

Irish Pastoral Centre Newsletter



"We are a Parish without Boundaries."



Serving the Greater Boston Irish Community since 1987

WELL DONE LADIES!

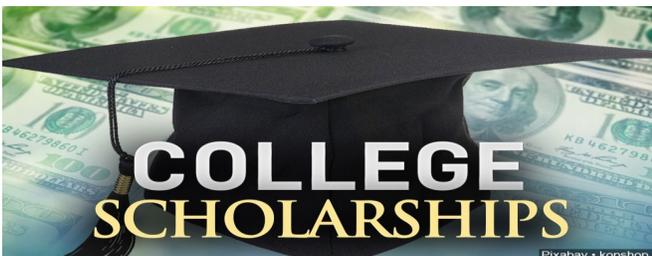


Our IPC Marathon team have completed their task, clocking many miles in training over the past few months which culminated in crossing the finish line at the 125th Boston Marathon. They trained and ran for us – they ran to support our programs and support systems as they have done for several

years! A primary fundraiser for the Pastoral Centre, this year brought 7 runners on our behalf over the finish line for the first time. This photo shows the ladies on the final day of training – its clear that they gave it their very best for us! We are most grateful to all!!

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Government of Ireland
Emigrant Support Programme



An Roinn Gnóthaí Eachtracha
Department of Foreign Affairs





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Dear Friends.

Happy Halloween to all. Let's hope the approaching winter is kind to us.

We are delighted to welcome back our cards night on Thursdays at 8pm and our Knitting club every other Thursday at 11am. We had a great night at our First Friday Fish and Chips supper and look forward to our next supper club on Friday November 4th. Please be sure to call Jen to register your attendance. Unfortunately, we will have to postpone our Nostalgia Nite scheduled for November 12 at Florian Hall. This is disappointing news but with the mask mandate in place in the City of Boston, its best to hold for now. We are looking at alternative dates in April and will let you know as soon as we have the new date.

Recently we enjoyed a very well-deserved Appreciation Dinner for all of the volunteers who gave of their time and talent for our Annual Golf Tournament. We are delighted to announce that our next golf tournament will take place at Presidents Golf Course in Quincy on Friday, September 30th 2022.

Our new Health and Wellness Program is up and running and we are building our Health and Wellness team. This new program is offered to assist our community with advice and resources for Health and Emotional Support services. From Tuesday to Friday, Patsy Dinneen RN and Peggie Cloherty will be here to assist with your specific needs. We are also in process of hiring a new Community Outreach Coordinator to assist us in further growth of great events and programs.

Mark your calendars and please help spread the word for our upcoming complimentary Financial Retirement Seminar on Tuesday November 3rd from 6 to 8pm. This is a free workshop and all of the details are available on page 5.

As the month of November approaches, we also look forward to our Annual Mass of Thanksgiving at the Irish Social Club in West Roxbury on Thursday, November 18th. A full Thanksgiving dinner will be served and catered by the Greenhill's Bakery. Music will be provided by the Strawberry Hill band.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

I'm delighted to announce that we are working on a College Scholarship program where we will offer scholarships for those seeking third level education.

There will be two categories. The first will honor the legacy of the IPC community since its inception in 1987. Applicants will be invited to apply by writing an essay about the value of home and Heritage. The second will focus on health care and making a difference in your community by applying your skills to help others outside of the work day in a volunteer capacity. We look forward to launching this new initiative in January. Applications will open in February and the winners will be announced in May.

Congratulations to Henry Shefflin who has caused fierce excitement in Galway Hurling! You can read the full story on page 24.

In closing, I must extend my gratitude to our staff – we really do have a great team in place who are very much appreciated.

Remember, the kettle is always on! Go Red Sox!

Mind yourselves,

Mary

The 2022 Leinster Championship should be interesting!



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WELCOMING NEW STAFF!

Peggy Conneely from Weymouth has joined our team and will be working on Health and Wellness referrals and assistance. Peggy, has recently retired from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts where she worked in Elder Affairs particularly in health and human services.

Holding dual citizenship, Peggy's parents hail from Rosmuc and Oughterard in County Galway.

Ellen Leary, retired Principal at St Brendan's School in Dorchester and long-time volunteer at the Pastoral Centre has joined us to coordinate our weekly Senior phone wellness check in calls.

Each week the IPC reaches out to 50 seniors, thanks to our great team of volunteers. If you know of someone who would like a weekly call, please call Peggy or Patsy at the IPC

The Knights and Ladies of St. Finbarr - Cork club will celebrate a Mass by our Chaplin, Fr. Dan Finn at our next dance at the



Malden Irish American club on November 27 (Please note date) followed by dancing to the great sound of Erin's Melody. The Fr. Dan Finn award will also be presented by Fr. Finn to a person who has contributed greatly to the Irish in the Boston area.

Promises to be an exciting and fun time. As Always, complimentary coffee, tea and pastries will be served.

FR DANS MENS COFFEE CLUB RETURNS

Drop in in any time on Fridays from 8am to 10am for coffee and a chat with Fr Dan. All are welcome!



**TURN
THE
CLOCKS
BACK
NOV. 7TH**



Home Health Training

The Irish Pastoral Centre has secured funds to assist with the cost of Home Help training at the Labouré Centre on West Broadway in South Boston. To learn about this 4 week program that begins in November please call Patsy or Peggy at the IPC. More information

GAA QUIZ ANSWERS:

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The Social Security Administration Announces 2022 COLA

On October 13, 2021, the Social Security Administration (SSA) officially announced that Social Security recipients will receive a 5.9 percent cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for 2022, the largest increase in four decades. This adjustment will begin with benefits payable to more than 64 million Social Security beneficiaries in January 2022. Additionally, increased payments to more than 8 million Supplemental Security Income (SSI) beneficiaries will begin on December 31, 2021.¹

Biggest COLA Increase in Decades? While many predicted a bump of as much as 6.1% given recent movement in the Consumer Price Index (CPI), the announced 5.9% increase is still substantial. Some fear that rising consumer prices may dilute the impact of the increase with inflation currently running at more than 5 percent. While this remains to be seen, Social

Security beneficiaries will no doubt welcome the largest adjustment in many years.¹

How You Will Be Notified. According to the Social Security Administration, Social Security and SSI beneficiaries are usually notified about their new benefit amount by mail starting in early December. However, if you've set up your SSA online account, you will also be able to view your COLA notice online through your "My Social Security" account.¹

Next Steps? If this increase surprises or concerns you, it's always a good idea to seek guidance from your financial professional about changes to any of your sources of retirement income.



Technology for Caregivers

Technology has changed a lot over the years and is becoming useful in ways we never could have imagined. Today, there are many tools that can help family caregivers and their families. These include websites, apps, sensors, devices and digital health platforms. Technology helps caregivers find what they need, stay organized, and connect with others. It also helps older adults and those living with disabilities stay independent. The following agencies are listed on the mass.gov website which lists several resources for Caregivers. [MassMatch](#) connects people to Assistive Technology

for help with communication and mobility.

[The Massachusetts eHealth Institute](#) is the designated state agency for health technology.

[Massachusetts Broadband Institute](#) aims to make affordable high-speed Internet available to all homes, businesses, schools, libraries, medical facilities, government offices, and other public places across the Commonwealth.

Using Technology to Aid in Caregiving



How can I qualify for the Irish State Pension (Contributory)?

The State Pension (Contributory) is paid to people from age 66 with sufficient social insurance contributions. It is not means-tested. To qualify you must:

- Have paid social insurance contributions before a certain age
- Have a certain number of social insurance contributions recorded, and
- Have a certain average over the years since you first entered insurance In practice this means that if you reach pension age on or after April 6th 2012:
 - you must have started making social insurance contributions before reaching age 56
 - you must have at least 520 full rate social insurance contributions (up to 260 of these may be voluntary contributions) as well
 - you also need a yearly average of:
 - o at least 10 appropriate contributions from the year you first entered insurance or 1953 (whichever is later) until the end of the tax year before you reach pension age - OR - a
 - o yearly average of 48 appropriate contributions for each contribution year from the 1979/1980 tax year

until the end of the tax year before you reach pension age This can be a combination of social insurance contributions made in Ireland and the USA, as well as any other country covered under EU regulations or with which Ireland has a Bilateral Social Security Agreement (e.g. the United Kingdom).

How do I apply if I live in the USA?

