

# Irish Pastoral Centre Newsletter



*“We are a Parish without Boundaries.”*

*Serving the Greater Boston Irish Community since 1987*

## OUR VERY SPECIAL FRIEND

Oisín Traynor from Co. Armagh was born at just 25 weeks and is now 3 years old. We got to know Oisín and family through his very proud granddad who reached out looking for a list of resources for Oisín and his family to use while they were in the area. The purpose of their visit was a 3 week intensive physical therapy program at the NAPA Center in Waltham. With our “Anseo Le Cheile” (Here Together) spirit, the IPC reached out to the Irish and British consulates to assist the Traynor family and our requests on Facebook for support on the ground with transport yielded amazing results. All the while, Oisín was able to receive life changing therapies at the NAPA center in Waltham...In just three weeks, Oisín improved his quality of life tremendously, Before his therapy began, Oisín depended on tube feeding. As a result of the intensive therapy he received Oisín learned to sip from a straw and eat some solid food. He even learned to bite his Dad's fingers - ouch!

We hope to see Mom Seanín, Dad Mark, sister Naoise, Gran Trish, and of course Oisín return to Boston soon. Follow @openingoisinopp on Instagram and TikTok to see himself in action! Thanks to all for dropping off toys and supplies



*Oisín Traynor at the NAPA Center in Waltham, MA*

## IRELAND RADIO CHATS WITH FR DAN



**newstalk**  
106-108FM

**THE HARD SHOULDER**

16.00-19.00

LIVE INTERVIEW WITH FR. DAN FINN OF THE IRISH PASTORAL CENTRE, BOSTON



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An Roinn Gnóthaí Eachtracha  
Department of Foreign Affairs



Ireland's top radio station, Newstalk FM recently interviewed Fr. Dan on his life in Boston and work at the Pastoral Centre—what a great storyteller he is!!  
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# IPC News Desk



Dear Friends

I begin gratefully, thanking all who supported us at our recent Nostalgia Nite at Florian Hall. It was great to be dancing again. Our Marathon fundraiser brought new faces and friends to the event and it was a delight to be at maximum capacity.

The Marathon fundraiser raises money each year towards our operations budget.

This year, we will allocate a portion of funds raised toward our new construction which is now underway. The front door and windows were placed this week giving us all a visual sense of our new home. This is certainly a very important project. If you would like to be involved in the creation of our new home, please be sure to reach out to us.

There are so many ways to assist!

We said goodbye to the Trainor family from County Armagh who many of you met over the past month. Little Oisín Traynor flourished as a result of the therapy he received at the Nama Centre in Waltham. All of us were overwhelmed by Oisín's progress and so impressed with his family support. They really are dedicated and wonderful people who were truly amazed at the strength and support of our Boston Irish community.

The Traynor family expressed profound appreciation to all who played a supporting role in their journey to Boston.

Over the last few months, I've been asked what exactly the IPC does and it's challenging to give a short answer. I've listed a typical week at the IPC on page 3 so that you can share a sense of what we do.

Our services, programs and referrals are growing and we are very proud of the work we do!

The staff here give their best, always – it's a privilege to be a part of a great team!

In closing I wish you all a Happy Easter and a very Happy Mother's Day to all our Mom's here and in Ireland.

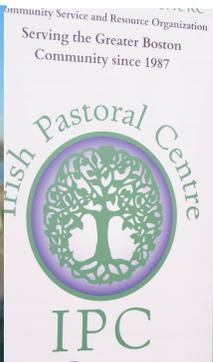
On we go

Mind yourselves,

Mary



We wish our '22 IPC Marathon Runners: Walter Hannon and Joey Lawlor the



Special thanks to Doc Walsh—the man knows how to run a great raffle! Thanks



Best Buds! IPC staff Paddy and Oisín Traynor at our St. Patrick's Day mass



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*You're listening to Fr. Dan FM!*

A big congrats to our very own chaplain Fr. Dan Finn who was interviewed live by Kieran Cuddihy of Ireland's Newstalk FM for a remote broadcast here in Boston. Fr. Dan discussed coming to America, the Irish Pastoral Centre, and his love for Kanturk, his hometown. We are so proud of him and are lucky to call him our friend! Anyone with or without Facebook can listen... visit: [www.facebook.com/IrishPastoralCentreBoston/videos/](http://www.facebook.com/IrishPastoralCentreBoston/videos/)



## IPC News Desk

### AN AVERAGE WEEK IN THE IRISH PASTORAL CENTRE

*People have occasionally asked us “what goes on at the IPC?” and it’s a hard question to answer in short form.... so here’s a sense of what we do on an average week with our dedicated team:*

**Monday** –we plan our week, respond to immediate needs in our community and the Brighton Senior Group meets at our Cara Club at the Veronica Smith Centre.

**Monday Evening:** Confidential Social Work Clinic offering In-person and telehealth therapy

**Tuesday:** We try to have a staff meeting as long as there are no immediate needs in our community.

At 11am, our Irish Senior Connect Volunteers arrive to make phone calls to friends and neighbors living alone.

**Tuesday Evening** (twice monthly): Our Immigration Clinic takes place alternating with two pro-bono qualified Attorneys. Our Women’s “Le Cheile” (Together) Sobriety Group also takes place.

**Wednesday:** is typically our day to catch up, planning of special events, monthly newsletter preparation and administration day.

**Wednesday afternoon:** we order and deliver food care packages for members of our community and our Dorchester Senior Group meets at Café Eireann.

**First Wednesday** of the month is our Irish language conversation group, Ciorcal Comhrá (all are welcome regardless of fluency! We have had people from Canada to Hong Kong try out their “cupla focal”

**Thursday:** is our Knitting Club & our Crossroads Café takes place at the Irish Social Club in West Roxbury.

**Friday:** is for planning of special events, monthly newsletter preparation and a wrap up of our weekly administration duties. On the First Friday of the month, we host our Fish and Chips Supper Club

**Saturday:** evening is our “Le Cheile” Sobriety Support Group.

- *We average 8 – 10 Immigration, passport enquiries or support per week.*
- *Fr Dan averages 10 home visits per week, sacramental duties and is here for all of us always!*
- *We average 100 phone calls per week and over 200 emails of enquiry per week.*
- *We list our available jobs each week and assist in finding home care for those in need.*
- *We manage our website and post often on social media.*
- *We say thank you a lot because you help us in many different ways!*
- *We explore resources; we partner with other Irish community organizations and we network intensely to find supports for those among us who confidentially need assistance.*

Above all, we plan great events so that we can gather together and always appreciate your attendance and support! We cannot wait to move to our new ground floor location to host many more events and programs.

All are welcome!

We are “Anseo le Cheile” – Here Together.



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# IPC News Desk

## THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO HELP:

- TIME
- MATERIALS
- LABOR
- FINANCIAL SUPPORT

PLEASE CALL  
**MARY SWANTON**  
 AT THE OFFICE  
**617-265-5300 OR EMAIL:**

**MSWANTON@IPCOSTON.ORG**

ALTERNATIVELY,  
 VISIT:  
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IPC Capital Campaign  
 Our Home. Our Future.  
 Coming August 2022.

**PLEASE SUPPORT  
 CONSTRUCTION OF  
 OUR NEW CENTRE**

Go raibh míle maith agaibh.



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ANSEO LE CHEILE - HERE TOGETHER



# SAVE THE DATE!!

**Fr. Dan's 50th Anniversary Mass**  
**at the Irish Social Club**  
**Sunday May 22nd at 4PM**  
**with music by Erin's Melody.**  
**All welcome!**  
**No registration required.**

Irish Social Club  
 of Boston



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# IPC Community News



## URGENT NEED IN UKRAINE

Donate to Help Families Affected in Ukraine



*As Ukrainians flee their homes due to the conflict with Russia, CRS partner Caritas Poland assists Ukrainians crossing into Poland for safety. Photo courtesy of Caritas Poland.*

More than 4 million people are fleeing for their lives to neighboring countries—leaving behind homes, jobs and everything familiar. There is great risk of additional suffering both within Ukraine and for those who are fleeing to neighboring countries for safety.

The IPC is supporting Catholic Relief Services who are active on the ground and need immediate support to meet both ongoing needs as the situation intensifies.

