



2026



Program Of Events



Direct
From
Ireland

Two week long festival of Irish music, song, dance, film, history and St. Patrick's Day Mass. Highlight is the free concert from 11am to 5pm on March 17 in the Market Square. Food, children's rides and showcasing the talents of Nottingham's Irish Community



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www.nottinghamstpatricksfestival

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Gaelic Games

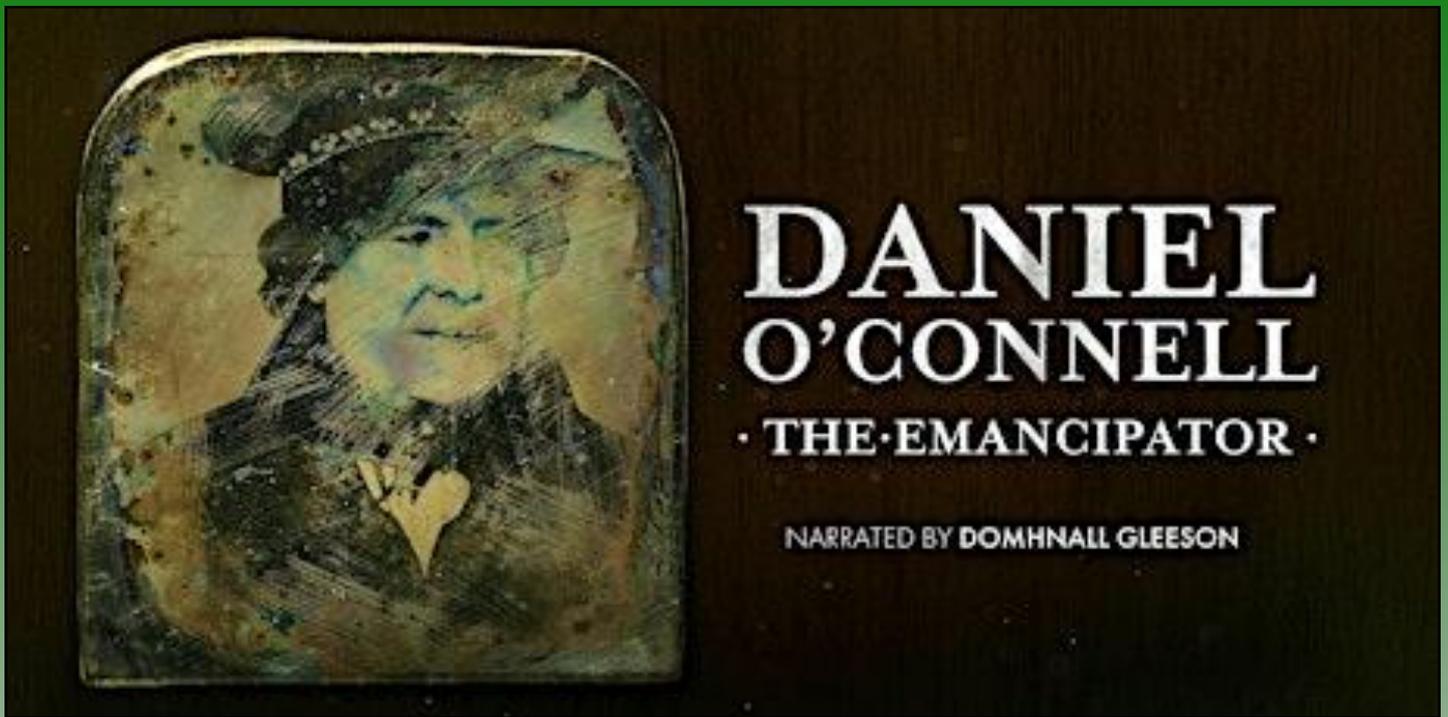


The Catholic Diocese of Nottingham

St Patrick's Tournament
Ruddington Golf Club
March 22nd



THE IRELAND FUNDS



This one-hour documentary traces O'Connell's journey from Kerry lawyer to global advocate for justice. Known as The Liberator, he secured Catholic Emancipation, pioneered non-violent mass political mobilisation, and inspired democratic movements around the world. Following the showing there will be a conversation between Daniel Mulhall and Pat Murphy followed by



18.30 Harpist Roisin Hickey and fellow musicians from Nottingham Comhaltas entertain in foyer with traditional Irish music.

