

Irish Pastoral Centre Newsletter



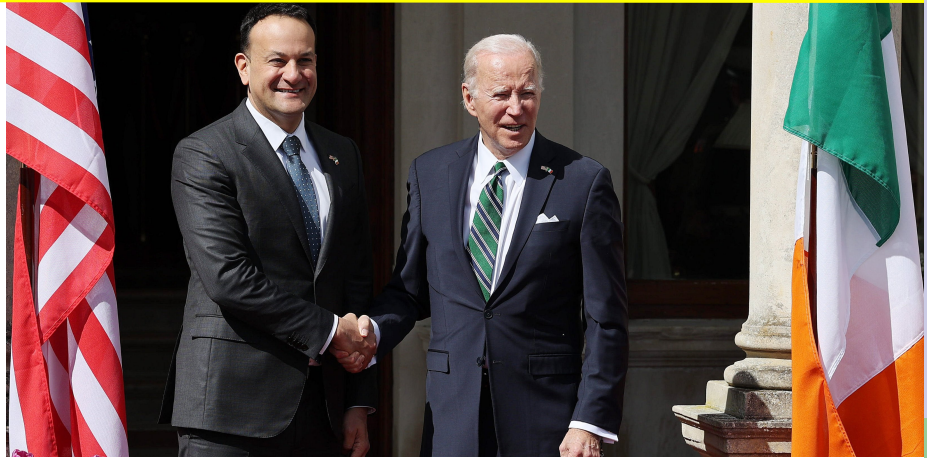
"We are a Parish without Boundaries."

*Serving the Greater Boston
Irish Community since 1987*

Welcome Home MR. President!

United States President Joe Biden fulfilled his campaign promise to visit Ireland in a trip that was part diplomatic and part homecoming. It seemed like the entire Counties of Louth and Mayo are related to him and the President was guaranteed the warmest welcome despite the cold and the rain.

In Belfast, President Biden commemorated the 25th anniversary of the Good Friday Agreement in Northern Ireland, "made whole by peace" in the decades since the Good Friday agreement brought an end to sectarian violence. "Your history is our history, but more important, your future is America's future," For more on the Presidents visit and the Good Friday Agreement, see page 14 & 15



Above: President Joe Biden meets with Taoiseach (Irish Prime Minister) Leo Varadkar at Farmleigh House, Dublin (merrionstreet.ie)



Left: President Joe Biden with President of Ireland Michael D Higgins as he signs the visitors book at Aras an Uachtarain, in Phoenix Park, Dublin (Brian Lawless / PA)



Well Done to the IPC 2023 Boston
Marathon Team!



Ard-Chonsalacht na hÉireann | Bostún
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Government of Ireland
Emigrant Support Programme



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

IPC News Desk

Dear Friends

I hope you all had a lovely Easter - it's great to see the stretch in the evenings and the great weather.

We've had a very busy April thus far but we have enjoyed lovely events also!

Our visit from Barn babies was a treat! Our toddler group and some of our Seniors were besotted with baby goats, puppies, bunnies, kittens and a baby pig - you will agree that the photos on page 17 are adorable!

We are seeing record numbers in our Le Cheile Sobriety Groups and we loved our very thoughtful Easter basket that was gifted by our friends in these programs.

Our Thursday night Cards group is quite spirited and always great fun. They will break for the summer at the end of April - keep this in mind for a great Fall program. We are very grateful to the Cards club for their support.

Fr John has been planning a New Bereavement group and shares details on page 8 and 9. If you know of anyone who is bereaved, this new group will offer great support and comfort.

Also, on Saturday May 6th, we will gather at the pastoral Centre at 4.30am in solidarity with Ireland's Pieta House Darkness into Light walk for suicide prevention. All funds raised will go directly to Pieta House in Ireland. We will walk from the Centre to pope John Paul II Park and return to the IPC for tea and coffee. All are welcome.

Pat Casey and Fr Dan formed a very entertaining duo and they "toured" our Senior programs with their manager Richard Archer! What a great week of stories and songs and fun and banter although Fr Dan seemed to highlight the County of Cork above all else - he is the proudest Cork man I know by far! This really was a most enjoyable week!

A massive thank you and congratulations to our 2023 Boston Marathon runners Annamarie Mackinnon and Eddie Marquis. Although Rita O'Toole couldn't take part this year due to an injury, she was there to support our runners over the line. Thank you to the IPC marathon team and special thanks to Mary Varden who raised significant funds for our community outreach program!

Upcoming events include our Annual Mothers Day lunch at the Cottage in Weymouth on Thursday May 11th and we will gather on Deer Ireland for a Mass of Commemoration on Saturday May 20th at 4pm.

In closing, my thanks as always for your friendship and support. On we go!

Mind yourselves,

Mary



Our Surprise Easter Basket from our IPC Le Cheile Sobriety Groups



IPC Board member & Boxer Mark Porter met our young friend Oisín in Belfast! A wonderful catch up for all.

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO WOULD LIKE THE IPC NEWSLETTER?

Call 617-265-5300 or email aocarroll@ipcboston.org to sign up to our mailing list.

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IPC News Desk



Welcoming Ireland's European Commissioner

Staff and Board members were delighted to attend a reception welcoming European Commissioner Mairead McGuinness hosted by Consul General Dr Laoise Moore to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Ireland's membership in the European Union. From County Louth, Commissioner McGuinness is the European Union Commissioner for Financial services, financial stability and Capital Markets Union.

IMPORTANT IPC NOTICE: EVENT PARKING

PLEASE PARK ONLY IN THE MAIN PARKING LOT OPPOSITE THE PASTORAL CENTRE OR IN OUR GUEST SPOTS OUTSIDE OUR DOOR. IF YOU ARE VISITING FOR AN EVENT, WE ARE HAPPY TO ISSUE YOU WITH AN EVENT CARD FOR YOUR CAR. PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE REAR LOT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES - THANK YOU.



Comhaltas Showcase at the IPC !



Comhaltas Showcase at the IPC mark your calendars for Sunday April 30th from 3 to 5 pm for an under 18 showcase of local trad talent. Hosted by Tara Lynch, *Chairperson of the Reynolds-Hanafin-Cooley Branch*, this very special event will be a spirited afternoon featuring the future of Traditional music in Boston. All are welcome!

Welcome Back Paddy!

We had a surprise visit from a pair of familiar faces this month! Former IPC staff member and man behind the newsletter, Paddy Davoren and his partner Aisling who were back to Boston from their new home in Florida!



GAA GAMES RETURN TO THE IPC!

The IPC will show the Munster, Leinster & Connaught Provincial Hurling and football Championship games as well as the quarter finals, semi finals and finals. More details to follow on our Facebook page. All are welcome.



American Red Cross
Training Services

The Pastoral Centre are excited to announce that we are working to receive our CPR certification. This is the first step in a two part process. We are hoping to purchase a portable automated external defibrillator (AED) and we will be trained on that once it arrives.

Sports Quiz Answers: 1. Glenswilly, 2. Mickey McCann 3. Fermanagh 4. Declan Bronner 5. 1972 6. Buncrana 7. 1990 8. Waterford 9. Black & Green 10. 4

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IPC Community News

Local World Champion!

Congratulations to Aidan Hurff from O'Shea Chaplin Academy in Newton who was crowned World Champion at Irish Dancing World Championships in Montreal. We hope all of the dancers from Boston had a wonderful experience!



Woman of the Year!