With your gift, families in Ukraine and the surrounding countries receive food, clothing, transport to safe shelter, cash assistance, counseling and care for children. To support Catholic Relief Services, please visit: [support.crs.org](http://support.crs.org)



### RIVERDANCE RETURNS!

See Riverdance as you've never seen or heard it before in the new 25th Anniversary production! In a powerful and re-invention of this beloved favorite, renowned composer Bill Whelan brings this mesmerizing, Grammy Award®-winning soundtrack back to life, completely revitalized for the first time since those original orchestral recordings. This amazing new 25th Anniversary production with innovative and spectacular lighting, projection, staging and costume design, and an all-new finale number which will blow audiences away. For more information and tickets please visit: [Riverdance.com/tours/usa](http://Riverdance.com/tours/usa)

## Belfast Seeks World's Best!



*Claire from Brady Academy in Boston - one of the many Brady Academy recalls*

After two years of postponements due to the pandemic the Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne (World Irish Dancing Championships) is back and celebrating its 50th anniversary in Belfast. We wish all New England competitors the very best of luck!



FATHER JOHN MURPHY, DIVISION NINE, PLYMOUTH,  
ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS;  
THE TOWN OF SCITUATE,  
&  
THE SCITUATE EASTER RISING  
MONUMENT COMMITTEE

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AND DEDICATION  
OF THE

# EASTER RISING MONUMENT

SUNDAY, APRIL 24TH, 2022  
12 NOON  
COLE PARKWAY BANDSTAND  
SCITUATE HARBOR, MASSACHUSETTS

Featuring  
Consul General of Ireland, Laoise Moore &  
National President of Ancient Order of Hibernians, Dan O'Connell





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# News From Our Senior Outreach Program



*Join AARP MA and attendees from across the U.S. for a free virtual event all about Social Security on Thursday, April 28, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. ET AARP membership not required.*

*You will discover what Social Security is and you will also learn how to secure your benefits. Build confidence in making a decision that is right for you. Bring your questions.*

*The presenter is Kurt Czarnowski, the former Regional Communications Director for the Social Security Administration (SSA) in New England, a position he held from December of 1991 until his retirement at the end of 2010.*

Please note that AARP will email you the link to join the webinar on the Zoom platform on which the event will be hosted. You will receive the Zoom link 24 hours prior to the start of the event. Do not opt-out of receiving emails as you will not get the Zoom link.

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS



MARY BUSH	CARA KIFF
MAUREEN FLAHERTY	MARY MCKEENEY
MAUREEN EGAN	JOHN MAGURIRE
MAI GALLAGHER	LOIS MORTON
PEGGY GLYNN	ANNE WARD
FRANK HORIGAN	BARTLEY COLLINS



## IMPORTANT DATE CHANGE!

**PLEASE NOTE:  
DUE TO A SCHEDULING ISSUE AT  
THE COTTAGE OUR  
ANNUAL MOTHERS DAY LUNCH  
WILL NOW TAKE PLACE ON  
TUESDAY MAY 10<sup>TH</sup> AT 12:00PM  
COTTAGE BAR WEYMOUTH  
CALL OUR RSVP LINE TO  
REGISTER YOUR  
ATTENDANCE  
855-479-2472**

**We are off to the Kennedy Institute on May 3rd, 4th, and 5th!  
Please see the ad on Page 8 for all details and call  
Peggy at 617-265-5300 ext 14 to register your attendance!**

## SAVE THE MAY DATES!

**Mothers Day Lunch at the Cottage in Weymouth on May 10th Sing along with Mossie! \$25.00.**

RSVP line is open, call 855-479-2472

**Fr Dan's 50th Anniversary Mass at the Irish Social Club on Sunday May 22nd at 4pm. Music by Erin's Melody. All are welcome! Registration is not required.**

## IPC NEWSLETTER SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

*If you know someone who would like to be featured in our Senior Spotlight,  
please reach out to Paddy Davoren—pdavoren@ipcoston.org or call the office at 617 265 5300*

# Fr. Dan's Page



## The Triumphant Entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem on the Donkey on Palm Sunday.



Jesus chose the Donkey because the people at that time looked down upon the Donkey, but Jesus chose it for a reason, the bible says "The Greatest among you is the least" therefore suggesting that even the most un-noticed, berated creatures all have a special role to play in heaven and on earth. I chose the accompanying poem to further explain this.

### THE DONKEY

When fishes flew and forests walked,  
And figs grew upon thorn,  
Some moment when the moon was blood,  
Then surely I was born;

With monstrous head and sickening cry  
And ears like errant wings,  
The devil's walking parody  
On all four-footed things.

The tattered outlaw of the earth,  
Of ancient crooked will;  
Starve, scourge, deride me: I am dumb.  
I keep my secret still.

**Fools! For I also had my hour;  
One far fierce hour and sweet:  
There was a shout my cars,  
And palms before my feet.**  
- G. K Chesterton

As Easter week approaches I thought it would be nice to quote from Clement of Alexandria, a Christian theologian from Athens who died in Jerusalem in the year of 215 A.D He compares the Christian to Greek God Ulysses on his ship, as he travelled homeward, Ulysses escaped the lure of the sirens by being tied to the mast of the vessel. This has traditionally been a kind of image of the soul resisting the allurements of what does not really concern it. Clement of Alexandria compares the Christian to Ulysses bound to the mast:

**Bound to the wood of a cross, thou art free from all danger of destruction. God's Logos will steer thy ship and the Holy Pneuma or the Holy Spirit will give thee a safe return to heaven's harbor.**

So let us consider our own lives in the light of this image and, trusting God, remain bound to the wood of the cross; so that dying with Christ and rising with him we may be brought to union with him forever in heaven by his Holy Spirit.



The above photo and the photo on the left correlate to each other because when we as Christians embrace the cross, it is like Ulysses tying himself to the mast of the ship and rejecting temptation.

*In other words, when we embrace Christ and reject temptation, we are steered on the course to heaven.*

EDWARD M. KENNEDY INSTITUTE  
FOR THE UNITED STATES SENATE

# Visit the Kennedy Institute

Join us for an afternoon at  
the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the U.S. Senate



The Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the United States Senate, in collaboration with the Rian Immigrant Center, are delighted to invite the Irish Pastoral Centre's Senior Program to visit the Institute for an afternoon of educational fun that will bring the history of the United States Senate alive like never before. This visit will include a program in the Institute's full-scale replica of the United States Senate Chamber, as well as a tour of the interactive exhibits and the reproduction of Senator Kennedy's Washington, DC office.

Seniors from the Irish Pastoral Center's Brighton Cara Club, Dorchester Cafe Eireann and West Roxbury Crossroads Cafe will participate in the events on May 3rd, 4th and 5th.



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Call to join us! Reach out to Peggy at 617 265 5300 ext 14

## Senior Spotlight: Pat Kelly

### Pat Kelly—from Roscommon to West Roxbury

by Paddy Davoren, IPC staff

Born on May 6th, 1945, Pat grew up in the bar trade.

At just 13 years of age Pat left school and he was working in his local pub in Roscommon 84 hours a week. Back in those days you'd get 12 pints of Guinness for 1 punt (Irish pound) The third eldest of 7 children—Pat moved to Boston on May 20th, 1968 at the ripe age of 22. The timeframe in which Pat came over was very different to the generations before and after him because of US Immigration policies. During the '40s and '50s many Irish left home just like the big wave of emigration in the '80s and '90s. As Pat accurately states; "Of course, in '86 the floodgates opened", with regards to the sheer amount of Irish that were pouring into the area, but the '60s and '70s were a quiet period for the Irish headed to America. Pat considers himself unique in this regard because not many people can say they came to the US in '68 from Ireland!

When Pat landed first, he was doing whatever it could take to make a buck. No stranger to the hard graft, he worked on many jobs like painting houses and cleaning out basements and cellars. He didn't have any trade per se, nor any formal education—but he had passion, hunger, and determination for success.

Pat arrived in the United States during the Vietnam War. He reflects that "back in those days they were practically grabbing people off the streets, 30,000 a month" he said. He too was conscripted to fight in the war but upon a physical examination in South Boston, the army medical unit determined he was ineligible due to an eye injury. Not too long after this, Pat opened a pub on Dorchester Avenue across the street from Ashmont Station. The pub experience in Roscommon stood to him. As a matter of fact—managers and staff in some of the top downtown pubs today got their humble beginnings with Pat! Frank Delaney, owner of the Broadside and formerly the Times—he started with Pat, so too did the late, great, John Joe Somers who founded the iconic Somers' pubs (Mr. Dooleys, Durty Nelly's, Hennessy's, Paddy O's, The Green Dragon).

In the mid-to-late '80s Pat developed a friendship with Fr. Dan Finn, and it was through this connection that Pat became involved in the Pastoral Centre and also befriended the late Sr. Marguerite, a former Executive Director of the IPC.

When Sr Marguerite stopped driving, Pat became the unofficial "chauffer". Clearly impressed with Sr Marguerite like so many others, Pat was inspired by "the fact that she devoted her life to helping people and didn't need much in return. Yet she did so much for people, I was happy to be there for her".

