#### Irish Pastoral Centre Newsletter



"We are a Parish without Boundaries."

#### Serving the Greater Boston Irish Community since 1987

#### IPC Welcomes New Board of Directors

Executive Director Peggy Davis Mullen and the staff at The Irish Pastoral Centre would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new board members and introduce them to our community.

(Page 2 and 3), As you are aware, the IPC has served our community for over thirty years. Throughout our history, we have had many exceptional and dedicated board members, all of whom have given of themselves generously.

Without the service of these dedicated individuals, we would not have a deeply rooted and valued place in the Irish community.

This year the IPC has been fortunate to find our new home in Adams Village, which is considered by many as the heart of the Boston Irish Community. With our new space we have been able to welcome more individuals into our "home". We have been blessed by the strength of our community partnerships also. We have benefited from new funding opportunities that have helped tremendously in the development of greater and improved programming. ( Cont'd on page 9)



The Irish Pastoral Centre newsletter can be mailed to your home or business each month! Call 617-265-5300 for details. Gift Subscriptions also available.



SEEKING COMMUNITY PARTNERS! If your business serves the Irish Community, please consider joining us as an IPC community partner. We have several opportunities for you to showcase your event, organization or business right here in our Community Newsletter while supporting the IPC, Email mswanton@ipcboston.org for more information or call the IPC at 617-265-5300.

We look forward to welcoming you!



Happier days pre Covid at the IPC Family Day 2019

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#### Irish Pastoral Centre Board of Directors



William M. Bulger, Jr., President of the Irish Pastoral Centre Board of Trus-

tees is a lawyer and MBA and currently works in commercial franchise finance with Peoples United Bank. Born and raised in South Boston with strong ties to Connemara, Bill has been involved with the Irish Pastoral Centre since

January 2018 serving in various roles.



**Dermot Doyne** grew up in the Heart of London, born to Irish Parents and as a result has always been active in all things Irish. Dermot married a lovely girl, Tracy from Cork and they have 2 sons and a daughter. He's been in Boston for 26 years. A well-known Restauranteur, Dermot returned to school some years

ago and became an Attorney. Dermot is a longtime supporter of the IPC and is delighted to support the organization now at Board level.



Maryellen Brett is

the Associate Dean of Corporate Education at Massasoit Community College, based at the Canton Campus. She is a higher education and workforce development expert who works extensively with companies, government and educational organ-

izations. A Dorchester resident with family in Cedar Grove and Savin Hill, her grandparents hail from Co.Sligo. Maryellen also serves on the Center for Collaborative Leadership board at UMass Boston. She joined the IPC board in March 2020.



**Sean Henry** serves as a Project Manager for AEW Capital Management L.P in downtown Boston. In this role, Sean is responsible for the hand-on technical due diligence of real estate investments and oversees assets currently under development and in construction. A native of Co. Sligo in Ireland, Sean was a former professional rugby player, amassing caps for both

Munster and Connacht over the course of a six year career. Sean is joined the IPC board as treasurer in March 2020



**Della Costello** is from Dorchester by way of Galway City is one of 10 children. Both her mother and sister Terrie have each served two terms as Mayor of Galway!

London beckoned and Della worked in the banking industry but after 2 years, Della moved on to Boston where she found her husband and

settled here. Her career spans working at the Chancery Office of the archdiocese of Boston along with 35 years' experience in the Corporate world of Real Estate. Della is known throughout our community for her hard word and sincere interest in helping others and that's how she met Fr. Dan over 40 years ago. At St Mark's Parish, Della served on the Parish Council, was a lector for 14 years and also helped count the money on a weekly basis. Della also serves on her Neighborhood Association and has supported the IPC for a long time. Della is truly amazed at the good work that is being done there and is looking forward to working with the organization.



**Neil Hurley** is a Somerville native, the son of West Cork immigrants. Neil's work experience in the computer field included Deputy Director of Data Systems for the Federal Election Commission in Washington D.C. and Consultant to the U.S. Department of Transportation in Cambridge

After retiring, Neil began volunteering with the Irish Immigration Centre

(currently the Rian Center) in Boston. During his almost 20 years there, he specialized in assisting immigrants from all nations in completing their U.S. Citizenship Applications as well as helping with the Center's free immigration clinics. Neil has been involved with a number of Irish cultural, sporting, social and philanthropic organizations receiving awards from the Charitable Irish Society and the Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition.

Currently in addition to being a board member of the Irish Pastoral Centre, Neil assists with the Pastoral Centre's free immigration legal clinics and the senior program.

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Christopher J.
Lavery, Esq. ('Chris')
is a graduate with Honors
from Portobello College,
Dublin, Ireland (LLB) and
from Boston College Law
School (JD). Chris also
holds a Doctorate of Laws

Hampshire, awarded in recognition of his non-profit

(LLD) (honoris causa) from St Anselm's College, New

work. A native of Belfast, Northern Ireland, Chris is a long-term volunteer with community organizations, providing legal advice to immigrants at regular legal clinics throughout New England. Chris has spoken about Immigration issues before the Coalition of Irish Immigration Centers, the American Immigration Lawyers' Association, Northeastern University and Boston College Law School; he has also contributed articles on immigration practice to multiple publications. A past chair of the Irish Pastoral Centre of Quincy, Massachusetts, Chris is also the recipient of the Charitable Irish Society's Silver Key Award; the Irish Immigration Center's Appreciation Award for Outstanding Pro Bono Service; the PAIR Project's Detention Attorney Award; and was recognized in the Irish Echo's "40 under 40" in 2011.



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Mark Porter is originally from Donegal and a well known Boston Entrepreneur. Upon arriving in the USA, Mark met a very special lady from Ireland named Sr Veronica Dobson who asked for help to paint her new

offices on Billings Road in Quincy. With a few local clergy, a new organization was forming called the Irish Pastoral Centre to offer support to the new Irish arriving on a daily basis.

Mark was truly motivated and impressed by Sr Veronica's determination, heart and spirit.

