

Irish Pastoral Centre Newsletter



“We are a Parish without Boundaries.”

*Serving the Greater Boston
Irish Community since 1987*

Kevin O’Sullivan Fondly Remembered



Ar dheis De go raibh a anam

It is said that when the Irish came to America they brought two things with them, that they never forgot, **the faith and love of Ireland**. This was really so true in the life of Kevin O’Sullivan. How greatly blessed were all of us, especially at The Irish Pastoral Centre, to have experienced and enjoyed this through the years. Whether our events were in Brighton, Dorchester, West Roxbury, Quincy, Canton, or Deer Island, Kevin was always there to lend a helping hand and to make us feel so much at home. He generously shared his many gifts and talents with us as a singer, lector, photographer, bus-driver, organizer, raconteur and was a weekly link to the news at home in Ireland. He surely did light up our lives in so many ways.

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Community Partnerships

SEEKING COMMUNITY PARTERS! If your business serves the Irish Community, please consider joining us as an IPC community partner. We have several opportunities for you to showcase your event, organization or business right here in our Community Newsletter while supporting the IPC, please email mswanton@ipcboseon.org for more information or call Mary at 857 488 6063. We look forward to welcoming you!



Government of Ireland Emigrant Support Programme



An Roinn Gnóthaí Eachtracha agus Trádála
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Fall Greetings From our Executive Director

Dear Friends

As the summer sadly draws to a close, we here at the IPC are looking forward to the fall. All of our lives have changed dramatically since the Pandemic hit us all so hard. For those in the community that have lost a loved one it has been without a doubt a most difficult time. You remain in our prayers always. To those of you that have suffered in other ways like the loss of work ,food insecurity, stress about the ability to pay your rent, we here at the IPC know your struggles. We have worked very hard to be a shoulder to lean on in these most difficult months. All of us are learning about what it will be like living in this new normal. We hope like everyone that in the coming months, we may be able to return to a way of life that has been familiar to us. However, we remain determined to stay safe, wear our masks and however difficult it may be to stay socially distant. We have all paid a great price but we cannot ease up combating this horrific virus now. The IPC realizes how difficult it has been to remain apart in such a painful time for so many. It is natural to want to gather and talk and hug when times are frightening.



Irish Pastoral Center Executive Director Peggy Davis Mullen

Over the next few weeks we will be holding outdoor Masses. They will be different than in years past but we realize prayer has never been more important in our lives.

Mary Gorman, our Senior Coordinator, will be in contact with you about the details of the Masses. We will hold one in Dorchester, West Roxbury, and Brighton.

We will be requiring that all wear face masks and we will be following strict safety guidelines as to social distancing. The masses will also be outdoors to help with accomplishing that end. Also, due to the fact we have not been able to meet weekly at our senior coffee hours, we have doubled our efforts to make sure we are in contact weekly with all our program participants to make sure you are well and your needs are being met.

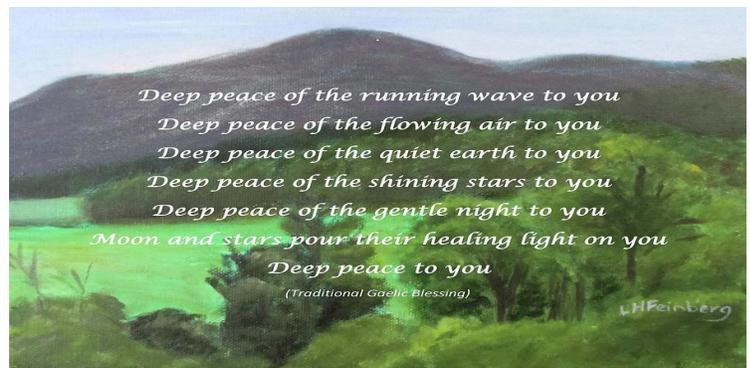
I am very excited to announce that we here at the IPC are going to make every effort to train any individual interested on how to navigate the new normal via the internet .We want the IPC community to stay connected and informed in these uncertain and changing times. We want you to be educated on how to access the internet via zoom or whats app to communicate with family and friends both here and abroad. We recognize the toll of being isolated and we endeavor to help make connections in all areas of your lives.

We, as I am sure you now know have launched the new newsletter format in an effort to keep those in our community informed and connected to what is happening in the Irish Community. It is our hope to reach as many people as possible either by Mail or email because we know how isolating the past few months have been for so many.

Please know the Staff at the IPC is here and available to those that need us. Lets all pray that a cure is in sight, let's promise to wear our masks and wash our hands, and let's promise that for those who have the privilege to vote to make sure our voices are heard.

My prayer to all of you is in this Irish blessing:

Take Care, Peggy



The Irish Pastoral Centre wishes to extend its thanks to the folks in Strawberry Hill Band for their generous July Fundraiser. We are delighted and really appreciate your support. Thank you so much!



COMMUNITY NEWS

Alan Loughnane Medical Expenses Fundraiser

Originally from Dublin, Alan loughnane is well known in the Irish Community for many years....either from being behind the bar working, or behind his fiddle entertaining thousands of people in Pubs like Mr.Dooleys and many others. Alan was diagnosed with cancer earlier in the year and has since had surgery and is currently undergoing treatment.

As you can imagine, this has been a very difficult time for Alan. With mounting medical expenses, as well as the unexpected loss of income, your donations no matter how big or small would be very much appreciated. Let's all get together and help alleviate some of this financial stress, so Alan can focus on healing and recovery.

Please visit [gofundme.com](https://www.gofundme.com) and search Alan Loughlane Fundraiser.



Kevin O'Sullivan RIP Cont'd from page 1

In the final days of his life at his home in Winthrop with his family, his mother and his family back home in Kenmare were so much on his mind that he let us know that he wanted them to be included in our prayer service remembrance and then we sang Our Lady of Knock together. In that song the Blessed Mother is referred to as "the woman clothed in the sun who shines her light on everyone." Kevin truly lived his life very much in that spirit of shining his light on all of us. Kevin, until we meet again, May the Lord hold you in the palm of his hand and while you are sorely missed by us your spirit will continue to remain among us. - Fr Dan Finn



Happier times.: Brothers Kieran and Kevin O'Sullivan (RIP) at the Grand Opening of the Irish Pastoral Center on Gallivan Blvd, Dorchester.

