

# Irish Pastoral Centre Newsletter



*“We are a Parish without Boundaries.”*

*Serving the Greater Boston  
Irish Community since 1987*

## REMEMBERING SR. VERONICA DOBSON



On December 20, 2021 our founding Director, Sister Veronica Dobson C.S.B entered into eternal life.

Sr. Veronica & Fr. Dan developed the growth of the Centre from a tiny room in the rectory of St. Mark’s Church in Dorchester. From that solid foundation the IPC has grown into a full-service community support and resource organization that is now in its 35<sup>th</sup> year.

Her goal was to create a home away from home for the wave of new Immigrants to Boston in the 1980’s and her welcome has stood the test of time for many who still give Sr. Veronica great credit for their own transition to the US.

Born on February 22nd, 1923 in Co. Offaly she was the eldest of six children. She entered into the Congregation of Sisters of St. Brigid in Ireland and made her profession of Vows on Aug. 24, 1944. She was loved and adored by all who knew her and an inspiration to many. Some would even call her the: “Mother Teresa of Boston”.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam dílis  
May She Rest in Peace



*“No Matter How Hard  
Things get, there is always  
hope”  
- Sr. Veronica*

### NEW AMBASSADOR TO IRELAND CONFIRMED

The IPC extends its heartiest congratulations to Massachusetts State Representative Claire Cronin on her new post as US Ambassador to Ireland. MA native Claire Cronin is the 25th US Ambassador to Ireland, and the first female to hold the role in more than 20 years.



Government of Ireland  
Emigrant Support Programme



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# IPC News Desk

Dear friends,

On behalf of our Board of Directors and our staff, we would like to wish you a prosperous new year while expressing our heartfelt gratitude for the generosity you have demonstrated toward the Pastoral center during these trying times.

All of us are grateful for our community's collective generous spirit which is truly something to celebrate; from the small acts of kindness that you have shown to the broader spirit of generous giving that fuels the work that we do.



Our wish for 2022, like all of you, is for this pandemic to end. Our frustration and disappointment with not knowing when it's safe to gather again has dampened our spirits. We miss you!

However, we must acknowledge that Covid has brought a lot of new collaborations and shared vision and we must keep this momentum going. Plans are underway to meet again soon.

We gathered here together for Sr Veronica's funeral and many stories have been shared. I didn't know her well, but I hear she was kind and tough on our behalf. She made it difficult to say no when she reached out and she was always gracious and grateful. Its clear that her mighty efforts are the cornerstone of the Pastoral Centre. May her gentle soul rest in peace. Our centre pages this month are dedicated to Sr. Veronica.

If you have time on a Tuesday or Thursday, please consider joining our Irish Senior Connect team. We place calls to older people in our community and this contact is very much appreciated. We meet here at the centre at 11am. Please call Ellen Leary at 617 265 5300 - you will be most welcome.

The shocking news of Ashling Murphy's murder in Tullamore was just awful. The vigils worldwide were lovely tributes and we are very grateful to Comhaltas, Maureen Keady, Regina Kennedy and Mary Joyce for organizing our vigil in Boston. Our thanks to Bill Brett and Ed Forry for capturing our vigil on camera and to Paddy Davoren for the live feed. Thanks especially to Blackie Quinn who sang a mighty rendition of the Offaly Rover. It was one of the moments where a song can creep in to your soul. It was very moving. Ashling's family remain in our thoughts and prayers.

Finally, as this pandemic lingers, still without an expiration date, let's focus on springtime with sunshine and walks and gatherings and celebrations without restrictions once again. I would love to be able to say with certainty that we are almost there!

Staying positive in the meantime,

Mind yourselves,

Mary



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# IPC News Desk

## IPC Memorial service held for woman slain in Ireland

**Bill Brett**

DORCHESTER — The Irish Pastoral Center in Dorchester hosted a candlelight vigil to honor the life of Ashling Murphy, a 23-year-old woman who was murdered in Tullamore, Co. Offaly, Ireland. The vigil was held in the parking area behind Greenhills Bakery in Adams Corner on Sunday, January 16, 2022, because Ashling's sister Amy worked at the bakery and the sisters are well known in the neighborhood. Thousands gathered in the US and Ireland to remember Ashling, a teacher who was murdered while out on a run.



**GAA QUIZ ANSWERS: 1. David Beggy, 2. Mattie Forde 3. Seamus Callinan 4. Aisake Ó hAilpín 5. Tony Guilfoyle 6. Johnathan Glynn 7. Brendan Devenny 8. 8 Points**

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# IPC Community News

## “Swigs” set for re-opening

McSwiggan’s Bar and Restaurant in Weymouth has been closed since March 16th of 2020. The IPC has learned that this well-known Weymouth establishment is re-opening! Sean Cahill and Noel Gannon have entered a partnership to re-open the bar and restaurant. Info on opening date set to come later on this year...



Noel Gannon of Westwood and Sean Cahill of Quincy Shake hands for a photo op. Lydia Madden, Facebook.



County Sligo Association of Boston Scholarship recipient Joseph Healey poses for a photo with his \$1,000 scholarship check

## Sligo Scholars!

**Congratulations** to Joseph Healy, Meghan Gilgun and Anya Holland winners of The County Sligo Boston annual scholarship drawing. Each of the students received \$1,000 to be used towards their college expenses. The drawing was held Sunday 12/5/21 at Waterford's in Dedham, a great time was had by all!!!

## Donegal Santa Saves the Day

Declan Houton, originally of Malin in Co. Donegal, now of Braintree MA and his band, DEVRI have been not only one of the most popular bands working the Irish Live Music circuit in Boston, but also have been one of—if not the most charitable bands in the area. For the last 10 years Devri has hosted an Irish music Hawaiian themed booze cruise, and all the proceeds from the ticket sales to board the ship go to charity.



One charity that Devri works close with is Lucy’s Love Bus. Lucy Grogan, 11 years old founded the charity in 2002 after a leukemia diagnosis. Lucy named the organization Lucy’s Love Bus because she wanted to deliver love, comfort, and quality of life for children with cancer. Lucy passed away six months later, but her legacy of care and compassion live on through Lucy’s Love Bus. Last month, Declan delivered hundreds of dollars worth of gift cards, blankets, and other goodies that were dropped off at various donation locations around the area, including Ma Reilly’s Café, The Irish Cultural Centre of New England, Adams Corner Café & Butcher Shop, Carrigan’s K-9s, Bunratty Tavern, Bridget’s an Irish Tradition, Braintree Police Department, Braintree Fire Department, Weymouth Police Department, Weymouth Fire Department, and Mr. Dooley’s Boston Tavern.



Dorchester Running Club dedicated their miles to Ashling Murphy & every other woman who has felt unsafe on their run or just going about their lives. From Dorchester to Ireland with love.



The Boston Irish Dippers swimmers group held a Group walk and gathering before their weekly swim in memory of Ashling Murphy, and in support of her grieving family and community. \*photos thanks to Peter Greene.

# IPC Community News

## Top Award for Celtic Angels

*Elizabeth Kelly, PATCH.COM*

Celtic Angels Home Health Care has been named one of the Top Places to Work in Massachusetts in the 14th annual employee-based survey project from The Boston Globe. Top Places to Work recognizes the most admired workplaces in the state voted on by the people who know them best—their employees. The survey measures employee opinions about their company's direction, execution, connection, management, work, pay and benefits, and engagement.

***The IPC congratulates Maria Burke and all the staff at Celtic Angels, Maria has been a great friend of the Pastoral Centre for many years.***



## Irishman in freak NYC Subway Accident

David Cassidy, a native of Clones in Co Monaghan who has been living in Woodside, Queens after heading to the US in 2013, is "eager to move forward" after his double amputation. Cassidy stumbled and fell down on the track on his way home to his apartment one morning in early December. Despite the best efforts of police and bystanders he could not be rescued in time before the train arrived.

To assist with David's recovery, his brother Niall Cassidy has launched a GoFundMe to help with David's growing medical expenses. "Prosthetics alone will cost tens of thousands per limb and typically need to be replaced every three to five years. David's medical insurance will only go so far towards meeting the lifelong costs associated with his injuries. "To be honest it's a miracle that these are the only real injuries he sustained. He also has two fractured fingers. "We are counting ourselves lucky that we didn't lose him." If you would like to help, please visit <https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-fund-dauids-recovery>.