He has embraced the opportunity to serve on the Board wholeheartedly, propelled by the early years of the IPC and in honor of those mighty and monumental efforts. He keeps in touch with Sr Veronica who now lives in Texas. Mark visited with Sister recently (see photo) and at 94 years young, she still holds the Pastoral Centre in her heart.



John McColgan is Archivist for the City of Boston. He is a graduate of Boston College and of University College Dublin, where he was awarded a Ph.D in Modern Irish History and a Diploma in Archival Studies. A neighborhood activist in his native Dorchester, he led the community effort to create public artwork in Edward Everett Square celebrating Dorchester history and community experience (the "Clapp Pear" and "Dorchester Voices" sculptures). His Irish antecedents emigrated from Inishowen, the Aran Islands, and Counties Roscommon and Waterford. Drawing on materials from 1847 preserved in the City Archives, he delivered the keynote address at the Deer Island Great Hunger Memorial dedication in May 2019. His goal on the IPC Board, is to do justice to the honor of serving it, and to the honor of serving people from Ireland and abroad who need a hand making a life in America

# Welcoming the Stranger Among Us Since 1985

#### News from our Senior Community



#### IPC SENIOR COORDINATOR MARY GORMAN

Mary O'Toole-Gorman is the new Senior Program Coordinator at the IPC. From West Roxbury, Mary is married to Jim and they two sons, James and Robby.

Now retired from Boston Gas/National Grid after 32 years, Mary also worked for The Goddard House In Brookline.

Mary is currently the Registrar of The County Sligo Association and a Board Member of the Irish Social Club.

Most of you probably would have known Mary's parents, Gerry O'Toole was a native of Tubbercurry, Co. Sligo and Kitty O'Toole was from Glenbeigh, Co. Kerry. They were supporters of the Shannon Blues Football Club and were active members in the Irish community.

Mary looks forward to working with you, hearing your ideas and being at your assistance!

# NEW FEATURE! Each month, the IPC will feature a Senior Spotlight Story. Please reach out to Senior Coordinator Mary Gorman at mgorman@ipcboston.org if you would like to submit an article to be featured or call 617 265 5300 See Page 9!

IPC Senior Monthly Gatherings resumed in July with full covid precautions.in place at West on Center in West Roxbury and the Common Market in Quincy. It was great to see everyone again! However, we remain cautiously concerned and future events are limited and un-confirmed at this time.

Please reach out to Senior Coordinator Mary Gorman for all Senior events and activities. We look forward to welcoming new members!

#### July Senior Community Lunch at West on Centre in







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#### News from our Senior Communicy



Martin Connor of Glenbeigh, County Kerry recently celebrated his 90th birthday during our Senior monthly lunch at the Common Market in Quincy. Martin is pictured with his wife Meg and IPC Executive Director Peggy Davis-Mullen. 606060606060606 0000000000000 Dear friends, As we prepare to print our August newsletter, it seems that we are not out of the woods yet with Covid 19. Please know that we are here if you need us. We are thinking of you! Mind yourselves and don't hesitate to reach out if we can support you. Our number is 617 265 5300 and we are in the <u>@</u>@@@ office from Monday - Friday, 9am to 5 pm. "aire a thabhairt dá chéile" (take care of each other) 6060606060606060

#### Fr Dan's Page



The plans of the diligent are sure of profit, but all rash haste leads certainly to poverty.

Proerbs:2:5

#### SLOT CARS

Harkening back to my childhood, I remember long afternoons sitting on a fixed stool in the local hobby shop with an electric trigger in my hand racing slot cars.

Plastic and steel model cars zipped around a figure 8 track via the magic of electricity as kids competed for bragging rights. Inexperienced drivers would try to go full throttle the whole time, only to discover that the curves caused their car to careen off track.

Many of us speed through our days. We zoom right past our loved ones, past a beautiful sunset, past strangers in need. We sometimes even ignore our own needs. Maybe today we could ease off the trigger a bit. But sometimes, even if we have learned to slow down twists and turns in our lives still force us off course. If you ask, God will lovingly pick you up and place you back on track.

Prayer For The Coronavirus Dear Lord, we ask for your divine intervention to bring a quick end to this pandemic. Please heal the sick and comfort the grieving. May your peace replace every worried, anxious, and fearful thought. We ask for strength, protection, and energy for medical professionals, first responders, and emergency workers. We pray for wisdom, knowledge, and guidance for leaders in every arena. Please reverse and minimize the financial devastation that is occurring. Please provide for all who are displaced and in need in any way. We ask for your grace and mercy and for you to do what only you can do. May people look to you to be their source of help, strength, and hope during these uncertain times. In the name of Jesus, we ask these things.

Amen

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#### 100001GRATION NEWS

Maryann Casavant is the Immigration Coordinator for the IPC and supports the IPC's Immigration, Detention, and the US. Citizenship Program. She is the point of contact for both immigrants and non-immigrants in the community who contact the



IPC with questions related to immigration, visas, citizenship and other issues of concern. She provides guidance and directs clients to available resources, including the IPC's free legal clinics here a team of pro-bono attorneys assist clients with understanding and navigating the complexity of immigration law. Maryann graduated from Holy Cross College and Suffolk University Law School. She began her career in the banking industry, and then worked for many years practicing health care law in Boston at both law firms and for various non-profit health care organizations. She also has legal experience working with older clients helping them to navigate issues related to their aging. Maryann grandparents immigrated to Boston from Counties Cork and Galway in Ireland Reach out to Maryann at mcasavant@ipcboston.org

#### **New Immigration Fees Announced**

<u>U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services</u> (USCIS) new Fee Rule has been finalized! New fees become effective 2 October 2020. . We are reviewing the final version of the rule and will distribute an updated breakdown ASAP. The fees for the most common application types will significantly increase. The Rule also drastically reduces the availability of fee waivers. The table below shows some of the expected fee changes:

Benefit Sought	Current Fees	Proposed Fees	Net Difference	% Change
Naturalization (Citizenship)	\$640	\$1,170	\$530	83%
Adjustment of Status	\$1,225	\$2,195	\$970	79%
Asylum	N/A	\$50	\$50	N/A
DACA	\$495	\$765	\$270	55%

Please refer to the USCIS website (USCIS.gov) for the most up -to-date information and fees.

