# Irish Pastoral Centre Newsletter



"We are a Parish without Boundaries."

# Serving the Greater Boston Irish Community since 1987

# Remembering Connie OcCleney



The Irish community has lost a great friend in Cornelius "Connie" McEleney. The kind hearted Donegal , passed away peacefully on August 1st after a short illness. He was a member of the County Donegal Association of Greater Boston, the Leitrim Society of Boston and the Northeast Gaelic Athletic Association, where he was a proud supporter of the Donegal Football team and Boston Shamrocks Ladies Gaelic Football Club. Above all, Connie was a great family man. He leaves behind his loving wife Mary (Gallagher) McEleney with whom he shared 61 years of marriage, daughters Teresa, Cathy and Mary, sons Cornelius, Kevin and John, their spouse and many grandchildren. He was predeceased by nine of his brothers and sisters. The IPC has re-printed a previous spotlight on Connie and Mary on page 11.

A month's mind mass will be celebrated at the Irish Cultural Centre in Canton on Sunday, 17th of September at 5PM

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam May his gentle soul rest in peace.

## Our New Home



The IPC has moved to our new location at 540 Gallivan Blvd, (Unit Rear) Dorchester, MA 02124. We are conveniently located next to College Hype and below Boston Sports Club. We have ground floor access at last with complimentary parking! We look forward to welcoming you!



# Government of Ireland Emigrant Support Programme



An Roinn Gnóthaí Eachtracha Department of Foreign Affairs

# Celebrating Neil Hurley!

Our longtime friend, Board member, and volunteer,

Neil Hurley recently celebrated a milestone birthday.

To celebrate and honor him, we held a surprise birthday that included many close friends representing the many organizations that have benefited from Neil's time and talents over the years.

Neil has helped over 1,500 individuals in Boston to become American Citizens.

Breithlá Shona duit, Neil!

Photos from the Day can be found on Page 14.



# HAPPY LABOR DAY



# IPC News Desk

Dear Friends,

We have finally arrived in our new home! After months of planning and designing and coordinating and packing we are finally here! It certainly takes a village and once again the Irish community rallied around us to achieve a great result.

Our new home is on the ground floor and includes two hour parking for our guests in the main parking lot - we also have guest parking right outside our door!

We still have a few things to do and we should be fully functional by mid September.



In other news, we celebrated our great friend and supporter Neil Hurley in July which was a very well deserved celebration! Neil is a stalwart in the Irish community and we wanted to show our appreciation as he reached a milestone birthday.

Also, we were delighted to welcome Larry Donnelly, nephew of former Congressman Brian Donnelly who opened the doors to so many Irish in the 1980's with the Donnelly visa.

Larry lives in Ireland and is a Professor at Galway University. We highly recommend his book "the Bostonian" which "is a great insight into his unique political perch as an Irish American voice that resonates in Ireland" (Irish Central)

Ireland's Ambassador to the United States Dan Mulhall has completed his assignment in Washington and is retiring after 44 years of service to the Government of Irelands Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. We appreciate his support and interest in the Centre and we wish him every success in his new chapter as Global Distinguished Professor of Irish Studies at New York University.

I must extend my thanks to our page sponsors in our newsletter! We have received great interest and support which allows us to extend our reach! Many thanks!

There have been too many funerals here recently. We extend our deepest sympathies to all who are grieving particularly the family of Connie McEleney - a great supporter of all things Irish in Boston. Perhaps he will be remembered most for his beautiful tenor voice and pride in Donegal. Connie lived a great full life in contrast to 48 year old Michael Keneally who quietly and suddenly passed away in Quincy. The presence and support of his family and friends was extraordinary. May they rest in peace.

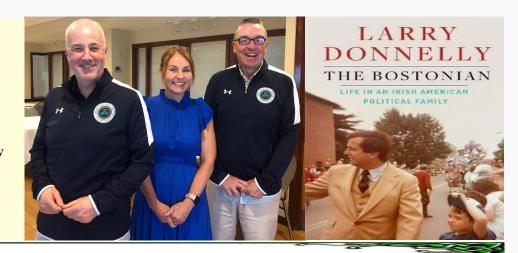
Finally, as our J1 students return home we wish them every success. It was wonderful meeting so many excited young students from home who had a wonderful Boston experience. As we approach Fall, we look forward to welcoming you! We are "Anseo le Cheile"- here together - again! Mind yourselves,

Special thanks to Mary Zukoski, Helen
McDonough,
Pat Dennehy, & Pat
McGonagle who brought
us beautiful
office plants!
A very
thoughtful
gift!

Mary

The IPC is grateful to Maudy Dooher and the Irish Cultural Centre for hosting a most informative fireside chat with author of

The Bostonian, Larry Donnelly and Ireland's RTÉ News Washington Correspondent, Sean Whelan



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# IPC News Desk

### IPC Attends the Third Annual Big Irish Campfire

IPC Executieve Director Mary Swanton recently attended the "Big Irish Campfire" at Iona College in New York - a national discussion shaping the future of Irish America. Among the highlights was a presentation on Creating Sustainable Irish Community Centers & Hubs at the Heart of Rejuvenated Communities. As part of the national Coalition of Irish Immigration Centers, the Pastoral Centre was delighted that this event was presented by our National Executive Director: Aileen Leonard Dibra. Other featured speakers were Secretary of Labor Martin J. Walsh, Congressman Brendan Boyle, Washington D.C,. Maureen Bennett of Partner Jones Day, Boston and Jeff Wright, Director of Corporate Sales at Aer Lingus North America.



### IPC 'Ciorcal Comhrá' Resumes

Recently we held our first Ciorcal Comhrá of the fall season. Ciorcal Comhrá literally translates to "Conversation Circle", and it was started by IPC Staff member Patrick "Paddy" Davoren to allow Irish speakers to practice their conversational skills in a real life setting. This particular occasion was a most exciting Ciorcal Comhrá because we were able to host it at our new home! Our thanks, in particular to our special guest on the night:

Seán Ó Coistealbha from the organization Muintereas Teo, based in Leitir Móir, County Galway.

Seán is also a poet and actor, and he was telling stories and poems bilingually on the night. We were then treated to some Sean Nós singing from our backyard brilliance, Mairín Uí Chéide Keady.

Also in attendance was Sal Baressi, of Mass Bay Movers who hired an all-Irish speaking moving crew this summer. Our next Ciorcal Comhrá will be Wednesday, Sept 7th at 6PM.

Sign up to our Gaeilge e-blasts for reminders. Type the case sensitive link into your browser: https://bit.ly/3ygc2gt



Sal Baressi (left) with two members of the Gaeilge Branch of Mass Bay Movers. Lochlann read the poem in Donegal Irish, and Dylan translated to English

Jamie Molloy listens to Seán O' Coistealbha share a poem about Logainmneacha (Place names)

Mairín Keady deep in song, she gave us two verses of a 16 minute song. It made her father proud when she sang it as a child at the Comhaltas at age 11.



Sports Quiz Answers:

(1) Kildare (2) Tipperary (3) Dublin (4) Tipperary (5) Kildare (6) Mayo (7) Dublin (8) Galway



# IPC News Desk-Save the Dates

### Cork Boston GAA Celebrates the life of Michael Collins

The Cork Boston GAA association are planning to have a get-together on Sunday, August 21st to celebrate the life of Irish revolutionary, Michael Collins who was assassinated 100 years ago, on the 22nd of August.

The event will take place from 4-6PM at The Phoenix Landing in Cambridge, MA.

### IPC Special Event with Andy Cooney at the ICC in Canton On Sunday, September 18, 2022, at 3 PM,

Andy Cooney and his band are performing "Under the Tent" at the Irish Cultural Centre in Canton. Thanks to the Cultural Centre the IPC has been given an allocation of tickets. Please call 617-265-5312 to leave a message on the RSVP line. Payment will be collected on the door, or can be dropped off to our office, however advance registration is required, so be sure to call! Thank you.

### 2022 Boston Irish Honors

The Boston Irish Magazine has announced the names of three distinguished persons who have accepted an invitation to be 2022 honorees at the Boston Irish Honors luncheon on Friday, October 28, 2022 at Boston's Seaport Hotel.

### They are:

- Jon Cronin, President & CEO, Cronin Development
- Mary Swanton, Director, Irish Pastoral Centre
- Jerry York, Head Coach, Boston College Hockey (Retired) Congratulations to all honorees, including our own Executive Director, Mary Swanton!