## US Ambassador to Ireland confirmed

MA Native Claire Cronin is the 25th US Ambassador to Ireland and the first female to hold the position since Jean Kennedy Smith, who served from 1993 - 1998. The last US Ambassador to Ireland, Edward Crawford, served from 2019 - 2021. The President nominated Cronin in June and the Senate Foreign Relations Committee moved the nomination in October. As House majority leader under Speaker Ronald Mariano, Cronin is the second-ranking Democrat in the chamber and the first woman to hold the position. "The Commonwealth has greatly benefitted from Claire's integrity, intellect, and leadership," he said. "She leads through example — with the goal of elevating voices, advocating for a more just society, and delivering impactful solutions through collaboration." A lawyer, she was first elected to the House in 2012 and served as a mediator in the landmark settlement of Catholic clergy sex abuse cases in MA. Cronin was a leading surrogate and a fundraiser for Biden during the 2020 campaign. In a statement upon her approval, Cronin said: "I am looking forward to the work ahead, but for now my focus is on the work of the House of Representatives and for the people of the Eleventh Plymouth District." Cronin will take up her role at the US Embassy at the Ballsbridge Chancery in Dublin, Ireland, while her official residence is set to be Deerfield Residence in Dublin's Phoenix Park. As part of becoming the Ambassador to Ireland, Cronin will have to present her credentials to the President of Ireland, Michael D. Higgins.



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# News From Our Senior Outreach Program

## ANTICIPATED RETURN TO PROGRAMS

As we continue to watch Covid trends, the IPC at this time, is planning a return to programming. Cards will resume on Thursday January 27. Knitting will also resume on January 27. Our Senior programs will resume the week of February 13. We look forward to seeing you all soon!



## COVID-19 SMART Health Card

If you have a smart phone and would like to upload a COVID-19 SMART Health Card, the IPC can help. Call us to schedule some time and we will assist you. Give Jen a buzz at 617 265 5300 to make an appointment.

**FREE COVID TESTS**  
FOR U.S RESIDENTS

The United States Postal Service is offering 4 tests per household for U.S residents. The tests are completely free. To sign up, visit <https://special.usps.com/testkits>

## THANK YOU MAI GALLAGHER!

*We extend our sincere appreciation to long time IPC volunteer and friend, Mai Gallagher who is stepping back from our Cara Club. Mai set up the Brighton group for us and has given generously of her time to the Irish community in many ways.*

*Always present at the Monday group, Mai's kind and gentle support has meant so much to so many!*



## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

*Bridie Byrne  
Bridie Harrington  
Mary Kiernan  
Herb McDermott  
Peggy McDonough  
Bridie Morgan  
Katherine Murray  
Mary Naughton  
Bridie Sullivan  
Pat Tuohy  
Mary Williams*



## DO YOU HAVE SOME FREE TIME?

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN OUR TEAM OF WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS?  
THE IPC HAS SEVERAL OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE:

Weekly Senior Phone Calls  
Data Entry  
Newsletter print and prepare for monthly mailing  
Assist at Weekly Coffee Groups in Brighton, Dorchester and West Roxbury  
Special Events

**CALL THE IPC AT 617 265 5300 AND ASK FOR PEGGY OR PATSY**

# Fr. Dan's Page



*What we think about Christmas is what we think about life.*

*Becoming aware of the divine in ourselves is the most spiritual moment in life.*

*Christmas is the challenge, at every age, to rededicate ourselves to life.*

*Christmas is not an event long over and well done—Joan Chittster*



*This is a photo of Jesus in the Bread Lines, this symbolizes when we feed each other we are also feeding him.*

Maybe Christmas, maybe Meister Eckhart is the answer.

Maybe we left the birth of Jesus up to Mary and forgot to rebirth him ourselves in every age thereafter. Maybe the merriest Christmas we could ever have will be the year we remember again what Christmas is supposed to be about. Christmas is not about getting, its about giving the world a glimpse of what the Christ Child would really look like if we ever allowed him to be born in us. "What good is it to me if Mary gave birth to the Son of God fourteen hundred years ago, and I do not also give birth to the Son of God in my time and my culture? We are all meant to be mothers of God. God is always needing to be born"

**- Meister Eckhart (c. 1260-1327)**



*Howard Thurman*

The Blessed Mother Mary's "yes" to God, her willingness to be and do the impossible, speaks to all of us who are trying to make sense of the puzzles and pain life may throw our way.

With Mary as example and guide, "Hail Mary, full of Grace" becomes "Here I am, full of grace."

"Blessed are you among women" becomes "blessed am I called to live in the world." "Blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus." Is transformed into "Blessed is the fruit of my life, Jesus." Mary becomes our model of prayer

because, like her, we are also called to bring Christ to those who need him.

**- Steve Givens**

**FUN FACT:** St. Peter Canisius (1521-1597) added the second part to the Hail Mary, that is, "Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen"

# In Loving Memory

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

- December 6, 2021, Mary (O'Connor) Devlin, Florence, County Kerry
- December 15, 2021, Ann Philomena O'Flaherty RN, Westwood, County Mayo
- December 15, 2021, Noreen B. Fitzgerald, Springfield, County Kerry
- December 17, 2021, Tim Crowley, County Cork
- December 18, 2021, Anne M. (Leonard) Sullivan, Boston, County Dublin
- December 19, 2021, John McColgan, Malden, County Donegal
- December 19, 2021, Michael Matthew Moran Sr., Boston, County Sligo
- December 21, 2021, Frances (Connell) O'Connor, Roslindale, County Mayo
- December 22, 2021, Anne Dennehy, Brighton, County Galway
- December 27, 2021, Deirdre (Garvey) Conneely, Marshfield, County Mayo
- December 30, 2021, Mary Elizabeth McPartlin, Quincy, County Donegal
- December 30, 2021, Nora P. (Daly) Goonan, Needham, County Cork
- December 30, 2021, Mary (McDonough) Hughes, Marshfield, County Galway
- December 31, 2021, Nora (Hannon) Dirrane, Dorchester, County Galway
- January 3, 2022, Mary A. (Cawley) Dempsey, Hyde Park, County Mayo
- January 8, 2022, Thomas Goonan, Needham, Ireland
- January 8, 2022, Sarah B. (Faherty) Shaughnessy, Norwood, County Galway
- January 12, 2022, Patricia M. (Fitzgerald) Sullivan, Needham, County Cork
- January 13, 2022, Christine M. (Halpin) Curran, Dorchester, County Westmeath
- January 13, 2022, Brendan "G-man" Gomley, Arlington, County Longford
- January 16, 2022, Brigid (McErlaine) Kearney, Plymouth, County Antrim
- January 17, 2022, Mary T. (Mulkerrin) McGoldrick, West Roxbury, County Galway

### Our Sadness, Their Joy

*The passing of a loved one,  
A time indeed that's sad.  
I feel for you, for your loss,  
The news about your Dad.*

*A saddened heart, a shedded tear,  
No voice heard on a call.  
The memories we hold so dear,  
Will comfort our torn soul.*

*For here on Earth we feel the pain,  
The grief we must go through.  
Their wondrous joy of rebirth,  
Unaware we have no clue.*

*They celebrate the glorious grace,  
That they are now bestowed.  
Reunion with passed love and friends,  
Such elation they behold.*

*As we ride the waves of life,  
Through trough and foamy crest.  
Our balance steadied by His hand,  
Forgetting we are blessed.*

## Condolences to Kathleen Lahey

The IPC would like to extend our sincerest condolences to Kathleen Lahey of Allston/Brighton, who suddenly lost two family members simultaneously. Together, we remember: **December 24, 2021**, Bob Leahy, County Galway (Brother-in-Law) **January 9, 2022**, John Kelly, County Roscommon (Brother)

Musician

Teacher

### Ashling Murphy

The Boston Irish Community extends its deepest sympathy to the family of Ashling Murphy (23) who was murdered in broad daylight while jogging in Tullamore Co. Offaly.