Restaurant and bar open

19.45. Film

March 16th

broadway
CINEMA | CAFE BAR | NOTTINGHAM

www.broadway.org.uk/whats-on/daniel-oconnell-emancipator-discussion

Comhaltas Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann Belfast 2026



NOTTINGHAM Comhaltas Ceoltóirí ÉIREANN



The Nottingham Branch of Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann was established in 1975 and meets on Tuesday evenings at the Nottingham Irish Centre for music lessons and a traditional Irish music session . To celebrate its 50th anniversary Nottingham Comhaltas held a ceili in September 2025 at the Greyfriars Club and is hosting several instrument and singing workshops throughout 2026.

www.nottinghamcomhaltas.com

Dates for your diary: @ The Irish Centre

- Saturday 7th March 2026: Bodhrán Workshop with Ruairi Glasheen. 2 to 3.30 pm ~Ruairi learned to play the bodhrán at the Irish Centre pictured above !

www.ruairiglasheen.net

- Tuesday 17th March on St. Patrick's evening , Traditional Music Session - 7.30pm

- Saturday 25th April 2026: Concertina Workshop with Kate McNamara. 10.00 am to 1pm

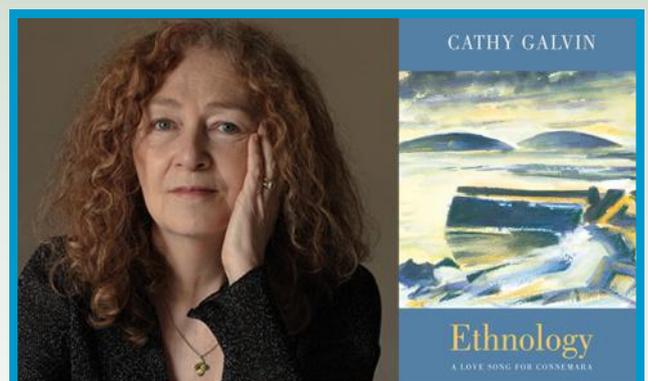
Throughout the year and especially in March Ross Bradshaw hosts literary evenings with an Irish theme . Check the website below for all year round events .

Storytelling in Irish film: The Quiet Girl / An Cailín Ciúin with Deirdre O'Byrne
Thursday, 5th March, 2026
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Ethnology: a love song for Connemara, poetry from Cathy Galvin, supported by Laurie Cusack
Monday, 9th March, 2026
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Look Again: home and the inner landscape, a poetry workshop with Cathy Galvin
Tuesday, 10th March, 2026
10:00 am - 12:00 pm

The All for Ireland League: A lesson from early 20th century history, with Patrick Murphy
Wednesday, 11th March, 2026
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm



www.fiveleavesbookshop.co.uk



14a Long Row, Swann's
Yard, Nottingham

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St. Patrick by Irish stained glass artist Harry Clarke,
St. Vincent de Paul in Bayonne, New Jersey