### 2022 Boston Irish Honorees







Mary Swanton Executive Director, Irish Pastoral Centre



Jerry York Head Coach, Boston College Hockey (Retired)

# BENEFIT FOR THE IRISH PASTORAL CENTRE AT THE MALDEN IRISH AMERICAN CLUB, NOVEMBER 12, 2022

Starting with Mass at 6.30 pm by Chaplain, Fr. Daniel Finn, followed by Music with Erin's Melody. Complimentary Coffee, Tea and More! Presentation of the Fr. Daniel Finn award to a person selected by the Award Committee at 9.00 pm by Fr. Finn. The Benefit is sponsored by the Knights and Ladies of St. Finbarr - Cork club. Donation at the benefit is \$15.00 Donations payable to the Irish Pastoral Centre may be mailed to:



The Cork Club, P.O Box 1241, Dedham MA 02027

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# 1PC Community News

### Irish Village on the Move!

An update from Irish Village Owner, Tomás "Tommy" MacCormaic.

"After an eternity we are now in the position to announce our new home. We appreciate your patience in this matter which was a very trying process. From the end of September, the Irish Village shall be moving to what is now The Cape Cod Resort and Conference Center [located at] 35 Scudder Ave, Hyannis, across the street from the melody tent and a 5 minute dander to Hyannis' Main St. We have an extensive renovation plan for the upcoming winter but shall remain open throughout.



As a venue, it is much larger than our current building indeed. It has the largest convention space on Cape Cod. We also have what shall be a beautiful room for weddings and such. We shall, of course, have the Irish Village Bar and restaurant and the Wee Pub shall be found a home. There is, of course, an indoor and outdoor pool with the addition of a full size health club which is free to hotel customers and also an onsite hair salon. Now that we can host large events we of course would appreciate any business that you our customers have contacts within that area. We the staff are excited to move and intend to breathe new life back into this grand old lady. I shall be onsite at Hyannis daily so feel free to come up and look around. If you don't see me, Cailin from our restaurant shall be around Mon-Thurs or just explore on your own. As always thank you all for your continued support".

### U.S. Transitions to 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline

The U.S. has officially transitioned the 10-digit National Suicide Prevention Lifeline to 988 – an easy-to-remember three-digit number for 24/7 crisis care.

The lifeline, which also links to the Veterans Crisis Line, follows a three-year joint effort by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Federal Communications Commission (FCC), and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to put crisis care more in reach for people in need. The 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline is a network of more than 200 state and local call centers supported by HHS through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). In 2021, the Lifeline received 3.6 million calls, chats, and texts. That number is expected to at least double within the first full year after the 988 transition.

### Boston's Irish Band DEVRI lead amazing trip home!



Devri Boston fronted by Declan Houton, consists of fellow Donegal man Martin McPhilemy, Kerryman Stevie O' Callaghan, Quincy man Chuck Parrish, and Cambridge man Larry Flint! Recently, they lead a tour to Ireland where they sang songs, sunk pints, and saved themselves from sunstroke by taking cover in the pubs of Ireland for the duration of twelve days. They were accompanied by 120 Boston travelers who toured the length and breadth of the country with the band. Everyone had a blast!

Fr. Dan Says it's Time to Register your team!

2022 IPC Golf Tournament

FRIDAY, SEPT 30TH, 2022
AT PRESIDENT'S GOLF CLUB.
CALL 617-265-5300 for more details,
or visit ipcboston.org/golf



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# News From Our Senior Outreach Program

### An update from IPC Senior Coordinator, Peggy Conneely

We are happy to welcome back seniors to the weekly coffees, beginning the week of September 12, 2022. The start date for each coffee is listed below.

The "New Year" will start off with music by Mossy Coughlin.

Café Eireann (Dorchester) will now be held at the Irish Pastoral Centre's new location, 540 (Rear) Gallivan Blvd, Dorchester. The time for the coffee is 1pm to 3pm for September 14th only. Going forward, the time will change to 10am to 12pm.

The Crossroads Café (West Roxbury) will move to St. John Chrysostom's Parish Hall, located at 4750 Washington Street, West Roxbury.

Cara Club (Brighton) - No changes.

On September 18, 2022, dinner and music by Andy Cooney will take place at the Irish Cultural Centre,

200 New Boston Drive, Canton, MA. The event will take place from 3pm to 6pm. If interested, please contact us at 617-265-5300. Please see Page 4 for more information

We are excited to share the news that a new senior coffee will start up in Weymouth, in October 2022.

The coffee will be located at St. Jerome's Parish Hall, 632 Bridge Street, North Weymouth.

Additional information will be forthcoming. We look forward to seeing all of our seniors back at the coffees! "The New Year" Coffee Clubs!

Cara Club (Brighton) - September 12, 2022 - 1pm to 3pm

Café Eireann (Dorchester) - September 14, 2022 - 1pm to 3pm

Crossroads Café (West Roxbury) - September 16, 2022 - 1pm to 3pm

### Your IPC Senior Outreach Team can't wait to see and hear from you again!

Meet the Team! From L to R: Patsy Dineen, **Employment** and Wellness Peggy Conneely. Senior Coordinator, Ellen Leary, Irish Senior Connect Volunteer Coordinator.









SALLY O' CONNOR MARY FITZGERALD MARY GILLIS KAY HAYES MARY HONAN ADA KEANE

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# Fr. Dan's Page

### The Crosses We Carry

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. Matthew 16:24

Sometimes "The cross" I am asked to carry is life changing—the death of a loved one, a betrayal, loss of a job, a debilitating illness. These pivotal life moments insist on complete surrender to God's Providence.

But my response to the many small crosses I encounter every day are just as important to my spiritual journey. A sick daughter asking for help with her little ones. My husband forgetting to empty the dishwasher. Grandchildren stopping by unexpectedly. Although not necessarily "bad" things, these real-life moments pose genuine challenges. How I respond develops habits that can deepen my growth in faith. St Thérese of Lisieux explained it this way: "Miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word; always doing the smallest right and doing it all for love".

What is my cross today—and how will I carry it?

- Maria Ruiz Scaperlanda.



I have had days as a woman, a mother, a runner and as a counsellor when the work of the day left me completely drained and depleted. When I look back on those days, I can see now that I was trying to operate on my own power. Just like a device can either have a battery pack or be plugged into the wall, when we run on our own battery power, we inevitably wear out.

When I start my day in meditation, prayer and devotion, this is how I plug into the Source, how I connect with God. From this sure foundation, I can be who I need to be and do what needs to be done and still have something left over at the end of the day for myself and the people I love.

The is the kind of abundance God offers when we seek him first.

- Kristin Armstrong

### Faith is a Relationship

Unless your faith is firm you shall not be firm! Isaiah 7:9

Sometimes we think of faith as the things we believe: the set of ideas or values we ascribe to. But faith really has less to do with ideas, values, or beliefs. Faith is a code word for relationship. For Christians, it's about relationship with Christ, in the Spirit, pointing us towards the Father. In this relationship, we have everything. Without it, we are lost and wandering. We need to be firm, not only for our own sakes but for the world's, firmly held in this divine embrace, letting it uphold us.

Make our faith from in you, God of all.

- Mary Marrocco

### Mercy, Not Sacrifice or Judgement

I read a story once about a man whose children were running around a train car. The other passengers frowned and harrumphed to no avail. Finally, one of them told the father his children were a disturbance and needed to be disciplined. The father looked at the passenger in surprise and apologized. He explained the family had just come from the hospital, where their mother had died.

I don't know about you, buy my judgy gene is easily activated. In today's gospel, Jesus reminds us to temper that tendency with mercy, for we never know the full story behind another's actions or words. Fear may show itself as anger. Insecuirty may show itself as bragging. When we judge rather than show mercy and compassion, we lose sight of what's greater than the moment or the temple, and that's Christ's desire for mercy.

- Melanie Rigney





# News from Ireland

### Ireland records hottest day for 135 years as temp hits 90°

The 33.1 degrees Celsius/ 91.58 degrees Fahrenheit provisionally recorded at the Phoenix Park last month is Dublin's highest temperature. Ireland has provisionally recorded its hottest day for 135 years with a reading of 33.1 degrees reported at the Phoenix Park, where observations first began in 1831. If confirmed, this is the second highest temperature recorded in Ireland, surpassed only by the 33.3 degrees recorded at Kilkenny Castle on June 26th, 1887.Maynooth University professor of physical geography (Climate Science) Peter Thorne said last year's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) working group had noted that temperature extremes are becoming more frequent and more severe due to human influences on the climate system.



### Nearly 100 flights delayed at Dublin Airport.

Travel woes have yet to end at Dublin Airport, as 93 flights were delayed on Monday (8 August). Passengers were left waiting as delays have majorly affected airports across Europe.

Both flights arriving and departing from Dublin Airport were heavily affected by the disruptions. The delays are the latest in a series of issues at the airport, with several cases of missing luggage being dumped in a bin recently. UTV obtained photographs from a "concerned whistleblower" a few days ago, showing suitcases left in a bin for disposal outside a warehouse at the airport packed with lost baggage.

