

Irish Pastoral Centre Newsletter



“We are a Parish without Boundaries.”

Serving the Greater Boston Irish Community since 1987

REMEMBERING SR MARGUERITE

A Sad Farewell: The Irish Pastoral Centre is mourning the loss of our former Executive Director and great friend Sr. Marguerite Kelly. As our Executive Director from 2004—2011, Sr Marguerite led us with kind reverence and a gentle manner. When she stepped down in 2011, she remained on as Spiritual Director. Much loved by all, Sr Marguerite passed away peacefully on January 25, surrounded by her community at Our Lady of Angels Franciscan-Convent in Tenafly, New Jersey. Upon reflection, Fr Dan mentioned “how much the IPC meant to her and her interest in all of us never faded, We will never forget her thoughtfulness, generosity and dedication to God's work”. " Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam” **CONT'D PAGE 8**



THE AMERICAN DREAM



When Irish Immigrants came to America, they usually came with the clothes on their backs, strong faith in their hearts and hope to start a new life in this country. They also carried the possibility of realizing the American Dream, a phrase that was coined during the Great Depression:....” *that dream of a land in which life should be better and richer and fuller for every man, with opportunity for each according to his ability or achievement.*” James Turuslow Adams , 1931 Epic Book of America. **CONTINUED ON PAGE 5.** PHOTO: United States Secretary of Labor Nominee, and Boston Mayor Marty Walsh in conversation with President Biden. .

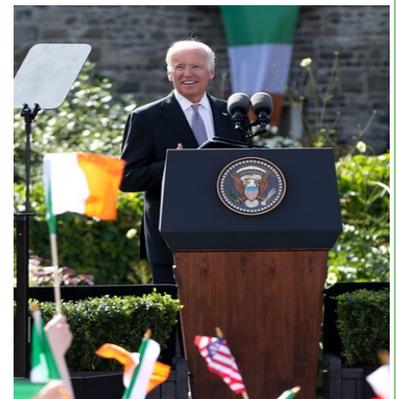
IRISH EYES WERE SMILING on January 20,2021 as Joseph R. Biden Jr., a former vice president and a longtime Capitol Hill lawmaker known for reaching across the political aisle to get things done, was sworn in as the 46th president of the United States. An especially poignant moment for Ireland, Irish Ambassador to the USA, Dan Mulhall reflects on the Inauguration on Page 9



Government of Ireland
Emigrant Support Programme



An Roinn Gnóthaí Eachtracha
Department of Foreign Affairs



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IPC WELCOMES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Irish Pastoral Centre Board of Directors is delighted to announce that Limerick native Mary Swanton has accepted the position of Executive Director effective January 25, 2021.



Mary brings with her a wealth of relevant experience which she has accumulated from her many years of working in Fine Arts, Programming, and Community Development. Well known in the Boston Irish Community, Mary has liaised with all Boston Irish organizations through her work at the Irish Emigrant newspaper and has created many programs and performances for Boston Irish events where she has gained experience in fundraising, development and community partnerships.

“Boston has been my home for 34 years and it means a lot to me to be Irish in Boston. We are part of a great multi-generational story that's rooted in our shared heritage where The Irish Pastoral Centre serves us so well. This is truly a unique ‘heart and soul’ organization that quietly supports all of us in joy and sorrow, in celebration and in need from the cradle to the grave. So many great stalwarts of our culture have worked here in the past and at present. I am honored to share and continue their great work and legacy.”

Mary can be reached at mawanton@ipcoston.org or by calling 617-265-5300

COVID UPDATE

Well, here we are in January 2021 and we hope that everyone had a lovely, albeit unusual Christmas and New Year. I think all of us were hoping and wishing that the New Year would bring an end to the virus and its restrictions — yet we remain in the grips once again of soaring numbers.

Here in the office, we were chatting about how we seem to know more and more people who have tested positive in the last few weeks and its truly unsettling. Although the office is currently closed due to Covid, we are here to provide continued help and support. We can certainly meet by appointment and we really are just a phone call away. Our Senior Program Coordinator, Mary Gorman continues to check in with our senior population by phone. If you know of someone who would appreciate a call, please call the office at 617-265-5300.

In case you are travelling to Ireland, it's very important to note that from 16 January 2021, all passengers travelling to Ireland are required to show a negative result of a pre-departure PCR test taken within 72 hours of arrival in the state.

In Ireland, friends and family are restricted and their level 5 restrictions are to be extended. Schools are now closed. People must limit their travel to within 5K and those living alone are truly isolated. These extraordinary measures are slowly working, but it's a long road yet. We are all hoping to be able to visit there soon and we cannot wait to welcome visitors here. It's clear that we are not out of the woods either, but we are emerging! We need to keep minding ourselves and each other.

If you need information on testing near you, please call the Mayor's Health line at 617- 534-5050.

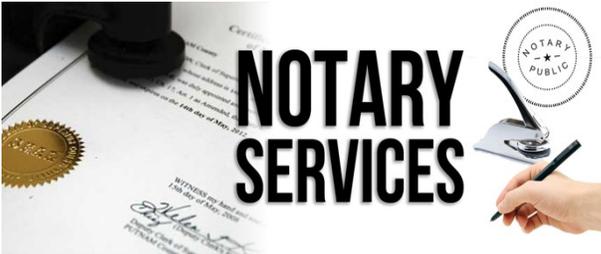
As always, lets continue to follow the guidelines and please don't hesitate to call us if we can be of help. Please also view our vaccine update on Page 6.



Thank You For Your Support!

During this time of global financial instability, your donation during our Annual Appeal and over the Christmas period is so special to us. We were able to provide extra support to members of our community and we are most grateful. *Go raibh mile maith agaibh go leir.*

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Our Senior Coordinator Mary Gorman is now a licensed Notary Public. Mary was sworn in recently and adds this new accomplishment to her many talents! Please call the office at 617-265-5300 to avail of this complimentary service.

A FAMILY IN NEED

Please continue to keep the McNamara family in your prayers. The Irish community is gathering in hope and strength to raise the necessary funds needed to help with the financial burden of a Braintree Irish family who are in urgent need of support. Hailing from County Clare, Pa Mc Namara came to America in 2001 and made it his home. Pa was diagnosed with kidney failure in September 2019 and is no longer able to work due to chronic diabetes as well as kidney failure. He is facing a future that entails a double transplant - pancreas and kidney. Sadly Pa, his partner Pauline and their two daughters Hailey (13) and Chloe (10) have made the difficult decision to uproot the life they love here in Boston and will return to Ireland. Its their only option. A committee has been formed to support this family in transition. Please visit the McNamara Family Fund on Facebook or call (857) 654-4256 if you would like to support this family.



Happy St. Brigid's Day Ireland's First Day of Spring

February 1



On the Feast of St Brigid, we send our best wishes to IPC Founding Executive Director Sr Veronica.Dobson, a Brigidine Sister who hails from County Offaly.



Sr Veronica is the longest serving IPC Director – spending 17 years immersed in the Boston Irish community where her legacy is cherished. She retired from her role with the IPC in 2004, returning to San Antonio, Texas, where she still lives and works. Happy Feast Day Sr. Veronica!

