

THE CROPPY BOY

SEPTEMBER 2026



HAPPY LABOR DAY

See inside for all the events and goings
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Ancient Order of Hibernians



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Vice President

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Financial Secretary

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Treasurer

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Recording Secretary

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Marshall

John Travers
Sentinel

Stephen Cohan
Standing Committee Chairman

NEW MEMBERSHIP

If any current members are aware of fellow Irish Catholics interested in joining the cause of the Ancient Order of Hibernians please invite them to a monthly meeting. New Membership Applications are readily available.

There is strength in numbers and increasing membership is the first step in maximizing our charitable efforts and performing our call to action!

FROM THE OFFICERS' DESK

DUES

Brothers, this is a friendly reminder that annual dues for the Father John Murphy Division are now due. Dues are \$70 and may be paid by cash or check at this month's meeting, or via Venmo for your convenience. If you'd like to pay by Venmo, please contact us and we'll provide the details.

Thank you for your continued support of the Division.



CONSIDER SERVING AS A DIVISION OFFICER

The future of the Father John Murphy Division depends upon Brothers willing to step forward, share their talents and help guide our Division.

No previous leadership experience is necessary—interested Brothers are encouraged to speak with a current officer to learn more.

calendar of events

2026		SEPTEMBER				
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3 	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

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Monthly Meeting

7:00 pm, Hibernian Hall
36 Cordage Park Circle
Plymouth, MA

..... into October

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Global Irish Famine Way Fundraiser

6:00pm, Plymouth Quarries
410 Whiting Street
Higham, MA

4

Brig St. John Commemoration

2:00pm, St. Anthony's Church
10 Summer Street
Cohasset, MA

17

Annual Food Drive @ Market Basket

9:00am, Market Basket
1 Commerce Way
Plymouth, MA

musical calendar

Dates, locations and times where you can find Hibernians or Friends of the Division playing in the Plymouth County area.

