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View information re Drawing for the trip to Ireland for two, or \$2,000 at page 12 of this newsletter.

FRIENDS OF IRELAND BREAKFAST MEETING (1st Tuesday of the month),at 9:00 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, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. at 5500 E. Wardlow, Long Beach, CA 90808. "CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

## HAL DOLAN MEMORIAL MASS

A funeral Mass will be held May 21, 2021 at St. Dominics Catholic Church in Eagle Rock, California, at 10:00 a.m. with an internment at 12:00 at Forest Lawn, Glendale, California.

(Jeanne Dolan Lombardo)

Information re events – Jim McDonough

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### On their facebook pages

**Andy Cooney** Live Concert **Andy Cooney and his Band FB page.:** 

http://Facebook.com/Andy.cooney.band/

#### Patrick D'Arcy

John Whelan, Irish Button Accordion (facebook Mondays)

Ken O'Malley, facebook Sundays at 2 p.m. . <a href="http://kenomalley.com">http://kenomalley.com</a>

**Dennis McNeil** 

John McKenna, Accordion Terry Casey (The Fenians)

John Whelan, Accordion, on Mondays with John on facebook

**Daniel O'Donnell** 

#### **Nathan Carter**

You can support your favorite musicians/artists' online facebook concerts. Remember that they lost their income for almost a year due to the Coronavirus.

### **KEN O'MALLEY**

calendar:https://kenomalley.com/shows

#### **WEBSITE:**

The home page http://kenomalley.com shows all performances in a convenient monthly calendar format. information. For last minute schedule updates, "Like" Ken O'Malley's Artist Page https://www.facebook.com/kenomalleyirishmusic

## Contact John McNally at

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(805) 804-7558 More great online events coming our way!

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# IRISH FOOD HUB

## YOUR FAVORITE IRISH GROCERIES DELIVERED TO YOUR DOOR!





## STEAK AND GUINNESS PIE

#### Makes 1 pie - 4 servings

12 inch Pie pastry

- 1 or 2 pounds of Round steak
- 1 tablespoon of Flour
- 1 tablespoon of Brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon of Raisins
- 5 medium size onions
- 8 slices of bacon
- 3 tablespoon of shortening/butter
- Some Chopped parsley
- 1 bottle of Guinness stout (not the 'draught' variety)

Dice the steak, cover with flour and brown, with the bacon, on a medium heat using the butter. Peel and chop the onions and brown over a good heat. Add to the meat in a casserole dish. Add raisins and brown sugar and Guinness. Cover the dish, simmer and cook over a lowish heat for 2.5 hours. Add water if the gravy mixture starts to thicken excessively. Coat a pie dish with half of the pastry and bake. Add the Meat and Gravy mix when cooked and place the remaining pastry on top and bake for 10 minutes or until golden brown. Serve with potatoes and vegetables.





















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## GET ALL YOUR IRISH GRUB AT THE HUB!!!



## **CLEARY IRISH DANCE**

### t1Spomnsug4horedn ·

We are so truly delighted to have the opportunity to host the **St. Ambrose Spring Feis** this year! JOIN US **May 29th & 30th, 2021** at the Los Angeles Marriott at Burbank Airport in beautiful Burbank, California! We have a ton of upcoming information to share! Don't miss the chance to practice TWICE for the US National Championships on a replica stage setup (60x28ft and panel set back) in the Burbank Convention Center, with all

competitions offered both Saturday and Sunday!

Syllabus will be available shortly with entries opening on <a href="feisinfo.com">feisinfo.com</a> very SOON!

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## LETTERS

## **Casting Fluent Welsh Speakers**

Apr 1 at 4:10 PM

**skill asgcasting. com** <skill@asgcasting.com>

To: eirebt@yahoo.com <eirebt@yahoo.com>
Cc: skill asgcasting.com skill@asgcasting.com

Hi,

My name is Stella, I work for asg casting a casting company located in Los Angeles. I have attached a flyer with information about the job we are casting. We are looking for fluent Welsh speakers for a quick turnaround job and were hoping you could help us. If you or anyone you know that speak fluent Welsh would like to apply, please do! Additionally, if you know of any other people or groups that speak fluent Welsh, we would greatly appreciate you sharing our information with them.

