

Irish Missed

Logline: A heartbroken widower journeys to lay his wife ashes in their family birthplace only to be challenged by memories, a forbidden romance and a conspiracy. Tragedy is averted but happiness is not assured.

Following a riotous wake in Liverpool, MALACHY (64) reluctantly returns to their childhood home, Carlingford, Eire to scatter wife MAY's ashes. Unknown to him not just his daughter's family will follow.

KATHLEEN (60), Malachy's recently widowed childhood sweetheart and May's cousin, and aspirational son CONNOR (18) host Malachy and family - grand-daughter ERIN (19), (estranged) parents PAT (39) and CALLUM (43), at their new Bed and Breakfast farmhouse. Malachy is overwhelmed on meeting Kathleen.

Malachy must move out, reunites with friends and family, notably PETER (65) now a priest. Peter courted Carmel and Kathleen, (secretly) fathered Connor as Kathleen married DEVLIN, a once wealthy farmer and IRA activist.

CARMEL (60), Kathleen's jealous spinster twin belatedly arrives from Boston via Dublin. Malachy's extended family drift in, revel in the relaxed Irish hospitality, wreak havoc on the quiet spring-time community.

Carmel thwarts Malachy and Kathleen reunion, assisted by JONNY, 64, a builder and long-time admirer of Kathleen but a stranger to Carmel. Carmel buries her historical crush for Peter, courts Jonny, Malachy courts Kathleen surreptitiously.

Memories of the troubles haunt all as old sentiments and wounds are re-opened. May's old cottage, home too many memories is in ruin! Malachy is distraught, Pat suspicious.

Callum has a surprise romantic interlude to Pat's horror, his shame and the families' amusement. The street-wise Erin leads naïve Connor astray. Connors wealthy female relatives, on Devlin's side, interfere. Kathleen is furious, Jonny and Carmel, unconvincing allies, inflame the situation.

A party is arranged to celebrate Mays ashes and to raise revenue for the ruined cottage and impoverished Kathleen. A fishing trip for the visiting men is arranged, a storms whips up! Embarrassingly the local women come to the rescue.

A fire starts in the barn, spreads to the farmhouse party. Connor and Erin are missing as all hell breaks loose. Malachy pathetically attempts to save May's ashes but is himself rescued by Jonny. Connor and Erin are found in flagrante by their aunts. The fire extinguished, the party resumes.

Carmel admits to blackmailing Devlin (to hide his secret IRA connections and of having sex with her), is forgiven by Kathleen. Malachy chivalrously proposes to Kathleen to save her and Connor, embarrassed at charity she refuses,

Kathleen solvent by the insurance pay-out, the fire an accident, is a prize, Connors University assured (to follow Erin).

Mays ashes are scattered at an outdoor ceremony. A wedding (Carmel and Jonny's) follows with Peter serving. Mays cottage, left to ruin by Devlin to sell cheaply to Jonny for development is to be refurbished, home to Malachy and Kathleen.