Congratulations to our great friend and neighbor Boston City Councilor Erin Murphy who was recently named County Roscommon Woman of the Year at the Irish Social Club's County Roscommon Association Annual Dinner Dance. Councilor Murphy is pictured with ISC President Richie Gormley who stated that the honor was granted in recognition of Cllr Murphy's tireless efforts in her work among her constituents, promoting Irish heritage and preserving Irish culture.



The Saw Doctors Hit Boston

Tuam's greatest export, the Saw Doctors will return to Boston after a 10 year gap to the United States. They will play in New York City on Friday July 7th at Hammerstein Ballroom and Boston on July 8th at MGM Music Hall. This will be a quick weekend visit for the band who will return for a homecoming Galway gig on July 21st. Rumour has it that the lads will be back for a larger tour in 2024.

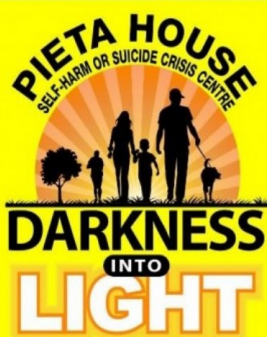
Please note that the following programs will be taking a Summer Hiatus and will return in the Fall!!

Cards 25

Toddler Tuesdays

Clorcal Comhra

Sunday music and all weekend events



SATURDAY, MAY 6TH 2023
4:45AM



DONATE HERE

ALL DONATIONS GO DIRECTLY TO PIETA HOUSE

Join us at the Irish Pastoral Centre as we walk with our community in aid of Pieta house!

We will gather in Darkness at the IPC, and walk together from darkness into light at pope John Paul Park. Tea/coffee and refreshments will be served after. All donations go directly to pieta house.



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News From Ireland

Cork Donkey Sanctuary now at Capacity

Donkey Sanctuary Ireland in Cork, which opened in the 1980s, currently cares for about 1,700 donkeys and employs more than 90 staff members, has been forced to cease taking new animals as it has reached capacity. "It doesn't mean that we won't be as busy as ever. It doesn't mean that we will be shutting our doors," sanctuary director Laura Foster told the Irish Times. Foster said the sanctuary took in 500 donkeys in 2015 alone. Last year, Donkey Sanctuary Ireland, which is Ireland's largest donkey shelter, responded to 905 calls to help donkeys, rehoming 160 animals.



Birth of Famous Storyteller Honoured

A series of events is taking place in Dún Chaoin, Co Kerry to commemorate the birth of Peig Sayers 150 years ago today. The renowned storyteller is widely regarded as one of the finest exponents of Ireland's oral tradition. Esteemed scholars such as Carl Marstrander and Robin Flower collected some of her stories. With the help of her son, Mícheál, her life-story was written down from oral dictation and 'Peig' was published in 1936. Her autobiography 'Peig' was "a compulsory text on the Leaving Certificate Irish curriculum from 1962 until 1995. The Irish Folklore Commission collected up to 375 stories from Peig along with a large amount of lore, amounting to over 5,000 pages.



Proposed New Rail Line of Donegal

Eamon Ryan has told TDs he has held a number of meetings on the restoration of train services to Co Donegal. Meetings with the engineering firm Arup and a transport expert appointed by former British prime minister Boris Johnson centred around the construction of a new rail line. The line would link the towns of Dungannon, Omagh and Strabane. In October of last year, then Minister for Infrastructure in the North, Sinn Féin's John O'Dowd, said the construction of a line between Portadown and Derry was one of number of projects being "explored". Such a line previously existed, as did a rail connection between Strabane and Letterkenny, but all have been closed for many decades, with the last train services in Donegal ceasing at the end of 1959.



Launch of new Irish Grown Wool Council

The launch of a new Irish Grown Wool Council (IGWC) has been welcomed, following a meeting of stakeholders from the wool and sheep sector. The all-island council will look to improve the quality of Irish-farmed wool and facilitate collaboration in product and market research, a huge potential for Irish farmed wool as an indigenous industry.



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News From Our Senior Outreach



540 Gallivan Boulevard (Rear), Dorchester, MA

Tuesday
May. 25th
10am-1pm

The IPC and Shine Program Monthly Individual Appointments!

SHINE (Serving the Health Insurance Needs of Everyone) is a program that provides free health insurance information, counseling and assistance with Medicare.

Call 617-265-5300 to schedule your appointment.

Fr. Dan and Band on Tour!

This month, Pat Casey and Fr Dan proved a very entertaining duo as they "toured" our Senior programs in Brighton, Weymouth, Dorchester and West Roxbury with their manager Richard Archer! What a great week of stories, songs and fun at each visit.



April Birthdays

Margaret Boyd	Mary Flaherty	Janet Kilderry
Bartley Collins	Mal Gallagher	Vera Lyons
Cathy Coppinger	Mary Geraghty	John Maguire
Jimmy Dowd	Peggy Glynn	Mary McKeeney
Maureen Egan	Trudy Hynes	Lois Morton
	Cara Kiff	Ann Ward



Reconnecting with their Roots !

We were delighted to have our Dorchester ladies call into the IPC for our Toddler Easter Party. During the visit from Barn babies the centre full of adorable animals including baby goats, puppies, bunnies, kittens and a baby pig! Peggy and Mary spent the afternoon reconnecting to their country roots, particularly besotted by this adorable baby goat! It was a fantastic afternoon for all See page 15 for more pictures from our Toddler party.



IPC Mother's Day Lunch

at the Cottage in Weymouth!

THURS, MAY 11TH 2023,
12- 3PM



Join us as we celebrate the mothers of our senior programs! Spaces are extremely limited. Sign up at our Coffee Groups Cara Club, Cafe Eireann, Young at Heart and Crossroad's Cafe!

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Fr. Dan's Page



Our Mother

Each May, we pause to honor mothers on Mother's Day. Its is a holiday that is celebrated in the United States as well as many other countries. All around the world during this month, the Church celebrated, in a special way that Mary is our mother. In a special way this month, we thank God for mothers. May we pray for them, whether they are still with us or have entered into eternal life. And may we allow Mary to magnify our prayers and bring us closer to her Son, Jesus.

Thank You All Who Sent Back

Rice Bowls!

Thanks to all our friends and supporters at the Irish Pastoral Centre for bringing back your Lenten rice bowls. They will go on to make a difference to our friends across the globe.



A Place of Knowing

As a young boy, I was taught the tenets of faith through simple stories and images. The glorious mystery of eternal life was presented on a felt board with cut-out pictures of clouds and angels playing harps. Eternal Life was "Up there", a place where good people went they died. But for mature Christians, Jesus brings a deeper truth. Eternal life is a place of knowing, a movement toward a more intimate awareness of an ever-present triune God. It is about encountering Jesus now in our lives of prayer and sacrament and service so we can continue to live in that known presence when our lives on earth are complete. We don't wait for eternal life. We live into it.

Good People

His homilies didn't gloss over failings or tiptoe around resentments. He tackled the hard stuff. But this priest always concluded sermons with "We are good people. We are all good people." He would repeat it. (it takes time to sink in.) We're all good? There are plenty of reasons to believe otherwise. But we are good people. Those words remind us that we were all created with the inherent goodness, and in faith that holds us to a higher standard. How do you view those around you, your colleagues at work or those who rub you the wrong way? Before answering, consider this: "Each of us is more than the worst thing we've ever done." God sees us beyond our failings. Let us pray to do the same.



