

**THE TOLEDO HIBERNIAN  
NEWSLETTER  
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IN GOD WE TRUST



**August 4 ~ Toraigh An Sonas session at The Blarney**

**August 15 ~ Toraigh An Sonas session at Logan's**

**August 18 ~ Great Lakes Feis at Seagate Ctr**

**August 19 ~ Glass City Feis at Seagate Ctr**

**August 23 ~ Irish Night on the Sandpiper**



Mother McAuley Division

# HIBERNIANS OF TOLEDO NEWSLETTER

August, 2018



John P. Kelly Division



Thanks to all who came out for the Irish Heritage Night at the Mud Hens!!

## The 2019 Hibernian State Convention will be held at the French Quarter in Perrysburg June 20 ~ 23, 2019

Now that the National Convention is over, we have begun the serious planning



## TOLEDO IRISH

My two articles every month. are %Toledo Irish+and %When Irish Eyes are Smiling+  
Ohio Irish American News is available for free at various locations including :

**The Blarney 601 Monroe Toledo, OH 43604**

**Shawn's Irish Tavern 4400 Heatherdowns Toledo, OH 43614**

**O'Shea's Irish Pub 1851 W. Sylvania Ave. Toledo, OH 43613**

**Sandy Fall Ohlman's Market 3901 Hill Ave, Toledo, OH 43607**

**St. Patrick's Historic Church 130 Avondale Toledo, OH 43604**

**Shawn's Irish Tavern Sylvania 7436 W. Bancroft Toledo, OH 43615**

**More to come!!! Let me know if you have a place in mind to be a distributor**

# AUGUST, 2018

**Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat**

			1	2	3	4 <i>Session at Blarney</i>
5 <i>Echo's of Ireland WCWA 1230AM 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM</i>	6	7	8	9	10	11
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## ***The Monument at Béal na Bláth***

***Where  
Michael Collins  
died Aug. 22, 1922***



**DON'T MISS THE BOAT!!!!  
CRUISE THE MAUMEE RIVER ON THE  
SANDPIPER  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 23, 2018  
6:30 pm until 8:30pm**



# **IRISH RIVER CRUISE**

**COST IS \$20 PER PERSON FOR  
A TWO HOUR CRUISE.**

**BRING A SNACK TO PASS  
BYOB (BRING YOUR OWN BEVERAGE)**

**Limited space ~ Don't delay!!!!  
Family, Friends, Neighbors & Co-workers  
Are welcome!!!! Invite them!!!!**

**CALL SHERRI McNEILL 419-382-3429**

# Important August dates in Irish History

August 1st. Today is Lúghnasa; in the old days this was the Feast of the god Lúgh, a thirty-day agrarian celebration with August 1 at the center. It is also the first day of Autumn in the Celtic Calendar

August 3, 1916 - Roger Casement, Irish patriot, is hanged by the English in Pentonville Prison, London. He was the last to be executed as a result of the Easter Rebellion

August 8, 1690 ó First siege of Limerick commences when William of Orange encamps just outside the walls of the old city, with an army of about 26,000; the Irish defenders were similar in number though not nearly as well armed.

August 9, 1886 ó Death of Sir Samuel Ferguson, Irish poet, barrister, antiquarian, artist and public servant.

Aug.10, 1854 - A statutory provision is made for the establishment of a national gallery of paintings, sculpture and fine arts in Ireland

Aug.12, 1914 - Death of John Holland, from Liscannor, Co. Clare, designer of the first submarine

Aug. 17, 1786 - Birth of Davy Crockett, American frontiersman and son of an Irishman

Aug. 22, 1922 - Michael Collins is assassinated. On the last day of his life, he set out from Cork in a convoy that passed through Bandon, Clonakilty, and Rosscarbery on its way to Skibbereen. He stopped at Woodfield, and there in the Four Walls, the pub situated across the road from the house where his mother had been born, he stood his family and escort to the local brew - Clonakilty Wrastler. On the return trip they again passed through Bandon. Michael Collins had only twenty minutes more to live. Around eight o'clock, his convoy was ambushed at a place known as Beal na mBláth - the mouth of flowers. Only one man was killed--Michael Collins. It is thought that Irregulars did the shooting, but some say that it might have been his own men. To this day, there is controversy about what actually happened

