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You will find the newsletter and updated information on our website at 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)

SAVE THE DATE

**IRISH CENTER OF SO. CALIFORNIA
ST. PATRICK’S DINNER DANCE AT THE
HILTON, GLENDALE.**

March 17, 2018

MONTHLY EVENTS

IRISH CENTER OF SO. CALIFORNIA
“get-together” (first Sunday of the month)
Sunday, December 3, 2017, 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. A separate dining room for 40-50 people. Parking right beside the building. Order what you want – a cup of coffee to full breakfast or lunch – and pay separately.

FRIENDS OF IRELAND Breakfast meeting (1st Tuesday of the month) December 5, 2017, at 9:30 a.m. at Katella Restaurant, 4470 Katella Avenue, Los Alamitos, CA 90720. RSVP (Pete Walsh, 714-200-7365) pbeireanua@att.net

ST. CORNELIUS CHURCH HALL, IRISH SOCIAL December 10, 2017, (2nd Sunday of the month) 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 Pastor, Fr. Michael Gleeson and the organizer, Sister Alicia from Castleblaney, who says “Please come and bring a friend and a dish.”

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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) Many thanks to: Monsignor Sean B. Flanagan, Los Angeles; Margaret J. Curran, Torrance; Eileen Gurrell, Santa Ana; Maureen B. Dempsey, Torrance; Terry McConville, Mission Hills; and Paul A. Sullivan, North Hollywood;

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CELTIC ARTS CENTER, Mondays Celtic Irish Dance and workshop at the Mayflower Club, 11110 Victory Boulevard, North Hollywood, CA 91606 (see information included in this newsletter).

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IRISH VETERANS

For information on the Irish Veterans organization visit www.Irishveterans.org June Bulletin (James Sikora & Declan Hughes from Kinsale)

WAKING KATE is a traditional Irish Music group headed by Brian Walsh – they play at the Tam O’Shanter – call for info.

What's Playing at the Coffee Gallery Backstage?

Coffee House Fare. Never a drink or food minimum.

Backstage Reservations/Information (626) 798-6236 between 10 a.m. and 10 p.m.

Do not make reservations by email.

No payment necessary when you make telephone reservations.

Pay cash or check at the door at the time of the show." No Credit cards please.

Contact Bob Stane by e mail:

bstane@earthlink.net

For Bookings (Entertainers/Musicians)
call: (626) 794-2902 _

ACCORDIONAIRES – Enjoy Accordion Music at Victorio’s Ristorante, 10901 Victory Blvd., No. Hollywood, CA 91606 (Vineland/Victory) on the third Tuesday of the month (December 19) at 7 p.m.

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KEN O’MALLEY

Saturday, November 25, 2017, 9:00 p.m.

Griffins of Kinsale,
1007 Mission Street
South Pasadena, CA 91030
<http://griffinsofkinsale.com>

December 10, 2017, 7 p.m. Christmas Concert-Holy Trinity Catholic Church (see information in this newsletter)

SAVE THE DATES

Tam O’Shanter: January 6, February 3 and March 3, 2018.

Muldoon’s: January 7, 2018.

Check out Ken O’Malley’s Ireland Tour
April 20-29, 2018 at
<https://www.kenomalley.com/ireland-tour-2018>.

Paul Sullivan and his Band

“Relaxing the GIANT “ will perform on
Friday, December 22, 2018 at

Maui Sugar Mill Saloon
at 9:00 p.m.

Located in: [Tarzana Square Shopping Center](#)
18389 Ventura Blvd, Tarzana, CA 9135
Phone: [\(818\) 344-0034](tel:(818)344-0034)

*“Prayers and good wishes to our friends
who are “a bit under the weather”*

Denise Nolan (Denny Nolan)

Rev John Collins, (Galway) Pastor, St Robert
Bellarmine Church, Burbank;

Rev Monsignor Patrick Reilly,
(Longford) Pastor Emeritus, St Robert
Bellarmine Church, Burbank;

Kathleen Murphy, (Mayo) now living in
Racine, WI.;

Angela O’Shea who is recovering from a fall.

