

Pictures: Larry Cummins

Solidarity and celebration at post-vote Pride

Ellie O'Byrne

Grey skies didn't dull the rainbow colours at Cork's 10th annual Pride parade yesterday afternoon.

A 200ft rainbow flag; colourful balloons; a DJ playing disco hits from a mobile float; and participants representing a wide variety of organisations joined Cork's first LGBT Pride parade since May's marriage equality referendum.

Although the weather may have had an effect on the turnout, which was closer to the 10,000 mark than the 15,000 expected, spirits were very high.

JP McCarthy, Cork Pride's press officer, has been involved with the event since its humble beginnings a decade ago, when just 200 brave souls took to the streets.

"We had one small pick-up truck," he said. "We talked about whether or not it was a good idea for ages. Some people really thought that Cork wasn't ready for it."



Jacob Egan Morley and Orla Egan, Cork, and Myra McGuirk, from Dublin, with her dog Marilyn attend the festival.

Despite problems with hecklers in its second year, Mr McCarthy said the Cork Pride parade hasn't suffered from anything like the level of violence or abuse seen at similar events internation-

ally. Six people were stabbed at Jerusalem's Pride parade last Thursday.

Mr McCarthy is originally from Waterford and got involved with UCC's LGBT society when he moved to

Cork, aged 18. "After the Yes vote in May, some people are asking, 'Is there still a need for Pride?' What started historically as a protest back in the 60s has now become a celebration," he said.

"The events in Jerusalem, and other persecution in Russia and Uganda, mean that we're doing more than just celebrating, though. We are showing solidarity with people who still face violence, persecution, and even death for their sexual orientation."

For Joe Mulrennan, 30, and Ted O'Connell, 57, there was an extra reason to celebrate the event: They got engaged just two weeks after May's referendum result, while on holidays in Spain. Ted, a publican and former owner of Loafers, opens a new bar on Cork's Douglas St in two weeks and with Joe set to be head chef, they'll wait until things settle before tying the knot in 2017.

Onlookers, not only from the LGBT community, came



Evelyn Conwell, Helen Austin, Derek McCarthy and Kyle O'Loughlin, all from Cobh.

from further afield to attend. Paul and Joanne McGrath and their children Niamh and Cillian came from Co Tipperary to show support.

Former senator Colm

O'Gorman, the executive director of Amnesty International and a vocal Yes-vote referendum campaigner, was delighted to be Grand Marshall of the parade.

"Pride has taken on a whole new dimension since the marriage equality referendum," he said.

"It sends out a message internationally to people in other countries facing persecution and it reminds us that visibility is important."

Despite the weather, Mr O'Gorman said: "Nothing will rain on this parade."

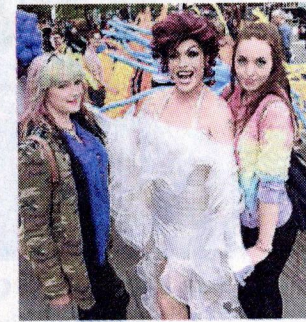
However, as celebrations continued in Deep South on Grand Parade after the event, news filtered through of the death of Shira Banki, 16, who was stabbed at last Thursday's Pride march in Jerusalem.

Mr O'Gorman said: "It was incredibly shocking, and very sad to hear that she has died."

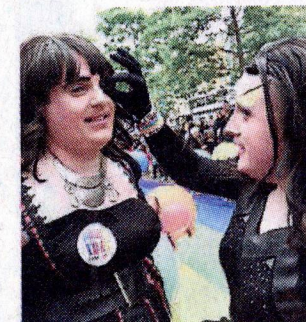
"Everyone's thoughts will be with her family even as we celebrate."



Mark McCarthy, Chris Conway, Paul Deasy, Roland O'Connell.



Gabriele Balcunaide, 'Kitty Cartier' and Rosemarie Murray.



Randy Rosie has her eyelashes adjusted by Cruelle DeVillie.