Ar Dheis de go rai6h a hanam  
May her soul rest in peace.  
January 12 2022

## Statement by President Michael D. Higgins on the death of Ashling Murphy

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*"May I suggest to all our people to reflect on all of our actions and attitudes – and indeed those we may have been leaving unchallenged amongst those whom we know – and do all we can to ensure that the society we live in is one where all of our citizens are free to live their lives, participate fully, in an atmosphere that is unencumbered by risks for their safety. Let us respond to this moment of Ashling's death by committing to the creation of a kinder, more compassionate and empathetic society for all, one that will seek to eliminate all threats of violence against any of our citizens, and commit in particular to bringing an end, at home and abroad, to violence against women in any of its forms."*

-- President Michael D. Higgins (Abridged)

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## Fadó Fadó - Long Ago in Ireland



### Bridie Gallagher: The Girl from Donegal *The Irish Post*

Born in Donegal on September 7, 1924, she would go on to carve a 50-year career in the music industry which was her selling out concerts across the world.

From small halls across Ireland to huge audiences at the likes of the London Palladium, Royal Albert Hall, the Lincoln Centre in New York and Sydney Opera House, she was one of the first Irish singers to truly go global. She is also credited with bringing glamour to showbusiness in 1950s Ireland, while giving a new lease of life to otherwise forgotten Irish ballads.

She sold millions of records and her rise to fame in the mid 1950s was marked by enormous crowds wherever she appeared, winning the hearts of legions of fans in Ireland and overseas.

But she wasn't only a successful showbiz personality, she was also a wife and mother.

**Bridie's Son, Jim Livingstone reflects on his childhood:** As young children we were largely unaware that we had a famous mum. She was away a lot certainly. But when she returned from tours, she rarely talked much to us about where she had been or the famous people she met (Pat Boone, Ginger Rodgers, Mary Reeves, etc). She was more likely to be checking on whether our homeworks were up to standard, our piano practice was on schedule, and that we had been behaving at school and locally. She was a fastidious mum, always insisting we were washed and suitably dressed wherever we went, and particularly keen on good manners. We were used to lots of visitors to our house, mainly other artists, show dancers, producers, managers. We just thought it was normal. As teenagers we became more aware of her stardom and spent many exciting nights backstage at some fantastic venues in Ireland and Britain. In my 20's, I started touring with her as her musical accompanist during my holidays from university. That's when I saw up close the adulation and love that Irish people around the world had for the Girl From Donegal. Many special memories include firstly that day in July 2000 when the people of Creeslough and Donegal paid tribute to her led by Daniel O'Donnell and Margo and she unveiled the sign that still welcomes visitors to Creeslough – "Welcome to Creeslough, the home of Bridie Gallagher, the Girl From Donegal". Secondly, six months after the untimely death of my brother Peter in a road accident, I stood behind her on stage in the Ardri Ballroom in Manchester and watched as she sang tearfully on stage for the first time since the tragedy that broke her heart, and I was overwhelmed at her courage. And thirdly, in later life when she was retired, watching her play with, and endlessly spoil, my son Peter, her only grandson who she adored. And the pride and joy in her eyes when she saw her three granddaughters especially when they played their music.

## IRELAND'S BIG FREEZE



*On 19 January 1947, Ireland and the United Kingdom entered into an unprecedented period of cold weather which brought with it two months of difficulties.*

Known as 'The Big Freeze', it brought transport to a halt and saw the introduction of rationing, with the death rate in Dublin more than doubling in that period.

The freeze was caused by an anti-cyclone which had its centre located over Norway and Sweden and brought temperatures of -14°C, five major blizzards and snowdrifts of 12 to 20 feet. Animal herds froze or starved to death. People suffered from the

persistent cold, and many businesses shut down temporarily. Cars, buses, houses and villages were buried, roads were blocked, and the ordeal coincided with the worst fuel crisis in the country's history - forcing nearly half of all

Dubliners to burn furniture to survive, according to Kevin C Kearns, historian and author of 'Ireland's Arctic Siege: The Big Freeze of 1947'. Ireland had just come out of the Emergency, and the United Kingdom was also severely impacted from 23 January onward.

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# News From Ireland

## Irish Gets Official EU Language Status

*Jack Quann, Today FM*

The Irish language is now a full, official language of the European Union. On January 1st, it achieved full status with all documents published by the EU being translated as Gaelige. This marks the end of a derogation period, which has been in place since 2007. This limited the amount of material published through Irish by EU institutions. Since 2015 the scope of this derogation has been reducing, as the capacity for the translation of Irish within the EU increased. The volume of Irish language translations has risen almost six-fold since 2016 - from 8,000 to almost 46,000 by October 2021. While around 200 Irish language staff are now working within the EU. Minister for European Affairs Thomas Byrne says: "The ending of derogation will make the services of the EU more accessible for Irish speakers at home and abroad." "As a proud Gaeilgeoir myself, I regularly contribute to council meetings as Gaelige and I would encourage everyone to make use of their cúpla focal, in every aspect of their life. "I would also invite those with Irish language proficiency to consider a career within the EU institutions." The EU has 24 official languages. Irish has been a treaty language since 1973, when Ireland became a member state, meaning only EU treaties were translated into Irish.



An Ghaeltacht, to mark an area where Gaelige/Irish is primarily spoken.

## Co. Tyrone couple get engaged live on TV in New York

*Irish Times Newsdesk*

A CO. Tyrone couple are celebrating their engagement after the proposal was broadcast live from New York on CNN. The network's correspondent Donie O'Sullivan, himself from Co Kerry, was interviewing people in New York's West Village area ahead of the countdown to 2022 on Friday night when he introduced viewers to Danielle Renaghan and Oisín Daly. "I am joined by a couple who have travelled from Ireland having a good time, Danielle and Oisín - which is a very difficult name for Americans to say," O'Sullivan said. Speaking of their trip to the Big Apple, Danielle said: "It was a lovely Christmas present and we're together two and a half years." When Donie asked the pair if they loved each other, Danielle replied "Of course I do", before Oisín got down on one knee before he said: "I love her so much I would just like to do a special thing." After Oisín proposing and Danielle replying "yes", the couple were greeted with cheers from bystanders and CNN presenters including Anderson Cooper.



Oisín Daly and his new fiancée Danielle Renaghan pictured with CNN correspondent Donie O'Sullivan in New York on New Year's Eve.

*Picture: Donie O'Sullivan*

## Donegal Pub Introduces Covid Jar to fine people talking about the virus

*Louise Walsh, Irish Examiner*

A pub in Donegal has introduced a 'Covid-19 jar' to fine people who talk about the virus on the premises. Managers of The Alt Bar in Killea were so fed up with the constant chat about the virus that they decided to put an end to it and now charge customers €2 every time they mention Covid-19. The funds go to the Donegal Hospice. "it is just a bit of craic," The Alt Bar said, the current restrictions of 8pm closing time have hit them hard as Derry is only over the border where restrictions don't apply to pubs. "We're doing the best we can, and we have introduced music from 5.30 to 7.30pm at weekends. However, we are only a €5 taxi ride away from Derry where pubs stay open until 1am so when customers hear we are closing at 8pm, they book their taxi for the short trip to carry on their night.



The Covid-19 jar at the Alt Bar in Killilea, Co. Donegal

# News From Ireland

## Ireland Gets New March Holiday

Ireland has signed off on plans for a new public holiday as a thank you for the public's effort during the Covid-19 pandemic.

A national commemorative event will be held on March 18. The bonus Bank Holiday is set to be held as a thank you to frontline workers for their dedication during the pandemic.

Meanwhile, a €1,000 bonus for frontline healthcare workers was also agreed by ministers



## Limerick mum makes her brave boy's dreams come true

*Donal O' Regan, Limerick Leader*

CAROLINE O'Connor set up a Facebook page for her son called "DJ's Bucket List" and just two weeks later he was talking to children's author David Walliams live on air!

It's been a whirlwind and fun journey for Caroline and DJ from Bruff. Caroline set up the Facebook page as DJ, aged 11, has a rare condition called Bardet Beidl and it is "only a matter of time before his full sight could possibly go". She and DJ decided, on top of advice from doctors, that he should do a bucket list of things before he loses his sight.

And last week they found themselves live on Radio 1 with Ray D'Arcy. DJ and Caroline were naturals on air and especially as Ray had some surprises up his sleeve. DJ revealed he wants to write a book in braille. Ray asked him who his favourite author is and quick as a flash DJ said David Walliams. No sooner had he said it than the comedian and author was on the line saying hello. David advised DJ, "Write what you would love to read". David also sent DJ presents in the post.



Two Bruff greats: Sean Finn and DJ Grimes

Another surprise guest was rugby player Donncha O'Callaghan who was on DJ's original bucket list. Aer Lingus also offered DJ a tour of a cockpit and fly him and his family to London.

