

Irish Pastoral Centre Newsletter



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THE BEST TIME OF YEAR!

SOUTHIE PARADE CONFIRMED:

Organizers of Boston's annual St. Patrick's Day Parade, which has not been held since 2019 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, said the event will return as planned in 2022. Officials at Boston City Hall said it anticipates the parade going on as planned.

The St. Patrick's Day Parade planning committee has been working with the city, Boston police and other city departments to make sure everything is ready for the event scheduled for March 20.

"People are excited," Dave Falvey, the head of the planning committee said. "Football is over, baseball hasn't begun. The spotlight is on us."

The parade's website has a countdown clock on it, counting down the days, hours and minutes until the event kicks off at the Broadway MBTA station and works its way through the streets of South Boston.

Here at the IPC, we are so looking forward to our Blessing of Shamrocks and Mass at Florian Hall on March 17th. It's wonderful being out and about again! Lets enjoy a fabulous month of March in Boston!



IPC ON THE MOVE!

The Irish Pastoral Centre has acquired tenancy in Adams Corner at 540 Gallivan Blvd and we are moving on August 1st. Since the IPC moved to Adams village, our place in our community has become more visible and our programs are growing. We are delighted to announce that we are staying in the neighborhood!

Our new ground floor space will open on August 1st.and we are all very excited! Fr Dan is delighted that we will remain in Adams corner and our expanded space will be most beneficial.

We are most grateful to the Lydon family who accommodated our transition from Rita road.

The IPC belongs here in the heart of Irish Boston!

We are all delighted to work on further developing a comprehensive community service and resource organization while continuing to preserve the presence of Ireland in Boston.

Stay tuned, we will keep you updated as we move forward!



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Dear Friends

I hope you are all emerging from Covid as we are here. The days are getting longer and hopefully the sun will visit more often soon!

We've had a great return to our coffee clubs in Brighton, Dorchester and West Roxbury and we are busy planning for St Patrick's Day. We'll be at Florian Hall from 12 to 4pm for Mass and lunch and music with Erin's melody.

I need to pass on an important message from Jennifer as she is in charge of the reservations for St Patrick's Day. Please call the reservation line or Jen directly if you are attending . We need to make absolutely sure our lists are correct and your assistance is a great help.

We can finally announce that our Marathon team has returned! We were worried as marathon numbers seem to be as scarce as hens teeth!

So, to support the Marathon runners, mark your calendars for Elvis night on April 9th at Florian Hall. It should be great fun and we all could use a great night out! Call Paddy here at the office for this event.

The big news here is that we are on the move. We have found a great new home and construction begins in April and we will all enjoy a ground floor , new space to gather. We will keep you updated going forward.

Finally, we celebrated Fr Dans birthday! He loves his new tie, he sang a few songs and we all enjoyed chocolate cake! Enjoy the photo on page 3!

Happy Birthday Fr Dan!

All the best for now, I hope you all have a wonderful, sunny Saint Patrick's Day! I have to send special wishes to my Mum also—Happy St Paddy's Day Teresa!

Mind yourselves

Mary

Beannachtaí na Féile Pádraig oraibh!!

Happy St. Patrick's Day!



Fr. Dan Finn presents Mai Gallagher with flowers at the Cara Club

**ON BEHALF OF THE IPC STAFF
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Happy

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

**TO ALL OUR FRIENDS,
NEIGHBORS AND SUPPORTERS!**



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Our Good Friend Gregory Ashe and his birthday bash!

Longtime friend of The IPC and Fr. Dan Gregory Ashe from Kerry celebrated his birthday recently. Happy birthday, and congratulations on turning 80, Gregory!

Gregory + Sarah Ashe
With John Doherty

Eddie Roache, Gregory Ashe, Cathy Flynn, and former Mayor of Boston and Ambassador to the Holy See, Ray Flynn.



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2022 Civics Series

Join us for these virtual programs with the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the U.S. Senate

Real Life Civics:
The Traditions and Norms That Drive U.S. Government
Wednesday, February 23
6 PM- 7 PM ET
Register: <https://blt.ly/3HUVmgm>

Shaping Voting Rights Legislation
Wednesday, March 2
6 PM- 7 PM ET
Register: <https://blt.ly/3HUSzEa>



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IPC Boston's Official J1 Guide

Patrick Davoren

Due to the influx of messages, calls, and emails we've been getting from students in Ireland seeking everything from jobs to accommodation and general interest—we have decided to publish a J1 Guide.

The J1 visa program allows for Irish college students to come over and work for up to one year, however the J1 summer program is much more common. Take a look at the guide I compiled and designed below and if you have any accommodation you would like listed, or would like to become an employer for the J1 students please get in touch!

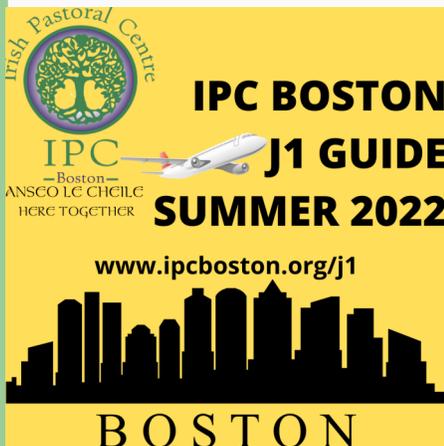
Make sure for all things J1 related you check out our dedicated webpage: ipcboston.org/j1 as well as following our Instagram @irishpastoralcentre

It will be a great resource for your family in Ireland, I myself am a GMIT Graduate from the CCAM Centre for Creative Arts and Media, based in Clauin Mhuire in Galway City.

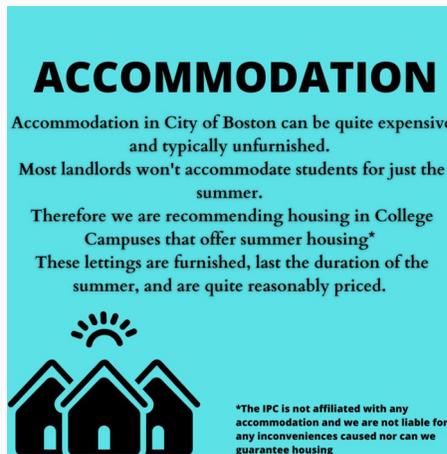
I graduated in November of 2021 and started working for the Pastoral Centre a number of days later.

You could say this guide is "by students, for students".