Contact the Pensions Section of the Department of Social Protection in Ireland 6 months before your 66th birthday. You will need to provide your Irish PPS number and your USA social security number. Contact them by phone on + 353 71 915 7100 or write to them at Department of Social Protection Social Welfare Services College Road Sligo Ireland You can also download the application form online at: www.welfare.ie/en/Pages/State-Pension-Contributory.aspx





Retirement Planning Workshop - 5 Steps To A Successful Retirement

When: Nov. 3rd, 2021 6-8pm

Where: Irish Pastoral Centre (512 Gallivan Boulevard, Suite 201, Dorchester, MA 02124)

If you know your retirement is too important to manage alone, and are looking for professional guidance, this event is intended for you.

Rubino & Liang Wealth Partners have been speaking to pre-retirees and retirees for over 25 years, and they know what worries people the most when it comes to retirement.

In easy-to-understand language, they take the mystery out of the myriad of retirement income options that can give you that much-needed paycheck for life and discuss what options are available today to help protect your principal and your retirement assets.

This workshop is ideal for people 50-70 years old, close to retirement or retired, and who want to learn:

- How to properly structure a retirement plan, to enjoy added peace of mind in retirement.
- How to create reliable and sustainable income in their retirement years.
- How to protect their house, savings, and estate from the high cost of a nursing home, avoid probate, and leave a legacy to their family.

Space is limited, please call Mary at 617-265-5300 by Nov. 1st to reserve your seat.

Investment Advisory Services offered through Retirement Wealth Advisors, LLC (RWA) an SEC Registered Investment Advisor. Rubino & Liang Wealth Partners, LLC and RWA are not affiliated.

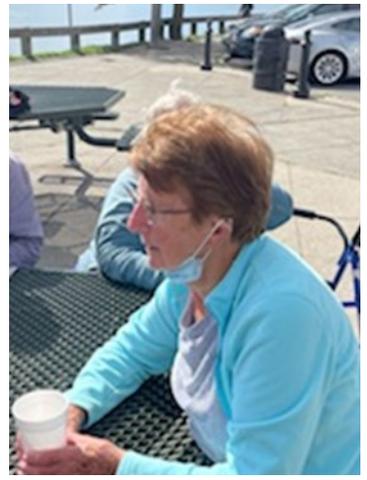
THIS IS A FREE PROGRAM. COMPLIMENTARY REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

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NEWS FROM OUR SENIOR OUTREACH PROGRAM

THE WEST ROXBURY, DORCHESTER AND BRIGHTON SENIORS ENJOYING LUNCH ON A BEAUTIFUL SEPTEMBER DAY AT CASTLE ISLAND



PLEASE SEE OUR NOVEMBER SENIOR CALENDAR ON PAGE 21

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

EILEEN ADAMS

MAUREEN BRIDGES

KATHLEEN CRONIN

MARY O'TOOLE GORMAN

RICHIE GORMLEY

PHYLLIS HARTFORD

TRUDY HYNES

MARY HAYES

CLAIRE KELLY DIROSARIO

EILISH LYNCH

MARY KEELEY

MARY MORLEY

DENIS MOYNIHAN

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LEARNING NEW LINE DANCING SKILLS TAUGHT BY JEAN LONG WITH THE CARA CLUB, CAFE EIREANN AND CROSSROADS.

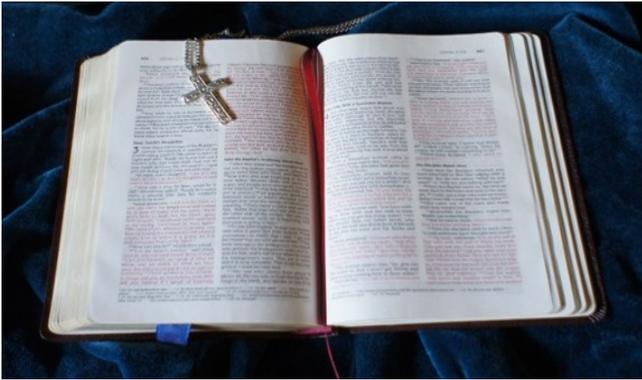




“Behold, God is my helper; the Lord sustains my life” (Psalm 54:6)

Seeing God’s handiwork before your eyes is a compelling picture of God’s presence in our lives. I knew a woman who loved to tend her garden. One day I came by to say hello and caught her talking to herself as she weeded a flower bed. “Who are you talking to?” I asked. “To God, who else?” she said. “He’s doing all the hard work around here. I just water, weed, and watch.”

She said that while she spent time in her garden, she prayed. She told God everything that was on her mind: Her joys, her complaints, her hopes, and her fears. I never realized how important her faith was to her until I happened by that day. And, by the way, God seemed to be doing a very good job in my friend’s patch of earth. Her flowers were gorgeous. Let God be your helper. - *Paul Pennick*



GOD’S IDEAL COMMUNITY

This community is to be characterized by a new way of living together that includes everyone. This Kingdom is inaugurated by Jesus and continues today in the Christian community that daily strives to make God’s ideal community a reality. After Covid-19, as we wonder when things will return to normal, the Scriptures ask us to consider what “normal” means in God’s kingdom. If it means going back to our old distracted and disordered ways, then the Gospel draws us into a far greater healing: from the wounds created by our divisions, our unresolved conflicts, our estrangement from others, and especially our distance from God. The Scriptures speak of the deeper vaccinations needed, not just from pharmaceutical companies but from being injected with and healed through the love and mercy of God. If we emerge from this crisis without becoming better people, we will have missed the opportunity for a more fundamental transformation. -*Fr. Daniel G. Groody*

Give us the graces we need to repair the severe impacts of the medical, social, and economic crisis caused by COVID-19



The Ripple Effect

Drop a pebble in the water.
And its ripples reach out far.
And the sunbeams dancing on there,
May reflect them to a star.

Give a smile to someone passing,
Thereby making their morning glad.
It may greet you in the evening,
When your own heart may be sad.

Do a deed of simple kindness;
Though its end you may not see,
It may reach like widening ripples,
Down a long eternity.

(Joseph Norris)



IPC COMMUNITY NEWS

NOVEMBER 8 GREEN LIGHT FOR VISITORS

The White House has confirmed it will lift COVID-19 travel restrictions for fully vaccinated foreign nationals effective Nov. 8, ending historic restrictions that had barred much of the world from entering the United States. Non-U.S. air travelers will need to show proof of vaccination before boarding a flight, and will need to show proof of a recent negative COVID-19 test. Foreign visitors crossing a land border will not need to show proof of a recent negative COVID-19 test.

The new rules do not require foreign visitors or Americans entering the country to go into quarantine.

Americans traveling overseas must still show proof of a recent negative COVID-19 test, and unvaccinated Americans will face stricter testing requirements.

They will also be subject to restrictions in countries they plan to visit, which may include quarantines.

Win a holiday in Connemara!

For 2 Adults and 2 Children Worth €5000!!!

HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit Kylemore & Gardens
- Oyster Farm Tour
- Pulling Lobster pots
- Sheep Farm Demonstration
- Kayaking on Killary Fjord
- Golf on Connemara Links
- Day trip to Inishbofin
- Seaweed Baths
- 7 day bike rental

All proceeds will go towards the development of the Leenane Community Park. TICKETS @ €20 for one OR €50 for 3 – online tickets can be purchased at www.leenanecommunitypark.com – paper tickets can only be purchased in Leenane pubs and villages.

Meals for 4 included:

- Renvyle House
- Lough Inagh Lodge
- Veldons
- Paddy Coyne's Pub
- Maol Reidh Hotel
- Oliver's Pub
- Foyles Hotel



SLIGO ASSOCIATION OF BOSTON



Dear Members and Supporters.

Thank you for your participation and support of our annual golf tournament this past June. It is because of your generosity we are looking forward to holding our annual scholarship drawing in December 2021.

We are in the process of renewing and updating memberships for the membership year of 5/1/21 to 4/30/22. Our annual membership is still only \$10.00 per member.

A check made out to The County Sligo Association can be mailed to 62 Cass Street, West Roxbury, MA 02132 or you can give it to any of the club officers.

Our meetings are still held on the first Monday of the month at Waterford's Pub & Restaurant, Dedham at 8 PM. All are welcome and all new ideas are welcome as we look to the future.