Thus far, DJ has visited a fire station, seen an ambulance, boxed with Lee Reeves, gone on spins in a tractor and lorry, got a video message from Tadhg Fleming, was special guest at a Munster match, has taken swimming and karate lessons and received a medal from Little Blue Heroes.

Most recently DJ received a Limerick jersey from fellow Bruff man Sean Finn, attended the Limerick match, met captain Barry Nash, along with John Kiely and Paul Kinnerk afterwards.

Caroline wants to say "a massive thank you to everyone in getting DJ's Bucket List out there". "Especially for the interaction by likes and kind words to DJ. He really enjoys seeing so much love coming through the page to put a massive smile on his face. It really is amazing to see, even through hard times and the pandemic how much people can come together to support. We are forever grateful," said Caroline. Some have even offered money and while Caroline is very appreciative she asks them to donate to the National Council for the Blind in Ireland.

## Varadkar wants March 31st deadline to end almost all legal restrictions

*The Irish Times*

Tánaiste Leo Varadkar has said he wants to set March 31st as a "deadline to end almost all legal restrictions", and has a "strong degree of confidence" that measures can be eased quickly in the coming weeks. He said that Ireland has performed well by European and world standards on almost every measure, when it comes to controlling the pandemic. Against that had to be balanced the impact of restrictions, especially for younger and single people. Saying that he wishes to set March 31st as a deadline for the relaxation of "almost all legal restrictions", he nonetheless cautioned that no promises can be made, and that the option remained to extend measures for another three months to the end of June. Minister for Health Stephen Donnelly has said he hopes for the quickest return to normal life possible, and that he thinks some measures will be lifted before the end of the month.

# News From the Irish Consulate

Dear Friends,  
Happy New Year!

In collaboration with The Here Come Everybody Players, The Consulate General of Ireland in Boston is pleased to announce **Four Characters from Ulysses**, a Zoom theatre performance in celebration of St. Brigid's Day and the centenary of the publication of Ulysses by James Joyce.

Best regards,  
The Consulate General of Ireland, Boston

THE CONSULATE GENERAL OF IRELAND, BOSTON  
&

THE HERE COMES EVERYBODY PLAYERS

PRESENT A ZOOM THEATRE PERFORMANCE

## FOUR CHARACTERS FROM ULYSSES

IN CELEBRATION OF ST. BRIGID'S DAY AND  
THE CENTENARY OF THE PUBLICATION OF ULYSSES BY JAMES JOYCE

WEDNESDAY, 02 FEBRUARY 2022  
4:00P EST/ 9:00P GMT



### Four Characters from Ulysses

*(Stephen Dedalus, Leopold Bloom, Molly Bloom, and the City of Dublin)*

On February 2nd, the day after St Brigid's Day and the ancient Celtic festival of Imbolc, we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the publication of James Joyce's celebrated ground-breaking novel Ulysses on February 2nd 1922 in Paris. Set in Dublin on a single day, June 16th, 1904, the book features many residents of that city, some based on real historical characters. However, three fictional characters - the young man Stephen Dedalus, the older Leopold Bloom, and his wife Molly Bloom - dominate the book, as does the ever-present geography, language and character of the City of Dublin. With brief performed excerpts from the book, The Here Comes Everybody Players will bring to life each of these characters and their connections with one another.

The programme will be introduced by Joyce Scholar, Katherine O'Callaghan of University of Massachusetts Amherst, and will be punctuated with live music.

#### Actors

Mary Durkan  
Steven Ó Broin  
Donal O'Sullivan  
Cathal Stephens

#### Musician

Lidia Chang, flute

#### Director

Cathal Stephens



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Here  
Comes  
Everybody  
Players



LÁ FHÉILE BRÍDE  
Ag Ceiliúradh Cruthaitheachta na mBan  
ST BRIGID'S DAY  
Celebrating the Creativity of Women

## News From the Irish Consulate

### February Book Club at The Irish Consulate, *Nora* by Nuala O' Connor

*"A lively and loving paean to the indomitable Nora Barnacle." -  
Enda O'Brien*

Join Boston Book Club as we read "Nora" by Nuala O'Connor.

New Island summarizes O'Connor's story, "When a twenty-year-old from Galway working as a maid at Finn's Hotel, meets young James Joyce on a summer's day in Dublin, she is instantly attracted to him, natural and daring in his company.

But she cannot yet imagine the extraordinary life they will share together.

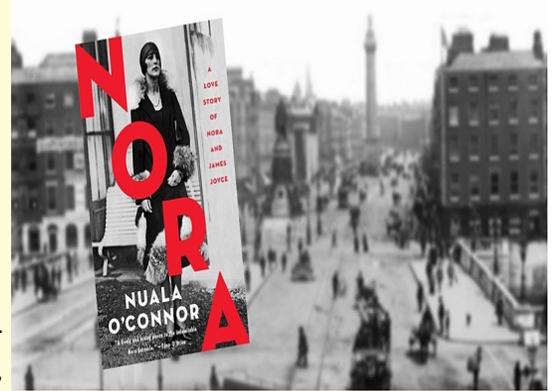
All Nora knows is she likes her Jim enough to leave behind family and home, in search of a bigger, more exciting life."The New York Times describes Nora as the "woman who propped up one of literature's most challenging highbrow writers." As February 2022 marks the 100th anniversary of the publication of "Ulysses," we are delighted to be reading more about the remarkable woman behind the remarkable writer.

"Nora" is the 2022 choice for One Dublin One Book.

**Date: February 9th, 2022**

**Consulate General of Ireland, Boston, 535 Boylston St, Boston, MA 02116, Time: 6PM—8PM**

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# Remembering Sr. Veronica

## Reflection on the life of Sr. Veronica

*IPC Volunteer Cait O'Byrne*



Cait O'Byrne, Sr Veronica, and Tess Cotter.

As new immigrants to Boston, my sisters and I didn't know anyone so we spent our days off volunteering at St Francis House, a day homeless shelter in Boston. It was here in 1988 that a guest told us about a young Irishman who was homeless and in a bad way. We wanted to help but of course this was way over our heads. Fortunately, someone told me about a nun who had just started the Irish Pastoral Centre in Dorchester, and we tracked her down, and of course she already had this young Irishman on her radar. That was the day our friendship started and it continued until she passed away in December. She immediately reeled me in and talked about getting people together and creating a home away from home, a parish without boundaries for new immigrants.

As a space became available at St. Columbkille's in Brighton, Sr. Veronica started the Friday night drop in. We had tea, biscuits and a lot of laughs. It was at this center that many of us made our first friends, who became lifelong friends. Sister would often tell us that someone new was going to come on a Friday night and that she expected us to welcome them and include them in all activities. We did drama, Irish dancing, and had a big emphasis on outreach. A large group of us went on the first Friday of every month to Bridge over Troubled Waters, a safe haven in Allston for single Mom's and their children. We took care of the children while the Mom's got a well deserved night out. It was so wonderful to see that so many of our group were young men, who with no experience gladly went along and helped out. We also went several times a year to serve at Shattuck Shelter, St. Francis House, and any other place that was in need of help.

I started volunteering with her one day a week and saw first hand the droves of people who came to her office. At this stage she had moved to Quincy. People lined up looking for work, family support, immigration issues, deaths of young people in the community. She never turned a person away. Much of this was pre computer, and she had her little notebook with a few facts about everyone she saw. To be honest she didn't really need that notebook as she had the most amazing memory. She would tirelessly follow up on people who needed her help. Often the more wayward or struggling, the more she loved them. She certainly also kept everyone on the straight and narrow and was very clear on her expectations!

