

# Irish Pastoral Centre Newsletter



*"We are a Parish without Boundaries."*

*Serving the Greater Boston Irish Community since 1987*

## Top HONORS for Fr. Dan

The Irish Pastoral Center is delighted to announce that Fr. Dan is a recipient of the Carnegie Corporation's Great Immigrants Award: Class of 2022.

Every Fourth of July, Carnegie Corporation of New York celebrates the contributions of immigrants to American life. This year, the foundation honors 34 naturalized citizens whose contributions and actions have enriched and strengthened our society and our democracy.

The 2022 Class of Great Immigrants is composed of naturalized citizens from 32 countries and a wide range of backgrounds.

This year's honorees highlight the work of immigrants who have been leaders in their local communities through their work in education, the arts, law enforcement, public service, healthcare, and small business ownership as well as advocacy for education, equity, climate change, food security, and programs for the homeless.

On July 4th, Fr. Dan and fellow honorees were featured in The New York Times.



**Government of Ireland  
Emigrant Support Programme**



An Roinn Gnóthaí Eachtracha  
Department of Foreign Affairs



**OUR NEW HOME**

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# IPC News Desk

Dear Friends,

We have just wrapped up our financials for the fiscal year which always reminds us of the generosity of our donors, benefactors and the Irish Governments' generous support through the Emigrant Support programme. July 1 our organizations new year.

This is certainly a year of new beginnings as we lay the foundation in our new home.

We have relied on your support to get to this point and we are very proud of the work of the Irish community who have gathered around us create a brand-new comprehensive Community organization that honors the legacy of those who came before us while preserving the continued presence of Ireland in Boston. We go forward together!



The Irish saying “Ni neart go cur le cheile” meaning there is no strength without unity is most apparent these past few weeks. It can be said that if we moved to a fully fitted out space, our move would have been easier and that’s true in many ways. But by constructing our home from a blank slate, we have once again witnessed the power of community or “meitheal” as they say in Irish. We are very grateful for this resounding community spirit!

Our new home is a meaningful transition from our beginning to our future!

We look forward to welcoming you! Many thanks to all of you!! You have helped us to sustain our programs, develop new services and grow!

Go raibh mile maith agaibh! The future is bright!

Fr Dan is just back from Ireland where he enjoyed the gifts of time with family, a good rest and the blessing of friendships. When Fr Dan speaks about his childhood in Kanturk, he refers to this quote from T S Eliot:

“We shall not cease from exploration, and the end of all our exploring will be to arrive where we started and know the place for the first time”. Many of us can relate!

We have had much to celebrate here at the Centre especially when we learned that Fr Dan was named a Great American and Great Immigrant by the Carnegie Corporation in New York. This national honor surprised our humble friend even though we all know how well deserved it is! The New York Times released a full page honoring the recipients in the New York Times on July 4th and there he was – sharing the honor with global scientists, philanthropists, musicians and sports stars!

We also celebrated a long time volunteer and great friend Josephine Lacey who is celebrating her 90th birthday!

We have lots to be thankful for! We wish you all long summer days with friends and family until we can officially welcome you to our new home!

On we go!

Mind yourselves,

Mary

**Please note our new address:**

**540 Gallivan Blvd, Ground floor, Dorchester 02124**

## Skibbereen Reunion in Boston

In June, an informal gathering at the Eire pub brought together old friends and neighbors from Skibbereen and Baltimore in West Cork.

From left: Callie O'Driscoll, Tim O'Donovan, Michael Crowley, Geraldine O'Driscoll, Kevin Swanton, Jerry Swanton, Liz Leonard, Carmel Daly, Frank Swanton, Joe Leahy, Tadhg Lucey, Albert Swanton and Owen Leonard



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*The future of the Irish Pastoral Centre!*

## MOVING ON!

We are counting the days to moving into our new home! So much has been accomplished and we are grateful to all who have helped us thus far. We began with a blank slate not so long ago and suddenly we have walls and bathrooms and a full kitchen along with 6 offices, a community resource Centre and a gathering space on the ground floor at last. We are almost there! This week we worked on transferring our technology, we selected kitchen cabinets and we selected interior doors and appliances- we are so excited!! We will open on August 1st and we anticipate that we will still be putting on the finishing touches. Many hands have made the load lighter! We are so grateful to all who have contributed thus far. In the meantime, we remain fully operational with our services and our programs will resume in September. Please note that there is no interruption to our Sobriety groups on Tuesdays (Ladies program) and Saturday's. Be sure to drop in after we move so we can show you all that's been accomplished in a very short period of time. We'll have the kettle on! Many thanks to all!



*A first look at the new space! On the left is the new kitchen, and on the right is the Community Resource Centre for all of our services*

### **Sports Quiz Answers:**

**(1) Tipperary in 1889 (2) Cavan (3) 2: Armagh lost to Kerry in 1953, and to Dublin in 1977. (4) Jimmy Murray (5) Limerick and Louth (6) Meath (7) Only points were scored (8) Dublin**

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## J1 Orientation Recap

On Friday June 17th at 11:30 AM the IPC held an orientation for Irish J1 students who are here for the summer to work and do some travel. The event was organized by the Irish Pastoral Centre, with thanks to: The Consulate General of Ireland, Boston, Rian Immigrant Center, Rockland Trust, Milton Police, and The Irish Cultural Centre of Greater Boston.



Mary Chichester and Lisa Joseph from Rockland Trust were on site to assist students with their banking needs.



Ellie Carver from Rian explained the J1 graduate visa program



Former Police Chief and IPC Board Member Richard Wells explained personal safety and laws.



Consular Officer Anne Byrne from the Irish Consulate welcomed the Students to Boston

## Irish Pastoral Centre at the Irish Consulate



Irish Pastoral Centre Staff pictured at the Irish Consulate with Tim Attwood from the John & Pat Hume Foundation who held an event in June at the Edward M. Kennedy Institute. From L to R: Audrey Larkin, Maryann Casavant, Patrick Davoren, Mary Swanton, Tim Attwood, Neil Hurley, and Jennifer Molloy.

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# IPC Community News

## Affordable Housing Opportunity in South Boston

There's an affordable rental opportunity, with a preference for U.S. military veterans, at Patriot Homes in South Boston.

You can get an application from South Boston Neighborhood Development Corporation by emailing us at [michelle.zenga@sbndc.org](mailto:michelle.zenga@sbndc.org) or mailing us at 273 D Street, South Boston, MA 02127.

The deadline for completed applications is Aug. 12 (your mailed application must be postmarked by that day). For more information, call Michelle Zenga, South Boston NDC, at 617-268-9610, ext. 101, or email her at [michelle.zenga@sbndc.org](mailto:michelle.zenga@sbndc.org)



## Milton kids go on unforgettable trip. By Patrick Davoren



The Senior Trip (or Leaving Cert Holiday in Ireland) is a rite of passage for most American High Schoolers upon completion of their final year in second-level education.

Anecdotally, I have seen kids go to Florida, while others went camping in Maine, or some go up to Montreal to gamble.

This trip however, is unique. The Class of '22 decided for their senior trip they'd all pool together and go to Ireland!

Folks are calling it: #DadsAndLads.

The Lads and their Dads travelled all around Connacht, from Eyre Square to the Cliffs of Moher, and from Ros a Mhíl to Inis Meain.

Photo source: Jay Balerna, Facebook.com

## Greenhills Bakery featured on Fox 25.

Dermot and Cindy Quinn owners of the Greenhills Bakery were featured on the channel Fox Boston 25, as part of it's 19th annual "Zip Trip". The Zip Trip sees Boston 25 travel to a different neighborhood in Massachusetts each weekend. On Friday, July 1st was the Dorchester Zip Trip. As shown in the accompanying photo Cindy and Dermot were interviewed by Gene Lavanchy. Greenhills Bakery was crowned with the title of "Local Gems". The segment can be viewed online by visiting [www.boston25news.com](http://www.boston25news.com) and searching for: "Dorchester Zip Trip: Local Gems".



## USA Ban on Blood Donations from Ireland and the UK Lifted



Due to the Mad Cow Disease, there was a ban in the United States on blood donations from those who were in Ireland and the UK between 1980 and 1986. Pictured here is Jarlath Waters, father of Quinn Waters a.k.a The Mighty Quinn, who himself relied on blood donations to get better. One donation of blood can help save the lives of at least four children! Call 617-355-6677 to schedule an appointment to donate blood today, or visit page: 22 for more information



## Lots of Good News for Boston in Montreal!

Social Media was flooded with accolades for so many young dancers who placed high or won their competitions in Montreal!