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

QUIZ ANSWERS: 1.Down, 2. Cork and Meath, 3. Tipperary, 4. Maurice Fitzgerald, 5. Derry, 6. Pete McGrath, 7. Teddy McCarthy, 8. Mayo, 9. John Maughan, 10. Jimmy Barry Murphy

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GAA MINOR BOARD DONATION

The IPC was delighted to meet with Brendan MacGrath, Boston GAA Northeast Divisional Minor Board Secretary. Fr Dan accepted a generous donation on behalf of the Minor Board which is greatly appreciated. In conversation, Brendan expressed his appreciation on behalf of the Board for the efforts of the Irish Pastoral Centre in support of the Boston Irish community during the Pandemic. Acting Executive Director Neil Hurley remarked on the importance of the strength of community partnerships during this time while acknowledging the generosity of this donation.

Thank you very much Brendan!

Pictured L to R, Fr Dan Finn, Brendan MacGrath and Neil Hurley



ARAN KNITTERS NEEDED!

The Irish Country Womens Association has issued a special appeal for knitters.

An Irish company based in Cork is urgently seeking experienced Aran Hand Knitters to help them complete an order of Aran hand knitted Hats, Scarves, Jumpers and Cardigans for a company in America for Autumn/ Winter 2021. All you need is your own needles, all wool will be supplied.

If you would like to find out more information please contact Helen Moynihan on 087 2231919 or send her an email helenbweeng@gmail.com. This work is not limited to this year, if you are successful, more work is envisaged for 2022. Made popular recently by Taylor Swift the Aran Jumper is enjoying a revival on an unprecedented scale in the US.



PARADE OFFICIALLY CANCELLED



The South Boston Allied War Veterans Council organizers of the St. Patrick's Day Parade have announced that due to ongoing state restrictions the 2021 St Patrick's Day/ Evacuation Day Parade has been cancelled.

BIDEN MEETS DELLA!



Irish Pastoral Centre Board Member Della Costello travelled to the White House in 2016 for the Annual Saint Patrick's Day Breakfast. It's a fond memory for Della as she had the opportunity to have a great chat with our new President Biden. "It was a marvelous occasion. said Della.

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THE AMERICAN DREAM CONT'D FROM PAGE 1

Many of us can relate with our own unique story and journey, just like the Walsh family that arrived in Dorchester in the 50's. John Walsh from Callowfeenish, near Carna Co. Galway met Mary (née O'Malley), from Rosmuc, in County Galway at an Irish dance in Dorchester. They married and settled in Savin Hill where both of their sons were born; a young immigrant couple in a new country knowing the value of hard work, roots and effort.

John "Doc" Walsh was a member of the Laborers union, Local 223, in one of the region's strongest and most Irish of trade unions. His sons Johnnie and Martin (Marty) followed in time, and Marty served as President of the Local where he became drawn to public office. The Walsh's were known to extend the hand of friendship and support, probably because they were immigrants, and it was this genuine trait that set Marty apart in his run for Massachusetts State Representative in 1997 when he was first elected to public office. Here was the son of Irish Emigrants and his family realizing the American Dream: *the ethos of the United States, the set of ideals (democracy, rights, liberty, opportunity, and equality) in which freedom includes the opportunity for prosperity and success, as well as an upward social mobility for the family and children, achieved through hard work in a society with few barriers.*

In 2011, Walsh was named head of the Boston Building Trades Council. At the State House, he was the Chairman of the Committee on Ethics, and served as a Co-Chair of the Massachusetts Democratic Party Labor Caucus. During his tenure he also served as the co-chair for the Special Commission on Public Construction Reform.

In 2013, he was sworn in as Mayor of Boston. It was a "Kennedy" moment and the Irish in Boston and in Galway burst with pride.

In all he does, his roots are reflected. Those basic principles of hard work, fairness and decency have remained constant throughout all his accomplishments.

This month, the call came from the top and Marty will depart for Washington as United States Secretary of Labor. We are all honored, and we are all proud.

We bid you farewell Mayor Walsh with a huge "go raibh maith agat" (thank you)!

In these times of crisis and turmoil, Walsh's appointment is refreshing. Perhaps it is time to renew our faith in hope and our own potential, inspired here in Boston by a young lad from Dorchester who truly embodies the meaning of the American Dream.



News from our Senior Community

Zoom Meeting



ZOOM YOGA WILL TAKE PLACE ON THURSDAY FEBRUARY 11 AND 19. ZOOM BIGO TAKES PLACE EVERY TUESDAY. FOR HELP WITH ZOOM, PLEASE CALL MARY GORMAN OR HUNTER AT 617-265-5300. ITS EASIER THAN YOU THINK AND ALL ARE WELCOME!

**OUR JANUARY ZOOM BINGO WINNERS ARE:
MICHAEL WESTON (DUNKIN DONUTS CARD)
EILEEN COLLINS (WEST ON CENTRE GIFT CARD)
DISORIO KELLY**

When can I get a COVID-19 vaccine in MA?



IPC VACCINE REGISTRATION SUPPORT

The IPC is responding to several calls for assisting with vaccine registrations. Mary Gorman, our Senior Coordinator has called several agencies to see if they offer phone registration. The Governor's office has assured us that a call center for seniors is on the way. In the meantime, here's what the IPC has resourced so far:

Boston – South Boston, Dorchester: Boston Senior Home Care, 89 South Street, Lincoln Plaza Suite 50, Boston, MA 02111. TEL: (617) 292-6211

Brighton: Veronica Smith Senior Centre will have supports in place the first week of February. Call 617-635-6120

Milton: Board of Health. Call 617-898-4947. Please leave name, date of birth, telephone number, email address (if they have one), and home address on voice mail.

Boston - Jamaica Plain, Roslindale, West Roxbury, Hyde Park: ETHOS, 555 Amory Street, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130. TEL (617) 522-6700

Quincy – The city will open its own vaccine distribution site, the first week in February to help people sign up for and receive the COVID-19 inoculation. Manet Community Health Centre will run a vaccination clinic at 180 Old Colony Ave. While Manet encourages online registration, their phone number is 617 376-3000.

Please call the IPC at 617-265-5300 to be placed on our call list. Our volunteers will keep up to date on ways to help you as more news becomes available.



Fr Dan's Page



Now the Real Work of Christmas Begins.

We all know the story of the 3 Wise Kings but did you know there was a fourth?

