

Irish Pastoral Centre Newsletter



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Irish Community since 1987*

IPC Celebrates the Feast of St. Patrick



IPC Staff & Board celebrated, attended and hosted several events throughout the St Patrick's Day season. We were honored to welcome Consul General of Ireland, Sighle FitzGerald and Government of Ireland Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment, Peter Burke TD to the IPC where we presented our programs and services. We appreciate that the Minister highlighted our work on his social media stating that "the passion they have for their work is palpable, and they truly are a credit to their country and to the Irish American community of Boston."

We were particularly delighted to welcome Boston City Councilor John FitzGerald and guest of honor Mayor of Boston Mayor Michelle Wu to Florian Hall as we celebrated the feast of St. Patrick with our community. We attended several events with partner organizations throughout the city and we marched in the parade!



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Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

IPC News Desk

Dear friends

I begin with wonderful news as Our Events and J1 coordinator Andrea Feeney welcomed her fourth child Colin on February 26th which is also Fr Dan's birthday. We extend our heartiest congratulations to Andrea and her husband Fran. In other staff news, we welcome Laurie Vallas and Geraldine Power Murphy to our team . Laurie is covering Andreas maternity leave and Geraldine joins us in a supportive role for programs and services. Also, our lovely Roisin will represent the IPC as a Contestant in the Boston and New England Rose of Tralee Festival at the Irish Cultural Center on May 17th! Best of luck Roisin!



We extend enormous thanks to all of you who attended our St. Patrick's Day celebration which is always the highlight of our year. We were honored to welcome City of Boston Mayor, Michelle Wu, who invited us to walk with her in the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Throughout the month of March, the center was a hub of activity with meetings and greetings while we celebrated with all of our community partners who enhance our Boston Irish presence every day. IPC Board President Mike Carey welcomed Government of Ireland Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment Peter Burke and Consul General Síghle FitzGerald to the Centre where we presented an update on our progress including our increase in Immigrant queries and concerns.

We also welcomed Colin and Eithne Bell of the Kevin Bell Repatriation Trust which frequently supports the global Irish community in the repatriation of deceased family members to Ireland. Colin reflected on his time in Boston, sharing great GAA memories where he forged lifelong friendships. Both Colin and Eithne reflected on how the Boston GAA was incredibly supportive when their son Kevin died tragically in a hit and run accident in New York.

IPC was delighted to showcase our work at State Streets American Professional Network Community Partner Showcase, hosted by State Street Corporation. This was a great opportunity to engage with State Street employees and network with other wonderful non- profit organizations.

In closing, be sure to see details for our brand new "Friendship Day" on page 23. We hope you can join us!

Welcome Spring with Easter Blessings to all,
Mind yourselves
Mary



Celebrating the Irish American Partnership on March 17th



IPC Board members enjoyed attending the Irish American Partnership Annual St. Patrick's Day Breakfast in Boston at the Intercontinental Hotel. This amazing event has become a tradition for us here at the Irish Pastoral Centre. Its always a meaningful event that reminds us how proud we are to be Irish in Boston. After the breakfast, staff and Board members gathered at the Cathedral for St Patrick's Day Mass.

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Welcome Colin And Eithne Bell

We had a wonderful lunch with Colin and Eithne Bell of The Kevin Bell Repatriation Trust at the IPC which is an incredible source of support and comfort to Irish people worldwide! It was wonderful to show our appreciation of their impact in the Boston Irish Community. We will host our annual sunrise walk on Saturday May 3rd in aid of The Kevin Bell Repatriation Trust. *See more info on page 25*



IPC's Róisín Prepares for 'Dancing Like a Star' and New England Rose of Tralee!

We are delighted to announce IPC Development Officer, Róisín Lee will compete in the Boston & New England Rose of Tralee Selection Festival 2025 at the Irish Cultural Centre on Saturday May 17th. Róisín holds a Bachelors of Commerce le Gaeilge from University of Galway and has a grá for all things Irish language and culture. As if she isn't already busy enough, IPC's Róisín will represent Boston and her home county of Galway on April 5th in "Dancing Like a Star" a dazzling fundraising event where 20 couples compete with show stopping performances, raising funds for Galway GAA. This exciting live show unites communities across five regions, culminating in a grand finale at the Hammerstein Ballroom, New York. Róisín grew up playing football with Kilkerrin-Clonberne and since moving to Boston, she now plays football for the Boston Shamrocks. As well as being the Shamrock's Treasurer this year she is also PRO for Boston GAA. We wish Róisín and her dance partner Declan Doyle of Co. Wicklow and Galway Boston Football Club the best of luck in the Competition!



IPC Showcase at State Street



What an honor for IPC to be participate at State Street's Irish American Professional Network Community Partner Showcase, alongside The Irish American Partnership and South Shore Stars. Our thanks in particular to Jonathan Byrne and Ryan Hayes for facilitating this great event.



Mary Sugrue President and CEO of the Irish American Partnership, Maudy Dooher VP of Development New England at the Ireland Funds, Kathleen Williams President of the Charitable Irish Society and Mary Swanton Executive Director of the Irish Pastoral Centre at the Charitable Irish Society 288th Anniversary celebration.

GAA SPORTS QUIZ ANSWERS: 1. Seán Óg Ó hAilpín, 2. Darren Rooney, 3. six (five hurling and one football), 4. Liam Currans, 5. 1993, 6. Kildare, 7. Greg Blarney, 8. David Tierney, 9. 1972, 10. Keiran McKeever

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Students a taste of Ireland in Adam's Corner!



We were delighted to host Beaver Country Day School again at the centre. The students paid a visit to the Greenhill's Bakery as part of a field trip to learn about Irish food. IPC Executive Director Mary Swanton, led the discussion with the students and answered any questions they had about Irish cuisine and customs. IPC Cultural and Development Coordinator and Boston Shamrock vs player Róisín Lee demonstrated all things GAA! The students tried Taytos and Donnelly's sausage rolls washed down with Barry's Tea and Mi Wadi.

Best of Luck to our 2025 Boston Marathon Runners!



We wish our 2025 marathon runners Mary Nevin Walsh and Dana Lawson every success as they prepare to take on the 128th Boston Marathon on April 15th. The IPC marathon team raises significant funds for our Community outreach every year and we are very grateful!