As Pat went on to explain "it's easy to be out, doing good things in the spotlight and shining the lights on yourself—but it's often the people who are doing things in the dark that get the most done, and they deserve a bit of light shone on them too"!

Always a soft spoken and gentle man. Pat still holds that the same level of drive and determination he had when he first came to America

In giving back to the community, Pat reflected on when he hosted a Golf tournament for St. Agatha's school on the Milton-Quincy line. He was in awe of all who responded to support his efforts and he was quite overwhelmed when the tournament became oversubscribed! He was meant to have 36 teams and ended up having 48—even though the 12 extra teams couldn't play, they all paid him because they believed in his efforts, raising \$72,000 in total. It's very rewarding to this day Pat says. because kids have gone on to Notre Dame Academy and Archbishop Williams through his involvement with the school. The opportunity for education matters very much to Pat who feels "it's very rewarding to advocate for young people for the betterment of them".

*After 50 years in the bar business and 30 years of living on Forbes Road in Milton, Pat has adopted a more relaxed way of life in West Roxbury and owns a small car dealership. These days, if he's not selling or buying a car, you'll catch him watching the odd GAA match here in the centre or at our IPC supper club on the First Friday of every month. Thanks for your time, Pat!*



*Executive Director of the IPC, Mary Swanton with Pat Kelly at Nostalgia Nite.*

# In Loving Memory

*We remember those in our community who have recently passed away. Our thoughts and prayers and with all the bereaved families, and we hope that in time lovely memories will surround them. May they Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.*

March 19, 2022, Arthur Griffin, Watertown, County Cork  
 March 22, 2022, Martin Grealley, Mattapan, County Galway  
 March 26, 2022, Kathleen M. McGillicuddy, Milton, County Galway  
 April 1, 2022, James A. Gallivan, West Roxbury, County Kerry  
 April 7, 2022, Patrick J. Monaghan, Roslindale, County Galway

## 'Remarkable legacy' of Ashling Murphy remembered in music, song and dance

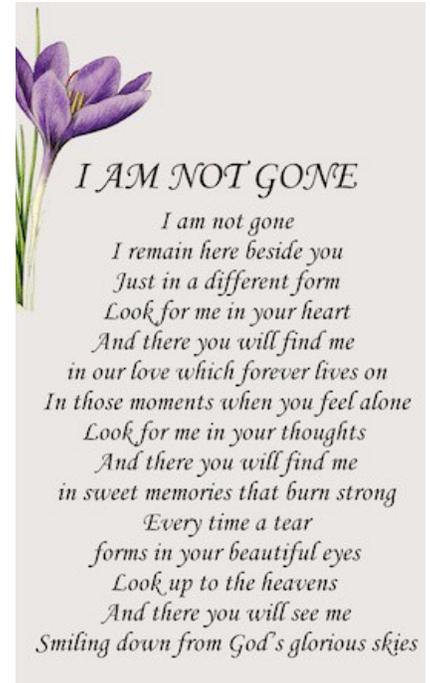


Even though her beloved fiddle sat on an empty chair, the indomitable spirit of Ashling Murphy and the remarkable legacy she has left behind pervaded every aspect of proceedings at a wonderful memorial concert in Tullamore Court Hotel this past week.

The concert – Ceiliúradh Ceolmhar ar Ashling Murphy – was a fitting finale to the Tullamore Tradfest 2022, which saw hundreds of musicians descend on the town from all corners of Ireland and abroad for a weekend of traditional music, song and dance.

In a night which was punctuated by many poignant moments, the incalculable loss of the 23-year-old teacher was brought into sharp focus on a number of occasions,

not least when a video was played of Ashling and her beloved father, Ray, sitting side by side and playing tunes at the inaugural Tradfest in 2019. Displaying remarkable strength and fortitude in the midst of their unspeakable grief, members of the Murphy family were front and centre at the concert. Her only sister, Amy, herself an accomplished musician, joined many of the musical groups on stage and was the narrator for a musical performance by many past-pupils from the Sacred Heart school who had sang in the Choir and played in the orchestra alongside Ashling under the stewardship of legendary music teacher, Regina McCarthy. Her father Ray also joined musicians on stage and participated in a rousing medley of tunes with his lifelong friends and fellow musicians in much-loved local folk group, 'Best Foot Forward' Ger Kidney, Pat Fulton and Mick Lynam, which included a stirring rendition of Ashling's favourite song, the Furey's 'Sweet Sixteen' and led to a prolonged and emotional standing ovation. Ashling's mother, Kathleen, was also in attendance as was her only brother, Cathal and her partner, Ryan Casey, both of whom participated in the opening procession of the night which saw the Irish, Offaly and Tradfest flags being brought to the stage, along with a picture of Ashling and her beloved fiddle which was placed on an empty chair. James Hogan, who acted as MC for the occasion and is also the Principal of Durrow National School, where Ashling Murphy was the 1st class teacher, told the audience that this was "her seat for the night – if she was here she would say 'drive it on lads and keep it going' and that's what we intend to do, and I have no doubt she is right here with us tonight." Some 185 musicians, singers and dancers took part in the four and a half hour concert, which will live long in the memory of all those who attended. James Hogan expressed the hope that it would "bring some solace" to the grieving Murphy family, while Ashling's uncle, Des, who became emotional as he spoke on behalf of the Murphy, Leonard and Casey families, said he had been told earlier in the week by Amy Murphy that "music speaks where words fail" and he added that the music at the memorial concert "spoke volumes" about the type of life Ashling had led and the legacy she leaves behind. The Murphy family have set up a Memorial Trust in memory of their beloved daughter, and all proceeds will be donated to the causes which were close to her heart. Donations can be made at: **TTF 2022 for The Ashling Murphy Memorial Trust on GoFundMe.com**



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## Fadó Fadó - Long Ago in the G.P.O.



**THE EASTER RISING** is undoubtedly one of the most significant chapters in Irish history.

The insurrection, which lasted six days and technically ended in defeat, ultimately helped fan the flames that would eventually lead to the beacon of Irish independence from British rule.

**Overview:** In April 1916, Irish republicans launched the Easter Rising against British rule and proclaimed an Irish Republic. It was the most significant uprising in over a century and is marked as the first armed conflict of the Irish Revolutionary Period. Although it was crushed after a week of fighting, the Rising and the British response led to greater popular support for Irish independence. In the December 1918 election, republican party Sinn Féin won a landslide victory in Ireland, and on 21 January 1919 they formed a breakaway government and officially declared Irish independence.

**Tension with Britain:** More than 100 years earlier, Ireland lost its parliament in Dublin and was governed directly from Westminster as a result of the Act of Union in 1800. The threat of Home Rule led unionists in Ulster to establish the military organization, the Ulster Volunteer Force, which in turn prompted the formation of the Irish Volunteers, and the emergence of these forces undermined British rule in Ireland. Violence was expected, but the outbreak of World War 1 averted fears of any conflict, as many Irish soldiers headed to Europe to fight alongside the British. The main party in favour of Home Rule, the Irish Parliamentary Party, agreed that attempts to secure self-governance should be postponed for the duration of the war. However, many in Ireland were angered by what they regarded as the Irish Parliamentary Party's acquiescence to Westminster.

**Organizing the uprising** Tensions grew and grew, and three key groups began mobilising in anticipation of an uprising. The Irish Republican Brotherhood (IRB) - which was formed in the mid-19th century, the Irish Volunteers and the Irish Citizen Army - two military groups formed in 1913. Representatives from all three groups, along with others from fragmented revolutionary hopefuls across the country met and organised a seven-man IRB military council, which planned the Easter Rising in complete secrecy. Their decision to rise was based on the notion that there was an unmissable opportunity to strike out at the English while they were distracted with the war in western Europe, as well as the fact that the groups feared Irish nationalism was beginning to decline. A decision to start an uprising had actually been made in 1914, just a month after England declared war on Germany, but the IRB wanted to wait for the ideal time to make their move. On Sunday, April 23, they met at Liberty Hall in Dublin - following news that their planned insurrection was about to be discovered by the British - and decided to begin at noon the next day. The Proclamation of the Irish Republic was signed by the seven leaders in the name of the Provisional Government of the Irish Republic.

EASTER RISING

1916

These men were Tom Clarke, Seán Mac Diarmada, Thomas MacDonagh, Patrick Pearse, Éamonn Ceannt, James Connolly, Joseph Plunkett. They decided to elect Pearse as president of the Irish Republic, and also as Commander-in-Chief of the army; Connolly became Commandant of the Dublin Brigade. And thus, the plan was put into motion. What followed was six crucial days of conflict and struggle, days that Ireland and its people will never forget.