- Paddy Davoren 617-265-5300 ext 11 or pdavoren@ipcboston.org



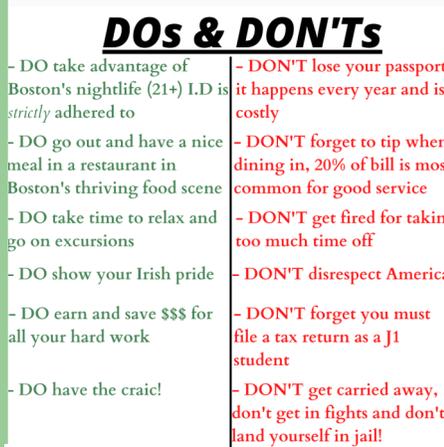
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ACCOMMODATION
 Accommodation in City of Boston can be quite expensive and typically unfurnished. Most landlords won't accommodate students for just the summer.
 Therefore we are recommending housing in College Campuses that offer summer housing* These lettings are furnished, last the duration of the summer, and are quite reasonably priced.
 *The IPC is not affiliated with any accommodation and we are not liable for any inconveniences caused nor can we guarantee housing



SUMMER HOUSING
 The IPC is not affiliated in any length with the below listings, rather we are acting as a resource to help students find verified accommodation. We cannot be held responsible for any inconveniences caused.
 - UMass Boston Summer Housing <https://bit.ly/3ul1hra>
 - Suffolk University Summer Housing <https://bit.ly/3ultH56>
 - MassArt Summer Housing <https://bit.ly/3iYCFw>
 A full list of Accommodations can be found on our website ipcboston.org/j1



DOs & DON'Ts

- DO take advantage of Boston's nightlife (21+) I.D is strictly adhered to
- DO go out and have a nice meal in a restaurant in Boston's thriving food scene
- DO take time to relax and go on excursions
- DO show your Irish pride
- DO earn and save \$\$\$ for all your hard work
- DO have the craic!
- DON'T lose your passport it happens every year and is costly
- DON'T forget to tip when dining in, 20% of bill is most common for good service
- DON'T get fired for taking too much time off
- DON'T disrespect America
- DON'T forget you must file a tax return as a J1 student
- DON'T get carried away, don't get in fights and don't land yourself in jail!



EMPLOYMENT
 Due to the stipulation effective since 2016 J1 students must first secure a job before they arrive in the U.S.A.
 We have a database on our website of contacts for various employers but please note we are *not responsible* for any inconveniences caused nor can we guarantee job security.



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 Sin é, that's it for now!
 We hope you found this guide useful and know you're more than welcome to pop in for a cuppa!
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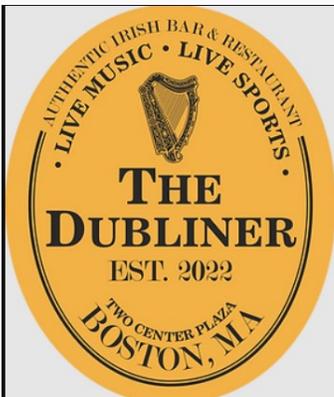
IPC Community News

Weymouth's own Oran McGonagle and Award-Winning Donegal chef Aidan Mc Gee set to open Premium Pub in Downtown Boston.

Boston.com



Irish Chef Aidan Mc Gee



The Dubliner set to open in April

"I want to change the perception of what Irish cooking is here," said Aidan Mc Gee, the chef behind The Dubliner, an Irish pub and restaurant due to open in Government Center in early April. The restaurant is a partnership between East Coast Tavern Group (of which Oran McGonagle is an owner) and Mc Gee himself. Mc Gee cut his teeth in London at Michelin-starred restaurants Dinner by Heston Blumenthal, Foliage at the Mandarin Oriental Hyde Park, London, and Launceston Place in Kensington. In 2016, U.K. magazine

The Tatler named him "up and coming chef of the year" for Truscott Arms, the now-shuttered gastropub.

Before heading to Boston with his wife, an upstate New Yorker, he was executive chef at Irish Michelin starred chef Richard Corrigan's Corrigan Collection. "We do not want anyone to think of this as the new Kinsale," Mc Gee said. "We kept the floor, but everything else is gone. We want it to look like an old-fashioned pub with loads of wallpaper and a painted tile ceiling. We will have an outside patio with lots of greenery."

The seasonally changing menu will include Irish fare such as fish and triple-cooked chips, a traditional Sunday roast of beef and Yorkshire pudding, and Irish-style shepherd's pie. Seafood dishes include Maine crab served with soda bread and seaweed butter. The Dubliner will also have options for vegans and vegetarians. As for corned beef and cabbage — that will be absent: "I've never eaten it," Mc Gee said. "I'd never seen it until I came here. I was a bit confused by it." But Mc Gee promises The Dubliner will pour a pint of Guinness as tasty as those in Ireland. "We will push for the best pint of Guinness in Boston," he said. "That's one of our biggest goals, and we have lots of tricks to do that."

UPDATE: St. Patrick's Breakfast will be live and in person this year!

CaughtInSouthie

Senator Nick Collins (and Southie native) will host the legendary St. Patrick's Day Breakfast on Sunday, March 20th live and in person at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center! Initially we had reported that the Breakfast would be virtual this year – but that is a separate fundraising event that is happening on Thursday, March 17th



Sen. Nick Collins & Gov. Charlie Baker at the St. Patrick's Day Breakfast.
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News From Our Senior Outreach Program

LIMITED TRANSPORTATION ON ST PATRICKS DAY

We will have limited bus service from Brighton and West Roxbury to Florian Hall for our St Patrick's Day event. You must let Jennifer know at the office if you require transport. Please only use this service if there is no other option as we really are very limited,

Also, the St Patricks Day will be our only event the week of March 14th. There will be no coffee clubs and no knitting.

Peggy and Patsy are enjoying getting to know all of you and are busy planning weekly fun events at all locations. We love great suggestions! Call us anytime with your ideas!



Yes its been that long!

Our St Patricks Day Celebration in 2019!

Welcome back everyone!!

We honored Geraldine Power Murphy from the Greenhills Bakery for her 30 years of service to the Irish community. Our "scone lady" at the Greenhills, Geraldine recently hung up her apron. We wish her all the best in the future!



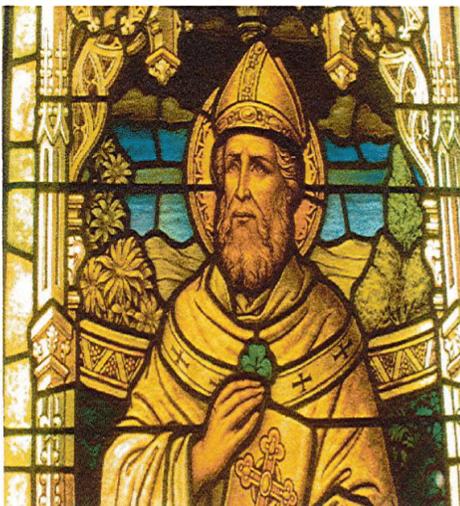
DO YOU HAVE SOME FREE TIME?

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

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

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

Fr. Dan's Page



At St. Patrick's Day the words of the popular Catholic hymn, "Faith of our Fathers" written by Frederick William Farber in 1849, captures the centerpiece of our rich and ancient Catholic heritage. St. Patrick planted the seed of faith in Ireland in 432 A.D. which was handed on to us generation after generation as our most precious of all treasures, the great gift of Faith. It is essential to add "and Mothers" after the word "Fathers" in this song:

**Faith of our Fathers (and Mothers) living still!
In spite of dungeon, fire, and sword:
Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy
Whene'er we hear that glorious Word.**

**Faith of our Fathers (and Mothers)! Holy Faith!
We will be true to thee till death.**

**Our Fathers (and Mothers), chained in prison dark,
Were still in heart and conscience free:
How sweet would be their children's fate,
If they, like them, could die for thee!**

**Faith of our Fathers (and Mothers)! Holy Faith!
We will be true to thee till death.**

The Breastplate of St. Patrick

Christ be in me, Christ be before me,

Christ be behind me, Christ be within,

Christ be above me, Christ be below me,

Christ on my right, and Christ on my left.



What are you doing for Lent?

Once again the Irish Pastoral Centre will be supporting the Catholic Relief Services Lenten Rice Bowl program.

What is Catholic Relief Services?