Mass of St. Patrick

March 17th

09.30 Our Lady and
St. Patrick's Church.
Lauder Street, Meadows
Nottingham
NG2 1JQ

With pupils from St. Patrick's
Voluntary Academy

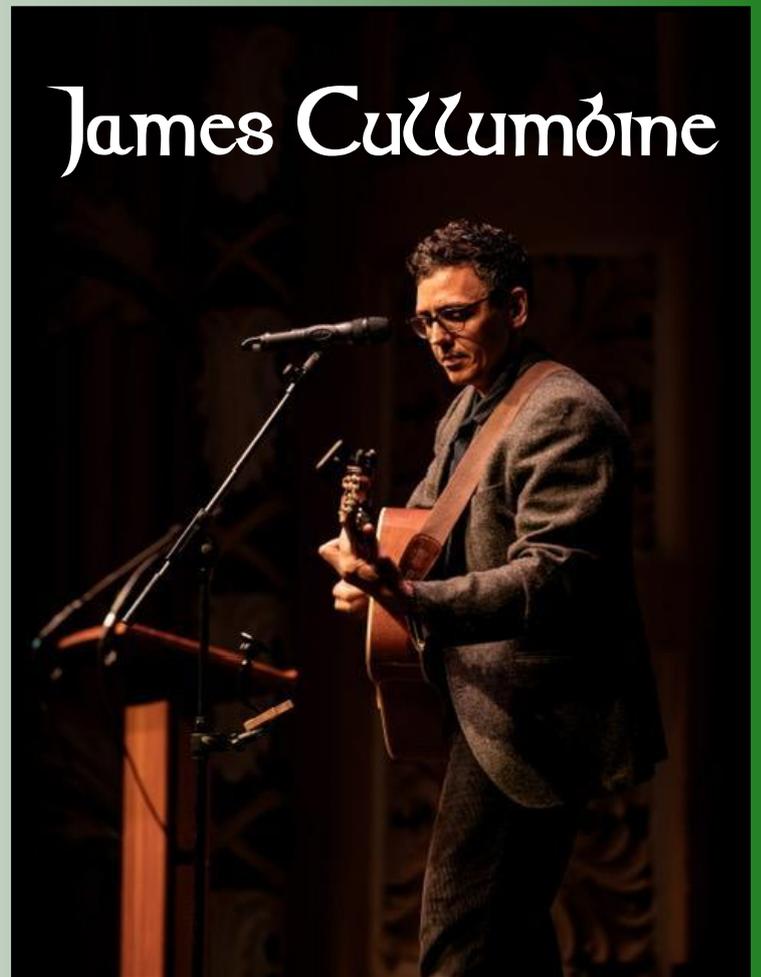
Main Celebrant
Rt. Rev Patrick McKinney
Bishop of Nottingham





TERRY
FAULKNER

Louie Walsh
And his Band



James Cullumóine





Market Square ENTERTAINMENT
St. Patrick's Day, March 17th
2026

Elaine Marren Memorial Stage
M.C Gerry Molumby

11.00 Terry Faulkner

11.20 Louie Walsh Band

12.00 James Collumbine

12.50 Preparation of stage for opening

13.00 Welcome and speeches

13.20 Nottingham Irish Set Dancers

13.40 Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Nottingham
(music session at the Irish Centre at 19.30)