In a statement issued to JOE.ie, one of the baggage agencies at the airport, Sky Handling Partner (SHP), explained that the luggage was thrown away for "health and safety" reasons. "We can confirm that a small number of bags were being disposed of because they posed a health and safety risk to staff and a risk of contamination for other bags in their vicinity," it said. "The bags in question contained foodstuffs and other perishable items against notified custom regulations. These items were clearly going off and were at risk of attracting vermin."



### Stranger Things in County Mayo by Tom Caufield, Irish Echo



Reports are doing the rounds in East Mayo of a Eucharistic Miracle that has taken place in St. Joseph's Church in Aghamore. Many believe that the strange happenings at a recent Sunday Mass is nothing short of a miracle, while others remain less convinced. It is claimed that the miracle occurred after a Eucharistic Minister accidentally dropped a consecrated host to the floor of the village church. After being placed in a bowl by the priest, the host took on the appearance of bloody flesh tissue. But strange events like this

are nothing new in this corner of County Mayo. Back in August of 1879 the villagers in nearby Knock claimed to have seen an apparition of the Virgin Mary. They did so at about 8 o'clock on Thursday evening the 21st of August, 1879, a time when famine and oppression were felt throughout Ireland. There were fifteen official witnesses to the Apparition including men, women and children of various ages. They watched the apparition for about two hours in the pouring rain and recited the Rosary. The site has since become an international shrine to devout Catholics. In 1983 Christy Moore famously composed a song inspired by the airport called "The Knock Song," containing the legendary lyrics, "I've never seen a miracle like the airport up in Knock." The notorious Mayo Curse is brought up every time Mayo makes it to an All-Ireland final. The curse dates back to 1951 – the last time the county's footballers won the Sam Maguire. Apparently the victorious team was being driven back to Mayo through the East Mayo town of Foxford. They came upon a funeral taking place in the town and unfortunately for themselves, and for generations of Mayo's long-suffering supporters, they neglected to pay proper respect. The story goes that an enraged local priest placed a curse on the team to the effect that while any member of the 1951 team lived, Mayo would never win another All-Ireland. Paddy Prendergast, the last surviving member of Mayo's 1951 All-Ireland winning XV, passed away aged 95. Maybe the recent events at Aghamore church are a sign that the curse has been lifted and we are about to reach the promised land and find the holy grail, our 71 years of wandering in the footballing wilderness over.

# Community Spotlight

### **Dermot and Cindy Quinn**

Over forty years ago Dermot Quinn of the famed Greenhills Bakery moved to Boston, but before the Offaly man found his way to Adams' Corner, he first went to Galway to train as a chef. "I was in Galway at a little place called the GBC restaurant in '78, maybe '79, and from there in 1980s I went over to the Great Southern Hotel".

After acquiring his culinary knowledge in Galway, Dermot went to Switzerland to perfect his craft. "I turned 21 in Zurich" Dermot fondly remarked.

In the 1980s, the first port of call for Dermot was New York City, as he puts it "the greatest challenge of my life". After having lived in Zurich, Galway, London—it was a complete change of pace for the young Quinn who was flabbergasted by the sheer size of the city.

One thing that really excited Dermot was the cross-cultural experience of New York City. Individuals from the world over had migrated to 'The Big Apple' and kept their cultures alive, particularly through food—which brought about the concept of fusion restaurants. "I worked at a restaurant in New York called Café Des Artistes, and they cooked a whole host of cuisines from French to Italian, there was no boundaries".

The experience was most exciting for Dermot as he got to work alongside George Lainge. Lainge would have been good friends with Jacque Peppin, the pair introduced Le Repretoire de Cuisine to America.

After four years of New York City, Dermot arrived at his final destination, Boston.

Here he met his wife, Cindy and the rest—they say—is history!

Fun fact: Cindy never had any formal training in the Culinary Arts.

Her background was a business degree, which she obtained from UMass, and worked in various different roles from sales, to fine jewelry, and even selling photocopiers for a period. While formally, Cindy was never trained, informally she obtained the best education in the world from her mother who made Cakes as a homemaker! "It started slowly, when we were together in Southie and I was working in a jewelry store Dermot came home one night with some brown bread, and I said you *have* to show me how to make that... one thing lead to another, and we started selling brown bread!" Cindy recalled. The pair went on to have four children, and open the Greenhills Bakery—named after a townland outside Dermot's home town in Offaly.

The Quinn's are still baking to date, and the Greenhills Bakery has become a Dorchester institution.



CABINET MEETING!
Dermot Quinn with
Irish Consular Officer, Anne Byrne

TWO BAKERS! Cindy Quinn with Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker

THE GOOD STUFF
Dermot's Granny Murphy's original
brown bread recipe!

### IPC NEWSLETTER COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

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

# In Loving Wemory

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.

Crernal rest grant unto them oh lord, and let your perpetual light shine upon them.

May they Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory

July 2, 2022, Bridget "Bridie" McDonough, South Boston, County Galway

July 9, 2022, Joseph M. Greally, Millis, County Galway

July 13, 2022, Peter Clougherty, Dorchester, County Galway

July 14, 2022, Gabriel "Gail" Barrett-O'Riordan, Dorchester, County Galway

July 14, 2022, Clare O'Brien, Dorchester, County Cork

July 14, 2022, Louis Jarlath Higgins, Dorchester, County Galway

July 18, 2022, Patrick J. O'Leary, Brighton, County Cork

July 19, 2022, James Anastasi, Easton, Ireland

July 20, 2022, Michael C. Walsh, Milton, County Galway

July 21, 2022, Mary B. (Grady) Gormley, Westwood, County Mayo

July 22, 2022, Bridget M Ryan, West Roxbury, County Galway

July 23, 2022, Peter J. Rice, Dorchester, County Louth

July 26, 2022, Mary M. McIver, Lexington, County Limerick

July 26, 2022, Andrew J. Sheehan, Milton, County Kerry

July 29, 2022, Michael J. Dirrane, Watertown, County Galway

July 30, 2022, Michael (Mushy) Kenneally, Quincy, County Cork

August 1, 2022, Cornelius "Connie" McEleney, Medford, County Donegal

August 5, 2022, Mary T. (Larkin) Coen, Dedham, County Galway

August 6, 2022, Mary B. (McGuinness) Boulger, Roslindale, County Galway

August 11, 2022, John Twomey, Milton, County Cork

August 15, 2022, Nancy (Coyle) O'Brien, Chestnut Hill, County Roscommon

# An Eternal Memory... Until We Meet Again

Those special memories of you
will always bring a smile
if only I could have you back
for just a little while
Then we could sit and talk again
just like we used to do
you always meant so very much
and always will do too
The fact that you're no longer here
will always cause me pain
but you're forever in my heart
until we meet again

### Remembering Gail Barett O' Riordan

Local realtor Frank Gillespie reflects on the passing of Gail Barret O'Riordan; I was sad to hear the News



of Gail's passing. The wife of my late partner Chris Barrett. A wonderful hard working lady that was very well known in the Irish Boston Community for many years., Gail was a legend and worked in the Bar and Restaurant business for many years opening her own Restaurant in south Boston called the Loaf and Ladle. She was a wonderful woman and raised 3 lovely Children Tara Gina and Brian. She was always there to help everyone and God knows we never went hungry, Gail would always meet her customers with a big smile, and a greeting saying "Can I help you darling". I'm sure Chris will be at the pearly gates with a big hug and arms open wide. Condolences to her family especially her lovely grandson Maceo, and many friends. We will always remember your kindness and big heart. Boston community is a better place because of people like you Gail.

### Remembering Mick Maloney

From musician Robbie O'Connell: Irish musicians and music lovers, the whole world over, are mourning the loss of that extraordinary man, Mick Moloney. He was a singer, instrumentalist, mentor, ethnomusicologist, scholar, teacher, consultant, tour leader, festival organizer, writer, producer and above all a great friend to so many of us. My condolences to his son Fintan and his brother, sisters and friends everywhere. Mick's amazing energy and vitality never flagged. He did so much work to promote traditional music, organizing concerts and festivals and encouraging budding musicians. It is impossible to gauge the extent of his influence but I can safely say Irish music would not be in the great state it is in now were it not for Mick.

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# In Loving Wemory

### Remembering Connie McEleney

In April of 2021 we interviewed Connie for our "Senior Spotlight" series. It is a fitting tribute to re-share with you his words. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.



Being one of a family of twelve in Donegal in the 30's, 40's, and 50's brings back many happy memories but also sad ones too. Emigration was the only cure so off to foreign lands we went with a suitcase in hand.

My first stop was Scotland where like many from Donegal we found a new home. Work was plentiful on building sites and trips back home in the summer and at Christmas was some-thing you looked forward to.