We wish all World Qualifiers the very best of luck!



# News From Our Senior Outreach Program

## Happy Birthday Josephine!

Josephine Lacey, one of the most loved, dedicated and hardworking members of the Irish Community, recently celebrated her 90th Birthday at the Irish Pastoral Centre. Over the years, she has been a mentor and friend to all those who have known her, whether young and old. Among the young immigrants who came to the States in the 1990s she was affectionally known as "Auntie Jo"

While Josephine is a long time Quincy resident, her parents hail from Galway and Cork and she is very connected to her Irish roots.

After retiring after twenty-five years in the accounting department of NYNEX, she volunteered with the Irish Immigration Center providing financial management assistance as well as participating in their fundraising events.

During the years, Josephine has been involved with many Irish organizations including St Peter's Irish Committee in Dorchester and the Irish Music Club.

Never one to retire, she is currently active with the Irish Pastoral Centre. Josephine has proved to be a most valuable volunteer. Her dedication knows no bounds. Every week she volunteers with the phone bank where she makes calls to those home bound seniors, chatting with them and checking to see if they are ok. We at the Irish Pastoral Centre and those who have known her and been helped by her over the years give her our love and affection on her 90th birthday. View more photos from the day on [Page 17](#)



## Senior Group Picnic at Castle Island



Our three senior groups, held weekly in Dorchester, Brighton, and West Roxbury had a fantastic trip to Castle Island where transportation was provided and delicious food from Sullivan's, "Sully's" was served!

View more photos from the day on [Page 16](#)

**IPC Senior Programs will resume after labor day.**  
We wish you all a safe and happy summer!

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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|------------------|--------------------|
| GINNY BIAGOTTI   | DOREEN MCDONAGH    |
| LOIS COHAN       | MAUREEN MCLAUGHLIN |
| MARY CONNAUGHTON | EMER MEZETTI       |
| JIMMY FAY        | BETTY MURPHY       |
| EVELYN FLAHERTY  | EILEEN NEE         |
| SUSAN GALLAGHER  | MAUREEN O' DONOVAN |
| EILEEN GEANEY    | MARIE O'LEARY      |
| CAROLINE HEARN   | ROSALEEN WEIR      |
| JOHNNY JOYCE     | ROSLYN WISEMAN     |

## JULY BIRTHDAYS

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| MAUREEN CONNEELY | IPC Staff birthdays: |
| MARTIN CONNOR    | PATSY DINEEN         |
| PEGGY GORMAN     | NEIL HURLEY          |
| KATHLEEN HARKIN  | AUDREY LARKIN        |
| JOSEPHINE LACEY  | ELLEN LEARY          |
| NORA LINNANE     |                      |
| PAT MCDEVITT     |                      |
| MAUREEN WILLIAMS |                      |



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## Fr. Dan's Page



### Convicted by Love

**This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.** John 13:35

Someone once asked me this question in a faith-sharing group: If you were arrested today for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you? The question stopped me in my tracks back then, as it continues to do today. It is perhaps the perfect question to ask ourselves as a daily examination of our lives.

But like a good courtroom drama, we need to remember that circumstantial evidence rarely holds up in court. Wearing crosses, reading the Bible, praying before meals and even routinely going to Mass may look at first glance like Christianity, but judge and jury can easily see through those outward signs. Unless we love, those outer trappings of faith hold no evidence of our relationship with Christ. Only in true love can we be convicted of true faith.

*Today, may I be accused and convicted of faith in you, Lord*

- Steve Givens



### Spirituality and Culture: Confessions of a Modern Celt

Ireland in the time of St. Patrick was rural and tribal, no state or nation, no king over all. St. Patrick's success was based on his willingness to accept the traditions of the Celts and adapt his teachings accordingly. The Celtic Church was organized not around episcopal sees but around monasteries or muinntir, monastic households with little or no central unity. It is from this period that we are rediscovering the strands of our ancient spirituality rooted in reverence for nature, a vibrant sense of beauty expressed in art and poetry, a healthy sexuality, the freedom of women, all resulting in the strong independent spirit of the Celtic monastic church. What was central to this "lost" spirituality? Many writers feel that it was a sense of "presence". The Christian Celt was very much a God intoxicated person whose life was embraced on all sides by the divine Being, but whose presence was always mediated through some finite this worldly reality. God was invoked not only before sleeping and on awakening but also when milking or tending the cows, going in a boat, talking to birds and animals, grieving and rejoicing.

Much was in the form of song:

**God bless thee, cow and double  
bless thy calf.**

**Come, Mary and sit.**

**Come, Brigid and milk.**

**Come Holy Michael Archangel  
and bless the fatted cow**

**in the name of the Father and  
of the Son and of the Holy Ghost**

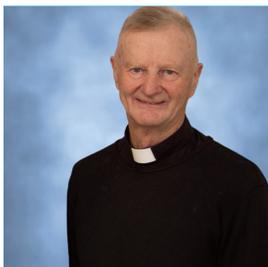
- Bridgid Murphy



*An example of St. Patrick adapting Celtic tradition into his teachings is the Celtic Cross.*

*The Celts worshipped the Sun God, and Christians worship Jesus who is the Son of God. With the Celtic Cross the two become one.*

*This was thanks to St. Patrick's vision.*



**Many thanks for your kind words of congratulations.**

**It was really a huge surprise for me to receive the award from the Carnegie Corporation**

**Growing up in Ireland and coming to America has given me the best of both worlds.**

**Wishing you all the best!**

**Gratefully, Fr. Dan**

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## News from Ireland

### Rental Car Cost Crisis in Ireland

Car hire rates in Ireland have skyrocketed since the pandemic, with some getting quoted as much as \$50,000 for nine days! Speaking on Ireland's OceanFM, Leitrim Co. Counsellor, John McCartin said it would be cheaper to rent a helicopter. McCartin's brother-in-law is the person who was quoted such an extortionate sum. McCartin went on to say:

"He's coming to Ireland and decided that he would book a car to bring him and his family around the countryside and he was charged something like €51,350 for a car - the use of which he'll only have for nine days," McCartin told presenters. "You could buy the same car for around €45,000, so clearly, we

acknowledge that there are supply chain issues and there's a scarcity of cars at the moment, but clearly these companies have the policy that they are going to charge the maximum they can get from anybody who is desperate for the use of a vehicle." "I googled to see if you could charter a helicopter and discovered that for around 200km a day it would be in the region of €3,500, which is a far cry over nine days from €51,000 my brother was quoted for the use of a nine-seater car." He did not reveal the location or name of the rental company.



### Recently, the Irish Pastoral Centre shared a post on Facebook about car rentals inquiring as to where is the best place to find the best deal. Our readers had the

**following to say:** ICC President Martina Curtin recommends the following car rentals "in Clare: Liam Cleary Autoworld. Tel: 35365682388 [info@liamclearyautoworld.ie](mailto:info@liamclearyautoworld.ie) (Ask for Amy). Also, try Banner Cars Ennis. Tel: 353656822758" Facebook commenter Orla O' Shea said "Great Island Car Rentals based in Cork are cheaper also, they will drop to any airport and even with that fee [for that service] it still works out cheaper!". For car rentals in Newry for those travelling to Northern Ireland, a source recommended Shelbourne Motors.

### Inspiring Kerry gran heads off on J1 in USA at age of 66

**'I've always had a dream to live and work abroad. I fell in love young, got married and had four children, so raising four children put all of that on hold'**



A Kerry gran is going off on her J1 at the age of 66.

Fiona Griffin is fulfilling a dream she's had since she was a teen, but had never found the time in her youth due to juggling being a mother and helping others through teaching, mental health, and domestic violence outreach work.

But 2022 is finally her year and she went off stateside earlier this month.

Fiona spoke to RSVP Live, and told them she decided to finally go after retiring from work in April.

She said: "I've always had a dream to live and work abroad. I fell in love young, got married and had four children, so raising four children put all of that on hold. "I was 66 in April and I had to retire from work. Then a few things happened - my mum went into a nursing home, she's 90. Then a family member was diagnosed with motor neuron disease, which was very difficult for them and the rest of the extended family.

"So I thought, if I don't do something now, I'll regret it for the rest of my life."

After making the decision she went through her options, and it turned out the J1 visa, typically undertaken by students, was exactly the thing she wanted to do.

She said she got a great laugh standing outside the American Embassy with all the young people as they were all "buzzing and chatting away".