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■ **Minister
recognise**

Juno McEnroe
Political Reporter

Foreign Affairs: Charlie Flanagan to expand the aid budget in the final months of the government.

Mr Flanagan should be "commended" between Fine Gael and Labour in the next general election, he thinks will be necessary.

In an interview with *Irish Examiner*, the Gael minister outlined his vision for the Middle East and internal party matters.

Amid a coalition of spending significant budget for the first years since the ministers are paid extra cash for doing the job.

Mr Flanagan said that Ireland's development during the recession was more than €600m to "hardworking" in Africa, the Middle East and beyond.

He added: "It is important in the context of the budget that the protected. I certainly making my protection and the of the overseas. But these negotiations only just commenced."

The estimates where departments pitch their plans and budgets to Government in recent weeks.

The overseas fell from a high of €599m in 2008 to €599m in 2010, before coming back.

Department of Foreign Affairs said: "The crises such as the Nepal earthquake and the aid agencies are being called on to

Hopes charity appeal will transform lives like Ellie

Catherine Shanahan

It's a bright and breezy name for a fundraising campaign, but the deeper message behind Temple St Children's Hospital Lemonade & Lollipops appeal is that your generosity can help transform little lives like Ellie Phillips.

Born with a soft cleft palate, her condition wasn't picked up until she was due to leave South Tipperary General Hospital with her mother Jessica three days after her birth.

"She had no suction so she wasn't drinking. We were preparing to go home when a doctor noticed a hole at the back of her throat. I was terrified," Jessica said.

Her daughter was whisked

to the special care unit where she spent five days and where staff showed Jessica had to use a special bottle to ensure her baby could feed. Within two weeks she was in Temple Street.

Jessica said there was no history of cleft palate — a split in the roof of the mouth that leaves a hole between the nose and the mouth — in her or her partner's family.

The defect meant milk was coming back out her nose when she drank. It also made her more susceptible to choking.

Ellie, now aged 2, underwent successful surgery in Temple St on January 5 this year. While she can eat "everything" now, she requires ongoing speech and language therapy because a

cleft palate can cause speech difficulties. She said "Mama" for the first time on her first birthday, Jessica said.

Ellie, from Clonmel, is just one of approximately 120 children with cleft lip and/or palate operated on annually at Temple St. Grateful for the help Ellie received, Jessica and her daughter are helping launch the Lemonade & Lollipops appeal which takes place at all 149 Tesco stores on Saturday next.

Customers will be invited to enjoy a cup of lemonade and a lollipop between 11am and 5pm in return for a small donation to the children's hospital. The appeal aims to raise €100,000 to buy a special microscope that will be of significant benefit in



Ellie Philips launches 'Lemonade & Lollipops', a fundraising event in aid of Temple Street, with her mother Jessica. Picture: Keith Arkins

cleft palate and speech operations.

"This microscope will be state-of-the-art and should serve us for many years. It is badly needed, as our old microscope, now some 25 years old, is simply not up to the more modern approaches of reconstruction," said Temple St plastic sur-

geon Dr Christoph Theopold.

Although the microscope will be predominantly used for cleft surgery, Temple St intends to use it for other paediatric plastic surgery operations including surgery to restore a smile in children with either congenital or post-tumour facial paralysis.

Red alert as to to celebrate all

Evelyn Ring

A wacky, ginger-loving celebration of everything to do with red hair takes place this month in Crosshaven, Co Cork.

Each summer for the past six years the small coastal village has been transformed into a glorious sea of ginger when thousands of redheads from all over the world gather there for the festival of fiery hair, freckles, and frolics.

Carrot-tossing, ginger speed-dating, freckle counting, group photo-shoots, and a redhead parade are just some of the colourful events taking place from August 21 to 23.

True redheads can get certificates of genuine

foxiness and, there will be the of the Redhead Queen.

The redhead also includes a author Jackie C author of *RED* history of the head.

There will also discussion involving successful redhead including Tris publisher of national magazine *MCN* Kelly Campbell. Ginger Parrot successful can include ginger keyboards.

Central to this is the Foxglove — reserved for