If you are eligible to apply for any of these benefits, you should apply and file before the fee increases go into effect.

Please reach out to the IPC if you have any question or need any assistance applying for these benefits.

We can provide you with information, direct you to useful resources, or schedule an appointment with a volunteer immigration attorney at one the IPC Immigration Clinics.

#### IPC PRISON DETENTION PROGRACO

Through the IPC's Prison Detention Program, IPC staff and volunteers visit and/or liaise with both long-term prisoners in U.S. prisons and short-term detainees awaiting trial or deportation. While visiting prisoners is quite restricted in Massachusetts under normal circumstances, any social visits to Massachusetts prisoners are now completely suspended due to the current COVID-19 situation.

Most detainees are undocumented immigrants who have never had a prior arrest. The fact of incarceration is traumatic to the prisoner and to their friends and family. Therefore, contact is an essential aspect of their emotional well-being while incarcerated. There is a great deal of liaising with family in the U.S. and abroad to report on prisoner welfare, advise on prison policies regarding contact, and provide general support. Should you know someone who is in prison and may need support, or are interested in helping with our Program, please contact the IPC at 671-265-5300.

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#### Immigration & Legal Services

#### **Irish Pastoral Centre - Free Immigration Clinics**





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

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



**Upcoming Clinic Appointment Dates:** 

Tuesday, August 4th

Monday, August 17th

Tuesday, September 1st

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



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Cindy and Dermot Quinn at Greenhill's Irish Bakery are proud IPC Community Partners!



#### LAUNCHING NEW FB PAGE

Covid has had an impact on travel from Ireland to Boston. At present Ireland is on the banned travel list. This is the first year we have had no J1 students and the GAA players cannot travel either. The lockdown has led a lot of people to decide that they need t be nearer home and the past few months has seen a lot of both recent and longterm Irish residents in Boston return home permanently. The future for irish immigration to the U.S. is uncertain as visas and green cards are suspended.

We would like to invite Irish people in the city and people whose parents/grandparents immigrated in the past 100 years to share photos and stories about that experience. It is always of interest to hear about other people's adventures and it would be interesting to see the difference in immigration patterns and experiences over the years. This group is open to anyone who is interested in Ireland and Boston and we look forward to learning more about our fellow Irish and their journeys. See you on Facebook!

It is difficult to plan at present but it would be hoped that this





#### Irish Immigrants to Boston 1920-2020



#### **IPC Welcomes Aaron Byrne**



Aaron is the newest member of our team who is with us until December. He is a recent Masters of Business graduate who comes from Galway City. Aaron loves his sports, especially his rugby where he has represented both Ireland and Connacht at both underage and senior levels. He is loving his time in Boston although he is struggling with the Summer heat. He looks forward to the Pastoral Centre getting back to normal and meeting all the members of our community. Stop by anytime to meet Aaron!

IPC BOARD (CONT'D FROM FRONT PAGE)

Knowing that we would not have enjoyed our successes without strong board support and leadership, I

want to take this opportunity to thank everyone that has blessed the IPC by serving us so well as a board member.

I also want to welcome our new board members to the IPC family and I look forward to working together as we have for the last 33 years to strengthen our place and mission here in the heart of the Irish community.

Cead mile failte agus Dia Dhaoibh, Peggy Davis Mullen



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#### IPC SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

#### Meet Bridie Byrne From Galway

Bridie Byrne, was born in Galway from the village of Trabane (Trawbaun) on the island of Gorumna.

Her parents, Coleman McDonagh and Annie Joyce (Seoigh) were from Gorumna which is a Gaelic speaking area. To islanders, Bridie would be



known as Brid Cole Fatch, daughter of Cole and granddaughter of Fatch. Her family of seven children and her parents lived in a small stone cottage with a thatched roof which was warmed with a lot of love and a turf fueled fire. Village people mostly lived off the land. Well water was collected, cows were milked, hay was stacked, eggs were collected, gardens were planted, fish were caught, baskets were woven, dillisk was dried, turf was cut and hauled, food was cooked over the turf fire, clothes were made and mended, washed in a basin or the lake and dried on the rocks. Charles R. Browne, M.D. who visited the island in 1898 described the people as "robust, stout, and hardy, and capable of hearing fatigue, hunger, and wet to an unusual degree. On the whole the population is a wonderfully healthy one, in spite of the adverse conditions as to dwellings, food, and mode of life."

As a teenager, Bridie worked and lived in the University Hospital in Galway City and the University College Hospital in London. In 1955, at 20 years old, she traveled on the Cunard Ship Line with the Folan girls from the village to arrive in New York City on March 14<sup>th</sup>. Her Aunt Julia's family met her in New York and Bridie lived with them on Broadway in South Boston until she got a job as a domestic for a family in Newton. The Newton family was very good to her and the dad was a tailor who made wonderful clothes for her. Bridie cooked, cleaned and took care of two high school boys that were not much younger than herself. She was off work on Thursdays after lunch and on Sundays after breakfast. Other Irish girls that she knew worked nearby and together they often when to the many Irish dance halls in Dudley Street (now Nubian Square).

It was at the dance that she met Dick (Richard Joseph) Byrne from Flagmount Hill, Ballenvalley, Kilkenny. Dick was from a dairy farming family and wanted a different life. His cousin sponsored him to come to America so he boarded the 14-hour flight from Ireland to Boston to live with his old aunt, Nora Byrne, in Brighton at 72 Bennett St. He got a job with First National grocery stores and bought his first car. They married and had three children, Ann Marie, James, and Richard. As young married couple, they rented apartments on Rossmore Rd and Saint Rose Street in Jamaica Plain and finally bought their first three family home at 81 Jamaica St. in Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish, JP. They eventually moved the family to Roslindale, Vista St., in Sacred Heart Parish. When they could manage it, Bridie and Dick enjoyed going out on Saturday nights to places like the Blarney Stone, the Rover, Kilgariff's, Florian Hall and Metropolitan Hall.