NEWS FROM OUR SENIOR COMMUNITY

COMING SOON! ZOOM BINGO!

Every Tuesday starting October 6, 2020 at 11am, I will be hosting virtual Bingo via Zoom. I have been following current Zoom Bingo groups hosted by the San Francisco IPC. Bingo cards are sent to anyone interested in participating, they play five games and hold a drawing at the end for a gift card that is mailed to the winner. It's great fun!

In addition to Zoom Bingo, we may have Zoom coffee hours and I am working with the Laughing Yoga instructor who does Zoom yoga classes.

If interested in Zoom Bingo, please email me and I will mail bingo cards to you. Any suggestions for prizes, alternative games or other ways of playing Bingo are also welcome. If you know of anyone else interested in participating, please email or call me. We will happily provide assistance and instructions to anyone who needs help setting up Zoom or is unfamiliar with using it. *Lets give it a go! Best, Mary Gorman*



IPC Senior Coordinator Mary Gorman is delighted to announce Zoom Bingo! Details on left.



WhatsApp

Do you have a Smart phone?

Do you know that you can video call anyone with 'What's App' anywhere in the world for free? Staff at the IPC can help you download the App and show you



August Senior Community Lunch at the Corrib in Brighton



Due to Covid, our Mass Schedules cannot be scheduled too far in advance. Please call the IPC to add your name to our phone bank and we will notify you as Mass is scheduled. Also, please call the IPC for any special intentions and Fr Dan will include your prayer requests at Mass.



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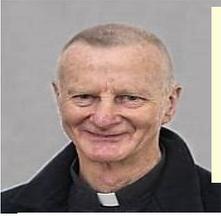
Grand Re-Opening

Wednesday, September 9, 2020

New Expanded Hours
Open for Lunch and Dinner
11:30 am to 8:00 pm

Face Coverings / Face Masks Required

FR. DAN'S PAGE



Blessed Mother Mary: Untier of Knots

*“When I find myself in times of trouble, Mother Mary comes to me,
Speaking words of wisdom, Let it be.
And in my hour of darkness, She is standing right in front of me, Speaking words
of wisdom, Let it be”*

*Mothers know a lot about knots, good and bad
Our hair is put up in a knot: good.*

A necklace has a knot: bad.

We tie the knot: good. We tie ourselves in knots: bad.

Then there are the knots we mothers cannot undo. When our loved ones are tied up in the trials and turmoil's of life, addiction, alienation, strife, sin - we see the knots but they are not ours to untie.

At these times, we pray with hands upheld to Mary, Untier of knots, to disentangle these hard snarls.

We can only trust that the ties that bind us to God and to one another are stronger than the knots that confine us.

Like Pope Francis, I love the image of Mary as un-tier of knots. Our Blessed Mother is unfazed by knots. She is just as calm undoing intricate knots in a ribbon as she is crushing the snake under her foot and she's doing it all with a bunch of little people surrounding her and a dove hovering over her head.

She is every mother: admirably unflappable.

She multitasks with ease. She can love and nurture and fix and mend and embrace God and fight evil, and that is a normal day for her. She is full of grace. -

The sweet imagery in the painting calls us to multitask like Mary: to find God in all things, to place our hearts in God, and to serve God in our sisters and brothers unfettered from our stubborn knots by God's grace.

By *Valerie Schultz*

HURLING QUIZ ANSWERS 1. Kilkenny, 2. Tipperary, 3. Kilkenny, 4. Clare, 5. Ballyhale Shamrocks, 6. Limerick, 7. 1961, 8. Wexford, 9. Clare, 10. Patrick Donnellan



About the photo:

At first glance it is nothing out of the ordinary; the painting shows the Virgin Mary surrounded by Angels and protected by the light of the Holy Spirit standing on a serpent. But the middle of the painting is striking; an Angel to Mary's left is passing her a silk thread full of knots that she unties, handing on the unknotted thread to an Angel on her right.

IMMIGRATION NEWS



Maryann Casavant is the Immigration Coordinator for the IPC and can be reached at 617-265-5300 or mcasavant@ipcboseon.org

TRAVEL ALERT

FROM THE
COALITION OF
IRISH IMMIGRATION
CENTERS

The CIIC is advising that those entering the United States, who are excluded from the travel ban, are still subject to inspection & the terms of their visa - this includes social media & technology. Review our advice before you travel.



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Emigrant Support Programme
An State Ceilidh Eileannaigh agus Trádála
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

DV-2021 RESULTS ANNOUNCED!

 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Entrants must check results status online at dvlottery.state.gov Entrants need application confirmation number, full name & DOB 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individuals must complete visa processing before 30 Sept 2021 Presidential Proclamation Suspending Entry of Immigrants will cause processing/interview delays
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Department of State does NOT contact entrants by email or mail, even if successful 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ALWAYS seek reputable immigration legal advice Locate your local Irish center here: bit.ly/3a6FkQL
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beware of scams & fraudulent companies trying to take advantage 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow us @IrishCoalition for current, accurate & reliable immigration information and updates on DV-2022



KNOW YOUR TECHNOLOGY RIGHTS

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

- Law enforcement officers **MAY NOT** search electronic devices without probable cause or consent within the U.S.
- Immigration officials need reasonable suspicion to search electronic devices when a person is entering or leaving the U.S.
- Immigration status influences your right to refuse access to electronic devices

Probable Cause:
Logical belief based on facts & circumstance that a person has, is or will be involved in illegal activity.

RIGHTS BY IMMIGRATION STATUS:

- U.S. Citizens & Green Card Holders in good status:** CANNOT be denied entry by refusing to unlock their device or provide a password
- Visa Holders/Visa Waiver Visitors:** MAY be denied entry to the U.S. for refusing to unlock their device or provide a password.

Reasonable Suspicion:
Objective, reasonable thought that a person is involved in illegal activity.



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Immigration & Legal Services

Irish Pastoral Centre - Free Immigration Clinics



Clients can schedule a free and confidential 1:1 consultation with an experienced immigration attorney to discuss their specific needs related to immigration status, adjustment of status and citizenship.

During this COVID-19 emergency our volunteer attorneys have offered to provide telephone consultations by appointment.