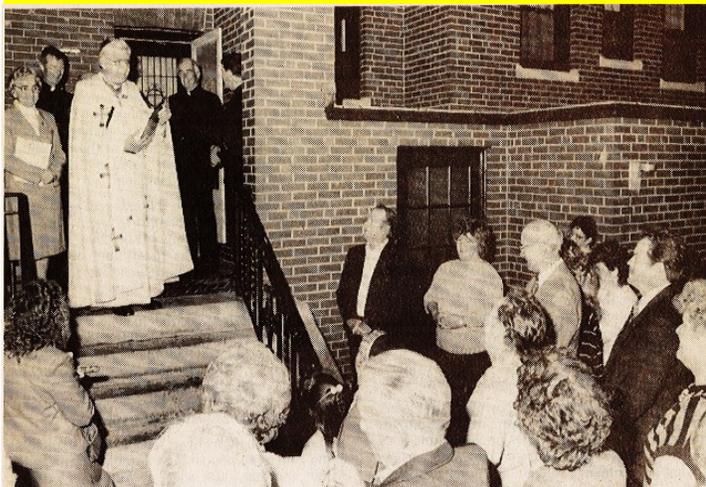
When word of her passing spread, I spoke with many people who had met her and been helped by her. Everyone had a story, one friend said that she asked him if he had an extra pair of boots as she needed them for someone who just got a job and couldn't afford boots. Another said she gave him money for rent and food. Education was always on her mind, so she coordinated GED classes, and she connected with Stonehill College to get many on to third level education. That was how she operated.

I feel so blessed that we continued our friendship once she returned to San Antonio. I would call her for a chat every month or so, she loved reminiscing about her time in Boston, always remembering people and asking how they were. Her memory was amazing till the end. My sister Tess and I went to visit her a couple of times and got to see first hand all the work that she and the Brigidine sisters had done in San Antonio, building schools and community. Even in her retirement she worked tirelessly with Somali refugees. Her energy was endless. She will be sadly missed, but I think I can safely say that anyone who crossed her path was the better for meeting her. May she be richly rewarded in Heaven, it was a life well lived on earth.



***"People placed a great deal of trust and confidence in her – and in the Church because of her – particularly immigrants when many of them were out of status and somewhat fearful,"  
— Father Dan***

# Remembering Sr. Veronica



Cardinal Law blesses the people at the opening of the IPC, Standing next to Cardinal is Sr. Veroinca, Fr. Finn, Fr. Calter, and Fr. Ronaghan (1987)



Fr. John, Sr. Veronica, And Liam Canniffe



Mark Mathers and Sr. Veronica

## *A prayer to St Brigid, honoring our favorite Brigidine nun, Sr. Veronica*

You were a woman of peace.  
 You brought harmony where there was conflict.  
 You brought light to the darkness.  
 You brought hope to the downcast.  
 May the mantle of your peace  
 cover those who are troubled and anxious,  
 and may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts  
 and in our world.  
 Inspire us to act justly and to reverence all God  
 has made.  
 Brigid you were a voice for the wounded and  
 the weary.  
 Strengthen what is weak within us.  
 Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens.  
 May we grow each day into greater  
 wholeness in mind, body and spirit.  
 Amen

## “LETTER TO SISTER VERONICA” Peter Groome

I remember my Mother used to say,

" You know the people from Offaly are awfully nice. "

Well I must agree at least when it came to you and me!

A kinder person would be harder to meet.  
 Always on the go, sometimes run off your feet,  
 helping many people from the Emerald Isle,  
 greeting the weary traveler with your soft smile.

If one was stuck and needed a few bob or maybe  
 couldn't find a job,  
 or ended up in trouble like myself, you never  
 turned your back.  
 You were so Christlike yourself. You had a Faith  
 so strong.  
 I saw it in your actions and heard it in your  
 words.

So now my friend, off to heaven you have gone.  
 I know you'll be up there with Sr. Marguerite  
 and  
 my Mom, helping me and all us still here when  
 we enter  
 our storms and are faced with fear.

God's peace and love to you my friend. May  
 you enjoy your reward in Heaven that you so  
 much deserve.

Thank you so much for your (Offaly) nice ways.



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 Ag Ceiliúradh Cruthaitheachta na mBan

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 Celebrating the Creativity of Women

## A Seasonal Reflection

### IPC BOARD MEMBER REFLECTS ON CHRISTMAS PAST AND HOME

*A lovely reflection by Dermot Doyne*

A year ago, I wrote my Christmas memories growing up as a child in the center of London, then memories do not go away because they were beautiful. Replaced with sadness to some extent now my parents are gone, my childhood is a memory. My childhood memories expanded to memories of my kids and the excitement of South Boston, Quincy and for the past 19 years Braintree Massachusetts.

I always feel a need to go Home, Home for me is where I was raised. My heart will always be deeply rooted in Pimlico, London and in terms of identity London Irish culture. Because within the fabric of London, for many of us, Irish Culture was beneath the surface, The Catholic Church, and the London Catholic school system in the 60's and 70's were dominated by first generation Irish. Apart from last year, when it was not possible. due to the pandemic, I have managed to go home every year in December, and spend a week hanging out with friends and family. London has changed and as I near 60, the generation of our Parents are gone and much of little is the same, sadly a remote but priceless memory, so on that note. Christmas was our day. We would get up while it was still dark to open presents. Tripping over each other, to see what Santa had left us in the front room. My mum, would go to early Mass and come home and start cooking the Turkey, while the rest of us would go to Mass. As a kid mass was mandatory, every Sunday we went to Westminster Cathedral, and then on the way home we got our 10p, to buy sweets. My parents were devout Catholics, Dad went to mass everyday at 7am, before starting his day. But Christmas was the one day, I remember the most, we all had new clothes as presents, and when you got to the Cathedral you saw all your mates dressed in theirs. After mass, and the only day I can remember as a child, we were allowed in the Pubs, we would go to the Pride the local Irish Pub, and the Dad's would have Guinness, and we would get a Coke and bag of Crisps. Our Mums would be finishing off the cooking. When we got home, dinner was ready. Mrs. Fields an elderly neighbor was always there too, she had no family, later on she moved in full time with us and lived upstairs. And then we would go down to the football cages and play with our friends, kicking around the ball you got for Christmas. When you got back an hour or so later, the whole family would squeeze on the couch and watch the classics, White Christmas, The Great Escape and others, and eat Cadburys and home made trifle. In the evening we played board games. What I loved about that era, the streets were completely empty, the only shop open was the Indian owned Convenience store, where you would spend your Christmas money on sweets. At 14 when we considered ourselves adults you could get away with buying booze there too. Christmas will always be my holiday of the year, a day steeped in tradition and beautiful memories!

Pictured below are Dermot's parents.





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# Honoring Ashling Murphy



The ICC would like to pay tribute to the young life of Ashling Murphy; teacher, musician, daughter, sister & loving friend.

*#SheWasGoingForARun*

We have made a **Book of Condolences for Ashling** available to the public. The ICC is open Monday to Friday from 9:30 to 5:00pm and the book will be accessible to sign until January 31st. This book is available to share among other locations in the community.

*The ICC will host a **Trad Session** in Ashling's honor on Sunday, January 30th from 1PM to 4PM. Donations accepted and all funds raised will be donated to a charity supporting victims of violence against women. All Musicians, Members & the General Public are invited to stop by and share in her memory.*

This week the light in the window of the Cottage at the Irish Cultural Centre of New England will shine bright in loving memory of Ashling Murphy.



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# Immigration News

## Immigration and Citizenship Support Services Program

The IPC's Immigration and Citizenship Program provides Information and support to immigrants from Ireland and elsewhere on 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 Irish passports and Irish Citizenship.

Staff is available during normal business hours to help answer questions related to these matters and direct people to appropriate resources. Additionally, the IPC offers bi-monthly Legal Immigration Clinics on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of each month where individuals can have a free and confidential phone conversation about their particular immigration situation with a volunteer immigration attorney.

## Consider Applying for U.S. Citizenship

Has your Green Card expired? Is it expiring soon? Before you renew your Green Card again, consider applying for U.S. Citizenship. "Naturalization" is the process to become a U.S. citizen if you were born outside of the United States. If you meet certain requirements, you may become a U.S. citizen either at birth or after birth.

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

## Information on Travelling to Ireland:

Up to date information on travelling to Ireland, which is subject to the prevailing public health situation, can be found on [www.gov.ie](http://www.gov.ie) If you are travelling to Ireland from overseas you must fill out a Passenger Locator Form (PLF) before departure. This can be found at [dfa.ie](http://dfa.ie)

**Effective Thursday 6 January 2022, passengers to Ireland with:**

- an accepted proof of vaccination, **or**
- proof of recovery from COVID-19 in the prior 6 months

do not have to show an additional pre-departure COVID-19 test result. Passengers without proof of vaccination, or proof of recovery from COVID-19 in the prior 6 months, must show evidence of a negative ('not detected') RT-PCR test result taken within 72 hours prior to arriving in Ireland. **From 6 January, only RT-PCR test results are accepted for passengers to Ireland.** In situations where a person is unable to present evidence of a negative ('not detected') RT-PCR test prior to travel due to continuing to test persistently positive after infection - a positive RT-PCR result from a test taken 11 or more days prior to the date on which the person arrives in the State and no more than 180 days prior to the date on which the person arrives, will be accepted. It is an offence to travel to Ireland from overseas without a pre-departure test result unless exempt

### Upcoming Legal Clinic Appointment

#### Dates:

**Tuesday, February 1st**

Appointments are scheduled in advance.

