

# TIPPERARY ATHLETES



**John J. Daly**

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John J. Daly was born on 4 February 1888 at Doonmoon, Elton, Knocklong, County Limerick. This was the residence of his mother's parents. He was the eldest son of Michael Daly, a farmer, and Mary Daly (née Sheedy). They lived at Ballycurrane, Emly, County Tipperary and their remaining children were born there. They got married at Knocklong church on 1 March 1886. John J. Daly was educated at Rockwell College and completed his studies in St John's College, Waterford where he trained for the priesthood. His main events in athletics were the triple jump and long jump. In both 1909 and 1910 he came second in the triple jump in the Irish athletics championships. He was Irish champion in the triple jump for the next three years, and in 1914 he was second in both the triple jump and long jump. The Irish championships were held in Mallow for each of those six years except for 1912 when they were held in Fermoy. Fr John J Daly was ordained in Waterford in June 1916 for the archdiocese of Seattle and arrived in the American city later that year. He was appointed pastor of St Anthony's parish in Kent, Seattle in May 1918 and remained in the parish until his death in 1954. Fr John J. Daly (affectionately known as John of Kent) died on All Saints' Day, 1 November 1954, aged sixty-six, and is interred in Calvary Cemetery, Seattle. His brother William won triple jump titles at county and interprovincial level and he was aged forty-five when he won his last title at the Tipperary athletics championships in 1936.

## **Titles Won at Senior National Championships:**

### **Gaelic Athletic Association Championships**

1911	Triple Jump	45 ft 7 in.	(13.89 m)
1912	Triple Jump	46 ft 5 in.	(14.15 m)
1913	Triple Jump	46 ft 0½ in.	(14.03 m)