We are planning to hold our annual scholarship drawings in conjunction with our Christmas party on a Sunday afternoon in December, date will be announced in September. Three lucky students who are children/grandchildren of members will each received a \$1,000 scholarship to be used toward their college education. To be eligible membership fee must be paid in full by October 1, 2021.

Please also mark your calendar for our annual Golf Tournament Friday, June 3, 2022. We are still waiting for confirmation on a date and venue for our annual corned beef dinner dance, we will keep you updated. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me via e-mail motoolegorman@hotmail.com or my cell phone number is 617-293-7047

Thanks,
Mary O'Toole-Gorman
Registrar

BOSTON CONNEMARA LADY RADIATES JOY!

Bernadette Ridge from Connemara is very well known in Boston. A software sales specialist, Miracle-minded life-coach, trainer and soon to be a TEDx speaker, Bernadette lives on Spinnaker Island in Hull, where she spends her time spreading her own unique style of joy and happiness. A friend to all, the Irish Pastoral Centre congratulates Bernadette on her new project – you can purchase your copy on Amazon.com

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IPC COMMUNITY NEWS



POSTPONED



IPC Nostalgia Nite

Celebrating our Marathon team!
Friday November 12, 2021 | 7:30pm to 11pm
at Florian Hall
55 Hallet Street, Dorchester, MA



THE ELVIS EXPERIENCE!
Live Show with 8 piece band
Robert Black Entertainment

Also Featuring:
Johnny Cash Tribute Artist

Dance the Night away with **Ireland Hits:**
Joe Dolan - Nathan Carter - The Pogues
- Christy Moore and more! with

DJ Sean O'Toole!



Proceeds to benefit the 2021 IPC Marathon Team
Tickets are \$30.00
Table of 10 \$300.00 - Call IPC to Reserve
Cash Bar | Snacks will be served
Tickets available on Eventbrite.com
Irish Pastoral Centre - 617 265 5300

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

Please call our Rsvp Line
855-479-2472 to confirm your
attendance



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OCTOBER 26
12:00PCD

Lunch is \$9:00

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Weymouth





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Happy Birthday Wee Daniel!

Daniel O'Donnell is celebrating his 60th birthday in style by releasing a new feel-good single *Down at the Lah De Dah*.

O'Donnell, who has sold over 10 million records over the course of his 40-year career, continues to delight his loyal fans with his album releases and new tours.

To celebrate his 60th birthday, O'Donnell returned to the studio with legendary producer Nigel Wright, who has co-produced the recordings of many of Andrew Lloyd Webber's musicals, including the film versions

of *Evita* and *The Phantom of the Opera*. The 15-track album, available now on vinyl, CD and digital, features the singer's own upbeat versions of *Let Your Love Flow*, *I'll Never Find Another You*, *Happy To Be On An Island*, *In The Sun*, and *Something Stupid*, a duet with his wife Majella.

O'Donnell is already back touring in the UK and USA and will get back on the road in Ireland next year for his rescheduled Irish shows.



Killarney's Grand Master

A native Killarney Red stag, believed to be biggest of its kind in Ireland, has been photographed in a remote area of Killarney National Park.

Christened "the Grand Master", the deer has 21 points on his antlers, almost double the norm.

The red stag, part of an unbroken line spanning 6,000 years in Killarney, has scared off younger challengers and has assembled a dozen hinds, or females, in an up-land area of the park.

Hundreds of photographers have arrived in Killarney for the annual rut, but it was a retired

conservation ranger who snapped the giant stag on the highlands.

Damien Hannigan of the Irish Deer Commission said there is huge excitement in the deer world.

They estimate the stag is seven to nine years old, in the region of 250kgs and approximately 6 feet high, including his 21-point antlers and as such is "supersize".



IRELAND HAS been named a top 'bucket list' destination for travellers from across the globe.

Prestigious American business magazine *Forbes* chose our lovely island in its ongoing series exploring the top bucket list destinations for people to visit in their lifetime, and we can't say we're surprised-- not that we're biased or anything. Author Larry Olmsted chose the Emerald Isle as a must-see, once in a lifetime destination for a number of reasons-- one being that an estimated 80 million people worldwide have Irish roots, and should return to the place of their ancestors.

Anne Scully, President of luxury travel agency McCabe World Travel agrees that the famous Irish hospitality makes Ireland her top choice as a bucket list destination, calling it "the land of 100,000 smiles and welcomes.

"All of Ireland is a land to experience slowly, enjoying and savoring the joy of its people, the great food of their land and sea and the hospitality of their lodgings." Picture is Keen Bay Achill Island, Co Mayo



The MICA Crisis

As tens of thousands of people gathered at The Custom House on October 15, campaigner Eileen Doherty told how the 'true cost of this human crisis can best be measured in the thousands of sleepless nights where parents have walked the floors, unable to sleep, due to worry the roofs may collapse on them and their family members. Over 7000 homes are effected.

Devastated families across Donegal and parts of Mayo have been forced to abandon their dream homes due to faulty brickwork which has caused the buildings to crack and disintegrate - leaving them totally uninhabitable.

The scandal dates back to 2017 when a Government report outlined the main issue with the bricks was the mineral muscovite mica.

And while the Government has since offered to give homeowners 90 per cent - most families believe that they cannot afford to avail of the scheme due to many hidden costs that homeowners have to pay such as rent and health services. Because of this, campaigners are demanding 100 per cent redress and nothing less, with many hoping for a solution soon.



It could take upwards of 10 years to fix all Mica-affected homes in the country, *The Times* reports.

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IPC CALENDAR



Irish Pastoral Centre Fall Calendar

- Oct. 25, Cara Club (Brighton) Costume Party 1PM
 Oct. 26, 2021, Halloween Lunch @ The Cottage Weymouth 12:00 PM
 Call RSVP line 855-479-2472
 October 27, Mother Toddler Group, 9:30 AM Pope John Paul Playground
 Oct. 27, Café Eireann (Dorchester) Costume Party 1PM
 Oct. 28, Knitting @ 11AM
 Oct. 28, Crossroads Café (West Roxbury) Costume Party 1PM
 Oct. 28, Card Night, 8PM @ IPC
 Oct. 29, 2021, **IPC CLOSING @ 11AM SPECIAL EVENT**
 Oct. 30, "Le Cheile" Here Together Sobriety Support Group, 6PM
 Nov. 1, Cara Club (Brighton) 1PM Exercise with Eileen Smith
 Nov.1, Legal Clinic by Appointment
 Nov. 3, Mother Toddler Group 9:30 AM
 Nov.3, 2021, Café Eireann (Dorchester) 1PM Exercise with Eileen Smith
 Nov. 3, 2021, Complimentary Retirement Workshop @ IPC 6-8PM Call
 IPC to RSVP 617-265-5300
 Nov. 4, Crossroads Café (West Roxbury) 1PM Exercise with Eileen
 Smith
 Nov. 4, Card Night 8PM @IPC
 Nov. 5, First Friday Supper Club 5-7PM @ IPC Please call to make a
 reservation as space is limited!
 Nov. 6, "Le Cheile" Here Together Sobriety Support Group 6PM
 Nov. 7, Daylight Savings
 Nov. 8, Cara Club (Brighton) Bingo 1PM
 Nov. 9, 2021, **CLOSING @ 12:30 STAFF TRAINING**
 Nov. 10, Mother and Toddler Group 9:30 AM
 Nov. 10, Café Eireann (Dorchester) Arts and Crafts with Barbara Sullivan
 Nov. 11, IPC CLOSED (Veterans Day)
 Nov. 12, Nostalgia Night @ Florian Hall **POSTPONED**
 Nov. 13, "Le Cheile" Here Together Sobriety Support Group 6PM
 Nov. 15, Cara Club (Brighton) Arts and Crafts with Barbara Sullivan 1PM
 Nov. 16, Legal Clinic by Appointment
 Nov. 17, Mother and Toddler Group 9:30 AM
 Nov. 18, Annual Memorial Mass/Thanksgiving Celebration @ Irish So-
 cial Club 11AM
 Nov. 18, Card Night 8PM
 Nov. 20, "Le Cheile" Here Together Sobriety Support Group 6PM
 Nov. 22, Cara Club (Brighton) Trivia with Neil Hurley 1PM
 Nov. 24, Mother and Toddler Group 9:30
 Nov. 24, IPC CLOSING @ 12 Noon
 Nov. 25, IPC CLOSED (Thanksgiving Holiday)
 Nov. 26, IPC CLOSED
 Nov. 27, "Le Cheile" Here Together Sobriety Support Group 6PM
 Nov. 29, Cara Club (Brighton) Bingo
 Dec. 1, Mother and Toddler Group 9:30 AM
 Dec. 2, Crossroads Café (West Roxbury) Bingo 1PM
 Dec. 2, Card Night 8PM @ IPC
 Dec. 3, Supper Club 5-7PM Please call to make a reservation as space is
 limited!
 Dec. 4, "Le Cheile" Here Together Sobriety Support Group 6PM

Special Event: Join us for a traditional Thanksgiving dinner on
 Thursday November 18 at the Irish Social Club in West Roxbury
 at 11am. Fr Dan will celebrate our Annual Mass and Strawberry
 Hill Band will perform. Please call the IPC to register your at-
 tendance.