BROTHER STEVE KERR

Traditional Sessions

The Snug Pub - Hingham, MA, Mondays 5:30pm

The ICC Pub - Canton, MA, Fridays 7:00pm

Malachy's Saloon - Quincy, MA, Wednesdays 6:00pm

Indie Fero - Plymouth, MA Every Other Sunday 2:00pm

WEEKLY TRADITIONAL SESSIONS

THE SNUG PUB

116 North St., Hingham, MA

Mondays, Starting at 5:30pm

THE TINKER'S SON

707 Main St., Norwell, MA

Wednesdays, 6pm - 9pm

THE COTTAGE BAR

26 Union St., Weymouth, MA

Thursdays, Starting at 6:30pm & Sunday afternoons

THE AULD TRIANGLE - WEEKLY IRISH MUSIC

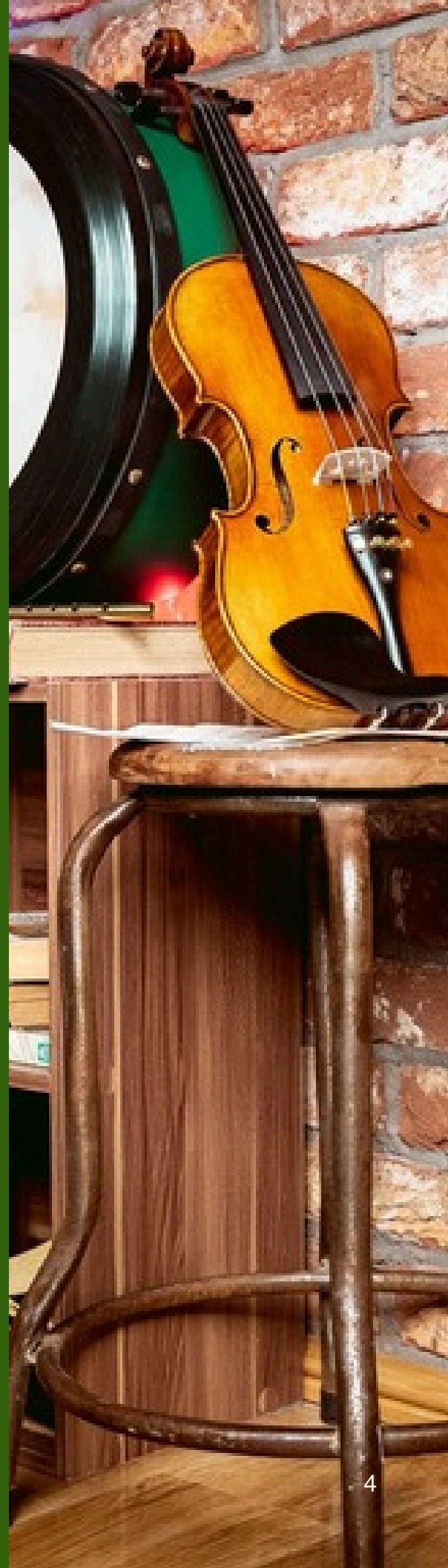
42 Main St., Hyannis, MA

Saturdays, 7pm - 10pm

INDIE FERRO BREWERY - EVERY OTHER SUNDAY

127 Camelot Dr., Plymouth, MA

Sundays, 2pm - 5pm



2026 Annual Canal Cruise: Criac on the Canal

Our annual boat cruise was once again a tremendous success, with a sold-out crowd joining us aboard Hy-Line Cruises on Sunday, August 16, for a beautiful two-hour evening cruise along the Cape Cod Canal. Guests enjoyed live Irish music from Dave Try, light food, a cash bar and plenty of great company. The highlight of the onboard raffle was a weekend getaway at the Winnetu Oceanside Resort on Martha's Vineyard, generously donated by the resort's manager and our Brother Hibernian, Matt Moore. A special shout-out and sincere thank-you to Brother Matt for providing such an outstanding grand prize!

We also extend our gratitude to all the Brothers who volunteered at the raffle tables, prepared and served food, and helped organize boarding at Onset Town Pier. Special recognition goes to Brother Brendan Burke and his wife, Kathy, who once again took the lead in managing the food for the cruise and ensured everyone aboard was well taken care of. Events like this succeed because of the generosity and hard work of our volunteers, and we thank everyone who helped make it another memorable evening on the canal.



2026 Annual Canal Cruise: Criac on the Canal



THE ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS OF THE SOUTH SHORE
CORDIALLY INVITES YOU



ANNUAL
**BRIG ST. JOHN
COMMEMORATION**



*Honoring the memory of the passengers
of the Brig St. John and the Irish Famine
immigrants who arrived in Cohasset in 1849
seeking hope and a new beginning.*

MAIN SPEAKER

**PROFESSOR
CHRISTINE KINEALY**

*Leading expert and author on
Ireland's Great Hunger and
Co-Convenor for the
Global Irish Famine Way*

THEME OF THIS YEAR'S PROGRAM

THE BRIG ST. JOHN
and the
GLOBAL IRISH FAMINE WAY
The 2nd site chosen in the United States

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4TH | 2:00 PM



MASS CELEBRATED FOLLOWED BY
PROGRAM AND WREATH LAYING

ST. ANTHONY'S OF PADUA CHURCH
10 SUMMER STREET
COHASSET, MA

All are welcome. Join us as we remember, honor, and connect.



AN EVENING SUPPORTING THE
GLOBAL IRISH FAMINE WAY
— SOUTH SHORE —



LAUNCHING THE BRONZE SHOE SOCIETY

Join us for an evening of Irish music,
heritage and community as we come
together to honor the past, inspire
the future, and build a legacy of hope.



IRISH MUSIC,
HERITAGE,
FOOD & FRIENDS



SUPPORT THE
GLOBAL IRISH FAMINE WAY
SOUTH SHORE



10% OF ALL FUNDS
TO SUPPORT LOCAL
FOOD INSECURITY
INITIATIVES

BE PART OF THE LEGACY.

Your support helps ensure this
important memorial becomes a
lasting reminder of their journey
and our responsibility.

SATURDAY
OCTOBER 3, 2026

PLYMOUTH QUARRIES
HINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS



AN INITIATIVE OF THE
ANCIENT ORDER OF
HIBERNIANS
FATHER JOHN MURPHY DIVISION
SOUTH SHORE, MA



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE
SOUTH SHORE
IRISH HERITAGE TRAIL





FATHER JOHN MURPHY DIVISION 9
ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS

IRISH • CATHOLIC • AMERICAN

ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE

HELP FEED LOCAL FAMILIES IN PLYMOUTH



JOIN US AS WE COME TOGETHER
to support our neighbors in need.

EVERY CAN.
EVERY ITEM.
EVERY DONATION COUNTS.