Catholic Relief Services is the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States. CRS is motivated by the example of Jesus Christ to assist poor and suffering people in more than 100 countries on the basis of need, not creed, race or nationality.

CRS is efficient and effective. In 2020, 92% of their expenditures went to CRS programming that benefits people experiencing poverty around the world. CRS' programs touch more than 140 million lives. This is a Catholic Relief Services Lenten program that supports people around the world who suffer from poverty. Each year donations to CRS Rice Bowl help support the work of CRS in more than 100 countries in the world. (source: crsricebowl.org)

The Irish Pastoral Centre has CRS Rice Bowls available to anyone who would like to participate in this Lenten activity. Rice Bowls will be available at our weekly senior coffees, card nights, and at the IPC's Dorchester office. During the week after Easter (April 18th through April 22nd) you can drop your Lenten Rice Bowl donations at the IPC office, or at one of our events or gatherings.

The IPC will send the total donations submitted by the IPC community directly to Catholic Relief Services.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Fr. Dan Finn 617-265-5300 or dfinn@ipcoston.org



In Loving Memory

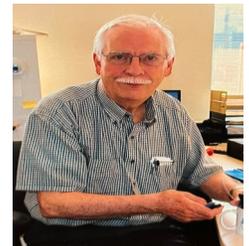
We remember those in our community who have recently passed away. Our thoughts and prayers and with all the bereaved families, and we hope that in time lovely memories will surround them. May they Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

January 20, 2022, Michael John Brady, Dedham, County Clare
January 21, 2022, Agnes Keady, Dorchester, County Kerry
January 22, 2022, Denis F. McCarthy, Brighton, County Kerry
January 22, 2022, Joan A. Moynihan, Brighton, County Kerry
January 24, 2022, Anne Shea, Springfield, County Kerry
January 29, 2022, Michael Patrick Browne, Watertown, County Mayo
February 3, 2022, Winifred (Noone) Doherty, Arlington, County Galway
February 6, 2022, Theresa Earls, Milton, County Galway
February 6, 2022, Michael C. O'Toole, Lynn, County Mayo
February 8, 2022, Bridget Austin, Springfield, County Kerry
February 9, 2022, Thomas Higgins, Stoneham, County Galway
February 10, 2022, David Cunningham, Quincy, County Waterford
February 10, 2022, John A. Sheehan, Haverhill, County Cork
February 11, 2022, Kathleen C. (Guerin) Burkett, Braintree, County Kerry
February 11, 2022, Gerry Howley, Quincy and County Clare
February 14, 2022, Ann Esther Holland, Allston, County Leitrim
February 15, 2022, Cornelius O'Sullivan, Medford, County Cork
February 15, 2022, Mary Keegan Shia, Watertown, County Kildare
February 17, 2022, Johanna "Joan, Josie" (Roche) Prendergast, Readville, County Kilkenny
February 20, 2022, Eileen M. (Osborne) Kennedy, Dorchester, County Sligo
February 23, 2022, Yvonne Grealish, Dorchester, Galway and England

We extend our deepest sympathy to Mary Gardiner and her family on the loss of her beloved son John who passed away on January 30th

Sligo Association Mourns Founding Member

Hubert B. Gray of Braintree, died on February 13th, with great dignity and fortitude at the South Shore Hospital in Weymouth. Beloved husband of twenty-seven years to Joan Sullivan Gray, he was the loving father of two daughters: Christine Gray-Mullen and her husband Peter of Amherst, Massachusetts and Nola (Joe) Gray of Barroe North, County Sligo, Ireland. He delighted in the company of his four grandchildren: Oressa, Declan Hugh, and Niamh Gray-Mullen of Amherst, and Raven Gray of Portland.



Born on the Townland of Barroe North in County Sligo, Ireland, Hubert was the son of Mary Ann Keaveny and Hubert Gray. Three sisters preceded him in death: Josephine Gray Galligan of Southborough, Monica Gray Nelson of Madeleine Island, Wisconsin, and Margaret Gray O'Brien of Stonybrook, New York. He is survived by numerous nephews, nieces, cousins, and their families in the United States, Ireland, Australia, France, and Luxembourg.

As a young man, Hubert emigrated to the United States where he eventually settled in Braintree. A member of Local 103 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Hubert worked as a master electrician before serving on the Electrical Board as for the Massachusetts Division of Professional (Occupational) Licensure.

A graduate of Northeastern University, Hubert studied electrical engineering and worked for a time for Stone and Webster. He attended Fitchburg State and Boston State, became certified as a teacher, and taught apprentices and journeymen at the IBEW #103 Educational Center in Boston.

Active in the Town of Braintree, Hubert was a member of the Knights of Columbus, the American Legion, and the Braintree Men's Club. He was a founding member of the Sligo Association of Boston, and was recently honored as Man of the Year. After a funeral mass at St Francis Assisi Church in Braintree, Hubert will be interred in Ireland.

Ar dheis de go raibh a h-anam

Time

Time cannot steal the treasures
that we carry in our hearts.
Nor ever dim the shining thoughts
our cherished past imparts
For the memories of the ones
we loved still cast a gentle glow,
To grace our days and light
our paths, wherever we may go.

-Author Unknown

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Fadó Fadó - Long Ago in Ireland

St. Patrick's Day memories of a Picnic in a 1960s storm in Ireland

The Irish Post

My abiding memory of St. Patrick's Day is not marching, But rather picnicking in a pounding rainstorm. In Ireland of the 1960s St. Patrick's Day was a religious one with very little razzle and dazzle to it. You pinned a mini harp and Tricolor on the lapel of your best and only suit and you went to Mass. You sang along with the lovely old hymn "Hail glorious St. Patrick, dear saint of our isle/On us your poor children bestow a sweet smile." The procession was after Mass, a walk through town with the priest leading in fine array holding a statue of Patrick. We followed along dutifully, boys mixed with girls casting lingering glances at each other. It was rare we were in mixed company. When the procession ended it was an anti-climactic moment, especially for the adults. The pubs incredibly were closed until the early 1970s so families dispersed home.



The Beach at Bettystown, CO. Mayo

There was one sporting highlight, the Railway Cup, Irish football and hurling matches between the four Irish provinces, Leinster, Munster, Connacht and Ulster.

Crowds would flock to Croke Park, the honor of being picked for your province not just your county was a major achievement. One year Des Foley, a Dublin player, was picked on both the Leinster hurling and football team and starred in both matches played one after the other. Lionel Messi had nothing on Des after that.

Another year in particular also stands out. My father arranged a picnic on the beach at Bettystown, a lovely little coastal town six miles away. Quite why he did it in mid-March when the weather could be as treacherous as mid-winter escaped me. Off we went in a country bus, all nine of us, seven children two adults. There was only one other passenger who eyed us with deep bemusement as the rain ran in rivulets down the windows and this mad family of mine was clearly going on a picnic. It was lashing, it was flooding, it was pouring. Even the cats and dogs stayed indoors. My mother had diplomatically proposed we stay home. After all, we were already drenched after the little St. Patrick's procession through the town.

No such concerns for my father, a stubborn Kerryman. He glommed onto the weather forecast that rain would give way to finer weather spreading from the west. Back then the forecast was as reliable as a tinker's promise but

undaunted we pressed on. Bettystown is lovely in the summer, a huge, wide beach, the Irish Sea waters lapping gently, far more subdued than the crashing Atlantic waves.