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# A Moment to Mind Yourself

A monthly piece written by our in-house social worker Danielle Owen, LADC-I, LCSW  
*“And I shall have some peace there, for peace comes dropping slow”— William Butler Yeats.*



Many people have been referred to the IPC seeking support for depression, anxiety and/or for help with an addiction. Sometimes during sessions, we come to realize that a person is depressed, anxious, not sleeping, or is using alcohol or drugs to cope with the stress or anxiety related to their partner’s abusive behavior towards them. They may not be believed because their families or friends say “Well, you’re an alcoholic; you’re just blaming your partner to justify your problem!” Certainly, blaming is a tool of distraction that can be used by people with substance use disorders. However, if domestic violence or inter-personal violence is involved, recovery from a mental health or substance use disorder is especially more difficult when you are anxious and in constant fear. You don’t have to hit to hurt someone.

Abuse in the home or in our close relationships is usually hidden, not just by hiding bruises and such but by other abusive behaviors that can be harder to see. What does abuse look like? Jane Doe Inc. offers supportive programs and trainings to help us answer this question. They suggest that while there is no typical profile of a domestic violence situation, there are common dynamics that may be present either individually or in combination with each other: isolation from family or friends; Name-calling, put-downs, ridicule, and emotional abuse; Manipulation of children or other family members; Withholding medication or assistance for people with disabilities/ elders; Physical violence, threats of, or acts of homicide; Painful or forced sex; Monitoring activity like reading e-mails, texts, Facebook posts; Financial exploitation by stealing money, hurting property or interfering with work/ school; Jealousy and possessiveness; Refusal to support getting immigration status. These behaviors and experiences are referred to as warning signs or red-flags that someone is in an abusive relationship. Sometimes we believe we deserve to be spoken to this way; other times we are so used to being treated this way, we don’t know it’s not okay. There are other blocks to asking for help: If you are a lesbian/gay/ transgendered person, you may be afraid to get help because people may learn about your sexual orientation; If you are physically/ mentally challenged or elderly, you may depend on your abuser to care for you. You may not have other people to help you; If you are a male survivor of abuse, you may be ashamed and scared that no one will believe you; If you are from another country, you may be afraid of being deported. If you recognize any of the blocks described above or any of the abusive behavior detailed here, please know there is help, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week: SafeLink 1-877- 785-2020 or National DV Hotline at 1-800-799- SAFE (7233). If you are not sure and still have questions, allow us at the IPC to support you. Call Danielle, in confidence and without judgment, at the IPC: **617-265-5300 or email: [dowen@ipcboston.org](mailto:dowen@ipcboston.org)**

## IPC SOCIAL WORK UPDATE

**The IPC has now established our new Social Work program. Appointments can be made for Monday evenings between 6.00 pm and 8.00 pm. Please reach out to Peggy or Patsy at the IPC if you would like an appointment to meet with our Social worker: Danielle Owen, LADC-I, LCSW**



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# A Mothers Day Reflection

## Tribute to an Irish Mother

by 46th President of the United States of America, Joseph R. Biden—first penned around 1980.

My mother Catherine Eugenia Finnegan Biden is the soul, spirit, and essence of what it means to be an Irish American. She honors tradition and understands the thickest of all substances is blood. She has taught her children, and all children who flocked to her hearth in my neighborhood, that you are defined by your sense of honor and you are redeemed by your loyalty. She is the quintessential combination of pragmatism and optimism. She also understands as my friend Pat Moynihan once said, there is no “point in being Irish if you don't know that the world is going to break your heart eventually.” But she is more. She measures success in how quickly you get up after you have been knocked down. She believes bravery lives in every heart, and her expectation is that it will be summoned. Failure at some point in everyone's life is inevitable, but giving up is unforgivable. As long as you are alive you have an obligation to strive. And you are not dead until you've seen the face of God. My mother, I believe, is a living portrait of what it means to be Irish — proud on the edge of defiance. Generous to a fault; committed to the end. She not only made me believe in myself, but scores of my friends and acquaintances believe in themselves. As a child I stuttered, and she said it was because I was so bright I couldn't get the thoughts out quickly enough. When my face was dirty, and I was not as well dressed as others, she told me how handsome I was. When my wife and daughter were killed, she told me God sends no cross a man is not able to bear. And when I triumphed, she reminded me it was because of others. I remember her watching through the kitchen window as I got knocked down by two bigger guys behind my grandfather's house, and she sent me back out and demanded that I, to use their phrase, bloody their nose, so I could walk down that alley the next day. When my father quit his job on the spot because his abusive boss threw a bucket full of silver dollars on the floor of a car dealership to make a point about his employees, she told him how proud she was. No one is better than you. You are every man's equal and everyone is equal to you. You must be a man of your words, for without your words you're not a man. Her pragmatism showed up when I was in eighth grade, a lieutenant on the safety patrol. My job was to keep order on the bus. My sister and best friend Valerie acted up. At dinner that night I told my mother and father I had a dilemma. I had to turn my sister in as a matter of honor. My parents said that was not my only option. The next day I turned my badge in. I believe the traits that make my mother a remarkable woman mirror the traits that make the Irish a remarkable people. Bent, but never bowed. Economically deprived, but spiritually enriched. Denied an education, but a land of scholars and poets. *Mrs Finnegan passed away in 2010 at the age of 95*





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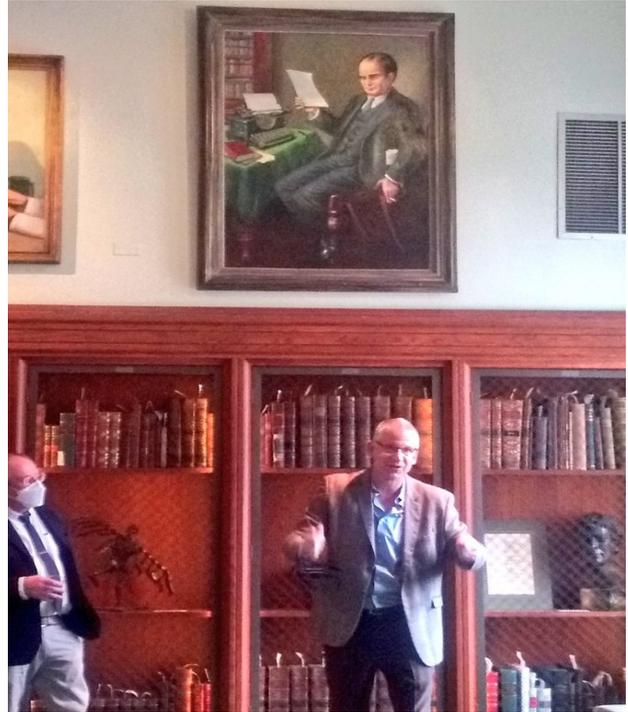
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## News from the Irish Consulate

### The International Flann O'Brien Society 6th International Flann O'Brien Conference at Boston College,



*Hosts Christian Dupont and Joe Nugent launch the 6th International Flann O'Brien Conference at Boston College, strategically Ó Nualláin's portrait of his brother and beside Flann O'Brien's original Underwood typewriter*



**Recently, Irish Consul General Dr. Laoise Moore met with European Ambassador to the United States, His Excellency Stavros Lambrinidis, at the French Consulate in Boston to discuss the EU'S actions in support of Ukraine and European-American relations.**

## News from the Irish Consulate

### Statement by Minister Simon Coveney to mark the 24th Anniversary of the Good Friday Agreement 10 April 2022

Today marks the 24<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Good Friday Agreement. As the world watches continuing horrors unfold in Ukraine, this anniversary reminds us of how far we have come, how profoundly precious peace is and of the power of democracy.

With the election now underway, we will see that power exercised in the weeks ahead, as the people of Northern Ireland elect those who will represent and serve them in the coming years.

The vision of the Good Friday Agreement is based on hope, on inclusion, on power sharing, and on peace and reconciliation across these islands. The Agreement was a defining moment in our shared history. Its defining legacy has been to commit everyone to exclusively democratic and peaceful means of resolving differences and pursuing political aspirations.

In the subsequent 24 years, the island of Ireland has been transformed. While there are ongoing challenges, there is now increased trust between communities, greater mutual respect, and ongoing practical work to make people's lives better. Every day, dedicated people from communities across the island of Ireland come together to continue the work of peace and reconciliation. It is important to remember that an overwhelming majority of people on this island voted in favour of the Good Friday Agreement. This was a clear vote for peace.

At times over those 24 years, dark shadows of the past have returned. As we approach Easter, we also approach anniversary of the killing of journalist Lyra McKee, a vibrant young woman, passionate about both her home place and her work. Lyra was of the ceasefire generation. It is for this generation, and those who follow, that we must ensure no return to those dark days. The Good Friday Agreement remains the guiding light for a brighter future.