She got the stamp of approval from officials then off she went to Wisconsin where she'll be working at a camp.

She said she's getting on brilliantly with other workers, who are mostly young people but are "very inclusive".

"They're certainly aware that I'm older, but have no problem sitting and chatting with me."

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# Community Spotlight: Angela Bergin

## Introducing Angela Bergin

Angela Bergin (nee Ring) was born July 1961 in Cork City & raised in Mayfield on the North side of Cork City. She is the youngest of 4, 2 brothers & one sister.

Angela went to primary school in Mayfield & secondary school In Kinsale, Co Cork & St Patrick’s in Dillon’s Cross Cork.

After secondary school she worked locally before taking time off with friends to travel and work in Europe, picking grapes in France & oranges in Greece. Angela and Friends spent four months travelling around and had the best experience!

In March 1985 Angela moved to Boston, and lived for several years in Dorchester & Quincy before finally settling in Merrymount, Quincy in 1996.

Angela and husband Pat raised their two daughters, Ashley and Jamie here. Both their girls love Ireland as much as Angela does and the girls enjoy visiting family and friends over there any opportunity they get!

“I have had several jobs over the years,” says Angela... “Nannying, eldercare and working in the hospitality business downtown, all of which I really enjoyed before finally getting into real estate”.

Since April 2002, Angela has been a realtor.

She says: “I have been lucky enough to enjoy much success in an ever-changing real estate market over the past 20 years. It’s great to have the opportunity to help people and find accommodation when I can, especially for emigrants starting out. It’s hard trying to settle in a new country and I am still very appreciative of all the help we were given in the mid-eighties. It’s great to see the Irish community in Boston so vibrant & welcoming.”

Angela is proud to be a long-time friend and member of the Irish Pastoral Center. “I very much appreciate all the hard work they do for the community. I was very honored to run the Boston Marathon in 2019 and fundraise for them.”



**The 2019 IPC Boston Marathon Team:** Mary Varden, Angela Bergin, Lorna “Speedy” Riach, and Trish Deacy pose for a team photo wearing their IPC bibs ahead of their big day!



Angela has been in the real estate business for twenty years and still maintains her Irish roots, as evident with the Celtic Trinity pictured in the business card above.



**Active Angela!** Angela (Center) and company gathered at the 2021 Providence Marathon. A familiar face in the photo is Mary Varden, who also ran alongside Angela in 2019 for the IPC’s Boston Marathon Team. *Photo source: Facebook.com*

### 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@ipcoston.org or call the office at 617 265 5300*

# In Loving Memory

*We remember those in our community who have recently passed away. Our thoughts and prayers and with all the bereaved families, and we hope that in time lovely memories will surround them. Eternal rest grant unto them oh lord, and let your perpetual light shine upon them. May they Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory*

- May 12, 2022, Bridget "Bridie" Byrne, West Roxbury, County Galway
- May 25, 2022, Joseph Crewe, Arlington, County Armagh
- May 26, 2022, Joseph T. Kelly, West Roxbury, County Galway
- June 6, 2022, John J. Buckley, Dorchester, County Cork
- June 6, 2022, Barbara (Curran) Naughton, West Roxbury, County Galway
- June 9, 2022, Bridget (McDonough) Flynn, South Boston, County Galway
- June 13, 2022, Stephen Kelleher, North Weymouth, County Galway
- June 17, 2022, Sheila T. (Gannon) Austin, Malden, County Mayo
- June 19, 2022, Mary Hopkins, Dorchester, County Galway
- June 21, 2022, Catherine M. McColgan, Quincy, County Cork
- June 22, 2022, Mary Theresa (Slattery) Walsh, Framingham, County Kerry
- June 24, 2022, Kathleen (Flanagan) Forbes, Jamaica Plain, County Offaly
- June 26, 2022, Mary (Connell) Moran, Brighton, County Galway
- July 2, 2022, Bridget "Bridie" (Feeney) Sullivan, West Roxbury, County Galway

*In Our Hearts*  
*We thought of you today.*  
*But that is nothing new.*  
*We thought about you yesterday.*  
*And days before that too.*  
*We think of you in silence.*  
*We often speak your name.*  
*Now all we have are memories.*  
*And your picture in a frame.*  
*Your memory is our keepsake.*  
*With which we'll never part.*  
*God has you in his keeping.*  
*We have you in our heart.*  
 - Unknown

## Final Farewell: Cian McHale

Cian was a classmate of IPC Staff Member Paddy Davoren



Cian McHale was originally from Castlebar in Co. Mayo, but lived for years near the Headford Road in Galway City, where he attended St. Mary's College alongside IPC Staff Member Paddy Davoren. If he was still with us, Cian would be celebrating his 22nd birthday next month, but unfortunately he passed away while swimming in Greece. The funeral was held on July 9, 2022 in Mayo where Cian's older brother Torin said the following: "Cian was a strong and kind person, he was also a very good brother to me. He was a very good nephew and cousin. I just didn't lose a brother. All of Cian's friends have too. To have him taken away from us really breaks our hearts". *Ar dhéis Dé go raibh a anam*

## A Tragic loss in Oregon



Daniel Slattery, 23, was tragically killed while another Irish man, Robert Sweeney, 24, remains hospitalized in critical condition, the Hillsboro Police Department confirmed to IrishCentral on Wednesday, July 06th. Slattery is a native of Rathgar in Dublin, while Sweeney is from Crumlin, also in Dublin. "The family of Daniel is in the United States currently to bring Daniel home," the police station said on Wednesday. No other information is being released as investigations are ongoing, the police station noted. *Ar dhéis Dé go raibh a anam*

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## Fadó Fadó - Long Ago in Ireland

### A Letter from America by John B. Mc Cabe

One day the postman brought a letter from America. This was not an unusual event since my uncle Pat lived there, twice married and had two families with whom we ritually corresponded at Christmas and Patrick's day. This day the letter was different as it announced that one of our cousins, Mary Jane and her husband John would call to visit us for a day in August of that year. It was 1959 and my parents were struggling with bad health, bills and the crushing bondage of small farming life, not counting the liability of two children aged seven and nine.



I was very excited. I thought it was wonderful to have 'Yankees' come to see us. There was a sense of romance in those far off places where people acquired fancy accents, drove big cars and seemed to have no end of money to spend when they came home.

For my parents the letter brought a mixture of excitement and panic. Panic was the dominant feeling and it rose, slowly at first, until it became a huge wave that engulfed the whole household. It washed away the every-day disguises of living and revealed the family, the house and the farm in their most tattered rags of inadequacy. My mother looked at her pale face in the mirror, at daddy's patched corduroys, at the bare cement floor, the blackened range, the shortage of proper cups and saucers. She felt the shame of the enamelled chamber pot and the lack of running water.

In desperation she sighed and said: 'What are we going to do?' My father muttered to himself and began mixing paint. Our house was not a bad home. It was just never finished. The kitchen walls were layered with great coats of whitewash - frantically applied by my mother for the annual visit of the priest for the 'Oats Collection'. The room off the kitchen was very damp and remained unused except as a dumping ground for unwanted items, a safe place for bicycles and the storage of animal medicines. It was furnished with two large chests - the forlorn trousseaus of departed bridal ancestors.

To this day I do not know where daddy purchased the paint with which he intended to adorn our home. Wherever he found it, it was cheap and the colours of such a mad variety as to be more suited to the enhancement of a circus than to the decoration of a dwelling house. Maybe, perhaps, he was affected by the popular perception that Yankees have a penchant for flamboyant and garish colours but whatever the reason mammy was not impressed.

The front door wore a new coat of screeching yellow that I have only since seen on the glorious apparel of tropical parakeets. It looked awful. It had to be changed. 'Waste not, want not', he said, and proceeded to mix the remaining yellow with signal red to produce a colour that found no echo in the normal range of the spectrum - an off-chocolate pink which was less offensive on the eye and adorned the door for most of a generation.

When the painting was finished, my mother surveyed the cutlery. She went to town and arrived home with a new set of cups and saucers and a matching milk jug. These were very pretty, made of white china with blue and gold bands on the rims of both cups and saucers. We were not allowed to touch them in case they got damaged and she placed them lovingly on the dresser with as many admonitions as would befit the protection of a Pharaoh's tomb. A new oilcloth for the table was also purchased along with some smaller items of necessity.

Finally, when all the preparations were made our cousins were invited so that both my mother's and my father's families were met together to welcome and fete the arrival of the Yanks.