There are wonderful walks and back then even a hotel where on very rare occasions we dined. The local shop that sold rich, creamy ice cream cones was a favorite destination. It was shuttered tighter than a drum skin this St. Patrick's Day. On the beach the wind howled like a banshee, the rain pelted down, the beach was entirely deserted but for the weird O'Dowd family who soon set about preparing the picnic. The flasks of sugary hot tea were quickly downed. I disappeared under a plastic overall and began reading a book I had brought until my father decided it was time for a walk. Walk we did along a windswept strand, the Irish Sea lapping in the distance and visibility about five yards as the rain fell sideways. After the walk, we packed up and went home. All these years later no memories of other early St. Patrick's days linger, but the rain-swept picnic in Bettystown is as fresh as yesterday's memories. We went home wet and cold but strangely happy. We had managed to survive and learned a good lesson from my father that sometimes you must persevere no matter what.

Those were the days, my friends.

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A Moment to Mind Yourself

**A monthly update from our in-house, Wicklow native Social Worker
Danielle Owen LADC—, LCSW**

“You may not control all the events that happen to you, but you can decide not to be reduced by them.” —Maya Angelou



No one could have imagined two years ago, what our lives would be like now. There is so much uncertainty, mixed messages and fear of what a future living with COVID holds. When we moved to the US, we came to make our lives better: move forward with a career, make some decent money for our future home or child's college fund. Here at the IPC, we meet people who have or are about to lose their job or have only just gotten a new one after being unemployed for anywhere from 6-18 months if not longer. Fear, anger, desperation, and panic, are just some of the feelings expressed. With every new COVID outbreak, we can find ourselves struggling to stay hopeful. How can you keep getting yourself up for the job hunt day in and day out, waiting for calls, going for interviews, and praying that today will be

the day you find work? Or make a choice between paying bills and buying groceries? The anger we carry sometimes makes us snap at those we love, or build resentments at strangers or organizations that seem to be doing well when we aren't. Sometimes that anger can focus on who's to blame: the electric company agent on the phone, your bank manager, your old boss, or your friend who can't hire you. You may look in the mirror and just don't recognize who you've become. If you're reading this and recognize similar feelings, please don't give yourself a hard time. It's all very normal. People reach out for support because they don't know what else to do. No one can offer "ready-made" solutions but people do find that talking about these painful feelings can help. Talking allows these thoughts and feelings to be heard and accepted for what they are by another person who will just listen and won't judge. It's almost like unpacking them once a week gives you temporary relief so that you can find the energy to replenish your heart with hope for the next day of job hunting, phone calls and tough decisions. Whether you choose your partner, a close friend or a professional counseling service, give yourself the chance to realize that you can find the energy and hope you need to keep moving forward and find that life you were looking for when you moved here. 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 available on Mondays 6-8PM.

Phone: 617-265-5300 or e-mail: dowen@ipcoston.org or call The Samaritans 1877-870-HOPE (4673)

IPC SOCIAL WORK UPDATE

The IPC has now established our new Social Work program. Appointments can be made for Monday evenings between 5.30pm and 7.00pm. Please reach out to Peggy or Patsy at the IPC if you would like an appointment to meet with our Social worker Danielle Owen LICSW

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News From Ireland

OFF TO TIPPERARY!

THE ROYAL Family has today confirmed that The Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall will visit Ireland in March as part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Prince Charles and Camilla will visit Co Tipperary between Wednesday 23 and Friday 25 March, according to reports in *The Journal* last week.

They are set to visit Cahir Castle and the Rock of Cashel on a private trip to the area, and it is understood that nearby Coolmore Stud owned by John Magnier will also feature in the itinerary for the trip. Members of the family are travelling to various locations around the world to mark the Queen reaching 70 years in power, as she herself stopped overseas duties a number of years ago.



Dublin St Pat's Festival Returns



THE LONG-AWAITED return of the national St Patrick's Festival in Dublin has been announced today, with the festival taking place across four days beginning on 16 March. The theme for the festival is 'Connection' ('Naisc' in Irish), with the organizers seeking to celebrate Irish arts, culture and heritage and invite the world to reconnect in Dublin after two years without a festival in the capital. The festival is set to be a "landmark celebration", and is described as the largest in scale and ambition to date. The St Patrick's Day parade returns to the streets on Dublin on 17 March, with more pageants, marching bands and participants than ever before. A new addition to the festival will see a Festival Quarter set up at the National Museum of Ireland at the Collins Barracks, which will host a day-to-night urban festival for all across the four days from 16-20 March.

Cork and Galway ranked among world's best university cities

According to a study from *TheCampusAdvisor.com*, a global student review website that allows users to rate their all aspects of their university life, these two Irish cities are favored among college students.

The website recently released their list of the 30 Best Student Cities in the World for 2022, which was determined entirely on ratings submitted by students.

The Campus Advisor surveyed 12,164 students over the past year about the cities they live in while attending university. The survey considered a range of factors including student friendliness, cost of living, nightlife, public transport, amenities, safety, and the opinions of current students. Cork ranked 22nd on the list, while Galway earned the 24th spot.



LIGHTNING STRIKE IN LIMERICK

A family in Co Limerick have spoken of their heartbreak following a devastating fire during Storm Franklin that destroyed their family home and left them with nothing but the clothes on their back. On Sunday afternoon, Margaret and Tony O'Shaughnessy in Ballyhahill, Co Limerick, discovered a devastating fire in the attic of their home which was out of control within minutes.

They believe the fire was caused by a lightning strike, with windy conditions on the day making things worse.

The couple were at home with two of their four children, 12-year-old Evan and 15-year-old Adam, when the fire started in the home they built almost 20 years ago. Following the devastating fire, friends, family, neighbors and members of the local community have come together to create a committee with the aim of helping the family.

News From the Irish Consulate

TRAVEL GUIDANCE

Last updated on 7 February 2022

In addition to a completed [Passenger Locator Form \(PLF\)](#) the following are required for travel into Ireland:

Passengers to Ireland with:

- an accepted proof of vaccination,
 - vaccine certificates for primary vaccination series are not accepted for travel if more than 270 days have passed since the final dose in the primary vaccine series
 - vaccine certificates based on booster/additional doses are not time limited
 - A standard acceptance period of 14 days after the final dose in a primary vaccine series of a vaccine are required for all vaccines accepted for travel to Ireland.
- OR proof of recovery from COVID-19 in the prior 6 months

do not have to show an additional pre-departure COVID-19 test result.

Passengers without proof of vaccination, or proof of recovery from COVID-19 in the prior 6 months, must show evidence of a negative ('not detected') PCR test result taken within 72 hours prior to arriving in Ireland. Only PCR test results are accepted for passengers to Ireland.



Apply for your new Digital COVID Cert today

Irish passport holders who were vaccinated outside of the EU can apply for an updated certificate to include their additional vaccine dose



News From the Irish Consulate



Holidays are great, but is your passport in date?

If you need to renew, take the easy route and use Passport Online - the quickest way possible to renew your passport.

Easy to use, it will help you check your documents and photo are correct and you'll also be able to track your application from start to delivery.

