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IN GOD WE TRUST



May 1 ~ Beltaine - 1st day of the Celtic Summer

May 10 ~ Happy Mother's Day

May 21 ~ Ascension Thursday

May 25 ~ Memorial Day

May 31 ~ Pentecost



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Mother McAuley Division

May 2020

John P. Kelly Division

A Message from LAOH President Ann Dollman



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!!!

Coronabingo

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BINGE WATCHED	SHARED QUARANTINE MEME	SHOPPED ONLINE	CLEANED CLEANED CLEANED	STARTED A GARDEN
GAVE YOURSELF BANGS	TRIED A NEW HOBBY	FREE SPACE	TRIED TIKTOK	EXERCISED MORE
I'M ESSENTIAL	HOME SCHOOLED KIDS	FOUND TOILET PAPER	WENT INTO A GROCERY STORE	LISTENED TO A PODCAST
SLEPT IN LATE	CRIED	MIDDAY NAP	BAKED BREAD	GOOGLED SYMPTOMS

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A Message from AOH President Robert McMahon








. Beannachtaí na Cásca ort! I pray that all brothers and families are staying safe and helping others to cope with the uncertain and tragic consequences of the coronavirus. We hear about the apostles' early activities after the resurrection and remember there have been others who have had much to endure. They relied on their faith and what He taught them. We are not alone and because Christ is Risen and death will have no dominion. We begin May and the month of Our Lady; Please consider a Novena or even a Rosary for the entire month for all those sick and dying from Covid-19. Let us do what we can to help all our brothers in need during this time by giving what we can. May God Bless us and deliver us from this illness. Yours in Charity Unity and Friendship



My May column of Toledo Irish News in the Ohio Irish American News is about Barney Quilter and his wonderful legacy, the Maumee Bay State Park. It is available at <https://ohioirishamericannews.com/>

MAY, 2020

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Let me say to the Class of 2020: Congratulations and
 Go confidently in the direction of your dreams.
 Live the life you've imagined.

--Henry David Thoreau

SMILE AND BE HAPPY

An elderly woman died last month. Having never married, she requested no male pallbearers. In her handwritten instructions for her memorial service, she wrote, "They wouldn't take me out while I was alive, I don't want them to take me out when I'm dead."

O'Toole worked in the lumber yard for twenty years and all that time he'd been stealing the wood and selling it. At last his conscience began to bother him and he went to confession to repent. "Father, it's 15 years since my last confession, and I've been stealing wood from the lumber yard all those years,". "I understand my son," says the priest. "Can you make a Novena?" O'Toole said, "Father, if you have the plans, I've got the lumber."

Paddy was forced to take a day off from work to appear for a minor traffic summons. He grew increasingly restless as he waited hour after endless hour for his case to be heard. When his name was called late in the afternoon, he stood before the judge, only to hear that court would be adjourned for the day and he would have to return the next day. "What for?" he snapped at the judge. His honor, equally irked by a tedious day and sharp query roared, "Twenty dollars contempt of court. That's why!" Then, noticing Paddy checking his wallet, the judge relented. "That's all right. You don't have to pay now." Paddy replied, "I'm just seeing if I have enough for two more words."

A man got on a bus with both of his front trouser pockets full of golf balls and sat down next to young lady. The puzzled lady kept looking at him and his bulging pockets. Finally, after many glances from her, he said, "It's golf balls." The lady continued to look at him for a very long time, thinking deeply about what he had said. After several minutes, not being able to contain her curiosity any longer, she asked, "Does it hurt as much as tennis elbow?"

The nurse called back to the doctor, saying there was a man in the waiting room, who claimed that he was invisible. The doctor replied; "Tell him, I can't see him today."

The graveside service just barely finished, when there was tremendous bolt of lightning and a massive clap of thunder, followed by even more thunder rumbling in the distance. The little old man looked at the priest and calmly said, 'Well, she's there.'

Paddy went to London and found himself in the Underground late one night. Seeing a notice "DOGS MUST BE CARRIED ON THE ESCALATOR", he moaned to himself, "And where am I going to find a dog at this hour of the night?"

An old priest got sick of all the people in his parish in Sligo who kept confessing to adultery. One Sunday, in the pulpit, he said, "If I hear one more person confess to adultery, I'll quit!" Well, everyone in Sligo liked him, so they came up with a code word. Someone who had committed adultery would say they had "fallen." This seemed to satisfy the old priest and things went well, until the priest died at a ripe old age. About a week after the new priest arrived, he visited the mayor of the town and seemed very concerned. The new priest said, "You have to do something about the footpaths in town. When people come into the confessional, they keep talking about having fallen."