Our Next Clinic is on:

SEPTEMBER 21st

To schedule an appointment please call 617-265-5300 or email mcasavant@ipcboston.org

BOSTON COUNTS 2020



Please, Please, Please Respond to the U.S. Census

THE LAST DAY TO RESPOND TO THE 2020 CENSUS IS SEPTEMBER 30TH
It is vitally important that all Bostonians participate in the 2020 U.S. Census

Help make sure Boston's communities don't lose out on representation and funding for the next 10 years by participating. Own your power and visit <https://my2020census.gov/> or call 844-330-2020 TODAY.

Boston depends on your household to respond so that our communities get their fair share of federal funding and representation for the resources we need. For every person not counted, nearly \$2,400 per year for the next ten years is lost in federal funding.

Everyone, regardless of any particular status (immigration, income, age, etc.) can and should complete the #2020 Census. Participation is vital to provide our communities with the resources needed to build an even better Boston. Visit <https://my2020census.gov/> or call 844-330-2020.

Much of the funding that comes from the Census count helps the most vulnerable among us. It provides, for instance, health care (Medicare and Medicaid), public education (grants for special education and Boston Public Schools), food and nutrition programs (SNAP and free school breakfast/lunch programs), affordable housing (Section 8 vouchers), and child care (Head Start) for low-income families.

The Census has never been more accessible. You can respond to the 2020 Census online (my2020census.gov), over the [phone](#), or by mail. You can respond to the 2020 Census online or over the phone in 13 different languages.

Responses to the 2020 Census are safe, secure, and protected by federal law. Your answers cannot be used against you by any government agency or court. The Census Bureau can't share your personal information with DHS, law enforcement, or your landlord until 72 years have passed. It won't affect any public benefits you receive.

Community Power. The 2020 Census is a way to directly increase community power. It will impact our daily lives for the next 10 years. **Many of Boston's communities are at risk of an undercount. We need a complete and accurate count because all of Boston deserves to be seen, heard, and invested in.**

IPC SOCIAL WORK AND OUTREACH

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How to help a loved one you believe may be at risk

The topic of suicide is a scary one and it is natural that we instinctively avoid it...often for fear of making matters worse. But if you notice a drastic change in someone's behavior that includes warning signs of suicide, don't hesitate or assume someone else will intervene. Taking an active role to check on them could save their life.

"Even if your instincts are to avoid the person because you're afraid you don't know enough or that you might offend the person, you may be the only one who is noticing and who will reach out," says Dr. Moutier. "Everyone has a role to play in preventing suicide."

The best thing you can do if you're unsure whether someone is suicidal is to start an honest, caring conversation in which you do more listening than you do talking, she says. If you pick up on signs that they're feeling trapped, hopeless, or depressed, don't skirt around the topic—you can ask them directly if they're having suicidal thoughts.

"That's not going to make them worse; it's not going to plant a seed. If you've created a safe environment to have this conversation, they will feel a sense of relief that they've been able to share this experience with someone who's not judging them,"

Common warning signs of suicidal thoughts: Talking about suicide, hurting themselves, death, or dying

- Seeking access to firearms or pills
- Withdrawing from friends, family, and society
- Having severe mood swings
- Feeling hopeless or trapped
- Increased use of alcohol or drugs
- Sleeping all the time or having issues with sleep
- Uncontrolled rage or agitation
- Self-destructive and risky behaviors
- Giving away personal belongings
- Telling people goodbye for seemingly no reason

• What to do if you believe someone is in crisis

- If you believe someone is at immediate risk for suicide—they're saying they intend to kill themselves and/or they have a plan—call 911 and do not leave the person alone under any circumstances. Remove anything they could use to hurt themselves, and escort them to an emergency room.
- You can also call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-TALK (8255) or text TALK to 741741 to message with a trained crisis counselor from the Crisis Text Line for free.
- If you are worried about someone or struggling yourself please feel free to reach out to us confidentially 617-265-5300 Ext 10

Parent & Toddler Group



We are looking at socially distancing options for our Parent & Toddler group which we hope will be resuming in October. For more info call office at 6172655300 or email veronica@ipcboston.org

OUTDOOR DINING

@ Irish Cultural Centre!

Dinner Drinks Live Irish Music every night

Serving dinner & drinks under the tent and on the patio in a safe & open environment.
All COVID-19 guidelines are strictly adhered to.

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Call: 781-821-8291 or email: iccpub@irishculture.org



LIVE ENTERTAINMENT AT THE ICC

“HALF WAY TO ST. PATRICK’S DAY WEEKEND” CELEBRATIONS

THURSDAY, SEPT 17: Strawberry Hill – Corned Beef & Cabbage Night @5pm

Whiskey Promotion: *Clonakilty Gin & Clonakilty Whiskey tastings*

FRIDAY, SEPT 18: Friday Night Group Irish Music Session @6pm / Open at 5pm

SATURDAY, SEPT 19: Joey Abarta @5pm | Barry Hynes & Amanda Biagi @6:30pm

SUNDAY, SEPT. 20: DEVRI live at 2pm – Doors open at 12:30

THURSDAY, SEPT 24: Comedy Night – Dinner & A Show : doors open at 5pm

WILL NOONAN, COREY RODRIGUES & CHRISTINE HURLEY

FRIDAY, SEPT 25: Friday Night Group Irish Music Session @6pm

SATURDAY, SEPT 26: Joey Abarta & Nathan Gurley @5pm | SLAINTE at 6:30pm

SUNDAY, SEPT 27: JOSHUA TREE @3 pm – doors open at 2pm



IRISH 5K

A Virtual Race

Register at www.irishculture.org

September 2020



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LOCAL NEWS

BC Irish Studies Names New Interim Director Bob Savage



Boston College Department of History Chair, Bob Savage has been named Interim Director of Irish Studies at BC. Professor Savage serves as a director of the History Department core, is an expert in Irish political, social, and cultural history whose research centers on change in Irish society, Anglo-Irish relations, “The Troubles” in Northern Ireland, and the history of film and the broadcast media in Ireland and Britain.. He has published five books including The BBC’s Irish Troubles: Television, Conflict and Northern Ireland; A Loss of Innocence? Television and Irish Society 1960-1972 (winner of the 2010 James S. Donnelly, Sr. Prize for Best Book in History and Social Sciences); Sean Lemass: A Biography; Irish Television: the Political and Social Origins; and Ireland in the New Century, Politics, Identity and Culture for which he was editor and a contributing author. In 1999, he was appointed by Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern to a commission tasked with establishing a national music archive in Ireland. The following year, he coordinated an interdisciplinary conference in Washington, D.C., to explore the Irish experience at home and abroad, held as part of a major festival of Irish art and culture.