Aug. 30, 2013 - World-renowned poet and playwright Seamus Heaney dies in a Dublin hospital following a short illness. Mr Heaney was awarded numerous prizes over the years and won the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1995. He was born to a farming family at Mossbawn near Bellaghy in Co Derry on 13 April 1939 and was the eldest of nine children born to Margaret and Patrick Heaney. His upbringing often played out in the poetry he wrote in later years. Educated at the St Columb's College Catholic boarding school in Derry, he later studied at Queen's University Belfast, before making his home in Dublin, with periods of teaching in the United States. Among the academic posts he held were professorships at Harvard and Oxford universities. Mr Heaney was an honorary fellow at Trinity College Dublin and last year was bestowed with the Seamus Heaney Professorship in Irish Writing at the university, which he described as a great honour. The writer is survived by his wife Marie and children Christopher, Michael and Catherine Ann.



August 21, 1879 - A vision of the Virgin Mary was witnessed by 15 villagers in Knock, Co. Mayo



# Father Ray Kelly

## The Irish Singing Priest



**His Third Live Concert at the  
Historic Church of St. Patrick  
130 Avondale Toledo, Ohio**

**New Improved Sound System**

**September 20, 2018 @ 7:00 PM**

**Tickets are \$15**

**Call Maury Collins @ 419-699-6710 or  
the Church @419-243-6452**

**Sandy Fall @ Ohlman's market 419-535-5586**

**Benefit to Deacon Tom's Outreach program**

# SIR SAMUEL FERGUSON POET AND ANTIQUARIAN

## 1810-1886

Ferguson was born on 10 March 1810 at 23 High Street Belfast. Educated at Belfast Academical Institution and Trinity College, Dublin, he studied at Lincoln's Inn London, before being called to the Irish Bar in 1838. In 1848, he married Mary Guinness, a member of the brewing family, and their home at 20 North Great George's Street Dublin, became a hospitable focus of intellectual and artistic life. Ferguson practiced on the North-East Circuit, taking silk in 1859.

As a young man, Ferguson contributed to Blackwood's Magazine, and a notable early poem was 'The Forging of the Anchor'. The influential Dublin University Magazine published his eerie poem 'The Fairy Thorn'. He met the poet James Clarence Mangan and scholars such as John O'Donovan and George Petrie, and drew extensively on Irish mythology for poems such as 'The Tain Quest' and 'The Death of Dermid'. Lays of the Western Gael (1865) and Congal (1872) opened up territory later explored by W. B. Yeats, who called Ferguson 'the greatest poet Ireland has produced'. More successful though, are love songs such as 'The Coolun' and 'The Lark in the Clear Air'.

Deeply interested in antiquities, Ferguson wrote many papers for the Royal Irish Academy, becoming its president in 1882. His major work, Ogham Inscriptions in Ireland, Wales and Scotland, was edited for posthumous publication (1887) by his wife. Politically, he began as a unionist, but later founded the Protestant Repeal Association and sought to restore an Irish parliament. Although not a contributor to The Nation, his 'Lament for Thomas Davis' is a sympathetic tribute to its founder. However, his unease at nationalist violence was evident in 'At the Polo-Ground', a poem on the 1882 murder of the chief secretary and under-secretary in Phoenix Park, Dublin.

Ferguson gave up his legal practice in 1867, becoming deputy keeper of the public records of Ireland. His thorough reorganization of a neglected department was recognized in a knighthood in 1878. He died at Howth, Co Dublin, on 9 August 1886.

## The Lark in the Clear Air

by Sir Samuel Ferguson

Dear thoughts are in my mind  
 And my soul soars enchanted,  
 As I hear the sweet lark sing  
 In the clear air of the day.  
 For a tender beaming smile  
 To my hope has been granted,  
 And tomorrow she shall hear  
 All my fond heart would say.

I shall tell her all my love,  
 All my soul's adoration;  
 And I think she will hear me  
 And will not say me nay.  
 It is this that fills my soul  
 With its joyous elation,  
 As I hear the sweet lark sing  
 In the clear air of the day.