It is the first day at the kindergarten in Dublin when the children are no longer allowed to use baby words, but only words that adults use. "Sarah," says the teacher, "what did you do at the weekend?" "I went to visit my nana," replies Sarah. "No," says the teacher, "we don't say nana any more, what do we say?" "My grandmother," says Sarah. "And what did you do at the weekend, Pdraig?" asks the teacher. "I went for a ride on a choo-choo." "No," says the teacher, "we don't say choo-choo any more, what do we say?" And the little boy answers, "Train!" "Very good," says the teacher. "And what about you, Patrick?" asks the teacher. "I read a book." "Very good," says the teacher, "What was the name of the book?" Patrick replies, "Winnie the Sh*t!".

Happy Mother's Day

To My Mother

When God created you, dear one,
He made a perfect thing,
That sent a gust of joy through
Heav'n,
And made the choirs sing.

He took a ray of sunshine
And a bit of angel's smile;
He dipped into the brightness
Of the cherubs' star-dust pile.

He added sweetest fragrance
From the rose-bed of the sky
With a final dash of whiteness
From a cloudlet passing by.

If God had given me to choose
My mother at my birth,
I would have chosen you of all
The mothers on the earth.

'I Am Of Ireland'

by W.B. Yeats

I am of Ireland,
And the Holy Land of Ireland,
And time runs on,' cried she.
"Come out of charity,
Come dance with me in Ireland.'

One man, one man alone
In that outlandish gear,
One solitary man
Of all that rambled there
Had turned his stately head.
That is a long way off,
And time runs on,' he said,
"And the night grows rough.'

'I am of Ireland,
And the Holy Land of Ireland,
And time runs on,' cried she.
"Come out of charity
And dance with me in Ireland.'

The fiddlers are all thumbs,
Or the fiddle-string accursed,
The drums and the kettledrums
And the trumpets all are burst,
And the trombone,' cried he,
"The trumpet and trombone,'
And cocked a malicious eye,
"But time runs on, runs on.'

'I am of Ireland,
And the Holy Land of Ireland,
And time runs on,' cried she.
"Come out of charity
And dance with me in Ireland.'



Important May dates in Irish history

May 1st Beltaine Happy First Day of the Celtic Summer!

May 1, 1803 - James Clarence Mangan, poet, is born in Dublin

May 2, 2003 - The Rolling Stones set a new Irish box office record when more than 16,000 tickets for their Dublin concerts sell within two minutes.

May 3, 1903 - Bing Crosby, descendant of Irish immigrants, is born in Tacoma, Washington, as Harry Lillis Crosby

May 6, 1967 - Seven Drunken Nights by the Dubliners enters the British Top Ten

May 6, 2000 - Large crowds turn out in bright summer sunshine in Fenit, Co. Kerry, where President Mary McAleese officially christens the three-masted, famine ship replica, the Jeanie Johnston

May 10, 1960 - Paul Hewson, better known as Bono, is born at the Rotunda Hospital in Dublin

May 17, 1949 - The British Government recognizes the Republic of Ireland

May 18, 2001 - Gardenia St. George, an early 20th-century portrait by William Orpen, becomes the most expensive Irish painting of all time when it sells at Sothebys for the hammer price of £2.29 million

May 20, 1311 - The war of the O'Briens of Thomond escalates as the Norman-Irish become involved on both sides: the de Burghs support Dermot O'Brien and Richard de Clare supports Donough O'Brien. There is a pitched battle at Bunratty on this date, with heavy losses on both sides; de Burgh and others are imprisoned

May 22, 1955 - Mary Black, singer, is born in Dublin

May 27, 1960 - The last barge on the Grand Canal makes its final journey to Limerick with a cargo of Guinness

May 29, 1917 - Birth of John Fitzgerald Kennedy, the 35th US president, in Brookline, Mass

May 30, 1969 - Irish nationalist and the first Jewish Lord Mayor of Dublin, Robert Briscoe, dies in Dublin

James Clarence Mangan (b. May 1, 1803 - d. June 20, 1849)



...born in Dublin, the son of a poor grocer, his father having failed to retain a job in 'eight successive establishments'; forced him to work as a clerk in the scrivener's office of Thomas Kenrick ('dull drudgery ... my heart felt as if it were gradually growing into the inanimate material I wrote on').

He started learning languages with the guidance of a Fr. Graham who taught him Latin, Spanish, French and German. He wrote 'charades, enigmas & riddles' for almanacs and directories under pseudonyms.

He contributed to: The Dublin Penny Journal (as "Clarence"), The Satirist, Dublin University Magazine, Irish Monthly Magazine, and early editions of The Nation.

He fell ill during a cholera epidemic and was carried into the Meath Hospital, having been found by William Wilde in 'a state of indescribable misery and squalor occupying a wretched hovel where he had retired to die'; he died in that hospital very soon after.