You can still support our runners as they support us by donating to the IPC at ipcboston.org/donate or make sure to cheer them on.

Turbot Island Docks at the IPC



The IPC is very grateful to John Stuffle for generously donating one of his handmade Currach's.

We were blown away by the craftsmanship and detail, he even included some lobster traps and lobsters! We cannot wait to display it here at the centre. His lifesize replica is docked at the Neponset Bridge.



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Launch of U.S - Irish driver's license exchange campaign



Irish organizations in the USA in collaboration with Safe Home Ireland have launched a dedicated campaign to advance the reciprocal exchange of U.S./Irish drivers licenses.

This campaign aims to make it easier for Irish citizens living in the U.S. to exchange their Irish licenses for U.S. licenses—and vice versa for U.S. citizens living in Ireland. By removing barriers to mobility, this initiative will significantly benefit immigrants, students, and professionals alike, strengthening ties between our two countries.

To make this happen, we need your support!

Here's how you can help:

- **Contact Your Local State Representatives**

Write to your local representatives in the U.S. and ask them to support a bilateral agreement for driver's license reciprocity. You can find your representative at:

<https://malegislature.gov/Search/FindMyLegislator?>

- **Reach Out to TDs in Ireland**

If you have connections back home, encourage TDs in Ireland to prioritize this issue and push for collaboration with U.S. policymakers.

- **Spread the Word**

Share this campaign with your networks—friends, family, and colleagues—who may also benefit from or support this cause.

Why This Matters

We know how challenging it can be for Irish citizens to navigate the process of obtaining a U.S. license after relocating—or for U.S. citizens moving to Ireland. Simplifying this process will save time, money, and unnecessary stress while fostering stronger transatlantic connections.

Calling all J1 Summer Students: SAVE THE DATE!

J1 Orientation 2025



THE IRISH PASTORAL CENTRE
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Tues. June 10th, 3-5PM

We have received emails and messages from students who are interested in spending Summer 2025 in Boston. Students can access our J1 guide from www.ipcboston.org/J1 which has lots of helpful information on settling into life in Boston, finding jobs and accommodation.

For all J1 Queries reach out to:
j1@ipcboston.org

We are also delighted to announce that we will host our 2025 J1 orientation here at the IPC on June 10th. Save the date! In collaboration with The Consulate of Ireland Boston, Boston GAA and Rian Immigrant Center, this event provides important insight and safety reminders for the student's time in Boston. J1s will also be able to open their bank accounts and meet other J1 students!



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NEWS FROM OUR SENIOR PROGRAM

Hello Friends -

Goodbye Winter and hello Spring! In April, seniors will enjoy educational, health and fun filled activities at the weekly coffees. Boston and Weymouth Fire Departments, in late March and early April, will present on Fire Education, Safety and Prevention. We thank the Departments for providing our seniors with this important information. Seniors will participate in exercise and Yoga classes to help keep them healthy and active. Enjoyable Games of BINGO, Trivia, and Right/Left/Center will keep seniors laughing.

We welcome all seniors to join our weekly coffees in Brighton, Dorchester, West Roxbury and Weymouth. Please call our office for additional information. Happy Spring!
Peggy

Our Dorchester Coffee group got creative this month building St. Patrick's Day themed gingerbread houses. Thank you to IPC Staff member Kathy Costello who led this fun activity!



In photo: Dorchester coffee club's Barbara Sullivan with her daughter Linda!

QUICK TIPS!

AGE STRONG PROPERTY TAX APPLICATION ASSISTANCE CLINICS FOR CITY OF BOSTON RESIDENTS :

Did you know that Older homeowners in Boston can get in-person application assistance? Find out if you're eligible for tax exemptions, tax deferrals and other potential savings like the Senior Circuit Breaker Tax Credit, SNAP, Fuel Assistance and more. Get help with eligibility and applications. Find out more by calling **617-635-4366**. IPC was delighted to welcome Age Boston Commissioner Emily Shea at our St Patrick's Day Celebration!

CONSIDERING USA CITIZENSHIP?

If you are contemplating becoming a USA Citizen and have questions, please call Niamh at 617 265 5300. We have some great resources to share!

IS YOUR USA PASSPORT IN DATE?

For international travel, many countries require your U.S. passport to be valid for at least six months beyond the date of your intended stay, and some airlines may refuse boarding if this requirement isn't met.

IRISH PASSPORTS

IPC can assist Irish citizens with their Irish passport first time application and/or renewals. This only applies to Irish Citizens. Call Niamh at the office for more information.



SHINE Appointments Available at IPC

The SHINE Program provides free health insurance information, counseling, and assistance to people who are eligible for Medicare and their caregivers. Individual counseling is available at the IPC by appointment. If this is something that may benefit you, call the IPC at 617-265-5300 for more info.



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COFFEE GROUP CALENDAR



IPC April 2025 Coffee Group Calendar



MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

	1 Young at Heart: 1-3PM Transportation Info w/ Peggy	2 Café Éireann: 11AM-1PM BINGO	3 Crossroads Café: 1-3PM Boston FD Fire Education	4 SUPPER CLUB 5-7PM Call IPC to register: 617-265-5300 
7 Cara Club: 1-3PM Boston FD Fire Education	8 Young at Heart: 1-3PM TRIVIA	9 Cara Club: 1-3PM Boston FD Fire Education	10 Crossroads Café: 1-3PM Exercise w/Eileen Smith	11 Active Aging Day @IPC 9AM-3PM Call IPC to register (Limited to 40 people): 617-265-5300
14 Cara Club: 1-3PM YOGA W/Deirdre Kelly	15 Young at Heart: 1-3PM YOGA W/Deirdre Kelly	16 Café Éireann: 11AM-1PM YOGA W/Deirdre Kelly	17 Crossroads Café: 1-3PM TRIVIA	18 IPC CLOSED 
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28 Cara Club: 1-3PM BINGO	29 Young at Heart: 1-3PM BINGO	30 Café Éireann: 11AM-1PM BINGO		

Cara Club:
Monday, 1-3pm,
Veronica Senior
Center, 20 Chestnut
Ave, Brighton MA,
02135