On accepting the position, Dr. Savage wants Irish Studies to engage with other departments and programs at BC.. “There are many common areas of interest that could provide the basis for interdisciplinary teaching, research, and other activities, such as issues of diaspora, justice, Inequality, and borders. I’m very eager, as are my colleagues in Irish Studies, to work with faculty and students across the University. In particular, we seek to improve and update our outreach to undergraduate students; they are our real constituents.’

Late Late Toy Show Appeal For Global Talent

For the first time in Toy Show History, Ireland’s famous Late Late Show is opening up auditions for kids up to age 13 worldwide.! This will be a virtual Toy Show airing live throughout the world later this year. RTE is looking for singers, dancers and musicians. For more details and application , please visit : rte.ie/latelateshow.




Looking for good Irish films and Documentaries?

There are lots of Irish Short films available to watch on the Irish film festival website:

Irishfilmfestival.com

Please reach out to Mary if you have stories or events of interest for our community. Call the IPC at 617-265-5600 or email mstanton@ipcoston.org

LOCAL NEWS

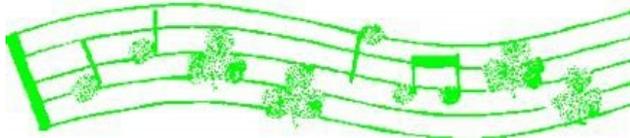
CORONAVIRUS SCAM ALERT

There have been frequently reported scams about COVID-19, stimulus checks, fake COVID vaccines and test kits, and census scams. When answering emails and phone calls, always consider the possibility it may be a scam.

- **Never give payment or personal information over the phone or by email.**
- **If you receive a suspicious email that appears to come from an official organization, report it to the official organization through their website.**
- **Report suspicious activity to the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center at www.ic3.gov. If someone knocks on your door claiming a need to enter or see personal information, do not allow them entry and call 9-1-1 immediately.**

Greetings from the Norwood Irish Music Club!

We hope everyone is keeping well.
We look forward to being back with you soon.
Until then, stay safe and take good care!



1916 Monument Unveiled in Scituate

Congrats to the Scituate Easter Rising Monument Committee for bringing the Easter Rising Monument to fruition!

Overlooking Scituate Harbor, perched next to the gazebo on Cole Parkway, this is the very spot that the Town of Scituate & the Ancient Order of Hibernians' have the annual commemoration service for the Easter Rising of 1916.

Scituate & the Boston area, having played it's own part in the American Revolution, can relate to past and current struggles for Freedom everywhere.

This is a wonderful reminder of the people, from all parts of the globe, all cultures & creation, that have sacrificed in the past, are now, and in the future, for EQUALITY & freedom.

For more information on the Easter Rising of 1916, visit: easter1916.net

Contributions for the maintenance & cost associated with the monument made be sent to:

Scituate Easter Rising Monument Committee
PO Box 11
Scituate, MA 02066

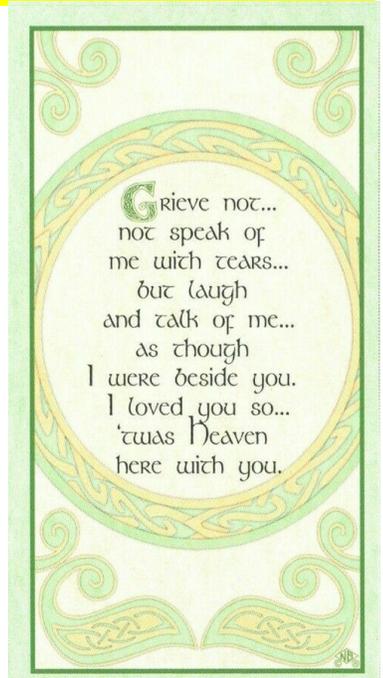


In Loving Memory “Ar Dheis Dé go Raiðh a Anam”

We remember those in our community who have recently passed away. Our thoughts and prayers and with all bereaved families, and we hope that in time lovely memories will surround them.

- June 3, Mattie Connors, Norwood and Galway**
- August 3, Barbara Conneeley of Braintree and Co. Galway.**
- August 7 Patricia Honan of Dorchester and Co. Cavan.**
- August 12 Una McPartlin of Somerville and Co. Leitrim**
- August 14, Joseph O'Malley of Weymouth and Co. Galway**
- August 12 Patrick Malloy of Quincy and Co. Galway**
- August 14 Joe Forry, Dorchester, brother of Ed Forry, Boston Irish Reporter.**
- August 27, Gary Byrne of Weymouth and Co. Kildare**
- August 28, Mary Hernon of Quincy and Co. Galway**
- August 28, Colin Hannify of Boston and Co. Galway**
- September 2 Barry Curran of Quincy and Co. Waterford**
- September 3, Joan Beades of Norwood and Co. Kerry**
- September 4 Kevin O'Sullivan of Winthrop and Co. Kerry**
- September 4 Pat Mannion, of Dorchester and Co.. Galway**
- September 4 Nuala Donnellan of Quincy and Co. Roscommon**
- September 8 Mary McDermott of Brighton and Co. Cork**

Fr. Dan will offer the Holy Sacrifice of Mass each month for our recently departed.



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Boston Comhaltas Mourns The Passing of Joe O'Malley

With sadness, we advise you of the recent passing of Joe O'Malley. May he rest In Peace. Many of you knew Joe personally, a proud Connemara man, or have seen him often playing his accordion at our ceilis, fundraisers, or any other gatherings where Irish traditional music was to be heard. Members recall oftentimes between figures of a set they would hear a peal of laughter at some joke or funny story Joe was telling, or of how he always loved to have some Irish chocolate or sweets and would share them with everyone. He will be missed.

Our sincere sympathies to his wife of 44 years Theresa, his children, Tricia and Martin, and their families. Born in Carraroe, County Galway, Ireland, Joe immigrated to the USA in 1959. As a union carpenter, Joe built the Weymouth home where he raised his family. When he wasn't working, he most enjoyed playing cards, attending Irish football matches, visiting his homeland and never turned down an invitation to a party.