Bridie's sons played CYO sponsored sports and so got to know Fr. Dan Hagerty very well. He often came to Bridie's big, big Sunday dinners. When the rectory was looking for a cook, Fr. Hagerty asked Bridie. The priests loved impish Bridie and her cooking and Bridie loved the priests. She had a special relationship with Fr. Dan Finn from Cork because he was naughty too. Bridie was cooking a chicken dinner and Fr. Finn came into the kitchen. He said "Bridie, will you give me the leg off a chicken before I go out for a run?" Bridie worried what the other priests might say if they noticed the missing leg but she gave her friend the leg anyway. Well, it came time to bring in the chicken and Fr. Big Appetite said "Bridie, what happened to this chicken's leg?" and Bridie replied.... "Oh Father, this chicken only had one leg!" For sure, Bridie had to do some extra Hail Marys for that half-truth.

After many years and happy memories in Roslindale, Bridie and Dick moved to a ranch home on Marlin Rd in West Roxbury. They were members of the Irish Social Club and very involved. Bridie sold tickets, prepared the tea and bread, and came on Mondays to clean after the Sunday dance. Dick worked the bar and was a club officer. Sunday nights at the club were filled with music from Erin's Melody with Margaret Dalton, Andy Griffin, Andy Healy, Noel Henry, Fintan Stanley, John Conners and the Irish Express, Dickie McMannis, Mickey Connolly and Martin McDonough while Bride and Dick danced the Stack of Barley, the Highland Fling, Shoe the Donkey, Waltzes, Fox Trots, Claire Set, Siege of Ennis, the Birdie, and the Jive.

They welcomed their granddaughter Maureen (Gigi) in 2005. Bridie always adored "her Gigi", took care of her and loved-her-up on afternoons while mom and dad were working. Mamó kept a list of all the cartoon channels in her wallet so that she could enjoy watching them with GiGi after mom left for work. During the school years, both Gigi and her grandparents looked forward to Tuesdays, Mamó and Papa day. Papa and Mamó picked GiGi up from school at 11:00 and fed her wonderful delicacies such as hot dogs, French fries, pasta and ice cream followed by cartoons and toy shopping.

Dick passed away in 2013 from melanoma and that was the end of a beautiful era. Bridie reached out the Irish Pastoral Center for comfort and companionship. She and her friend Tina Quinn have found friendship and joy in the IPC family. Wonderfully, though the IPC she has connected again with her chicken loving friend, Fr. Finn. *This story was submitted by Bridie's daughter Annmarie.* 

#### SOCIAL WORK AND OUTREACH



# The Psychology of Nostalgia During COVID-19

By Veronica Keyes, Social Worker and Outreach Co-Ordinator

The word "nostalgia" comes from the Greek for returning home "nostos" and "algos" the word for pain. When we go back to a previous time, we don't remember it exactly as it hap-

pened. **Memory** is our brain's attempt at connecting us with the past but when we conjure up a memory, we're not hitting the replay button. Instead, memory is a highly inaccurate reconstruction.

And when it comes to this nostalgic longing for the past we tend to view them through rose coloured glasses. Not all experiences in the past may have been positive, but when we look back in this way, we tend to think about very g eneral periods, as opposed to particular details.

In short, nostalgia is the warm glow of the past, conjured up into the present moment. Engaging in nostalgia isn't just enjoyable. Research suggests that it also may be beneficial. For one, looking back in the past gives us a sense of continuity. It's odd to think that who we were in the past isn't really who we are now. We may think differently, feel differently, or act differently. Even biologically — most of our constituent cells aren't passed on beyond a few years.

However, studies have found that engaging in nostalgia fosters a stronger sense of meaning in one's life. Looking back helps us make sense of where we've been and how we've gotten to where we are. It helps us tell a meaningful story of our life; how all of these discrete events and experiences fit together in a coherent narrative.

Engaging in nostalgia also appears to have direct benefits for mental health. Research has found that it reduces cortisol levels associated with the body's acute stress response. Moreover, in a study recently published in the journal *Nature*, the tendency to nostalgize was found to be a protective factor against depression and anxiety. Fascinatingly, this study found that recalling specific positive life experiences was key for individuals who had suffered early life trauma, suggesting that the benefits of positive memories are not limited to those with entirely cheery pasts.

#### PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP UPDATE

The Parent & Toddler group has been running in St Mark's Hall every Wednesday between 10 and 12 for many years now. The purpose of the playgroup is simple, to provide a safe place for children to play and to keep the community connected especially those from Ireland. Neighborhood mothers and caregivers can socialize while their children do the same. A local mom originally from Ireland says "Being away from home is challenging. St Marks playgroup has expanded our connection to Ireland. It's so important for us to keep our little boy as Irish as his nationality. Without this community our connection to home would fade.

<u>Baineann</u> mo chroí in Éirinn." Most children are younger than school age allowing them to practice unstructured play and socializing, a crucial development for healthy growth. One mother says "I have gone every week and my daughter loves it she has made so many friends and her confidence has grown. I now have a son and can't wait to see the friendships he will make." The playgroup is organized by mothers and caregivers who volunteer setting up the toy, hosting holiday parties and celebrating birthdays. Catching up over coffee and tea allows the mothers and nannies to keep in touch with our community and news back in Ireland. Great friendships have been built by mothers and children. A great sense of community has always been our focus and it's certainly visible from the great success of the group. Anybody interested in partaking in this years group is welcome to call the office at 6172655300 Ext 10. We will have a better understanding closer to September t hat the gathering situation will be, i.e. outdoors or indoors depending on Covid regulations.