In 1957 after being in Scotland for six years I decided to seek greener pastures so Canada was my next stop, getting closer to the United States with every move.

After a brief visit back to Donegal to bid farewell to my parents, family and friends and after the Irish Wake it was back to Scotland again to board the Ocean Liner "Castle Felice" from Greenock Scotland on May 8, 1957.

As I sailed past Malin Head and Tory Island I went on a journey taken by thousands before me. Saying goodbye to the Hills of Donegal fading away in the distance I settled down for nine days before reaching Montreal.

Work was very scarce at that time and being only allowed to have 50pounds when leaving Scotland didn't help. There were no steak dinners for me in Canada. After weeks of no hope of getting a job, my cousin Peter McGaffigan came up from Boston and brought me to the U.S.A.

My aunt, Celia McGaffigan, a great lady from Leitrim, knew a friend who gave me my first job in America learning to be a meat cutter. The company was the Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company, the largest retail company in the US at that time. Eighteen years after landing that job I went to work for the M.B.T.A. in the automotive department. I retired from the T in 1997 and have been enjoying life with my lovely wife, Mary, who I met over 60 years ago. It all happened in that famous hunting ground of the Dudley Street dance halls. My wife Mary Ann Gallagher from lovely Leitrim made a pit stop in Boston on her way back to California in 1959. Mary was living with her uncle and working as a salesgirl at Jordan Marsh. It was love at first sight. She never reboarded the plane.

It was a fast romance, but why wait? We walked together down the aisle on October 15, 1960. We have six great children, Theresa, Neil, John, Mary, Cathy, Kevin and five grandchildren. We love them all and they are all doing well in their jobs. They live not too far away and visit us often so that is a plus.

Mary and I love travelling and have visited Australia, China, Israel, Nova Scotia, Canada and we have done the Lewis and Clark expedition route and travelled via train to British Columbia

The Donegal Association has always been close to my heart since I joined it in the late fifties. Being elected President for eight years I enjoyed working with all the members in planning all the events we ran in those happy times. Many of those great members are gone to their eternal reward. Their memories will live forever in the annals of the Donegal Association May They Rest In Peace.

One of my proudest moments with the Donegal Club was working with Michael McCarron and the members in booking Daniel O' Donnell for his first appearance in the U.S.A. It was one of the best nights of entertainment in the history of the Association.

The G.A.A. in Boston keeps my mind active in retirement with being treasurer of the North East Division for eight years and Honorary President for seven years. I also had the honor of being Honorary President of the Donegal G.A.A. It was a great honor for me to be asked by the G.A.A. Board to sing the American National Anthem on the day of the finals in Canton. I thank them sincerely for asking me to perform. Many changes have occurred in the Irish Clubs in the past sixty years. Boston had nineteen clubs in 1957, fourteen of them Irish County Clubs.

### Remembering Mick Maloney (Cont'd from Page 10).

In the 1980s, Mick was the music director of the Irish Week at the Augusta

Heritage Arts festival in Elkins, WV. For a week every July, it became a Mecca for Irish musicians, singers and dancers, from all over the US. Many of the similar summer schools in operation today were modeled on those classes. We often hear the expression, "We will never see his likes again," but in Mick's case it couldn't be more true. His loss leaves a vacuum that can never be filled.



# A COment to Wind Yourself

A monthly piece written by our in-house social worker Danielle L. Owen LICSW LADC-I A Moment to Mind Yourself- Tools to Prevent Suicide



Our IPC team recently had a QPR suicide prevention workshop, and we explored the question, "can we imagine a world where suicide doesn't exist? With all the stress, anxiety and horror in our world, is it really possible?" Our response was to view this question, and the issue of suicide, from the same perspective as we would if we were looking at other leading public health concerns like COVID,

Monkeypox, smoking, TB, Polio and even the Flu virus.

Our Government leaders and Health Services try to approach each issue with education and practical suggestions (based on medical research) to empower

communities to protect themselves and their families, with a lot of success. There are a lot of myths and misinformation too about all of these health issues, especially COVID, but we here at the IPC want to make sure our community can be part of the solution to Suicide. Suicide has touched all of our lives, in one way or another. Here in the US, we have now been provided with a new tool to

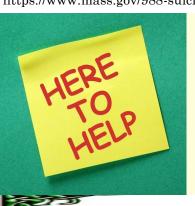
connect those we love with supports that can help bring them relief and healing, even treatment if needed. Since July 16 of this year, a new direct phone number is available to connect people to hope. 988 is a direct three-digit phone line to trained National Suicide Prevention Lifeline staff. It can we used anytime, anywhere you or a loved one is in emotional distress or having suicidal thoughts. The trained call takers are available to provide

free, confidential emotional support to all callers. You do not need to be suicidal to call 988. Sometimes people reach out for support because they don't know what else to do. No one can offer "ready-made" solutions but people find that talking about these painful feelings can help.

Talking allows these thoughts and feelings to be heard and accepted for what they are by another person who will just listen and won't judge. We are hoping to schedule some QPR Suicide Prevention Community Gatekeeper trainings in the coming months, where you will learn the key signs someone you care about may be considering suicide, practical skills to ask the (Q)uestion, (P)ersuade them to not harm themselves and how to (R)efer them to the help they need. If you need more information about the 988 number, are curious about our QPR workshops or just need a friendly ear; Call Danielle, in confidence and without judgment, at the Irish Pastoral Center. Telehealth appointments are offered as well as in-person appointments available on Mondays 6-8PM.

Phone: 617-265-5300 or e-mail: dowen@ipcboston.org. To learn more about 988, check out this website: https://www.mass.gov/988-suicide-and-crisis-lifeline





### IPC SOCIAL WORK UPDATE

The IPC has now established our new Social Work program.
Appointments can be made for Monday evenings between
6.00 pm and 8.00 pm.

Please reach out to Peggy or Patsy at the IPC if you would like an appointment to meet with our

Social worker: Danielle Owen, LADC-I,LCSW

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# News from Celtic Angels



Maria Burke, RN

### How to Stay Safe Amid Community Resurgences of COVID

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

We're sad to say that COVID is once again rising in many communities, so it's prudent to take steps to avoid contracting it. Here's how to stay safe amid community resurgences of COVID:

### Get Boosted

Seniors continue to be at high risk of hospitalization, complications, and death from COVID-19, but vaccines significantly reduce these risks. In fact, evidence has shown that seniors aged 65 and older who were fully vaccinated had a 94% lower chance of being hospitalized due to

complications of COVID-19 than did seniors who were not fully vaccinated.

If you haven't yet received your full series of COVID vaccinations, make an appointment as soon as you're eligible. Remember that boosters are important to keep your immunity up. Currently, the CDC recommends that all adults over 50 years of age receive two COVID-19 boosters. Ask your doctor if you're due.

### Wear a Mask

Masks continue to be vitally important in preventing the spread of COVID-19. You should wear a mask indoors and any time you are in crowds outdoors. N95 respirators provide the best protection.

If you have health conditions that weaken your immune system, you should be especially careful to wear a mask when interacting with others, particularly if they are not fully vaccinated. As a rule of thumb, the CDC suggests taking the same precautions recommended for those who have not been vaccinated, unless your doctor gives you different guidance.

### **Keep Your Distance**

Social distancing is still an important way to control the spread of COVID-19. Try to avoid crowds and consider limiting your interactions to just a few people. You may want to return to virtual communication, too, while community spread is high When you are around people outside of your household, remember to stay at least six feet apart. Whenever possible, interact outdoors rather than inside. And if you do need to visit in person, remember to open windows for increased ventilation.

### **Practice Good Hygiene**

Although COVID-19 is primarily spread through respiratory droplets, it can also survive on surfaces. That means if you touch a contaminated surface and then touch your mouth, eyes, or nose, you could catch COVID-19. It's important, then, to wash your hands frequently, for at least 20 seconds each time. If you are out and cannot wash your hands, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer instead. Remember to try not to touch your face before washing your hands. And if you need to cough or sneeze, use your elbow or a tissue to cover your mouth and nose. You should also frequently disinfect high-touch surfaces, like doorknobs, light switches, and TV remotes.

### **Test and Treat**

If you suspect that you may have COVID-19, take a test right away. PCR tests are available at many doctor's offices and pharmacies but call before leaving home so you can verify the correct procedures to follow. Home tests are also widely available and likely to be covered by your insurance. It's worth having a few around so you can test right away if you develop symptoms. In contrast to the beginning of the pandemic, effective treatments are now available if your symptoms are caught early. Your doctor will advise you about which treatments you may need.

Although it can be frightening when COVID cases begin to surge, you can take steps to stay safe. And remember, we at Celtic Angels Home Health Care are always here to help. Give us a call at 781-331-0062 or visit our website at <a href="https://www.celticangelsinc.com">www.celticangelsinc.com</a> to learn about our current COVID-19 risk prevention protocols.