One of Joe's greatest joys was entertaining people with his accordion tunes. Friends and family would gather for hours, listening, dancing and singing along to the many Irish classics he would play for them. Joe embraced life to the fullest and attracted so many with his spirited sense of humor and love of making people laugh. He will be fondly remembered for his infectious laughter, which left you smiling as he always laughed the loudest at his own jokes.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Joe's name may be sent to the Irish Cultural Center, 200 New Boston Drive, Canton, MA 02021, or at www.irishculture.org by clicking "donate".

To include your loved on our Remembrance page please call the IPC directly at 617-265-5300. We are happy to feature Month's mind notices and Acknowledgements also.

Fadó Fadó - Long Ago in Ireland

A Look At Life On The Farm in 1960's Rural Ireland

The following reflection is sourced from Agridirect.ie, a family run business serving the Agri needs and requirements in the west Cavan area.



Hippies were shocking America. The teddy boys and girls were swinging in London. The Cuban missile crisis had the world holding its breath. But home in rural Ireland, like some black and white Christmas nostalgia advertisement, life was jogging along slowly and steadily. It was a gentle past. Hard work, travelling by bicycle and long lazy afternoons are our collective memory. Creamery cans were functional items, not garden ornaments. Horses and donkeys were working animals, not luxury pets for amusing the grandchildren on a long weekend. Sunday was a true day of rest with not a soul moving after mass in the villages in towns. 1960 farming was a far cry from the online shopping, drone launching, machinery driven farming of today.

Going to the Creamery: In the 1960's dairy farm, the best part of the morning was spent going to the creamery. Once the 'girls' were milked, the man of the house headed for the local creamery and the long queue of tractors, vans, cars and trailers getting the days milk from the cans to the tanks. This daily chore was accompanied by much grumbling from the farmers, but in reality offered a relaxed time for passing the time of day with others and could take a few hours of chatting and slagging, before heading home with the Fruitfield jam, the Calvita cheese, the sugar, butter, tea and any other essential items bouncing round the transport box.

Painting the House for the station: A tradition that dates back to Penal Times, the station was the most miss-named event in Irish rural life. It had nothing to do with stations but was simply a mass held in the house. Nothing simple for the household though, as the house was prepared for weeks, with new whitewashing and tidying up in preparation. All the neighbors gathered on the evening of the station and food and drink was served. A station was a big event in the days before the annual trip to Alicante.

Flushing the loo: A large number of Irish homes did not have the luxury of indoor plumbing. Avocado bathroom suites were yet to make an appearance in the Ideal Homes exhibition but a nice flushing indoor, insect free toilet was an aspiration for many. As one west of Ireland farmer surveyed the hastily erected lean-to bathroom which would service visiting American relatives and noted with was surprised that the family was now also dining AL -Fresco and a table was set in the front garden to enjoy unusually good weather. He was prompted to quip "life is funny. Last year we were eating inside and peeing outside and this year we are reversing the whole process".

The Spring Show: The annual trip to the big smoke for the most important farming event of the year was second in importance only to the GAA All Ireland Finals. Hordes of country folk trekked to the Spring Show to view the latest innovations in high yielding crop strains and milking machines. The Spring Show was a perfect family day out. The big draw of the exhibitions hall was the free samples given happily and gladly to the crowd. Bags which had been crammed full of ham sandwiches and flasks on the journey up were filled to the brim with cheese, soap and biscuit samples on the way home.

The Late Late and Benjy: TV was simpler then. Farm jobs were worked around the weekly Late Late Show where Gaybo was controversial, entertaining and never boring. The Riordans was the Ireland best loved soap opera. Farming life was never so exciting. Get up the yard! Smell o Benjy off ya! Netflix and chill was nothing on this.

Pre EU Days: Imagine it! No subsidy. No rules. Yes, there was an Ireland before the Economic Union (or the EEC) decided what shape a potato should be and that every donkey should be tagged. Back then, there was no rulings on bog-land, no quotas on fish, dairy and grain. . Was it better? Well, with Brexit becoming a reality, we might well find out.

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Goal Setting and
Motivation

Stress and
Anxiety Reduction

Managing Family
Relationships

... and much more!



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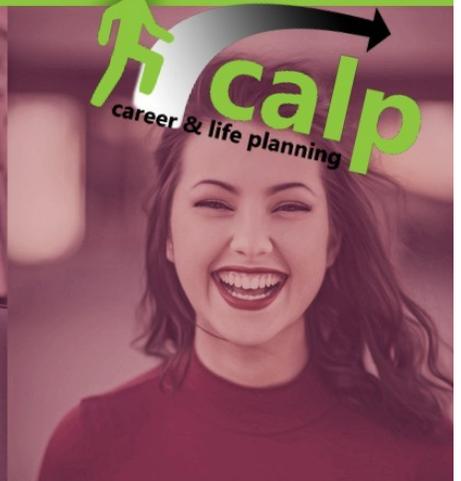
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The program; “Success 4 Teens” helps teens manage the demands of life and gives them better Coping Skills as well as Practical Life Skills to help improve their lives.

This coaching program introduces young people to proven tools that can help with stress, anxiety, school and relationships while ensuring that they have ways to manage all the emotions to stay focused during these troubling and uncertain times.



When Career and Life coach Joe Delaney set about developing a course aimed at helping teenagers manage their teen years better from his office in Galway, he could never have predicted he would have had such a captive audience. With all that is happening for teens and parents of teens today, there has never been a more apt time for teens to sit down; assess their lives, process their feelings and chart a path forward.

Joe Delaney, CEO of Calp.ie (Career and Life Planning) developed a coaching framework called the 5 Steps to Success’ which allows people to manage life challenges in a structured way. “The framework allows people to cope better with everything that they are experiencing and adapt a different mindset or relationship to those thoughts. From there, they will learn what skills or behaviors they need to improve and maintain that will get them closer to enjoyment in their lives” he explains.