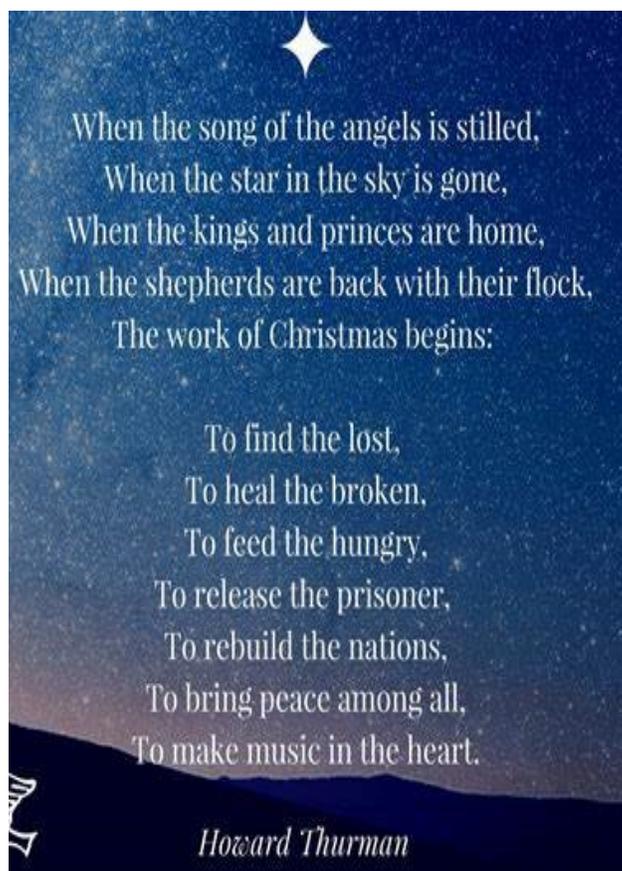
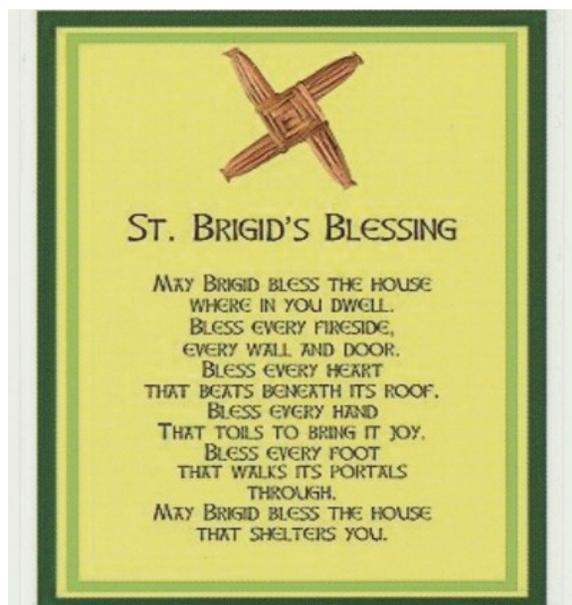
Artaban lived in the mountains of ancient Persia. On the basis of his study of the planets and stars, he predicted the birth of a great King. He sold all his possessions in order to buy gifts for the King – a radiant blue sapphire, a perfect ruby and a spectacular pearl. He then began his journey to Jerusalem, where he had agreed to meet with three other wise men to seek out the new-born King.

The journey was difficult, with many hold-ups. One day he saw a man, clearly very ill, lying on the path, and, as Artaban turned away, the man begged for help. Artaban hesitated, because if he stayed to help a dying stranger even for a short while, he might miss his three friends. But if he turned away, the man would surely die. In compassion, he took care of the sick man until he began to get well.

The Kings travelled on without him. He continued on alone, arriving in Bethlehem with his remaining gifts three days after the other wise men had paid homage to the Infant Jesus.

For thirty-three years, Artaban continued searching for the little family from Bethlehem and gave away his gifts to those in need. He was tired, worn out, ill and ready to die, but he kept on looking for the King. He came to Jerusalem and learned of an impending crucifixion. When he realized that this was His King, he despaired because he had given the gifts away. He collapsed in grief.

Then, in his half-conscious state, he recognized the gentle voice of Jesus, his King: "Take possession of the kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world. Insofar as you did it to the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me" (Matthew 25: 34, 40). Artaban's journey was over. His gifts were accepted. He had found his King.



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REMEMBERING SR MARGUERITE

As a missionary sister, Sr. Marguerite travelled across Europe, America, and South America in her efforts to help those who needed it most. Her life began in Galway.

Born Bridget Ita, the fifth child of Katie and Patrick Kelly, her life was forever changed, when as a teenager she attended the Missionary Franciscan Sisters boarding school in County Westmeath. This was where she felt a strong calling to join these nuns in their missionary endeavors. She served as a postulate in Italy and chose the name Marguerite. In 1957, she left Italy for the USA where she began her teaching career. She absolutely loved it but quietly yearned for missionary work.

Her prayers were answered in the late 60's when she was sent to a mission in Coroico, Bolivia. She spent a decade there, helping implement programs in health care and nutrition to enrich the lives of women in the province's rural villages. She often recalled how "It was a delight to observe them learn to knit and sew and make clothes for themselves and for their children. Sr. Marguerite found great joy in these ten years of servitude.

In 1980, Sr. Marguerite graduated from Boston College with a Masters in Pastoral Ministry. She was elected to the community's Provincial Leadership Team on the East Coast of America and the yearning for missionary work returned. This time, her assignment was in Peru as the director of a formation program for the missionary.

Upon her return to America in 2003, she received a phone call from Sr. Veronica Dobson at the Irish Pastoral Centre who was seeking an individual to replace her as executive director. After some initial hesitation where she thought the role "was not really suitable for her, Sr. Marguerite accepted the position.

Her ministry continued and Sr Marguerite described her role as this: "Our ministry is quite varied and includes welcoming and providing some orientation for new arrivals, giving advice and contacts regarding accommodation and employment, information on immigration laws and citizenship, hospital and prison ministry, arranging Pre-Canas courses [to name but a few]....." This was a role she fully embraced,

Reflecting on her time at the Irish Pastoral Centre and a career that has spanned five decades, Sr. Marguerite, upon retirement had only fond memories and expressed her gratitude for the kindness and moral support she has received.

It is we who are grateful. Sr Marguerite will be forever remembered here at the Centre as a gentle guiding light and the finest example of kindness in spirit. May you rest easy Sr Marguerite, until we meet again.



In happier times, Former IPC Executive Director, Megan Carroll, Former Spiritual Director Fr. John McCarthy, Sr Marguerite RIP, IPC Staff Audrey Larkin and Kathleen Rohan with Fr. Dan Finn. This article was sourced in part from Irish Central.

IRISH AMBASSADOR REFLECTS ON THE INAUGURATION

Irish Ambassador to the USA Dan Mulhall and his wife Greta were deeply honoured to be present for the inauguration of Joseph R. Biden as America's 46th President (22 of his predecessors were of Irish descent), and of Kamala Harris as Vice President. The following is the Ambassadors personal reflection:



Having viewed so many Presidential Inaugurations from a distance, it would have been a privilege to attend any inauguration, but this one is of very special significance for an Irish Ambassador. That is because of President Biden's pride in his Irish heritage. He has the strongest Irish family background of any President since John F. Kennedy. Moreover, throughout his decades in public life he has identified himself as an Irish American.

As I watched Chief Justice John Roberts swear in the new President, I could not help thinking about a number of my fellow countrymen and women - James and Mary Stanton, Patrick Blewitt, Catherine Scanlon, James Finnegan and Catherine Roche - all of whom crossed the Atlantic in the mid-19th century to become part of the family tree of an American President.

President Biden's Irish roots are deep and wide. His back story is akin to those of some 33 million Americans many of whom are also descended from 19th century Irish immigrants. On his mother's side, all eight of the new President's great-great grandparents were born in Ireland during the 1820s and 1830s. This means that they experienced the Great Famine of the 1840s which decimated Ireland, producing a grim harvest of death, destitution and mass emigration. They became part of an that enormous outflow from Ireland. Some 4 million Irish emigrants departed for America in the second half of the 19th century and, remarkably given Ireland's size, in the century between 1820 and 1920 one-sixth of all immigrants from Europe to America hailed from Ireland.