14.05 Caroline Mc Manus School of Irish Dance

14.25 Louie Walsh Band

14.50 Stanley School of Irish Dance

15.10 Glendarragh School of Irish Dance

15.25

Irish
And
Country



Tuesday



Club

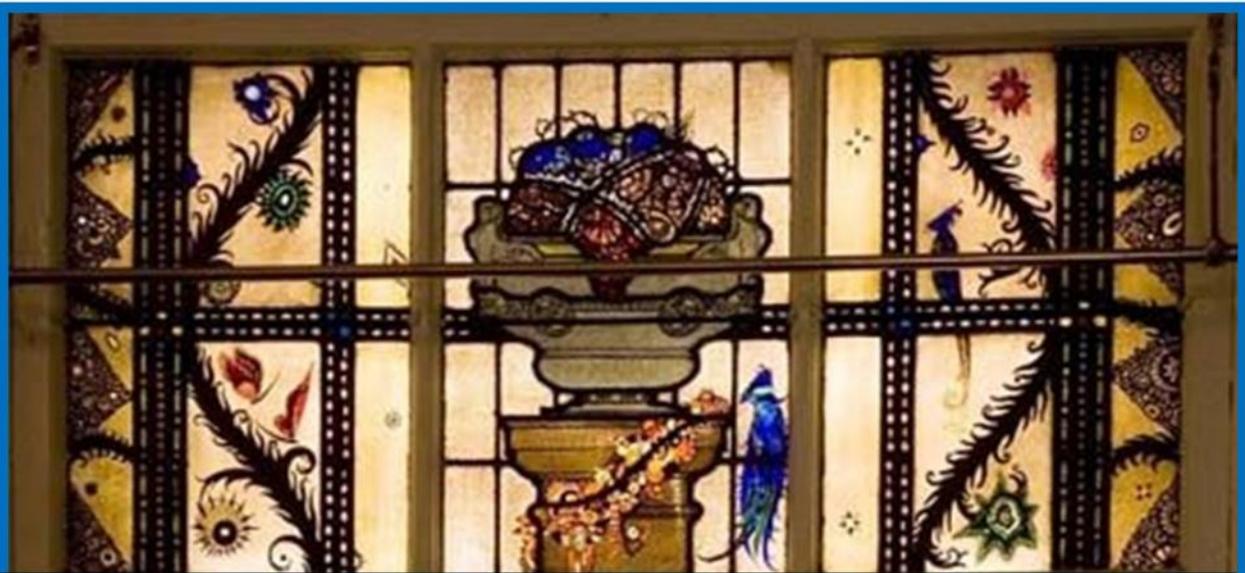


The Nottingham **Irish** Centre on 2-4 Wilford Street is owned by the Irish Community for 51 years. Funds to buy and renovate an old wood suppliers store was carried out by volunteers, many of whom are still trustees. It is currently going through a physical 'fit for purpose' review with a plan to downsize to carry out major renovations to maintain an Irish Arts and Welfare Centre in the city. Other organisations who are profiled in this brochure make good use of the centre .

The Golden Shamrock Club, in their 21st year meet every Tuesday, 11.30 to 3.30 and even on St. Patrick's Day 2026!. Over fifty people and some carers meet old friends. Bev (office manager) along with Majella ,Sheila and Fran with peers, offer support to people in welfare need ~ thanks to British Lottery and Irish Government financial Support .

For a quieter setting the Memory Lane Cafe is held on the last Thursday of the month 12 -2, £2 to cover admission and refreshments, suitable for people with memory loss and their carers .

www.nottinghamirishcentre.org



Gerry Molumby presents a large screen pictorial workshop on the stained glass windows of Irish artist Harry Clarke



Thursday March 19th 7.30 pm Nottingham Irish Centre 2 Wilford St ,NG2 1AA .~ free event, donations to festival ~





St. Patrick's Day starts with Mass and prayers



Saint Patrick's Day
 Lá Fhéile Pádraig



ST. PATRICK'S DAY!