Brian Joseph McConville, Florence, Oregon,
formerly of Granada Hills.

Rev. Francis Oman and his sister, Sister Nancy
Oman (requested by Mary Ann Adams, Moreno
Valley).

Rev. Fr. Frank Kelly living in Long Beach,
from Killenaule, Co. Tipperary.

Loretta Mullin

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Irish News** in So. California don’t wait for an
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♪♪ **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** ♪♪

To our friends who are
Celebrating Birthdays!!

**Go to www.irish.org for names
of friends celebrating
birthdays and anniversaries
(e-mail information if you find
the list needs to be updated)**

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The Online Academy of Irish Music

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BIG IRISH FAIR

Friday, Saturday & Sunday
June 8, 9 and 10

Orange County Great Park
6950 Marine Way
Irvine, CA 92618

www.irishfair.org

SUNDAY DECEMBER 10, 7:00 p.m.
KEN O'MALLEY PRESENTS
"AN IRISH CHRISTMAS"
TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE

Ken will present a solo Christmas concert on Sunday, December 10 at Holy Trinity Catholic Church located at 3722 Boyce Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90039 (near the Tam O'Shanter). Tickets are now available! Contact Ken or Chris to purchase directly or call Karen Lloyd at the parish office 323 664 4723 or email her at klloyd@holyltrinity-la.com. Ticket price \$20. Concert is for ages 12+.

SAVE THE DATES-2018

Fireside Concert Series with the Ne'er Duwels on April 13, 2018.

**A Child's Christmas in Wales
and Other Holiday Poems**

read by Joe Praml

Joe Praml, former London-based stage actor, will read Dylan Thomas' *A Child's Christmas in Wales* and other holiday poems, including Clement Clarke Moore's "Twas The Night Before Christmas." *A Child's Christmas in Wales* is Dylan Thomas' remembrance of a day and night of a Christmas past. It is one of the best-known holiday readings along with Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* and O.Henry's *Gift of the Magi*.

Joe Praml describes *A Child's Christmas in Wales* as "a warm, funny and universal story about a boy's memories of a family holiday in his hometown of Swansea in Wales. Dylan Thomas describes mischievous boys with black eyes smoking candy cigarettes, snoring uncles, a big bosomed aunt singing in the garden, a fire brigade putting out a fire in a neighbor's parlor, a mysterious ghostly voice behind a strange

door, the tastes, sounds, music of his childhood and smells of goose and turkey dinners on Christmas Day with streets, houses and walkways blanketed with fresh, falling snow."

(See flyer in this newsletter for details)

www.joepraml.com

Chloë's Christmas in Monrovia, CA
at St. Luke's Episcopal on
December 1, 2017

and at the **South Coast Symphony**
presents Stars Over Dublin

January 26, 2018 @ 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
\$20 - \$45

Performers include:

Luanne Homzy, violin

Chole Agnew, Irish soprano

Demit Kiernan, Irish tenor

Chloë's Christmas in Monrovia, CA. By Chloe Agnew Live (other events) Friday, **December 1** 2017, 7:30 p.m. — 9:30 p.m. "Chloë Agnew has gained international fame for her integral part as one of the original, and youngest members of the internationally acclaimed music group 'Celtic Woman' since she was 14 years old. Their debut album reached #1 on Billboard's World Music chart, where it held the top position for a record breaking 81 weeks total. Chloë went on to spend almost ten years performing all over the world with the group. Now working as a solo act based in Los Angeles and touring internationally with some of America's biggest and best orchestras, Chloë is also out performing her own solo show and is so excited to return to St.Luke's Monrovia with her Celtic Christmas show. Featuring some of your favorite holiday songs and the celtic classics and joined by Irish Tenor and St.Luke's choir alum Dermot Kiernan and by local special guests, it will be a night to get you in the festive spirit!"

Chloe Agnew Li



Letters to the Editor

Dear Tom,

We are a company based on the East coast of Ireland called Lán Le Saol Ireland, meaning full of life. We are offering a **three week full residential Educational Cultural Enrichment programme**, July 2018, for high school students in the heart of The Boyne Valley District, Ireland.