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

November 27, 2021: The Cork Mass for deceased members
 and friends will be held at the Malden Irish American Club 177
 West Street in Malden at 6.30 pm. Fr. Dan Finn, IPC Chaplin
 and Chaplin of the Cork club will celebrate the Mass.
 The Fr. Dan Finn award will be presented to a person that has
 been involved with the Irish Community for many years and has
 gone beyond the normal to help numerous Irish Immigrants and
 others over the years. Following the Mass, complimentary, tea,
 coffee and delicious baked goods and much more will be
 available. Erin's Melody will play your favorite music for listen-
 ing and dancing.
 Proceeds from the evening will be donated to the Irish Pastoral
 Centre. The Cork club invite all to come and support this
 event. Donation is \$10.00.

The Irish Music Club of Greater Boston

November 6, 2021: The Irish Music club will hold their dance
 at the Irish Social Club in West Roxbury. Music by Mossie
 Coughlin. Dancing from 7-10 pm. \$10.00 admission.

The Norwood Irish Music Club

November 20, 2021: The Norwood Irish Music Club will hold
 their dance at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 572 Nichols Street
 in Norwood. Music for the evening by "The Liam Hart Band".

The Irish Social Club West Roxbury

November 7, 2021: Weekly Sunday Evening Dances at 7.00 pm
 will start with "Erin's Melody" featuring Margaret Dalton. The
 club will continue with their dances each Sunday Evening from 7
 - 10 pm. On November 21 the Irish Social Club will have their
 Annual Mass followed by dancing. Music by Erin's Melody.

The Donegal Club

November 13, 2021: The Donegal Club will have their annual
 Banquet with a Roaring 20,s Theme at the Venezia function Hall
 in Dorchester from 7 - 12.00 am. "Music by Erin,s Melody".

**The North Shore Irish American Club will NOT have a
 November dance.**

Special Event: The Irish Pastoral Centre

Thursday Nov.18, at 11am. Annual Mass of Thanksgiving at the
 Irish Social Club. Thanksgiving Dinner will be served.

Note: All dances start at 7.00 pm unless otherwise stated.
 Remember: All listings subject to change.

**The Knights and Ladies of St. Finbarr - Cork club
 wish all a very HAPPY HALLOWEEN.**

CALL US AT 617-265-5300



News From The Irish Consulate

Staff Changes at the Irish Consulate

At the end of the summer the Irish Consulate bid farewell to our wonderful colleague James Cribbs, who has embarked on a course of further education. James was instrumental to our outreach and events during the pandemic (including starting this newsletter) and he'll remain a firm friend of the Irish community in Boston.



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While we're sad to say goodbye to James, we're delighted to welcome Olivia (Liv) Paulo to the staff at CG Boston. Liv is a Massachusetts native who'll be working on outreach, events and consular affairs with the Consulate team.

Brig St John Commemoration

October 2021 Consul General Laoise Moore was honoured to join members of the South Shore's Irish community at the annual commemoration of the shipwreck of the Brig St. John on the coast of Cohasset.



On 7 October 1849, 99 people lost their lives in the shipwreck - many of them famine emigrants. This year, a granite bench was dedicated in memory of the victims and renowned historian Professor Christine Kinealy of Quinnipiac gave a well-received address.

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2020 Highlights



DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES OCT 15



News From The Irish Consulate

From 19 July, new rules and advice on international travel came into effect in Ireland and it is now possible to travel internationally. However, COVID-19 still presents a threat with the Delta variant resulting in significantly increased case numbers. Details of these measures are available on the travel section of the [gov.ie](https://www.gov.ie) website.

For vaccinated travellers with valid proof of vaccination, no travel-related testing or quarantine will be necessary.

For travellers with valid proof of recovery from COVID-19 in the past 180 days, no travel-related testing or quarantine will be necessary.

For travellers who **do not** have valid proof of vaccination or recovery, the following will apply:

present evidence of a negative or 'not detected' result from a **COVID-19 RT-PCR test** carried out no more than 72 hours before arrival to Ireland. Rapid tests are not acceptable, it must be a RT-PCR test.

- **observe 14 days of Home Quarantine** on arrival in Ireland, this is a legal requirement.

This 14 day period of Home Quarantine can only be shortened if you receive a not-detected RT-PCR test result taken no less than five days after arrival.

CURRENT OPERATING STATUS **CONSULATE GENERAL OF IRELAND BOSTON** **OCTOBER 2021**

1. The Consulate is fully operational with revised procedures. We ask all our customers to conduct their business with us by phone, email or mail only in the interests of everyone's safety.
2. The quickest way to contact us is at +1 617 267 9330 or email at bostoncongen@dfa.ie
3. A new online passport service for first-time applicants from the U.S. has gone live and is available to all. The Consulate is no longer sending out paper applications. If you have a paper application on hand please dispose of it and use the new online service. For more information please see dfa.ie/passportonline
4. If you need to renew your passport you **must** renew online here: dfa.ie/passportonline
5. Short stay visa applications for Ireland have now resumed. At the moment, visa applications for the New England region are being handled by our colleagues at the Consulate General of Ireland, New York. Please refer to their website for more information, New York - Department of Foreign Affairs (dfa.ie/NewYork)
6. Any queries may be directed to the Contact Us page on our website dfa.ie/boston or +1 617 267 9330.

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COVID-19 Travel Advice



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For **travellers who are not vaccinated**, the Public Health advice is that they avoid high risk activities - this includes international travel.

Children: Children between the **ages of 12 and 17** will be required to present a negative or 'not detected' test result from a COVID-19 RT-PCR test carried out no more than 72 hours before arrival to Ireland, unless they have valid proof of vaccination or recovery. Children aged 11 and under **will not require** any pre-departure tests. Public Health recommend that children aged 12 and over **should avail** of the free 5 day CoVID-19 RT-PCR test.

Children of any age, travelling with accompanying vaccinated or recovered adults, will not be required to self-quarantine on arrival to Ireland. However, where one accompanying adult needs to self-quarantine, then all children have to self-quarantine.

All passengers arriving to Ireland from overseas are obliged to complete a mandatory **Public Health Passenger Locator Form** and present it to the relevant authority at their port of entry. As of 12 July, **this form must be completed online** prior to boarding your flight. Paper versions will no longer be accepted. Exemptions are in place for providers of essential supply chain services such as hauliers, pilots and maritime staff. Check the **Irish Government Advice Page** for full information on these requirements.

Testing is free when arranged through the Health Service Executive. Information on free post-travel testing is available at www.hse.ie.

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.

- September 25, John Joseph Downey Sr., Dorchester, County Roscommon
- September 27, Patrick O'Brien, Chestnut Hill, County Galway
- October 3, David P. "Dave" Walsh, Norwood, County Galway
- October 9, Patrick J. Walsh Sr., Canton, County Galway
- October 10, Mary E. (Sheehan) Fitzgerald, Stoneham, County Kerry

"What you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments, but what is woven into the lives of others."
-Pericles



Patrick J. Walsh Sr, RIP

Patrick J. Walsh Sr. of Canton passed away October 9th at home surrounded by his loving family. Born and raised in Galway, Ireland he immigrated to the United States at age 22 and has lived in Canton since 1971. He was proud of his Irish Heritage and was a member of the Irish Cultural Centre in Canton. Pat was an active supporter of the Arc of South Norfolk and enjoyed traveling and spending time with his grandchildren. He was a carpenter from a young age, starting his own business, PJ Walsh Construction Company in the early 1970's and it evolved into Walsh & Son's Construction Company when his boys started working for him. He was a member of the Army National Guard for two years in

Fort Dix, New Jersey.