I am acutely conscious that there are communities that feel that they have not benefited from the Peace Process. I want to reaffirm the Irish Government's commitment to work in partnership with politicians and all communities in Northern Ireland, and with the British Government to address these concerns. We have challenges ahead and solving these challenges can be frustrating. However, as the Agreement has shown us, it is only through collective, democratic action that we can find a way forward.



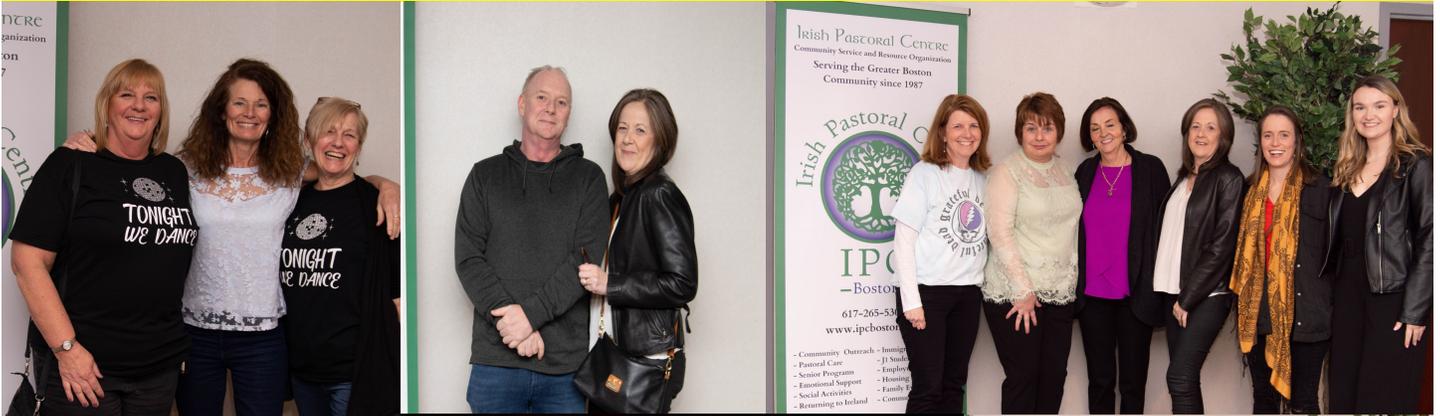
*Simon Coveney, TD Irish Minister for Foreign Affairs*

**Pictured on the left is Dr. Laoise Moore, Consulate General of Ireland to New England at The Irish Network Boston St. Patrick's Day event at the Harvard Club.**

**Pictured on the right is City of Boston Mayor Michelle Wu with the Government of Ireland's Minister for Education, Norma Foley TD**



# IPC Nostalgia Nite



Thank You to All Who "Walked the Line" with Us!

# IPC Nostalgia Nite



We had a "hunika hunika" Good Time!

# News from Ireland

## Don't Go Far – New Film On the Way



**IN 1985 two boys from Darndale, Dublin, Keith Byrne (10) and Noel Murray (13), made headline news around the world after hopping on a Dart and ending up in New York, escaping authorities in three countries in the process.**

Their incredible adventure began when they went out to play before dinner one night, Keith said. “My mum said: ‘don’t go far, your dinner’s nearly ready,’” he recalled. “I said: ‘I won’t. But they did. They took the Dart to Dún Laoghaire and, from there, snuck on to a ferry to Holyhead. Emboldened by their success so far, they avoided the ticket checkers and got themselves on a train to London. Eventually they wound up at Heathrow Airport with nothing but a few coins they had nicked from a charity fountain. Once there they asked a random passenger where his plane was going and he told them New York. They told the ticket checker and security their parents were behind them, and boarded an Air India plane. “The plane was only half full so no one came near us,” Keith said. The ease with which they slipped past the authorities was even more surprising given the fact that, just two months earlier, an Air India jet had blown up off the southwest of Ireland, killing 329 people onboard. Their journey eventually came to an end when they left JFK airport and asked a policeman for the way “into town”. They were taken to a police station where they immediately became the centre of attention thanks to their incredible journey. Authorities were taking no chances and they were put in a hotel suite with five security guards. “There was BLTs, chips, everything, fed us like lords. We loved it,” Keith said. Their exploits made the front page of the New York newspapers and are set to become the subject of a new film. *Don't Go Far* has been written by Conor Ryan and is being developed by famous US producer Frank Marshall, who is best known for his work alongside Steven Spielberg.

## Seven Donegal restaurants earn coveted spots on two influential foodie lists for 2022.



Food critics John and Sally McKenna and Lucinda O’Sullivan published their Top 100 lists in the Sunday papers at the weekend, signalling the ‘ones to watch’ in 2022. The Olde Glen Bar in Glen village, with Chef Ciarán Sweeney at the helm, continues to stir up the Irish food scene by earning a place on both lists. The Sunday Times printed the 30th edition of the McKenna guide, with three notable Donegal names on the list: Fisk @ The Harbour Bar in Downings, The Lemon Tree – a MICHELIN Guide restaurant in Letterkenny, and The Olde Glen Bar. Lucinda O’Sullivan’s 100 Best Restaurants in the Sunday Independent recommended Chandpur Indian

restaurant in Donegal Town, Quay West in Donegal Town, Anderson’s Boathouse in Killybegs and The Olde Glen Bar. The common theme in both guides is that Irish food lovers are spoiled for choice nowadays. The quality of eateries is not confined to cities either, and restaurants are becoming destinations in themselves.

## Irish Grocery Price Inflation hits highest level in almost 10 years -PÁDRAIG HOARE IRISH EXAMINER



Shoppers are spending less as grocery inflation has soared to its highest levels in nine years in Ireland. Hard-pressed families are struggling with runaway costs, and super-market bosses are also feeling the squeeze through supply chain issues, with fewer offers to entice customers into deals in store. With runaway energy prices causing headaches for many families, the price of food, drink, and household items are also been taken into consideration when balancing household budgets.

## Hollywood Kevin Hart blends in, in Belfast!



Actor and Comedian Kevin Hart made history in 2015 when he headlined a solo comedy show to a sold-out NFL stadium. Since then he has gone to start in many blockbuster comedy films. He is currently filming a new project in Belfast! The Harts have embraced Belfast, and Belfast has embraced them. Kevin was recently seen bringing his wife and kids out for Guinness and Guinness 0.0, and doing pop-up shows in small local comedy clubs—it is clear that Irish hospitality is alive and well. Local comedians Colin Geddis, Aaron McCann, and Shane Todd have had the immense pleasure of supporting Mr. Hart as he performed his shows in Lavery’s and the Limelight recently. Fáilte go hEireánn, Caoimhín!!

# IPC Bostún Ciorcal Comhrá



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# Immigration News

## Immigration and Citizenship Support Services Program

The IPC's Immigration and Citizenship Program provides information and support to immigrants from Ireland and elsewhere including obtaining legal status, adjusting status, matters related to Green Card applications and renewals, visas, U.S. Citizenship eligibility, and applications for U.S. Citizenship. The IPC can also provide information about applying for and renewing Irish passports. Staff is available during normal business hours to help to answer questions related to these matters. Additionally, the IPC offers bi-monthly Legal Immigration Clinics where individuals can have a free and confidential phone conversation about their particular immigration situation with a volunteer immigration attorney. Appointments are scheduled in advance. If you would like to schedule a phone consultation with an attorney, please contact Maryann Casavant at the IPC's office by phone at 617-265-5300 or by email [mcasavant@ipcboston.org](mailto:mcasavant@ipcboston.org).

### Upcoming Legal Clinic Appointment

#### Dates:

**Tuesday, April 26th**

**Tuesday, May 3rd**

Appointments are scheduled in advance.

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## The IPC Can Help:

If you have questions about eligibility for U.S. Citizenship, questions about how to apply, or need help with the process, please reach out to the IPC. Staff is available to assist you and can direct you to helpful resources. If there are some questions, or your situation is a bit complicated, we can schedule an appointment for you with one of our experienced immigration attorneys at one of our Legal Immigration Clinics.

## Ireland Welcomes Ukrainian Refugees

More than 3.5 million people have fled Ukraine since the war started. Ireland, a nation of just 5 million people that in Europe is geographically the furthest away from Ukraine, has already welcomed about 10,000 Ukrainian refugees so far. Refugee groups expect that at least 50,000 Ukrainians could settle in Ireland, a number that could double if the conflict intensifies. Refugees are provided asylum, as well as access to housing, education and medical treatment under the European Union's special protection directive for the first time since it was enacted in 2001.