Heaven is as much
under our feet as over
our heads"

-Henry David Thoreau

Jean

It was a woman named Jean who brought the reality of Easter home to me more than anyone. The last time I had seen her was just before Christmas more than 25 years ago. When she called, I could barely hear her. She was weak from months of radiation and chemotherapy. She asked me to come to her house so we could talk about her funeral. And so I did. As we spoke, we were surrounded by her husband and three teenage daughters. From our conversation that day, I was left with absolutely no doubt that she knew she was awaited by the one who had loved her into existence and would love her to the end. She knew that God had the final word in all things.



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Community Spotlight: Fr John



Fr John Reflects upon his recent return to Boston

There are few of us in life that get to realize our dreams not once but twice. It had always been a dream of mine to minister in the US and when the opportunity came as Chaplain at the Irish Pastoral Centre in Dorchester, I immediately expressed interest in the position and spent from 2005-2016 ministering to the Irish/Irish American community there.

Alas, after 11 great years serving the Irish community in Boston, I returned at the request of my Bishop to serve the parishioner of Limerick. While it was great being home, my heart longed to be back at the Irish Pastoral Centre and the passion and commitment to the people we serve. I committed seven years to my ministry in Limerick working in 5 churches and also during which time my mother passed away. With my mother gone and my yearning stronger for the mission of the IPC, I embarked on what I believed was an impossible mission, a return to the Irish Pastoral Centre in Boston.

I arrived back in Boston in December 2023 to begin my second term at Chaplain to the Irish Pastoral Centre. I am thrilled to be back, particularly back in Dorchester which holds a special place in my heart. I have so many great memories of my days living in St. Brendan's Parish and all the great Irish and Irish American people of that parish that I will never forget.

It is hard to believe that I am now back at the Pastoral Centre for the last 5 months and the time has gone by so quickly. It is wonderful to see all those friends whom I know going back the 11 years when I was here. Sadly, a lot of people have passed away in the 7 years

that I spent back home in Ireland, and I pray for each and every one of them, and I am back to continue my ministry and reconnect with the great friends I have made through the years.

The Irish Pastoral Centre has done an amazing job over the past seven years, with an increased number of staff and much valued volunteers, expanding programs and securing the funding to support these initiatives. The Centre now offers four Senior Coffee events and a weekly toddler group. Social workers & counselors are at the Centre to support the Irish and Irish American people in need. The prison outreach program which is very important and close to my heart is going from strength to strength.

I am delighted to announce that The Bereavement Support Program is being reinstated. Starting in early May we will be offering this program and plan to do so again in the Autumn. Our plan is to develop other programs as we continue to identify the needs of our community

In conclusion, I have to say that a highlight of my day is to visit Greenhill's Bakery where all the Irish still congregate for a coffee and a chat. It is great to be able to sit and listen to the stories, the problems and the joys of the people over a coffee. I am glad to be back and look forward to reconnecting with each and every one of you.



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Fr. John Reinstates IPC Bereavement Program

IPC Bereavement Group Begins May 4th

The Irish Pastoral Centre is delighted to announce the return of our Bereavement Support Group. There is an increased need for bereavement support in recent years as we emerge from the COVID pandemic and all that came along with it. Many in our community living in the Greater Boston area have suffered the loss of a loved one during the pandemic often not being able to travel back home for the Funeral services. Bereavement support however, is not just for those who cannot travel home for the Funeral services. It is for all who feel a sense of grief and loss following the death of a loved one.

Fr. John McCarthy and former Executive Director Sr. Marguerite Kelly initiated the Bereavement Group back in 2008 in response to several tragic deaths in the Boston area. Both quickly realized that immediate support was not sufficient. Over 160 people attended the Bereavement Support Group between 2008 and 2015. Not much has changed since 2008 in terms of the human need for support due to the loss of a loved one. It's a huge loss and an enormous change. "We still deal with suicides, we still see tragic accidents, we still see family members unable to travel home for the funeral services of loved ones" says Fr. McCarthy.

Plans are in place to identify a core group of volunteers who will be trained to facilitate several sessions throughout the year. If you are interested in volunteering and/or participating in the program, please contact Fr. John here at the Centre at (617) 265- 5300. The first Bereavement Support Group session begins on Thursday May 4th 2023 from 7pm to 8.30pm, and will run for 6 consecutive Thursday nights ending on June 8th. All are welcome to attend. Please call the IPC to register your attendance.

"I participated in the grief group offered by the Irish Pastoral Center in the Spring of 2015 and it was fabulous. I had lost my husband in August of 2014 but my grief was still like an open wound that I wore on my chest right out in the open. After six weeks of counseling, talking, and writing in my journal, I found my sore healing and my life finally getting back to being a place that I feel like I belong and that I want to be in"
– a former participant in the IPC Bereavement program



IPC Bereavement Group

Begins Thurs. May 4th, 2023

7pm - 8.30pm

The Bereavement Support Group will run for 6 consecutive Thursday nights ending on June 8th. All are welcome to attend. Please call the IPC (617-265-5300) to register your attendance.

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IPC NEWSLETTER COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Please contact Amy O'Carroll by emailing aocaroll@ipcboseon.org or calling 617-265-5300 x 2. If you or someone you know would like to be featured.

This page sponsored by the family of Margaret 'Peggy' Roach

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.

March 20, 2023, Barry J. Whelan, Woburn, Co. Dublin

March 22, 2023, Mary A. (Hanlon) O'Toole, West Roxbury, Co. Galway

March 25, 2023, John Earls, Milton, Co. Galway

March 30, 2023, Margaret Philomena "Peg" Conley, Jamaica Plain, Co. Galway

April 2, 2023, Julia (Quinn) O'Malley, Norwood, Co. Galway

April 6, 2023, Thomas A. "Tom" Caulfield, Dorchester, County Galway

April 12th, 2023, Michael "Joe" Harte, Dorchester, County Roscommon

April 15th 2023, Kathleen Sullivan, Dorchester, Co. Galway

Walking with grief

Do not hurry as you walk with grief;
it does not help the journey.

Walk slowly, pausing often:
do not hurry as you walk with grief.

Be not disturbed by memories
that come unbidden.
Swiftly forgive and let
Christ speak for you unspoken words.
Unfinished conversation
will be resolved in Him.
Be not disturbed.

Be gentle with the one
who walks with grief.
If it is you, be gentle with yourself.
Swiftly forgive;
walk slowly, pausing often.

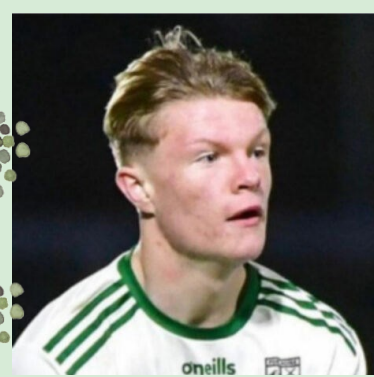
Take time, be gentle
as you walk with grief.

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Tragic Loss in Galway and Laois

Tributes were paid to two teenagers who died following a collision in Headford, Co. Galway. Lukas Joyce, 14, was pronounced dead at the scene of the single-vehicle collision, which occurred on the L6127 at Glennagarraun in the Ballyfruit area of Headford. Kirsty Bohan, also 14, was taken to University Hospital Galway, where she was later pronounced dead. Two other "teenagers who were also in the vehicle remain in hospital for treatment on their injuries.