Please feel free to send this flyer around or post it to any Facebook groups you might be a part of that fit the description. Thank you so much for your time and looking forward to hearing back from you!

Here is our website if you want to check us out: <a href="https://www.asgcasting.com">https://www.asgcasting.com</a>

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Best,

Stella Goss Casting Assistant asg casting, inc. (818) 762-0200

## Campaign for my father Kerry Ireland

Apr 21 at 11:27 AM

**Thomas Flynn** <thomasflynn776@gmail.com>
To: eirebt@yahoo.com
Good Evening,

My name is Thomas Flynn from Cordal, Castleisland, Co. Kerry, Ireland and I am trying to raise funds for my father who was in a serious car accident in Ireland in January. When he leaves hospital he will need to use a wheelchair and we need to adapt the house and provide him with all the medical care necessary so that he can continue his recovery.

If you could share the link to the gofundme page it would be greatly appreciated <a href="https://gofund.me/f8ac3fd4">https://gofund.me/f8ac3fd4</a>.

Many thanks,

Thomas Flynn

To: eirebt@yahoo.com <eirebt@yahoo.com>

To Whom it May Concern,

I work for a Catholic Radio Station in Ireland and we would love to invite our American friends to join us and tune into our station to learn more about their Catholic faith, most importantly, but also to join us in sharing our Irish culture and heritage especially with those who have some Irish roots.

If it is possible, we would greatly appreciate you sharing the text below along with the image attached as a post to your Facebook page, Instagram/social media/ website or Newsletter Bulletin.

We hope to stay in touch in the future to be more connected with the Irish community overseas in order to keep our friendship alive.

Go mbeannai Dia sibh,

**Aisling Armstrong** 

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#### Radio Maria Post Text - For Social Media

Hello All.

We would like to take this opportunity to invite you to tune into Radio Maria Ireland, Ireland's Catholic Radio Station. We understand that there is a rich Irish heritage throughout the United States and therefore want to join you by connecting over the airwaves.

If you would like to dive more deeply into your Catholic faith and learn more about your Irish roots.

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## Recovering an Irish Voice from the American Frontier

Apr 10 at 1:18 PM

**Pádraig Ó Mathúna** <p.mahoney2@outlook.com> To: eirebt@yahoo.com <u>eirebt@yahoo.com</u>

A chara,

I am a Galway-based historian, translator and Irish-language writer, originally from Hartford, Connecticut. I am writing to let you know about my new book, *Recovering an Irish Voice from the American Frontier: The Prose Writings of Eoin Ua Cathail*, which is now available from the University of North Texas Press.

This bilingual volume brings together the writings of a nineteenth-century, working-class Irish emigrant from County Limerick, Eoin Ua Cathail (or John M. Cahill). His works were all originally written in Irish, and are made available in English here for the first time. Ua Cathail's stories blend the American Western genre with Irish myth and folklore, while his letters and editorials offer fascinating insights Into the use of the Irish language in the United States, US politics at the turn of the twentieth century and the everyday working lives of Irish immigrants in the West and upper Midwest.

I am confident that the work will be of interest to members of the Irish Center of Southern California.

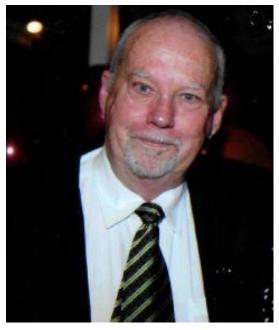
With the advent of regular online cultural events due to the pandemic, I am keen to connect with any interested Irish American cultural clubs and organizations to provide online launches, book club sessions, talks or discussions on the life and writings of Eoin Ua Cathail (or any other related topic).

Please find a link below which provides more info about the volume. I look forward to hearing from you and hopefully connecting with the Irish American community of SoCal!

https://www.tamupress.com/book/9781574418279/recovering-an-irish-voice-from-the-american-frontier/

Le gach dea-ghuí,

## **REST IN PEACE**



Matthew Anthony Flynn passed away from natural causes peacefully on March 25<sup>th,</sup> 2021 at his home with all his family by his side.