Source: NPR March 23, 2022



*Ukrainian Children in Ireland meet with Norma Foley TD, Ireland's Minister for Education.*



*The Flags of Ireland and Ukraine*

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# The Celtic Scribe

## Easter 1916

William Butler Yeats



*“In the name of God and of the dead generations from which she receives her old tradition of nationhood, Ireland, through us, summons her children to her flag and strikes for her freedom.”*

Opening line of the Proclamation of the Irish Republic, 1916

I have met them at close of day  
Coming with vivid faces  
From counter or desk among grey  
Eighteenth-century houses.  
I have passed with a nod of the head  
Or polite meaningless words,  
Or have lingered awhile and said  
Polite meaningless words,  
And thought before I had done  
Of a mocking tale or a gibe  
To please a companion  
Around the fire at the club,  
Being certain that they and I  
But lived where motley is worn:  
All changed, changed utterly:  
A terrible beauty is born.

That woman's days were spent  
In ignorant good-will,  
Her nights in argument  
Until her voice grew shrill.  
What voice more sweet than hers  
When, young and beautiful,  
She rode to harriers?  
This man had kept a school  
And rode our wingèd horse;  
This other his helper and friend  
Was coming into his force;  
He might have won fame in the end,  
So sensitive his nature seemed,  
So daring and sweet his thought.  
This other man I had dreamed  
A drunken, vainglorious lout.  
He had done most bitter wrong  
To some who are near my heart,  
Yet I number him in the song;  
He, too, has resigned his part  
In the casual comedy;  
He, too, has been changed in his turn,  
Transformed utterly:  
A terrible beauty is born.

Hearts with one purpose alone  
Through summer and winter seem  
Enchanted to a stone  
To trouble the living stream.  
The horse that comes from the road,  
The rider, the birds that range  
From cloud to tumbling cloud,  
Minute by minute they change;  
A shadow of cloud on the stream  
Changes minute by minute;  
A horse-hoof slides on the brim,  
And a horse plashes within it;  
The long-legged moor-hens dive,  
And hens to moor-cocks call;  
Minute by minute they live:  
The stone's in the midst of all.  
Too long a sacrifice  
Can make a stone of the heart.  
O when may it suffice?  
That is Heaven's part, our part  
To murmur name upon name,  
As a mother names her child  
When sleep at last has come  
On limbs that had run wild.  
What is it but nightfall?  
No, no, not night but death;  
Was it needless death after all?  
For England may keep faith  
For all that is done and said.  
We know their dream; enough  
To know they dreamed and are dead;  
And what if excess of love  
Bewildered them till they died?  
I write it out in a verse—  
MacDonagh and MacBride  
And Connolly and Pearse  
Now and in time to be,  
Wherever green is worn,  
Are changed, changed utterly:  
A terrible beauty is born.

## Notable Quotes

*“Anam is the Gaelic word for soul; cara is the word for friend.*

*So anam cara means soul friend. The anam cara was a person to whom you could reveal the hidden intimacies of your life. This friendship was an act of recognition and belonging”.*

— John O’Donohue, *Anam Cara: A Book of Celtic Wisdom*.

*“Tír gan teanga, tír gan anam. A country without a language is a country without a soul”.*

— Pádraig Pearse, one of the Seven Signatories of the Proclamation of Ireland, 1916.

# IPC Community Partners



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Sunday: Full Irish Breakfast

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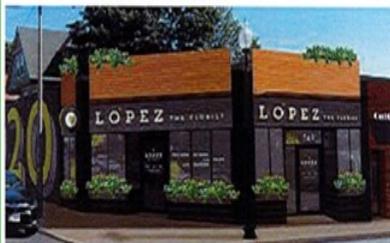
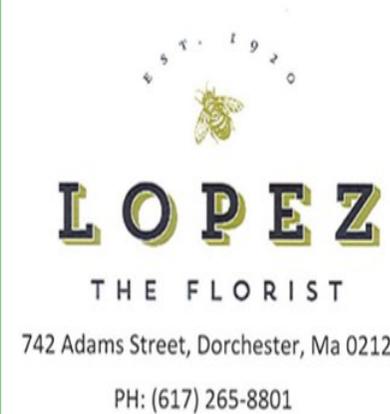
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# Irish Pastoral Centre—Senior Calendar of Events



## May 2022 – SENIOR CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2. Cara Club - Trivia - 1-3PM	3. Cara Club – Trip to Edward M. Kennedy Institute – Event Time 2-4pm	4. Café Eireann – Trip to Edward M. Kennedy Institute – Event Time – 2-4pm	5. Knitting Club 11-1PM Crossroads Café – Trip to Edward M. Kennedy Institute – Event Time – 2 – 4pm	6. Supper Club 5-7PM 
9. Cara Club - Trivia - 1-3PM	10. <b>Mother's Day Luncheon @ The Cottage 12PM</b> Le Cheile Woman's Group 7:30PM @ IPC	11. Café Eireann - Trivia 1-3PM	12. Knitting Club 11-1PM Crossroads Café – Trivia - 1-3PM	13.
16. Cara Club - Bingo - 1-3PM	17. Le Cheile Woman's Group 7:30PM @ IPC	18. Café Eireann – Bingo 1-3PM	19. Knitting Club 11-1PM Crossroads Café - Bingo 1-3PM	20.
23. Cara Club – Exercise with Eileen Smith 1-3PM	24. Le Cheile Woman's Group 7:30PM @ IPC	25. Café Eireann – Exercise with Eileen Smith 1-3PM	26. Knitting Club 11-1PM Crossroads Café - Exercise with Eileen Smith 1-3PM	27.
30. IPC CLOSED MEMORIAL DAY	31. Le Cheile Woman's Group 7:30PM @ IPC			

**Mondays- Cara Club- Veronica Senior Center, 20 Chestnut Hill Ave, Brighton, MA 02135**

**Wednesdays- Café Eireann- All Saints Church, 209 Ashmont St., Dorchester, MA 02124**

Please RSVP for Supper Club  
Call Jennifer @ 617-265-5300  
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# Irish Pastoral Centre Community Calendar

## IPC Events Calendar

### **Mondays:**

Cara Club @ Veronica Smith Senior Center-1-3PM  
20 Chestnut Hill Ave  
Brighton, MA 02135

### **Tuesdays:**

"Le Cheile" Woman's Group @ IPC 7:30-8:30PM

### **Wednesdays:**

Café Eireann @ All Saints Church-1-3PM  
209 Ashmont St.  
Dorchester, MA 02124

### **Thursdays:**

Knitting Club @ IPC 11AM-1PM  
AND Crossroads Café @ Irish Social Club-1-3PM  
119 Park St.  
West Roxbury, MA 02132

### **1st Friday of the Month-**

Supper Club @ IPC Please call Jennifer to RSVP 5-7PM

### **Saturdays:**

"Le Cheile" Here Together Sobriety Support Group

## **\*\*\*SAVE THE DATES\*\*\***

**May 10th**—Mother's Day Luncheon @ The Cottage in Weymouth- Music with Mossie Coughlin-\$25.00-  
RSVP line open call 855-479-2472

**May 22nd** @ Irish Social Club- 50th Anniversary of Fr. Dan Finn's Ordination-4PM



**For information on IPC events, programs, and volunteering, please call Jennifer at 617-265-5300 Ext 17.**

*Special thanks to Ricard Archer, President of the Knights and Ladies of St Finbarr Cork Club, for compiling the Boston Irish Community monthly dance calendar*

### **May 07, 2022: The Irish Music Club of Greater Boston:**

Mossie Coughlin will provide the music for dancing at the Irish Social Club 119 Park Street West Roxbury, MA for the clubs monthly dance. Always a great time at this dance in the fantastic Social Club ballroom. Starts at 7.00 pm. During the evening you can enjoy coffee, tea & delicious pastries. Admission is \$10.00. Door prize and raffle.

### **May 14, 2022: The Knights and Ladies of St. Finbarr - Cork Club.**

The Cork club is delighted to have Fintan Stanley, a wonderful musician that people enjoy where so ever he plays. Fintan has played in many of the great dance halls in both the U. S and Europe. A master at playing all types of music including Strauss. Don't miss this dance. People come just to hear Fintan play as they enjoy a cocktail from the cash bar. There is complimentary coffee, tea and delicious home baked pastries & Irish bread, also trifle. Don't miss this evening so mark your calendar. Donation is \$10.00

### **May 21, 2022: The Norwood Irish Music Club.**

John Connors Band is booked for their dance which is held at the Knights of Columbus Hall 572 Nichols Street Norwood, MA. The club hold monthly dances on the third Saturday of each month except during the summer months. Always a fun time where you meet the nicest people. President Val Feeney is always on hand to welcome all. Cash bar operated by the K of C and also complimentary coffee, tea and home baked cakes and cookies. Donation is \$10.00

### **May 21, 2022: The North Shore Irish American Club.**

The Silver Spears are featured his month for the clubs dance. Dances are held at the Knights of Columbus Hall 23 West Foster Street Melrose, MA. If you live in the North Shore area, this is a great place to dance or just enjoy the music. Complimentary coffee, tea and baked items are always enjoyable.