# When Irish Eyes are Smiling

Two Irish companies were competing for a contract to put up telegraph poles. The authorities decided to test them, seeing which company could put up the most poles in an hour. The first company achieved twenty but when the second company's tally came in it was only two. "I'm afraid you lost the job", the second company was told, "the other boys managed twenty to your two." "Ah," came the reply, "but they cheated. Did you see how much they left sticking out of the ground?"

An Irish fella left the pub late one night, and since it was late he figured to cut through the cemetery. As he walked through it, he fell into a fresh cut grave.. Try as he could, the loose dirt allowed no hold, and he kept slipping back into the hole.. Finally, he decided to wait till morning and let the caretakers help him out, so he sat in a corner and went to sleep. A little later in the night, another Irishman made the same shortcut, and he too fell into the grave site.. As he scrambled at the sides to no avail, the other drunk woke up.. "You can't get out, I've tried", he said.. He got out!

Paddy takes his new wife to bed on their wedding night. She undresses, lies on the bed spread-eagled and says, "You know what I want, don't you?" "Yeah," says Paddy. "The whole darn bed by the looks of it!"

An Uber passenger tapped the driver on the shoulder to ask him a question. The driver screamed, lost control of the car, nearly hit a bus, went up on the footpath, and stopped inches from a shop window. For a second everything went quiet in the cab, then the driver said, "Look man, don't ever do that again. You scared the daylight out of me!" The passenger apologized and said, "I didn't realize that a little tap would scare you so much." The driver replied, "Sorry, it's not really your fault. Today is my first day as an Uber driver & I've been driving a hearse for the last 25 years.

Twelve years old Danny doesn't look a bit like his parents or his siblings so his mother decides to do a DNA test. She is shocked to find out that the kid is actually from completely different parents and exclaims to her husband, "Paddy, I have something very serious to tell you!" "Yes?" he responds. "According to the DNA test results, Danny is not our son." "Right," says Paddy, "don't you remember,? When we were leaving the hospital and getting into the car you noticed that our baby had pooped. You said, "Please go change the baby, I'll wait for you here."

"Push harder!" Sullivan shouted to his wife while she was in labor. "Shut your gob you sorry eegit!" she screamed back at him. Sullivan thought that was a bit harsh; it wasn't his fault the car broke down on the way to the hospital.

Fiona, a young wife, was preparing her first dinner party and being inexperienced she asked her neighbor Mrs. Murphy for advice. "How much do you spend on a bottle of wine?" Mrs. Murphy replied, "About half an hour."

I went to my nearby Pharmacy, straight to the back, where the Pharmacists' high counter is located. I took out my little brown bottle, along with a teaspoon, and set them up on the counter. The Pharmacist came over, smiled, and asked if he could help me. I said, "Yes! Could you please taste this for me? Seeing a senior citizen, the Pharmacist went along with my request. He took the spoon, put a tiny bit of the liquid on it, put it on his tongue and swilled it around. Then, with a stomach-churning look on his face, he spat it out on the floor and began coughing. When he was finally finished, I looked him right in the eye and asked: "Now, does that taste sweet to you?" The Pharmacist, shaking his head back and forth with a venomous look in his eyes yelled: "HECK NO!!!" I said, "Oh, thank the Lord! That's a real relief! My Doctor told me to have a Pharmacist test my urine for sugar!" I'm not allowed to go back to that Pharmacy, but I really don't care, because they aren't very friendly there anymore





# *Glass City Feis*

Sunday, August 19, 2018  
**Seagate Convention center**  
**401 Jefferson Toledo, Ohio 43604**

**Competition begins at 8:30 AM**  
**FREE ADMISSION!!!**

In addition to the dance competitions, there are:

**ART COMPETITIONS:**

Irish Theme Needlework,  
 Fine Art,  
 Photography  
 Crafts.

