



A handwritten signature of Jim McKee in black ink. The signature is stylized, with 'Jim' and 'McKee' connected by a horizontal line that loops under the 'Mc'.

**June 3 – July 5** | Jim McKee *A Week in the West: New Paintings*

**The next solo exhibition at the Kenny Gallery, Galway, sees the welcome return of painter Jim McKee. The show opens on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June and the Guest Speaker will be Sports Psychologist and Transatlantic Oarswoman Dr Karen Weekes. Music will also be provided by Brendan Larrissey on fiddle. The exhibition of more than 50 paintings, available for sale, will then continue at Kennys, Monday to Saturday, 9:00 to 17:00 - all are welcome and admission is free.**

Jim McKee is a self-taught artist of International acclaim who is fearless with paint. For many years, the Burren was his actual and spiritual home. He finds inspiration all around him ...in a cluster of wildflowers, the bend of a lane, a corner of the bog, a tractor in a field, and the colours of nature.

*"My journey goes from enjoying success as an artist to the despair of the recession, to being evicted from my home after 10 years and then an unexpected return to my home county of Tyrone with a new love and a new baby".*

In 2008, his career was on a high with commissions and successful exhibitions; his solo show at The Kenny Gallery was a sell-out. Then, the recession changed everything, life became financially difficult and, in December 2014, Jim and his son, along with four other families, were evicted from their homes. His move back to Tyrone followed and now, some years later he has a new family life he could never have anticipated and, with a new studio and art gallery, he has a sense of 'rebirth' in his career.

Jim was and continues to be, deeply inspired by the Burren and the West of Ireland and is greatly admired for his interpretations of that landscape and its people. This new exhibition "A Week in the West" is a coming home of sorts, and a return to form in a wonderful celebration in paint of the West of Ireland, it's life, landscape and people.

**The exhibition, which is dedicated to Jim's dear friend Mary Keogh (RIP), continues Monday to Saturday, 9.00-17.00 until July 5.**

**View the whole collection: <https://t.ly/8vt3>**



No.21 Kinvara, Gateway to the Burren, oil on panel, 16x20in



The official opening of  
***A Week in the West: New Paintings***  
By JIM McKEE  
will take place at the Kenny Gallery,  
Liosbán, Tuam Road, Galway (H91 N5P8)  
on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 6:00pm.

The exhibition will be officially opened by  
Dr KAREN WEEKES  
Sports Psychologist, Transatlantic Oarswoman

The exhibition will continue Monday to  
Saturday, 9:00-17:00, at the Kenny Gallery  
until the 5th of July.

***Admission is free and all are welcome.***



No.9 Morning Light, oil on canvas, 7x8in





No.8 Two for Joy, watercolour on paper, 22x30in



No.26 Flaggy Shore, oil on panel, 8x20in





No.42 Blackrock Diving Board, Salthill, Galway, oil on panel, 20x24in

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