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



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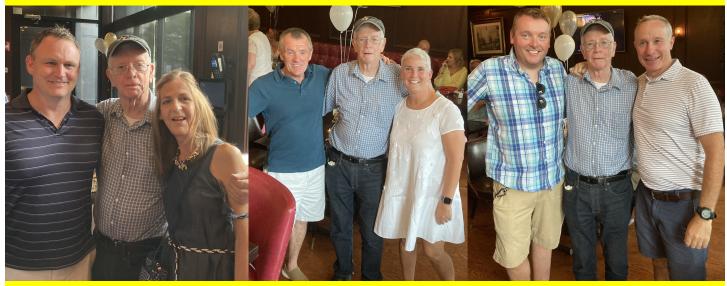
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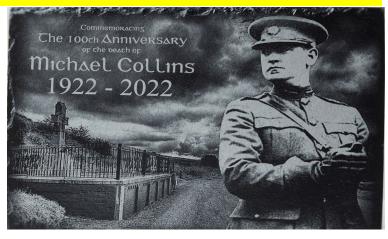


# Remembering Wichael Collins

### Ireland Commemorates the 100th anniversary of the death of Michael Collins

On August 20, Collins left Dublin with an escort convoy for his native County Cork. Two days later, they travelled to West Cork, passing through the tiny crossroads village of Béal na Bláth, where they were spotted by a scout with the local anti-Treaty forces. With many of the roads in the area blocked, they returned via the same Béal na Bláth route, where anti-Treaty forces ambushed the group, Collins was the only fatality in the ambush.

Known as the 'Big Fellow' — Michael Collins was a



leading figure in the War of Independence. He was aide-de-camp to Joseph Plunkett during the 1916 Easter Rising. A British signatory to the Anglo-Irish Treaty in December 1921, Lord Birkenhead, said that, in doing so, he may have signed his political death warrant. Michael Collins, a member of the five-strong Irish delegation who signed, was quoted as saying: "I may have signed my [actual] death warrant." His premonition tragically came to pass less than nine months later when he died in the ambush at Béal na Bláth.

Taoiseach and Fianna Fáil leader Micheál Martin and Tánaiste and Fine Gael leader Leo Varadkar will deliver a historic address at the site of Collins' assassination in Béal na Bláth at 3 p.m. on Sunday, August 21, to mark the 100th anniversary of his death It will mark the first time that a Fianna Fáil leader has addressed the commemoration of Ireland's most famous and most prominent pro-treaty general.

### Greatest quotes from and about Michael Collins Irish Central

"There is no crime in detecting and destroying in wartime the spy and informer. They have destroyed without trial. I have paid them back in their own coin." -Collins commenting on Bloody Sunday, when his men gunned down British spies in Dublin.

"Of Pearse and Connolly I admire the latter the most. Connolly was a realist, Pearse the direct opposite. I would have followed Connolly to hell had such action been necessary. But I honestly doubt I would have followed Pearse..." -On the 1916 Easter Rising.

"Lloyd George ... I find to be particularly obnoxious. He is all comradely, all craft and wiliness—all arm around the shoulder...not long ago he would have had me joyfully at the rope end." -On Lloyd George, then-British Prime Minister.

"Give us the future..we've had enough of your past..give us back our country to live in—to grow in.to love." - *During the treaty negotiations.* 

"To me, the task is a loathsome one. I go in the spirit of the soldier who acts against his best judgment at the orders of his superior." -On being sent to Downing Street for the negotiations.

"Think what have I got for Ireland ... Something which she has wanted these past 700 years, will anyone be satisfied with this bargain, will anyone? I tell you this, early this morning I have signed my death warrant." - After signing the treaty.

"In my opinion, it gives us freedom, not the ultimate freedom that all nations desire.. but the freedom to achieve it."-*His take on the treaty.* 

"Yerra, they'll never shoot me in my own country." -Just before leaving to face his fate at Beal Na mBlath. "He was an Irish patriot true and fearless."-Winston Churchill about the man he once considered an implacable enemy.

Quotes from "The Little Green Book of Irish Wisdom" edited by Dermot McEvoy, Skyhorse Publishing.



### Commemorative Michael Collins Stamp Released

"I welcome An Post's issue of a single commemorative stamp to mark the centenary of Michael Collins death. It is fitting that an individual such as Michael Collins, who played such a pivotal role in the foundation of our state, should be commemorated in this way."

- Taoiseach, Micheál Martin

# A Beacon Of Light Poem for Our New Home

**A Beacon of Light** by Sally O'Connor  $\lambda$  fresh new space for the IPC. For folks to stop by for a chat and a cup of tea.

For the not so young, climbing stairs can cause a little grief.

No more stairs, what a welcome relief!

 $\lambda$  new vision, a beacon of light.  $\lambda$ dams village location fits just right!

The Irish Pastoral Center degins anew. Chary Swanton at the helm, alongside her trustworthy crew.

Fr. Dan, our shepherd, there for us all.  $\lambda$  visit, a Mass or a friendly phone call.

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Generosity, cohesive efforts, time and talent to name just a few.

Selflessly given by this outstanding crew.

May the Irish Pastoral Centre be a beacon of light for future generations to come.

 $\lambda$  star that guides the way.

 $\lambda$  door that's always open, welcoming many folks along the way.

Anseo Le Cheile - Here Together



This sponsored page is a directed gife for Sally O' Connor from her son Brian

# THANK YOU!

What an undertaking! Six months ago, our new home was a big empty space! We needed advice, contractors, laborers, painters, carpenters, plasterers, electricians, tilers, plumbers, supplies, appliances, cabinets, technology, volunteers, financial support and movers! From our end, this project was daunting and imperative for us to offer our services on ground floor level at last!

Our community has rallied around us once more! This was a massive, well coordinated effort that was extraordinary and uplifting! All of us in the office are in awe of the extraordinary effort and good will that we have received! We love our new home! All who gave of their time and talent wish to remain anonymous to our dismay as we would love to thank everyone by name. We are very, very grateful!

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### HOURS OF OPERATION

We are open Monday—Friday from 8am to 4pm All are welcome!

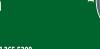
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# News from the Irish Consulate

### Message from Consul General Laoise Moore

What a sunny and busy summer! I hope you have all enjoyed some much deserved rest and relaxation.

Last month, we welcomed a new colleague, Ben Stephens, to our small but mighty team at the Consulate. Ben joins as our Science and Technology Advisor, which is a new role within the organisation. He will lead the Consulate on promoting Ireland's science and technology interests across New England, and facilitate the Consulate's engagement across the science, technology, research, and innovation sectors. Prior to moving to Massachusetts, Ben went to school in Maryland where he recently defended his dissertation in chemistry. As Ben pioneers this role, we hope you will join us in giving him a warm welcome to the community.

As many of you know, Ireland's Ambassador to the United States, Dan Mulhall, is retiring from the Department of Foreign Affairs after more than forty years of distinguished service. Throughout his tenure as Ambassador, Dan was a remarkable friend to the Irish-American community across New England. His leadership and partnership are unparalleled, and it was a distinct pleasure to work alongside him. This fall, Ambassador Mulhall will join New York University as a Global Distinguished Professor in Irish Studies. We wish him and Greta the very best on their next adventure!

I hope to see everyone soon as we gear up for all that's in store this fall. Meantime, continue to follow the Consulate on Twitter,
@IrelandBoston, and through our newsletter, which can be accessed on the Consulate's website dfa.ie/Boston.