Matt was born June 1942 in Dublin, Ireland and immigrated to the United States in January 1962. Matt attended St. Joseph's in Dublin, Ireland and spent 5 years at Bolton Technical, training to be a machinist.

Matt came to Los Angeles with his parents Matt & Anne Flynn and his brother Kevin and sister Francis. As a career, Matt was a machinist in the aerospace Industry in Los Angeles.

In 1965 on Saint Patrick's Day Matt met the love of his life, Mary Brandley at an Irish Dance. Mary immigrated to Los Angeles from Leitrim, Ireland in January 1964. They were married a year later and had four children; Matt, Mary, Marc and Letitia. Matt and Mary shared a successful business together in Glendale, California for over 40 years.

Matt is survived by his wife Mary, Children; Matt and his wife Kim, Marc and his wife Muriel, Letitia and her husband Freddy, and in death by his daughter Mary who died as a baby. Matt will also be survived by his brother Kevin and his wife Ava, sisters; Mary and her husband Owen, Anna, Betty and Francis.

Matt was a well-known story teller and was loved by all that new him. He was a very proud grandfather to Victoria, Ryan, Kaitlynn, Ciarra, Aidan and Ainsley. Matt was a kind and loving person and made such beautiful memories with so many in our family. He provided advice, showed support and love to so many of his nieces and nephews here and in Ireland.

Although Matt will be greatly missed her on earth, it gives our family great comfort that he will be in heaven with his daughter Mary and his Mother and Father.

## REST IN PEACE

## **Edward Gerard Hughes**

6-3-1928-12-24-2020



Eddie Hughes passed away peacefully on December 24, 2020 surrounded by his loving family. He was born in County Armagh, Northern Ireland on June 3, 1938. At the age of 19, he left Ireland and went to Montreal, Canada where he resided with his aunt and uncle. Two years later he moved to California. While there, he was drafted into the U.S. Army. During the Korean War he was deployed to Korea where he was a medic. He was awarded the bronze star.

On New Year's in 1953, he met Kathy, his future wife, at an Irish dance in San Francisco. They had a lot of fun dancing that night, and continued all types of dancing for many years, including square dancing.

Eddie was very musical. He started playing the fiddle when he was five years old. The music teacher told his mother not to bother with giving him music lessons because he could hear a tune played once and then play it back. He continued to love playing his fiddle until his final days which brought much pleasure to his friends and family.

Eddie and Kathy have been married for 65 years and have two daughters, Bonnie (Robin) and Peggy (Ron), three grandchildren, Caitlin (Ryan), Brian, and Alana, and one great granddaughter, Emma. He was a man of great warmth, always very kind, and generous. He was loved by all that met him. We have been truly blessed to have had him in our lives.



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## FINANCIAL FOCUS

Look at Your Financial Situation Holistically Article 5 – April 26, 2021

What's the biggest financial mistake you can make? Choosing the wrong investments? Waiting too long to save for retirement? Underestimating the costs of retirement? All these are reasonable answers, but the biggest mistake you might make is not looking at your financial picture *holistically* – that is, not bringing into the picture all the elements of yourself.

Let's consider some of them:

- Your views on helping your family Your decisions about helping your family are clearly going to be a major part of your financial strategy and this is true at virtually all stages of your life. When your children are young, you'll need to decide if you're going to put away money for their college education, and, if so, how much, and in what investment vehicles. When they're young adults, you may also need to decide how much financial support you're willing to provide for things such as the down payment on a new home. And when you're drawing up your estate plans, you'll need to consider how to distribute assets to your children, grandchildren or other family members.
- Your personal beliefs As someone with civic, ethical and moral concerns, you want to positively affect the world around you. And that's why you may feel compelled to make charitable gifts throughout your life and then make philanthropy part of your legacy. To accomplish these objectives, you'll want to include gifting techniques in your financial strategy today and your estate plans for tomorrow. Of course, for the estate planning component, you'll need to work with your tax and legal advisors.
- Your purpose in life when you retire When you retire, you may be stepping off a career path, but you're also entering a world of possibilities. How will you define, and live out, your new sense of purpose at this stage of your life? Do you seek to broaden your horizons by traveling around the world? Do you want to give back more to the community by volunteering? Can you spend more time pursuing the hobbies you enjoy? Each of these choices will carry different financial implications for how much you'll need to accumulate for retirement and how much you will need to take out each year from your retirement accounts, such as your IRA and 401(k).
- Your health Your physical and mental health can play big roles in your financial plans and outlook. On the most basic level, the healthier you are, and the better you take care of yourself, the lower your health care bills will likely be during retirement, which will affect the amount you need to put away for health care. And you also may need to prepare for the costs of long-term care, which can be enormous in fact, a private room in a nursing home can easily cost \$100,000 per year, according to the insurance company Genworth.