I see the story and the Blewitts and the Finnegans, brought to light by their great-great grandson's extraordinary success, as emblematic of the larger saga of Irish immigrants in America. Most of those who made that perilous journey across the Atlantic have been lost from history, their lives largely invisible because they left behind little documentary evidence of their struggles and accomplishments. We know that the lives of immigrants were hard ones. President Biden's Irish-born great-grandparents, Catherine Roche and James Finnegan, from County Louth, did not live long after their arrival in America and their son, Ambrose Finnegan, the President's grandfather was orphaned at a young age. His story tells another part of the story of Irish America as that son of a shoemaker, became a successful figure in Scranton, an employee of the local paper during that great age of the newspaper industry. It is no coincidence that the arrival of millions of immigrants from Ireland and elsewhere came at a time when the American economy was scaling new heights in the half-century after the Civil War. They laboured to make America the success it became during that Gilded Age.

In meeting Irish Americans all over this country, I often hear about the importance of their grandparents in passing on an Irish heritage. President Biden seems to follow that pattern and the influence of his Finnegan grandparents from Scranton is apparent. He spoke movingly about this when he came to residence in 2018 to launch the Cambridge History of Ireland. His strong sense of an Irish heritage shone through everything he said on that occasion. He graciously stayed for quite a while after his formal remarks and interacted happily with our guests on that memorable evening.

When he visited Ireland in 2016 as Vice-President, he wrote about his enthusiasm for the country of his ancestors. As he put it, "I have always been and will always be the son of Kitty Finnegan. The grandson of Geraldine Finnegan from St. Paul's Parish in Scranton; a proud descendant of the Finnegans of County Louth. The great-grandson of a man called Edward Francis Blewitt, whose roots stem from Ballina, a small town in Ireland's County Mayo".

In the same letter, President Biden made a comment that has stuck in my memory since I first came across it. Citing James Joyce's comment that "when I die, Dublin will be written on my heart", he wrote that "Northeast Pennsylvania will be written on my heart. But Ireland will be written on my soul." Wow.

During the 2020 election campaign, candidate Biden often referred with pride to his Irish Catholic upbringing. In September, at a key moment in the EU-UK negotiations, when the British Government's commitment to the Protocol on Northern Ireland agreed in 2019, appeared to be wavering, he signaled his support for the Good Friday Agreement and for the retention of an open border in Ireland.

President Biden has never hidden his enthusiasm for Irish poetry. Reciting W.B. Yeats's poetry helped him overcome a childhood stutter. In the latter part of the campaign, he released a video of his stellar reading of Seamus Heaney's powerful poem, 'from The Cure at Troy' with its brilliant phrase about making "hope and history rhyme". **CONT'd on next page.**

News from the Irish Consulate

Ireland and Global Leadership

Minister Colm Brophy, TD

Minister of State with responsibility for Overseas Development Aid and Diaspora

February 9, 2021

12:00 PM EST (US and Canada) via Zoom



Opening remarks by **Dr. Laoise Moore**, Consul General of Ireland to New England

Moderated by **Dr. Robert Mauro**, Director, Global Leadership Institute at Boston College
For more information contact gli@bc.edu



WINTER SOLSTICE SPOTLIGHT

Vincent Crotty has been exhibiting his work for over 35 years, with gallery shows in Ireland and throughout the US. His paintings has been recognized with awards from the Massachusetts Cultural Council, the John Stobart Foundation, Plein Air Magazine, and plein air art competitions internationally.

Vincent currently teaches weekly classes at the New Art Center in Newton, Mass. He has given portrait demonstrations at the Harvard University Art Museums, and his portraits have been commissioned by the Boston College Burns Library, the Irish Cultural Center of New England, the Michael J. Quill Cultural Centre in New York, and other organizations and private collections. In addition to his gallery shows, Vincent's paintings have been featured as set designs for theater companies and touring productions including Atlantic Steps, the Cork City Ballet, the Huntington Theater Company, Kieran Jordan Dance, and the WGBH Celtic Sojourn productions. Four of his paintings were used on the film set in the 2003 Clint Eastwood movie *Mystic River*. ***The Irish Consulate recently hosted a virtual Winter Solstice Art Series with Irish Network Boston and a team of talented artists based in the Boston area.***



Ambassador's Reflection Cont'd from previous page:

I have been asked why Irish people take such pride of the achievements of people of Irish descent around the world. It is because, notwithstanding the fact that one in six people in today's Ireland were born outside our State, in our bones we know that we are people shaped by emigration, which has been central to the experience of being Irish for the best part of two centuries. The departure of so many of our people was devastating for the country they left behind, but our exiles also became a source of support for Ireland as we strove to assert our independence and cultural identity. A potent transatlantic bond thus developed. It has survived the test of time as reflected in Irish American backing for Ireland during the negotiations concerning Britain's departure from the European Union.

It is because President Biden's story is an integral part of a wider Irish story, that the inauguration of President Biden is a moment of great pride and celebration in today's Ireland.

Daniel Mulhall is Ireland's Ambassador to the United States

CURRENTLY AVAILABLE SERVICES
CONSULATE GENERAL OF IRELAND BOSTON
JAN 2021

What consular services are available under the current COVID-19 re-opening phase?

1. Emergency consular services are available for Irish Citizens. Leave an emergency message for our officer on duty at +1 617 267 9330.
2. Passport application processing is currently suspended due to Level 5 restrictions in Ireland. If you have previously submitted an application to us, your documents are being stored at the Consulate and your application will continue processing once normal operations resume.
3. If your passport is less than five years expired you must renew online here: dfa.ie/passportonline
4. Visa services have resumed for Long Stay (D) visas only. Applications for Short Stay (C) visas and the Working Holiday Authorisation Programme are not being accepted.
5. Any queries may be directed to the Contact Us page on our website dfa.ie/boston or +1 617 267 9330.

Our office remains closed to the public. If you are an Irish citizen with a genuine emergency and need an appointment please contact our officer on duty at +1 617 267 9330

PUBLIC ADVISORY

THE CONSULATE GENERAL OF IRELAND, BOSTON PRESENTS

ST. BRIGID'S DAY 2021

- FOUR EVENTS -
 - FOUR WAYS TO PARTICIPATE -

IMBOLC & ST. BRIGID'S DAY CELEBRATION
 HOSTED BY THE IRISH CULTURAL CENTER OF NEW ENGLAND

The ICC will present an afternoon of music, song, stories and an exploration of old traditions.
 More details below!

A virtual gathering on Sunday, Jan 31st at 3:30 PM ET
 RSVP to Maudy Doohar mduohar@irishculture.org

31 JAN

CARRICKAHOWLEY GALLERY
 AT THE MAINE IRISH HERITAGE CENTER

Inspired by Carrickahowley, the homeplace of Irish Pirate Queen, Grace O'Malley/Grainne Mhaile - enjoy the opening of a new Virtual Art Gallery with our friends in Portland, Maine. The Opening Exhibition will mark the beginning of Spring, and is an opportunity to focus on women and visual art.

Available virtually at www.maineirish.com

1 FEB

BRIGID - SYMBOL OF FEMININE ENERGY AND RENEWAL
 IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE HERE COMES EVERYBODY PLAYERS

Music, poetry and drama for St. Brigid's Day, February 1st, the ancient Celtic festival of Imbolc and the coming of Spring.
 More details below!