GREYFRIARS CLUB - NG32LG

MORNING - HALL BAR

IRISH BREAKFAST 10AM-1PM

RICHIE MUIR 10AM

AFTERNOON - LOUNGE BAR

DECLAN CONLON 12-2

DIARMUID GAFFNEY 2-4

STUART LANDON 4-6

BELFAST BUSKER 6-8PM

EVENING - HALL TICKET ONLY

DOORS OPEN 6.45PM

TADHG BRADLEY 7-9PM

THE FOGGY DEW BAND

IRISH FOLK BAND

UNDER 18'S WITH ADULT UNTIL 5PM

www.greyfriarsnottingham.com



GREYFRIARS



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Family Day

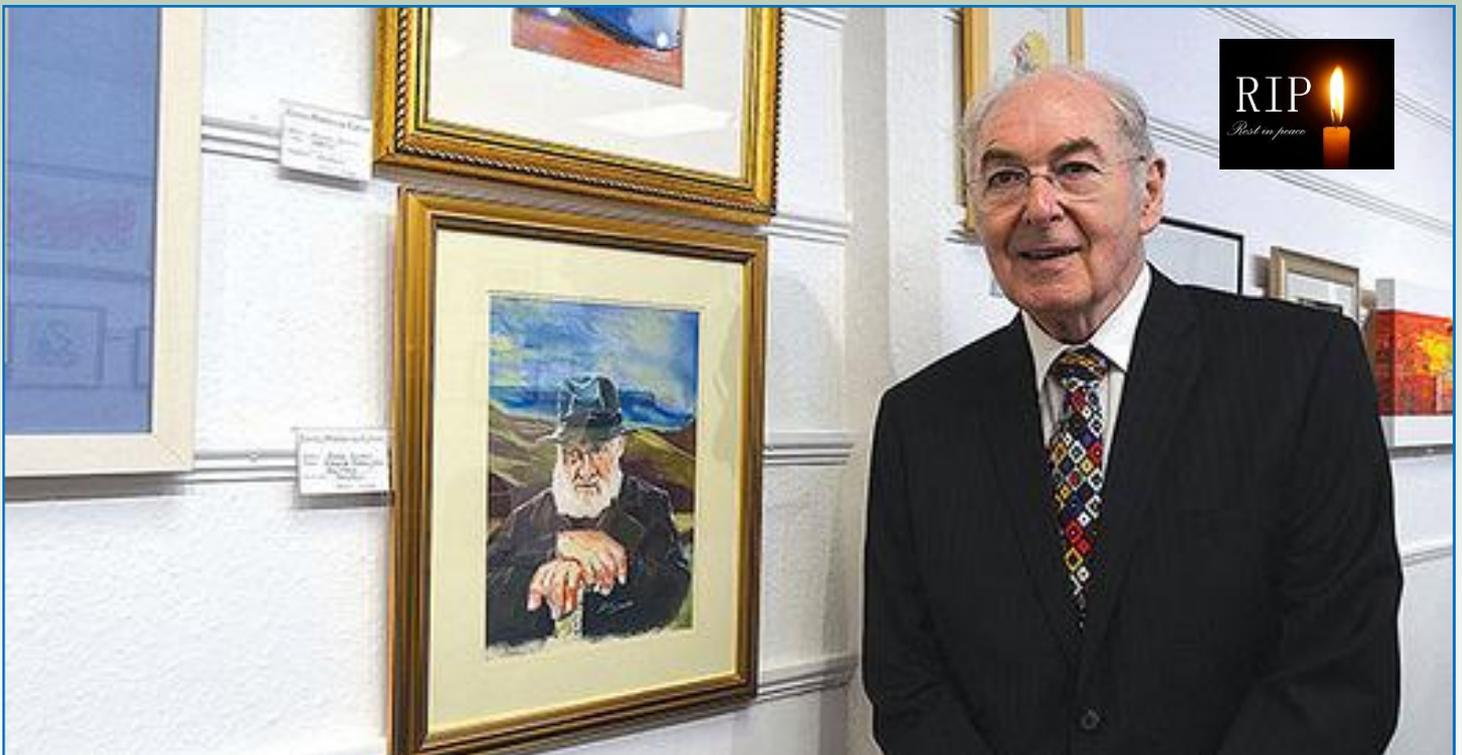


Back stage crew





Seán O'Sé



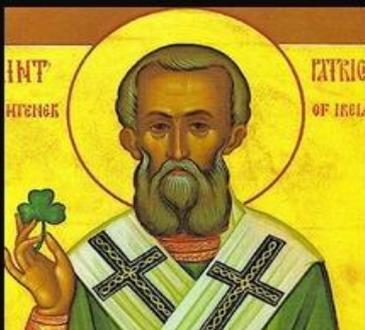
Longterm artist with our Irish Festival Brian Evans died in 2024 and with his wife Mary hosted an Irish Arts Exhibition for many years. Brian is here next to his painting of Limerick actor Richard Harris, in a scene from John B Keane's play and film 'The Field' .

Photo Gerry Molumby



Since our last festival we heard of the death of our Robin Hood (Tim Pollard) who was so central to our events for many years. Also Pete Richardson who along with his wife Kerry designed and painted our Celtic art stage decorations , St. Patrick's Day card and memorial book .

Saint Patrick



May the strength of God pilot us, may the wisdom of God instruct us, may the hand of God protect us, may the word of God direct us. Be always ours this day and for evermore.





We are delighted to announce that our Grand Marshall for 2026 ~ as we twin with Limerick~ is **Michael Dawson**.

A long time resident in Nottingham, from Croom, county Limerick . In his youth he played Ireland's greatest and one of the world's fastest ball sport - hurling. Michael will be joined on St. Patrick's Day with his extended family.





The Irish in the UK

Join us on SKY Channel 588

Every Tuesday Evening at 8.00pm



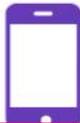

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Out and About Manchester Irish Radio



Wednesday's 7pm - 9pm

 outandaboutmanchesteririshradio@yahoo.co.uk

 **0161 248 6767**  **07706 682 622**



“We at O’Neill’s on the Market Square are pleased to share in The Nottingham Irish Festival. On St. Patrick’s Day we have a full menu of food, drinks and entertainment. ~ come visit us.”

**Muriel and
Fran on
stage in the
Market
Square at
15.25 with
the best of
Irish +
Country
Music**





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