They arrived. They talked. They took pictures. They left. It was a terrible let down. My mother was so crestfallen, when, at the end of the day, the Yanks called for us, the children, and said they would like to give us 'a coin!' They placed a two-shilling piece in each of our hands. Not even the scent of a single dollar! I still look at the strained faces of my parents in the fading photographs and feel the awful pain of a vanishing dream. The Yanks were, of course, very nice and plain and friendly. They were on a package tour and made the effort to come and see us and we were glad. I suppose deep down, we all expected some reward, some gift of money or presents from these, to us, exotic and wealthy people. We did not imagine in all our poverty and penury that they too were but young struggling people with little or no means either, who made an effort to say hello from across the world - reflecting the homesick eyes of a father looking at the home he had left half a century before. The visit of these American cousins became a reference point in the inner circle of our world and from then on time was reckoned by that event as before and after the Yankees arrived.

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# A Moment to Mind Yourself

**A monthly piece written by our in-house social worker Danielle Owen, LADC-I,LCSW**

## **End the Myths on Alcohol & Sexual Assault**

After over 2 years of limiting our socializing due to COVID caution, we are starting to feel more relaxed about going out, meeting friends and reconnecting with our social circles. As the weather warms up, and J1 students start to flock back into town, there are a lot more people heading for a fun night out in recent months. However, there was a frightening article shared by the Boston Globe this week, reporting on a worrying trend; “Fears of drugged drinks at Boston bars are widespread and growing”. Even in a post #MeToo society, comments on social media abound in response to stories of increasing numbers of people, mostly women, who suspect their drinks may have been spiked at many of Greater Boston’s most popular bars and nightclubs in recent months. Reading these comments, I am reminded of what I have heard from clients over the years; “I shouldn’t have been there”, “It’s my fault, I was drunk”, “I must have lead him on but I was high and I can’t remember.”

Sexual assault is defined as an act in which one intentionally sexually touches another person without that person's consent, or forces a person to engage in a sexual act against their will (groping, rape). Women’s Aid in Ireland (2021) reports receiving 1,104 disclosures of sexual abuse, including 411 reports of rape in 2021. According to the National Institute of Diseases of Addiction, research indicates that potential perpetrators in the US seek out settings like pubs and bars as a way of finding vulnerable individuals to target. The research is clear though: alcohol is a risk factor but not a cause of unwanted assault. Sadly, people continue to struggle to report their assaults. Survivors fear that they will not be believed or will be judged or blamed. Some clients report believing their assault was their fault for being too drunk or because they were so under the influence, they weren’t able to say “no”. There are many myths about assault but let me be clear: A survivor of sexual violence is never to blame even if they are drunk or have taken drugs. Emotional reactions differ greatly and may include: confusion, social withdrawal, tearfulness, nervousness or seemingly inappropriate laughter, numbness, hostility, and fear.

The Rape Crisis Network of Ireland has some wonderful resources on their website, including publications and handouts that share information to separate the myths and facts of rape and assault;

A victim of sexual violence is never to blame even if they are drunk or have taken drugs.

People are usually subjected to sexual violence by someone they know.

Not resisting the sexual violence does not mean that the survivor is responsible in any way.

False accusations of rape are not common.

Men are victims of sexual violence too.

If you know anyone who believes they have been assaulted but are afraid to get help or report it, please encourage them to access some of the resources below. Allow us to support you.

Call Danielle, in confidence and without judgment, at the Irish Pastoral Center. Telehealth appointments are offered as well as in-person appointments on Mondays 6-8PM. Phone: 617-265-5300 or e-mail:

dowen@ipcbboston.org. No one has to suffer alone or in silence.

<http://www.barcc.org/>

<https://www.rcni.ie/wp-content/uploads/Rape-and-Justice-in-Ireland.pdf>

<https://nida.nih.gov/sites/default/files/sexualassault.pdf>

Women’s Aid, 2021



### **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**

Spring is finally here, and you're eager to get out of the house. But with COVID cases rising and falling weekly, how can you stay safe? Here are 5 tips to stay healthy this spring.

After two long years of living with the COVID-19 pandemic, many of us are tired and want to participate in the activities we used to enjoy, especially now that spring is here. But with COVID cases rising once again, how can you enjoy the spring weather while still avoiding getting sick? Here are five tips to stay healthy this spring, even as COVID cases rise.

### 1. Keep Your Vaccinations Up to Date

The most important thing you can do to stay healthy this spring is keeping your vaccinations up to date. If you haven't yet received a COVID-19 vaccine, do it as soon as possible. The vaccines are safe and will help you avoid a severe case of COVID-19 if you become infected with the virus.

The CDC recommends that adults over the age of 50 receive two booster shots in addition to the primary series of vaccines you received. That means you'll need a dose five months after your second Moderna or Pfizer vaccine (three months if you're immunocompromised), or after two months if you received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. Then, you'll need your second booster approximately four months after the first booster vaccine.

### 2. Wear Your Mask

Even if you're not required to wear a mask, choosing to wear one, particularly when you're indoors or in crowded areas, is a good idea. Currently, cases are high in some areas, so wear an N95 grade mask indoors if you need to go out of your home.

Remember, even if you've been vaccinated, you should still wear a mask, especially when COVID cases are running high. Although vaccines help prevent severe cases of COVID-19, you can still catch the virus. Wearing a mask lowers your risk.

### 3. Enjoy the Outdoors

COVID-19 doesn't spread as easily outdoors in the fresh air, so meeting up with friends outside is a safer option. Plus, you can take advantage of the beautiful spring weather. It's not too hot and not too cold.

Try taking a walk around your neighborhood, visiting a park, or having a picnic with friends. Alternatively, invite friends and family over for a barbecue or ice cream social. The warm weather allows you to participate in activities and socialize without the added risks that come with being indoors.

### 4. Keep it Small

In the recent months, with COVID-19 cases spiking, this isn't the best time for large indoor events like concerts, potlucks, or bingo games. Instead, focus on spending time with your closest friends and family. Don't be afraid to discuss your COVID concerns and make sure everyone is on the same page with vaccinations and other precautions.

Visiting in small groups, where everyone is being conscientious of reducing the risk of spreading COVID, is a safer choice than attending large gatherings. If you do decide to visit indoors, consider wearing masks or opening windows. You'll enjoy the fresh spring air, and the increased ventilation will also reduce your risk of catching COVID.

### 5. Get Moving

Movement helps us all to stay healthy, so make time for some form of exercise. Gardening, taking a stroll with a friend, or going bird watching are all great ways to get moving outdoors. With a little creativity, almost everyone can get in some movement. If mobility is a problem, try adaptive exercises like chair yoga, hand cycling, or seated dance programs.

Remember, any movement is beneficial, so find what you can do, and do it! Need help managing your health or participating in activities this spring? At Celtic Angels Home Health Care, we're always happy to lend a hand.



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*-Truly, Susan C.*

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# News from the Irish Consulate

## Ireland's Ambassador to the United States visits Boston

Ambassador Mulhall had an eventful visit to Massachusetts in late June. Despite a few unforeseen travel related challenges, the Ambassador was able to visit with so many members of the Irish Community.

After visits from Minister Norma Foley TD and Minister Simon Coveney TD, we were delighted to have Ambassador Mulhall meet with members of the newly formed Irish-American Caucus in the Massachusetts State House this year. Ambassador Mulhall had a fantastic conversation with the Irish American Partnership's Young Partners Programme, and an informative visit to the Rian Immigrant Center. In the evening, Ambassador Mulhall participated in a panel discussion on Senator Ted Kennedy and John Hume.

The panel was hosted by the Consulate General of Ireland, Boston in partnership with the Edward M Kennedy Institute and the John and Pat Hume Foundation.



## Catherine B. Shannon's Consulate Book Launch



Consul General Laoise Moore had the honor of launching the new book *Navigating Historical Crosscurrents in the Transatlantic*. Essays Collected for Catherine B. Shannon, edited by Mary C. Kelly. The book launch was a superb celebration of Catherine's scholarship. The Consulate was thrilled to host such a crowd, and the number of attendees were truly a testament to Catherine and Mary. Among the attendees were two of the book's contributors, Rachael Lynch and Maureen Murphy.

## Consulate General of Ireland, Boston partner with ICC for Bloomsday



The Consulate was delighted to partner with the Irish Cultural Centre and the "Here Comes Everybody Players" to mark Bloomsday at the ICC. Bloomsday is a commemoration and celebration of the life of Irish writer James Joyce, observed annually in Dublin and elsewhere on 16 June, the day his 1922 novel *Ulysses* takes place in 1904, the date of his first encounter with his wife-to-be, Nora Barnacle, and named after its protagonist Leopold Bloom.