**BAKE GOODS COMPETITIONS:**

Traditional Soda Bread ó White,  
 Traditional Soda Bread ó Brown  
 Fancy Irish Bread

**Volunteers needed: check the web site**



Sister Feis with the Great Lakes Feis  
 Saturday, August 18, 2018  
 Same location

## MARRIAGE IN ANCIENT IRELAND

Irish history is immersed in centuries of oppression that was particularly harsh in respect to the Catholic religion. The late 17th and 18th century Penal Laws prevented priests from celebrating mass never mind conducting the sacrament of marriage. If a priest was caught, sanctions were quite severe, in fact, punishable by death. The last of the Penal Laws were not repealed in Ireland until 1920 by the Government of Ireland Act. Given this background and the unique identity of the native Irish people who were forced to practice their faith underground, it is not surprising that an Irish wedding had a particular identity all its own and had a number of specific traditions associated with it.



Handfasting is an ancient Celtic tradition that involved tying the hands of the betrothed together well in advance of their actual wedding day. It is similar to an engagement, a time when both parties decide if they genuinely wish to commit. In modern times the tradition occurs on the actual wedding day although in centuries past the ceremony acted as a kind of temporary marriage.

A Pagan Wedding Ceremony, Handfasting was actually a legitimate way for people to be married and only declined when laws were enforced making the act of marriage much more formal. When Brehon Law was the law of the land, Handfasting was duly recognized as a proper form of marriage. This tradition is well recorded in Ireland and especially at Teltown in Co Meath. The Irish historian John O'Donovan (1806-1861) wrote of the 'Teltown Marriages' A number of young men went into the hollow to the north side of the wall, and an equal number of marriageable young women to the south side of the wall which was so high as to prevent them from seeing the men; one of the women put her hand thro' the hole in the gate and a man took hold of it from the other side, being guided in his choice only by the appearance of the hand. The two were thus joined hands by blind chance were obliged to live together for a year and a day, at the expiration of which time they appeared at the Rath of Telton and if they were not satisfied with each other they obtained a deed of separation, and were entitled to go to Laganeeny again to try their good fortune for the ensuing year.

Under Brehon Law, there were ten forms of marriage, each diminishing in importance, legal rights and desirability and sorted by degrees.

- A first degree union takes place between partners of equal rank and property.
- A second degree union in which a woman has less property than the man and is supported by him.
- A third degree union in which a man has less property than the woman and has to agree to management of the woman's cattle and fields by someone from her family.
- A fourth degree union is the marriage of the loved one in which no property rights changed hands, though children's rights are safeguarded.
- A fifth degree union is the mutual consent of the man and woman to share their bodies, but live under separate roofs.
- A sixth degree union in which a defeated enemy's wife is abducted. This marriage was valid only as long as the man could keep the woman with him.
- A seventh degree union is called a soldier's marriage and is a temporary, primarily sexual union.
- An eighth degree union occurs when a man seduces a woman through lying, deception or taking advantage of her intoxication.
- A ninth degree union is a union by rape.
- A tenth degree union occurs between feeble-minded or insane people.

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH SESQUICENTENNIAL

150TH CELEBRATION  
PRESENTS

## THE PRIESTS

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1st, 2018  
7:30 P.M.**

**434 WESTERN AVENUE • TOLEDO, OHIO 43609  
419-243-1829  
GENERAL SEATING \$50.00  
MEET & GREET \$150.00**



## Plan Ahead!!!!!!

Here are some of the chances to enjoy your  
**IRISH HERITAGE!!!!!!**

Dublin Irish Festival August 3,4 & 5

<http://dublinirishfestival.org/>

Ohio Celtic Festival Classic Park East Lake August 10,11&12

<http://www.ohiocelticintfest.com/>

Milwaukee Irish Festival August 16, 17, 18 &19

<http://irishfest.com/Irishfest.htm>

Glass City Feis August 19

<Http://www.glasscityfeis.com/home.html>

Irish River Cruise on the Sandpiper August 23

Call Sherri McNeill 419-382-3429

Pittsburg Irish Festival Sept. 7, 8 & 9

<http://pghirishfest.org/>

Michigan Irish Music Festival Muskegon September 13, 14,15 & 16

<https://www.michiganirish.org>

September 20 Father Ray Kelly @ St. Patrick's Historic

Call Maury 419-699-6710 or St. Patrick's 419-243-6452

December 1 The Priests at Immaculate Conception Church

Call 419-243-1829 for tickets