He was commemorated by Thomas MacDonagh in verse as the 'poor splendid Poet of the burning eyes'; he was called by Yeats 'our one poet raised to the first rank by intensity', and by Joyce in an essay of 1907 'the failed standard-bearer of a failed nation', but also 'one of the world's most inspired poets'.

Mangan has been called one of the greatest poets of the nineteenth century. His life may only be considered miserable. He was an opium addict at one time and a hard drinker. His fame is late in coming. Only his *Dark Rosaleen* was on the Irish Times list of favorite poems. To my taste he has better to choose from; he wrote over a thousand poems. Let this be a beginning for all those who are fond of poetry. The discovery of James Clarence Mangan will be rewarded.

Memorial bust of Mangan in St. Stephen's Green, sculpted by Oliver Sheppard

Woman of Three Cows

by James Clarence Mangan

O woman of Three Cows, agra! don't let your tongue thus rattle!
O, don't be saucy, don't be stiff, because you may have cattle.
I have seen - and, here's my hand to you, I only say what's true -
A many a one with twice your stock not half so proud as you.

Good luck to you, don't scorn the poor, and don't be their despiser,
For worldly wealth soon melts away, and cheats the very miser,
And Death soon strips the proudest wreath from haughty human brows;
Then don't be stiff, and don't be proud, good Woman of Three Cows!

The brave sons of the Lord of Clare, they left the land to mourning;
Mavrone! for they were banished, with no hope of their returning
Who knows in what abodes of want those youths were driven to house?
Yet you can give yourself these airs, O Woman of Three Cows!

O, think of Donnell of the Ships, the Chief whom nothing daunted
See how he fell in distant Spain, unchronicled, unchanted!
He sleeps, the great O'Sullivan, where thunder cannot rouse -
Then ask yourself, should you be proud, good Woman of Three Cows!

Your neighbour's poor, and you, it seems, are big with vain ideas,
Because, inagh! you've got three cows - one more, see, than she has.
That tongue of yours wags more at times than Charity allows,
But if you're strong, be merciful, great Woman of Three Cows!

Now, there you go! You still, of course, keep up your scornful bearing,
And I'm too poor to hinder you; but, by the cloak I'm wearing,
If I had but four cows myself, even though you were my spouse,
I'd thwack you well to cure your pride, my Woman of Three Cows!

Bealtaine – Start of the Celtic Summer Irelands Ancient Beliefs and Traditions

May 1, 2017 by Sinead Murphy of òMy Real Irelandö

Celtic Culture is steeped in ancient history and traditions. Many of these pagan traditions, beliefs, practices and festivals are mentioned in the earliest Irish literature and within Irish Mythology. With unique traditions, that have survived for millennium and endured the test of time. With ancient monuments and tombs aligned to honour the Solstices and equinoxes such as Megalithic monuments at Newgrange, Knowth, Dowth and Loughcrew, Co Meath. These sites show the importance of ritual within ancient Gaelic societies and their advanced engineering skills as well as a deep understanding of astronomy. There are 4 major festivals within the Celtic Year, Beltane (May 1st), Samhain (31st of October ó 1st November), Imbolc (February 1st) and Lughnasadh (August 1st). All with their own meanings and rituals some of which are still practiced today



Beltane is the Ancient Gaelic festival that is now commonly known as May Day and is celebrated on May 1st. Beltane is the Gaelic fire festival, celebrated at the mid point between the spring equinox and the summer solstice. Beltane draws its name from a mystical stone circle in Donegal, in the North West of Ireland. The Beltany Stone circle is an ancient and magical location, where on Beltane the only decorated stone in the ancient circle is roughly aligned and is illuminated by the rising sun, leading to the tradition of lighting hill top fires by the ancient Irish at Beltane.

Beltane marked the beginning of the summer for the ancient Irish. It was a time to ask for protection for cattle, crops, fertility, and a healthy harvest that would sustain them for the long winter months. It was also considered to be an essential ritual in the protection of people and property; this was protection from the natural and the supernatural. According to historical texts such as Sonas Cormaic, during Beltane the ancient Druids would light 2 bonfires (idir dha thine Bhealtaine) and reciting ritual incantations while cattle and people moved between and around the flames of the fires. These fires may seem symbolic to us now but to the ancients the smoke, flames and ashes contained protective powers. These were also said to appease the Aos Si (supernatural beings such as fairies and elves, remember many fairy traditions in Ireland do not portray fairies as nice creatures, in fact they could be horrifying), which could pass into the human realm and harm the living, both human and animal.

During the celebration of Beltane, feasts would be held. Homes, cattle and people would be decorated with yellow flowers that bloomed in May as a possible symbol of fire or the sun. They would visit sacred wells, decorate a May bush or tree with flowers and other ornaments, it was also thought that Beltane dew had magical powers to heal and preserve beauty.