If you would like to schedule a phone consultation with an attorney, please

contact Maryann Casavant at

617-265-5300 or by email at

[mcasavant@ipcboseon.org](mailto:mcasavant@ipcboseon.org)



# Immigration News



## OVERVIEW OF THE NATURALIZATION PROCESS AND BASIC REQUIREMENTS

### WHAT IS NATURALIZATION?

Naturalization is the process by which a lawful permanent resident applies for and is granted U.S. citizenship.

U.S. citizenship is a legal status that offers many benefits and responsibilities, including the ability to vote in U.S. federal elections, serve on a jury, travel with a U.S. passport, and bring family members to the United States. Importantly, once obtained, U.S. citizenship cannot be abandoned or lost by spending extended periods of time outside of the United States (as is the case with permanent residence).

When you apply for citizenship, you are taking an oath to support the principles of the U.S. Constitution, to renounce allegiance to a foreign state, and to bear arms on behalf of the United States when required by law.

In some cases, obtaining U.S. citizenship may mean losing the citizenship of your home country. This can make applying for U.S. citizenship a very personal decision.

For many people, the naturalization process is relatively simple and straightforward. However, if you have spent extended periods of time outside of the United States, have criminal convictions, or at first glance are unable to meet all naturalization requirements, you should speak to an attorney before making the important decision to apply for U.S. citizenship.

### WHAT ARE THE BASIC REQUIREMENTS FOR NATURALIZATION?

- **Be a lawful permanent resident (hold a “Green Card”) for at least five years (or three years if you are married to a U.S. citizen)**
- **Be able to demonstrate physical presence in the United States for at least 30 months out of the last five years prior to filing (or 18 months out of the last three years if you are married to a U.S. citizen)**
- **Be able to demonstrate continuous residence in the United States (meaning you have not been outside the United States for more than six months in a row, with some limited exceptions) Have resided for at least three months in the state where you are filing the naturalization application**
- **Be able to read, write, and speak basic English**
- **Understand the fundamentals of U.S. history and government**
- **Be willing to take the Oath of Allegiance**
- **Meet the good moral character requirements**



Note that there are exceptions to some of these requirements.

If you are thinking about applying for naturalization but are concerned about one (or more) of the requirements, it is important to speak to an immigration attorney to determine whether an exception applies to you and/or whether naturalization is right for you.

# The Celtic Scribe

## Ireland President Honors Kinsella

Thomas Kinsella, known for his works such as *The Táin*, has died aged 93. President Higgins has paid tribute to Mr Kinsella, "one of Ireland's finest poets." "His reputation at home and abroad was one of being of a school that sought an excellence that did not know Borders In addition to his rich contribution to the school syllabus for generations of students, where he once held a rare distinction as being a living poet on the syllabus, Thomas Kinsella's work retained a fierce urgency and relevance for readers throughout life. Not least his work tackling the gap between the aspirations of what Irish society should be and that which he saw before him. That ethical pursuit was attempted through rigorously honed lines." "Thomas Kinsella, in addition to his own work, leaves a strong legacy in his translations from early Irish, most notably his collaboration with artist Louis le Brocquy on *The Táin*. That beautiful work came from a poet who valued and empathised with the Irish tradition." "I had the great pleasure in being present for one of Thomas's last public engagements, when we visited his old primary school Model School Inchicore in 2019, a place like so many in his native Dublin 8 that he immortalised in his work. "Sabina and I would like to offer our deepest sympathies to his family and Thomas Kinsella's wide circle of friends at home and abroad," Mr Higgins said. The poet who was born in Inchicore, Co Dublin in 1928, originally studied science at UCD and worked as a civil servant before he became a full-time academic and writer. Mr Kinsella was poet in residence at Illinois University in the US and later, Professor of English at Temple University in Philadelphia. *The Táin* was Kinsella's translation of the Irish prose epic *Táin Bó Cúailnge*, which was illustrated by artist Louis le Brocquy and published in 1969. While generations of Leaving Cert students will remember Mr Kinsella for poems such as 'Mirror in February', another major work of Kinsella's was 'Butcher's Dozen', written in the aftermath of Bloody Sunday. In 2008, he was awarded the UCD Ulysses Medal in recognition of his poetic works. Thomas Kinsella is survived by his three children and grandchildren and was pre-deceased by his wife Eleanor.

## "MIRROR IN FEBRUARY"

Thomas Kinsella

The day dawns, with scent of must and  
rain,  
Of opened soil, dark trees, dry bed-  
room air.  
Under the fading lamp, half dressed -  
my brain  
Idling on some compulsive fantasy -  
I towel my shaven jaw and stop, and  
stare,  
Riveted by a dark exhausted eye,  
A dry downturning mouth.  
It seems again that it is time to learn,  
In this untiring, crumbling place of  
growth  
To which, for the time being, I return.  
Now plainly in the mirror of my soul  
I read that I have looked my last on  
youth  
And little more; for they are not made  
whole  
That reach the age of Christ.  
Below my window the  
wakening trees,  
Hacked clean for better  
bearing, stand defaced  
Suffering their brute  
necessities;  
And how should the flesh not quail,  
that span for span  
Is mutilated more? In slow distaste  
I fold my towel with what grace I can,  
Not young, and not  
renewable, but man.

## 6 Year Old Shares Story of "HOPE".

Adam Wall, age 6 of County Clare—son of musicians Steo Wall and Jess Sheerin has inspired Ireland & The World with his message of Hope. The poem went viral last month when a video circulated of red-headed Adam reading the poem.

When it came to obtaining rights to publish Wall's work, he left us a kind telephone message. "Yeah, go on Paddy I would love to have my poem in your newspaper for Americans to read, so go on—go on and do it"!

To watch and listen to Adam read this poem search for "Hope—6 year old boy Inspires Friends to Share Message of Hope" on YouTube.com it was uploaded by the Channel "Cracking Light Productions"

## "HOPE"

Adam Wall

Hope is a gift A very good gift at that  
And only a good person can get it  
What is hope? It is amazing.  
So cool, It's very cool.  
Nice hope is Very very nice it is.  
Hope is important.  
Can hope be a wish? Sometimes. Not always  
You'll have to go to  
school to learn this.  
Sometimes can hope be bad?  
No! Because it is good.  
I believe in hope  
I am hope.

# IPC Calendar



**Knitting Club Returns!!!**  
**Thursday, January 27<sup>th</sup> @ 11-1 PM**  
**This will be a weekly Club. Come join us. New and experienced knitters Welcome!!!**

**“Join Us For 25”**  
**Card Night**  
**Every Thursday Night @ 8PM**  
**Starting January 27<sup>th</sup>!!!**



**Supper Club Returns Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup> 5-7 PM**  
**Fish & Chips from our friends at Adams Fish Market**

**Save The Date!!!**  
**IPC GOLF TOURNAMENT**  
**Friday, September 30, 2022**  
**Presidents Golf Course**

  
**MONDAY- CARA CLUB**  
**February 14th, 21st & 28th**  
Veronica Smith Senior Center  
20 Chestnut Hill Ave  
Brighton, MA 02125  
1—3 PM

**WEDNESDAY-CAFÉ EIREANN**  
**February 16th & 23rd**  
All Saints Church  
209 Ashmont St.  
Dorchester, MA 02124  
1—3 PM

**THURSDAY- CROSSROADS CAFÉ**  
**February 17th & 24th**  
Irish Social Club  
119 Park St.  
W. Roxbury, MA 02132  
1—3 PM

**We will kick off seniors week starting on Monday, February 14<sup>th</sup> with Mossie Coughlan! Come and Celebrate Valentine’s week with us!! Wear Red or Pink and let’s celebrate being together again!**



# Irish Pastoral Centre Community Partners



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Tuesday: Roast Turkey Breast, Stuffing, Gravy & Cranberry