In Laois, tributes have been paid to teenager from the Dublin Road area of Portlaoise, David Brown, who died in a quad bike crash. David was from the Dublin Road area of Portlaoise, and was an under-age player with Portlaoise GAA who also represented Laois county sides. St Mary's CBS in Portlaoise, where David was a third year student, also paid tribute to a "much loved, charming and vibrant" young man. *May their gentle souls rest in peace.*



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A Moment to Mind Yourself

Support For Families Impacted by Substance Abuse

“There is hope and you are not alone”

-Learn to Cope

Most of us are aware of the emotional pain and anguish people who are living with substance use disorders. (SUD) can experience but we often forget about the ripple effect on their families and friends. It can be just as devastating for families directly experiencing or witnessing the consequences of these addictions. Families can find themselves in the position of trying to protect the person with the disorder from harm, as well as other family members, in addition to trying to locate resources to make sense of what is happening all while living with chronic intense stress due to the unpredictable nature of the issue.

When I first started working in this field, families often got the message that they were somehow at fault for trying to get help for their loved one and given very direct advice on how to deal with difficult situations; they were seen as overly involved and labelled as “co-dependent” or “enablers” essentially helping the individual stay stuck in their addiction and were encouraged to “detach” completely, with the idea that “tough love” would help the person hit rock bottom and therefore be more likely to seek treatment.

Thankfully, we’ve come a long way in the field of substance use treatment since then with a more compassionate and effective approach for families. It is just as important for families to receive both peer and professional support as the person with the SUD. Education around topics such as understanding why people use drugs and alcohol, how people change and the road to recovery for all family members is vital. Skills related to communication, problem-solving in different situations, dealing with crises and conflict, setting boundaries can help reduce stress and strain. It is now recognized that families possess both

knowledge and expertise about their loved one and family situation. Issues relating to substance use are often complex, not clear-cut and require individualized solutions depending on the situation. Families have a right to decide for themselves what decisions to make, what they will or won’t do, what limits to set and what consequences to impose. It can be very helpful to process these options with a professional while also learning from other families who have lived experience.

Please see below for peer and professional support group options for families:

Peer Support:

Al-anon (if you are worried about someone’s drinking): <https://al-anon.org>; tel:+1-888-425-2666

Nar-anon (If you are worried about someone’s drug use): <https://www.nar-anon.org>;
(800) 477-6291 | toll free

Learn to Cope: Offering education, resources, and meetings (online and in-person) for families dealing with addiction and recovery:
<https://learn2cope.org>:

Professional Support:

Empowering Ones of People with Addiction: An Educational Group (Virtual)

When: 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month
(drop in any time for any number of sessions)

Time: 7 to 8:30 PM EST

Signing Up: email: empoweringfamilies@bmc.org
or text: FAMILYGROUP to 22828

If you have a loved one with a substance use disorder, you can reach out for free and confidential support to Gina or Danielle at the Irish Pastoral Center. 617-265-5300 or e-mail: ggallagher@ipcbboston.org or dowen@ipcbboston.org

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News From Celtic Angels

Celtic Angels Home Health Care Wins National Top Workplaces Award!

By Maria Burke, RN, Owner, Celtic Angels Home Health Care

I am so pleased to report that for the third year in a row, our organization has won the highly coveted Top Workplaces Award! In 2022, we won in 8 different categories. Those categories were: Health Care Industry, Innovation, Employee Appreciation, Work-Life Flexibility, Employee Well-Being, Purpose & Values, Leadership and Woman-Led. The awards were issued by Energage, the research company with more than 16 years of experience surveying over 27 million employees at 70,000 organizations. Top Workplaces awards are based solely on employee feedback.

I could not be more pleased to have won this coveted award for the third year in a row. This speaks to the dedication and strong commitment of our management team, and people like Elaine Conroy, Christal Trumbo, RN, Karen Manning, RN and staff including Emma O'Donoghue, Kacy Atkinson, Lynne Barnes, and Kate O'Sullivan. The never-ending, highest quality home care our CNAs' HHAs, RNs and staff continue to give to our clients day in and day out, year over year is astounding. Top Workplaces Culture Excellence awards celebrate organizations that excel in specific areas of workplace culture. Culture Excellence Award Descriptions

Health Care Industry

Celtic Angels Home Health Care was awarded one of the leading in-home health care companies in the nation.

Innovation

The Top Workplaces for Innovation award recognizes organizations that have created a culture where new ideas are encouraged, which helps employees to reach their full potential and benefits.

Employee Appreciation

The Employee Appreciation Top Workplaces award celebrates organizations who demonstrate gratefulness for the efforts of employees, and that employees reciprocate by being motivated to give their best at work.

Work-Life Flexibility

The Top Workplaces for Work-Life Flexibility award

recognizes organizations that have built a culture that enables employees to meet the demands of their personal lives while maintaining high performance.



Employee Well-Being

The Employee Well-Being Top Workplaces award celebrates organizations who put the health and wellness of their employees at the center of their workplace culture.

Purpose & Values

The Top Workplaces for Purpose & Values award celebrates organizations that have successfully communicated the company mission and integrated those aspirations into the culture. Top Workplaces awards are based on a research-backed, 24-item employee engagement survey.

Leadership

The Top Workplaces for Leadership award celebrates organizational leaders who inspire confidence in employees and the company direction. They listen to what matters most to employees and use that insight in decision making.

Woman-Led

The Woman-Led Top Workplaces award celebrates outstanding organizations whose most senior leader is a woman. These women have fostered and built stand-out workplace cultures that perform.

"Top Workplaces is a beacon of light for organizations as well as a sign of resiliency and impressive performance," said Eric Rubino, Energage CEO. "When you give your employees a voice, you come together to navigate challenges and shape your path forward. Top Workplaces draw on real-time insights into what works best for their organization, so they can make informed decisions that have a positive impact on their people and their business."



Celtic Angels Home Health Care

OUR CLIENTS LOVE US!

Hi, I'm Milo,
The Celtic Angels Home
Health Care Mascot.



"Your CNA
Kelly takes care
of my every
need. I'm in
excellent hands."
- Truly, Susan G.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

NEW PROGRAM!!



IRISH PASTORAL CENTRE

WALKING CLUB

Every Friday | May 5th
8:30 am - 10:00 am

Join us at the IPC for a weekly morning walk starting May 5th. Tea, Coffee and refreshments at the IPC after.
All welcome.

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Le Cheile Sobriety Support Program

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The IPC holds Sobriety Support meetings twice per week.
On Tuesdays at 7-8 PM is our "Ladies Le Cheile" group, which is by women-for women.
On Saturdays is our "Le Cheile" meeting at 6PM where all are welcome.



First Friday Fish & Chips Night!

JOIN US ON THE FIRST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH FOR FRESH FISH AND CHIPS !

ADVANCED REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.
CONTACT JEN: 617-265-5300

540 Gallivan Boulevard (Rear),
Dorchester, MA

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Indoor program ends April 25th

opportunity for bonding with your child, as well as meeting and socializing with other families in a relaxed Freeplay environment.



Irish Pastoral Centre,
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Dorchester, MA 02124

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FADO FADO: A Path to Peace



United Kingdom Prime Minister at the time, Tony Blair, and then Taoiseach (Irish Prime Minister) Bertie Ahern sign the Good Friday Agreement on April 10, 1998

25 Years of The Good Friday Agreement

Excerpt from Ireland.ie

Several events have taken place across Northern Ireland this month as people reflect 25 years on from the Good Friday Agreement which was signed on 10 April 1998. This remarkable document – based on political leadership, vision, and compromise – allowed us to break a cycle of violence that continued for 30 years. It was possible only through ground-breaking leadership from across the traditions of the island, from the Irish and British Governments, from our international partners, from civil society, and from ordinary people, all insisting on a peaceful, democratic future.

