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HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!

EVENTS - HAPPENINGS - GATHERINGS

Saturday March 13th

Main Street Tap & Grill 4002 North Main, Outside Stage 4:30pm: Los Vertigos; 6:30pm: Cass-Barrington Academy of Irish Dance; 7:30pm: Howlin' Howie; 9:30 pm: Pratty (Irish Rock), Want some Traditional Irish Music? We have that inside 4-8pm inside! with Kent Hargett, half of the Godfrey's Rangers!

Kenneally's Irish Pub 2111 S Shepherd, Parking Lot Party with Irish DJ

Bobcat Teddies 2803 White Oak, 2 pm to 2 am. Live music all day, crawfish and a bagpiper

Sunday March 14th

Penny Whistle Pub 1625 Richmond Ave, Will be hosting a Irish Stew-Off, Event will begin at 1pm

Wednesday March 17th - Happy St. Patrick's Day!

University of St. Thomas - Virtual St Patrick's Day Mass UST. Register by Monday 03/15/21, stthom.edu/irishstudies 713-525-3592

St. Patrick's Cathedral New York 7:30AM CST, St Patrick's Day Mass, event can be accessed at <https://saintpatrickscathedral.org/live>

Molly's Pubs All Locations will be open and serving corned beef and cabbage, shepherds pie and Irish Stew. Irish Dancers, DJ and Pipers all day long.

Pimlico Pub 810 Waugh Drive, Blaggards playing Wednesday night outside

Saint Arnold Beer Garden 2000 Lyons Ave, Tomfooligans 5-8PM outdoors

Bull and Bear Pub 11980 Westheimer, Best Corn Beef and Cabbage this side of the pond by your host Tommy O'Reilly, serving all day long

Griff's Irish Pub 3416 Roseland, Live Bands, Crawfish, no cover, Be Irish Here

Penny Whistle 1625 Richmond, Pipers, Dancers, Irish Stew all day long

Bob Cat Teddies 2806 White Oak, Crawfish All Afternoon, Bagpiper and DJ

McElroys Pubs All locations open at 11AM, live music and DJ, Irish Here!

Westchase Tavern 1452 Wilcrest Dr, Corned Beef-Cabbage All Day

Mr. C's 1570 S. Dairy Ashford, Festivities and Specials throughout the day

Kenneally's Irish Pub 2111 S Shepherd, Parking Lot Party with Irish DJ

Friday March 19th

MECA Houston presents benefit concert by **BLAGGARDS**, 8PM at TBH Center, 333 S Jensen Dr, tickets available at MECA-houston.org 713-802-9370
Benefits Multicultural Education and Counseling through the Arts

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fellow Irish Society Members,

Just think, it was one year ago this March 7th that we held our St. Patrick's Dinner. We've always been an organization that's more about quality relationships, than quantity, but last year's dinner, to the best of our knowledge turned out to be the largest gathering of Irish for an event in Houston in all of 2020. We can thank Covid-19 for that, a strange bedfellow!

Well, let's kick Covid-19 out and get on with the optimism in the air in 2021! With some of our members already vaccinated and with enough vaccines available for every American this summer, there's a renewed confidence that we can gradually get back to gathering in good health. As my father would say, "one can build a business and family - and always make your health a priority." With St. Patrick's Day around the corner, for those who feel comfortable getting out, let's support our Irish Society sponsored pubs around town, take part in UST's Flynn Center for Irish Studies Zoom of Ireland's former President, Mary Robinson on March 16th, and for those inclined, the Annual St. Patrick's Day Mass on March 17th through Zoom.

Or on St. Patrick's Day, families may choose to recognize our saint by staying home in smaller groups than usual and talking with friends and family over zoom while tuning into events around the world over zoom or other outlets.

There will be plenty of ways to make the most of St. Patrick's Day.

Happy St. Patrick's Day everyone!