Young at Heart:
Tuesdays, 1-3pm,
St. Jerome's,
632 Bridge St,
Weymouth, MA,
02191

Cafe Éireann:
Wednesdays, 11am-1pm,
The Irish Pastoral Centre,
540 Gallivan Blvd. (REAR),
Dorchester, MA,
02124

Crossroads Café:
Thursdays, 1-3pm,
Crossroads Café: St.
John Chrysostom,
4750 Washington St,
West Roxbury, MA,
02132

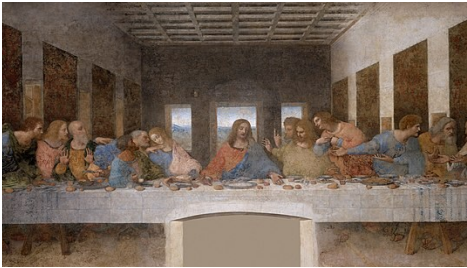
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Fr. Dan's Page



I no longer call you servants but friends John 15:15

Fr. M Basil Pennington, O.C.S.O



WHY DID GOD make you? A rather fundamental question! I can hear the old catechism answer buzzing around: "God made me to know, love and serve him in this world and be happy with him in the next." That answer has probably driven more people out of the Church than any other! A god who wants us to serve him here and be happy with him-only someday out there? **Pie in the sky!** That's not our God! God the Father and God the Son and God the Holy Spirit were completely happy, enjoying each other to the full. **Well, what do you want to do when you are very happy?**

You want to share your happiness. The Trinity looked around and there was no one with whom to share their happiness. So that's why God made you and me: to share the happiness of the Father, Son and Spirit. And not just someday off in the sky **but right here and now.** At the Last Supper, after opening his heart to us-"I no longer call you servants but friends because I make known to you all that I have heard from my Father" (John 15:15) Jesus said to his Father: "I say these things that they may share my joy and that their joy may be complete"

5 Joyful EASTER TRUTHS

NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE WITH GOD.

PROMISES MADE ARE PROMISES KEPT.

NEW BEGINNINGS RISE FROM ENDINGS.

HOPE ALWAYS HAS THE LAST WORD.

JESUS IS RISEN. HE IS RISEN INDEED!



Easter People By

St. Augustine of Hippo

We are Easter people and our

song is "Alleluia". Let us sing "Alleluia" here and now in this life, even though we are oppressed by various worries, so that we may sing it one day in the world to come, when we are set free from all anxiety.

The Seed of Resurrection

By Sister Melonnie Suobodo SND

Although we do not fully understand all the implications of the Resurrection, this we do know: **Easter celebrates** not only Jesus' resurrection but the resurrection that has already begun in each one of us. Wherever fragile life is cared for, where tears are wiped away, where the lonely are visited, where forgiveness is extended, where hungry children are being fed, where honesty and integrity abide, where genuine peace is established, where honesty and integrity abide, where genuine peace is established, where an unjust situation is being made just. All of these are seeds of the Resurrection, seeds of a new life. The Resurrection is not only a past event or a future event. **It is already in process here and now.** This is Easter's promise! This is Easter's joy! What else could we say but **Alleluia!**

Jesus, help me to notice and plant the seeds of Resurrection wherever I go!

A woman and her ever-nagging husband went on vacation to Jerusalem. While they were there, the husband passed away.

The undertaker told the wife, "You can have him shipped home for \$5,000.00, or you can bury him here, in the Holy Land, for \$150.00."

The woman thought about it and told him she would just as soon have him shipped home.

The undertaker asked, "Why would you spend \$5,000.00 to ship your husband home, when it would be wonderful to be buried here and only cost you \$150.00?"

The woman replied, "**Long ago a man died here, was buried he and three days later he rose from the dead. I just can't take that chance.**"

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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 & Rise in Glory

February 9th, Catherine O'Connell, West Roxbury
 February 10th, Kathleen "Kay" Sweeney Quincy Co. Galway
 February 14th, Barbara Connors, Boston
 February 20th, Andrew Cosgrave, Dorchester, Co. Cork
 February 23rd, John "JJ" Lyons, Clinton, Tipperary
 February 25th, Ray "Foggy" Lynch, Kildare
 February 26th, Mary Elizabeth McDevitt, Dorchester
 February 28th, Martin C Mulkerrin, Dorchester
 March 19th, Eamon Joseph McCarthy, Roslindale
 March 20th, Peter Greene, Holbrook, Co. Roscommon

Don't cry for me,
 I'm not gone.
 My soul is at rest,
 my heart lives on.
 Light a candle
 for me to see
 and hold on to
 my memory,
 but save your tears
 for I'm still here,
 by your side
 through the years.

Cork hurler Ger Fitzgerald dies



Cork GAA mourns the death of two-time All-Ireland winning hurler Ger Fitzgerald at the age of 60. During a glittering career

Fitzgerald also claimed an All-Ireland club title with his native Midleton, with whom he won four Cork county senior titles, and he spent many years involved with coaching and managing after his playing days. A talented forward, he was a key player on Cork's 1986 and 1990 Liam MacCarthy winning teams. A three-time Munster SHC winner, Fitzgerald captained his county to provincial glory in 1992 and added a league title in 1993. His father, Paddy Fitzgerald, was an All-Ireland winner with Cork in 1966 and managed the Midleton team in which Ger played to win the club title in 1988.

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

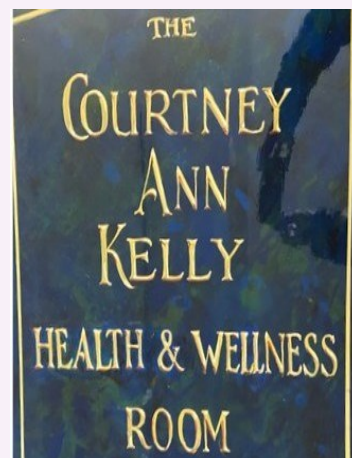
10th Anniversary Remembrance

This month, we remember the late Courtney Ann Kelly, on the 10th anniversary of her passing. Last year, the IPC was honored to officially open our new Health and Wellness room named in Courtney's memory.



This space has provided a private and confidential space in our Centre for those in our community who need it.

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March 1st Officially Proclaimed Sullivan's Castle Island Day!