In 2019 Calp.ie developed the “Success 4 Teens” Program and blended the “5 Steps to Success” Coaching Framework into this program specifically designed and adapted for 13-19-year-olds. As the father of 3 girls, (16, 15 & 9) Joe knows first hand the challenge of grabbing their attention while creating content that is relevant, enjoyable and engaging for them. Covid-19 has disrupted so many emotions for adults to deal with and our teens too have had huge disruption to cope with from being unable to go to school or college, meet their friends, play sport or engage in their favorite activities.

The Success 4 Teens Program helps teens to understand all the emotions; manage them better and set goals for a more enjoyable life which they are supported in with best in-class tools and techniques.

The online program runs from October 3rd on Saturdays for 2 hours over 4 weeks.

For teens who can’t make the scheduled times, the sessions are recorded so they can be played back at a time that suits their schedule.



About Joe Delaney: Well known in Boston, Joe and his wife Dolores lived in Dorchester for ten years. Joe worked in the travel industry for Crystal Travel and American Express. He completed a Masters Degree in Marketing and qualified in Coaching in 2008.

Upon returning to Loughrea in Galway he created and established Calp.ie - a Coaching & Training organization that supports individuals at all levels in their career and life. the company offers a range of services for teens right through to Senior Executives who run large complex multinational organizations.

Many will remember Joe in Boston as a Piper—he was the first piper to perform with the Drop Kick Murphys and also instructed the Boston Police Gaelic Column and 103rd IBEW pipe band.

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The Uniquely Irish Humour of Flann O'Brien

The extraordinary literary work of Flann O'Brien is funny, absurdist and satirical. In this short but fast-moving Zoom session, *The Here Comes Everybody Players* will introduce you to some of his most famous comic themes. Excerpts from his *Cruiskeen Lawn* column in the Irish Times (written under the name Myles na gCopaleen) will include the recurring figure of "The Brother," while pieces from his great novel, *At Swim Two Birds*, will provide a taste of his unique absurdist style. O'Brien, whose real name was Brian O'Nolan (1911-1966), is recognised as a major figure in twentieth century Irish literature and a key figure in experimental and modernist literature.

The session will include a brief discussion of the author's life and times and some short musical interludes.

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Donal O'Sullivan
Cathal Stephens

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Our Chat With Consul General Of Ireland To New England Laoise Moore

Recently, the Irish Pastoral Centre had a great chat with Consul General Laoise Moore. Through the Irish Governments recent and impressive international response to Covid 19 aptly named **Sláinte 2020**, the Pastoral Centre has been most fortunate and appreciative of Consular support and community funds through this initiative for those among us who were drastically affected by the shutdown. Consul General Moore who hails from Swords in Dublin was appointed to Boston in May 2019. Having served previously as Ireland's Deputy Consul General in Edinburgh, and at the Department of Foreign Affairs Head Quarters in Dublin, Boston is now home. Laoise lives in Brookline with her husband and their 5-year-old daughter. The USA appointment has brought a special bonus for Laoise as she has two sisters already living here.

It was interesting to learn that Laoise has a background in Human Genetics and World Archaeology focusing on the DNA of the Irish diaspora. It's a fascinating subject and we would love to host an evening with the Consul General at the IPC once restrictions are lifted to learn more about our global DNA.

At the Consulate, Covid 19 has brought many challenges. With the onset of the virus, the Consulate quickly focused on the acquisition of funds to support Irish citizens here in urgent need of assistance. Also, many J1 students were suddenly without work and the consulate helped those young students to get home. Laoise explained that Boston is fortunate to still have a daily flight to Dublin as some cities here and in Europe have cancelled direct flights. At this time the Irish authorities ask anyone coming to Ireland from the US to restrict their movements for 14 days, and people are required to fill out a Covid-19 Passenger Locator Form. Guidelines on Covid-19 and travel to Ireland are available at www.hse.ie. Clearly, our Consul General is as hopeful as we all are to put Covid 19 behind us soon. All of the Consulate staff miss being out and about in the community. For sure, the disconnect is most unfortunate and regrettable. However, Laoise remains in close contact and has expressed gratitude for the many community volunteers and Irish organizations who are supporting each other in so many ways stating that, "It's been a most impressive effort". It was lovely to catch up with our own Irish Ambassador who reiterates that the Consulate remains fully operational. For us here at the Pastoral Centre, we appreciate the kindness and support of the Consulate always and we certainly thank you Laoise for a great chat to share with our readers They will certainly enjoy!

Travel Advice

- The Government of Ireland continues to recommend against all non-essential international travel.
- While the US Government has introduced restrictions on travel to the US from Ireland, there are no restrictions on flights from the US to Ireland.
- Irish citizens, and others, are free to leave the US on any scheduled flights from a US airport and transatlantic flights continue to operate, albeit with schedule changes.
- The Irish Authorities **require** anyone coming into Ireland, apart from Northern Ireland, to **restrict their movements for 14 days**, this includes citizens and residents returning to Ireland.
- **Restricting your movements** means staying indoors in one location and avoiding contact with other people and social situations as much as possible. To ensure that this is being observed all passengers arriving to Ireland from overseas are obliged to complete a mandatory **Public Health Passenger Locator Form** and to submit it to the relevant authority at their port of entry. We also recommend that you download and use the [Covid-19 Tracker App](#) onto your phone.

IPC SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



Meet Patsy Dineen

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Each month, the IPC will feature a Senior Spotlight Story. Please reach out to our Senior Coordinator Mary Gorman at 617-265-5300 or email mgorman@ipcboston.org if you would like to be featured.

Originally from the Codman Square neighborhood of Dorchester, Patsy graduated from Cardinal Cushing High School and MassBay School of Nursing.

Patsy is a proud first generation Irish-American, Her mother Mary Grealish emigrated from Kilbriken, RosMuc, Co Galway and her father was fro Kusheeng, Oughterard, Co Galway. Patsy is the second of five children and currently lives in Weymouth with her husband of 38 years John and their dog Seamus. A Registered Nurse for forty years, Patsy worked in geriatric settings and retired the John Scott House in Braintree.

Patsy was delighted to gain her Irish dual citizenship three years ago. She enjoys attending Irish dances and Irish functions and frequently travels to Ireland with her sister Patsy also loves traveling on cruises.

A proud supporter of the Irish Pastoral Centre, Patsy is looking forward to volunteering and working with the Irish Pastoral Centre especially with the senior group once the Covid restrictions are lifted.