It can be challenging to weave all these elements into a single, unified vision, so you may want to get some help from a financial professional. But, in any case, be prepared to look at your situation holistically – because, when putting together a lifetime's financial strategy, every part of your life matters.

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Maureen is currently residing at:

#### AVANT GARDE

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Maureen is enjoying tea with Donal O'Sullivan (Cork). She would enjoy Hearing from her friends.



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



**TOM MCCONVILLE** read the ticket that Maggie Cleary randomly selected for the drawing for a trip to Ireland for two or \$2,000.

Mary Flynn looked on.

The drawing was originally scheduled for March 14, 2019 at the St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance that was canceled due to Covid 19.

The drawing took place at the Friends of Ireland Breakfast on April 6, 2021.

Congratulations to the winner,

Richard V. Bertain who resides in Burbank.

# Chris O'Dowd's new film! The true story of an Irish man who lost 10 million gambling

Tony O'Reilly stole a million from the post office to fuel his gambling problem before running away to Northern Ireland

IrishCentral Staff
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Apr 16, 2021



County Roscommon actor Chris O'Dowd is set to make a movie from the true story of an Irish man who gambled away €10 million.

Tony O'Reilly, a County Carlow man, became front-page news in Ireland when in 2012 he stole €1.75 million from the postal service office he was the manager of in Gorey, County Wexford. Nine years later Irish man Chris O'Dowd, who now lives in the United States, has bought the rights to bring his story to the big screen.

• Mailman gets jail term after robbing \$3 million to feed massive gambling addiction

O'Reilly's gambling addiction which had developed over a ten-year period was such a serious problem, that he had accumulated a €10 million turnover in his Paddy Power betting account under the name 'Tony10'.

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When his fraud was discovered, Tony went on a desperate run to Northern Ireland but was ultimately caught and sentenced to four years in jail.

Ten years on, Tony is now a qualified addiction counselor with Extern Problem Gambling, which gives talks in schools and to groups about gambling addiction and also provides individual counseling.

In 2018, O'Reilly released a book that would become a best seller titled "Tony 10: The Astonishing Story of the Postman Who Gambled €10m and Lost it All". Co-written by journalist Declan Lynch, their hope was to highlight the problem of gambling in Ireland and how it can easily escalate and ruin people's lives.

Chris O'Dowd gushes about Ireland 'I would be nothing if it wasn't for the town where I grew up' –
 VIDEO

In a personal article written for <u>The Irish Times</u>, O'Reilly said, "My decision to write this book was a tough one. I knew it would reopen wounds for the many I had hurt. But eventually, I decided to do it, because I felt it was so important to draw attention to the sheer scale of problem gambling in Ireland. How easily it can take control, and how quickly it can destroy your life."

Today Tony is now a qualified addiction counselor with Extern Problem Gambling, which gives talks in schools and to groups about gambling addiction and also provides individual counseling.

Declan Lynch said the story was made for the big screen: "One of the strange things about writing the book was that so much of it felt like something out of a movie — so much drama in it, and yet it all really happened.

• Chris O'Dowd gets political on Twitter sharing views on Pelosi and Trump

It's a movie I'd love to see myself. The story is completely Irish and also completely universal."

O'Reilly <u>explained</u> that, "Chris O'Dowd said he wanted to bring it to a wider audience because it is an important story to tell ... and this will bring the story to a totally different audience and highlight what is a huge problem in Ireland and abroad."