1 FEB

A virtual event on Monday, Feb 1st at 7:00 PM ET
 RSVP on Zoom at <https://bit.ly/3bPbVgR>

CELEBRATION OF WOMEN IN STEM
 IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE IRISH AMERICAN SCIENCE FORUM AND THE BOSTON COLLEGE GLOBAL LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Details to be announced!

TBD FEB

Follow us on Twitter for the latest! @IrelandBoston

LÁ FHÉILE BRÍDE
 Ag Ceilidh aradh Cíosaíochta na míleán
ST BRIGID'S DAY
 Celebrating the Creativity of Women

Ard-Chonsalacht na hÉireann
 Consulate General of Ireland



Government extends requirement for pre departure Covid-19 testing to all countries

Arrivals from Great Britain and South Africa will continue to require a negative/not detected PCR test AND must continue to isolate for 14 days, even if they take a second test after arrival.

Arrivals from red and grey list countries (as defined by the EU traffic light system), and all other locations outside of Europe, must continue to restrict their movements for 14 days. However this may be lifted on receipt of a negative/not detected result of a second PCR test taken no less than 5 days after arrival.

Arrivals from green and orange countries (as defined by the EU traffic light system) will not be required to restrict their movements on arrival but must adhere to the local public health guidance. Checks will be made by the Border Management Unit at Dublin Airport and by An Garda Síochána at other points of entry.



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.

November 30, Joan Cremins, Roslindale and County Mayo
December 4, Oliver Dempsey, Hyde Park and County Mayo

December 20, John Connolly, South Boston and County Galway

December 23, Bridget Driscoll, Dorchester and Kerry

December 25, Thomas Nolan, Milton and County Cork

December 26, Elizabeth Mulkern, Quincy and County Kerry

December 29, Jeremiah O'Shea, Plymouth and County Cork

December 28, Rosemary Heard, New Hampshire and County Kerry

January 2, James Mulligan, West Roxbury and County Mayo

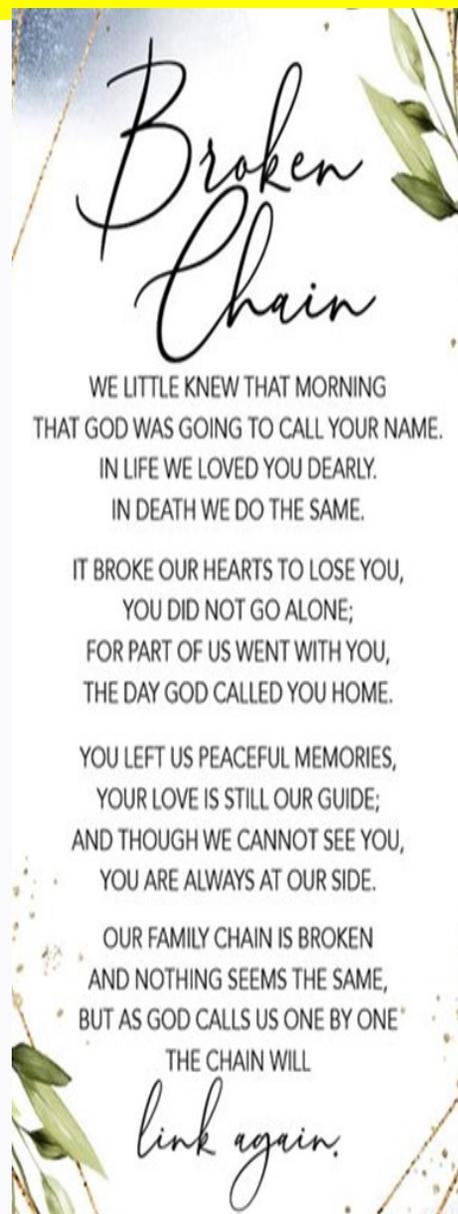
January 2, Mary Campbell, Milton and County Down

January 5, Michael McDonough, Melrose and County Galway

January 13, Mary O'Donoghue, Roslindale and County Cork

January 22, Ann Walsh, Milton and County Galway

January 24, Nora Driscoll, Milton and County Cork



Knights and Ladies of St. Finbarr - Cork club Mourns Oldest Member and Officer



Russ Meyers passed away on January 7, 2021. He was the oldest member of the Cork club and also one of its longest members. An officer of the club for many years holding various positions, Russ never missed a dance where even though he was well over ninety years of age. Even when his sight began to decline, he still showed up with his dear friend Kathy Cooney who passed away in 2018.

Russell was passionate about all thing Irish particularly Irish traditional songs. He was well known and beloved for his singing ability in Irish clubs and music sessions all across the Boston metropolitan area.

Russ was honored by the Knights and Ladies of St. Finbarr with a life membership in 2012 and again in 2016 with "Man of the Year" award.

Club President Richard Archer stated that "Russ was a kind and outstanding member and will be remembered both for his work, love of the club and kindness to all. The Cork has suffered a great loss. We ask our members and friends to say a silent prayer for this wonderful gentleman. May the good Lord welcome Russ into His kingdom and may he Rest in Peace, Russ will be missed". An announcement of services will be made in May.

Fadó Fadó - Long Ago in Ireland

‘Oíche na Gaoithe Móire.’ *The ‘Night of the Big Wind’*

One of the worst storms in Irish history took place on 5 January 1839, when heavy snow fell throughout Ireland. In Irish history it’s known as the ‘Night of the Big Wind’ or ‘Oíche na Gaoithe Móire.’

This storm developed in the mid-Atlantic region early on 6 January 1839, but really intensified as its associated depression moved up along the NW coast later in the night, bringing death and destruction to the whole island, Irish Weather Online states: up to 300 people died in Ireland and tens of thousands were left homeless as winds reached well over 115 mph, in a category three hurricane. Twenty-five percent of the houses in Dublin were destroyed and 42 ships were sunk.

The storm began after a period of very odd Irish weather. A heavy snowstorm on 5 January was followed by a balmy sunny day, almost unheard of for that time of year. Some people claimed the temperature reached as high as 23 degrees and the heavy snow on 5 January completely melted. During the daytime on 6 January, a deep Atlantic low pressure system began moving across Ireland where it collided with the warm front.

The first news of bad weather was reported in Co Mayo. The steeple at the Church of Ireland in Castlebar church was blown down. As the evening wore on the winds began to howl and soon reached hurricane force. The arrival of the hurricane force winds would never be forgotten by those who witnessed it.

The Dublin Evening Post described its arrival with the following: “about half past ten it rose into a high gale, which continued to increase in fury until after midnight, when it blew a most fearful and destructive tempest.” In Dublin, crowds flocked to the old Parliament House in College Green to hide under the portico, believing it one of the few places strong enough to withstand the storm. The Atlantic became so fierce that the waves broke over the top of the Cliffs of Moher. The wind blew out lanterns and candles so the only source of light was from lightning, which frequently ignited in the sky. Thatched roofs were torn from thousands of houses and in many cases, the walls of the houses were flattened as well. Hail broke windows, church bells and towers came down by the score. So strong were the winds that grass sods were torn from hillsides and mountain sheep blown to their death, many others being killed by huge boulders which tumbled down the slopes after being dislodged from their perches by the fearsome winds. There are even reports that cattle froze to death where they stood. The back wall of the Guinness Brewery collapsed in Dublin, killing nine horses. The Night of the Big Wind became part of Irish folk tradition and led many to believe that the end of the world was at hand.