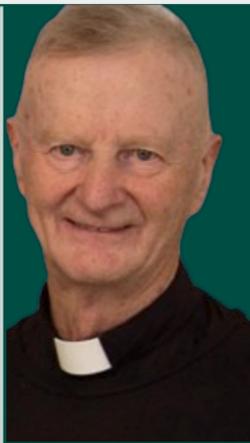


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# News from the Irish Consulate

## CONGRATULATIONS

The Consulate General of Ireland, Boston, would like to extend the warmest congratulations to Father Dan Finn for being a 2022 recipient of the Carnegie Corporation's Great Immigrants Award. Father Dan's commitment to the community is unparalleled, and we are so pleased his work is being recognized. Congratulations, Father Dan!



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## WORKING HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

YOUR CHANCE TO LIVE & WORK IN IRELAND FOR UP TO 12 MONTHS



### What is the Working Holiday programme?



The Working Holiday Authorisation (WHA) programme is a scheme that allows Irish and US students and recent graduates to work and travel in each other's countries for a period of up to 12 months.

### Who can apply?



- US citizens who are:
  - Full-time students in higher education
  - Recent graduates (within 12 months of graduation)

### Where can I find more info?

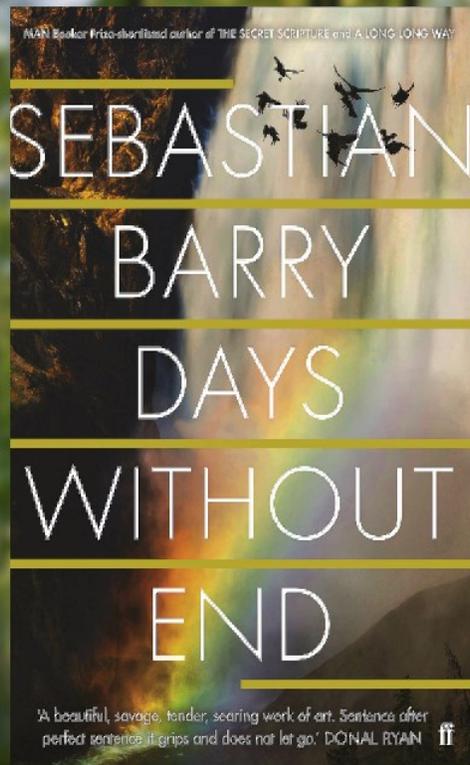


Download an application form and learn more about the process on our website: <https://www.dfa.ie/irish-embassy/usa/our-services/visas/working-holiday-authorisation/>

### How can I apply?



Submit an application through the Embassy of Ireland in Washington, DC or through regional Consulates General in Boston, Chicago, New York or San Francisco: <https://www.dfa.ie/irish-embassy/usa/about-us/team-ireland-in-the-usa/>



## July Book Club

To celebrate Pride all summer long, the Consulate is delighted to share that our Boston Book Club will be reading *Days Without End* by Sebastian Barry. *Days Without End* is praised for its beautiful prose and won Sebastian Barry his second Costa Book of the Year. Book Club will meet in person at the Consulate on July 27. Please register on Eventbrite.com

# Senior Group Trip to Castle Island



# Josephine Lacey's 90th Birthday Party



**Fr. Dan with Josephine "Auntie Jo" Lacey sang songs and honored Josephine on her very special day**



**Josephine and volunteers from our Irish Senior Connect Program. One of the original volunteers, Josephine still comes every Tuesday to make calls to the home-bound seniors.**



**Josephine with Executive Director of the Rian Immigrant Center, Ronnie Millar**



**IPC Executive Director, Mary Swanton and Josephine**



**IPC Board Member and Volunteer, Neil Hurley says a few words about his longtime friend, Josephine.**



**Josephine with former IPC colleague Cora Flood who developed the first IPC Senior program**



**Josephine was surprised by her family along with old and new friends who came to celebrate with this very special lady!**

# 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@ipcoston.org](mailto:mcasavant@ipcoston.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.

## An update from our friends at MIRA

### Marking a Historic Win for our Immigrant Community

Recently, the Massachusetts House and Senate both voted to override the Governor's veto on the Work and Family Mobility Act. This means that Massachusetts is now officially the 17th state to pass driver's license legislation! Email your State Legislator(s) today to thank them for voting to override the Governor's veto.



MIRA would like to express our immense gratitude and to applaud the hard work of the Driving Families Forward Coalition and the strategic and inclusive leadership of Natalicia Tracy (Brazilian Worker Center), Dálida Rocha (SEIU 32BJ), Lenita Reason (Brazilian Worker Center), and Chrystel Murrieta Ruiz (SEIU 32BJ). Thank you as well to all of our members for their hard work on and dedication to this bill - some have been advocating for over twenty years!

**Please note: While the bill is officially law, it does not become effective until July 2023. MIRA will work as part of the Driving Families Forward Coalition to ensure that the implementation of the new law is as inclusive as possible and without burdensome requirements, and we will continue to provide you with updates.**

## Upcoming Legal Clinic Appointment

### Dates:

**Tuesday, JUL 19**

**Tuesday, AUG 02**

Appointments are scheduled in advance.

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

contact Maryann Casavant at

617-265-5300 or by email at

**[mcasavant@ipcoston.org](mailto:mcasavant@ipcoston.org)**

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# Immigration News



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## RESCHEDULING BIOMETRICS APPOINTMENTS

Depending on the type of application you file with USCIS, you may be required to appear at a USCIS office for a biometrics appointment. For example, biometrics may be required if you file an I-485 (adjustment of status or green card application), I-765 (application for employment authorization document), I-131 (application for travel document), or an I-539 (application for extension or change of status).

During a biometrics appointment, USCIS will collect your fingerprints, a photo, and a sample of your signature.

### How to Know If a Biometrics Appointment Is Required

If you are required to appear for biometrics, USCIS will mail an appointment notice to your address and your attorney's address. The notice will tell you when and where USCIS expects you to appear. You should make every effort to go to your biometrics appointment as scheduled. Rescheduling the appointment will take time and likely delay processing of your application.

### How to Reschedule Your Biometrics Appointment

If you cannot make it to your scheduled biometrics appointment, you may contact USCIS to reschedule according to the appointment notice's instructions or the following procedure:

1. Call the USCIS Contact Center at 1-800-375-5283 before the date and time of your original appointment.
2. Explain why you have "good cause" for rescheduling.
3. Wait for a USCIS scheduler to call you back with a new date and time. Please note: USCIS often takes multiple days or weeks to respond to a rescheduling request.



**It is vitally important to call as early as possible to request rescheduling.** If you do not call USCIS before your scheduled appointment, or if USCIS thinks you do not have good cause to reschedule, they may not agree to reschedule the appointment. If USCIS refuses to reschedule or you do not hear back from them in time and you do not attend the original appointment, your underlying application may be considered abandoned and be denied.

To find out more about rescheduling or determining if you are eligible to reschedule an appointment, please contact your attorney.

## News from Safe Home Ireland

Working with our Community partners in Ireland, the following article from *Safe Home Ireland* will be of great benefit to those with an interest in moving back to Ireland.



**SAFE HOME IRELAND**  
EMIGRANT SUPPORT SERVICE



### Applying for an Irish Birth Certificate

#### An Update from Safe Home Ireland

You can now apply for a copy of your birth cert via email to: [GRO@welfare.ie](mailto:GRO@welfare.ie) The GRO (General Register Office) will first need to identify if they have birth register on file for you. You will be asked to provide the following information so that this process can begin:

- Full name and Date of birth
- Place of birth (county will help if other information is not known)
- Mother's birth surname

Once a record has been located, they can proceed to issue a birth cert for you. Applications are normally processed within 5 working days. An electronic billing system is in place to cover the costs = €20 for the cert + €2 for P&P outside of Ireland.

**Note!** Certificates can also be ordered and paid for over the phone in regional Civil Registration Offices.

## IPC Boston Community Events Update

IPC Bostún  
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WEDNESDAY AUGUST 10th 2022  
6PM

- Fáilte roimh gach duine
- Tae, scónaí agus Tayto
- Caint agus Craic

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Hope and Healing

**Retreat for Women**

Save the Date:  
September 9-11, 2022

For women of any age who seek hope and strength to help them deal with stress, anger, fatigue, and trauma in dealing with a loved one in active addiction or recovery.