Wednesday: Greenhills Baked Ham, Shephard's Pie

Thursday: Irish Boiled Dinner w/ Irish Boiled Bacon, Corned Beef, Cabbage, Spuds, Veg & Homemade White Sauce

Friday: Chicken Pot Pie, Chicken Curry, Rice and Fish dinner

Saturday: Shephard's Pie, Full Irish Breakfast

Sunday: Full Irish Breakfast



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Happy New Year from your Supper Club friends at Adams Fish Market!  
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## Community Dances Calendar

brought to us by Richard Archer, President of the Knights and Ladies of St Finbarr, Cork Club The Knights and Ladies of St. Finbarr, Cork Club

**The Irish Social Club 119 Park Street West Roxbury MA 02132**

### Sunday evening schedule:

- February 6, 2022: Erin's Melody
- February 13, 2022: Denis Curtin's Band
- February 20, 2022: Erin's Melody
- February 27, 2022: Silver Spears

### **The Irish Music Club of Greater Boston**

Dance is held at the Irish Social Club, West Roxbury

February 5, 2022: John Connors & Irish Express

### **The Norwood Irish Music Club**

Dance is held at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 572 Nichols Street, Norwood

February 19, 2022: Denis Curtin's Band

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Knights and Ladies of St. Finbarr - Cork Club will **NOT** have any dance in either February or March 2022.

*Note: All dances are subject to change or cancellation from time to time due to the Pandemic. If in doubt, please call your club. Some clubs may be required to have their members or supporters wear a MASK or show proof of vaccination.*



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# 2022 Boston Irish Live Events



## ***COLUM TYRRELL COMES TO TOWN!***

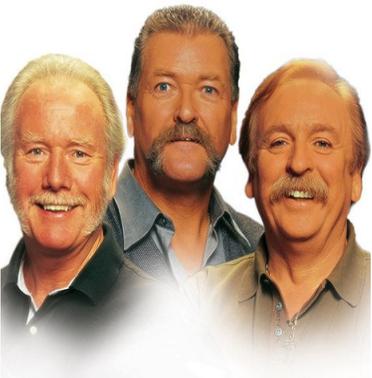
From NYC by way of Dublin City, stand-up comedian Colum Tyrell is one to watch out for this year. He will be performing alongside two American Comedians working the New York Comedy Scene, Tim Butterly and Mike Rainey.

*Tickets \$20 and show is strictly 21+*

**WHERE: The White Bull Tavern, Boston MA**

**WHEN: Thursday Jan 27 2022, 8 PM**

**TICKETS ON SALE AT: [linktr.ee/columtyrrell](https://linktr.ee/columtyrrell)**



## ***THE WOLFE TONES ON ONE ROAD TO DOT!***

Tommy Byrne, Noel Nagle, and Brian Warfield of the longest touring band in the world, The Wolfe Tones—are performing in Boston for the first time in two years. This performance will be in memory of the 175th anniversary of An Gorta Mor.

*Tickets range from \$45—\$135*

**WHERE: The Strand Theatre, Dorchester MA**

**WHEN: Sunday Mar 13 2022, 7:30 PM**

**TICKETS ON SALE AT: [boston.gov/departments/arts-and-culture/strand-theatre](https://boston.gov/departments/arts-and-culture/strand-theatre)**



## ***THE RETURN OF THE HIGH KINGS!***

Celtic Folk Supergroup, and brain child of Phil Coulter, The High Kings are returning to American Soil in March. The High Kings are, Finbarr Clancy, Brian Dunphy, Darren Holden, and new member Paul O'Brien. They will be playing The Shubert Theatre in Boston

*Tickets range from \$44—\$64*

**WHERE: Shubert Theatre @ Boch Center, Boston MA**

**WHEN: Friday Mar 18 2022, 8 PM**

**TICKETS ON SALE AT: [bochcenter.org](https://bochcenter.org)**

The Boch Center requires ALL patrons to be fully vaccinated in order to attend per Boston's vaccine mandate. Proof of vaccination & photo ID will be required prior to entry (photo of vaccination card is acceptable). Masks will be required for all guests. Guidelines subject to change.



## ***FUNNY TIMES WITH FOIL ARMS & HOG!***

Ireland's Top Sketch comedy troupe are back in the USA! (and some of Canada) With over 200 Million Online views, one thing is clear—they are funny and millions of people agree. The trio have achieved critical acclaim with the best reviewed show at the world's largest arts festival The Edinburgh Fringe in 2018 and 2019.

*Tickets are \$45*

**WHERE: Shubert Theatre @ Boch Center, Boston MA**

**WHEN: Saturday Mar 19 2022, 8 PM**

**TICKETS ON SALE AT: [bochcenter.org](https://bochcenter.org)**

*This list is compiled by Patrick Davoren. If you are Irish and performing in the area, send your press kit to :*  
***[pdavoren@ipcbooston.org](mailto:pdavoren@ipcbooston.org)***

# Sports News From Ireland

## Ten of the best Hurling moments 2021 *John Harrington GAA.ie*

There was no shortage of memorable moments in a 2021 inter-county Gaelic Football season that packed a lot of drama into a condensed time-frame. Here, in no particular order, are ten of the best:

***Kyle Hayes's Munster Final goal v Tipperary:*** Limerick defender Kyle Hayes' goal for Limerick against Tipperary in the Munster SHC Final was heady distillation of power, pace and skill. Picking the ball up in his own half of the field he set off on a turbo-charged solo-run that saw him hop the ball on the ground twice and leave Brendan Maher and Dan McCormack in his wake before smashing the sliotar to the net for a spectacular goal.

***Walter Walsh goal settles epic Leinster SHC semi-final:*** The Leinster SHC semi-final between Kilkenny and Wexford was arguably the best hurling match of the year. A contest that see-sawed this way and that and which went to extra-time was finally settled by a terrific Walter Walsh goal when he soared high to claim the sliotar on the wing, charged towards goal, and finished beautifully with a batted finish from close-range.

***Eoin Murphy's save from Jack O'Connor:*** Kilkenny goalkeeper Eoin Murphy's save from Cork's Jack O'Connor in the All-Ireland SHC semi-final was so good that you needed to view the slow-motion replay to be sure he actually got this tip of his hurley to the ball to deflect it onto the post while diving across his goal at full-length.

***Patrick Collins' save from Tony Kelly:*** Trailing by two points in the final minute of injury-time against Cork in Round 2 of the All-Ireland SHC qualifiers, Clare's Tony Kelly looked like he was about to win the match for the banner county when the raced through on goal. His shot was well struck, but Patrick Collins pulled off a brilliant reflex save to assure Cork's passage through to the All-Ireland SHC quarter-finals.

***Limerick's All-Ireland SHC performance:*** Limerick's All-Ireland SHC Final performance was simply remarkable. Their score of 3-32 set a new high-scoring record for a Final, and their half-time score of 3-18 would have been enough to beat the losing team in all but three All-Ireland Finals in history.

***Shane Kingston's super-sub performance against Kilkenny:*** Being dropped for the All-Ireland SHC semi-final against Kilkenny clearly lit a fire in Shane Kingston's belly. He was introduced after 42 minutes of the match and went on to score seven points from play, many of them spectacular, to play a starring role in Cork's extra-time victory.

***Tony Kelly's point against Cork:*** Clare wizard Tony Kelly produced a scrapbook of classy scores in this year's Championship, but the best of the lot was his outrageous point against Cork in Round 2 of the All-Ireland SHC Qualifiers when he pirouetted past Niall O'Leary while flicking the ball over his head and then a couple of seconds later drove the ball over the bar from 50 yards out on the left sideline.

***Joe Canning's last moment of genius as a county hurler:*** Joe Canning has given hurling fans many special moments to savour over the course of his career and he signed off on a high-note in his last championship match for Galway which came against Waterford in this year's All-Ireland Qualifiers. His delightful pass that led to a Jason Flynn goal which briefly threatened an unlikely Galway comeback was a work of art.

***All-Ireland Hurling Final parade:*** If you were in Croke Park for this year's All-Ireland SHC Final the hairs surely stood up on the back of your neck when the teams paraded around the pitch. The noise and atmosphere the crowd created was remarkable, and all the more special because a year previously no supporters were in Croke Park for All-Ireland Finals.

***Fermanagh win Lory Meagher Cup:*** Fermanagh produced a brilliant display of hurling to convincingly beat Cavan in this year's Lory Meagher Cup Final. It was all the more remarkable for the fact that there's only one senior hurling club in the county, Lisbellaw, from which they draw the vast majority of their panel.

