



**The Irish Center of Southern California Inc., is a 501 c (3) Not for Profit Corporation Tax ID No. is 95-4442397**

We are a fundraising group **with no “paid” staff**. Our primary aim is to acquire a multi- purpose facility including a theater, library, social hall, meeting rooms, etc. Please send news re graduations, births, weddings, deaths, relocating, etc., to [eirebt@yahoo.com](mailto:eirebt@yahoo.com) Our new mailing address is Post Office Box 901, La Canada, CA 91011.

You will find the newsletter and updated information on our website at [www.irishcenter.org](http://www.irishcenter.org) It is not always possible to distribute information regarding death notices and events timely. However, if you have access to a computer chances are you can find the website. Check it a few times a week for updates and for the newsletter.

If you know someone who would like to receive this newsletter and who does not have a computer we will send a copy by U.S. mail. Let us know. This distribution is over 2800 e-mail addresses. We would like to thank those people who donated to the Irish Center to help us with expenses (including ink and postage for this newsletter)

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## MONTHLY EVENTS

**IRISH CENTER OF SO. CALIFORNIA** “get-together” (first Sunday of the month) at 1 p.m. lunch at Hill Street Café, 3301 N. Glenoaks Blvd., Burbank. Easy to find, between Hollywood Way and Buena Vista on Glenoaks (right next to St. Leon’s Cathedral). Hill Street Café telephone number is 818-845-0046. Order what you want – a cup of coffee to full breakfast or lunch – and pay separately. **APRIL MEETING CANCELED**

**FRIENDS OF IRELAND** Breakfast meeting (1st Tuesday of the month) Tuesday, March 3, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. at Katella Restaurant, 4470 Katella Avenue, Los Alamitos, CA 90720. RSVP (Pete Walsh, 714-200-7365) [pbeireanua@att.net](mailto:pbeireanua@att.net) CA. **CANCELED**

**ST. CORNELIUS CHURCH HALL, IRISH SOCIAL, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.** at 5500 E. Wardlow, Long Beach, CA 90808. Good food, good music, good conversation, singing and dancing. Music by Dennis Murray. Thanks to the organizer, Sister Alicia from Castleblaney, who says “Please come and bring a friend and a dish.” **CHECK W/ SR ALICIA**

## **Due to the Cancellation of the March 14, 2020 Dinner Dance at the Hilton Hotel**

Refunds were mailed on March 14, 2020. If you did not receive your refund (cost of the dinner) please contact:

**Mary Dempsey at**

**626-337-0075**

## DRAWING FOR TRIP TO IRELAND FOR TWO OR \$2,000

The Drawing for the Trip to Ireland for two, or \$2,000, will be held at a public event later in the year.

An announcement will be distributed regarding the event.



**BINGO** every  
Tuesday at 6.30  
p.m. in St. Robert  
Bellarmine Church,

143 N. 5th Street, Burbank. CA 91501.  
Info: 818 846 3443.

**CELTIC ARTS CENTER**, Mondays Celtic Irish  
Dance and workshop at the Mayflower Club,  
11110 Victory Boulevard, North Hollywood, CA  
91606. **CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER  
NOTICE**

### KEN O'MALLEY



**calendar:** <https://kenomalley.com/shows>

**WEBSITE:** The home  
page <http://kenomalley.com> shows all performances  
in a convenient monthly calendar format. The  
"shows" page <http://kenomalley.com/shows> contains

the same information in a list that can be scrolled in  
date order. Clicking on an entry in either calendar  
will link to a google map of the venue location. Both  
calendars also show up well on most mobile devices  
so bookmark the page you prefer for easy access to  
current show information. For last minute schedule  
updates, "Like" Ken O'Malley's Artist Page  
<https://www.facebook.com/kenomalleyirishmusic>

For updated news from Ireland  
via e-mail:

**IrishCentral**  
[newsletter@enl.irishcentral.com](mailto:newsletter@enl.irishcentral.com)

### REMINDER

If you have an article of interest, a story, a  
poem, an event of interest to the Irish  
community please forward it to me for  
inclusion in the newsletter.  
([eirebt@yahoo.com](mailto:eirebt@yahoo.com))

If you need to contact the Irish  
Consulate in Los Angeles  
please:

Phone: 310-424-5538 or e-mail  
[losangelescg@dfa.ie](mailto:losangelescg@dfa.ie) (preferred)

### IRISH OUTREACH – SAN DIEGO

2725 Congress Street, Suite 2G  
San Diego, CA 92110  
Cathy Ward - 619-291-1630  
e-mail: [help@irishoutreachcenter.org](mailto:help@irishoutreachcenter.org)  
Hours: M –F 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

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## REST IN PEACE

# Fr Peter Andrew Kenny

March 12, 2020



**Peter Kenny** was born in Ballydangan, Athlone, Co Roscommon on 13 July 1933. He was educated at Camcloom NS and St Joseph's College, Garbally, Ballinasloe. He came to St Columban's College, Dalgan Park, Navan in 1952, and was ordained priest on 22 December 1958.