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Government of Ireland

Reminders

CONSULATE GENERAL OF IRELAND BOSTON

February 2022

- We ask all costumers to conduct their business with us by phone, email or mail. The quickest way to contact us is at +1 617 267 9330 or by email at bostoncongen@dfa.ie.
- Queries may also be directed to the Contact Us page on our website dfa.ie/boston
- All passport renewals and applications must be completed online. The Consulate does not process any passport applications. If you have a paper application on hand please dispose of it and use the new online service. For more information please see dfa.ie/passportonline
- For assistance with your passport, please use the Passport WebChat service, which can be accessed through the Contact Us section on our website dfa.ie/boston

If you are an Irish citizen with a genuine emergency please contact our office at +1 617 267 9330 and leave a message. The emergency line is monitored 24/7 by our duty officer. Email is monitored during normal business hours only.

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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/>



Happy St. Patrick's Day from all of us at
The Irish Consulate, Boston.

St Patrick's Day 2022

LIST OF MASSACHUSETTS PARADES

Boston Irish Tourism Association



Cape Cod's St Patrick's Day Parade
Sat. Mar 5 2022
Cape Cod—Yarmouth
11 AM



Worcester's St Patrick's Day Parade
Sun. Mar 13 2022
City of Worcester
NOON



City of Abington's St Patrick's Day Parade
Sun. Mar 20 2022
Abington Centre
1 PM



City of Boston's St Patrick's Day Parade
Sun. Mar 20 2022
Broadway MBTA Station
1 PM (TIME T.B.A)



Town of Scituate St Patrick's Day Parade
Sun. Mar 20 2022
Gate Middle School
1 PM (TIME T.B.A)



City of Lawnece St Patrick's Day Parade
DATE TBD
Amesbury St.
TIME T.B.D



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ST PATRICK'S DAY

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St. Patrick's Day 2022

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St Patrick himself visits us every year! Apparently he is a cousin of IPC Board Member Neil Hurley!

*For local Irish Community dances please visit page 25 for a comprehensive schedule from Richard Archer, President of the Knights and Ladies of St Finbarr Cork Club
For the Irish Cultural Centre schedule, please visit page 23, courtesy of ICCNE Cultural Manager Aoife Griffin*

IPC Community News

Erin's Melody - Fresh off their Caribbean Cruise, the IPC is delighted to have them perform at our St Patrick's Day event at Florian Hall. This looks like a great adventure! Just look at who got to meet Margaret on board!



Margaret Dalton and Erin's Melody perform aboard 'Gertrude Byrne's All-Star Irish Cruise to the Caribbean'



Bringing a whole new meaning to "Dancing with the Stars" here's Boston's Irish Showband Queen, Margaret Dalton cruising with Irish stars Daniel O' Donnell, Nathan Carter, and Michael English. If only she brought them home!



A NIGHT AT THE RACES

SATURDAY, MARCH 26TH - 7 PM

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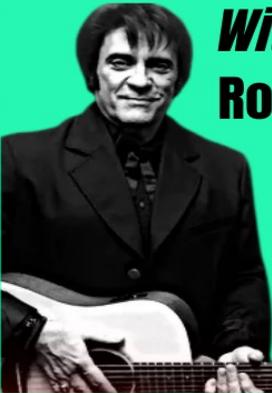
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SENIOR SPOTLIGHT on Bartley Collins

Bartley Collins, nearly eighty-eight years of age, was born in 1934 in Castlegar Co. Galway, one of eight children in the Collins household. He had four brothers older than him, and three sisters. A well-travelled gentleman, this Galway Union Carpenter, turned United States Army Sargent has seen it all! In 1956, Bartley emigrated over to Birmingham in England where he worked as a laborer as was the custom for many a young Irish lad at the time. Unfortunately for the English construction companies like McAlpine, Wimpey and John Laing, they were of no interest to the twenty-two year old Collins, and a year and a bit later in February of 1958—Bartley moved to Boston. “I landed in Logan Airport and it was a very small place I found it dreary because there was snow on the ground!” Bartley said and chuckled.

Immigrating to the United States in Bartley’s time was new, fresh, and exciting. There was no sense of loneliness or worries, or even homesickness—just simply the American dream and the promise of America. “It was not too bad, because 90% of all the people you went to school with are all gone, and when you move over you meet half of them”. “The thing is, in my time if you came to this country—you had two uncles, and an aunt and in my case I had a brother—so it was kind of like a family reunion, people would say ‘I’m going to my sister or brother’”. Bartley met his darling wife Teresa Feeney over here. Another Galway native she came from “a place they call the small Crane” which is down in Galway’s West-End. Tourists and locals would be familiar with this area as ‘Sea Road’, also the location of the present-day Crane Bar.

When people ask me how did I meet her [Teresa] I always say, ‘well I was up on the Balcony’, in the Hibernian on Dudley Street and I look down and I see this beautiful looking lady and I said ‘well I better go down and talk to her’ and I tapped her on the shoulder and said ‘excuse me Miss, can I have this dance?’, she asked me could I dance and I replied ‘Listen I’ll be totally honest with you.. there’s blood that runs in my family for dancing’ We’re two minutes dancing on the floor and we stopped and she says to me, “You know that blood that runs in your family? Well I wish some of it would get down to your feet”!

It wasn’t long after that night that Bartley and Teresa got married and went on to have four children of their own; three boys and one girl who now have children of their own. Actually, Bartley is now a great grandfather! “They’re all great kids” says the very proud Bartley.

Three years ago, in October, Bartley’s wife Teresa Feeney Collins was called home to God and passed away. Upon asking Bartley how he copes to this day he said “It’s terrible, there’s days it doesn’t feel [like she passed away] but then there’s days where it just hits you. I met her in ‘58”.

In spite of losing his wife, Bartley is by no means bitter. He walks around pleasantly and is no stranger to curiosity. He believes that it is better to ask a question to someone than to ask oneself later “What if?” His family over here provides him a world of support and he is still very active in the Boston Irish community. On a Thursday night you’ll find him here in the Pastoral Centre playing 25s. He goes home to Ireland every year and stays with his niece when he’s home. Bartley refers to Ireland as home but Boston is his true home. If he’s home for any more than three weeks, he starts to miss his grandchildren... and back to Boston he returns!

Our conversation with Bartley lasted nearly an hour, and we condensed as best we could his life story. The full conversation will be released in the coming months. If you would like a *Senior Spotlight* for you or someone you know, contact program producer Paddy Davoren, pdavoren@ipcoston.org 617-265-5300 x 11

Bartley and Teresa’s Children Bartley and late wife Teresa.





JOIN US FOR A MORNING
OF IRISH HERITAGE,
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MORE



St. Patrick's Day Celebration

MARCH 17, 2022 | 8AM

Boston Harbor Hotel, Rowes Wharf

Join the Irish American Partnership on this most Irish of days, and celebrate St. Patrick with keynote speaker, Irish Minister for Education Norma Foley TD, special guest appearances, and messages of thanks.