Laoise Moore Consul General

# Fadó Fadó - Long Ago in Ireland

### Lughnasa - Celebrating the Harvest by Bridget Heggarty

Traditionally, August marked the beginning of the Harvest season and it was a time of great celebration in rural Ireland. The season began on the first of the month with the festival of Lughnasa, the Irish word for August. Since it was impractical to take farm folk away from their work during the week, it was generally celebrated on the first or second weekend. The weather was usually fine and it was traditional for entire communities to gather at a chosen meeting place in the hills, by a river or lake, or perhaps at a holy well. Of the four great Celtic festivals - Imbolc, Beltane and Samhaine, Lugnasa was the most joyeous because, after 'Hungry July', when stores were being rapidly depleted, farm folk could look forward to the fruits of all their hard work during the previous months. As with May Day, whose name Beltane comes from the old Celtic God, Belenos, the pre-Christian name Lugnasa comes from the god of craftsmanship and wisdom, Lugh. When christianity came to Ireland



and the other Celtic nations, the festival became known as Lammas or 'first loaf' and it was customary to bake a special loaf of bread from the first corn. In medieval times, these first loaves were laid on altars as offerings, but it was also the custom to eat them at a celebratory feast which might also include the first of the newly-dug potatoes. These were boiled in a big black three-legged iron pot over an open fire and eaten with plenty of freshly churned butter, or mashed with boiled cabbage, leeks, scallions or wild garlic. Yet another welcome feature of the feast was fresh fruit. It was very common for rural folk to have currants or gooseberries in their gardens, and for those living in the hills, there was the delight of adding freshly picked and intensely flavored fraughans or wild blueberries to the menu. These were mashed with fresh cream and sugar and eaten with great relish. But, however delicious the feast was, it was not the main event. What everyone looked forward to was the traditional annual excursion to a favorite gathering place. The festivities began early in the morning so the participants could 'make a day of it'; they set out on foot, on horseback or in carts, and made sure to bring plenty of food, drink as well as musical instruments. On arrival at the meeting place, festivities began in earnest. There'd be the young men engaged in tests of skill and strength as well as sport and games. There's even historic documentation that if there was a body of water nearby, they'd hold horse swimming races! The young girls picked wild flowers and made them into garlands or nosegays. If there was a sacred standing stone in the area, it would often be decorated with garlands of flowers. And, of course, there were always the wild berries to be picked and sayored on the spot or saved for dessert. In some parts of Ireland, it was customary on the first Sunday in August to drive horses and cattle into a pool or river and "swim them". This was done as a health measure and was considered so important that if the farmer neglected his duty, the animal would not survive the year. This might explain the swimming races mentioned earlier! In addition to the custom of "drenching", country folk would also attempt to ward off evil by throwing a horse's bridle into the water and leaving it there. In the case of cattle, the custom was to throw in a lump of butter so that the cows would produce plenty of milk. Besides the gatherings of entire communities, there were other Lugnasa customs and traditions. This was a favorite time for "pattern days" which were when a favorite saint or patron saint was honored with a visit to their sacred well or shrine. Festivities began with devotions which consisted of "making the rounds." The faithful would walk around the shrine or well a certain number of times while reciting special prayers. If the pattern was held at a sacred well, part of the ritual included drinking the water or, if one had a sore or other affliction, washing that part of the body in the sacred stream. Many shrines and wells are famous for their cures of various ailments. In general, most pilgrims left a small token of their visit - a coin perhaps, or a piece of cloth hung up. After the devotions, the secular festivities began and these were very similar to the Harvest celebrations already mentioned. Superstitions, especially about the weather, also played a prominent role during Lughnasa. In Co. Limerick, for example, Knockfeerina Mountain was a weather portent over a wide area. If the peak looked blue and distant, a fine harvest was expected; if it appeared green and close at hand, the worst was feared. Also, it was widely believed that if floods occur in May, flooding could be expected during harvest time. In general, the many beliefs and traditions which heralded the season evolved from its supreme importance to the lives of the people and their survival. Thus, there were offerings of fruits and flowers on Knnockfeering Mountain as well as the garlanding with flowers of the largest pillar stone - all to ensure plenty in the coming year, and all undoubtedly, remnants of rituals that go back way before Christianity. One August event, with its attendant rites and rituals has survived to the present day, and that's the Puck Fair in Killorglin, Co. Kerry. The fair is one of Ireland's oldest and longest celebrated and is held without fail on the 10th, 11th and 12th of August every year. There is such a wealth of material surrounding this event that it properly deserves its own article, so look for that one later in the week. What can be said about the old fairs is that August was one of the most favorite times to hold them. The biggest ones attracted kings and nobles, foreign merchants, musicians, entertainers and throngs of people, many of them looking to buy and sell livestock or hire themselves out for the coming year. One historical record states that at a major fair held in 1168, there was a traffic jam of horses and vehicles six miles long!





# Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022 <u>Presidents Golf Course, Quincy</u> Starts at 8:30 AM

Breakfast and Registration at 7:30am

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# The Moore Family Benefit

### A FUNDRAISER TO HELP SUPPORT CIARÁN MOORE AND HIS FAMILY'S LONG ROAD AHEAD

Laois man Ciarán Moore has been living in the US for almost 20 years. In December 2021, he was a victim of an assault resulting in a Traumatic Brain Injury.

Many know him from working in construction with his family and playing a big part in the Fr. Tom's Hurling Club. He has a love for hurling, golf, playing cards and talking to people, but most of all he has a love for his family.





Sunday 2nd October From 3pm

> Florian Hall 55 Hallet St Dorchester

A fun family day out, with a silent auction, raffles, a lottery board raffle, t-shirts, face painting for the kids, or for the adults and more!



If you would like to donate by check, please make payable to: The Moore Family Benefit Rockland Trust 2250 Dorchester Ave Dorchester MA, 02124 Find us on Facebook!





# Immigration News

### **Immigration and Citizenship Support** Services Program

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

Staff is available during normal business hours to help to answer questions related to these matters.

Additionally, the IPC offers bi-monthly Legal Immigration Clinics where individuals can have a free and confidential phone conversation about their particular immigration situation with a volunteer immigration attorney.

Appointments are scheduled in advance. If you would like to schedule a phone consultation with an attorney, please contact Maryann Casavant at the IPC's office by phone at 617-265-5300

# or by email mcasavant@ipcboston.org.

Questions about U.S. Citizenship? 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, including preparing for the interview, 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.

### Updates from our friends at the Massachusetts Immigration and Refugee Advocacy Coalition (MIRA)

Safe Communities Advances at MA State House!

On June 24th, the Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security reported the Safe Communities out favorably to the House, bringing it one step closer to passage this session. We need your help to keep up the

momentum!

The Massachusetts Safe Communities Act (S.1579 and H.2418) would end voluntary police and court involvement in deportations, and communicate loud and clear that in Massachusetts, everyone can seek help, protection and treatment without fear of deportation. This is a message that immigrant communities desperately need to hear.

As it stands, many immigrants are reluctant to seek emergency medical care, police and court protection from exploitation and crime due to their legitimate fear of immigration consequences.

The Safe Communities Act is a critical and urgently needed piece of legislation. Every federal administration since the 1990s has misused our state and local police, courts and sheriffs as "force multipliers" for ICE.

Massachusetts must set its own course to provide consistency and safety for immigrants.

Will you email your legislators and urge them to contact leadership asking for their support in advancing the Safe Communities Act? It is easy. Use the tool found at

https://actionnetwork.org/letters/tell-lawmakers-pass-the-safe-communities-act-this-session and send your legislators a notice of your support.

### **Upcoming Legal Clinic Appointment Dates:**

Tuesday, SEP 06 Tuesday, SEP 20

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# The Celtic Scribe



### Blackberry Picking

By Seamus Heaney Late August, given heavy rain and sun For a full week, the blackberries would ripen. At first, just one, a glossy purple clot Among others, red, green, hard as a knot.

You ate that first one and its flesh was sweet Like thickened wine: summer's blood was in it Leaving stains upon the tongue and lust for Picking. Then red ones inked up and that hunger Sent us out with milk cans, pea tins, jam-pots Where briars scratched and wet grass bleached our

Round hayfields, cornfields and potato-drills We trekked and picked until the cans were full, Until the tinkling bottom had been covered With green ones, and on top big dark blobs burned Like a plate of eyes. Our hands were peppered With thorn pricks, our palms sticky as Bluebeard's.

We hoarded the fresh berries in the byre. But when the bath was filled we found a fur, A rat-grey fungus, glutting on our cache. The juice was stinking too. Once off the bush The fruit fermented, the sweet flesh would turn sour. I always felt like crying. It wasn't fair That all the lovely canfuls smelt of rot. Each year I hoped they'd keep, knew they would not. Peace like a lullaby, And the ripe apples fall.

Irish nationalist writer Katharine Tynan was born in Clondalkin, a suburb of Dublin, in 1859. She was educated at the Dominican Convent of St. Catherine and started writing at a young age. Though Catholic, she married a Protestant barrister; she and her husband lived in



England before moving to Claremorris, in County Mayo. Tynan was friends with W.B. Yeats and Charles Parnell. Involved in the Irish Literary Revival, Tynan expressed concern for feminist causes, the poor, and the effects of World War I-two sons fought in the war—in her work. She also meditated on her Catholic faith. A prolific writer, she wrote more than 100 novels, 12 collections of short stories, reminiscences, plays, and more than a dozen books of poetry.

### August Weather

from Katharine Tynan (1858-1885-1931) Dead heat and windless air, And silence over all; Never a leaf astir, But the ripe apples fall; Plums are purple-red, Pears amber and brown;

Thud! in the garden-bed! Ripe apples fall down.