Beloved husband for 55 years of Nora M. (O'Regan). Father of Timothy F. Walsh and his wife Paula of Canton, Robin M. Walsh of Walpole, Joanne B. Walsh DeRossette of Canton, and the late Patrick J. Walsh Jr. and his wife Lisa M. Walsh of Canton. Brother of James Walsh of County Meath, Patricia Buckley of AZ, Cecelia Ayoub of AZ, Veronica McDonough of Burlington, Ann Crosby of Bridgewater, and the late John Walsh, Mary Keleghan, Francis Walsh and Theresa Walsh. Grandfather of Patrick J. III, Michaela, Julia, Timothy, Paul, Abigail, and Declan.

Chieftan, Ambassador and Gentleman – Paddy Moloney RIP

The death has taken place of the founder and leader of The Chieftains, Paddy Moloney. From Donnycarney in north Dublin, he grew up in a musical family and began playing the tin whistle and then the uilleann pipes, learning from the pipe master Leo Rowsome. He formed several groups with musicians in duets and trios, and in 1962 formed the band that would become The Chieftains Sean Potts and Michael Tubridy.

The Chieftains went on to become one of the best-known Irish traditional groups in the world, winning six Grammys as well as many other awards. Mr Moloney and The Chieftains worked with a vast range of artists over their long career, making guest appearances with and contributing to albums by Ry Cooder, Marianne Faithful, Mick Jagger, Elvis Costello, and Sinéad O'Connor. In 1987 they recorded the acclaimed 1987 album *Irish Heartbeat* album with Van Morrison.

Mr Moloney, who also played button accordion and bodhrán, was the main composer and arranger of The Chieftains' music and composed for films, including *Treasure Island*, *The Grey Fox*, *Braveheart*, *Gangs of New York*, and Stanley Kubrick's *Barry Lyndon*.

The Irish Traditional Music Archive said Mr Moloney made an enormous contribution to Irish traditional music, song and dance, and has left a wonderful musical legacy. He was married to artist Rita O'Reilly and had three children, Aonghus Moloney, Pdraig Moloney, and the actress and producer Ae-



"From his early days with Ceoltóiri Chualann, his founding of Claddagh Records with Garech de Brún, to the groundbreaking and award-winning music with The Chieftains, Paddy Moloney has been a constant in our lives for decades and has been instrumental in bringing our rich traditional music to audiences across the globe." – Irish Arts Council

Fadó Fadó - Long Ago in Ireland

Remembering the Sinking of the Brig St John in Cohasset

One of the most tragic events to occur during the mass exodus from Ireland in the aftermath of the Great Famine was the shipwreck of St. John and the loss of nearly 100 lives, many of whom were from Ennistymon, Lahinch, and Kilfenora, off the coast of Massachusetts in October 1849.

On 7 October 1849 the St. John, a brig of about 200 tons, sailed out of Galway bound for Boston. She was owned by Henry Comerford of Galway and Ballykeale House, Kilfenora and Captain Oliver from Bohermore, Galway was in command. Aboard were nine crew members and about a hundred passengers from North Clare and Connemara. On Saturday, 6th October the ship came close to land near Cape Cod almost at the end of her journey to Massachusetts Bay. The voyage had been a good one and the captain had a ration of grog issued to the crew and he suggested to the



Foromna Islano, Galway Bay, Éire

passengers that they might celebrate their last night aboard the St. John. They, too, had every reason for merriment; they had left far behind them a country of starvation, disease and death, the voyage had been less of a trial than they had expected and they were on the shores of the golden land. They hurried to decorate the rigging and decks with candles and "passed the night in song and dance."

At five o'clock in the evening they passed Cape Cod Light and were off Scituate Light at one o'clock in the morning. But already the ship was being driven towards the shore by a fierce north-easterly gale. The captain stood to the northwards to clear the land until daylight, which would normally have come at about quarter to six. By then the gale had become a full storm and the ship was being driven southwards along the Massachusetts coast and was by morning at the mouth of Cohasset Bay. The Captain described the weather as "very thick"; the people who crowded the shore said that the waves "were mountains high". Inexorably the wind drove the little ship towards the shore. The brig came inside Minot's Lighthouse and the Captain tried "to wear away" up to another brig which was lying at anchor just inside the breakers at Hocksett Rock, but the sails were in shreds and the storm too powerful. Both anchors were dropped but they dragged. As a last resort Captain Oliver had both masts cut away but the

wind and seas were relentless and the brig was driven onto Grampus Ledge. It was then about seven o'clock on Sunday morning.

Enormous waves lifted the helpless ship and smashed her again and again on the rocks. The impact broke her back and opened her seams. A hole was quickly broken in her hull and those below decks were drowned within minutes. Pounded against the rocks, the brig began to break up. Horrified spectators saw people being "swept in their dozens" into the boiling surf from the crowded decks. Even though they were deafened by the howling of the wind and the thunder of the seas, the watchers were convinced that they could hear the screams of the unfortunates as they were swept to their deaths. And there was nothing that they could do to help; only a lifeboat could have lived in such seas.

The ship was quickly disintegrating...

The jollyboat was hanging by its tackle alongside. The stern rigging bolt broke, the boat fell into the water and was being swept away. The captain, the second mate, two of the crewmen and two apprentice boys jumped into the maelstrom to secure her but about twenty-five frenzied passengers attempted to board the boat and it was swamped. Of the people in or around the jollyboat, only one survived; Captain Oliver grabbed a rope which was hanging from the quarter and was pulled aboard the ship by the first mate, Henry Comerford (believed to be a nephew of the ship's owner of the same name).

When the long boat was got clear, a number of passengers jumped into the water to reach her, but all perished. By now the ship was quickly disintegrating and the water around her was strewn with wreckage to which people clung desperately even though they were again and again buried beneath tons of water as the colossal waves broke over them. The captain, the first mate and the remaining seven members of the crew succeeded in reaching the longboat, but only one passenger. As they made their way to the shore, they met the lifeboat coming out of Cohasset to the aid of another emigrant ship, Kathleen, which was in difficulties at the



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SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Meet Mary Gardiner!

I was born Mary Small to Martin & Julia Moran Small in a village called Angliham a few miles outside Galway city. I had four brothers and we had a small farm that bordered Lough Corrib. I went to Castlegar School, where the Galway Races are held and so attended the Races every year. I then went to Galway Technical School. After school I worked in a clothing store, but had to work three years before receiving a decent wage and I regret working for that long for less than two pounds per week.



After my three years, I was replaced by a new recruit. This made me want to come to America.

I saw an ad seeking Nannies in Boston with fare and expenses paid. I went to an interview at a local hotel with a friend. Up until this point, I hadn't told my mother about any of this. Within a few days I received a letter from the agency telling me I was a perfect match with a Milton couple. The offer included an appointment in Dublin for a Visa. I stayed with a neighbor who worked in Dublin and had my Visa at the end of the week. When I told my mother, I promised her I would only work in America for a year to earn enough money to buy a car. I arrived in Boston December 7th, 1963.

There were several girls working in Milton as live-in help. Most were from Galway, others from Cork, Kerry, and Clare.

We would all go dancing on the weekend to the State Ballroom. We would also go to Mission Church on Wednesday nights for Novena and Fr. Manton gave a beautiful sermon each week. After the Novena we would go to the Rose Croix Hall on Dudley St to the weekly PI-ONEER dance. I had taken the pledge when I made my confirmation and was happy to continue that. There was

also an Irish seisun at Ireland's 32 club in Roslindale Square. That is where I met Eddie Gardiner. He was handsome, fun, and a great dancer. We hit it off, dated for a few years, and married in 1967. Within three years we had three kids and went on to have three more later. But we hardly ever missed a week without going to a dance. In his final years Eddie had dementia but he loved to go to the clubs. He especially loved to get to the IPC Cara Club and sing along with Kevin Sullivan. He did so until a few months before he died in 2016.



I have two sons and four daughters, also eight grandchildren, the youngest just a month old. She is in San Diego where three of my girls live. I just visited them and the new baby a few weeks ago. I am also lucky enough to have my daughter Ann and family living right next door to me in Dedham. She has four kids that I enjoy so much, the little one has been to some IPC coffee hours at the Crossroads Café.