The course will take students into a world of challenging seminars given by expert tutors in **Irish History, Culture, the Irish Language and other fascinating classes**.

As part of the programme we have lots of extracurricular activities including Gaelic football, Irish dancing lead by world champion dancers and dancers that travelled with Riverdance and Lord of the Dance, water sports, food demo, historical tours and exciting excursions across the beautiful Island of Ireland to Dublin, Galway and the Aran Islands to name but a few.

We would like to ask if you might be able to help us with the task of bringing our programme to the Irish American community. We would really appreciate any help or guidance on this matter. We are both very passionate and excited about our programme and believe that we can deliver a fantastic Irish Experience, celebrating all Ireland has to offer to many students across America. We have attached a flyer/poster with some of our details. Full details of our programme including Booking, Fees & Travel, About us and lots more are available on our website <https://www.lanlesaolireland.com/>

We would love to chat we you more on this matter. Any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your time.

Yours sincerely,

Audrey and Brian O'Reilly.
Lán Le Saol Ireland
Milltown
Termonfeckin
Co Louth, Ireland

The Irish Import Shop Newsletter

742 Vine Avenue (Near Melrose)

Los Angeles, CA

323-467-6714

A lot has happened since Anne retired and I took over the shop last year. We are finishing up our complete remodel of the store inside and out. Soon we will be offering a place to sit and enjoy some tea and biscuits as well as entertainment in the evenings.

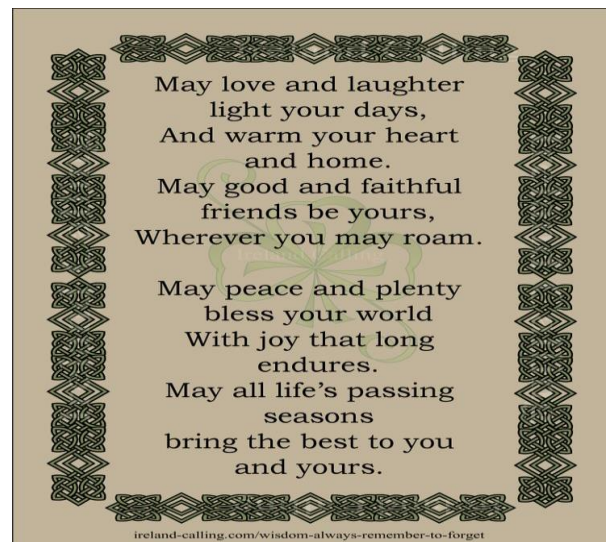
As the store enters its 55th year, we will continue to bring you the teas, foods and sweets you have always enjoyed and look to you for new ideas for products we can import. Sam and I are committed to improving your experience at the shop and hope to keep you coming back for years to come. Look for our next issue for some exciting announcements and plans for 2018!

Thank you for your loyalty over the past year as we have had some up and downs during the transition. **We appreciate your business and look forward to seeing you soon. In the meantime, please visit our Facebook page and say hello.**

Thom and Sam

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS from

THE IRISH CENTER OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA



Tom & the Committee

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Nutcracker for Kids

Dec. 2 • 10 & 11:30 a.m.

Tchaikovsky's delightful Christmas ballet—in a version created for kids ages 5-11.



Handel's Glorious "Messiah"

Dec. 3 • 3 p.m.

Thrill to blazing trumpets and the uplifting "Hallelujah" chorus.

Holiday Organ Spectacular

Dec. 19 • 7:30 p.m.

Celebrate the season with a delightful mix of sacred and holiday music.



Celebrate the Holidays with Seth MacFarlane

Dec. 22-23 • 8 p.m.

Timeless holiday classics and favorites from the American Songbook.