YOUR DONATION
MAKES A
DIFFERENCE



SATURDAY
OCTOBER 17, 2026



IN FRONT OF MARKET BASKET
PLYMOUTH, MASSACHUSETTS



CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

Be part of this important day
of service to our community.
TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE
HUNGER HISTORY.



HOURS OF OUR
FOOD DRIVE WILL
BE DISCUSSED AT
OUR SEPTEMBER
AND OCTOBER
MEETINGS.

Stay tuned for details!

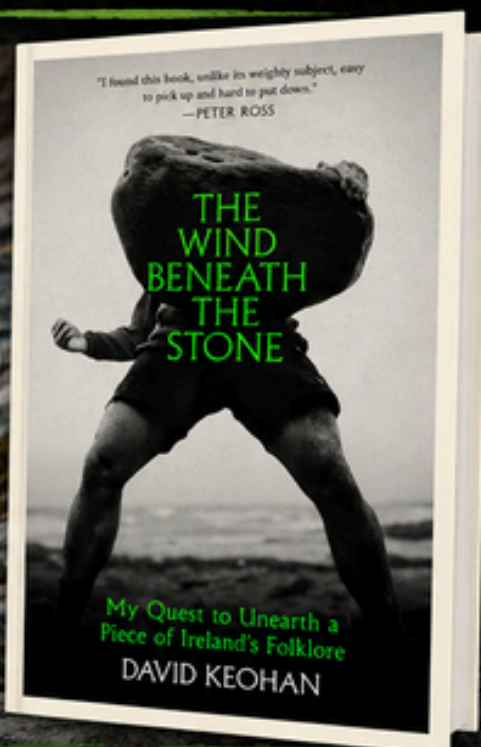


DID YOU KNOW?

IRELAND HAS AN ANCIENT
TRADITION OF STONE LIFTING?

DAVID KEOHAN

THE MAN HELPING
BRING IT BACK.



CRAIC ON THE COAST  **ON LOCATION!**

 **MONDAY,
SEPTEMBER 7
1:00 PM**

Join us as we record
with David Keohan
during the U.S. launch of

*The Wind Beneath
the Stone*



THE GALWAY GIRL
114 WATER STREET
PLYMOUTH, MA



REAL PEOPLE. REAL STORIES. IRISH ROOTS.





FATHER JOHN MURPHY DIVISION 9

ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS

IRISH • CATHOLIC • AMERICAN



SISTER COUNTY WELCOME DINNER AND 2026 PIKEMAN AWARDS



HONORING OUR HERITAGE • CELEBRATING OUR FUTURE

The Pikeman Awards recognize individuals whose leadership, service and dedication strengthen the bonds between Ireland and Irish America.



FRIDAY,
NOVEMBER 13, 2026



HOTEL 1620
PLYMOUTH HARBOR
180 Water Street
Plymouth, Massachusetts



CHECK-IN:
6:00 PM
DINNER:
6:30 PM



DINNER TICKET:
\$100

2026 PIKEMAN AWARD HONOREES



2026 IRISHMAN
OF THE YEAR
**CONGRESSMAN
WILLIAM KEATING**

Honored for his longstanding commitment to Ireland and U.S.-Ireland relations, including his steadfast support for Northern Ireland and the Good Friday Agreement.



2026 IRISHWOMAN
OF THE YEAR
SÍGHLE FITZGERALD
CONSUL GENERAL OF IRELAND
IN BOSTON

Honored for her outstanding engagement with Irish and Irish-American communities throughout New England and her support of South Shore heritage and cultural initiatives.

VIP EXPERIENCE AT PILGRIM HALL MUSEUM



Begin your evening with an exclusive VIP Experience at Pilgrim Hall Museum starting at 5:00 PM, followed by the Sister County Welcome Dinner & Pikeman Awards.

**\$250 VIP TICKET
INCLUDES DINNER**



WE WILL BE SENDING OUT AN EMAIL LINK
FOR THE EVENTBRITE PAGE FOR ANYONE
INTERESTED IN PURCHASING TICKETS FOR THE EVENT.



Congratulations Neil Rogers

The Father John Murphy Division proudly congratulates one of our newest Brother Hibernians, Neil Rogers, for completing the Cycle Against Suicide New England Pilgrim Tour. Brother Neil undertook the 85-mile road cycle beginning at Jenny Pond in Plymouth and finishing at Herring Cove Beach in Provincetown.