After ordination he was sent for post-graduate studies in Canon Law in Rome. Having acquired his Licentiate in 1961, he was assigned to the Region of the Philippines, and the parishes of San Narciso and San Antonio in the district of Zambales where he served for the following six years.

After this first term, he was appointed a member of the staff at St Columban's College, Navan; this was a challenging assignment at a time of great ferment and disruption in seminaries all over the world.

In 1974 he was appointed once more to the Philippines. He spent the next twenty years in the parishes of Santa Rita, St Joseph's and San Jose Ruiz, all in Olongapo City. The last four years of this period of Peter's life were dedicated to working with the indigenous Aetas in Poonbato.

From 1995 to 2003, Peter was assigned to Mission Awareness ministry in Australia. This involved a great deal of travel, promoting the Society and its magazine.

In 2003, he shifted continents once more as he was assigned to Mission Awareness working from the Columban house in Los Angeles. He spent the following fifteen years in this ministry. During this period his eyesight began to deteriorate and he suffered with a number of other medical problems.

In 2018 he moved to the Retirement Home in Dalgan. He settled in very well, and in spite of his poor eyesight he participated well as a member of the Dalgan community.

He was always blessed with a capacity to adapt to so many different situations, to make a wide variety of friends, and to maintain those friendships over the years. His death on 11th March at Our Lady's Hospital, Navan, came suddenly and unexpectedly. We will miss his gentle presence.

May he rest in peace.

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### *Sheila Brady*

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Sheila Brady, age 66, passed away on March 17, 2020 in Downey, CA, following complications from a planned surgery. She was our beloved Wife, Mother, Sister, Aunt, and Friend. She was equally excellent in each and every role. Sheila was born in Lowell, MA on December 13, 1953 to Marion and Patrick Courtney. She attended St. Patrick's School and Lowell High School. The family moved to Cerritos, CA in 1969, where she graduated from Mayfair High School. Sheila remained in Southern California, ultimately settling in Bellflower.

Working in the healthcare field for 20+ years, Sheila (unsurprisingly) provided pristine patient care and services for countless elderly. At the time of her passing, she was the Director of Social Services at Atlantic Healthcare Center in Long Beach.

Sheila leaves behind a husband, Paul Brady, son, Ryan, and four brothers and sisters - Jim Courtney, John Courtney, Caren Courtney, and **Marybeth Courtney McCartan**. She was the sister-in-law to Ann Willis, Susan Courtney, Terry McCartan, Mary Murray, Bernadette Quinn, and Joe Brady. She was also "Aunt Sheila" to many nieces and nephews in both the Courtney and Brady families, and a sweet friend to many. Lest we not forget, she was the proud owner of two beloved furballs, Buffy (RIP) and Rascal (Paul's other best friend).

Prior to her dedicated healthcare career, Sheila was the consummate cocktail waitress at Maggie's Pub - the perfect combination of attentive but sassy. Many also may not know, in her younger years, Sheila was quite the "dart shark" (or for you Mass folks, "daht shahk"). While always a lady, she still knew how to hit a bulls-eye

Sheil, as we fondly called her, had a great love of "The River," which amused her family considering she was once terrified of the water. There, she and Paul created a haven of fun, with late night fire pits, pontoon boat rides, and 100 degree memories with loved ones.

Her family is comforted to know she joins her Mother and Father (Mum and Dad), and oldest sister, Patricia (Patsy) Courtney Tarrant, who lovingly greeted her into her new home on St. Patrick's Day. Due to the current climate, and in line with church restrictions, a funeral mass and burial will be held at a later date. At this time, your prayers and loving messages are gift enough, but if you are inclined to send flowers, please pause until we provide more details. Thank you all so very much.

Luyben Dilday Mortuary (562) 425-6401

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# LA Cougars GAA Irish Community COVID-19 Support



With a relatively young, fit and healthy community, the Cougars are in a privileged position of being at low risk to COVID-19. In line with the GAA's and our own club's culture, we are committed to being a force for good during this extraordinary (and stressful) time!

If you are a vulnerable member of the Irish in LA community, Cougars GAA is here for you! With members spread out all over Los Angeles, we will work to match anyone who needs help with one of our volunteer members who can support you.

We can:

- Do grocery runs for you helping you stay safely isolated at home
- Pick up any prescriptions and run other essential errands
- Make a socially distant visit to your home just to give you some company
- Help you connect with family back in Ireland via video technology
- Connect you with other Irish community members for more social support

And we'll consider helping in other ways just let us know!