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Irvine Barclay Theatre, Irvine
thebarclay.org
949-854-4646

12.07.17
Granada Theatre, Santa Barbara
ticketing.granadasb.org
805-899-2222

12.12.17
Smothers Theatre,
Pepperdine, Malibu
arts.pepperdine.edu
310-506-4522

12.13.17
Scherr Forum, Thousand Oaks
civicsartsplaza.com
805-449-2787

12.15.17
Balboa Theatre, San Diego
sandiegoteatres.org
619-570-1100

12.16.17
Clark Center, Arroyo Grande
clarkcenter.org
805-489-9444

12.18.17
Norris Center, Rolling Hills
palosverdesperformingarts.com
310-544-0403 x1

Remembering John Keane



John Keane, well known man in the Irish community, passed away a few weeks ago.

John was born in Newport (near Westport) in County Mayo, Ireland on May 27, 1935, and died in Glendale, California on October 25, 2017.

Like many young men in Ireland, in the mid and late 50's, John immigrated to London, where he worked for 3 years. John immigrated to Chicago, Illinois in 1960. Sometime after, he got a job with Colonel Parker, who was a manager of many famous country-western stars. After 2 years, he moved to Nashville, Tennessee. He got transferred to Palm Springs and Los Angeles in 1965. Working for Colonel Parker, he got to meet many famous people including Elvis Presley and attended his wedding in Las Vegas. John never got married and I asked one time why and he said he made two people happy, some woman and himself. (one of John's jokes)

John loved to travel all over the western United States and especially Mexico, where he travelled many thousands of miles. He loved to visit old western towns such as Tombstone, Arizona and Virginia City, Nevada and several others. Also, he visited Australia and New Zealand.

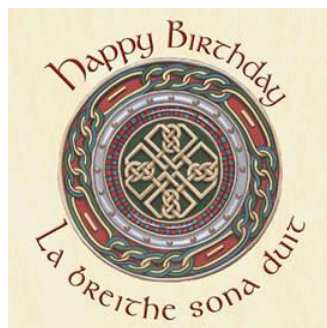
He was very quiet until you got to know him and could imitate many famous people. He was great for telling jokes and was exceptionally honest, generous, and helpful. We never saw him get mad at anyone or say anything hurtful about anyone.

We, in the Irish community of California, will miss his smile and good humor at our parties and dances. John's brother Paddy and wife Jennifer live with their family in Newport, Co. Mayo. John was buried in Newport, Co. Mayo.

So until we meet again John, May God hold you in the hollow of his hands.

Pat and Bridie McKenna

Happy Birthday to Margaret Curran who celebrates her birthday on the 27th of December



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A Child's Christmas in Wales



"At the end of a long road was a drive that led to a large house, and we stumbled up the darkness of the drive that night, each one of us afraid, each one holding a stone in his hand in case, and all of us too brave to say a word."

Dylan Thomas,

*A Child's Christmas in
Wales*

by Dylan Thomas

and Other Holiday Poems

Read by Joe Praml
Saturday,

December 16, 2017

12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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Los Angeles CA

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Los Angeles Public Library





The Christmas Show

Sunday, December 17

Dear Friends,

I am writing to you from Galway Ireland and it is beginning to look a lot like Christmas! I've been on a whirlwind trip to London and Ireland, mainly to visit my daughter Tessa for Thanksgiving and to celebrate her 21st birthday, but also to sing at St. Paul's Cathedral for a special American service celebrating Thanksgiving. So both Tessa and I were guests of the US Ambassador to Great Britain in London and had a lovely Thanksgiving meal at his residence, the Winfield house. Singing at St. Paul's was truly a remarkable experience. You can click on the link at the bottom of the page to watch the performance.

It has been great weekend in Galway celebrating with Tessa and now I am beginning my journey to Dublin and then on to home tomorrow to start getting ready for our big Christmas show coming up at the Comedy and Magic Club on Sunday, December 17.

This is always a special night where we can truly stop and listen to the sounds and beautiful melodies and songs of the Christmas season while enjoying each other's company, fine food, and good drink.

I do hope to see many of you at our show to be able to wish you a Merry Christmas in person. It has been an extraordinary year and we all have so much to be thankful for. I am grateful for each and every one of you!

So mark your calendars for December 17, and if you can't make that be sure to save February 11 and March 18 for our next shows.

Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas!

Dennis

Sunday, December 17
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM
Doors Open at 6PM
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