I get great satisfaction in volunteering and baking for different functions. It is a great way to stay connected with other Irish people and our culture. I have been involved with the Norwood Irish Music Club for many years, and I also try to attend functions at all the other Irish clubs, including the Irish Cultural Center. I hope to be able to continue going out and meeting friends well into the future.



REMEMBERING THE BRIG ST JOHN

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mouth of the harbour. Blinded by the flying spray and spume and deafened by the waves and wind, the crew of the lifeboat had no inkling of the tragedy so close to them; they assumed that the longboat contained the entire complement of the brig and continued on their mission to assist the Kathleen.

By eight a.m. the ship had completely broken up and the worst horror was over. Eight women and four men had made their way to the shore, almost dead of exhaustion. Some had to have hands prised from the wreckage which had saved their lives. News of the disaster had spread and by early afternoon the shore was lined with people who worked unsparingly to rescue the living and retrieve the dead. They had many stories to tell. Two of the women who had fought their way ashore had each lost her three children. Patrick Sweeney of Galway had perished with his wife and nine children. Many of the bodies were badly mutilated by the jagged rocks, yet Sally Sweeney's "features were calm and placid as if she were enjoying a quiet and pleasant slumber." Mr. Lathrop, in whose house the survivors found shelter, waded into the surf to retrieve a parcel of clothing and found that he had an infant in his arms; some days later the baby was said to be in excellent health.

Time and again the bodies were thrown on the rocks by the breakers only to be swept again into deep water by the backwash. Charles Studley was so determined to bring one such body to the shore that it was only with great difficulty that he himself was rescued.

The American writer, Henry David Thoreau was in Boston when the tragedy occurred and made his way to Cohasset where he met "several hay-riggings and farm-wagons each loaded with three large, rough deal boxes. We do not need to ask what was in them. The owners of the wagons were made the undertakers. Many horses in carriages were fastened to the fences near the shore, and for a mile or more, up and down, the beach was covered with people looking out for bodies, and examining the fragments of the wreck. It was now Tuesday morning and the sea was still breaking violently on the rocks. There were eighteen or twenty of the same large boxes I have mentioned lying on a green hillside and surrounded by a crowd. The bodies which had been recovered, twenty seven or eight in all, had been collected there."



Thoreau further relates that a woman who had immigrated from Ireland in an earlier ship "but had left her infant behind for her sister to bring, came and looked into these boxes, and saw in one her child in her sister's arms, as if the sister had meant to be found thus; and within three days after, the mother died from the effect of the sight."

Forty-six bodies had been taken from the sea...

A newspaper report of the time says that forty-six bodies had been taken from the sea by nightfall, that they were confined on the beach and, after religious ceremonies on the beach and in the cemetery, were buried in a common grave on Tuesday. Thoreau describes seeing the funeral headed by the captain and the survivors. He ruminates that "on the whole, it was not so impressive a scene as I might have expected. The sight of one body affects us deeply but the sight of so many bodies blunted the sensibilities".

Sixty-five years later a huge granite Celtic Cross was raised over the grave, sited on the highest point of Cohasset Central Cemetery so as to command a view of the bay. The cross bears the inscription: "This cross was erected and dedicated May 30, 1914, by the A.O.H. and the I.A.A.O.H. of Massachusetts to mark the final resting place of about forty-five Irish immigrants from a total company of ninety-nine who lost their lives on Grampus Ledge off Cohasset October 7, 1849, in the wreck of the brig St. John from Galway, Ireland. R.I.P."

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Immigration and Citizenship Support Services Program

The IPC's Immigration and Citizenship Program provides information and support to immigrants from Ireland and elsewhere including obtaining legal status, adjusting status, matters related to Green Card applications and renewals, visas, U.S. Citizenship eligibility, and applications for U.S. Citizenship. The IPC can also provide information about Irish passports.

Staff is available during normal business hours to help to answer questions related to these matters and direct people to appropriate resources.

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.

UPDATE FROM THE COALITION OF IRISH IMMIGRATION CENTRES:



DV-2023 Diversity Lottery: Entry Period Now Open

The Diversity Visa Lottery is a congressionally mandated program that provides up to 55,000 individuals with immigrant visas to the United States. Lottery winners **may** be eligible to obtain Green Cards and become permanent legal residents of the U.S.

The DV-2023 entry period opens at noon EDT on Wednesday, October 6, 2021 and runs through noon EDT on Tuesday, November 9, 2021.

All information, including eligibility criteria and program instructions for DV-2023 can be found on the U.S. Department of State website: travel.state.gov

Individuals planning to enter the DV Lottery need to remember:

- Entries are **submitted ONLY online** via the U.S. Department of State website: dvprogram.state.gov;
- There is **NO CHARGE** for submitting an entry.
- A **valid, current passport** from the entrant's country of origin is required for entry.
- **Keep confirmation number** received after submission to check entry status
- **Seek reliable support & beware of fraud!** Find your local Irish center at <https://ciic-usa.org> to receive accurate information
- **Not everyone selected in the lottery receives a green card;** 3rd party companies cannot increase chances of a positive outcome.

"There is no downside to entering the Diversity Lottery program, as entries are free of cost and submitted online," says Aileen Leonard Dibra, Executive Director, Coalition of Irish Immigration Centers. "The DV



Upcoming Legal Clinic Dates

Tuesday, October 19th
Monday, November 1st
Tuesday, November 16th
Monday, December 6th

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 emailing mcasavant@ipcoston.org.

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IMMIGRATION NEWS



Lottery is one of the few pathways available to Irish nationals who want to immigrate to the United States, and we urge anyone interested in coming to the U.S. to enter the lottery this year, and every year. If you have questions, our regional Irish centers are available to provide current and accurate information and support. Do not miss your opportunity to enter.”

Follow the Coalition of Irish Immigration Centers for updated information about the Diversity Lottery Program and other immigration related topics (@IrishCoalition).

Fully Vaccinated Travelers from Canada and Mexico will be Allowed to Enter U.S. at Land Borders and Ferry Crossings

Department of Homeland Security will amend regulations to allow non-essential travelers who have been fully vaccinated for COVID-19 and have appropriate documentation to enter the United States via land and ferry ports of entry, or point of entries across the U.S. border. In November, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, or CBP, will begin allowing fully vaccinated travelers from Mexico or Canada to enter the United States at land and ferry point of entries for non-essential reasons. In early January 2022, Department of Homeland Security will require that all inbound foreign national travelers crossing U.S. land or ferry point of entries whether for essential or non-essential reasons be fully vaccinated for COVID-19 and provide related proof of vaccination.

(Source: Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Newsletter Oct. 13, 2021)

Workplace Enforcement Memo Establishes End to Mass Raids

U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHA) Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas issued a memo to end mass raids at workplaces where undocumented immigrants are employed. Instead, DHS agencies are ordered to focus on businesses and employers that violate labor laws not employees. (Source: Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Newsletter Oct. 13, 2021)


COALITION OF IRISH IMMIGRATION CENTERS


DIVERSITY LOTTERY 2023 (DV-2023)

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 <p>Entries are ONLY submitted online at dvprogram.state.gov</p>	 <p>Entrants need a valid, current passport</p>
 <p>There is no charge for submitting an entry</p>	 <p>Always seek reliable support! Beware of fraud!</p>
 <p>Retain your confirmation number post submission</p>	 <p>Find your local Irish center: bit.ly/2HizD4W</p>