Many of the Beltane ritual, in differing forms are still carried out today. Some of these include May Bushes, May Flowers, May Boughs, May Poles and May Bonfires, all these traditions come from the ancient festival of Bealtaine or Beltane. In Ireland in recent years Beltane has been revived in many places as a cultural event celebrating ancient Irish Traditions, such as at the Hill of Tara and Hill of Uisneach. The Hill of Uisneach situated in the Barony of Rathcanrath in the County of Westmeath resides the mythological and mystical Hill of Uisneach, in Ancient Ireland and in Irish Mythology this was considered the centre of Ireland. It is deeply associated with the celebration of Beltane. The Hill of Uisneach is an ancient ritual landscape flooded with ancient megalithic monumentality and sacred sites, covering over 2 square kilometers. There is archaeological evidence to support the theory that this site was used from the Neolithic period to the Early Medieval Period. An early text called Lebor Gubala Erenn, and the writings of Saint Patrick, refer to the Hill where the Kingdoms of Ireland meet (Leinster, Munster, Connaught, Ulster and Meath). These texts tell us this is where the first Bealtaine fires were lit and the Druids performed ritual ceremonies. The fire on the Hill of Uisneach could be seen from the Hill of Tara; once the people of Tara could see the fire they could then light theirs. The Hill of Uisneach is also mentioned in the Irish Legend òDeirdre of the Sorrowsö this is one of Irelands most beloved stories.



ASCENSION OF THE LORD



after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. He presented himself alive to them by many proofs after he had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While meeting with them, he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for "the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." When they had gathered together they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" He answered them, "It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority. but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." **When he had said this, as they were looking on,** he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven."

Pentecost Sunday



Historically, Pentecost (Shavout) is a Jewish feast celebrating the giving of the Torah and the summer wheat harvest. It was celebrated 50 days after Passover and was marked by pilgrims coming to Jerusalem from all over the world to celebrate the event.

In the New Testament book of Acts, we read about an unusual event on the Day of Pentecost. About 40 days after the resurrection of Jesus, the 12 apostles and other early followers were gathered together in a house in Jerusalem to celebrate the traditional Jewish Pentecost. Also present were Jesus' mother,

Mary, and other female followers. Suddenly, a terrific wind came from heaven and filled the place: Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.

The crowds of visitors were astonished because every pilgrim heard the apostles speaking to him or her in their own foreign language. Some people in the crowd thought the apostles were drunk. Seizing the moment, the Apostle Peter stood and addressed the crowd gathered that day. He explained that the people were not drunk, but empowered by the Holy Spirit. This was the fulfillment of the prophecy in the Old Testament book of Joel that the Holy Spirit would be poured out on all people. It marked a turning point in the early church. With the Holy Spirit's empowerment, Peter preached boldly to them about Jesus Christ and God's plan of salvation. The crowd was so moved when Peter told them of their part in the crucifixion of Jesus that they asked the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" The right response, Peter told them, was to repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of their sins. He promised that they, too, would receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Taking the gospel message to heart, records that about 3,000 people were baptized and added to the fledgling Christian church on that Day of Pentecost.



DID YOU KNOW?

The first American flag, sometimes called the "Continental Colors", was first used by the Continental Army in 1777.

On June 14, 1777, the Second Continental Congress passed a resolution stating that the flag of the United States be 13 stripes, alternate red and white, and that the union be 13 stars, white in a blue field.

Betsy Ross, a seamstress, made the first flag.

The red, white and blue colors were chosen to represent valor (red), liberty and purity (white), and justice and loyalty (blue).

Our flag is also referred to as "Old Glory", "Stars & Stripes", and "Red, White & Blue".

Francis Scott Key wrote the words to "The Star-Spangled Banner" on the back of an envelope.

The 50th star was added in 1960, after Hawaii became the 50th state.

After Alaska and Hawaii became the 49th and 50th states in the union, Bob Heft, a 17 year old student in Lancaster, Ohio, created the 50 star flag design. This design was approved by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1960.

Flag Code states that the Stars and Stripes should not appear on apparel, bedding or decorative items. Obviously, this code is not enforced.

Flying the flag upside down is usually a sign of protest. But, it can also be displayed in this manner, as a sign of distress.

A Vexillologist is an expert on flags and their history.



May 1, 1951 Slugger Mickey Mantle hits his first home run

May 2, 1939 Lou Gehrig plays in his 2,130th game, a baseball record that will last for 57 years until Cal Ripken comes along.

May 3, 1936 Joe DiMaggio makes his major-league debut with 3 hits.

May 13, 1983 "Mr. October", Reggie Jackson becomes the first major league ballplayer to strike out 2,000 times.



MEMORIAL DAY



"God, lift the hearts of those, for whom this holiday is not just diversion, but painful memory and continued deprivation."

Rev. D. Kozelka (ret)