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#### **QUICK BITS**



#### Norfolk County Sheriff's Office "Are You OK?"

**program** recently helped a 98-year-old Randolph woman get urgent medical care. When the elderly woman did not answer her daily phone call, the RUOK Officer contacted someone close by to go over and check on her. The senior stated through the door that she could not answer it because she was too weak. 911 was called and the police were able to make entrance through the window. The elderly woman was transported by ambulance to the hospital and is currently being evaluated. Seniors interested in signing up for this no cost, potentially lifesaving, program are encouraged to call 1-866-900-7865 (RUOK).

#### Shout out for Cd players and Irish Music CD's

Do you have a small CD player at your house that you are no longer using?

Do you have extra Irish music CD's to share?

IPC will put together Irish music kits for our home visits so that our elderly friends living alone can enjoy a few tunes until we are all out dancing again.

You can drop off your Cd's and Players Mon -Fri 9am to 5 pm at the Centre.

Thank you all in advance for your consideration!



#### Join us for "App"-y Hour!

Do you have a Smart phone?

Do you know that you can video call anyone with 'What's App' anywhere in the world for free?

Staff at the IPC are happy to help you download the App and show you how to use it! Call 617-265-5300 and register your interest. We will schedule a lunch time class (with lunch of course!) and connect you with friends and loved ones via video calling for free! We might even get Fr Dan on board! AS EASY AS MAKING A CALL!



The boys from Devri are delighted to join the IPC as a community partner and are hoping we will all be dancing soon!

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PASTORAL CENTRE
COMMUNITY PARTNER!
EMAIL MARY FOR ALL
THE DETAILS!
mswanton@ipcboston.org
Or call 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.

Oay 2<sup>nd</sup>, Thomas Carley, of Dorchester and Leitrim.

Oay 17, Dr. Coin Coakley, (suddenly) of Norwood and Dublin.

Way 26, Barcholemew Finnercy, Wilton and Galway

Way 26, James Regan of West Roxbury and Galway.

Way 29 Clifford Boulger of Norwood and Councy Galway.

June 7, Wary Bulger of South Boston, mother of the IPC Board President Bill Bulger.

June 12, Paul COcGonagle, of Quincy and Donegal.

June 9, Thomas Doherzy of Dedham and Donegal.

June 12, Lucia COcGrath, of Quincy and Cork.

June 15, Chaureen Lyons, Dorchester and Galway

June 19, Par Corrisey, of Dorchester and Galway

June 23, Peggy Gavin, of West Roxbury and Galway.

July 4, Pacrick Sullivan of Charlescoun and Cork.

July 13 Ann Drummond, Weymouth and Wayo

July 17, Wichael Harre of Wellesley and Sligo.

July 22, Edward Duffy of Coilton, former president of the Cire Society.

Aug 1, Cileen Greaney, West Roxbury and Galway

Forget-me-not as time goes by Remember me not with sadness or with tears but with smiles and laughter with joy and anticipation of the day that we will meet again until then...

Forget-me-not!

To include your loved on our Remembrance page or call the IPC directly at 617-265-5300

#### **Jack Charlton Laid To Rest**

The legendary Republic of Ireland manager Jack Charlton died on July 10 at the age of 85.

The former Leeds and England defender who won a World Cup winner's medal in 1966 had been diagnosed with lymphoma in the last year and was also battling dementia.

Affectionately known as Big Jack, the Northumberland native took over the reins as Ireland manager in 1986 and brought unprecedented success to the national side as he guided the Republic to their first major finals at Euro 88 and two more in the space of 10 years, qualifying for the World Cup in Italy in 1990 and four years later in 1994.

Ireland reached the knock-out stages of both World Cups and reached the quarter-finals in 1990, only to lose out by the narrowest of margins, as the hosts denied them a place in the semi-finals with a 1-0 victory in Rome.

Long time friend Frank Gillespie pictured on right), former owner of the Blackthorn Bar in South Boston hosted the Ireland team during the 94 World cup. Frank also hosted Jack's 60 birthday. Frank recalls great memories and described Charlton as "a football manager who was also an ambassador, He put us on the map and we went from strength to strength,. He gave us great courage to go out and conquer the world in every way, on the football field and off the football field and he was just a magic person.",



Ireland's favorite Englishman, Republic of Ireland Soccer Manager Jack Charlton. Pictured below with Frank Gillespie, former owner of the Blackthorn Bar in South Boston



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#### An Taoiseach Pays Tribute to John Hume

The following is Taoiseach Michael Martin's statement on the passing of peace activist and Nobel laureate John Hume: John Hume was a great hero and a true peace maker.

Throughout his long life he exhibited not just courage, but also fortitude, creativity and an utter conviction that democracy and human rights must define any modern society.

"For over four decades, he was a passionate advocate for a generous, outward-looking and allencompassing concept of nationalism and republicanism. For him the purpose of politics was to bring people together, not split them apart.

During the darkest days of paramilitary terrorism and sectarian strife, he kept hope alive. And with patience, resilience and unswerving commitment, he triumphed and delivered a victory for peace.

While the 1998 Good Friday Agreement was the product of many people's work, can anyone really claim that it would have happened without John Hume? He didn't just talk about peace, he worked unstintingly for peace, at times in the face of the most virulent criticism and risk to his life. He knew that to be a peace maker on this island meant being a risk taker.

John Hume's life was one of towering achievement. His vision was realised and while illness took away his voice, his presence remains all around us on this island in the form of political stability and he has left us a powerful legacy of peace and reconciliation.

Such achievement of course meant much sacrifice – a sacrifice shared by his wife Pat and his family but they knew it was for the greater good.

I extend my sympathies to his wife Pat and his five children Aine, Therese, John jnr, Aidan, and Mo. Their grief will be great but they can take pride in the knowledge that they have shared their life with one of the greatest Irish people that ever lived. All people on this island will give thanks for his life.



"I want to see an Ireland of partnership where we wage war on want and poverty, where we reach out to the marginalised and dispossessed, where we build together a future that can be as great as our dreams allow."