## How to Contact Us:

(Make sure to tell us your name, contact info, what you need and whereabouts in LA you're located!)

 : Call or Text Eoghan on +14243547967  : Call or Text Eoghan on +14243547967

 : [hello@cougars.la](mailto:hello@cougars.la)  : [www.facebook.com/CougarsGFC](http://www.facebook.com/CougarsGFC)

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## FINANCIAL FOCUS

### Avoid These Estate Planning Mistakes

You save and invest to meet a variety of goals during your lifetime: college for your children, long vacations, a comfortable retirement, and so on. But you probably also want to leave something behind – to your loved ones and, possibly, to the charitable organizations you support. To do so, you’ll need to develop a comprehensive estate plan, but to make that plan work, you must avoid some common mistakes.

Here are a few of these pitfalls you’ll want to avoid:

- *Not writing a will* – If you were to die “intestate” – without a last will and testament – the state in which you live would determine how your property was distributed. And the state’s decisions may not match what you had in mind at all. Furthermore, a will is where you would name guardians for your minor children.

- *Not going beyond a will* – While a will is an essential component of estate planning, it’s often not enough. You may need to create other documents, such as a living trust, which, among other benefits, enables your estate to avoid probate, a time-consuming and public process that can lead to disputes among your heirs and others. And a living trust lets you place highly specific conditions on how and when you want your assets distributed. You might also consider other legal documents, including a power of attorney, which allows you to appoint a person or organization to handle your affairs if you can’t do so yourself, and a health care directive, which lets you name someone to make health care decisions on your behalf, should you become physically or mentally incapacitated.

- *Choosing the wrong executor* – An executor is responsible for distributing property to your beneficiaries and paying off any debts and taxes your estate may owe, among other tasks. Because the role of executor is so important, you need to choose someone who is reliable, competent and trustworthy. It’s certainly possible to find such an individual in your own family, but many people choose someone who is either conflicted, too busy or simply not up to the task. If you have doubts about picking a good executor, you may want to turn to a trust company. The costs likely will be higher than if you chose a family member, but the results may be much better.

- *Not naming proper beneficiaries* – Many of your assets – 401(k), IRA, life insurance and so on – require you to name a beneficiary. These beneficiary designations are powerful, often superseding the instructions in your will. If circumstances change in your life, such as new children, or divorce or remarriage, you may well want to change beneficiaries. It’s easy to do – but it’s also easy to overlook.

- *Not updating ownership of assets* – A change in your family situation or changes in the laws governing income and estate taxes could require you to update ownership designations of financial assets.

And here’s perhaps the biggest mistake of all: not understanding what’s in your estate plan. You need to work closely with your tax, legal and financial professionals to create a plan you fully comprehend and can communicate effectively to your loved ones. Surprises are often pleasant in many areas of life – but estate planning is not one of them.



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THE MUSIC, AND THE FUN

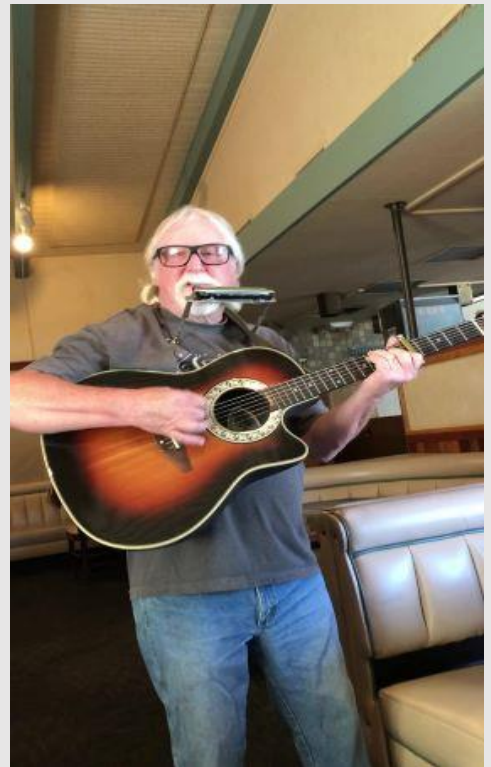
**REMEMBER**

**THE BEGGERMEN**

**Jimmy Allen (right)  
Isabelle McMaster &  
John McMaster**

**Frank Murphy**

(recently visited the Sunday get-together at St. Cornelius Church  
in Long Beach)



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Denis Murray, two Beggermen and Carol McNichol at the Long Beach get-together

Mary Flynn  
Orla Keane, Consulate General of  
Ireland  
Bridget HanaS



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