When the British state pension system was introduced in 1909, one of the questions asked of those applicants in Ireland who lacked documentation was whether they could remember the storm of 1839.

A popular story holds that the storm inspired the Director of Armagh Observatory, the Reverend Romney Robinson, to develop the cup-anemometer, which remains the commonly used wind measuring device today.



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

This month we have the honor of spotlighting Dingle native Gregory Ashe, who made his home in Dorchester.

In 1959 at the age of 17, carrying a pair of rosary beads and five dollars, Gregory emigrated from Murreigh, which is five miles from Dingle, to the Allston neighborhood of Boston to live with his sister and her twelve children. Gregory fondly remembers his first day at his first construction job, a 7 a.m start time in Jordan Marsh.

A guy who spoke Gaelic came up to him and said, "First time I ever seen a Murreigh man get up so early"! It was the late Tommy Fitzgerald, who was also from Dingle. That was the beginning of a long friendship with Tommy and Seamus Kane now resides in Westwood.

Gregory met his wife Sarah at Castle Island and their first date was at the Intercolonial Dance Hall on Dudley Street. Sarah, who is from Donegal, married Gregory in 1964. They have two children who also reside in Dorchester with their families, Karen and her husband Kevin Doherty, and James Ashe and his wife Amy. Gregory and Sarah are the proud grandparents of Caitlin, Mark and Kevin Doherty, and Bernadette Ashe.

Gregory made his first of many trips back to Dingle after living here for two years. He is happy to have had frequent visits back to Dingle to see his parents while they were both living and to reunite with his 1957 Vocational School County Championship teammates

The construction industry in Boston during the seventies was bleak. Gregory was a tenant and good friend of Pat Walsh and the Walsh family who were all Gaelic speakers. Gregory attended college at Wentworth Institute of Technology. After Wentworth, he became a member of the Archdiocese of Boston Labor Guild and served as Auditor for Local 223.

Ray Flynn, a friend and supporter of the City of Boston immigrant community was a longshot in the 1983 mayoral race against Mel King. Gregory said, "I was honored to be an election coordinator for Ward 16 and to be part of Mayor Flynn's transitional labor team along with Eddie Roach who later became the Real Property Commissioner."

In 1993 Flynn was appointed to the Vatican and Gregory remained at Boston City Hall where he worked with the late Mayor Thomas Menino until his retirement.

A proud Civil Servant for the City of Boston. Gregory remembers attending a wake for a member of Mayor Kevin White's family and the person he was speaking with told him that "Boston historians will remember Mayor Kevin White as the builder, Mayor Ray Flynn as the healer and Mayor Tom Menino as the urban mechanic".

Gregory also worked with Mayor Flynn, Fr Dan Finn and the late Bill McGowan on a visa selection program, sponsored by Representative Brian Donnelly, Democrat of Massachusetts, as part of the 1986 immigration reform law. In 1987, Gregory was proud to work with Fr. Dan Finn and Sr Veronica Dobson the co-founders of the Irish Pastoral Centre and subsequently with Consulate General Brendan Scannell and Chaplain Fr John McCarthy.

Gregory then ended by saying, "I have seen many changes in Boston over my sixty years. Progress has been made, but challenges remain to be done."

Gregory would like to congratulate Mayor Martin Walsh and let him know how proud he is of his nomination by President Joe Biden for the Labor Secretary Cabinet Position.



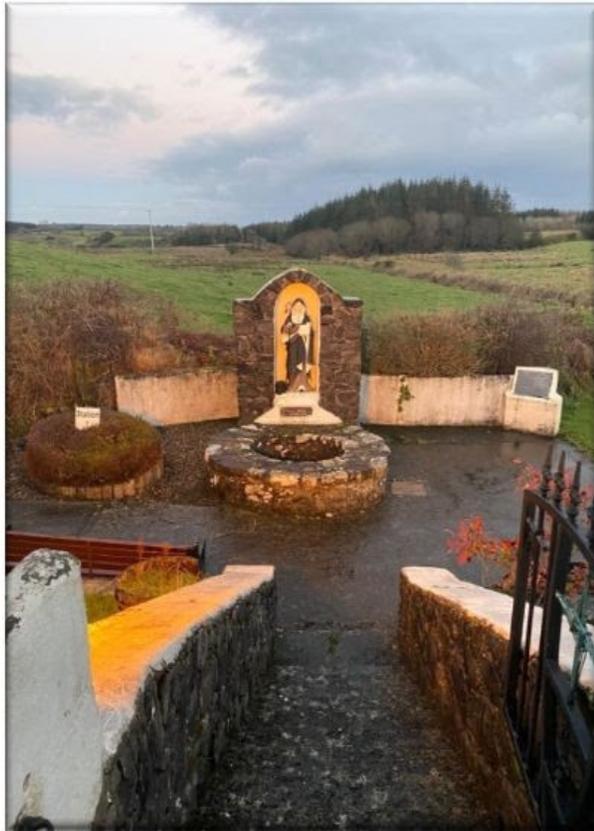
Each month, the IPC will feature a Senior Spotlight Story. Please reach out to Senior Coordinator Mary Gorman at mgorman@ipcboseon.org if you know someone who would like to be featured.

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

If you prefer putting pen to paper, please mail your submission to Mary Swanton at the Pastoral Centre

IMBOLC & ST. BRIGID'S DAY CELEBRATION

A virtual gathering on Sunday, January 31st at 3:30pm



The ICC & the
Consulate General of Ireland, Boston

present an afternoon of music, song, stories
and an exploration of old traditions.

Imbolc signifies the end of winter and the reawakening of Spring. February 1 also pays tribute to Brigid the Goddess of Fire and to the feast day of St. Brigid of Kildare.

SPECIAL GUESTS INCLUDE:

Consul General of Ireland in Boston, Laoise Moore
ICC President, Martina Curtin

“What is the meaning of Imbolc,? Who was St. Brigid?
- a presentation by Maureen McNally

- We will take you to Mayo for a virtual tour of the St. Brigid's Well in the village of Kilfinjan.
- Clodagh Doyle, Keeper of the *Museum of Country Life* in Co. Mayo will give a virtual tour of their St. Brigid's exhibition in the Museum .

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IMMIGRATION NEWS

The Presidential Proclamation on Travel Suspense Remains in Effect

President Biden signed a Presidential Proclamation continuing the travel restrictions previously imposed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. This continues for all of the previously designated countries, including Ireland and the United Kingdom, and expand the restriction to include South Africa. Please see the graphic on the right for updated details that are sourced courtesy of The Coalition of Irish Immigration Centers.