Register: www.irishap.org/events

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Immigration News

Immigration and Citizenship Support Services Program

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

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

The IPC Can Help

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

Work and Family Mobility Act Moves Forward

Exciting news! On February 16th the Massachusetts House of Representatives approved a bill that would allow Massachusetts residents without legal immigration status to obtain driver's licenses. The vote was 120-36 and requires residents to prove their identity with certain documents such as a foreign passport or birth certificate. The approval of this bill, called the Work & Family Mobility Act, is the result of nearly 20 years of advocacy by Immigrant leaders, community members and strong support of law enforcement. The bill now goes to the Senate for a vote. If the Senate passes the bill it will go to Governor Baker: he can sign it or veto it. If he signs the bill, it becomes law and Massachusetts will join 16 other states in allowing individuals who can prove their identity to obtain a driver's license, irrespective of their immigration status. If Governor Baker vetoes the bill, it will return to the Legislature. The Legislature can override his veto by a two thirds vote of the House and the Senate. If it is not overridden by this supermajority, the bill will die. The Work and Family Mobility Act specifically requires those seeking to obtain driver's licenses to prove their identity, their date of birth, and provide a Massachusetts address. However, they will not be required to prove legal immigration status. Supporters have argued that this bill won't have any effect on individuals' legal status for immigration purposes. However, it will make it more likely that undocumented immigrants will have identification, will have passed a driving test, and will have automobile insurance. This is good for everyone. You can help make this bill a law by contacting your state senator to voice your support of the measure. Find contact information for your Massachusetts state legislative representatives at:

<https://malegislature.gov/search/findmylegislator>

This bill is supported by the Massachusetts Attorney General, the majority of the state's sheriffs and district attorneys, and the Massachusetts Major City Chiefs of Police.

Upcoming Legal Clinic Appointment

Dates:

Tuesday, March 1st

Tuesday, March 15th

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

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Immigration News



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PROTECTING YOUR PERMANENT RESIDENCY



For many, the process of obtaining lawful permanent resident (“green card”) status can be a complex and challenging effort. Having a green card can provide certainty and peace of mind that you can live and work permanently in the United States. However, your permanent resident status can be revoked under certain scenarios. This flyer covers potential acts that could cause you to lose your green card.

Acts That Could Make You Removable (Deportable)

■ Certain Arrests and Convictions

Committing certain crimes can have devastating consequences for permanent residents, including the loss of a green card and deportation. Drug offenses (including marijuana), domestic violence crimes, firearms offenses, and other crimes involving “moral turpitude” (a general term to describe acts that are morally reprehensible and intrinsically wrong) are a few examples of crimes that could make you deportable. It is critical that you speak with an attorney before admitting guilt to any crime and seek the advice of an immigration attorney to understand how an arrest will affect your immigration status before the criminal case is completed.

■ Failing to Remove Conditions on Permanent Residency

Certain noncitizens may receive a conditional green card that is valid for a period of two years. Failure to remove the conditions on a green card can result in the termination of conditional residency and possible deportation. It is important to monitor the expiration date of the conditional green card and follow the process for removing the conditions correctly.

■ Falsely Claiming to Be a U.S. Citizen

Noncitizens, including permanent residents, who claim to be U.S. citizens, whether in writing or not, are subject to removal from the United States. A false claim to U.S. citizenship is a serious violation of law and can have extreme and devastating immigration consequences. Waivers of this ground of removability are rarely, if ever, granted.

Lengthy Absences from the United States

■ Abandonment of Permanent Residence

Green card holders who remain outside of the United States for long periods of time risk a determination that they have abandoned their permanent resident status. In general, trips outside the United States for less than six months are permitted. A trip of six months to one year may trigger increased scrutiny at the border, and the permanent resident should have a reasonable explanation for the lengthy trip. Trips of one year or more will likely result in a determination that you have abandoned your permanent resident status unless you have obtained pre-approval for the extended absence through a document known as a re-entry permit.

If you believe any questions about any of the above information you are encouraged to contact the IPC at 617-265-5300

The Celtic Scribe



The Lake Isle of Innisfree
by W.B. Yeats

I will arise and go now, and go to Innisfree,
And a small cabin build there, of clay and wattles made:
Nine bean-rows will I have there, a hive for the honey-bee;
And live alone in the bee-loud glade.

And I shall have some peace there, for peace comes dropping
slow,
Dropping from the veils of the morning to where the cricket
sings;
There midnight's all a glimmer, and noon a purple glow,
And evening full of the linnet's wings.

I will arise and go now, for always night and day
I hear lake water lapping with low sounds by the shore;
While I stand on the roadway, or on the pavements grey,
I hear it in the deep heart's core.

FAMOUS QUOTES FROM THE QUIET MAN *Irish Central*

Mary Kate Danaher: Could you use a little water in your whiskey?

Michaleen Flynn: When I drink whiskey, I drink whiskey; and when I drink water, I drink water.

Fishwoman with basket at station: Sir!... Sir!... Here's a good stick, to beat the lovely lady.

Father Peter Lonergan, Narrator: Ah, yes... I knew your people, Sean. Your grandfather; he died in Australia, in a penal colony. And your father, he was a good man too.

Hugh Forbes: Then, a toast: May their days be long and full of happiness; may their children be many and full of health; and may they live in peace... and freedom.

Thornton: There'll be no locks or bolts between us, Mary Kate... except those in your own mercenary little heart!

Michaleen Flynn: Well it's a nice, soft night, so I think I'll go and join me comrades and talk a little treason. G'night, Sean.

Thornton: G'night, Michaleen.

IRISH CULTURAL CENTRE EVENTS

Upcoming Events

@ The Irish Cultural Centre Of New England

- 03/06 - Monthly Mass @ 11am
- 03/10 - St. Patrick's Special Cooking Class with Andrea Feeney
- 03/12 - Paul Byrom Live in Concert @ 7:30PM
- 03/17 - St. Patricks's Day Festivites ALL Day Long
- 03/17 - St. Patricks's Day Virtual Show.
- 03/19 - Family St.Patricks's Day Celebrations @ 9:30am
- 03/20 - Pre Parade Trad Session - Live Music & The Harney Academy of Irish Dance at the **South Boston Parade** from 11:30 AM. TD Bank Parking Lot, 306 West Broadway, South Boston.
- 03/26 - The Leitrim Association Dinner Dance with Erins Melody
- 04/03 - "Escaping Poverty and in search of Posterity: The James Hack Tuke Assisted Emigrants from the West of Ireland in New England in the 1880s" - A lecture by Gerard Moran
- 04/16 - Easter Bunny Scavenger Hunt

For more details on any of our events please visit our website www.irishculture.org



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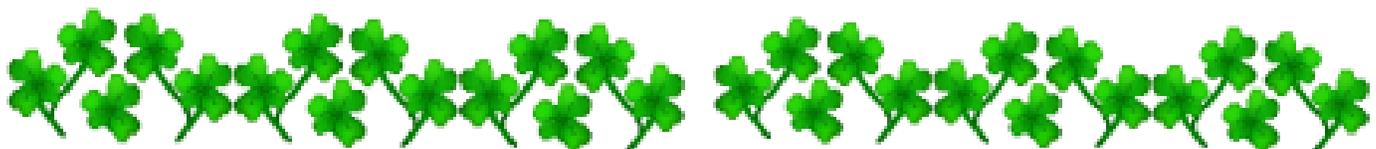
Wednesday: Greenhills Baked Ham, Shephard's Pie

Thursday: Irish Botted Dinner with Irish Botted Bacon, Corned Beef, Cabbage, Spuds, Veg and
Homemade White Sauce

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

Saturday: Shephard's Pie, Full Irish Breakfast

Sunday: Full Irish Breakfast



IT'S IRELAND ON YOUR PLATE!



HAPPY ST PATRICK'S DAY!