Sullivan's Castle Island is officially back open and Boston Mayor Michelle Wu has proclaimed March 1st as Sullivan's Castle Island Day! On their social media she said:

“We are beyond honored to receive this recognition and so grateful to the generations of customers who have made Sullivan’s a true Boston tradition. Today, we were surrounded by so many friends and loyal patrons. For 74 seasons, we’ve been serving up hot dogs, burgers, lobster rolls, and memories—today was a celebration of YOU! “

Boston's oldest Irish Pub Turns 116 Years Old!



Congratulations to J.j. Foley's Café South Boston's oldest Irish Pub, and one of the oldest family-owned and operated pubs in America—on their 116th birthday! The celebration was held for at the pub for the community on March 1st and featured music from Gerald Ahern and plenty of giveaways!

Congratulations to Jim Brett!

Jim Brett, President of the New England Council, received the Inaugural National Hockey League Foundation United States Advocacy Impact Award in recognition of his extraordinary lifetime commitment in supporting the disabled community.



In photo: Marty Walsh, former Mayor and Executive Director of the National Hockey League Players Association with Jim Brett, President and CEO, New England Council.

Congrats Rory and Maura Killalea!

Congrats to Rory and Maura Killalea of who were honored guests at this years Sligo Association of Boston's 15th Annual St. Patrick's Day Banquet at Florian Hall. This annual event features traditional Corned Beef and Cabbage Meal & Music by Mossie Coughlin.



Irish Network Boston's Community Spirit Award

All of us at the Irish Pastoral Centre extend our heartiest congratulations to Tommy McCarthy and Louise Costello on receiving the 2025 Spirit Award. As renowned traditional Irish musicians and owners of The Burren in Somerville, Tommy and Louise have played a vital role in preserving and sharing Irish music and culture in Boston and beyond. The Burren has become one of the most celebrated Irish music venues in the United States, welcoming legendary artists and keeping the tradition alive for generations to come.



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IPC COMMUNITY NEWS

Website Launched to Celebrate 30th Anniversary of Morrison Visa Program

This article was adapted from the official Morrison Legacy Foundation press release

The Morrison Legacy Foundation is proud to announce the launch of its official website, dedicated to commemorating the 30th anniversary of the Morrison Visa Program. This landmark initiative, active from 1992 to 1995, granted approximately 45,000 visas, to immigrants from the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland, profoundly influencing the Irish-American community. The newly launched website serves as a central hub for Morrison Visa recipients to reconnect and share their personal narratives. By visiting the "Share Your Story" section, individuals can contribute their experiences, highlighting the program's lasting impact on their lives and communities. These stories aim to celebrate the enduring legacy of the program and its role in strengthening ties between Ireland and the United States. Reflecting on the program's inception, Bruce Morrison stated, *"Immigration is not charity. We didn't award the visas for the good of the Irish. We did it for the good of America."*

About the Morrison Legacy Foundation

The Morrison Legacy Foundation will be a nonprofit organization committed to recognizing and celebrating the contributions of Morrison Visa recipients to the United States over the past 30 years. Through partnerships with cultural and educational institutions, the foundation aims to document the program's history, analyze its economic and social impact, and foster a deeper appreciation of the shared heritage between Ireland and the United States.

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Annual St. Patrick's Day breakfast in Aid of the Mary Ann Brett Food Pantry

It was a packed house in the lower level of St. Margaret's church for the annual St. Patrick's Day breakfast to raise money to support the Mary Ann Brett Food Pantry and honor the most recent inductees to the Dorchester Hall of Fame. Hosted by Jim and Pattie Brett, the breakfast drew a list of who's who in Boston's Irish community and political scene. Governor Maure Healey, Boston Mayor Michelle Wu, and state Senator Nick Collins were on hand to honor this year's Hall of Fame class: St. Cecilia Parish, led by Father John Unni, the Higgins family, and Paul Feeney.



Holyoke St Patrick's Parade Welcomes Ambassador of Ireland to the United States of America, Geraldine Byrne Nason!

Hoyoke St. Patrick's Day Parade honored and welcomed Ambassador of Ireland to the United States of America, Geraldine Byrne Nason with the Irish Consulate in Boston to march in the company of Massachusetts Rep. Richard Neal. On parade day, they both attended the Ambassador Award Breakfast honoring Frederick L Sullivan, a founding figure who has been pivotal to the success of the Holyoke Parade.



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A Moment to Mind Yourself

Care and connection during uncertain times



No matter what one’s political view, the first two months of 2025 have been a time of unprecedented change on multiple levels in the U.S. Many people are feeling understandably anxious and overwhelmed. The constant news cycle and social media posts with the latest concerning incidents, bans or lay-offs can feel inescapable.

For some people, seeing or reading about new laws being implemented so quickly along with the ramifications of these can be emotionally distressing, leading to isolation, disconnection and feelings of helplessness.

How do we protect ourselves and provide support for those who are directly impacted? The antidote to these feelings is the comfort that community and connection can provide. If you are feeling fearful and uncertain for any reason, we at the IPC can offer support. If you are experiencing anxiety, depression or find yourself using alcohol or other substances to cope, we can connect you with a counselor who can assist you with healthier ways of managing your feelings. If you are feeling lonely and disconnected, please sign up for our newsletter or reach out to us to learn about the numerous free programs and events we offer.

Setting boundaries can help.

While we need to stay informed, constant exposure to political debates and breaking news can increase feelings of helplessness. Try setting specific times for

news consumption. Focus on reputable sources and avoid doomscrolling or obsessive viewing/reading of upsetting content.

Try to minimize contact with people who force their political opinions or values that are not aligned with yours. If this is not possible for some reason, let them know that you don’t want to engage in these discussions or that you find them upsetting.

Additional suggestions:

Every day, do something that brings you happiness or peace such as talking to a loved one or friend, walking in nature, or reading a good book

Use mindfulness to help keep things in the present moment and to avoid thinking too much about the “what ifs”

Take a digital break regularly by avoiding looking at your phone for the first hour after waking up and for two hours before going to bed. Replace the habit with reading, journaling, stretching or taking a bath.

If you are experiencing mental health, substance use or any other emotional concerns, please reach out to our social worker Danielle Owen, dowen@ipcboseon.org or counselor Gina Gallagher at ggallagher@ipcboseon.org.