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Presidential Proclamation: Travel Suspension

Proclamation remains in effect for previously designated countries listed below
 Proclamation takes effect for South Africa 12:01a EST 30 Jan 2021

Indefinitely suspends entry into the United States of certain noncitizens present in countries listed below within 14 days of seeking entry into the U.S.
 Proclamation to be reviewed every 30 days

Exceptions

- Legal Permanent Residents (LPRs)
- Spouses of US Citizens (USC) & LPRs
- Parents/legal guardians of USCs/LPRs (unmarried & under 21)
- Child(ren) of USC/LPRs (including foster children & prospective adoptees)
- Siblings of USCs/LPRs (unmarried & under 21)
- F-1 & M-1 visa holders from Ireland, UK & Schengen Europe
- National Interest Exceptions
- Travel Crewmembers
- Government related travel
- Armed forces related travel

Applies to:
 • New Immigrants
 • Nonimmigrants (temporary visa/visa waiver/ESTA)

South Africa (30 Jan 2021)
Brazil (25 May 2020)
Ireland & UK (16 March 2020)
Iran (29 Feb 2020)
China (31 Jan 2020)

Schengen Area Countries (13 Mar 2020):

Austria	Germany	Lithuania	Portugal
Belgium	Greece	Luxembourg	Slovakia
Czech Republic	Hungary	Malta	Slovenia
Denmark	Iceland	Netherlands	Spain
Estonia	Italy	Norway	Sweden
Finland	Latvia	Poland	Switzerland
France	Liechtenstein		

Full Proclamation:
bit.ly/36bZ846

NOTE: Currently no nonessential travel over land borders from Canada & Mexico

Testing Requirements for International Travel

Starting January 26, 2021 the CDC will be enforcing COVID-19 testing requirements for **ALL** individuals entering the U.S. internationally by **AIR**. Please see the graphic below for details of these requirements:

This CDC order continues to be reviewed by the Biden administration and it is expected that additional requirements will be released in the coming weeks. It is also expected that additional requirements for travel by land and sea will be forthcoming. Source and graphic courtesy of The Coalition of Irish Immigration Centers.

Learn about the **COVID-19 Vaccine:**

mass.gov/COVIDVaccine

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PROMOTING COVID-19 SAFETY: INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

EFFECTIVE 26 JANUARY 2021

COVID-19 testing requirements for **ALL** individuals entering the U.S. internationally by **AIR** are changing in compliance with CDC guidelines under the Public Health Service Act

Review of CDC testing rule is ongoing; additional requirements may be announced in coming weeks

Negative Test Requirement

Proof of negative COVID-19 test:

- 3 days prior to flight
- Passengers age 2+
- Provide documentation of test to airline
- Positive results requires official clearance of recovery to travel
- Documents **MUST** be produced at request of any U.S. gov't official/cooperating agent

Mask Requirement

Be aware masks are **REQUIRED** in/on:

- U.S. airports
- U.S. commercial flights/airlines
- All forms of public transport in the U.S.

Quarantine/Isolation Protocols

Follow statutory protocols regarding self-quarantine/self-isolation upon entry:

- Test 3-5 days post travel & isolate for 7 days
- If you do not get tested post travel isolate for 10 days
- Adhere to mask wearing & social distancing
- Be aware interstate travel & specific state regulations

CDC order: bit.ly/39gWJHx
 Executive Order: bit.ly/3cakUJn

No test documentation
No boarding

IMMIGRATION NEWS

Some Hope for Immigrants in the United States

On his first day of office, President Biden offered some hope to many immigrants in the U.S. without legal status by outlining a plan that will provide a pathway to citizenship. The bill he plans to send to Congress is expected to include the following provisions and demonstrates a serious commitment to the immigrant and refugee community in the U.S.:

Provide an eight year path to citizenship (five years for permanent residence with a three year waiting period for naturalization) and an expedited path for DACA recipients, TPS holders, and farm workers.

- Eliminate the three- and ten-year bars on reentry.
- Reduce green card backlogs.
- Eliminate country caps on visas.
- Provide expedited paths to green cards for children and spouses of permanent residents.
- Provide funding to promote integration and citizenship.
- Ensure counsel for children and vulnerable populations facing deportation.
- Make much needed improvements to employment-based immigration.
- Eliminate the use of the dehumanizing term “alien” in immigration laws.

Quick Facts

Across the country the support for immigrants and immigration stretches across the political spectrum.

An earned path to citizenship for 11 million people would boost the country’s GDP by \$1.5 trillion over 10 years. As newly legalized immigrants enter the labor force, they will increase the “wage floor” for American workers, and support 750,000 to 900,000 American jobs.

77% of Americans believe that immigration is good for the country.

78% believe DACA recipients should be able to remain in America.

A Fox News poll on Election Day that found 71% of Americans — 91% Biden voters and over half of Trump voters support legal status for undocumented immigrants

Did you know that the Irish Pastoral Centre offers Notary Public services? We also have Irish Passport forms available. We can help you with the passport process also. Call the IPC at 617-265-5300 if we can be of assistance.



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may we also look
forward to
reuniting soon!**



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MISSION STATEMENT

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



Artist Vincent Crotty's
Stunning Window Designs at
the IPC in Dorchester
Vincentcrotty.com

We Are A Parish Without Boundaries

The Celtic Scribe

WINTER

by Tommy Makem

WINTER, a sharp bitter day
 the robin turns plump against the cold
 the sun is weak
 silver faded from gold
 he is late in his coming and short in his stay
 Man, beast, bird and air all purging, all cleansing,
 earth already purified awaits the rite of spring
 Her bridal gown a virgin snow and frosts in her hair
 A snowdrop by the road today bowed gracefully
 and high upon the wing up in the sparkling nothingness,
 a lone bird began to sing
 Can gentle spring be far away?



THE BARD OF ARMAGH



Tommy Makem was born on Nov. 4, 1932, in the market and mill town of Keady, where he grew up in a house filled with music. His father played fiddle, bagpipes, tin whistle, and drums. His mother Sarah possessed an astonishing repertoire of more than 500 songs, many of which Tommy learned directly from her.

When American song collector Diane Hamilton and 19-year-old Liam Clancy visited Tommy's mother in 1955 to record her, Liam and Tommy struck up an immediate friendship. They left for America within a month of each other, eventually teaming up in New York as actors.

But in 1956, music became ascendant when Makem joined the Clancy brothers to record "The Rising of the Moon: Irish Songs of Rebellion. Their fame grew and they were scouted for The Ed Sullivan Show" and they were originally slated for a four-

minute TV slot. However, they performed for about 16 minutes on TV's most popular variety show after a headlining act called in sick. Wearing trademark Aran sweaters, they were a sensation!! Signed shortly thereafter to a Columbia Records contract, they put Ireland on the map and went from strength to strength. Hits including "Home Boys Home," and "Four Green Fields" were known worldwide.

Toward the end of the 1960s, Tommy Makem embarked on a solo career, and his success continued. He encountered Liam Clancy at a 1975 Cleveland festival, where the two did a set together. That sparked another run of success. The duo of Makem and Clancy flourished until 1988 when each returned to a solo career. In 1984, the original group reunited for a documentary on them that would culminate in a highly anticipated, sold-out reunion concert.

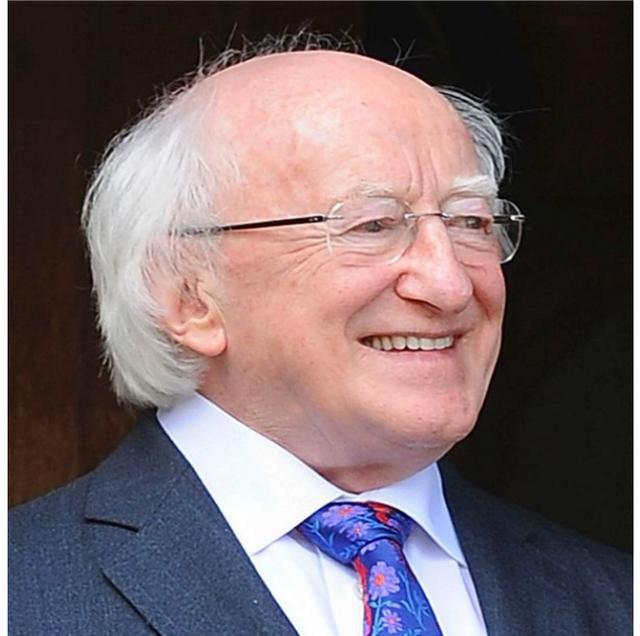
Resuming his solo career in 1988, Tommy Makem never slowed down. For 16 years before it closed on June 30, 1998, he owned Tommy Makem's Irish Pavilion, a restaurant-pub on Manhattan's East 57th Street. He also released many more solo albums, wrote and performed a one-man theatrical show in 1999, hosted several public television as well as Irish travel videos for PBS, and toured extensively right until lung cancer in its final stage made him too frail to perform.