Air like a cider-press With the bruised apples' scent; Low whistles express Some sleepy bird's content; Still world and windless sky, A mist of heat o'er all;

# Notable Quotes for Labor Day

"Generosity is the source of all richness. We should work to banish greed and offer what we have and what we are to those hundreds of thousands of people who are displaced." Sister Stanislaus Kennedy on the refugee crisis in 2016

"Nothing will work unless you do." —Maya Angelou

"Dreams don't work unless you do" - John C. Maxwell

"Amateurs sit and wait for inspiration. The rest of us just get up and go to work." —Stephen King

# IPC Calendar

# September 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 Le Cheile Sobriety @ IPC 6 PM
1	12 Cara Club @ Veronica Smith	Ladies Sobriety @ IPC 7:30 PM Immigration Clinic  Ladies Sobriety @ IPC	7 Ciorcal Comhrá @ IPC 6 PM  14 Café Eireann @ IPC	Knitting Club @ IPC 11 AM - 1 PM  Sknitting Club @ IPC		Le Cheile Sobriety @ IPC 6 PM 17 Le Cheile Sobriety
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PLEASE NOTE NEW SENIOR PROGRAM TIMES AND LOCATIONS: | Monday Night: Social work

Cara Club, Veronica Smith Center, Brighton 1-3PM

Café Eireann, IPC 540 Gallivan Blvd, Dorchester 10AM-12 PM EXCEPT

Wednesday, Sep 14th which will be held from 1-3 PM.

Crossroads Café @ St. John's Chrysostom, West Roxbury, 1-3 PM

Monday Night: Social work
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# Irish Pastoral Centre Community Calendar

### **IPC Events Calendar**

### **Mondays:**

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

### Tuesdays:

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

### Wednesdays:

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

### Thursdays:

Knitting Club @ IPC 11AM-1PM IPC Crossroads Café @ NEW LOCATION

### 1st Friday of the Month-

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

### Saturdays:

"Le Cheile" Here Together Sobriety Support Group

### \*\*\*PLEASE NOTE\*\*\*

Café Eireann will now take place at our new location!

540 Gallivan Blvd, and Crossroads Café has moved to St. John's in West Roxbury

### MORE GREAT EVENTS ON THE WAY



As always, if you have any questions, please reach out to Jennifer the IPC Operations Manager.

Call us at: 617-265-5300 ext 1

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

The Irish Social Club 119 Park Street West Roxbury, MA

August 21, 2022—The Silver Spears

August 28, 2022—Philomena Begley plus Stephen Smyth and band

September 04, 2022—Mossie Coughlin

September 11, 2022—Richard Travers

September 18, 2022—Erin's Melody with Margaret Dalton

September 25, 2022—The Silver Spears

The Irish Cultural Centre 200 New Boston Drive Canton, MA

**August 20, 2022:** Erin's Melody with Margaret Dalton. Donation \$10 **September 5, 2022:** Set dancing every Monday evening at 06:30 PM. Masks required. Suggested donation \$5

**September 11, 2022:** Kids "Fun Run" at 10:45 AM—Free. ICC 5K starts at 11:30 AM. Register now for \$35 or day of race \$40. Call ICC for further details.

September 18, 2022: Andy Cooney—Lunch and concert. 3PM. September 23, 2022: Ardal O'Hanlon comedy show at 08:00 PM. Tickets \$40. ICC members \$35. Remember Fr. Dougal in the hit series Fr. Ted. Get your tickets now! (781) 821-8291

### The Irish Music Club of Greater Boston

August 6, 2022: Kathy and the Irish Americans will play for their next dance at the Irish Social Club 119 Park St West Roxbury, MA

### The Knights and Ladies of St. Finbarr-Cork Club

August 13, 2022: The Cork Club will have their monthly dance at the Knights of Columbus Hall 15 Winslow Street, Arlington MA. Mossie Coughlin will provide the music. The last dance in July was a fantastic evening for the large number of followers that came to hear and dance to the music played by Mossie, so if you enjoy dancing and/or listening to great music, attend the Cork Club dance on August 13, 2022. Always complimentary coffee, tea, and delicious cakes and Irish bread. Cash bar. The Cork club has tickets available for sale to the Philomena Begley show

September 10, 2022: Byrne and Bailey will play for the Cork dance due to the many requests for great music. The Knights of Columbus in Arlington is the place to be. Meet new friends and members of other Irish Clubs that enjoy great music for dancing. Tommy Byrne and Jerry Bailey are well known in the music circle, so it promises to be a happy and fun evening. Starts at 7:00 PM. 50/50 Raffle

### The Norwood Irish Music Club

September 17, 2022: After a layoff for the Summer months, the Norwood Club will hold the September dance at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 572 Nichols St, Norwood. Music by **Kathy and the Irish Americans**. Always an enjoyable evening at the Norwood club with another great band.

Remember: All items and events listed are always subject to change or cancellation. Check with your club, group or association if in doubt. Please support your local club or association. Stay safe!

# 2022 Boston Irish Live Events



### THE GOTHARD SISTERS LIVE AT THE BURREN

The Gothard Sisters are a dynamic musical group of three sisters who play contemporary Celtic folk music. Blending Celtic, folk, classical and new age musical influences, the Gothard Sisters bring songs to life with violin, acoustic guitar, mandolin, bodhran, djembe, whistle and vocal harmonies, creating music that is "vivid, inspirational and captivating." (Tim Carroll, Folk Words Review 2018)

GA Tickets \$28, GBH Members \$23 excl fees. WHERE: The Burren Bar, Cambridge MA WHEN: Wednesday Aug 31, 07:30 PM

TICKETS ON SALE AT: 24hourconcerts.showare.com

### BRIAN O' DONOVAN PRESENTS: THE ALT

The 'Alt' is a storied glen on the side of Knocknarea, and it was in the shadow of this glen in the little village of Coolaney that the three master Irish traditional musicians in The Alt—John Doyle (Solas), Nuala Kennedy, and Eamon O'Leary—first gathered to rehearse. Each player in The Alt is a leading light of today's folk scene and though this could be easily called a supergroup, at its heart The Alt is really a celebration of friendship and song.

GA Tickets \$28, GBH Members \$23 excl fees. WHERE: The Burren Bar, Cambridge MA WHEN: Wednesday Sep 07, 7:30 PM

TICKETS ON SALE AT: 24hourconcerts.showare.com



### RYAN McMULLAN MAKES RETURN TO MASS!

Ryan McMullan's talent is a rare jewel in the crown of the current popular music scene. With a voice raw with story telling and filled with rich and varied tones, Ryan's youth clearly doesn't deter from his ability to communicate story and emotion. Home to the likes of Foy Vance and Iain Archer, Northern Ireland is and always has been a hub of song writing talent. Ryan McMullan is no exception.

Tickets \$21.04 incl fees
WHERE: Sonia, Cambridge MA
WHEN: Friday Sep 30 2022, 8 PM

TICKETS ON SALE AT: ticketweb.com



### TYNAN & TENORS LIVE IN LOWELL!

The Irish Tenors are a singing trio from Ireland that was started in 1998 by a group of television producers for a PBS special The Irish Tenors. They have since recorded five PBS specials and eight albums. The group's members are Declan Kelly, Anthony Kearns and Ronan Tynan.

Tickets range from \$39-\$99

WHERE: Lowell Auditorium, Lowell MA

WHEN: Sunday Dec 4 2022, 3 PM

TICKETS ON SALE AT: ticketmaster.com and lowellauditorium.com

This list is compiled by Patrick Davoren.

If you are Irish and performing in the area, contact:pdavoren@ipcboston.org

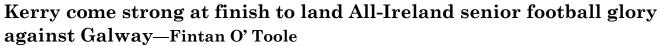
# 2022 All-Ireland Champions

# Limerick claim three-in-a-row with All-Ireland Senior Hurling final victory over Kilkenny—Irish Independent

Limerick 1-31 Kilkenny 2-26

Limerick are All-Ireland hurling champions for the third year in a row, an unprecedented milestone, reached by a magnificent team in Croke Park after one of the best finals of all time. The first team outside the traditional big three to win three back-to-back, they had to produce probably their best ever performance to defeat a ferocious challenge from Kilkenny. The Leinster champions died with their boots on in an epic contest played on a

day when temperatures soared towards 28 degrees celsius. The heat on the pitch matched it, a hugely draining physical battle in the second half after a first half that was more free-flowing. Kilkenny threw everything they had at the champions in a bid to win their first All-Ireland since 2015 but they came up just short.