To learn about our various programs and events or to sign up for our newsletter, please reach out to aocarroll@ipcboseon.org

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News from Celtic Angels



The Heart of Compassionate Care: A Reflection on the Irish Spirit in Home Health Care

By Maria Burke, RN, Celtic Angels Home Health Care

As we welcome March and the promise of spring, we also embrace the spirit of renewal, reflection, and community. At Celtic Angels Home Health Care, we are deeply honored to serve the Irish-American community and beyond, providing compassionate, high-quality care to those who need it most.

March, in particular, is a time to honor our heritage, faith, and traditions. It's a reminder of the values that have guided us for generations—kindness, generosity, and the deep-rooted commitment to family and community. These are the same values that inspire our work every day, ensuring that our clients receive the care and dignity they deserve.

Caring for an aging loved one is both a privilege and a challenge. Many families face the difficult decision of how best to support their parents or relatives as they age. At Celtic Angels, we understand these challenges firsthand, and our dedicated team of nurses and caregivers is here to provide guidance, support, and exceptional in-home care tailored to each individual's needs.

As we move into this season of renewal, I encourage families to take the time to check in on their loved ones. Small gestures—like a phone call, a visit, or even a shared cup of tea—can make a world of difference. If you find that a family member needs additional support, know that you are not alone. Our team is always here to provide the resources, expertise, and compassionate care that your loved ones deserve.

This March, let's celebrate the bonds that connect us, the resilience of our community, and the beauty of giving care from the heart. May the spirit of St. Patrick bring you joy, health, and many blessings in the days ahead.

Sláinte,



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Immigration News

Immigration & Citizenship Support Services Program

What we do: 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 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.

The IPC offers free telephone consultations with an experienced immigration attorney on the 2nd Tuesday evening of each month. If you would like to schedule a phone consultation with an attorney, please contact Maryann Casavant at 617-265-5300 or by email mcasavant@ipcboseon.org.

Learn More About Our Monthly Legal Clinics

The IPC offers monthly free legal immigration clinics twice per month. If you have a question about your immigration status, Green Card, visa, eligibility for citizenship and would like to talk to an experienced immigration attorney – we can schedule a free phone consultation at the Immigration Legal Clinic. We are very fortunate to have Maura Kelly, a very experienced immigration attorney who donates her time and talent to provide current, and accurate legal guidance to the IPC community through this Clinic. Maura generously donates her time to offer free consultations monthly on the second Tuesday of the month. These consultations are over the telephone and appointments are made in advance.

If you would like to make an appointment or have a question about the Legal Immigration Clinic, please contact Maryann Casavant or Niamh Healy at the IPC at 617-265-5300.

Consider applying for U.S. Citizenship



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.



Am I Eligible for Irish Citizenship?

If you were born outside of the island of Ireland



Parent born in Ireland:

You are automatically an Irish citizen if one of your parents was an Irish citizen who was born on the island of Ireland. In this case, you may apply immediately for an Irish passport, should you wish to do so.



Grandparent born in Ireland:

You can become an Irish citizen if one of your grandparents was an Irish citizen born on the island of Ireland. In this case, to obtain Irish citizenship, you must apply to be entered on the Foreign Birth Register. Once entered, you are an Irish citizen and, as such, entitled to apply for an Irish passport.



Parent on the Foreign Birth Register:

You can also become an Irish citizen if your parent was on the Foreign Birth Register at the time of your birth. In this case, you too can apply to be entered on the Register and, following that, apply for a passport.

Applications for Foreign Birth Registration are made online at ireland.ie/citizenship. In addition, submission of documentation confirming eligibility is required.



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Immigration News

REAL ID driver's license or REAL Mass ID



A REAL ID is an enhanced version of a driver's license or Mass ID that meets the Federal Security Standard for IDs.

Beginning May 7, 2025, individuals 18 and older will need a REAL ID driver's license or ID card (or another ID accepted by the TSA) to board domestic flights or enter certain federal facilities.

A Massachusetts REAL ID has a star in the top right corner. A standard driver's license or Mass ID is not accepted for federal purposes.

To get a REAL ID you must make an appointment for an in-person visit at an RMV Service Center or AAA branch (if you're a member). You also must present identity documents.

1. proving you're in the U.S. legally
2. proving your full 9-digit social security number
3. proving you live in Massachusetts

To get a license or ID card from the Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV), you need to provide the registry with certain identification documents, which vary depending on which credential you want. All documents on this page are available in multiple languages.

If you are renewing a standard driver's license (Class D, Class M, or Class D/M) or Mass ID, you have the option of choosing **REAL ID**, which you will need beginning **May 7, 2025** to board domestic flights or enter certain federal facilities if you don't have another ID accepted by the TSA.

Important: REAL ID documents **must** be originals and they can **not** be laminated. Your current name **must** match the one on your documents. If it does not, you **must** present documents proving you changed your name, like a marriage certificate or other court document.

ENGLISH

2025 FREE IMMIGRATION CONSULTATIONS

By telephone

You must register in advance.

To register:

Call: 617-635-2980

Email: immigrantadvancement@boston.gov

Website: boston.gov/immigrants

Ask a volunteer lawyer for immigration advice on the first and third Wednesday of every month from 12:00-3:00 P.M.

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2025 BOSTON CITIZENSHIP DAY

Saturday, April 12
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- Be at least 18 years old
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Schedule your appointment! Scan the QR code or contact: **(617) 694-5949** or info@ProjectCitizenship.org



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ST. PATRICK'S DAY MASS & LUNCHEON



Thank you to Photographer Eamon Grealish and City of Boston Photographer Isabel Leon for capturing the fun and celebrations at this year's IPC Annual St. Patrick's Day Mass and Luncheon at Florian Hall.

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY MASS & LUNCHEON



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News From Ireland

Tender issued for National Social Farming—RTE

The Department of Agriculture has issued a public tender for a national social farming program. A social farming program would offer, on a voluntary basis, farming and horticultural participation in a farming environment to people who avail of therapeutic day-support services. Such operations are run in settings such as working family farms, local community initiatives, through to more institutional frameworks. Social farming is "still a relatively new concept in Ireland" but is "widely practiced across Europe and is considered at an advanced stage of development in the Netherlands, Norway and Italy". It says that "experience has shown that well-run operations provide an opportunity for inclusion for disadvantaged groups."