This challenging ride brought cyclists and local organizations together with a shared purpose: to raise awareness, encourage open conversations about mental health and offer hope to those who may be struggling. We were equally proud to see so many of our Brothers support Neil by contributing to his fundraising effort. Their generosity reflects the true spirit of Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity and demonstrates what our Division can accomplish when we rally behind a Brother and a worthy cause.

About Cycle Against Suicide

Cycle Against Suicide works to promote positive mental health and prevent suicide through awareness, education, training and community engagement. Its mission is to break down the stigma surrounding mental-health challenges and empower people to recognize when someone may need support, begin difficult conversations and connect them with appropriate help.

The organization's work extends far beyond its cycling events. Cycle Against Suicide provides mental-health education and practical resources for young people, parents, families, schools, communities and workplaces. Its initiatives include school mental-health toolkits, youth-support programs, parent and family resources, educational webinars and community and workplace peer-support training.

Through events such as the New England Pilgrim Tour, Cycle Against Suicide uses cycling to make mental health visible, challenge stigma and create opportunities for honest conversation. Bringing the Pilgrim Tour to Massachusetts helped carry that mission across the Atlantic and through the historic communities of Plymouth and Cape Cod.

Brother Neil's participation is an inspiring example of our Hibernian values being put into action. We congratulate him on completing this demanding ride and sincerely thank every Brother who contributed to his fundraising campaign.

"It's OK not to feel OK, and it's absolutely OK to ask for help."

Learn more about Cycle Against Suicide, its educational programs and available resources at www.cycleagainstsucide.com.

Help is available: Anyone in the United States experiencing a mental-health or suicide crisis can call or text 988 to reach the Suicide & Crisis Lifeline. In an immediate emergency, call 911.

Congratulations Greg Hanley.

The Father John Murphy Division proudly congratulates Brother Gregory M. Hanley, who has been selected as a 2026 Belfast International Homecoming honoree and will receive the prestigious Ambassador Medal at the Titanic Hotel in Belfast.

Brother Hanley has served as a Plymouth County Commissioner since January 2013, helping oversee regional affairs and services for 27 municipalities and more than 520,000 residents. His extensive career in public service has also included five terms as a Quincy city councilor, municipal administration, leadership at Quincy College and nine years on the Massachusetts Board of Registration of Plumbers and Gas Fitters.

Drawing upon his ancestral roots in Buncrana on the Inishowen Peninsula, Greg played an instrumental role in establishing the formal Sister County partnership between Plymouth County and County Donegal. This partnership has created opportunities for cooperation in economic development, tourism, education, sustainability and the celebration of our shared Irish heritage.

Greg has also helped lead delegations and international programs connecting civic, educational and business leaders on both sides of the Atlantic. These efforts have included the Blue/Green Conference on sustainable maritime economies, harbor and economic-development discussions, and connections between Massachusetts institutions and Irish renewable-energy initiatives through the Transatlantic Climate Alliance.

Brother Hanley's work reflects the finest traditions of the Ancient Order of Hibernians: honoring our Irish heritage, serving our communities and strengthening the bonds between Ireland and Irish America.

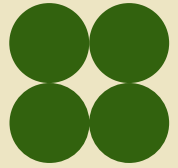
Congratulations, Brother Greg, on this well-deserved international honor. We are proud to call you our Brother and grateful for all you continue to do for Plymouth County and the Irish-American community.

Comhghairdeas, a Dheartháir!

POLITICAL EDUCATION

IRISH BORDER POLL "OFF THE TABLE," NEW BRITISH PRIME MINISTER SAYS IN BELFAST

irishcentral.com



British Prime Minister Andy Burnham says in Belfast that an Irish border poll is "off the table," and the focus should instead be on "bringing people together."

Andy Burnham, the new British Prime Minister, told reporters in Belfast that a united Ireland referendum is "off the table."

Burnham, who has roots in Drogheda, Co Louth, made the comments on Thursday during his first official visit to Northern Ireland since succeeding Keir Starmer as Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

When asked if he would be the British Prime Minister to "push the button" on a border poll, Burnham told the BBC: "Well, obviously I'm here ... to listen, and I will take a collaborative approach, but some issues will be off the table, and that [a referendum] is one issue that will be off the table."