In 1969, peaceful campaigners for civil rights in Northern Ireland were met with a hostile response from authorities. This gave rise to widespread civil unrest and violent activity by paramilitary forces from both communities, and a conflict whose legacy is still with us today. This conflict, known as the Troubles, lasted for three decades. Over 3,500 lives were lost and many more injured, with countless lives impacted.

In 1994, following the ceasefires of IRA and Loyalist paramilitary organisations, a critical window of opportunity for further negotiations arose. On 22 May 1998, the Good Friday Agreement was put to the people in two referendums, both North and South of the border. The people of the island of Ireland, North and South, voted to resoundingly endorse the Good

Friday Agreement, with majorities of 71% and 94% voting 'Yes' respectively. This overwhelming democratic endorsement of the Agreement guarantees its enduring legitimacy and means the Agreement belongs to the people of this island in a unique way.

The impact of the Troubles and legacy of violence can still be felt today, and much work remains in order to truly fulfil the vision and values of the Agreement. The Government of Ireland is committed to implementing the Agreement in its totality to ensure that all communities and traditions can fully reap the benefits of peace. Northern Ireland has changed profoundly in the 25 years since the Agreement was signed, but the appetite for a peaceful, prosperous future has not. The Good Friday Agreement remains the foundation for a hopeful future as we look to what the current generation of young leaders and peacebuilders will achieve in the next 25 years.

"We must never forget those who have died or been injured, and their families. But we can best honour them through a fresh start, in which we firmly dedicated ourselves to the achievement of reconciliation, tolerance, and mutual trust, and to the protection and vindication of the human rights of all."

- The Good Friday Agreement, 1998



Taoiseach (Irish Prime Minister) Bertie Ahern, United States Senator George Mitchell, and United Kingdom Prime Minister at the time, Tony Blair signing the agreement in Belfast on 10 April 1998.

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Excerpt of President Bidens Remarks in Belfast

"It's good to see Belfast, a city that's alive with commerce, art — and, I'd argue, inspiration. The dividends of peace are all around us. And this very campus is situated in an intersection where conflict and bloodshed once held terrible sway. The idea, when I was here in '91 was highly unlikely. Where barbed wire once sliced up the city, today we find a cathedral of learning built of glass and let the shine — light out — in and out. It just has a profound impact for someone who has come back to see it. You know, it's an incredible testament to the power and the possibilities of peace."

"Twenty-five years ago this week, the landmark Belfast/Good Friday Agreement was signed. And it wasn't easy. I was a United States senator at the time. And I worked very closely with my good friend George Mitchell, who will be here, I believe, within a couple days. And there were no guarantees that the deal on paper would hold. No guarantees that it would be able to deliver the progress we celebrate today. And it took long, hard years of work to get to this place. It took a people willing to come together in good faith and to risk boldly for the future. Leaders for peace like John Hume and David Trimble and David Ervine and Monica McWilliams and Mary Robinson, et cetera. They were all people that I got to meet back then. And it took people all across Northern Ireland who made the choice to work for a brighter and a shared future."

"In 1998, it was the longest-running conflict in Europe since the end of World War Two. Thousands of families had been affected by the Troubles. The losses were real. The pain was personal. I need not tell many people in this audience. Every person killed in the Troubles left an empty chair at that dining-room table and a hole in the heart that was never filled for the ones they lost. Peace was not inevitable. We can't ever forget that. As George Mitchell often said, the negotiations had, quote, "Seven hundred days of failures and one day of success." But they kept going because George and all the many others never stopped believing that success was possible."

"Supporting the people of Northern Ireland, protecting the peace, preserving the Good Friday Agreement is a priority for Democrats and Republicans alike in the United States, and that is unusual today because we've been very divided in our parties. This is something that brings Washington together. It brings

America together. Your history is our history. But even more important, your future is America's future."

"Today's Belfast is the beating heart of Northern Ireland, and it's poised to drive unprecedented economic opportunity and investment from communities across the UK, across Ireland, and across the United States. The simple truth is that peace and economic opportunity go together. Peace and economic opportunity go together. In the 25 years since the Good Friday Agreement, Northern Ireland's gross domestic product has literally doubled. And I predict to you, if things continue to move in the right direction, it will more than triple."

"You know, it helped people all around the world to hope for renewal and progress in their own lives. And most of all, it allowed an entire generation of young people in Northern Ireland and across the UK and in the Republic of Ireland to grow up in a society mended by connection, made stronger by independence — interdependence and respect. That's the real power of the Good Friday Agreement: Compassion. It changed how this entire region sees itself."

In the words of Morrissey, Belfast's first poet laureate:

"What's left is dark and quiet...But book-ended by light, as when Dorothy opens the dull cabin door and what happens outside is technicolor."

"This place is transformed by peace, made technicolor by peace, made whole by peace. So today, I come to Belfast to pledge to all the people of Northern Ireland: The United States of America will continue to be your partner in building the future the young people of our world deserve. It matters to us, to Americans, and to me personally. It genuinely matters if you travel in my country. So, let's celebrate 25 extraordinary years by recommitting to renewal, repair; by making this exceptional peace the birthright of every child in Northern Ireland for all the days to come. That's what we should be doing. God willing, you'll be able to do it."



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News From The Irish Consulate



Message from Irish Consulate

Happy spring to you all! The Consulate would like to extend a warm congratulations to the Irish Pastoral Centre's Boston Marathon runners, Annmarie McKinnon and Eddie Marquis. What an amazing accomplishment!

This April, we mark the 25th anniversary of the signing of the Good Friday Agreement. In Boston, we had the privilege of welcoming Ireland's Commissioner to the European Union, Mairead McGuinness. Commissioner McGuinness met with members of the Irish community to celebrate 50 years of Ireland's membership of the European Union and to reflect on 25 years of the Good Friday Agreement. With a view to facilitating broader reflection on the 25th anniversary of the Good Friday Agreement, the Consulate is pleased to support Writing the Troubles. A Perspective on the 25th Anniversary of the Good Friday Agreement, a two day symposium hosted by Boston College. The symposium will feature and focus on female voices from the North of Ireland. For more information, visit the Boston College Event Calendar online.



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Last, our newsletter can be found in the News & Events tab on our website, www.dfa.ie/Boston.

May First Friday

You are invited to attend our May First Friday! Register to join us on May 5 for coffee and scones while we catch up with one another and hear all the latest community, cultural, and business news. We kindly ask that attendees are fully vaccinated against COVID-19, and that you do not attend if you have recently tested positive for Covid-19 or are experiencing symptoms. We also ask that you do not attend if you are otherwise feeling unwell. Registration is required and can be done via [Eventbrite here](#).



May Book Club at the Consulate

We are delighted to share that our next read for Book Club is "Trespases" by Louise Kennedy. "Trespases" is Louise Kennedy's critically acclaimed debut novel. Since its release in April 2022, "Trespases" was shortlisted for the 2022 Eason Novel of the Year, and earned Kennedy a spot on the 2023 Women's Prize for Fiction longlist. A summary of the novel can be found [here](#). We are pleased to also share that Louise Kennedy will be at Boston College on April 28 for Writing the Troubles. A Perspective on the 25th Anniversary of the Good Friday Agreement, which is supported by the Consulate General of Ireland, Boston.



Immigration News

Immigration and Citizenship Support Services Program

What we do: 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 how to apply for 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.