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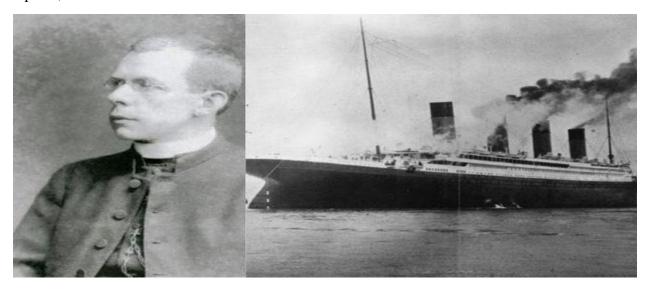
## Catholic priest who saved Irish passengers on Titanic could become a saint

Fr. Thomas Byles heroically rushed to save third-class Irish passengers rather than secure safe passage on a lifeboat during the sinking of the Titanic.

Shane O'Brien

@shamob96

Apr 16, 2021



Fr. Thomas Byles was traveling to his brother's wedding in New York when the ship struck an iceberg. Public Domain/Getty

## A Catholic priest who heroically led dozens of Irish third-class passengers on the Titanic to safety in 1912 has been placed on the path to sainthood.

Fr. Thomas Byles was born to a Protestant minister in Leeds, England, but converted to Catholicism while studying theology at Oxford University. Born Roussel Byles, Fr. Byles was ordained in Rome in 1902 and took the name Thomas.

Ten years later, Byles' younger brother William, who also converted to Catholicism, asked him to travel to New York to officiate at his wedding, leading the young priest to book a ticket on the Titanic's ill-fated maiden voyage.

• How a white lie saved one Irish woman's life aboard the Titanic

Fr. Byles boarded the Titanic as a second-class passenger in Southampton on April 10 and enjoyed a quiet time on board before the ship struck an iceberg near midnight on April 14, 1912.

The priest, who was reportedly out on deck praying his breviary when the ship struck the iceberg, courageously ran in the opposite direction as lifeboats were being deployed.

Fr. Byles made his way to the ship's steerage, where numerous third-class passengers were attempting to navigate the ship's labyrinth of stairwells but often found themselves trapped behind locked doors.

The English priest calmly led dozens of third-class passengers, including many Irish passengers, to the top deck where they were able to access the limited supply of lifeboats.

When the crash came, we were thrown from our berths," said Irish passenger Ellen Mary Mockler. "We saw before us, coming down the passageway, with his hand uplifted, Father Byles.... 'Be calm, my good people,' he said, and then he went about the steerage giving absolution and blessings."

Mockler said that Fr. Byles was offered the chance to escape the ship but refused a place on one of the last lifeboats so that he could stay and pray with passengers who had been left behind.

"Father Byles could have been saved, but he would not leave. After I got in the boat, which was the last one to leave, and we were slowly going further away from the ship, I could hear distinctly the voice of the priest and the responses to his prayers," she said.

As the ship began to sink in earner, Fr. Byles said the rosary and prayed for the souls of those about to perish. He also administered the last rites to many passengers who had been unable to secure passage on the lifeboats.

Fr. Byles's heroic and selfless actions on the morning of April 15 may have set him on the path to sainthood.

Fr. Graham Smith, a Catholic priest who heads Fr. Byles's former parish of St. Helen's in Ongar, England, has launched a campaign to honor "an extraordinary man who gave his life for others".

• Mary Kelly, the Irish hero who cared for children in a Titanic lifeboat

Fr. Smith introduced the cause for Fr. Byles's beatification in 2015 and hopes that people around the world will pray to him so that miracles can them attributed to him.

"We hope people around the world will pray to him if they are in need and, if a miracle occurs, then beatification and then canonization can go forward," Fr. Smith told the BBC in 2015.

At least two miracles must be attributed to Fr. Byles if he is to be recognized as a saint.

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## **MEMORY LANE**



Bridget Hana, Mary Sullivan, Hannah O'Callaghan, Ina Quigley, Mary Dempsey



Tom McConville presenting the Annual Award to Brendan Bowyer (family) at the St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance in 2019

(Clodagh, Aisling, Liam, Nora Stella and Bridget Hana)

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