Tommy Makem died in 2007. Although he received three honorary doctorates between 1998 and 2007, a key part of what made Tommy Makem so inspiring as an artist was his unabashed love of the best in Irish culture. Tommy Makem's music, wit, storytelling, conviction, theater-bred actions, and bardic enthusiasm for verse turned his concerts into events and him not just into a star but a friend embraced by audiences everywhere. "Nobody can duplicate the kind of first-time freshness and excitement that Tommy brought to Irish music," Liam Clancy said. "His enthusiasm and zeal were admirable. He was an entertainer in the best sense of the term." In her own tribute on the news of Tommy's passing, Irish President Mary McAleese said, "In life, Tommy brought happiness and joy to hundreds of thousands of fans the world over. Always the consummate musician, he was also a superb ambassador for the country, and one of whom we will always be proud." Pride, rooted in love of country rather than self-love, is part of the enduring legacy of Tommy Makem. His mark on Irish music is inextinguishable.

The Celtic Scribe

‘Our diaspora is one of Ireland’s greatest resources: through the contribution our people make to the nations they migrate to; through the bonds they forge with the peoples of those countries, our migrants have allowed Ireland to have global connections far beyond our size.’

President of Ireland Michael D. Higgins, in reference to the Irish Government’s new Diaspora Strategy



Excerpt from the poem : **“ Crossings ”**

By Seamus Heaney

**Everything flows. Even a solid man,
A pillar to himself and to his trade,
All yellow boots and stick and soft felt hat,**

**Can sprout wings at the ankle and grow fleet
As the god of fair days, stone posts, roads and
cross-roads,
Guardian of travellers and psychopomp.**

**‘Look for a man with an ash-plant on the boat,’
My father told his sister setting out
For London, ‘and stay near him all night**

**And you’ll be safe.’ Flow on, flow on
The journey of the soul with its soul guide
And the mysteries of dealing men with sticks!**

“Comghairdeachas to Boston Mayor Marty Walsh on his nomination as Labor Secretary. As Mayor of Boston, he has been a great friend to Ireland. And, of course, given the President-elect’s Mayo heritage, it’s welcome to see some Galway balance on the incoming cabinet!” Dan Mulhall, Ireland’s Ambassador to the USA



Sports News From Ireland

MC GREGOR KNOCKED OUT

Conor McGregor has been medically suspended for six months after his UFC 257 defeat by Dustin Poirier. The former two-division champion, 32, suffered a devastating second-round KO loss to Poirier in Abu Dhabi.

McGregor was spotted on crutches the next day after he was caught by a series of devastating kicks from the American, whom he now wants to meet in a trilogy showdown. That was his third setback in his last six octagon outings and has shattered his hopes of landing a money-making rematch with rival Khabib Nurmagomedov.

It has also delayed his quest to reclaim the lightweight title — although he has vowed to bounce back and fight again as quickly as possible. But now the Irishman will have to wait a little longer than he hoped for to get back to business. MMA.tv, which is the official record keeper for the Association of Boxing Commissions, has confirmed to MixedMartialArts that the superstar has been medically suspended for six months. That means, unless he gets cleared by a doctor, he will be unable to fight again until July. McGregor can return after 45 days if he receives a negative X-ray on his right tibia/fibula. Despite his recent setbacks and his huge bank balance, McGregor is adamant he has no intention of calling it a day. Asked whether he'd fight again in 2021, he said: “Of course, I need activity, guys, come on. You don't get away with being inactive and that's the way it is. **Sourced from the Daily Mail**



Katie Taylor named RTÉ Sportsperson of the Year

UNDISPUTED LIGHTWEIGHT BOXING champion Katie Taylor has been named RTÉ Sportsperson of the Year for 2020, a year during which she settled her rivalry with Belgian powerhouse Delfine Persoon and successfully headlined a momentous female world-title tripleheader live on Sky Sports against Miriam Gutierrez. Taylor edged out cyclist Sam Bennett, jockey Colin Keane, Dublin footballer Ciaran Kilkenny, Limerick hurler Gearóid Hegarty, and rower Sanita Puspure, and in doing so became just the fourth ever athlete to win RTÉ's flagship sports award on more than one occasion (after Sonia O'Sullivan x5, Pdraig Harrington x3 and Rory McLroy x2).

The all-time boxing great is now one of the highest-earning female athletes on the planet. Her 2020 rematch with Persoon alone was understood by *The42* to be worth somewhere in the region of €1.5m to Taylor, who along with her seven-figure fight purse pocketed a significant share of the Sky Sports Box Office pay-per-view revenue in Ireland.

Limerick manager John Kiely won 'Manager of the Year' as the Treaty boss saw his impressive Limerick team go through the year unbeaten. They were the stand-out hurlers in 2020, winning back-to-back league and Munster titles, as well as regaining the Liam McCarthy Cup they last won in 2018.



1990's GAA Hurling and Football Quiz

The 1990s were an incredible time for GAA Football and Hurling, an era we're never likely to relive. How well do you remember it all though?

Here are 10 questions covering 1990 to 1999 - perhaps the most exciting era of the Gaelic games we've ever witnessed.

Credit to Joe.ie.



1. All-Ireland champions Derry went out in the first round of the '94 Championship in what was considered one of the great games of the '90s. Who beat them?

2. The same two teams contested the first and last All-Ireland football final of the decade. Who were they?

3. In the first ever year of The Backdoor, Clare hurlers had to beat the same team twice for the first time ever to win the All-Ireland. Who did they beat?

4. Kerry ended a "famine" of 11 years by winning back Sam in 1997. Who was their footballer of the year?

5. Cavan won their first Ulster title in 28 years, beating who in the final in 1997?

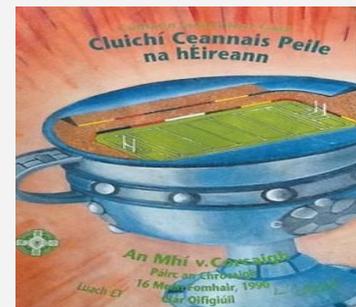
6. Down won two Sam Maguires in the 1990s. Who was their manager for both?

7. Cork won the historic double in 1990. What player played on both teams?
Teddy McCarthy

8. Leitrim won a famous Connacht final in 1994 under John O'Mahony. Who did they beat?

9. Clare broke the Kerry/Cork football dynasty in Munster for one year in 1992. Who was their manager?

10. A young Cork hurling team under who won the All-Ireland to finish the decade in 1999?



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Join us this winter for Irish Language Classes via ZOOM

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