## Sports News From Ireland

### Semple Stadium becomes FBD Semple Stadium



*FBD Semple Stadium.*

Tipperary GAA have announced FBD Insurance as the naming rights holder to Semple Stadium. The iconic Thurles venue will be called FBD Semple Stadium under a new deal agreed between the insurance provider and Tipperary GAA. The deal will generate extra revenue for the county board over the next five years. "FBD Insurance is delighted and proud to expand their partnership with Tipperary GAA having been sponsors of the Tipperary Club Championships for the past three years and of the Tipperary Camogie Championships since last year. Welcoming the announcement, Chairman of the Semple Stadium Management Committee, Con Hogan said: "We are really pleased that FBD Insurance

have agreed to support FBD Semple Stadium for the next five years. The stadium is a hugely important asset, not alone for Tipperary but for the GAA at Provincial and National level, and we plan to continue to develop and enhance the facility over the coming years. The support of FBD will go a long way in enabling us to do just that." Tipperary hurler, Pádraic Maher commented: "I think the new partnership with FBD will offer a huge boost to Tipperary GAA and to Semple Stadium. As a player, it's great to see home-grown companies coming on board to offer their backing to sport. I am looking forward to having many more memorable occasions in FBD Semple Stadium as both a player and supporter."

### Spillane joins Sligo

Pat Spillane Jnr's transfer from Kerry to Sligo has gone through. Sligo GAA has confirmed that the 23-year-old son of Kerry legend Pat Snr has switched inter-county allegiances ahead of the start of the Allianz League in just under two weeks' time. Spillane, who lined out for St Jude's in their Dublin SFC final loss to Kilmacud Crokes before Christmas, qualifies to play for Sligo through his mother, who is a native of the Yeats County. In a statement issued to the Sligo Champion, Sligo GAA said: "Sligo County Board can confirm that Pat Spillane has joined with the county's senior football panel following the approval by the Competition Controls Committee of the GAA of his request to field with the county of his mother. "Spillane (23), who is resident in Dublin where he plays for the St Jude's club in Templeogue, has begun training with Sligo's Dublin based players and will participate in preparations for the forthcoming National League campaign which throws in on Sunday week next when Sligo travel to Wexford.



*St Jude's Pat Spillane. INPHO/Bryan Keane.*

### 'Bubbles' a surprise omission from Tipp squad

John 'Bubbles' O'Dwyer is a notable absentee from the Tipperary panel announced by manager Colm Bonnar ahead of this year's Allianz HL campaign. Bonnar and his selectors have unveiled a 34-man panel in advance of their league opener against Laois on Saturday, February 5th and it appears that the former All-Star has been deemed surplus to requirements. Tipp fans will be delighted to see Patrick 'Bonner' Maher back in the fold after he missed last year due to injury while newcomers to the senior squad include Enda Heffernan, Conor Bowe, Denis Maher and Conor Stakelum.



*Tipperary's John 'Bubbles' O'Dwyer celebrates scoring a goal against Kilkenny. ©INPHO/Cathal Noonan.*

## Sports News From Ireland

### Mark Coleman to captain Cork hurlers in 2022 with Conor Lehane recalled

*Seán O'Donoghue has been picked as vice-captain of the Rebels by Kieran Kingston and his selectors*

**MARK** Coleman will captain the Cork hurlers next season, while Conor Lehane's county-winning form with Midleton has been rewarded with a recall to the panel. Blarney club-man Coleman, who recently turned 24, succeeds Patrick Horgan as Rebel captain with Inniscarra's Seán O'Donoghue to serve as vice-captain. Cork captains in recent seasons include Anthony Nash, Stephen McDonnell and Seamus Harnedy, with the latter pair leading the county to Munster titles in 2017 and '18 respectively. Horgan held the captaincy in 2020 and '21 and also served in the role in 2012, when he was picked as vice-captain but deputised for the injured Donal Óg Cusack. He won a county with Blarney and two Fitzgibbon Cups in UCC colours, often utilised at midfield or in the half-forwards. A playmaking centre-back with Cork for the past two seasons, some supporters would prefer if he was pushed further upfield with a more steely presence in defence. It's a reflection of O'Donoghue's excellence for Cork last season that Kieran Kingston and his selectors have opted for the corner-back as Coleman's deputy. The 25-year-old was harshly overlooked for an All-Star.



*Mark Coleman of Cork in action against Tom Morrissey of Limerick. Picture: Daire Brennan/Sportsfile*

### Rachael Blackmore Named BBC World Sports Star Of The Year

A day after she won RTÉ Sports Star of the Year, Rachael Blackmore added the BBC World Sports Star of the Year award to her collection. She is the first Irish person to win the award. This year, the Tipperary native became the first woman to be crowned top jockey at Cheltenham when she picked up six wins. She followed that by becoming the first woman to ride the winner of the Aintree Grand National when Minella Times triumphed in April. Also nominated for the BBC award were boxer Saul 'Canelo' Alvarez, NFL star Tom Brady, tennis player Novak Djokovic, sprinter Elaine Thompson-Herah and Formula One champion Max Verstappen. The award was decided by a public vote. "Unbelievable!" said Blackmore. "The support has been incredible. I got such a kick out of being on that list of nominees. This is just incredible, it's overwhelming to think I've just been given an award after Simone Biles got one. "My dreams were so big, but [this year] far surpassed anything I could have every imagined.



**Rachael Blackmore**

"The reaction has been brilliant, I feel very privileged to have had the year I've had.

"The Grand National was incredible, I felt like I was exactly where I wanted to be. You need a lot of things to fall

### Rory McIlroy hails Séamus Power's 'amazing achievement' after hitting world top 50 - *The Irish Times*

Rory McIlroy has praised Séamus Power's "amazing achievement" in breaking into the world's top 50 as the

Irishman bids to secure a Major championship debut in the Masters. Power has finished fourth, 15th and third in his three most recent starts on the PGA Tour, with last week's performance in the Sony Open lifting him to a career-high 49th in the world rankings. If the 34-year-old from Waterford can remain inside the top 50 until the March 28th deadline, he will earn a coveted place in the field at Augusta National, where McIlroy will be seeking the victory required to complete the career Grand Slam. Power will contest The American Express event in California this week while McIlroy begins his 2022 campaign in Abu Dhabi.



## Local Sports

### Unbeatable Boxer Thomas O'Toole continues down victory trail

*Galway Bay FM*

Connemara professional Thomas O'Toole will be back in the ring next month as he looks to continue his unbeaten run. Thomas is scheduled to fight on the 12th of February in Moseley's On the Charles in Dedham, Massachusetts with his opponent expected to be the experienced Larry Pryor who has a record of 15 wins and 24 defeats in his 39 fights so far. The Leitir Mullen fighter knocked out Mark Malone in his last fight and the southpaw is now 2-0 in the professional ranks and has started camp this week in Galway in preparation for the fight.



Galway Boxer Thomas O' Toole is Boston Bound with fight in Dedham next month. O'Toole is a light-heavyweight with a professional record of 2 wins and 0 losses to date. Also pictured is "Rocky Rosmuc" Sean Mannion

## Sports Quiz

Test your GAA knowledge on first round Championship classics— *Niall McIntyre, SportsJOE*

**ANSWERS ON PAGE 3!**

1. Meath and Dublin had to meet four times to be separated in their Leinster Football Championship first round clash in 1991, who, eventually, kicked the winning point for Meath?
2. Wexford came from ten points down to defeat Meath in the Leinster Football Championship first round in 2008, who kicked their winning point?
3. Tipperary defeated Cork in an opening round Munster Hurling Championship thriller in 2009, which 20-year-old scored the only goal of the game?
4. Cork avenged their 2009 defeat to Tipperary with a 10-point Munster First Round victory in 2010, who was their full forward that scored one goal and set up two others in a man-of-the-match performance?
5. Who scored 2 goals for Clare against Tipperary in their Munster Hurling Championship first round clash in 1994?
6. Who scored Galway's only goal in their two point victory over Laois in the Leinster Championship first round clash in 2014?
7. Who scored a bizarre late goal from 40 metres out to send Donegal to victory over Armagh in the Ulster Football Championship first round in 2007?
8. How many points did Sligo defeat New York by in their 2017 Connacht Championship first round clash?

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