Irish Pastoral Centre Community Calendar

*Special thanks to Ricard Archer ,
President of the Knight and Ladies of
St Finbarr Cork Club, for compiling the
monthly dance calendar displayed in
yellow*

IPC EVENTS:

March 2nd, Café Eireann (Dorchester) 1-3PM
March 3rd, Knitting Club 11-1PM (**March 3rd**,
 Crossroads Café (West Roxbury) 1-3PM
March 3rd, "25" Cards Night @8PM
March 4th, Supper Club 5-7PM (Please RSVP, Call
 Jennifer 617-265-5300, Space is limited)
March 5th, "Le Cheile" Here Together Sobriety
 Support Group 6PM
March 7th, Cara Club (Brighton) 1-3PM
March 9th, Café Eireann 1-3PM
March 10th, Knitting Club 11-1PM
March 10th, Crossroads Café (West Roxbury)
 1-3PM
March 10th, "25" Cards Night @ 8PM
March 12th, "Le Cheile" Here Together Sobriety
 Support Group @ 6PM
March 14th, Cara Club (Brighton) 1-3PM
March 16th, Café Eireann (Dorchester) 1-3PM

March 17th, St. Patrick's Day Mass/ Luncheon @
 Florian Hall 12PM (Please Call RSVP line 855-479-
 2472)
March 19th, "Le Cheile" Here Together Sobriety
 Support Group @ 6PM
March 21st, Cara Club (Brighton) ESAC Senior
 Info Session 1-3PM
March 23rd, Café Eireann (Dorchester) ESAC
 Senior Info Session 1-3PM
March 24th, Knitting Club 11-1PM **March 24th**,
 Crossroads Café (West Roxbury) 1-3PM
March 24th, "25" Cards Night @ 8PM
March 26th, "Le Cheile" Here Together Sobriety
 Support Group 6PM
March 28th, Cara Club (Brighton) 1-3PM
March 30th, Café Eireann (Dorchester) 1-3PM
March 31st, Knitting Club 11-1PM
March 31st, Crossroads Café (West Roxbury) 1-3
March 31st, "25" Cards Night @ 8PM

The Irish Social Club

119 Park Street West Roxbury

March 4, 2022 Benefit dance for SEAN BRUEN.
 Music by Danny Gill and the Old
 Brigade. Also - D. J. Sean McCarthy.

March 5, 2022 The Irish Music Club of Greater
 Boston monthly dance at the I.S.C.
 Music by Erin's Melody with
 Margaret Dalton.

March 6, 2022 Dick Travers.

March 13, 2022 Denis Curtin's Band

March 17, 2022 The Fenian Sons (St. Patrick's
 Day).

March 20, 2022 Erin's Melody with Margaret Dal-
 ton.

March 24, 2022 Member's meeting at 7.00 pm.

March 27, 2022 John Connors and the Irish Ex-
 press.

Sunday Evening dances from 7-10 pm.

North Shore Irish America Club

March 12, 2022 Dance at the Knights of Colum-
 bus Hall 23 West Foster Street Melrose.

John Connors and the Irish Ex-
 press. Contact president Mary Bates.

Norwood Irish Music Club

March 19, 2022 Monthly dance at the
 Knights of Columbus Hall 572 Nichols St. Norwood.

Music by Erin's Melody
 with Margaret Dalton

Miscellaneous Events

March 13, 2022 The Wolf Tones will be at the
 Strand Theatre in Dorchester at 7.30 pm

March 18, 2022 The High Kings will be at the
 Shubert Theatre at 8.00 pm.

March 19, 2022 Foil-Arms and Hog will be at the
 Shubert Theatre at 8.00 pm.

**NOTE: All dances and events are subject to
 change and or cancellation.**

**Please check with your club, organization or their
 website. Certain restrictions such as masks and or
 vaccinations may be required. Be sure and stay
 safe. The Knights and Ladies of St. Finbarr - Cork
 club will resume dancing on April 9, 2022 at the
 Knights of Columbus Hall 15 Winslow Street in
 Arlington Music by the Tommy Henry Band**

Have a Safe and Happy St. Patrick's Day!!

2022 Boston Irish Live Events



DERVISH KICKS OFF ST. PATRICKS SEASON

Irish trad-folks legends are coming to Northampton, MA on their journey of the United States and Canada as part of a tour sponsored by Culture Ireland. After spending two decades pushing the boundaries of Irish traditional music, Derwish seeks to return to roots on this upcoming tour by getting back to the basics. Don't mistake this for lack of energy, though as passion will fuel a fun-filled night for all!

Tickets range from \$20-\$30

WHERE: Bombyx, Northampton MA

WHEN: Tuesday Mar 1, 2022 7 PM

TICKETS ON SALE AT: bombyx. Live/events



HOW NOW FROM NORN IRON

Host of the 'Tea with Me' Podcast, Shane Todd is one of Northern Ireland's most established and beloved stand-up comics. He has just announced a run of Sold-out shows in Belfast's SSE Arena. Shane has supported American comedian Bill Burr on tour and regularly performs in Ireland, the UK, and the U.S

Tickets are \$20 excl. fees and there is a two-drink minimum at the show

WHERE: Laugh Boston, Boston MA

WHEN: Tuesday Mar 22, 2022 8 PM

TICKETS ON SALE AT: laughboston.com



ALL THE BOYS IN THE BOSTON LAND

Well-known Dublin Indie Rockers, Fontaine's D.C are embarking on a string of shows for a North American tour and are stopping off at 'the 'dise' a.k.a Paradise Rock Club, one of the first venues U2 played in Boston. With hits such as *Boys in the Better Land* the Dubs have performed on BBC Radio and The Tonight Show starring Jimmy Fallon

Tickets are \$25 excl. fees

WHERE: Paradise Rock Club, Boston MA

WHEN: Monday Apr 25, 2022 7 PM

TICKETS ON SALE AT: fontainesdc.com/live



RIVERDANCE 25 YEARS WORLD TOUR

See *Riverdance* as you've never seen them or heard them before in the new 25th anniversary production. They are taking over Boston for 5 nights in May! This Grammy award winning production has helped preserve Irish culture on a global scale and is sure to be a hit among Irish and Irish-Americans alike!

Tickets range from \$25-\$110+

WHERE: Boch Centre, Wang Theatre, Boston MA

WHEN: May 10—May 15 2022 varied times

TICKETS ON SALE AT: bochcenter.org/events/detail/riverdance

This list is compiled by Patrick Davoren.

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

Sports News From Ireland

16 year old from Cork signs with AC Milan



Rob Heffernan with son Cathal and wife Maria

Rob Heffernan has congratulated his son Cathal who just signed a major football contract to join AC Milan.

The 16-year-old has made history as the first Irish person to make the big move in over 70 years since Armagh legend Paddy Sloan.

His father shared how “proud” he is of the young sports star as he has a bright future ahead of him.

The Olympian posted a snap of himself, Cathal and his wife Marian sitting at a table where the deal was signed.

He wrote a special message alongside the picture, saying: “It’s finally official, I have felt like bursting the last week.

“The Heffernan family are all involved in sports, with Cathal and his sister Meghan

successful football players. Their parents, Rob and Marian, set the bar high as they both made it to the Olympic Games. Rob is a five-time Olympian who won a bronze medal at the 2012 London Games for the 50 km walk. Marian also competed at the 2012 London Olympic as a 400M Olympian and now is a qualified sports therapist and runs her own business. The pair live in Cork city with their children, including daughters Tara and Regan. Rob has shared his support for his children and has been vocal about how proud he is about their

Shefflin Shares New Team Captain



*Daithí Burke,
Galway's new Hurling Captain*

Henry Shefflin has revealed the identity of his new Galway hurling captain – defensive stalwart Daithí Burke. The five-time All-Star assumes the armband from Pádraic Mannion while Joseph Cooney will serve as vice-captain. Burke, 29, has starred in both codes for many years, primarily at full-back for the Galway hurlers and midfield for the Corofin footballers. He has amassed 38 championship appearances for Galway since making his SHC debut in 2014 and, most memorably, was full-back on the team that landed the 2017 All-Ireland title to end a 29-year famine. On the club front, he captained Turloughmore to the 2020 Galway SHC final but has achieved far more success with Corofin, claiming a quartet of All-Ireland club SFC medals in 2015, '18, '19 and '20.