As per the 1998 Good Friday Agreement, the Secretary of State of Northern Ireland - not the Prime Minister - has the power to call a border poll "if at any time it appears likely to him that a majority of those voting would express a wish that Northern Ireland should cease to be part of the United Kingdom and form part of a united Ireland."

Chris Bryant, who was appointed as Northern Ireland's new Secretary of State during Burnham's Cabinet shuffle last month, has previously said a border poll in Northern Ireland may "come at some point," but more recently said it is "not top of my list of priorities" as the new Secretary of State.

Amárach Research's Island of Ireland EU Poll, commissioned by European Movement Ireland and published in May, found that 59% of respondents in Ireland and 63% of respondents in Northern Ireland would vote

in favor of a united Ireland in the EU if a referendum were held tomorrow.

When asked why discussion about a border poll is off the table, Burnham explained to BBC: "Because I think we've got to focus on bringing people together as best we can."

And I think we've lived through a decade where there's been a referendum on Brexit, we had Scottish independence just before it.

"What we find is the rifts that come from those situations take a long time to heal, and it sets you right back, and you can't focus on what's right in front of us here and now, the cost-of-living pressures that are hurting people in Northern Ireland, the need to get that budget set so that public services can function as they should.

"These are the things right in front of us, and sometimes

POLITICAL EDUCATION

politicians go to things that they want to see, as opposed to getting the solutions that the public need.

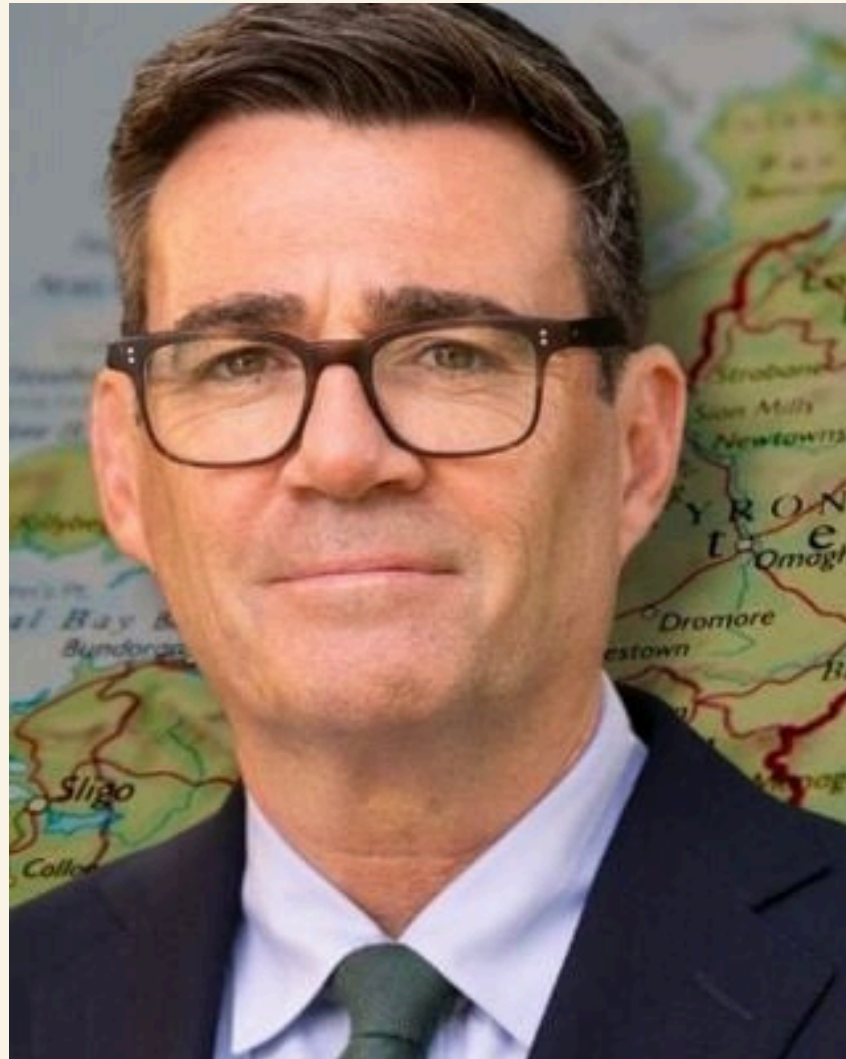
“I think a decade since the Brexit referendum, I think we’ve had too much division, too much arguing, too backward-looking. We need to fix the things right in front of us in the here and now.”