*Be fervent in spirit; rejoice in hope; endure affliction; persevere in prayer.*  
- Romans 12:12

Friday Evening, September 9, 2022–  
Sunday Noon, September 11, 2022

Craigville Retreat Center-Manor House  
208 Lake Elizabeth Drive  
Centerville, MA 02632

\$250/person (double occupancy)  
\*Some financial aid available\*

For more information or to register,  
please contact:

Sister Maryadele Robinson  
339-440-0859  
[maryadele\\_robinson@ccb.org](mailto:maryadele_robinson@ccb.org)



# Irish Pastoral Centre Annual Golf Tournament

**Friday, September 30th**  
**PRESIDENT'S GOLF CLUB**  
**QUINCY**

**Starts at 8:30 AM**

To register your team, confirm your attendance, or  
sponsor a hole, please call 617-265-5300 or

Email [info@ipcboston.org](mailto:info@ipcboston.org)



The IPC is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization and donations are tax deductible to the full extent of the law.

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# IPC Community Partners



## #GivePintsForHalfPints

### PLEASE JOIN US FOR A BLOOD DRIVE

IBEW Local 103 is Powering UP the blood supply!  
Wednesday, July 6, 13, and 20, 2022 - 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

IBEW Local 103  
256 Freeport Street  
Dorchester, MA 02122

Blood donors are urgently needed at this time!



In honor of Dorchester's own Conor Olsen who recently finished cancer treatment.

To make an appointment please go to:  
[www.bostonchildrens.org/halfpints](http://www.bostonchildrens.org/halfpints) and use sponsor code: IBEW103.

For more information contact:  
Cyndi MacKinlay: 617-355-2595  
[cynthia.mackinlay@childrens.harvard.edu](mailto:cynthia.mackinlay@childrens.harvard.edu)

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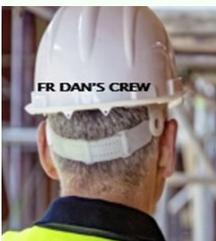
*Go raibh míle maith agaidh.*



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**THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO HELP:**

- TIME
- MATERIALS
- LABOR
- FINANCIAL SUPPORT

# IPC Community Partners



Home to Irish Bread & Scones; Coffee & Tea; Cakes & Cookies; Breakfast & Lunch Sandwiches, Hot Dinners

**DAILY HOT LUNCH SPECIALS INCLUDE:**

Monday: Chicken Pot Pie, Shephard's Pie

Tuesday: Roast Turkey Breast, Stuffing, Gravy & Cranberry

Wednesday: Greenhills Baked Ham, Shephard's Pie

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

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

Saturday: Shephard's Pie, Full Irish Breakfast

Sunday: Full Irish Breakfast

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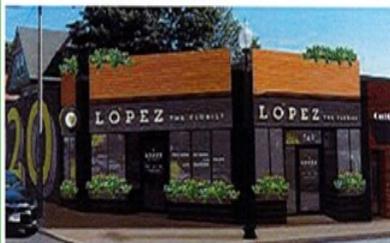
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# Irish Pastoral Centre Community Calendar

## IPC Events Calendar

### EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER

#### **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 @ All Saints Church-1-3PM  
209 Ashmont St.  
Dorchester, MA 02124

#### **Thursdays:**

Knitting Club @ IPC 11AM-1PM  
AND Crossroads Café @ Irish Social Club-1-3PM  
119 Park St.  
West Roxbury, MA 02132

#### **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\*\*\***

There will be no programs in July and August as we prepare to move to the new Centre! (Except our Saturday and Tuesday night “Le Cheile” meetings)



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

Call us at:  
617-265-5300 ext 17

*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

Sunday Evening Schedule:

- July 10, 2022 - Erin’s Melody with Margaret Dalton
- July 17, 2022 - Richard Travers
- July 24, 2022 - Mossie Coughlin
- July 31, 2022 - The Silver Spears

#### The Irish Cultural Centre 200 New Boston Drive Canton, MA

**July 30, 2022:** The 2nd Annual Galway Races Gala will be held. Includes live music, buffet dinner, raffles, and much more. General Admission is \$85.00. Call the ICC (781) 821- 8291 for additional information and reservations

#### 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

Will have their monthly dance at the Knight of Columbus Hall, 15 Winslow St, Arlington. **Mossie Coughlin** will provide the music. If you enjoy dancing and great music, this is the place to be. Complimentary coffee, tea, trifle and delicious home baked pastries and cake. Also, a 50/50 raffle and a cash bar. You are invited to bring your family and friends. All of this for only a \$10.00 admission. Starts at 7:00 PM and ends at 10:00 PM

#### The Norwood Irish Music Club

**July and August:** The Norwood Irish Music club does not have a dance. Their next dance will be at the Knight of Columbus, Norwood on September 17th. More details to follow in next month’s newsletter.

#### The Black Rose

**July 29, 2022**—Keohane and Kenneally

**July 30, 2022**—Keohane and Kenneally

# 2022 Boston Irish Live Events



## ***BYRNE BROTHERS BOSTON BOUND!***

Famed father and sons quartet, *The Byrne Brothers* will be playing three nights in Boston this month. Stopping off at “the new spot in town” the *Dubliner* (formerly the *Kinsale*) for two nights, and one night at *The Cottage* in Weymouth—there will be plenty chances to see the Galway buskers turned Florida residents tackle Beantown!

*Call each venue for more details.*

**WHERE:** The *Dubliner* Pub, Boston MA & The *Cottage* Bar, Weymouth MA

**WHEN:** Friday Jul 22 - Sunday Jul 24 2022,

**TICKETS ON SALE AT:** N/A visit [thebyrnebrothers.com](http://thebyrnebrothers.com)



## ***ROD THE MOD COMES TO MASSACHUSETTS!***

A once household name in Ireland, the British spiky haired singer is coming to Massachusetts for the first time in five years with the band *Cheap Trick*. Lately, he’s taken to performing the Irish love ballad ‘Grace’ which I’m sure will go down a huge hit in Mansfield!

*Tickets range from \$29.50 to \$221.50*

**WHERE:** Xfinity Center, Mansfield MA

**WHEN:** Friday Aug 12

**TICKETS ON SALE AT:** [ticketmaster.com](http://ticketmaster.com)



## ***NYC's DUBLIN SON COLUM TYRRELL RETURNS!***

Having performed a sold-out show with Tim Butterly and Mike Rainey of the *Dad Meat Podcast* at the start of the year, funnyman Colum Tyrell is back in town for a whole weekend. With some ticket packages already sold out, make sure to book tickets in advance or you will miss out!

*Tickets range from \$20 to \$40 with the \$40 tier sold out already.*

**WHERE:** Hideout Comedy Club, White Bull Tavern, Boston MA

**WHEN:** Friday Aug 19 & Saturday Aug 20

**TICKETS ON SALE AT:** [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com)



## ***FR. TED'S DOUGAL EN ROUTE TO CANTON!***

As previously covered in the Newsletter, Ardal O’ Hanlon the comedian who portrays Fr. Dougal Maguire on the iconic ‘Father Ted’ is coming to the United States this Autumn. With an appearance in Boston already slotted, comedy fans will get an extra chance to see O’ Hanlon in action when he comes to the ICC this September!

*Tickets range from ICC members only \$35 to \$60 with Meet & Greet*

**WHERE:** The Irish Cultural Centre of Greater Boston, Canton MA

**WHEN:** Friday Sep 23

**TICKETS ON SALE AT:** [irishculture.org](http://irishculture.org)

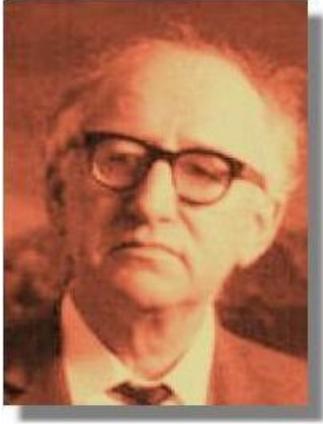
*This list is compiled by Patrick Davoren.*

*If you are Irish and performing in the area, contact : [pdavoren@ipcbboston.org](mailto:pdavoren@ipcbboston.org)*

## The Celtic Scribe

### “Inniskeen Road: July Evening”

By Patrick Kavanagh



The bicycles go by in twos and threes -  
There's a dance in Billy Brennan's barn  
tonight,  
And there's the half-talk code of mysteries  
And the wink-and-elbow language of delight.  
Half-past eight and there is not a spot  
Upon a mile of road, no shadow thrown  
That might turn out a man or woman, not  
A footfall tapping secrecies of stone.