Immigrant's taxes play an outsized role in the U.S. Government's Fiscal Health

Elizabeth Trovalli Apr 11, 2023

It's tax season, and foreign workers, refugees and undocumented immigrants are among those scrambling to file by the April 18 deadline.

Immigrants paid \$525 billion in local, state and federal taxes in 2021 according to the American Immigration Council. As it turns out, those contributions are key to the government's fiscal health. Roughly a quarter of Houstonians are foreign-born, so tax preparation goes down in many languages, including "English, Spanish, Chinese, Burmese, Vietnamese," said Raymond Nguyen with BakerRipley, a nonprofit that helps thousands of Houston's immigrant families file their taxes. "It's a lot of explanation, hand-holding for them, especially for the folks that are filing for the first time," Nguyen said. Those contributions from immigrants punch above their weight, according to Steve Hubbard of the American Immigration Council. "They're more likely to be working than just in the general population," Hubbard said, which would mean immigrants pay a greater share of taxes than their overall population numbers would suggest. They also have a positive fiscal impact because many come as young adults, ready to work and pay taxes — and the government didn't have to spend a dime on their education. "Immigrants pay \$1.38 in taxes for every \$1 that they consume in government benefits," said Alex Nowrasteh with the Cato Institute. As for U.S.-born folks? They pay just 69 cents in taxes for every dollar Uncle Sam spends on them.

(Source: Elizabeth Trovalli Apr 11, 2023)

Upcoming Legal Clinics:

Tuesday, May 2, 2023

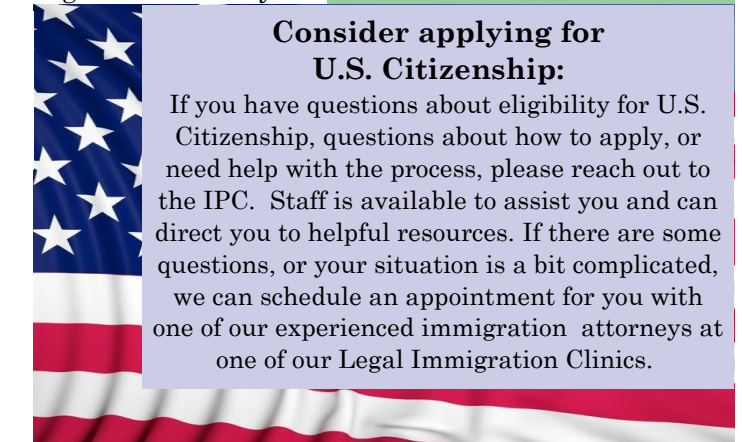
Tuesday, May 23, 2023

Tuesday, June 6, 2023

Appointments are scheduled in advance. If you would like to schedule a phone consultation with an attorney, contact Maryann Casavant at 617-265-5300 or by email mcasavant@ipcboston.org

Consider applying for U.S. Citizenship:

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.



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Immigration News

USCIS Announces New Procedure for Obtaining ADIT Stamp

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On March 16, 2023, USCIS announced a new procedure to obtain ADIT stamps, which constitute temporary evidence of permanent residence, typically issued while Form I-90, I-751, or N-400 applications are pending. This new procedure is due to USCIS delays in processing these applications

When is an ADIT stamp needed?

For permanent residents, where an I-90 has been filed, and the 24-month extension listed on the receipt notice has expired. For conditional “residents, where an I-751 or an I-829 petition to remove conditions has been filed, and the 48-month extension listed on the receipt notice has expired. For permanent or conditional residents who have filed one of the above applications, but the original card was never received or was lost/ stolen/ destroyed/mutilated, so there is no physical card to show with the receipt notice for travel, work, etc.

When is an ADIT stamp not needed?

For permanent or conditional residents in possession of their expired cards, who have a receipt notice listed above and the corresponding automatic extension listed on the receipt notice has not yet expired. When a permanent resident has filed form N-400 on or after December 12, 2022, and the N-400 was filed at least six months before the expiration of their LPR card, the N-400 receipt will provide an automatic extension of their LPR card for 24 months. An ADIT stamp will not be needed within that 24-month extension period.

Under the prior procedure, residents were required to call the USCIS Contact Center, request an InfoPass appointment, wait for that appointment to be scheduled, and then attend the appointment at the local USCIS Field Office to obtain the ADIT stamp in their passport. Due to delays at the Contact Center and limited InfoPass appointment availability, many residents were not able to get

ADIT stamps in a timely manner. Under the new procedure, USCIS will mail temporary evidence of permanent residence to those who request it. In order to make a request, residents must follow these steps:

- 1. Call the USCIS Contact Center at 800-375-5283**
- 2. Verify their identity and address with the USCIS officer.**
- 3. The officer will determine if an in-person InfoPass appointment is needed or if USCIS can provide an ADIT stamp through the mail.**

An in-person appointment will be needed for those who have an urgent need for an ADIT stamp, do not have a useable photo in the USCIS system (such as through prior biometrics collection), or in circumstances in which the USCIS officer cannot confirm the resident’s identity or address.

For those who do not need an InfoPass appointment, the USCIS Field Office that has jurisdiction over the resident will receive the resident’s information and will issue a Form I-94 with an ADIT stamp, DHS seal, and printed photo of the resident, and mail it to them at the address they provided. This document will be valid for up to one year.

Only the following legal permanent residents can use this procedure:

1. Legal permanent residents who do not have a green card (such as those who have been approved for residence and are waiting for their green card to be issued)
2. Legal permanent residents with a Form I-90, I-751, or N-400 application pending and whose automatic extension (as listed on their receipt notice) has already expired

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Immigration News



How to obtain a Massachusetts Driver's License for Immigrants

The Work and Family Mobility Act is now officially law in Massachusetts and will become effective in July 2023. **Beginning in July 2023, Massachusetts residents can apply for a standard driver's license, regardless of immigration status.** While waiting for the law to come into effect, you can prepare by learning about the process and obtaining the necessary documents.

What Are The Requirements for a Standard Massachusetts Driver's License?

Be at least

16+ years old



Documents that prove your identity and state residency



Pass a Learner's Permit written exam



Pass a Road Test

What Documents Do I Need?

Proof of identity and date of birth:

- One document from **List A** and One document from **List B**.

*At least one document must include a photo and at least one document must include the date of birth.

*Foreign documents must have a certified English translation.

List A:

- Foreign passport that is unexpired.
- Consular identification document that is unexpired.

List B:

- Driver's license from any US state or territory that is unexpired;
- Foreign birth certificate that is original or certified;
- Foreign national ID card that is unexpired;
- Foreign driver's license that is unexpired;
- Marriage certificate or divorce decree issued by a US state or territory.

Proof of Massachusetts Residency:

* [More information about documents and how recent they must be.](#)

One document from the list below that shows you live in Massachusetts:

- A Massachusetts RMV- issued document.
- Letter from a state/federal/municipal/city/town/county agency.
- Utility bill, credit card statement, medical/hospital statement, or cellphone bill.
- Current lease/mortgage or similar rental contract.
- Financial-related documents including pay stub, W-2 wage, and tax information.
- School-issued documents including letter from school, transcript, proof of enrollment.
- Car insurance, renter's insurance, or homeowner's insurance policy for the current year.

Social Security Denial Letter or Social Security Number

If you have a Social Security number, provide it. If you do not have a Social Security Number you must get a "Denial Letter" from the Social Security Administration. The date of the letter must be less than 60 days old when you apply for your license.

How Do I Apply for a Standard Massachusetts Driver's License?