John Hume 1937 - 2020

#### LOCAL NEWS



The Mayors Office of Arts and Culture Boston is currently accepting applications for our Opportunity Fund, which provides grants of up to \$1,000 to support individual artists and local arts events planned by artists. This years focus addresses the needs of artists who have been impacted by COVID-19. Visit cityofboston.gov for details and application.

The Mayor of West Roxbury is back on his feet!



Delighted to report that Richie Gormley has returned to good health after recent surgery. In true form, Richie wanted to chat less about himself and more about the Irish Social Club when we reached out to see how he is doing. As part of his "recovery", Richie is spearheading renovations at the Irish Social Club in West Roxbury and assures us that the center will be back soon!

Richie cant wait to welcome you and share with you the new paint job, the new parking lot



Congratulations to Dawn Morrissey from Irish Network Boston and the Boston Irish Film Festival who became a US Citizen recently during a ceremony at Faneuil Hall.



KIERAN JORDAN DANCE STUDIO REOPENS

Local dancer Kieran Jordan has reopened her Hyde Park Dance studio and is offering

small classes for one to two students at a time. This is a great way to learn Irish dance with Kieran who is Boston's Master of Irish dance in its many forms. Visit kieranjordan.com for all the details.

Please reach out to Mary if you have stories of interest for our community. Call the IPC at 617-265-5600 or email mswanton@ipcboston.org August 2020 Page 15

#### LOCAL NEWS

#### Ireland Funds Chief Steps Down



Steve Greeley pictured with Sr Marguerite at the Irish Pastoral Centre in 2010

The Irish Pastoral Centre community wishes to extend its gratitude to our friend and supporter Steve Greeley from Scituate as he retires from 12 years at the helm of the Boston Ireland Funds.

As Vice President of Development and New England Director, of the Fund, Steve always held our work in high regard and we are immensely grateful for his support.

Thank you Steve for all you have done for us here at the IPC, for Boston and for Ireland. Congratulations on your retirement and we wish you and your family a wonderful next chapter.

#### New MA Travel Order Takes Effect

Governor Charlie Baker issued a new travel order that effects out-of-state residents traveling to Massachusetts and residents returning home.

Starting on August 1 travelers must complete a "Massachusetts Travel Form."

Travelers must also quarantine for 14 days or produce a negative COVID-19 test result administered up to 72-hours prior to arrival.

Failure to comply with the order carries a \$500 fine.

Travelers coming from a state designated as lower-risk are exempt from the requirement. The current states with this designation are New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Maine, Rhode Island, Vermont, New Hampshire and Hawaii.

Individuals coming to Massachusetts for transitory travel are also exempted in the order. Transitory travelers are those driving through Massachusetts or for those required to travel through the state for a connecting flight, bus or train.

Those who commute at least once weekly into Massachusetts to a specific workplace of school campus, those seeking medical care, military personnel and critical infrastructure workers are also exempt.

#### Travel Advice

- o The Government of Ireland continues to recommend against all non-essential international travel.
- o While the US Government has introduced restrictions on travel to the US from Ireland, there are no restrictions on flights from the US to Ireland.
- o Irish citizens, and others, are free to leave the US on any scheduled flights from a US airport and transatlantic flights continue to operate, albeit with schedule changes.
- o The Irish Authorities require anyone coming into Ireland, apart from Northern Ireland, to restrict their movements for 14 days, this includes citizens and residents returning to Ireland.
- o Restricting your movements means staying indoors in one location and avoiding contact with other people and social situations as much as possible. To ensure that this is being observed all passengers arriving to Ireland from overseas are obliged to complete a mandatory Public Health Passenger Locator Form and to submit it to the relevant authority at their port of entry. We also recommend that you download and use the Covid-19 Tracker App onto your phone.
  - Re-entry to the United States:
  - o Entry into the US is restricted. Non-US nationals, including Irish nationals, who have visited or resided in Ireland or the UK for any period in the 14 days prior to their travel to the US will be denied entry, unless they are legal permanent residents of the US (i.e. green card holders), or are the spouse or child of a US national or permanent resident, or the sibling of same providing both are under 21 years of age.
  - Re-entry to Massachusetts:
  - o All visitors entering Massachusetts, including returning residents, who do not meet an exemption, are required to:
    - Complete the Massachusetts Travel Form prior to arrival.
- Quarantine for 14 days or produce a negative COVID-19 test result that has been administered up to 72-hours prior to your arrival in Massachusetts.
- If your COVID-19 test result has not been received prior to arrival, visitors, and residents must quarantine until they receive a negative test result.
- Failure to comply may result in a \$500 fine per day.

Further information is available at: Commonwealth of Massachusetts: <a href="https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-travel-order">https://www.dfa.ie/irish-consulate/boston/</a>, Irish Government Covid-19 Information: <a href="https://www.gov.ie">www.gov.ie</a>, Irish Health Authority: <a href="https://www.hse.ie">www.hse.ie</a>, <a href="https://covidtracker.gov.ie/">covidtracker.gov.ie/</a>

#### Passport Information

#### **Online Passport Renewal**

Those seeking to renew a passport for an adult or child, must submit using the online service here: https://www.dfa.ie/passportonline/

- o This process is substantially faster than the paper application and is available for passport holders whose most recent Irish passport has not expired more than five years ago.
- o Where an applicant is eligible to renew their passport online, they must use this online system. The passport office will no

longer process paper applications from those who are eligible to apply for their passport online.

#### Process for seeking a first-time passport

- For those who are not eligible to renew online, or for first time applicants, we ask for your patience as we work to resume normal operations and address COVID-19 related processing delays.
- $\circ$  To request a passport form from the Consulate, contact us at our website:  $\frac{dfa.ie/boston}{dfa.ie/boston}$  or you can call and leave a message on the Passport Line at +1 617 267 9330 .
- o In your initial email/message, you must include your full name and address, as well as the number of applications needed. Please also let us know how you have Irish citizenship, and if you have previously held an Irish passport. Your request will be placed in a queue and the forms will be sent to you in the coming weeks



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#### News from the Irish Consulate







By Shane Caffrey, Vice Consul at the Consulate General of Ireland in Boston

While Boston has long been a place of refuge and sanctuary for Irish emigrants, it is also a place where the Irish have thrived, prospered, and become an integral part of the fabric of this great city.