Thunders Bakery closes all eight stores after 56 years in business—RTE

Thunders Bakery, which first opened in 1969, has closed all eight of its stores around the capital due to "difficult trading conditions". In a post on Instagram, the Dublin bakery chain confirmed that it has ceased trading after 56 years in business. "The company has experienced difficult trading conditions in recent months and has become unsustainable," it said in the post. "Thank you to all of our loyal team, customers and friends for your support over the years." The bakery had eight locations across Dublin including Walkinstown, Phibsborough, Drumcondra, Clontarf, Santry and Donaghmede.



'Record year' predicted for solar panel installation in Donegal— Donegal Daily

Renewable energy experts have predicted a record-breaking year for solar panels in Donegal. SEAI data shows that 731 homes in Donegal received grants for solar panels in 2024, and the popularity of solar energy in the county has continued into the first months of 2025. This year, 136 households in here had solar panels fitted, with 73 new installations last month alone. Renewable energy expert Briain Kelly said that with electricity costs in Ireland being among the highest in Europe, it is no surprise that more households are looking to renewable energy to lower their bills.



New arts and music festival comes to the Midlands

Croílár, a new arts and music festival is set to take place in Athlone. Seanchoíche, a project aiming to revive the ancient Irish tradition of storytelling, Mohammad Syfkhan, Theo Fitzgibbon and comedian Aoife Dunne will also appear at the event, which runs from 4 to 6 April across seven venues, from churches and pubs to contemporary galleries, and an outdoor area in the Shannon-side town. They add that the "main focus of the festival is to highlight emerging Irish talent by offering a platform for new and exciting voices in music, visual arts, comedy, storytelling, and more."



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FADÓ FADÓ

With Special thanks to John P. McGuire on submitting this wonderful reflection:

In September 1939 I was 18 months old and WW2 had just started. I was living in Manchester when the British Government ordered the evacuation of 1 million children from the cities to rural areas due to the potential for bombing. My parents decided that my mother would take me to my Father's village of Gurrane, County Mayo to live with my grandmother and my uncle Luke on their 16 acre windswept farm. The house was a comfortable place with its thatched roof and turf fire. It was the Rambling House for the village, welcoming one and all. With no electricity or running water there was no need for a plumber or electrician. Everyone knew how to make do and there was always help available in a time of need from the village. Going off with my mother to Mayo was the start of a wonderful lifetime of travels.



John P. McGuire with my grandmother, Honnie, was taken in Gurrane, Ballyhaunis in September 1939 just after the war started.

In 1944 my mother returned to take me back to Manchester. I did not know who she was. I thought my grandmother was my mother. By all accounts it was a sad time for everyone involved. Needless to say I was now an immigrant again.

Due to family finances I left high school at 15 and signed up for a 5 year engineering apprenticeship with a large engineering company. I did not see much of a future for myself in England in 1959 so I booked a passage on the Queen Elizabeth and sailed to NYC where the streets were "paved with gold." After a month in NYC I said to myself this is my country. Everyone was so welcoming and my parents' cousins in the Bronx and Brooklyn were the best of hosts and had lots of great family stories for me.

Next I was off to Boston to stay with one of my aunts

in Roslindale. I soon found Irish friends at the dances at Intercolonial Hall and many other Irish events. I had an engineering job within three weeks and spent 6 years in the US Army Reserves. I earned a Bachelors Degree at night at Northeastern University and had many interesting jobs traveling world wide. I joined the County Mayo Association and the Eire Society of Boston and became President of both organizations.

Boston was the place where I met my now former wife, Maria. We have two wonderful adult children, three grandchildren and made many friends along the way.

I still have very fond memories of spending summers in Mayo helping my uncle Luke and my grandmother Honnie working the farm, footing turf, spraying the spuds, and milking the cow. Saving hay in the 1940's and 50's required the patience of Job with all the rain and the constant need for turning the hay. Like his ancestors my uncle Luke cut hay and oats with a scythe.

I am here thanks to my paternal great-grand-uncle, Martin Waldron from the Parish of Began, the first of our family to migrate to the USA in 1859.

He spent three years with the 8th Ohio Volunteer Infantry from Cleveland during the Civil War and eventually settled in Des Moines, Iowa.

"We are standing on the shoulders of our Ancestors."



Ballyhaunis, Co. Mayo

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COMMUNITY EVENTS



"Native Plants for Container Gardens"

with Massachusetts Master Gardener
Nancy Kressin

With our growing recognition of the importance of supporting pollinators by growing native plants, this session will provide ideas & inspiration for pollinator-friendly container gardening.



We will share successful strategies for matching the special requirements of pollinators and native plant material grown in containers.
We will focus on the many native annuals, perennials, and shrubs which are especially well-suited for container gardening in our local climate.

Who: Members and guests (a donation of \$5 is suggested for guests)
Where: The Elks 1 Morrell St, West Roxbury, MA 02132
When: Our meeting will be held on **TUESDAY, April 1, 2025**
Doors open at 6:45 PM, meeting begins at 7 to 8:30PM
An Opportunity Drawing for all, followed by a business meeting for members at 8:30 to 9 PM.

EGCWRgardeners@gmail.com

IRISH NETWORK BOSTON

Third Thursday Networking

4:17.2025 - 5 to 8PM

Join the Irish Network Boston at The Mission Bar & Grill, owned by Harry Walsh from Co.Cork in Mission Hill this April! Join us for a casual evening of networking, reconnecting with old friends, and meeting new ones. We're looking forward to featuring a vibrant upcoming Irish Singer Songwriter **Seán Collins** at this month's event!
Everyone is welcome—come and be part of the fun!
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IPC Weekly Programs

Mondays:

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

Monday Night: Social Work
Clinic by 'Appointment.

Tuesdays:

Young at Heart @ St. Jerome's
Parish Center 1-3pm
Toddler Group 10am—12PM

"Le Cheile" Woman's Group @ IPC
7PM

Wednesdays:

Music and Movement Toddler Group
10am—12PM
Café Eireann @ IPC 11-1 PM
540 Gallivan Blvd, Dorchester MA

Wednesday Night: Social Work
Clinic by 'Appointment.