### **The Irish Social Club 118 Park Street West Roxbury, MA**

**On Sunday:** May 01, 2022 - Denis Curtin's Band with Tommy Byrne  
May 08, 2022 - Silver Spears  
May 15, 2022 - Erin's Melody  
\* May 22, 2022 - Erin's Melody  
May 29, 2022 - Silver Spears

\*On this date Fr. Dan Finn will celebrate his 50th anniversary in the priesthood with a Mass at 4.00 pm. Erin's Melody will sing at this mass and then continue to play after the Mass.

### **The Irish Cultural Centre 200 New Boston Dr. Canton, MA**

**May 01, 2022:** The Byrne Brothers will perform in concert at 3.00 pm. Admission is \$25.00 at door or \$20.00 for tickets purchased in advance.

**May 02, 2022:** Set dancing every Monday evening with Cait Bracken in the Adare room at 7.00 pm. All are welcome, just drop by, no experience necessary. Masks are currently required.

**May 08, 2022:** Concert with Mairead Nesbitt.

**May 15, 2022:** ICC - Tent. Women's auxiliary Fashion show.

Call Maudy Dooher or emailmdooher@irishculture.org for information

### **Miscellaneous**

**May 06+07 2022:** Keohane & Kenneally will be at Cape Cod Irish Village

**May 20, 2022:** Keohane & Kenneally will be at Sons of Erin, Yarmouth

**May 08, 2022:** We Banjo 3 at the Somerville Theatre at 7.30 pm.

Tickets at Ticketmaster.com

## Paddy's Concert Corner



IPC Staff member Patrick "Paddy" Davoren with Academy Award winning singer-songwriter Glen Hansard 3/15/22

"I want to dedicate this next song to all the folks drinking pints in the Druid pub" Glen Hansard said as he embraced the sold-out crowd in Boston's Emerson Colonial Theatre on Tuesday, March 15th, 2022. Glen Hansard was in town with his band-mate and *Once* co-star Markéta Irglová for a one-night stop in Boston. This show was one of eleven stops on a limited United States tour celebrating the 15 year anniversary of the movie *Once*. As previously mentioned, *Once* stars Glen Hansard and Markéta Irglová and tells the story of a busker from Dublin (Hansard) and a Czech girl who sells flowers

(Irglová) and their journey of making a record together. Though it is a simple story and premise, and shot on two handy cams with a budget of \$120,000 the film went on to gross \$23.3 Million in the box office and even inspired a Broadway musical production of the same name.

The show began promptly at 8PM with no support act. They played a mix of songs from the film *Once* as well as songs from Hansard and Irglová's duo "The Swell Season", and of course they performed songs from their solo careers as well! The show lasted a total of two hours and the night was littered with lots of surprises.

To quote Hansard "If you play Boston on any night of the week it feels like a Friday back home, and when you play Boston on a Friday... that's a whole other element".

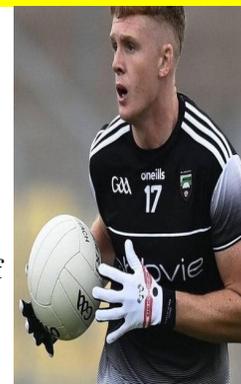
The first surprise of the night was a rant about the struggles of MySpace in the early years: "I want to make a request—no. No, that's not the word. What's that word when you want to call someone out? Ah yes, a shoutout! Well I want to make a shoutout to Andrez 'DraMatik' Gonzales. I know he's here tonight, would you mind giving us a song" DraMatik was sitting right next to me and was invited to perform on stage because he had made a remix called *Hip Hop of the Swell Season* ten years ago and the two have been in touch ever since. The second surprise of the night came as Hansard began to sing *Gold* "and I love her so, I wouldn't trade her for Gold" and then he stops playing and announces that the travelling cast of the musical *Once* are in the audience and invited them up for a performance too! "We're in the cheap seats" yelled John Connelly who plays Hansard's character in the musical edition. There was a great bit of banter between the two that resulted in the whole audience standing up and turning around to watch Connelly perform up in the balcony. The audience was quiet and respectful as he crooned. By the end of the performance he made it down on stage for the final chorus. The third and final surprise came from Marketá as she invited her sister to sing a song with her, and the two sang a song from *Hamilton* which was definitely an inside-joke for those in the audience that night.

All in all, it was a great night and we express our sincere gratitude to Howard Greynolds and Glen Hansard for being so hospitable. Glen you are welcome to drop into the Centre anytime!

## Sports News From Ireland

### Sligo GAA mourns the tragic death of Red Óg Murphy

Red Óg Murphy, from Curry in south Sligo was a former Aussie Rules player and well known at his local club. The 21-year-old spent eight months with Australian Rules side North Melbourne in 2019. He was studying primary school teaching at DCU. The news of his sudden death has sent shock waves through the local community. Sligo county councillor Martin Connolly was a neighbour of the young man and said: "The community is devastated here," he said. "The parish of Curry in Sligo, the parish that he played for, the community is absolutely devastated. Mr Connolly added: "He was a highly respected young fellow in this parish. The world thought of him. "Young boys and girls in the area here in Moylough National School, where he went to school, they really looked up to that lad. "Everybody is so shocked and saddened for the family and for the community"



## Sports News From Ireland

**"We will not be playing the match in any other venue" - Cork refuse to play Kerry game anywhere that isn't Páirc Uí Rinn. "It is wrong and it goes against the values of the GAA"**



The Munster championship tie that is set to be played on Saturday, May 7, was originally fixed for Páirc Uí Rinn because Páirc Uí Chaoimh is unavailable due to an Ed Sheeran concert taking place there. This venue saga between Kerry and Cork has taken another turn, as The Rebels have declared that they will not play this game anywhere outside of Páirc Uí Rinn. The issue with this however, is that Páirc Uí Rinn can accommodate 9,200, which is well below the 22,000 that the provincial body say must be catered for based on previous Munster championship fixtures. The Munster Council then agreed to move the game to Killarney meaning that Cork have now lost home advantage in what was always going to be

a difficult game. In terms of what's happening on the pitch, both teams are at different ends of the spectrum, with Cork struggling in Division Two and Kerry flying in Division One, securing their place in the league final this Sunday. This means that The Kingdom are going into the game as strong favourites already, so with home advantage thrown in as well, it doesn't look good for those in red and white. However, they don't seem to be backing down, and in their latest statement, they have announced that they have no intentions of playing in Killarney. "We feel this reasoning sets a bad precedent, it is wrong and it goes against the values of the Gaelic Athletic Association," the players and management added in their statement, issued to the42.ie "As such, we are preparing for the Munster Football Semi-Final on 7 May 2022 to be played in Páirc Uí Rinn. We will not be playing the match in any other venue."

### **GAA launches new five-year strategic plan**



The GAA has launched a new strategic plan entitled 'Aontas 2026 – Towards One GAA for All', to grow and sustain the Association over the next five years. An event held at St Feichins GAA Club in Co Louth was attended by Uachtarán Larry McCarthy and Ard Stiúrthóir Tom Ryan along with representatives of the Association where details of the plan were announced.

The strategy features a variety of objectives to realise the GAA's vision as a sustainable community-based and volunteer-led Association where as many as possible, participate in Gaelic games and culture for as long as possible. The stated priorities of the Association between now and 2026 are:

1. Maximum participation among players, coaches, referees and officers
2. A sustainable Association with thriving Clubs at its core
3. Six codes, one Association
4. A connected and inclusive Association
5. Good governance among GAA units

The headline initiatives to be pursued within these priority areas include:

1. A major programme of investment in referees and match officials to maximise support, respect and role performance
2. The design and rollout of a Club accreditation programme which promotes self-sufficiency & sustainability
3. The development of a shared vision and roadmap to form One Association to govern all Gaelic games codes
4. The implementation of the Association's new communications strategy which prioritises proactive communications in a digital-first world
5. A review of governance structures and roles to deliver more effective and efficient support services to Clubs and Counties

Uachtarán CLG Larry McCarthy said: "The importance of our clubs to the communities they serve was never more evident than it was during the harrowing Pandemic. If the GAA is about People then it is appropriate that we have a strategic plan that delivers for everyone and after this detailed consultation process, I believe we have a strategic plan to allow Gaelic games to face the future with confidence.