Remember - you cannot apply under the new law until July 2023!

Start your application [online](#) and schedule a Class D learner's permit exam at your local [RMV Service Center](#). There is a \$30 application fee.

- The exam is available in **34 languages**. To pass, you must finish in 25 minutes and have at least 18 correct answers out of 25.
- The learner's permit exam tests your understanding of Massachusetts motor vehicle laws and safe driving practices. A learner's permit gives you permission to drive while you practice your driving skills and prepare for your road test.
- After you obtain a learner's permit, you must take and pass a road test to obtain your driver's license. If you are under 18 years of age, you must meet all [junior operator requirements](#).

Additional Resources

Download and study the [Class D driver's manual](#) and [practice the learner's permit exam](#).

Celtic Scribe



Easter 1916

By William Butler Yeats

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.

From The Cure at Troy

Seamus Heaney

Human beings suffer,
 They torture one another,
 They get hurt and get hard.
 No poem or play or song
 Can fully right a wrong
 Inflicted and endured

History says, don't hope
 On this side of the grave.
 But then, once in a lifetime
 The longed-for tidal wave
 Of justice can rise up,
 And hope and history rhyme.

So hope for a great sea-change
 On the far side of revenge.
 Believe that further shore
 Is reachable from here.
 Believe in miracle
 And cures and healing wells.

Call miracle self-healing:
 The utter, self-revealing
 Double-take of feeling.
 If there's fire on the mountain
 Or lightning and storm
 And a god speaks from the sky.



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DEER ISLAND 2023

Deer Island Famine Memorial Mass



The IPC Mass of Remembrance at
the Deer Island Famine Memorial
on Saturday, May 20th at 4PM



ANSEO LE CHEILE - HERE TOGETHER

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Irish Pastoral Centre Community Calendar

IPC Weekly Events Calendar

Mondays:

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

Monday Night: Social Work Clinic by Appointment. See Page 12 for details.

Tuesdays:

Young at Heart @ St. Jerome's New Parish Center 1-3pm
Mother and Toddler Group 10am
"Le Cheile" Woman's Group @ IPC
7:30-8:30PM

Tuesday Night: Immigration Clinic by Appointment. See Page 18 for details

Wednesdays:

Café Eireann @ IPC 10-12 PM
540 Gallivan Blvd,
Dorchester MA

Thursdays:

Knitting Club @ IPC 11AM-1PM IPC
Crossroads Café @ St. John's Chrysostom
4750 Washington St,
West Roxbury, MA
25 Cards 8pm

Saturdays:

"Le Cheile" Here Together Sobriety Support Group

*****PLEASE NOTE*****

Café Eireann will now take place at our new location, 540 Gallivan Blvd!
Crossroads Café has moved to St. John's Chrysostom in West Roxbury
As always, if you have any questions, please reach out to Jennifer, the IPC Operations Manager.

MONTHLY EVENTS AT IPC

First Wednesday of the month—Irish language conversation evening 6—8pm

First Friday of the month—Fish and Chips supper Club

Monthly Sunday Sing a longs :3-5pm

Monthly Trad Music Session: 3-5pm

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 2023 EVENTS IN THE GREATER BOSTON AREA

The Irish Social Club, 119 Park Street, West Roxbury MA

May 07, 2023: John Connors Band.

May 14, 2023: Silver Spears Band.

May 21,, 2023: Erin's Melody with Margaret Dalton.

May 28,, 2023: Tommy Byrne Band.

The Irish Cultural Centre, 200 New Boston DR., Canton MA

May 01, 2023: Irish Music classes, Irish Language classes, Step Dancing.

May 07, 2023: Mass at 11.00 am followed with Irish Breakfast.

May 10, 2023: Gerry O'Connor Fiddle workshop

May 13, 2023: Rose of Tralee - 5.00 pm - Selection Festival.

May 20, 2023: The Humors of Bandon

For information please call the ICC at (781) 821-8291

The Irish Music Club of Greater Boston

May 06, 2023: Dance for the club is held at the Irish Social Club 119 Park Street West Roxbury. Black Velvet Band from 7.00 until 10.00 pm. Admission \$10.00. Door prize, raffle and complimentary refreshments.

THE KNIGHTS AND LADIES OF ST. FINBARR - CORK CLUB

May 13, 2023: The Cork club will return to dancing with the outstanding Fintan Stanly at the K of C 15 Winslow St. Arlington. A large crowd is expected due to the return of Fintan Stanley. Music from 7.00 pm. During the evening you can enjoy tea, coffee and delicious pastries baked by our own officers and guests. There will be a 50/50 raffle, Please tell your friends and family. All are always welcome.

THE NORWOOD IRISH MUSIC CLUB:

May 20, 2023: John Connors Band will entertain for the clubs May dance at the K. of C. 527 Nichols St. in Norwood. Donation \$10.00. You can enjoy complimentary refreshments. 50/50 and member's raffle. Enjoy dancing in a beautiful hall. Cash bar run by the K of C. free parking.

THE NORTH SHORE IRISH ASSOCIATION:

May 20, 2023: The Silver Spears Band play from 7 -11pm at the K. of C. Hall 223 West Foster Street Melrose. Enjoy great music and people. Full bar service available always a great cup of coffee and a raffle.

COMHALTAS CEOLTOIRI EIREANN:

May 07, 2023: The Reynolds, Hanafin, Cooley branch of CCE will have a Ceili at the Canadian American Club 202 Arlington St Watertown from 3 - 7pm. Donation \$15.00, members \$10.00

COUNTY SLIGO ASSOCIATION OF BOSTON, INC.

May 01, 2023: Will meet at Waterford's in Dedham at 8.00 pm. For info on the Co. Sligo Assn. call Ray McVeigh (617) 293-4069 or Mary Gorman (617) 293-7047.

The Knights and Ladies of St. Finbarr - Cork club is happy to supply this information as a public service. Information shown is always subject to change or cancellation so kindly check with your club or association if in doubt. The Cork Club welcomes all new members. All Welcome, even if not from Cork.



IPC May Calendar of Events

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 Social work Clinic: @IPC by appointment only Cara Club: Storytelling & Song w/Caoimhe	2 Immigration clinic 6pm: (by appointment only) Ladies le Cheile Sobriety Support program: 7-8pm Young at Heart: Storytelling & Song w/Caoimhe	3 Cafe Eireann: Gather Health Primary Care	4 Knitting Club @IPC 11am Bereavement Group @IPC 7pm Crossroads Cafe: Exercise W/Eileen Smith	5 Supper Club: Fish & Chip 5pm-7pm Call Jen to reserve: 617-265-5300 Walking Club @IPC 8:30am
8 Social work Clinic: @IPC by appointment only Cara Club: NO PROGRAMS RUNNING	9 Ladies le Cheile Sobriety Support program: 7-8pm Young at Heart: NO PROGRAMS RUNNING	10 Cafe Eireann: NO PROGRAMS RUNNING	11  ANNUAL MOTHERS DAY LUNCHEON Bereavement Group @IPC 7pm Crossroads Cafe: NO PROGRAMS RUNNING	
15 Cara Club: Exercise W/Eileen Smith	16 Ladies le Cheile Sobriety Support program: 7-8pm Young at Heart: Yoga W/Deirdra Kelly	17 Cafe Eireann: Celtic Angels BP Checks Yoga W/Deirdra Kelly	18 Knitting Club @IPC 11am Bereavement Group @IPC 7pm Crossroads Cafe: Exercise W/Eileen Smith	19 Walking Club @IPC 8:30am
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29 	30 Ladies le Cheile Sobriety Support program: 7-8pm Young at Heart: Gather Health Primary Care	31 Cafe Eireann: BINGO	**SPECIAL EVENTS** Sat, May 6th: Darkness into light, walk in aid of Pieta House Thurs, May 11th: Mother's Day Lunch @ the Cottage Sat, May 20th: Deer Island Memorial, 4pm	