Thursdays:

Knitting Club @ IPC 11AM-1PM
Crossroads Café @ 1-3PM St. John's
Chrysostom 4750
Washington St, West Roxbury, MA
25 Cards 7:30pm

Thursday Night: Irish 25s from
7:30PM

Saturdays:

"Le Cheile" Here Together Sobriety
Support Group 6PM

MONTHLY EVENTS AT IPC

First Friday of the month—Fish and
Chips supper Club

Monthly Sunday Sing a longs and
Irish Traditional Music Sessions.

Keep an eye on our monthly calendar!!

*Special thanks to Ricard Archer of the Knights and Ladies of St Finbarr
Cork Club, for compiling the Boston Irish Community monthly dance
calendar. For additional info email Richard at richarda10@hotmail.com.*

THE IRISH SOCIAL CLUB: 119 Park Street West Roxbury, MA

Apr 06: Fintan Stanley
Apr 13: John Connors Band
Apr 20: NO DANCE—HAPPY EASTER
Apr 27: Tommy Byrne Band

THE IRISH CULTURAL CENTRE: 200 New Boston Dr, Canton MA

The regular weekly events will continue as before such as the Seisiuns and Set dancing. For info and reservations on any event, call the ICC at (781) 821-8291

Apr 06: Monthly Mass 11 AM
Social Dancing with Winne Henry

Apr 10: Easter Egg Hunt & Family Fun 10AM—1PM. Have fun with the
Easter Bunny. Arts & Crafts, Face Painting, Buffet Breakfast.
\$25 pp

Apr 17: Breen/Rynne/Murray from 7.30 - 930 PM Tickets at door \$35.00.
Gen Adm. \$30.00

Apr 24: Diarmuid O' Meachair from 7.30PM. Tickets at door \$30.00.
Gen Adm. \$25.00.

THE KNIGHTS AND LADIES OF ST. FINBARR - CORK CLUB

Apr 12: Kenneally and Keohane will provide music for the Cork club dance
at the Knights of Columbus Hall 15 Winslow Street Arlington.
Always a fun and a happy time with complimentary tea, coffee and
home baked pastries. Admission \$10.00. Cash bar. Starts at 7PM

THE NORWOOD IRISH MUSIC CLUB

There will NOT be a dance on April 19 due to the Easter Celebration however the
Norwood Club will hold the monthly dance on Saturday April 26, 2025 at the K of C.
572 Nichols Street Norwood. Music provided by the great Mossie Coughlin.
Admission is \$10.00, complimentary coffee, tea and much more. Starts at 7PM.
Lots of free parking.

COMHALTAS CEOLTOIRI EIREANN

Apr 01: Set Dance workshop with Barbara Boyd and each Tuesday
through May 2025 at the Canadian American Club 202
Arlington Street Watertown from 7– 10 PM.

The Comhaltas Convention is in Orlando from April 3 - 6.

Apr 06: Enjoy set, ceili and old-time waltz from 3-7 PM at the
Canadian American Club Watertown on the first Sunday of
each month. Adm: \$15.00 Members \$10.00

MISCELLANEOUS

Apr 01: LEITRIM SOCIETY meeting at the home of Jim & Julie Keaney.
Jun 06: The Co. Sligo Association 18th Annual Golf Tournament at Brook
meadow Country Club. Shotgun Start 2.30 PM

Note: It is always advisable to double check with your club or organization on
any event you may be interested in. Changes are made from time to time. Sincere
thanks to the Irish Pastoral Centre for help with the monthly events and the
Boston City Paper. The listing is prepared by the Knights and Ladies of St. Finbarr
- Cork Club P.O.Box 1241 Dedham 02027

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CELTIC SCRIBE

For Grief

By John O'Donohue

When you lose someone you love,
Your life becomes strange,
The ground beneath you gets fragile,
Your thoughts make your eyes unsure;
And some dead echo drags your voice down
Where words have no confidence.

Your heart has grown heavy with loss;
And though this loss has wounded others too,
No one knows what has been taken from you
When the silence of absence deepens.

Flickers of guilt kindle regret
For all that was left unsaid or undone.

There are days when you wake up happy;
Again inside the fullness of life,
Until the moment breaks
And you are thrown back
Onto the black tide of loss.

Days when you have your heart back,
You are able to function well
Until in the middle of work or encounter,
Suddenly with no warning,
You are ambushed by grief.

It becomes hard to trust yourself.
All you can depend on now is that
Sorrow will remain faithful to itself.
More than you, it knows its way
And will find the right time
To pull and pull the rope of grief
Until that coiled hill of tears
Has reduced to its last drop.

Gradually, you will learn acquaintance
With the invisible form of your departed;
And, when the work of grief is done,
The wound of loss will heal
And you will have learned
To wean your eyes
From that gap in the air
And be able to enter the hearth
In your soul where your loved one
Has awaited your return
All the time.

To Daffodils

by Robert Herrick



Fair Daffodils, we weep to see
You haste away so soon;
As yet the early-rising sun
Has not attain'd his noon.

Stay, stay,
Until the hasting day
Has run
But to the even-song;
And, having pray'd together, we
Will go with you along.
We have short time to stay, as you,
We have as short a spring;
As quick a growth to meet decay,
As you, or anything.
We die
As your hours do, and dry
Away,
Like to the summer's rain;
Or as the pearls of morning's dew,
Ne'er to be found again.

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IPC SPECIAL EVENT

Irish Pastoral Centre Friendship Day

Friday, April 11th

9AM - 3PM

9am: Welcome Breakfast

9:30am: Mix & Mingle

10am: Deevine Chair Yoga with Deirdre

11am: Break

11:15am: Trivia

11:45am: Lunch from Greenhills Bakery

12:15pm: Bingo

1pm: Afternoon Tea Dance with Mossie

\$40

Limited to 40 people

Please call the IPC to reserve your spot

(617) 265-5300



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IPC SPECIAL EVENTS

SUPPER CLUB

Friday, April 4th

5pm - 7pm

ADVANCED REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED
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IPC SPECIAL EVENTS



TRADITIONAL IRISH MUSIC SESSION

SUNDAY, APRIL 27TH

3PM - 5PM

Join us for our monthly Traditional Irish Music Session at the IPC. All musicians, singers, dancers and listeners are welcome.