## Sports News From Ireland

### Rory McIlroy and Shane Lowry proud of podium finishes at Augusta—*Irish Examiner*

AUGUSTA, GEORGIA – If a week can possibly change Ireland’s frustrating history at the Masters, it was this one. Rory McIlroy was giddier than any runner-up in Masters history, and his record-tying final round 64 capped by a hole-out birdie from the bunker on the last seemed to re-energise his long quest to complete the career Grand Slam and end his eight year major drought. Shane Lowry accentuated the positives of his third-place effort. Both left Augusta National feeling bullish about their futures, not just at the Masters but the rest of the 2022 season. “I don’t think it just sets me up for next year, it sets me up for the rest of this year,” said McIlroy after his 64 rocketed him to a runner-up finish in the only major championship he’s never won. “I feel like my game has been sort of quietly pretty good without the results to really show for it. But again, today it was a golf course that I felt was gettable and I feel like I’m playing well enough to go out there and shoot those sorts of scores.” Lowry made six birdies on Sunday for his best Masters finish in seven tries, not letting a triple-bogey on his fourth hole send him off the rails. “The big thing I can take away from the last two days being in contention around here is how comfortable I felt on the golf course,” said Lowry. “I’m proud of myself to the way I handled myself and especially when things went against me today. To shoot 5-under for the last sort of whatever it was, 13 holes, was pretty good.” McIlroy and Lowry each had blown shots they can point to. McIlroy played went bogey-double from the fairways on 10 and 11 Friday. Lowry hit a handful of bad ‘wedges in the first three rounds that all cost him strokes and the triple at the fourth Sunday, But neither wanted to play the what-if game. “I found myself a little too far back, but I don’t think that was because of my game,” McIlroy said. “I thought my strategy this week was really, really good. I know I said after the first two days I could have been a few shots better. There was that bogey-double bogey run on 10 and 11 on the (second) day, which was a little soft. Apart from that, I basically did everything I wanted to this past week.” Lowry wasn’t going to let a mistake on the fourth that cost him three strokes prevent him from playing the way he had the rest of the week. “Look, I’ve got fight. I’ve got determination, and I’m never going to stop trying,” Lowry said. “I’m out there giving it my best, and I just kept on telling myself that was only one swing. I made a great up-and-down on 5 and made a great birdie on 6, and that kind of got me going again. “To be honest, I felt like I was somewhat out of the tournament, but you just don’t know how it’s going to go. I thought maybe I could shoot 6 or 7-under from there, but Scottie (Scheffler) has obviously went down and done his thing, and he is the best player in the world at the moment, and he has come out to play. And when the No. 1 player in the world comes out to play his best, he is hard to beat.” McIlroy had had his share of bad memories at Augusta, going back to his final-round meltdown in 2011. But after Sunday’s 64 he is more focused on the good things than the scars. That emotional eruption when his bunker shot at the last drop and the subsequent celebration with Collin Morikawa when he followed with a hole-out of his own from the same bunker will be the kind of memory that will linger and be replayed in highlights. “I think just all these memories that are building up, I think I’ve had some really good Sundays here from a little further back, and it is about trying to channel whatever attitude that is,” he said. “I think the more and more I did it, the more memories I build up and the more, if I do put myself in a position closer to the lead going into Sunday, that I can delve into that memory bank and try to use those memories and my experience to my advantage. “I mean, I’ve always known that I can do it. I’ve played good enough around here, maybe just haven’t strung four rounds together like that, but I’ve always known that I have the game to win at this place. It’s just a matter of having that game for four days in a row and not making big numbers and shooting yourself in the foot I guess.” Lowry has been improving his stake each of the last three trips to Augusta since his Open Championship win at Royal Portrush in 2019. “I think I have believed that I can do whatever in this game. I just have to allow myself to come to these tournaments and do it,” Lowry said. “Look, this week coming in I was playing such great golf. My form was really good, and I felt very comfortable, so I’m hoping next year when I get back here, I’ll feel the same and give it another go. Who knows what shape my game will be in this time next year. “I hope I come in here next year with the form I’ve had this year, and I might give it a good go again, but it won’t be from the lack of trying.”



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# Local Sports

## Plans in Place for 2022 Boston GAA Season

By Rory O'Donnell

2022 will see the GAA in Boston make a return to normality with games set to begin April 30. There will be a total of 23 clubs entering 35 teams into 8 competitions. The formats were agreed upon Thursday evening at a meeting of the board and the clubs. Galway, Connemara Gaels, Donegal and Aidan McAnespies will enter the Men's senior football championship and Fr. Tom Burkes and Galway in the Men's senior hurling. Ladies teams will play a junior competition between Boston Shamrocks, Sean Og's Ladies, and Connacht Ladies.

The schedule will be decided in the coming weeks and posted at [www.gaaboston.com](http://www.gaaboston.com).

The draw for the Pat O'Brien Cup took place with teams drawn in groups of teams. Group 1 is Kerry, Gaels, Worcester and Wolfe Tones/Christopher's and Group 2 is McAnespies, Shannon Blues, Galway + Donegal. Games will begin April 30 with the winner of each group contesting the final.

Also on the calendar is the Wolves Hurling Club 7's in Merrimack NH on April 30 and Aidan McAnespies are hosting a football 7s on April 23 at the ICC in Canton. Lots to look forward to!!



*Paddy McGee fires Past Hugh Boyle in last year's clash between Donegal and the Connemara Gaels*



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## St Brendan's Youth GAA Feile Selection

**Congratulations** to St. Brendan's GAA Club in Dorchester! These young ladies were chosen to represent Boston on the 2022 Feile panel traveling to Ireland this summer. What a great opportunity and experience! Well done ladies!



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## Local Sports



The St. Brendan's Youth GAC float at the 2022 St. Patrick's Day Parade in Southie was a huge success, it was a day of beautiful weather and every kid was smiling. St. Brendan's Youth GAC would like to express a huge thank you to everyone who helped but especially to the lads who built the float, "It looked class and was so safe for all the kids" said Michelle O' Donnell, admin of the St. Brendan's Youth GAC Facebook Group—she then went on to thank the following individuals: Michael McG, Eamon K, John Dow, John D. Paddy O'C. Brian C. Hudi Mck, and Gareth R.



### Boston's Connemara Gaels are Galway Bound

The Connemara Gaels are delighted to announce that they are travelling to Leitir Móir, Co. Galway to compete in the 2022 *Comórtas Peile na Gaeltachta*. The Gaels are going back to their roots and are looking forward to being back in Connemara!

They hope to see and meet many of their supporters and past players over the weekend of the Comórtas tournament in Leitir Móir. "to our members on this side of the water, we hope you can join us on this momentous journey in the first weekend of June!

Be sure to stay tuned to the Connemara Gaels Facebook Page (And Event Page) for updates" the Connemara Gaels said in a post online.



### New Hampshire Wolves Hurling Club welcomes Northeast GAA to Merrimack.

A great opportunity to get the hurles out early in the season! The Wolves Hurling Club are hosting a 7-a-side hurling tournament on April 30 in Merrimack NH.

Please RSVP to [secretary.barleyhousewolves.usa@gaa.ie](mailto:secretary.barleyhousewolves.usa@gaa.ie) with your intentions to enter a team.

Field location: 221 Daniel Webster Hwy, Merrimack, NH 03054

Time: 9:00am start

Date: 30 April 2022

### Open Registration for Spring '22 Youth Season

The Spring 2022 season will run from Wednesday, April 27, 2022 to Friday, June 24, 2022 for the U9 and U12 groups. See our Play page for information about practices & location.

The Spring 2022 season for the U9 and U12 groups will be largely instructional with a few games toward the end of the season once players have learned the game basics.

Please reach out to [info@wolfhoundsyouthrugby.org](mailto:info@wolfhoundsyouthrugby.org) for more information or visit the F.A.Q section of their website on [www.wolfhoundsyouthrugby.org](http://www.wolfhoundsyouthrugby.org)



# Sports Quiz

1. Who did Kilkenny defeat in the 2000 All-Ireland hurling final?
2. Which county has won the most Ulster football titles?
3. Who did Cork defeat in the 1990 All-Ireland final?
4. Kevin O'Neill won an All-Star in 1993 but is perhaps more famous for his two-goal cameo in the 2006 All-Ireland final. What county is he from?
5. Kerry were defeated by which county in the 2003 Munster U21 final?
6. Ireland international Kevin Moran won how many All-Ireland titles with Dublin?
7. Who won Hurler of the Year in 2003
8. In 1982 Kilkenny scored 7-31 to 0-13 in the Leinster semi final. This was Kilkenny's biggest ever score (52 points), their biggest ever winning margin (39 points) and biggest total score in a game involving them (65 points). Who did they beat?



*Answers on Page 3*



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