I have what every poet hates in spite  
Of all the solemn talk of contemplation.  
Oh, Alexander Selkirk knew the plight  
Of being king and government and nation.  
A road, a mile of kingdom. I am king  
Of banks and stones and every blooming thing.

### 4th of July Notable Quotes:

*“This, for the purpose of this celebration, is the 4th of July. It is the birthday of your National Independence, and of your political freedom. This, to you, is what the Passover was to the emancipated people of God.”*  
—Frederick Douglass

*“You have to love a nation that celebrates its independence every July 4th, not with a parade of guns, tanks, and soldiers who file by the White House in a show of strength and muscle, but with family picnics where kids throw Frisbees, the potato salad gets iffy, and the flies die from happiness. You may think you have overeaten, but it is patriotism.”*  
—Erma Bombeck

## Local Poets Corner

A poem in honor of Father's Day June 19, 2022

### “Auld Man”

By Peter Groome (Jazzer)  
Never before did I take note  
When wandering by the door,  
The auld man sitting in his chair  
Eyes barely open—young no more.

A face as weathered as the white washed walls  
On the cottage he calls home.  
Smoke slowly rising from the chimney stack,  
Filling the air with the smell of slack.

A worn tweed cap hangs fitted on his head.  
Pedal bike stood still against the shed.  
Puffing away on his white clay pipe.  
Another day passes without trouble or strife.

Long gone those days when he shouldered his gun,  
To free dear Ireland from the English Huns.  
He knows many things but, he's old school  
He won't tell like others who broke the golden rule.

Resting now outside his home,  
He thinks of the days when he went it alone.  
Fleeing from the enemy force,  
away to the hills from all that he loved.

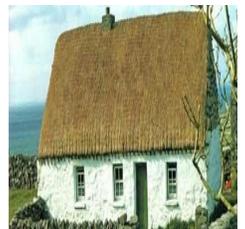
A veteran, a man, a son of the Gael,  
Never wanted any trouble,  
But they sent him to goal.  
Working hard upon the land  
Pushing him to fight—they forced his hand.

He once was a simple young man,  
Farming was his life until he joined the cause,  
Twas then he fought tooth and nail  
Against an enemy force.

This auld man has seen so much,  
A life full of hardship his world was shook up.  
Now he's content as he walks by the brook,  
Nor forgetting how his land was once took.

### “The Long Wait” By Dominic Moriarty

That old green path to your open door  
These weary feet shall tread no more.  
In long lost youth I chose to roam  
Yet in my heart, was always home.  
Light no candle and  
whisper no prayer,  
For the soul you seek  
is already there



# Sports News From Ireland

## Limerick to Face Kilkenny in All-Ireland Senior Hurling Final

It may be 15 years since the counties last met in an All-Ireland final but for Limerick, Kilkenny are the most familiar of opponents on the last day of the championship. Kilkenny are bidding for their 37th All-Ireland title while Limerick are seeking their 11th and their first three-in-a-row. Limerick are unbeaten in their six championship games to date (five wins and a draw), while Kilkenny have won five and lost two of their seven games. The defeats were against Galway and Wexford in the Leinster 'round robin. Limerick are the heavy favorites, but with the legacy of Kilkenny and manager Brian Cody on the sidelines—it could be anybody's game and will certainly be a great game of hurling!



*Kilkenny's Joey Holden and Paul Murphy try to contain Limerick's Cian Lynch. Nowlan Park, 2017.*



*Limerick's Kyle Hayes celebrates after scoring a point. Pairc Uí Coimh, 2018.*

## Galway to Face Kerry in All-Ireland Senior Football Final

We're down to the last two in the All-Ireland Senior Football Championship as Kerry prepare to face Galway in the final. A thrilling semi-finals weekend saw Kerry edge past Dublin thanks to Seán O'Shea's dramatic late free while Hawkeye (a digital tool that aids the referee in determining scores) controversy overshadowed Galway's defeat of Derry. Kerry last lifted the Sam Maguire Cup in 2014 and are bidding to add a record-extending 38th title to their trophy cabinet. Meanwhile, Galway are gunning for their 10th success and this will be their first appearance in the final for 21 years. It's also a repeat of the 2000 final when the two teams forced a replay, which was won by the Green and Gold.



*Famed commentator Pat Spillane has announced that he will be leaving The Sunday Game after this year's All-Ireland final.*



*Kerry's Tadhg Morley and Damien Comer of Galway*



*A sea of Galway and Kerry flags.*

## Sports News From Ireland

### Galway deliver against Mayo when it matters most to claim All Ireland minor title

After losing twice in the Connacht championship, the young Tribesmen had the last laugh over their near neighbours. Galway 0-15 Mayo 0-9

*Colm Gannon reports from Hyde Park*

AT THE THIRD time of asking this year Galway delivered when it mattered most against Mayo, claiming the All-Ireland minor title in impressive style in front of 12,789 spectators in Dr Hyde Park. Mayo had beaten Galway twice in the Connacht championship, but the young Tribesmen ensured there was no hat-trick. The game started in a bluster with both sides having chances to rattle the back of the net before three minutes had gone on the clock.

Galway went into a 0-2 to 0-0 lead by the eighth minute thanks to two frees from Éanna Monaghan. Mayo had it level three minutes later courtesy of points from Cathal Keavney from a free and a James Maheady effort from play. Ronan Clarke cut in along the end line for Mayo and fired an effort towards the goal that was blocked off the line by Ryan Flaherty and the Mayo man put his rebound wide of the target.

The Tribesmen went back down the field from the kick-out and Stephen Curley pointed to put his team two the good. The lead was pushed out to three by Costello's second of the day with 25 minutes gone on the clock Galway survived a period of Mayo pressure and Cillian Trayers kicked a relieving point to stretch the lead back to four with 10 minutes to go. They then went five clear through a Colm Costello free after Charlie Cox was fouled close in as he broke for goal, and Cox pushed his side six to the good with a press kick on 53 minutes.

Things got worse for Mayo as they were reduced to 14 players when Lorcan Slike was shown a black card and Stephen Curley pointed to push Galway into a 0-15 to 0-8 lead and home and hosed.

**Scorers – Galway:** Colm Costello (0-5, 2f), Éanna Monaghan (0-4, 3f), Stephen Curley (0-2), Shay McGlinchey (0-1), Cillian Trayers (0-1), Fionn O'Connor (0-1), Charlie Cox (0-1)

**Mayo:** Ronan Clarke (0-4, 2f), James Maheady (0-3), Colm McHale (0-1), Cathal Keaveney (0-1)



### Xander Schauffelle wins 2022 JP McManus Pro-Am at Adare Manor

Schauffelle today shot a two-under-par to seal his win, following a course record 64. Almost 40,000 spectators attended the two-day event – the sixth staging of the Pro-Am – with many millions once again raised for Irish charitable organisations. Among the pros were the likes of Tiger Woods, Sam Burns, Pádraig Harrington, Shane Lowry, and Rory McIlroy. The amateurs included: Niall Horan, Bill Murray, John Terry, Shane Filan, and Jamie Dornan but it was Team USA Olympic Champion Xander Schauffelle who was the final victor!



*An iconic trio!  
Tiger Woods, JP McManus, and John Kiely  
At the 2022 Pro-Am*



*JP McManus and Xander Schauffelle, 2022 Pro-Am  
winner pose in front of Adare Manor in Limerick, where  
the tournament was held.*

# Local Sports

## Connemara Gaels vs Galway Senior Football Report

By Rory O' Donnell

### Connemara Gaels 2-19 Galway 2-6

After a tightly contested first half the Connemara Gaels put in an impressive second period to establish their championship credentials. With Armagh men Conor Turbitt and Ben Crealy beefing up the team sheet, it was James Garrity who lit up the second half with a 10 minute period where he went into overdrive, and it seemed that neither man, woman, nor beast would have stopped him. The game was still in the balance as the Gaels lead of two points ballooned to a yawning 10 after Garrity scored an impressive 1-5 on the trot as the Trillick man ran riot over the Galway defence.

The Gaels opened with 3 points on the trot with 2 from Garrity and Ben Crealy with a lovely effort. Galway were not long getting into the swing of things. A couple of frees were converted by Ben Dunne, and then a double goal strike looked to put the Tribesmen in the driver's seat.