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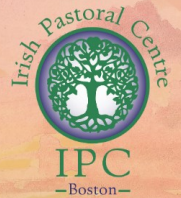
SATURDAY

MAY 4TH, 4:45AM

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Join us as we walk with our community in aid of The Kevin Bell Repatriation Trust which aims to alleviate the financial hardship of bereaved families repatriating the bodies of loved ones who have died abroad in sudden or tragic circumstances back to Ireland.

We will gather in darkness at the IPC, and walk until sunrise at Pope John Paul Park. tea/coffee and refreshments will be served after.

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DATE & TIME:

MAY 4, 2025
AT 3 PM

LOCATION:

THE IRISH PASTORAL CENTRE
540 GALLIVAN BOULEVARD, UNIT
REAR, DORCHESTER, MA 02124

WEEKLY IPC PROGRAMS



Le Cheile Sobriety Support Program

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Music & Movement

With Miss Kathy!

EVERY WEDNESDAY
10AM-12PM

Help develop your child's motor skills, balance, co-ordination and rhythm through music and movement. Followed with a free play session.

Have fun and meet other families!



IRISH 25s CARD NIGHT

Come play Ireland's national card game, every Thursday evening. Tea, coffee and snacks provided. All welcome.

7:30PM



IPC BUMBLE BEE KNITTING & CROCHET CLUB

EVERY THURS.
11AM-1PM

All levels Welcome!

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IPC EVENTS AND PROGRAMS CALENDAR

2025



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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

For expanded Calendar for our coffee groups, see Pg.6

Events in **ORANGE** are **NOT** at the, 540 Gallivan Blvd REAR location.

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Tuesday: Roast Turkey Breast, Stuffing, Gravy & Cranberry

Wednesday: Greenhill's 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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Sports News From Ireland

Massive blow for Clare as Shane O'Donnell ruled out for season—Joe.ie

Brian Lohan and the Clare hurlers will be without one of their talismans in Shane O'Donnell, as they go for a repeat of their 2024 All-Ireland triumph. The full-forward – who was named Hurler of the Year for last season – has undergone surgery on his shoulder and is expected to be out until the end of the year. Although Clare's league campaign has begun, O'Donnell's absence was not noted, due to the fact that over the last few seasons he has returned at a later stage. The Éire Óg, Inis man has had serious concussion issues but these late returns to the squad has meant that he has been fresh for his county's championship runs, and has led to three All Star awards in the last three years.



Shane Lowry achieves career-high ranking after Valspar Championship display—RTE.ie

Shane Lowry's strong showing at the Valspar Championship has resulted in the Offaly man climbing to a career-high 12th in the world rankings. Lowry briefly shared the lead during the final round at the Innisbrook Resort, eventually finishing in a tie for eighth as Viktor Hovland prevailed. "I've always based a level of achievement around world rankings. Lowry said. Certainly one of my goals at the start of the year was to get to my highest world ranking and to go up towards that top 10." Valspar winner Hovland catapulted himself from 19th to eighth in the global pecking order.



Armagh secure Division 1 status —RTE.ie

Armagh started the last day of the league knowing that even a narrow win against already relegated Derry might not be enough, but their 15 point drubbing over the Oak Leafers did just the trick to ensure Division 1 status next season. Four goals in a thrilling seven-minute spell at the start of the second half put Derry to the sword, and they had no way back with over 25 minutes still to play. With 12 different scorers, ten from the first half, Kieran McGeeney's men go into the Ulster Championship in confident mood. Derry were forced to play much of the game with only 14 men following Shane McGuigan's sending off after 30 minutes. It was a massive blow for Paddy Tally's men and Armagh made it count straight at the start of the second half.



Armagh secure Division 1 status —RTE.ie

Dundalk woman Kate O'Connor has won Ireland's first World Indoor Championships medal in 19 years after taking silver in the pentathlon in Nanjing, China. Less than a fortnight after winning a European bronze, the 24-year-old posted three personal bests across the five events to claim Ireland's first indoor medal since Derval O'Rourke's gold in Moscow back in 2006. O'Connor came into the final event, the 800m, just three points behind the USA's Taliyah Brooks and overhauled her by finishing third in the race and, crucially, ahead of the American.



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Boston Youth GAC Lead St. Patrick's day Parade

Boston's Youth GAC teams came together in their colors to represent their clubs at this years St. Patrick's Day Parade. St. Brendan's Youth GAC in South Boston and Trinity Milton in Situate! These teams are preparing for the Continental Youth Championships which will be hosted in Chicago this year . Teams from all over North America and expected to compete in the tournament!



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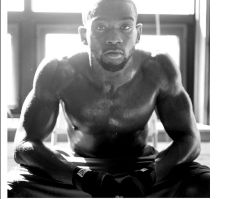
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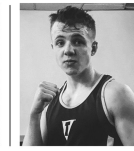
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Honoring Brian Mullins: A four-time All-Ireland Senior Champion, Mullins was a GAA icon and former UCD Director of Sport. He dedicated his career to growing Gaelic games worldwide, especially within the Irish diaspora in the U.S. This award continues his legacy by supporting students who share his passion for sport, leadership, and cultural connection.

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GAA QUIZ-DUAL PLAYERS

Answers on Page 3

1. Name the cork player who played in All Ireland hurling and football finals in 1999.
2. As well as being a prominent Laois footballer, this person also won a Division Two National hurling league in 2007. Who is he?
3. How many All-Ireland senior medals did Jimmy Barry Murphy win in both codes?
4. Name the player who played in the All Ireland hurling and football finals in 1981.
5. What year did Brian Corcoran play in an All-Ireland senior football final?
6. Tommy Crew was a great dual player with which county?
7. Name the Down player who won All-Ireland football titles in 1991 and 1994 but also won an Ulster hurling title in 1992?
8. Name the Galway hurler who played in the 2001 All-Ireland hurling final and who also played in the 2000 Connacht football championship against Sligo.
9. Michael 'Babs' Keating won a Railway Cup football medal with Munster in which year?
10. Name the Derry player who was nominated for an All Star award in both hurling and football?



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