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- Tuesday: Roast Turkey Breast, Stuffing, Gravy and Cranberry
- Wednesday: Greenhills Baked Ham, Shephard's Pie
- Thursday: Irish Boiled Dinner with Irish Boiled Bacon, Corned Beef, Cabbage, Spuds, Veg and 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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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>1. Cara Club (Brighton) Exercise with Eileen Smith 1-3PM</p> <p>Legal Clinic by Appointment</p>	2.	<p>3. Café Eireann (Dorchester) Exercise with Eileen Smith 1-3PM</p>	<p>4. Crossroads Café (West Roxbury) Exercise with Eileen Smith 1-3 PM</p> <p>CARD NIGHT 8PM</p>	<p>5. Fr. Dan's Coffee Hour 8-10AM</p> <p>Fish and Chips Supper Club 5 PM</p>
<p>8. Cara Club (Brighton) Bingo 1-3PM</p>	9.	<p>10. Café Eireann (Dorchester) Arts & Crafts with Barbara Sullivan 1-3PM</p>	<p>11.</p> <p>IPC CLOSED</p>	<p>12. Fr. Dan's Coffee Hour 8-10AM</p>
<p>15. Cara Club (Brighton) Arts & Crafts with Barbara Sullivan 1-3PM</p>	<p>16.</p> <p>Legal Clinic by Appointment</p>	<p>17. Café Eireann (Dorchester) Bingo 1-3PM</p>	<p>18.</p> <p>11AM IPC Annual Mass Thanksgiving Celebration @ Irish Social Club</p> <p>CARD NIGHT 8PM</p>	<p>19. Fr. Dan's Coffee Hour 8-10AM</p>
<p>22. Cara Club (Brighton) Trivia with Neil Hurley 1-3PM</p>	23.	<p>24.</p> <p>IPC CLOSING EARLY</p>	<p>25.</p> 	<p>26.</p> <p>IPC CLOSED</p>
<p>29. Cara Club (Brighton) Bingo 1-3PM</p>	30.	<p>MONDAYS Cara Club (Brighton) Veronica Smith Senior Center 20 Chestnut Hill Ave Brighton, MA 02135 1-3 PM</p>	<p>WEDNESDAYS Café Eireann (Dorchester) All Saints Church 209 Ashmont St. Dorchester, MA 02124 1-3 PM</p>	<p>THURSDAYS Crossroads Café (West Roxbury) Irish Social Club 119 Park St. West Roxbury, MA 02132 1-3 PM</p>

The Celtic Scribe

The Wild Swans at Coole

W. B. Yeats - 1865-1939

*The trees are in their autumn beauty,
The woodland paths are dry,
Under the October twilight the water
Mirrors a still sky;
Upon the brimming water among the stones*

Are nine and fifty swans.

*The nineteenth Autumn has come upon me
Since I first made my count;
I saw, before I had well finished,
All suddenly mount
And scatter wheeling in great broken rings*

Upon their clamorous wings.

I have looked upon those brilliant creatures,

*And now my heart is sore.
All's changed since I, hearing at twilight,
The first time on this shore,
The bell-beat of their wings above my head,*

Trod with a lighter tread.

*Unwearied still, lover by lover,
They paddle in the cold,*

OCTOBER

—Harry Clifton, from *The Winter Sleep of Captain Lemass* (2012)

The big news around here is the fall of leaves

In Harrington Street and Synge Street,

Lying about in pockets, adrift at your feet

As you kick them away. The other news is the trees—

*Their yellow, as I speak, is unbelievable,
Not that you need me to tell you.*

Everywhere,

The house is falling down around our ears

*And it's wonderful, in the dry, spicy air,
How quietly it happens. Close your eyes,*

*Don't think, just listen. Hear them fall,
the years*

*We came towards each other, out of a sun
Already westering. Look at us, even yet,*

*Exchanging tree-lore, twenty years on
In a leafless cathedral—bride and groom,
well-met.*



Harry Clifton is a Dublin poet

*- "His is a universe of aftermaths,
hauntings, and returns, in which
even God . . . dreams of becoming
flesh again." - -*

*Fintan O'Toole, *The Irish Times**



Notable Quotes

*“Why do you go away? So that you can come back.
So that you can see the place you came from with
new eyes and extra colors.*

*And the people there see you differently, too.
Coming back to where you started is not the same as
never leaving.”*

— Terry Pratchett, Kerry, Ireland



The Celtic Scribe

ONE of Ireland's best-loved poets, Brendan Kennelly, aged 85 passed away on October 17 in his native Kerry. Mr Kennelly was born in Ballylongford, Co Kerry, in 1936, the son of Tim Kennelly, publican and garage proprietor, and his wife Bridie Ahern, a nurse.

He graduated from Trinity College, wrote his PhD thesis there, and went on to become professor of modern literature at the university. Mr Kennelly had more than 30 poetry collections published, which captured the many shades and moods of his home county as well as his adopted Dublin home.



“A writer is not interested in explaining reality; he's interested in capturing it”.

Brendan Kenneally

“As a poet, Brendan Kennelly had forged a special place in the affections of the Irish people. He brought so much resonance, insight, and the revelation of the joy of intimacy to the performance of his poems and to gatherings in so many parts of Ireland. He did so with a special charm, wit, energy and passion.”

President Michael D Higgins

Begin

by Brendan Kennelly

Begin again to the summoning birds
to the sight of light at the window,
begin to the roar of morning traffic
all along Pembroke Road.

Every beginning is a promise
born in light and dying in dark
determination and exaltation of springtime
flowering the way to work.

Begin to the pageant of queuing girls
the arrogant loneliness of swans in the canal
bridges linking the past and future
old friends passing though with us still.
Begin to the loneliness that cannot end
since it perhaps is what makes us begin,

begin to wonder at unknown faces
at crying birds in the sudden rain
at branches stark in the willing sunlight
at seagulls foraging for bread
at couples sharing a sunny secret
alone together while making good.
Though we live in a world that dreams of ending
that always seems about to give in
something that will not acknowledge conclusion
insists that we forever begin.

If you have a talent for writing poems, stories and memories that you would like to see featured here, please send your submission to mswanton@ipcoston.org.

If you prefer putting pen to paper, please mail your submission to Mary Swanton at the Pastoral Centre

Sports News From Ireland



Shock as Henry Shefflin gets nod ahead of Davy Fitzgerald for 'unique opportunity' with Galway hurlers

HENRY SHEFFLIN is braced for the "unique opportunity" ahead after his shock appointment as Galway senior hurling manager, having pipped red-hot favourite Davy Fitzgerald to the post in sensational fashion. Rumours were widespread on Tuesday that Clare native Fitzgerald was set to take the Tribe reins with a Banner-heavy backroom team, but Shefflin is believed to have entered the equation at the 11th hour before being chosen to lead Galway forward.

Kilkenny legend Shefflin, the most decorated player in the game with 10 All-Ireland SHC titles and 11 All-Stars, was interviewed for the position earlier this week with his appointment formally announced tonight alongside high-regarded coach, and fellow Cat, Richie O'Neill, with the remainder of his backroom team to follow in the coming weeks.

"Managing the Galway senior hurlers presents a unique opportunity and we relish the exciting challenge ahead as we begin this journey. We look forward to working with the players, the county board, and the wider Galway GAA community over the coming years," Shefflin said in a Galway GAA statement.

The three-time Hurler of the Year led his native Ballyhale Shamrocks to successive All-Ireland club hurling titles in 2019-2020 during his first foray into management and the 42-year-old now takes the giant step into the inter-county game.

Shefflin is seen by many as the natural successor to Brian Cody whenever the Kilkenny boss calls time on his record-breaking reign, but his new appointment sees him collide with his former boss in next year's Leinster SHC. Shefflin had said earlier this year "that inter-county management was not something that appealed to him – "At this moment in time, no" – but that has clearly changed as he attempts to bring the west awake once again. It will be intriguing to see whether Shefflin tries to coax former Hurler of the Year Joe Canning out of retirement, having hung up his boots in July, as all eyes turn to their 2022 campaign. Shefflin's arrival puts an end to 35 successive years where Fitzgerald has been part of the inter-county game as either a player or a manager with the former Wexford boss now left out in the cold.

GALWAY SENIOR HURLING MANAGER ANNOUNCEMENT

Galway GAA is delighted to announce Henry Shefflin as the new Galway Senior Hurling Manager. Henry's achievements as a player are unrivalled. As a manager he has guided Ballyhale Shamrocks to All Ireland Club titles in 2019 and 2020. Henry will be joined by fellow Kilkenny man Richie O'Neill as a coach and his management team will be finalised in the coming weeks. All in Galway GAA wish them the very best in their new roles

Henry stated, *'Managing the Galway Senior Hurlers presents a unique opportunity, and we relish the exciting challenge ahead as we begin this journey. We look forward to working with the players, the county board, and the wider Galway GAA community over the coming years.'*

Galway GAA also wish to thank everyone that participated in, and facilitated the selection process, including the candidates that put themselves forward as well as the interview panel for their diligence, commitment, and professionalism over the past few weeks.

The appointment of Henry Shefflin to lead our flagship team underpins both our immediate ambition for Galway hurling as well as a commitment to building a sustainable development pathway for our young hurlers. This will be followed by the appointment of our u20 and Minor Management teams, as well as the Head of our newly constituted Adult Development Squad for 2022.