- Monday, 1-3pm, Cara Club: Veronica Senior Center, 20 Chestnut Ave, Brighton MA, 02135
- Tuesday, 1-3pm, Young at Heart: St. Jerome's, 632 Bridge Street, Weymouth, MA, 02191
- Wednesday, 10am-12pm, Cafe Eireann: IPC, 540 Gallivan Blvd. (REAR), Dorchester, MA, 02124
- Thursday, 1-3pm, Crossroads Cafe: St. John Chrysostom, 4750 Washinton St, West Roxbury, MA,

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SPORTS NEWS FROM IRELAND

Ireland vs USA

The Republic of Ireland and the US Women's National Team went head to head at the Q2 Stadium in Austin, Texas and CITYPARK in St. Louis, Missouri ahead of the 2023 Women's World Cup. USA defeated Ireland 2-0 and suffered a huge loss in the match when striker Mallory Swanson tore a patella tendon and will more than likely miss the upcoming World Cup. Ireland was narrowly beaten 1-0 by the world number one team in the second game. With the World Cup now weeks away, Vera Pauw, the Ireland manager has been eager to test her side's mettle against the very best teams in the world and there's are none stronger than the USA.



Ireland Bid to Host Euro 2028

The UK-Ireland bid to host Euro 2028 was submitted to UEFA with Croke Park excluded from the proposed stadia to be used in favour of the Aviva Stadium and a redeveloped Casement Park. The Irish Government agreed final details signing off details were at an incorporeal Cabinet meeting. The Taoiseach noted: "This tournament represents a huge opportunity for Ireland to welcome Europe and the world to our shores, to display our world-class facilities and to host an event that benefits all. It is also an opportunity to ensure long-lasting benefits for League of Ireland, local and youth football." Almost three million tournament tickets would be available if the bid is successful, more than another previous Championships.



Limerick Claim National Hurling League Champions 2023

Kilkenny 0-15 Limerick 2-20

There was no sweet revenge for Kilkenny over Limerick as John Kiely's team won the 2023 Allianz Hurling League Division One final 2-20 to 0-15 at Páirc Uí Chaoimh in Cork for the first time since 2020. It took Limerick 15 minutes to score from open play, nothing but green as his team went on to lift the first national piece of silverware of the season.



Clare Dump Cork From Munster Championships

Clare 0-14 Limerick 0-13

Clare edged out Cork in Cusack Park to advance to the Munster Football Championship semi-finals and put a number of counties in jeopardy of missing out on the All-Ireland Football Championship. Clare face Limerick in the Munster semi-final, both having been relegated to Division 3 in the spring, with one of them destined to break into the Sam Maguire competition.



Local Sports

Gormley Haired as “heartbeat” of Team Ireland

Congratulations to Orlaith Gormley from Quincy, daughter of well known Deirdre and Dermot Gormley who recently competed on the Ireland U18 squad that recently won the U18 Girls Four Nations title following a stunning 60-53 comeback win against England at Archers Arena in Cardiff. A shining star in Basketball here in Boston, Orlagh shattered the North Quincy school record for points in a game before transferring to Dexter Southfield where she has now amassed over 1,000 career points establishing herself as one of the most talented point guards in Massachusetts well before being selected to join the Ireland under-18 women’s national team. Playing for Ireland has been a tremendous honor and all of us here at the IPC wish Orlaith the best as she moves on to college basketball at Boston University.



Boston Shamrock wins Overseas Award

Boston Shamrocks LGFC’s board member and player, Christina McLaughlin achieved the 2022 overseas award from Malin GAA Club! Her father accepted the award on her behalf (pictured here). Christina was involved in Malin coaching underage girls before moving to Boston where she remained heavily in the GAA. Club Chairperson, Eileen Kerin noted “She is a great club person between driving girls to training and helping out cleaning up the GAA grounds. She has been a treasurer for the last couple of years and is one of the main fundraisers for the club. She volunteers two nights a week at the



New York Create History to Claim First Connacht Championship Win

New York made history by beating Leitrim at Gaelic Park in the Bronx. in a dramatic penalty shootout after extra time. This is the county’s first ever game win the Connacht Senior Football Championship, a victory the Exiles have been in search of the milestone since first entering the competition in 1999.

Although Leitrim started strong by racing into a three point lead after seven minutes, the match was closely fought. Shane Carthy who is a well known player for Donegal Boston’s FC then rescued the tie in the eight minute of stoppage time with his third point to send the game to extra time. The all-Ireland winner, who grew up in New York, made his intercounty debut with the county in 2009 before returning to Dublin. The score turned to a 0-15 apiece at the end of extra time, sending the match into penalties. New York claimed victory after winning the subsequent penalty shootout 2-0 which was sealed by the right boot of hometown hero Mike Brosnan who rifled the winning penalty into the top left hand corner sparking scenes of wild celebrations as an avalanche of New York supporters surged onto the pitch. New York will now play Sligo in the Connacht Senior Football Championship semi-final in Sligo on April 23, with the winners advancing to the Connacht final and guaranteeing their place in the All Ireland series.



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IPC Volunteer Awarded Boston Bruins 2023 John Carlton Memorial Trophy.

Congratulations to Sean Keohane from Milton - our IPC Shamrock helper on St Patrick's Day who also greeted everyone at Florian Hall. Sean, a defenseman with Dexter Southfield "Academy is the recipient of the Boston Bruins 2023 John Carlton Memorial Trophy.

The John Carlton Memorial Trophies are given annually by the Boston Bruins to the outstanding female and male student athletes in Massachusetts high school or junior hockey. The Trophies are awarded to students who excel in hockey and in off-ice endeavors, including academics and extracurriculars. "The award is in honor of the late Bruins scout and administrator **John Carlton**, who passed away in December of 1982 after a long and dedicated tenure in hockey at all levels of the game. At Dexter Southfield, Keohane played four years at the varsity level while helping his team advance to the Elite 8 NEPSAC 1 Tournament twice, including the finals in 2020. Serving as captain during his senior season, he scored four goals and 12 assists for 16 points in 32 games, earning recognition as a member of the All-NEPSAC Team. Sean will now play one season in the USHL before attending Harvard University in the fall of 2024. Sean was honored at the Bruins game against the Washington Capitals on April 11 at TD Garden. - A champion on and off the ice, we are all so delighted for him! Congrats also to proud Mom and Dad Sean and Eileen!



Donegal GAA Sports Quiz

- 1: Which club does the former Donegal football Captain, Michael Murphy play for?
- 2: Who is the current Donegal hurling manager?
- 3: Who ended Donegal's All-Ireland SFC dreams in 2004?
- 4: Who scored Donegal's last point in the 1992 All-Ireland football final?
- 5: What year did Donegal win their first Ulster SFC?
- 6: 2012 All-Ireland winner Ryan Bradley played for which club?
- 7: In what year did Donegal win their fourth Ulster SFC title?
- 8: Who did Donegal beat to win the 2010 All-Ireland Intermediate Ladies Football Championship?
- 9: What colours do Setanta predominantly wear?
- 10: How many All-Star awards did Donegal's Karl Lacey win?

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