In times gone by, when the going got tough, this community would come together to support one another, and offer a helping hand to those in need. The Charitable Irish Society, founded in the city in 1737, is the oldest Irish society in the Americas, and is still going strong. Today as we work to confront the challenges posed by the Covid-19 pandemic, our community organisations are once again providing vital services throughout the Boston area.

In response to the crisis, the Rian Immigrant Center and 10 other partner organisations came together to form the Boston Immigrant COVID-19 Collaborative (BICC). The City of Boston appointed the Rian Immigrant Center (formerly known as the Irish International Immigrant Center) to coordinate this group. Many immigrants, especially those who are undocumented, lost their jobs and have little-to-no access to benefits or healthcare. Ronnie Millar, Executive Director, Rian Immigrant Center told us: "When the crisis hit, we immediately pivoted our services to address the urgent needs of our immigrant families. We are deeply grateful to the Irish Government for their support for Irish immigrants who have been severely impacted the Covid crisis."

The Irish Pastoral Centre, based in Dorchester lies at the very heart of Irish community life in Boston. Despite all of the difficulties the past months have posed, the IPC continue to provide their services, which range from supports for the elderly, immigration advice, as well as welfare and counselling supports. "We have not been stopped in our commitment to our community. We continue to reach out to our seniors via phone calls, and we assist them in anything they need, from supermarket shopping to prescription collections," said IPC Executive Director, Peggy Davis-Mullen. Peggy added: "The IPC has distributed close to \$50,000 since April to those most in need and has helped in other ways too, providing counselling and creating a stockpile of essential household goods for those most in need. Through this difficult time the IPC has remained the light in the darkness, the candle shining in the window for the people we serve, and the IPC will continue as we have always done to welcome the stranger among us."

The latest IPC Newsletter concluded by capturing the essence of what the Irish community organizations in Boston are working so hard to achieve as we come together to hold each other up during challenging times:

It is at times like these that the true spirit of Irish people shines through and our sense of community is strong. It is really encouraging and heartwarming when people get together to help one another and shows that most people have not forgotten where they came from.

As the old Irish saying goes: "Ar scáth a chéile a mhaireann na daoine." "it is in the shelter of each other that the people live"

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# **COISSION**STATEMENT

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



Artist Vncent Crotty's
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#### The Celtic Scribe

#### Patrick Kavanagh's Epic

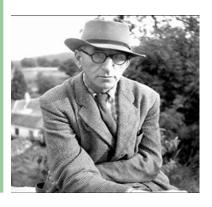
Patrick Kavanagh may well be Ireland's best-loved poet. His poems with their rural setting strike a chord with many Irish people and they have been a staple of Irish High School English literature courses for a great many years. I bought my edition of Kavanagh's *Collected Poems* in 1974 and I still dip into it quite frequently.

Poems like 'Memory of my Father' ("Every old man I see/Reminds me of my father") and 'In Memory of my Mother' ("Among your earthiest words the angels stray") are firm favourites with lots of Irish readers. I have chosen a short poem, 'Epic', in which the poet compares the disputes that could arise in his locality about the ownership of land with the great events in the world such as "the Munich bother." This refers Munich Agreement of 1938 when Britain and Germany reached a short-lived agreement but were at war within a year. Kavanagh, who was rooted in his home place in County Monaghan, even though he lived much of his life in Dublin, confesses that he was inclined to lose faith in the significance of what was happening around him in rural Monaghan, but then the ghost of the classical Greek writer, Homer, reminded him that he made his great epic, the Iliad, "from such a local row." As Kavanagh puts it, "Gods make their own importance". In other words, we ought to be proud of the place where we live, however modest it might appear to be. - *Ireland Ambassador to the United States, Dan Mulhall* 

#### **CPIC**

#### by PATRICK KAVANAGH, 1938

I have lived in important places, times
When great events were decided: who owned
That half a rood of rock, a no-man's land
Surrounded by our pitchfork-armed claims.
I heard the Duffys shouting "Damn your soul"
And old McCabe stripped to the waist, seen
Step the plot defying blue cast-steel "Here is the march along these iron stones."
That was the year of the Munich bother. Which
Was most important? I inclined
To lose my faith in Ballyrush and Gortin
Till Homer's ghost came whispering to my mind.
He said: I made the Iliad from such
A local row. Gods make their own importance.



Irish poet and novelist Patrick Kavanagh (1904 –1967)



Throughout the Covid 19
Pandemic, Ireland's
Ambassador to the USA has
recorded a series of videos
reciting stories and poems of
Ireland.
All are available for viewing

All are available for viewing on Dan Mulhall's Facebook and twitter pages.

Jackie's Army Quiz Answers: Denmark, Andy Townsend, 7, Gianuca Pagliuca, Aston Villa, John Aldridge, 13, Gary Kelly, Norway, Netherlands

#### Notable Quotes

"As a city, we've been a leader on how to handle the COVID-19 pandemic, but the threat is still very real. As numbers continue to climb across the country, we must remain vigilant. Please continue to keep your distance from others, wear your mask and wash your hands frequently". Mayor Martin Walsh,



#### Dear Friends,

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

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### Community Sports

#### Youth GAA Practices Restarted!



#### Submitted by Rory O'Donnell - Photos are Trinity Milton practicing at Flatley Field,, Milton

With the numbers improving and restrictions easing, youth GAA activities resumed recently, albeit under COVID-19 guidelines. Trinity Milton started practices with boys and girls footballers from ages U6 to U14 at Flatley Field, and practices for U16 and U18 players also began at the Irish Cultural Center. St. Brendan's Youth GAA and the Irish Sports Youth League are also beginning practices at Pope John Paul Park and the ICC.

Players must register and parents sign waivers before being allowed to enroll in practices, and social distancing guidelines must also be adhered to during practice activities. Even so it is great for the kids to get back out on the field and resume their sporting activities. State and local guidelines will determine how we proceed, and with the grace of God and by following the proper protocols may it continue!