Most Media outlets in Ireland reported that former Clare and Wexford manager had clinched the top spot in Galway.





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Ballinlough's Best. Brendan Smith Remembered

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The Ballinlough club has been hit with the passing of some greats in recent times. Brendan Smith was the Greatest. It is reasonable to say that no man or woman has contributed as much to the club over the past fifty years or so and in such a variety of capacities.

A county minor in 1968 he was at right half forward on the Ballinlough team beaten by Seneschalstown in the final of the 1970 under 21 grade, played in late 1971.

Perhaps Brendan's finest hour on the playing field arrived in the spring of 1973 when Ballinlough with their flying right half forward to the fore gave defending champions Kilbride a bit of a first round senior championship hammering at Pairc Tailteann.

New Chief for Cork Football

Keith Ricken is the new Cork senior football manager, the All-Ireland U20 winning boss emerging from a crowded field as the preferred choice of the selection committee.

The GAA Development Officer at Munster Technological University has spent the last three years managing the Cork U20 footballers, during which time he led the county to Munster titles in 2019 and 2021, as well as All-Ireland silverware in the former of these campaigns.

His promotion to senior manager means he will now be charged with bringing through to senior inter-county level many of the players he worked with over the past three years. Several members of his 2019 All-Ireland winning team — namely Sean Meehan, Brian Hartnett, Colm O'Callaghan, Cathail O'Mahony, and Damien Gore — have already graduated to the senior set-up.

The new senior manager's CV also includes steering CIT to its one and only Sigerson Cup triumph in 2009. He twice guided his native club, St Vincent's, to Cork premier intermediate football glory in 2006 and 2012.

Ricken, who was a late entry into the race to become the next Cork manager, and will be joined by Micheál Ó Cróinín (Naomh Abán), James Loughrey (St. Brigid's / Mallow), Barry Corkery (Éire Óg), Des Cullinane (St. Nicholas) and Ray Keane, brother of former Kerry manager Peter (MTU / S. Finbarr's) as his selectors.

The coach will be announced in the near future, Cork GAA said.

The fortunes of the north Meath outfit took a slide thereafter and by the late seventies Ballinlough found themselves operating in the junior grade.

But the ever-loyal Brendan continued to tog out and if a head count was taken he probably occupied every position on the field, that includes the goalkeepers spot.

Those boots were finally thrown into a corner of his house on the Oldcastle road at the tail end of 1986, by then Brendan was in his late thirties.

There was much more than playing for Brendan Smith. Highly popular to all ages within the club, he served as chairman, underage coach, senior and junior selector on various occasions, umpire, gate collector, groundsman, the list could go on. That old Alfa Laval van was everywhere at games.

Brendan had a magnificent left foot, was a great man to gain possession and usually at chest high. Then came that powerful swerve which few corner backs could curtail.

Brendan Smith's ilk will be near impossible to replace within the Ballinlough club. But he has set the standards for others to maintain.

Ar dheis De go raibh a anam.

The Irish Pastoral Centre extends its deepest sympathy to Nicholas Smith and family in Quincy on the recent passing of GAA stalwart Brendan Smith in County Meath





MALE AND FEMALE GAA FUNDING

Credit: The Irish Post

PARITY OF state funding between male and female GAA players has been a long time coming for many female sports players in Ireland. It started in the last decade and finally got rolling in 2015.

€3.7m funded by the Government was used to support Gaelic games players last year. The problem was not with the figure, but how it was invested into both gender groups. The €3m being made available for male players and teams compared to €700,000 for female counterparts.

Jack Chambers, the Minister of State for Sport Jack Chambers said the model, which saw the males receive €1,200 from the state compared to just €400 for female players, had to change as he couldn't "stand over or defend that inequality".

Sport Ireland are set to gain a €4.3m increase to €96.2m in funding, this was confirmed in a Government briefing yesterday.

The long awaited, introduction of parity of funding between male and female inter-county GAA players from next season is also included.

Gemma Begley, the former Tyrone footballer, and the Player Representation & Engagement Manager with the GPA, welcomed the movement government and Sport Ireland.

"There has always been a recognition that alongside team costs, that the players were out of pocket themselves," she told RTE Sport.

"That's where the evolution of the female grants has come from. Previously it was just team funding, but now we are able to help players as well.

"It was perfect timing in a way with the amalgamation of the GPA and the WPGA. It's written into the new association that one of the key pillars is to deliver equality, recognition of investment, so it's something we are very passionate about.

"We're delighted to see that recognized by the State and Sport Ireland."

The Ladies Gaelic Football Association and Camogie Association are separate entities to the GAA and have struggled to match the men's body's expenses.

GAA inter-county players receive 50 cent per mile for

travel - down from 65c per mile before the pandemic. The LGFA and Camogie Association did not pay travel expenses before the Covid-19 outbreak but this year both provided 30c per mile for matchday travel.



Ballinamore end 31 year wait for Leitrim championship joe.ie

There were few men in the country waking up happier than Leitrim's Dean McGovern, who recently captained his club, Ballinamore to their first county title in 31 years. It's a long time to get that 21st championship trophy, but prior to 1990 they were actually the most successful club in the county.

This only made the drought all the more difficult to endure, and yesterday was a brilliant way to end it, beating reigning champions Mohill by two points.

It was even more special when you consider that it was Dean's brother, Niall McGovern, who scored the late goal on the 57th minute, to ensure their place in history.



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All-Ireland champions Tyrone receives unprecedented 15 All-Star nominations joe.ie

The event will take place on December 10th.

The All-Stars are written by the winners and if you need further proof of this then look at Cathal McShane, who didn't start a single championship game, but still received a nomination.

This was because on Tyrone's route to the final he made a huge impact coming off the bench in every game, accumulating the sort of successful season that would warrant a nomination, especial with his goals in the semi-final and subsequent final.

In a stark contrast to recent years, Dublin who normally dominate the list of nominees, only have five this time, with none of them really being tipped to make the final team.

Ulster teams make up 21 of the nominations, including Monaghan's Rory Beggan, Ryan McAnespie, and forward Jack McCarron.

Armagh brothers, Rian and Oisín O'Neill get the nod, with Donegal's Michael Langan making up the last of the northern nominees.

Defeated All-Ireland finalists Mayo get eight contenders, closely followed by Kerry on seven, after the Kingdom's narrow defeat to Tyrone in the All-Ireland semi-final.

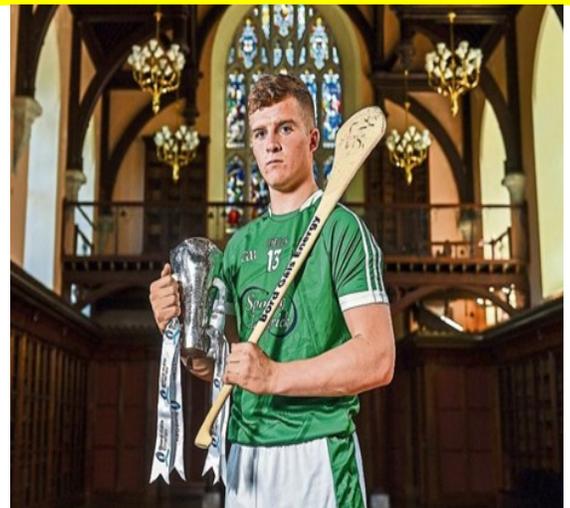
The Player of the Year award will be a toss-up between Kieran McGeary, Conor Meyler and Lee Keegan, with all three players having enjoyed incredible seasons.

The Young Player of the Year award will be between last year's winner Oisín Mullin, Galway's Matthew Tierney, and Tyrone's Darragh Canavan.



GAA QUIZ

1. Brian Cody has won 11 All-Ireland titles as Kilkenny manager. When is the last year he led his side to the Liam McCarthy?
2. What Limerick player was red-carded for clashing with Waterford's Conor Gleeson?
3. How many All Stars did Kerry legend Colm Cooper win in his career?
4. How many Kilkenny Senior Hurling Championship club titles have Ballyhale Shamrocks won in the past decade?
5. Davy Fitzgerald led what Clare club to a senior hurling title in 2020?
6. When was the last Connacht hurling final played?
7. Who was Cork's manager before Jimmy Barry Murphy took over in 2011?
8. How many All-Irelands have Kilkenny won?



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