Sláinte,

Joe O'Rourke - Irish Society President

IRISH SOCIETY AND FACEBOOK

Hey members! Be sure to visit, like, and share the all New 'Irish Society of Houston' FaceBook page! This is a public page, so there is no need for requests and approvals. Just follow us and keep informed of all things IRISH in the city of Houston! FB Search: **@IrishSocietyofHouston**
Direct link: <https://m.facebook.com/IrishSocietyofHouston/>

IRISH AIRES RADIO SHOW CELEBRATES 40 YEARS



The Irish Aires Radio Show is celebrating 40 Years! Saturday, March 13th at 6PM on KPFT 90.1 FM **Pete Little** will host the **Irish Aires Radio Show**. Tune in and listen to history being made. We wish the show much success and 40 + more years of broadcasting Irish Culture, Music and Craic! Cheers!

Be sure to call the show, say Hi to Pete Little and make a Donation to the Irish Aires Radio Show (713) 526-5738 (KPFT); <https://kpft.org/programming/music/irish-aires/>

E-Mail us at houstonirishsociety@gmail.com

2021 CELEBRATION DINNER

**Our 2021 St. Patrick's Celebration Dinner
Date has been changed!**



Our **2021 St. Patrick's Celebration Dinner** will be held on **Friday, September 17, 2021** at the Petroleum Club of Houston.

We will be honoring **Pete Little**, Host of the Irish Aires Radio Show on Saturdays on KPFT 90.1 at 6PM. Pete is also a long time IS Board Member and he was Grand Marshal of the St. Patrick's Parade in Houston. This Dinner is our only Fundraiser of the Year!

More information will be provided this Summer.

**THE 2021 ST. PATRICK'S CELEBRATION DINNER DATE HAS BEEN CHANGED
THE NEW DATE IS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH, 2021**

W. J. FLYNN CENTER FOR IRISH STUDIES - LIVE STREAM EVENTS

Tuesday, March 16, 2021; 12pm - Everybody Matters: From Peace Building through Human Rights to Climate Justice, Presented by **Mary Robinson**, Former President of Ireland; President of Ireland; United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights; Founding Member of The Elders; Chair of The Elders; UN Special Envoy on Climate Change.

Live stream via University of St. Thomas Zoom; Free and open to the public

Registration is required. Go to www.stthom.edu/irishstudies or Email Lori Gallagher at irishstudies@stthom.edu Space is limited. Please Register by Friday, March 12.

First rising to prominence as President of Ireland, Mary Robinson is widely regarded as a ground-breaking and transformational leader who elevated the public role of the Irish presidency, helping to shape modern Ireland in a period of rapid and unprecedented economic growth. Mary Robinson has moved audiences around the world with her passionate and hopeful call for all nations to work together to fight for a sustainable future.

Friday, April 9, 2021; 12pm - Reconciliation and Peace: Walking in the shoes of the Other Presented by **Rev. Bill Shaw**. Space is limited. Please Register by Wednesday, April 7. **Go to www.stthom.edu or Email Lori Gallagher at irishstudies@stthom.edu**

Join us for a virtual chat with Rev. Bill Shaw on Reconciliation and Peace: Walking in the shoes of the Other. Rev. Shaw is a Presbyterian minister working in a distinctly Catholic environment of Belfast, Northern Ireland. Rev. Shaw also is one of the mentors for our students on study abroad as he opens doors for us to people across the community for dialogue and understanding. Rev. Shaw's organization, the 174 Trust, is a nondenominational community-based organization that pursues peaceful cross-interaction at a grassroots level.

Please visit our Website www.TheIrishSociety.org for Event Information

SPRING GOLF OUTING HOSTED BY DHOH

DHOH will be hosting its **10th Annual “Driving FORE Hope”** golf outing at Houston National Golf Club on **Friday, May 7, 2021** – socially distanced of course. Food, beverages and prizes are included, and the entire event will be outside. For more information, contact Roger at info@danshouseofhope.org.

A COUPLE OF IRISH BLESSINGS

*May good luck be with you Wherever you go, and your blessings
outnumber the shamrocks that grow. May your days be many
and your troubles be few, May all God's blessings descend upon you,
May peace be within you, May your heart be strong,
May you find what you're seeking wherever you roam.*

*May neighbors respect you, trouble neglect you,
the angels protect you, and Heaven accept you.*



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