Galway 0-16 Kerry 0-20

After eight seasons filled with setbacks and disappointments in Croke Park, Kerry returned to the summit of Gaelic football this year. Jack O'Connor steered his side to All-Ireland senior football glory with a powerful closing quarter display that saw them outscore Galway by 0-8 to 0-2. Their star man delivered with David Clifford amassing 0-8 in a superb shooting display. He did not finish the game's top scorer though, that accolade belonging to Shane Walsh with the Galway forward producing a magical performance in front of goal as he kicked nine points. Midfielder Cillian McDaid also enjoyed a storming All-Ireland final outing as he weighed in with four points but ultimately Kerry wore Galway down as the second half unfolded. For final debutants, Galway's players accomplished plenty. Walsh knocked over the first point of the game courtesy of a '45, his glorious score in the 17th minute sent them 0-5 to 0-2 clear and was



the fourth he had posted on the board. John Daly was highly impressive in directing play from centre-back and while Kerry responded with the next three scores, Galway were in front by the break with Jack Glynn and McDaid nailing impressive scores. The third quarter featured some outstanding passages of play. The teams were level four times in the opening ten minutes of the second half before Kieran Molloy and Walsh sent Galway two clear. Yet Kerry found a way to gain a stronger grip on the exchanges. Winning the final quarter by six points was reflective of their control to land the prize this group had long desired.

# Cork v Galway: recap and result from All-Ireland intermediate camogie finals—The Sun

Cork 0-11 Galway 0-13

Galway are the All-Ireland intermediate camogic champions after seeing off the challenge of Cork at Croke Park. The Kay McGrath Cup will be heading west and Galway were full value for their win, with their first four attempts of the game flying over the bar.

By half-time, Galway were ahead on a scoreline of 0-07 to 0-10.

Laura Homan got things going for Cork after the restart as she struck over the first point of the second half before Niamh PcPeake and Gilchrist responded on the double.

Rachel O'Shea and Casey - yet again - then notched points for Cork and by the 50th minute it was a two point game.

Galway then had Katie Manning sent off in the 53rd minute for a second yellow card offence.

Cathal Murray's charges went quite some time without a score as Cork looked to claw the game back and assert themselves on the scoreboard as time ticked away.

Gilchrist sent over another free to put three points between the teams in the 59th minute and as four minutes of added time began, Cork could only muster one further point through Casey and Galway eventually held out for a two point win.



"Farewell to the Greatest Ever". Kilkenny Hurling Manager, Brian Coady walks through the tunnel in Croke Park one last time as he retired.

# Local Sports

# Family connection alive and well as McAnespie's claim Boston crown By Neil Loughran, IrishNews.com

IT was just after midnight, Sunday creeping into Monday, when Brenda McAnespie tweeted from her home in Aughnacloy, having just spent the best part of the evening following fare beneath a Massachusetts sky. The Boston SFC final is always a big deal to the few thousands patrons who pile through the gates at the Irish Cultural Centre in Canton but, like so much of this summer's Stateside action, a growing contingent had tuned in from the other side of the pond.

After a tight, tense tussle Aidan McAnespie's eventually pulled away from Donegal Boston to claim the crown – the first of their two goals coming from the right boot of homegrown player, Eoin Gormley.

Back at home, the McAnespie clan let out a collective yelp as the ball rattled the net, the significance of the score mattering every bit as much thousands of miles away. "Congrats to @AidanMcAnespie Boston on their brilliant win," tweeted Farney legend Brenda, a pivotal figure in the Monaghan side that dominated ladies' football during the 1990s. "Such an honour to have Aidan's name remembered. Delighted for everyone involved, special mention to Eoin Gormley on his brilliant performance, his dad Dermot being Aidan's first cousin."

The club is named after Brenda's brother-in-law Aidan, who was killed by the British Army near a border checkpoint on February 21, 1988 – the family's fight for justice continuing 34 years on.

Aidan McAnespie's, Boston was formed in the 24-year-old's honour in 1995, and has been one of the big success stories of the North American GAA scene.

The ongoing family connection has only served to embolden that link, with Dermot Gormley manager as the McAnespie's swept to three championship titles in-a-row between 2005 and 2007.

The Carrickmore man remains involved behind the scenes, a proud father as he watched Eoin carry on that association en route to being crowned kings of Boston again. It is one the 20-year-old is proud to uphold. "It's very important," he said.

"I have a decent knowledge of it, I know [his uncle] Brian [Gormley] is involved with the case still... you could see with a lot of our clubmen yesterday, how much it meant to them to get this win. McAnespie's is a big community here. "We knew people back home were watching too, that helped us get over the line too. There are big enough rivalries out here too, and this one is probably the biggest."

McAnespie's – managed by Offaly man Alan Comerford - ended up winning 2-11 to 0-10 to claim a first title since 2011, with Gormley's first half goal helping edge them ahead at half-time.

It had been nip and tuck up until then, with former Dublin star Paul Mannion firing over three points as Donegal Boston remained in contention. Gormley's goal came after referee James Molloy penalised goalkeeper Hugh Boyle for taking too long from a kick-out, McAnespie's won the hop ball and Gormley – one of three American-born players alongside brothers Owen and Steven Ward - made no mistake when the ball landed in his arms. "I had to finish that one off," said Eoin, whose mother Deirdre hails from Monaghan – "that's where he gets the football skills", smiles Brenda McAnespie.

"It was pretty cagey but it opened up and we eventually got going a little bit. We were poor in the first half with turnovers

"I got a few goals against them the first time so I was fancying myself before the game anyway... I thought I had a good chance of getting another one." Donegal ace Jamie Brennan landed a second goal in the 49th minute to stretch the lead out to six and, with captain Robbie Croft in inspirational form, there would be no stopping the McAnespie's. Although basketball is his main sport, Gaelic football has always been close to the heart of the Boston College student, and Sunday's victory gives McAnespie's the opportunity to go even further at the North American



Eoin Gormley (centre) and brothers Steven (left) and Owen Ward celebrate Sunday's championship success

Championships this weekend. Gormley had been planning a trip to Ireland, but that has been put on the long finger for now ahead of what promises to be a festival of football at Chicago's Gaelic Park.

"If we lost I was going to be going there on Wednesday, but we won so we have Chicago now, our first game is Saturday against Young Ireland's from Philadelphia so we'll take it from there and see how we go.

"Hopefully we can keep it going."

And, no matter what happens, McAnespie's won't be short of support back home. "With Dermot having been involved before, and now Eoin," says Brenda McAnespie, "it's nice for the family to have that connection still there now."

# 2022 Boston Northeast GAA Champions



Macs take Senior Football Title!
Aidan McAnespies 2-12 Donegal 0-10



Junior A Football Belongs to Donegal! Donegal 2-10 Aidan McAnespies 0-12



Trinity Milton Champions! Trinity 1-14 Worcester 0-11



Best of Luck to all our champions at the USA finals in Chicago!



Sean Ogs win Ladies Final Sean Og sL 4-07 Boston Shamrocks 0-04



Offaly are Junior A Hurling Champions! Offaly 2-19 Galway 2-13



# Local Sports

### Pittsburgh Titles for Boston Rowers

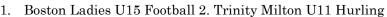
Congratulations to the Boston Curragh Rowing Club for their hard fought and impressive victory at the St. Brendan's Cup Regatta in Pittsburgh on Saturday. The hosting Pittsburgh Irish Rowing Club finished second and the Annapolis Irish Rowing Club third, followed by the



clubs from Philadelphia, Leetsdale, Albany, and New London. Boston swept the cup races as well as winning the Mary Eilleen Clark Cup (4-women), Marcus J. Flaherty Cup (4-men) and Mulkerrin Brothers Cup (2-men / 2-women). The August schedule included regattas in Philadelphia on August 13 and Milwaukee at Irish Fest on August 20. Best of luck to Boston!

### Congratulations to the Five Boston Teams who won big at the Continental Youth Championships in Chicago!

The Continental Youth Championships is an annual weekend tournament of Gaelic football, hurling, and camogie organized by the Gaelic Athletic Association. It is contested by teams from the USA and Canada, and is a separate competition from the existing youth championships in the New York, Canadian, and North American County Board. The five Boston teams that won are:



3. St. Brendan's Youth GAC U11 Football 4. St. Brendan's Youth GAC U15 Hurling

5. St. Brendan's Youth GAC U15 Football





# Best of Luck, New England Fenians!

Wishing the ladies of the New England Fenians Camogie Team the very best of luck at the USGAA finals this month in Chicago. Fenians abú!

# Sports Quiz-GAA Edition

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2. Hurler Conor Kenny from Kildare to \_\_\_\_\_?

3. Hurler Niall Corcoran from Galway to \_\_\_\_\_?

4. Hurler Denis Byrne from Kilkenny to \_\_\_\_\_?

5. Footballer Karl O' Dwyer from Kerry to \_\_\_\_\_?

6. Footballer Martin Carney from Donegal to \_\_\_\_\_?

7. Hurler Darragh O' Connel from Kerry to \_\_\_\_\_?

8. Footballer James Kavanagh from Kildare to \_\_\_\_\_?

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