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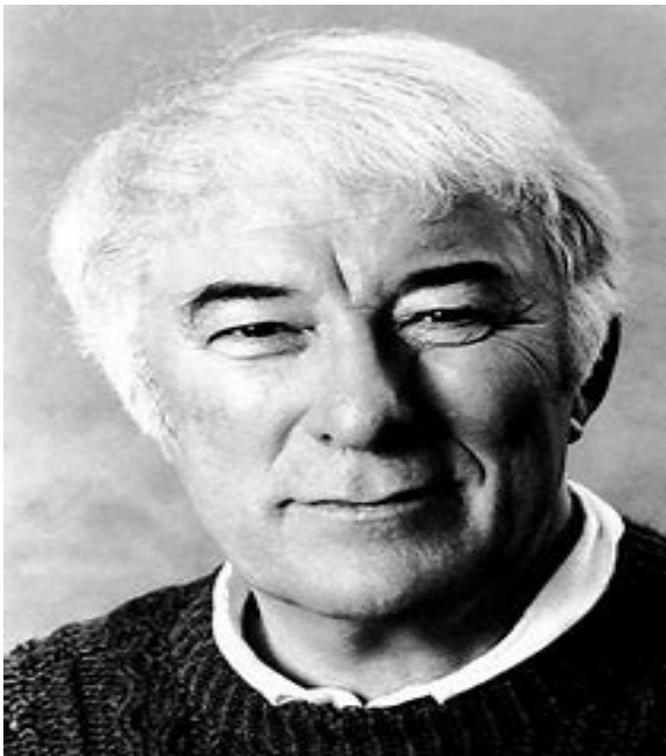
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Notable Quotes

“If we winter this one out, we can summer anywhere”

This one line from the Nobel-Prize-winning Irish poet Seamus Heaney has become a semi-permanent refrain on radio, TV and Twitter during the course of the pandemic. In 1972, Heaney launched a book of poems called “Wintering Out”. The quote refers to the situation in the North and it is said that he had taken the title of the book from the old farming custom of wintering cattle out in pasture. Heaney himself said “It is meant to gesture towards the distresses that we are all undergoing in this country at the minute. It is meant to be, I suppose, comfortless enough, but with a notion of survival in it”. (Irish Times)



**Nobel-Prize-winning Irish poet Seamus Heaney,
Apr 13, 1939 - Aug 30, 2013**

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The Irish Pastoral Centre is committed to welcoming the 'stranger among us.' We believe in justice for all, solidarity in the face of hardship, and that the bonds of community are rooted in the best of what it means to be Irish. We provide a grassroots response to individuals in need offering spiritual, social, legal, and educational support.



Artist Vincent Crotty's
Stunning Window Designs at the
IPC in Dorchester



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THE CELTIC SCRIBE

Uachtarán na hÉireann President Michael D Higgins has written a stunning poem encouraging Irish people to ‘take care’ during the current global pandemic situation.

The poem, called *Take Care*, was shared on the President’s Facebook page and encourages Irish people to keep the faith as ‘dark moments should not threaten belief’.

President Higgins urged followers to ‘hold firm, take care, come home together’.

Take Care — *by Michael D Higgins, President of Ireland*

In the journey to the light,
the dark moments
should not threaten.
Belief requires
that you hold steady.
Bend, if you will,
with the wind.
The tree is your teacher,
roots at once
more firm
from experience
in the soil
made fragile.
Your gentle dew will
come
and a stirring
of power
to go on
towards the space
of sharing.
In the misery of the I,
in rage,

It is easy to cry out
against all others
but to weaken
is to die
in the misery of
knowing
the journey
abandoned
towards the sharing
of all human hope
and cries
is the loss
of all we know
of the divine
reclaimed
for our shared
humanity.
Hold firm.
Take care.
Come home
together.



**Ireland's Presidential
Seal of Office**

“We Are A Parish Without Boundaries”

LOCAL POETS PAGE

This poem was written by Peter Groome, a friend of the Irish Pastoral Centre. His faith is strong and his prayers to St. Therese of Lisieux, who is commonly known as "The Little Flower," has brought him strength through difficult times. May we all have strength and faith as we navigate these uncertain time, and be reminded that we are not alone.

THE LITTLE FLOWER

T'was in one of my darkest hours,
that first I saw this beautiful flower,
No stem, no leaves, nor blooming petal;
Just the face of an angel
to sooth my troubles.

I asked for her help
with the problems that ailed me.
She rushed to my side
without any complexity.

I talked to her for many hours.
She promised from heaven,
she would send me flowers.

Not once was I judged
for my many sins,
as she prayed with me
about so many things.

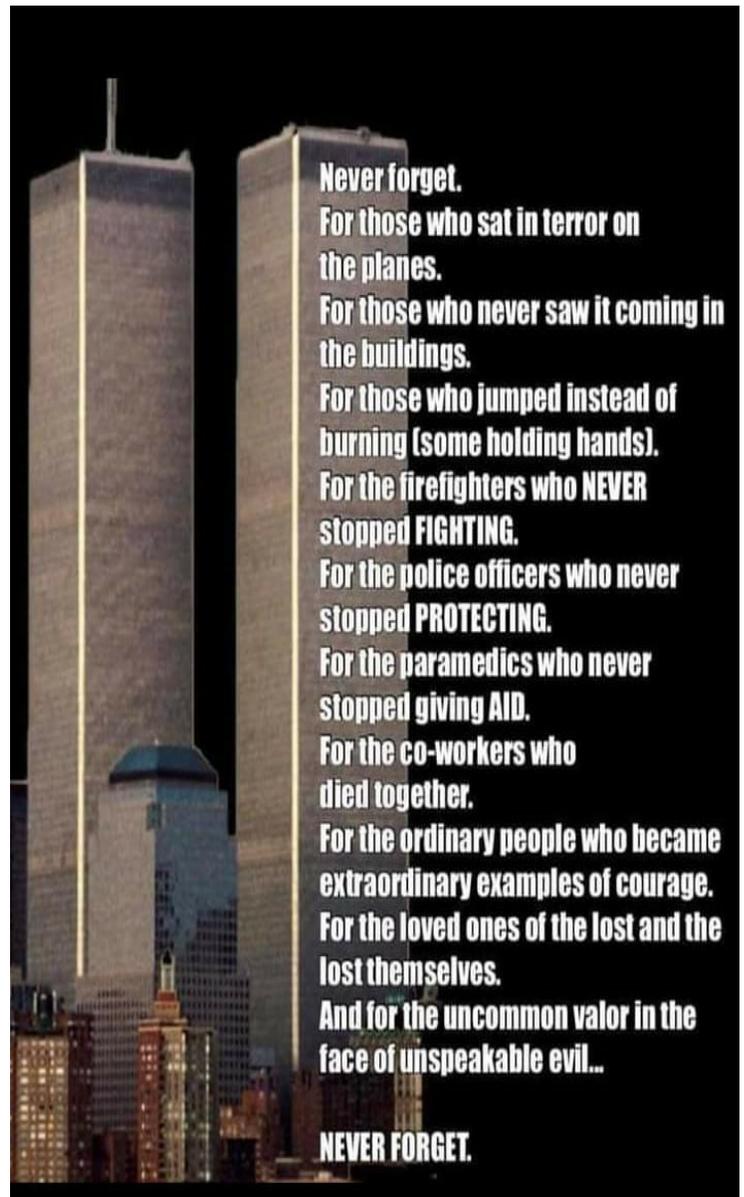
The sorrow, the pain,
and the suffering within.
I poured out my heart as
she consoled me and then,
I burst into tears
And I felt myself empty
Of the horrible fears,
That lie deep down inside me.