REMATCH WHISPERS!
THE CLONES CYCLONE AND TYSON!

The last man to fight **Mike Tyson** says he's down to run it back -- with **Kevin McBride** telling **TMZ Sports**, "Let's get it on!"

Of course, McBride is the man who sent Tyson into retirement when the Irishman dominated Iron Mike so badly in their 2005 matchup, Tyson quit on his stool before the 7th round. After the fight, a then 38-year-old Tyson told the media he lost his passion for boxing and wanted to move on with his life.

McBride continued fighting professionally until 2011 and now works as a laborer at a tree company -- primarily doing heavy lifting.

Now, Mike is 54 and **coming out of retirement** for an exhibition with **Roy Jones Jr.** ... and McBride wants to be next!

"Let's get it on! Definitely would love to fight him again," 47-year-old McBride tells us.

"Nobody can rule out anything in this world because that's life. It would be explosive to fight Mike Tyson again and I'm sure Mike would love to rectify his loss and I would just love to jump in the ring again with him."

Plus, McBride says the payday would be awesome - he could use the cash to help put his kids through college.

In fact, Kevin says his boss at the Brendan Hoarty Tree Services company is fully supportive of rematch with Mike -- and already promised him time off so he could properly train again.

#### Community Sports

#### Galway Coach For South Shore Rugby Club

South Shore Rugby is thrilled to welcome Galway man Tadhg Leader as the head coach of the Anchors, the club's Division 2 men's side. A current member of the New England Free Jacks and USA Eagles, Leader brings years of experience as both a coach and player. Leader has represented Ireland at the Under-19 and Under-20 levels before making multiple appearances for Connacht A in the British and Irish Cup before moving to Italy to play for club Rugby Badia ASD. Tadhg also captained and coached the St Louis Royals to a National Championship before joining San Diego Legion in 2018 as captain for the inaugural Major League Rugby season. There, Leader finished the season as the team's top scorer and led his side to appearances in the first-ever MLR Playoffs. In early 2019, Leader earned his first cap with the Eagles (15s) against Chile in the Americas Rugby Championship 2019. He also scored his first try off the bench within moments of his debut. Rory Barratt, president of South Shore Rugby, says, "We've always strived to give the members of this organization the best, and Tadhg is a huge step in that direction.



## Jackie's Army Quiz

Cast your mind back to 1994. The Celtic Tiger was just getting going, mobile phones were the size of a small child and Jack Charlton was leading the Republic of Ireland to their second straight World Cup. It was another magical chapter in the history of Irish sports. See how well do you actually remember summer of '94 with this quiz from Balls.ie

- 1 Who did Ireland beat on goals scored in order to qualify for the World Cup?
- 2 Who did Jack Charlton select as captain for the tournament?
- 3 How many players in the Irish squad were born in Ireland?
- 4 Who scored Ireland's only goal against Mexico?
- 5 What was the name of the Italian 'keeper lobbed by Ray Hough-
- 6 Which club provided the most players to the Irish squad?
- 7 Who was the youngest player in the Ireland squad?
- 8 How many players in the Irish squad were born in England?
- 9 Who joined Ireland, Italy and Mexico in Group E?
- 10 Who knocked Ireland out of the World Cup?



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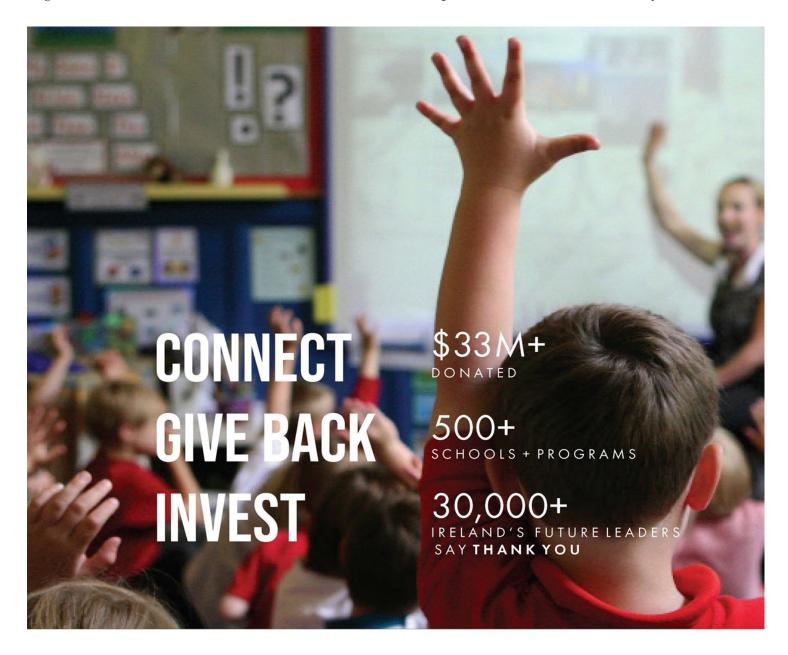
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#### Big Jack says . . .

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**THURSDAY, AUG 13:** It's BBQ night - serving ribs, corn on the cob, Irish whiskey steak tips, Kerrygold Burger, and much more.. Join us for an Irish Whiskey & Gin tastings courtesy of Clonakilty Distilleries Spot prizes galore & giveaways too!!

MUSIC BY COLM O'BRIEN @6PM

FRIDAY, AUG 14: Friday Night Group Irish Music Session @6pm

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15: Irish Trad music @5pm

Ceol agus craic with STRAWBERRY HILL - Jimmy Lever, Jen O'Shea & Ciaran Dalton @6pm

**THURSDAY, Aug 20:** It's BBQ night - serving ribs, Irish whiskey steak tips, Kerrygold Burger, corn on the cob, and much more! MUSIC BY MARTIN JOYCE@ 6PM

FRIDAY, Aug 21: Friday Night Group Irish Music Session @6pm



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