Daire Keenan shot the first and Dunne the second, both great finishes from inside the 14 yard line.

Galway hopes must have been high of adding to last week's victory over Donegal.

The Gaels tried to reestablish themselves on the game and gradually found their way back into it and chipped away at the deficit. With most of the possession, Turbitt, Mikey Kerr, and Jack Mahon converted for the Gaels while Galway's supply to the full forward line slowed and a Danny Burke point was the sole reward coming up to the break. Garrity's late score made it a one point game at the break, Gaels 0-9 to Galway's 2-4.

The Gaels took control in the second half with some great movement and passing as they raised the tempo and Galway could not match it. The teams traded scores to reopen affairs, Colman Mulkerrin for the Gaels and Mike Moynihan for Galway. It was then pretty much one way traffic after that with the Gaels going on a blistering run of scores. Conor Turbitt's effort leveled the scores, and Michael Coyne scored an unlikely looping point from a tough angle to put the Gaels ahead.

The aforementioned Garrity then came into his own and the quick corner forward from Trillick County Tyrone tallied a goal and five points in a quick fire period. Jack Mahon had added to the Gaels lead from centre forward after finishing a good move with a fisted point over the bar, then it was the James Garrity show. Speed and quickness, combined with deadly accuracy from Garrity pushed the Gaels lead wider and wider. The goal was a well finished effort, and that was really the score that put the dagger into Galway hearts. Following a quick exchange of passes, Garrity fired the ball to the top corner from a range of about 21 yards, and that made the difference. Six points in it, The Gaels on fire and there was no way back for Galway.

The Gaels continued to enjoy the upper hand as Galway had the wind knocked out of them. Justin Kieran who came on as a sub added a second goal for the Gaels. Next week for Galway is the Macs, and for the Gaels it is Donegal.

**Gaels:** Sean Fox, Jack Coyne, Callum Holland, Sean Conneely, Ryan Caffrey, Michael Coyne, Jack Lynch, Ben Crealy, Colman Mulkerrin, Jack Mahon, Mike Kerr, Conor Turbitt, Jack Garrity.

**Galway:** Jamie Kelly, Stuart Cullen, Ricky Johnston, Eoin Dunne, Ciaran Potter, Aidan Flanagan, Paddy Mullins, Eoin Morrissey, Pat Moylan, Danny Burke, Michael Moylan, John Dunne, Daire Keenan



*Jack Lynch rises High for the Gaels*



*First championship win for Trinity Milton's Junior football team V Portland Gaelic Football Club on June 12 at the Irish Cultural Centre!*

*Mick Sammon, Joe Pender, Aidan Skillin, Kelly MacKenzie, Luke Sammon, Dave Skillin, Liam Flaherty, Eoin Faherty, John Kindregan, Nessian O'Donnell, Colm Faherty, Declan Walsh, JP Keane. Keenan O'Donnell, Daragh Jordan, Conor Naughton, Alo McGeough, Jack Dennehy, Jack Lowe, Jimmy Lowe, Rory McElhinney, Conor Mannion, Cian Jordan, Andrew Skillin.*

## Local Sports

### MacAnespies vs Donegal Senior Football Report

By Rory O' Donnell

**Donegal 1-8 Aidan McAnespies 4-11**

Aidan McAnespies took the points in a surprisingly lopsided victory over Donegal on the final game of the day. There was a large crowd in attendance to see the clash of the championship favourites, and if it was a close run affair they were expecting, most will have gone home disappointed, McAnespies supporters excepted. McAnespies played some free flowing football and came up with big goals from Eoin Gormley, Robbie Croft and second half substitutes, Ruairi Scott and Tiernan Saul to put the icing on the cake. Donegal never really got going and will be back to figuring out the pieces after their second loss on the trot.

It was double scores by the time the first half had played out. McAnespies netted twice, the first through Eoin Gormley who showed no hesitation in burying his shot following an intricate handpassing move that involved several players inside the Donegal 21. The second, just before the break also involved Gormley who had the assist for Robbie Croft who took his time before firing the shot into the far corner. Donegal might have considered themselves unfortunate to have had a goal scratched as Keelan Sexton was adjudged to have been in the square before the ball.

In the early going Donegal looked like they could prove a handful for McAnespies as a couple of beautiful Paul Mannion curlers split the posts. With Derry's Ciaran McFaul and Clare's Keelan Sexton also in the forward line there was an anticipation of a Donegal onslaught at some point, which never really materialized. Even after Gormley's goal it was 1-3 to 0-4 as Sean Lowry and Mannion responded, and the game was still well up for grabs, but the Croft goal really proved to be a body blow for Donegal. Overall McAnespies enjoyed the better of the play and worked the ball well through the lines, and truth be told, there could have been more on the board for the Macs but for a handful of missed chances.

Heading into the second half with McAnespies ahead by double scores, 2-4 to 0-5, there was an expectation that Donegal would mount a comeback attempt. But it was McAnespies who dominated the all-important third quarter of the game. Four points to no reply almost doubled the lead as Jamie Brennan at corner forward came into his own with 3 points, and Croft was on the money with the dead balls, putting a free over. McAnespies had the back line buttoned down well, and although Donegal got some relief with a pointed Mannion free before Cory Gallagher struck with a goal following an uncharacteristic turnover in the middle of the field, the tide of the game did not change. The score did not signal a chance in fortunes for the Donegal men, and even with several changes made from the line the pattern remained the same. Croft and Brolly responded with points, a sign of which team was in control, and to the cheers of the McAnespies faithful in the stands, a Ruairi Scott goal with the assist from corner back, Rob Piggott, put a cap on it. A late Tiernan Saul goal rubbed the "Sault" into the Donegal wound, and the rout was complete. Plenty of football left to play to decide the 2022 winners, and each team has Galway and the Connemara Gaels left to play before top spot and the automatic berth in the final is decided.

**Donegal:** Hugh Boyle, Aidan Sullivan, Jason Noctor, Sean Lambe, Jack O'Brien, Sean Donnelly, Ciaran McFaul, Cory Gallagher, Sean Winston, Paul Mannion, Sean Lowry, Ciaran McDevitt, Keelan Sexton.

**Macs:** Rory McElroy, Rob Piggott, Gavin Nangle, Owen Ward, Colm Lennon, Cian Sharkey, Daragh Lyne, Steve Ward, Jim McMahan, Rory Brolly, Robbie Croft, Eoin Gormley, Jamie Brennan.



*Donegal's Paul Mannion Lines up a shot*

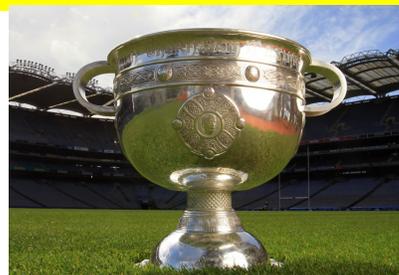


*Future stars are born at St Brendan's Youth GAA 3 day clinic at pope John Paul II park in Dorchester*

*Congratulations to the Boston Northeast GAA Boys Feile Team, 2022 Division 5 Boys Feile Champions! Special guest Barney Rock joined us this evening to present the boys with their medals. A great weekend for the boys and girls teams and all who traveled.*

# Sports Quiz—GAA Edition

1. Of counties Dublin, Tipperary, Galway and Cavan, which one won the All-Ireland Senior Football title first.
2. Which was the first Ulster county to win the Sam Maguire trophy, that is given to the All-Ireland winners?
3. Armagh finally won their first All-Ireland in 2002. How many times had they lost in the final before that?
4. Who captained Roscommon in 5 All Ireland Senior football finals - in the 1943 final, the 1943 re-play, the 1944 final, the 1946 final and the 1946 final replay
5. From which counties were the two teams in the first All-Ireland Senior Final?
6. Which footballing county are also known as The Royals?
7. What have the All-Ireland Football finals of 1969, 1992, 2001 and 2010 got in common?
8. Only one county wears two shades of the same colour, light and dark. Which county is this?



*Answers on Page 3*

## Join Us for the All-Ireland Finals



All match information below is in Boston time.  
 All are welcome up to the IPC to watch the match on our big screen and have a cup of tea!



Sunday 7/17 10:30 ACD  
 GAA Hurling  
 All-Ireland Senior Final  
 Kilkenny vs Limerick



Sunday 7/24 10:30 ACD  
 GAA Football  
 All-Ireland Senior Final  
 Galway vs Kerry



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