He is on an elite list of Galway hurlers with five All-Stars, joining Pete Finnerty, Joe Cooney and Joe Canning. His vice-captain Cooney, from the Sarsfields club, is another survivor from the 2017 All-Ireland success and has made 44 SHC appearances since making his debut in 2012. Galway are hoping that the arrival of Kilkenny icon Shefflin in the managerial hot-seat will provoke a rebound from last year’s hugely deflating championship, coming after the false dawn of a promising Allianz League.

Having shared the 2021 NHL Division 1 title with Kilkenny, the Tribesmen will open their top-flight campaign at home to a promoted Offaly at Pearse Stadium.

Sports News From Ireland

Ballygunner's Folklore Hero

With literally the last puck of the championship, Ballygunner won the All-Ireland senior club title at Croke Park recently providing an ending as melodramatic as one can imagine.

A lot more than one strike is required to reach the All-Ireland summit but ultimately it came down to the crowning intervention of substitute Harry Ruddle who wrote his name into legend with the goal that ended the reign of Ballyhale Shamrocks.

It will be a goal recalled for generations in the Waterford club, appearing in its first ever final. With play creeping over the three added minutes and Ballyhale two points to the good, Ruddle set off on a run and let go from around 25m. His shot veered to the left and settled in the corner of

Dean Mason's net. With that James Owens blew his whistle, as Ballygunner rejoiced and Ballyhale men fell to the ground in despair. The holders looked on course for a ninth All-Ireland title and poised to become the first team to manage three wins back-to-back. The cruel irony being that they made it to Croke Park on the back of similar feats of miraculous escape, turning defeat into victory with late goals in the semi-final win over

St Thomas, and also saving themselves when looking doomed in the Leinster semi-final against St Rynagh's. Yesterday they hurled in sweeps, but never really reached the smooth and sustained hurling which has brought the club so much success. In the later stages they looked to be tiring, Ballygunner coming out of more rucks with the ball, and only undone by some poor finishing, the Waterford men hitting 14 wides over the course of the game, seven in each half.

The result has historical significance. Until Ruddle's dramatic strike sealed their win, no Waterford team had managed to win the Tommy Moore Cup. Maybe, as happened in Limerick's case with Na Piarasigh's breakthrough All-Ireland, this will be the prelude to the long-awaited breakthrough for the county team.

Tough Test Awaits Katie in NYC

IT'S FINALLY been announced Ireland's Katie Taylor will fight her long term rival Amanda Serrano at Madison Square Garden, New York on 30 April. Eddie Hearn, Taylor's promoter said it will be the 'greatest thing to happen to women's boxing'.

The Bray native is unbeaten in her professional career and has won all of her 20 fights, but the Puerto Rican Serrano will be her toughest test yet.

Taylor, who is looking to keep her undisputed lightweight title, was meant to fight Serrano in 2020 but the pandemic stopped that. She retained her four lightweight titles on December 12, beating Firuza Sharipova via a unanimous decision.

Serrano is promoted by Jake Paul's Most Valuable Promotions. She has a record 42-1-1, also competes in MMA, but has made her biggest mark in boxing, having claimed titles from super-flyweight all the way up to super-lightweight.

What a great idea for a guys day out! Let us know if we can help make that work! Call Mary Swanton at 617 265 5300 if interested



Sports Quiz

- 1 Who did Kilkenny defeat in the 2000 All-Ireland hurling final?
- 2 Which county has won the most Ulster football titles?
- 3 What year did Dan Shanahan win Hurler of the Year
- 4 Who did Cork defeat in the 1990 All-Ireland final?
- 5 In what year was Brian Cody appointed Kilkenny senior manager?
- 6 Kevin O'Neill won an All-Star in 1993 but is perhaps more famous for his two-goal cameo in the 2006 All-Ireland final. What county is he from?
- 7 What county won the 1992 Munster senior football championship
- 8 Davy Fitzgerald managed which county first?

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Local Sports

Boston Northeast GAA AGM

By Rory O'Donnell

The year got kicked off on February 12 at the Irish Cultural Centre with a very successful Annual General Meeting.

Delegates from all 24 clubs were in attendance as well as current and former divisional and USGAA chairpersons, Joe Lydon, John McDevitt, John Farrell, Bernie Reilly, and Bernie Connaughton.

The board officer's reports were well received and reflected on what was a very successful return to action in 2021 following the COVID related layoff in 2020. An all home based championship season went well was a great way to get the ball rolling heading into 2022. Chairperson, Peter Murray's address was full of thanks to all of the volunteers who helped with organizing and staging the games over the course of the season. The USGAA finals in August were also a major success and the organizing committee were thanked for the work that went into hosting a great weekend of Gaelic sports.

There were a handful of motions to discuss and vote upon. One to do away with floating players for men's football did not pass, while several motions to update the bye laws for the division were passed.



The committee for the 2022 season was elected, although no voting was required as most officers returned to their positions unopposed. Evan McDonagh (Assistant Secretary) and Dave "Fly" Power (Trustee) stepped down and in their places came Eoin Casey and Frankie Maloney. John McDevitt was nominated as honorary President and accepted.

The Board for 2022 is: Honorary President: John McDevitt, Chair: Peter Murray, Vice Chair: Greg Lundy, Secretary: David Joyce, Asst Secretary: Eoin Casey, Treasurer: Olivia Rabbitte, Asst Treasurer: Mark McKee,

Local GAA Clubs 2022 AGM's

Kerry Boston GFC 2022 Board:

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Aidan McAnespie Gaelic Football Club - Boston

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 and Tony Burke



O' Toole now at 3-0 after winning last fight in Dedham *Galway Bay FM*

Up and coming Irish boxer Thomas “The Kid” O’Toole from Connemara etched another win to his fledgling professional career Saturday with a points victory win over American Larry Pryor in Dedham, Massachusetts — a win he hopes will get him on the Katie Taylor Amanda Serrano undercard on April 30.

The Connemara light heavyweight took his unbeaten record to 3-0 with a shut-out win on a St. Valentine’s Day Massacre card at Moseley’s On the Charles.

O’Toole, 24, went the 6-round distance with Pryor registering a 60-54, 60-54, 60-54 points win. It was the first time O’Toole has gone the distance since turning professional having scored two first-round knockouts in his previous fights. O’Toole, 24, went the 6-round distance with Pryor registering a 60-54, 60-54, 60-54 points win.

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“Valuable rounds gained in a whitewash win,” O’Toole wrote on Instagram after the bout. “All 6 rounds against a very experienced and dangerous opponent! Ready for the next opportunity.”

The win could now set O’Toole up for a clash on the Katie Taylor Amanda Serrano undercard on April 30 — given that Matchroom promoter Eddie Hearn publicly said he was impressed by O’Toole’s November win.

Galway Boxer Thomas O’ Toole . Also pictured is “Rocky Rosmuc” Sean Mannion in Boston





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