Then a soft smell of roses
filled my room,
As I felt the release
of my fear and doom.

As I reflected on my experiences
over the last few hours,
I realized that God sent me this
beautiful Flower



SEPTEMBER 11: NEVER FORGET



Community Sports

Happy 90th Birthday to GAA legend Mícheál O'Muircheartaigh.

*We're not sure who wrote this but
it's worth sharing.*

*One of Ireland's greatest live GAA
commentators; here are some of
Mícheál's famous witty comments
that are sure to stir great
memories.*



Seán Óg Ó hAilpín: his father's from Fermanagh, his mother's from Fiji. Neither a hurling stronghold.

...and Brian Dooher is down injured. And while he is, I'll tell ye a little story: I was in Times Square in New York last week, and I was missing the Championship back home. So I approached a newsstand and I said, "I suppose ye wouldn't have The Kerryman, would ye?" To which, the Egyptian behind the counter turned to me and he said, "Do you want the North Kerry edition, or the South Kerry edition?" He had both – so I bought both. And Dooher is back on his feet...

Anthony Lynch, the Cork corner-back, will be the last person to let you down – his people are undertakers.

Colin Corkery on the 45 lets go with the right boot. It's over the bar. This man shouldn't be playing football. He's made an almost Lazarus-like recovery from a heart condition. Lazarus was a great man but he couldn't kick points like Colin Corkery.

The stopwatch has stopped. It's up to God and the referee now. The referee is Pat Horan. God is God.

Teddy McCarthy to Mick McCarthy, no relation, Mick McCarthy back to Teddy McCarthy, still no relation.

I saw a few Sligo people at Mass in Gardiner Street this morning and the omens seem to be good for them. The priest was wearing the same colours as the Sligo jersey! 40 yards out on the Hogan Stand side of the field, Ciarán Whelan goes on a rampage... it's a goal! So much for religion.

He grabs the sliothar, he's on the 50! He's on the 40! He's on the 30... he's on the ground!

Pat Fox out to the forty and grabs the sliothar. I bought a dog from his father last week. Fox turns and sprints for goal... the dog ran a great race last Tuesday in Limerick... Fox, to the 21, fires a shot – it goes to the left and wide... and the dog lost as well.

In the first half, they played with the wind. In the second half, they played with the ball.

1-5 to 0-8... well, from Lapland to the Antarctic, that's level scores in any man's language.

Pat Fox has it on his hurl and is motoring well now, but here comes Joe Rabbitte hot on his tail... I've seen it all now, a Rabbitte chasing a Fox around Croke Park!

Teddy looks at the ball, the ball looks at Teddy...

Mike Houlihan for Limerick. He had his jaw broken by a kick from a bullock two months ago. He's back now. 'Twas some bullock that broke Mike Houlihan's jaw!

Sports News from Ireland

Another Boxing Victory for Ireland

Ireland's Katie Taylor, an Olympic gold medalist, two-weight world titlist and the current undisputed lightweight champion of the world delivered a unanimous decision over Belgian Delphine Persoon to retain her undisputed lightweight championship at the Matchroom Fight Camp in Brentwood, England on August 22.



SPORTS QUIZ

HURLING QUIZ FROM 2010—2020

- 1: Which county won the most All-Ireland titles?
- 2: Which county won the most Munster titles during this decade?
- 3: Who won the most Leinster titles?
- 4: Which of these teams did not win a provincial title? Waterford, Dublin, Clare or Wexford?
- 5: Who won the most All-Ireland club titles in the decade?
- 6: Clare, Galway and Limerick all ended long waits for All-Ireland glory, but who finished the longest drought?
- 7: Dublin won the Leinster Championship in 2013, for the first time since?
- 8: Which of these teams did not win a National League Division One title? Wexford, Waterford, Dublin or Clare?
- 9: Which of these counties did not eliminate Kilkenny from the championship this decade – Cork, Clare, Waterford or Limerick?
- 10: Who captained Clare to the All-Ireland title in 2013?



Quiz originally featured on SkySports.com

Answers are on page 5



Local Sports

Connaught Ladies Bid Fond Farewell to Teammate

The Boston GAA Connacht Ladies club would like to wish Catherine Boyle the very best of luck as she returned to the hills of Donegal earlier this week after almost 5 years in Boston. Catherine was a pivotal part of the Connacht Ladies teams since joining the club and will be dearly missed both on and off the field. Wishing Catherine the very best for all the future holds; you will always have a family here in Boston!



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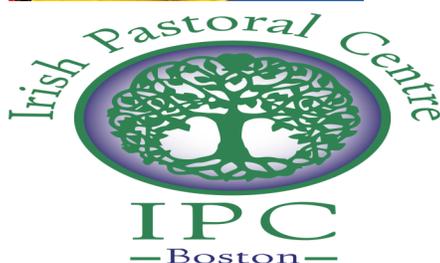
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