Burnham's office said earlier on Thursday that his priorities during his visit to Northern Ireland, part of his summer tour of the UK, would be young people and the cost of living.

While in Belfast, the Prime Minister met with First Minister Michelle O'Neill and Deputy First Minister Emma Little-Pengelly, and also held meetings with Sinn Féin, the Democratic Unionist Party (DUP), the Alliance Party, the Ulster Unionist Party (UUP), and the Social Democratic and Labour Party (SDLP).

Ahead of his visit, Burnham said in a statement: "People in Northern Ireland want more breathing space from the cost of living, good, well-paid jobs and opportunities for their children. "Political point-scoring in the past has made this harder, not easier. We need to be better, so I want to work with the Northern

Ireland Executive and the main political parties to try and make a real difference to communities here, and that’s the message I’ll be taking into my meetings later.”





Freedom For All Ireland

Sorry, Prime Minister: The Belfast/Good Friday Agreement puts a border poll on the table

By MARTIN BURNS

irishcentral.com, August 28th, 2026

British Prime Minister Andy Burnham made his first trip to Northern Ireland since his elevation to his new job on August 27.

Given Burnham's desire to decentralize power out of London and Westminster, somewhere in the back of the mind was a hope that the Prime Minister might offer a positive attitude towards the idea of a border poll – or at least indicate that he was willing to talk with all parties about any issue. I thought he would offer a muddled message and say something like “I think it is more important to focus on the cost-of-living crisis.”

I was wrong.

British Prime Minister Andy Burnham said on Thursday that a referendum on a united Ireland is "off the table."

Burnham made the comments during his first official visit to

Northern Ireland, where he met with Stormont political leaders.

"I'm here, as I said earlier, to listen, and I will take a collaborative approach, but some issues will be off the table, and that is one issue that will be off the table," Burnham told reporters in Belfast.

Now, as the leader of the United Kingdom, Prime Minister Burnham has the right to discuss or not discuss any issue he chooses. However, he does not have the right to say that a border poll is “off the table.”

I would suggest to the Prime Minister that he looks at the text of the Belfast/Good Friday Agreement. One of the key points of the Belfast/Good Friday Agreement is that it offers a peaceful way for Irish nationalists to pursue Irish unity. It was this creation of a peaceful way to achieve Irish unity that helped to end years of

political violence in Northern Ireland.

I would remind Prime Minister Burnham that the Belfast/Good Friday Agreement is an international agreement made by Great Britain that must be honoured. No British Prime Minister has the right to pick and choose what parts of an international treaty he wants to honour. No where in that Agreement does it say that the issue of a border poll is “off the table.” Instead, the Belfast/Good Friday Agreement says that:

- The participants endorse the commitment made by the British and Irish Governments that, in a new British-Irish Agreement replacing the Anglo-Irish Agreement, they will:
 - recognise the legitimacy of whatever choice is freely exercised by a majority of the people of Northern Ireland with



regard to its status, whether they prefer to continue to support the Union with Great Britain or a sovereign united Ireland;

-recognise that it is for the people of the island of Ireland alone, by agreement between the two parts respectively and without external impediment, to exercise their right of self-determination on the basis of consent, freely and concurrently given, North and South, to bring about a united Ireland, if that is their wish, accepting that this right must be achieved and exercised with and subject to the agreement and consent of a majority of the people of Northern Ireland

It continues:

- (2) But if the wish expressed by a majority in such a poll is that Northern Ireland should cease to be part of the United Kingdom and form part of a united Ireland, the Secretary of State shall lay before Parliament such proposals to give effect to that wish as may be agreed between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Ireland

It adds:

- Subject to paragraph 3, the Secretary of State shall exercise the power under paragraph 1 if at any time it appears likely to him that a majority of those voting would express a wish that Northern Ireland should cease to be part of the United Kingdom and form part of a united Ireland.

Like any international treaty, there is room for interpretation in the text of the Belfast/Good Friday Agreement. Prime Minister Burnham certainly can argue for his interpretation of what the Belfast/Good Friday Agreement means about a border poll. Other parties can advance their views as well. This is what we call political debate.

What Burnham cannot do is simply say that a border poll is “off the table.” An international treaty, signed by Great Britain, puts the border poll right in the centre of the table.

Irish History.

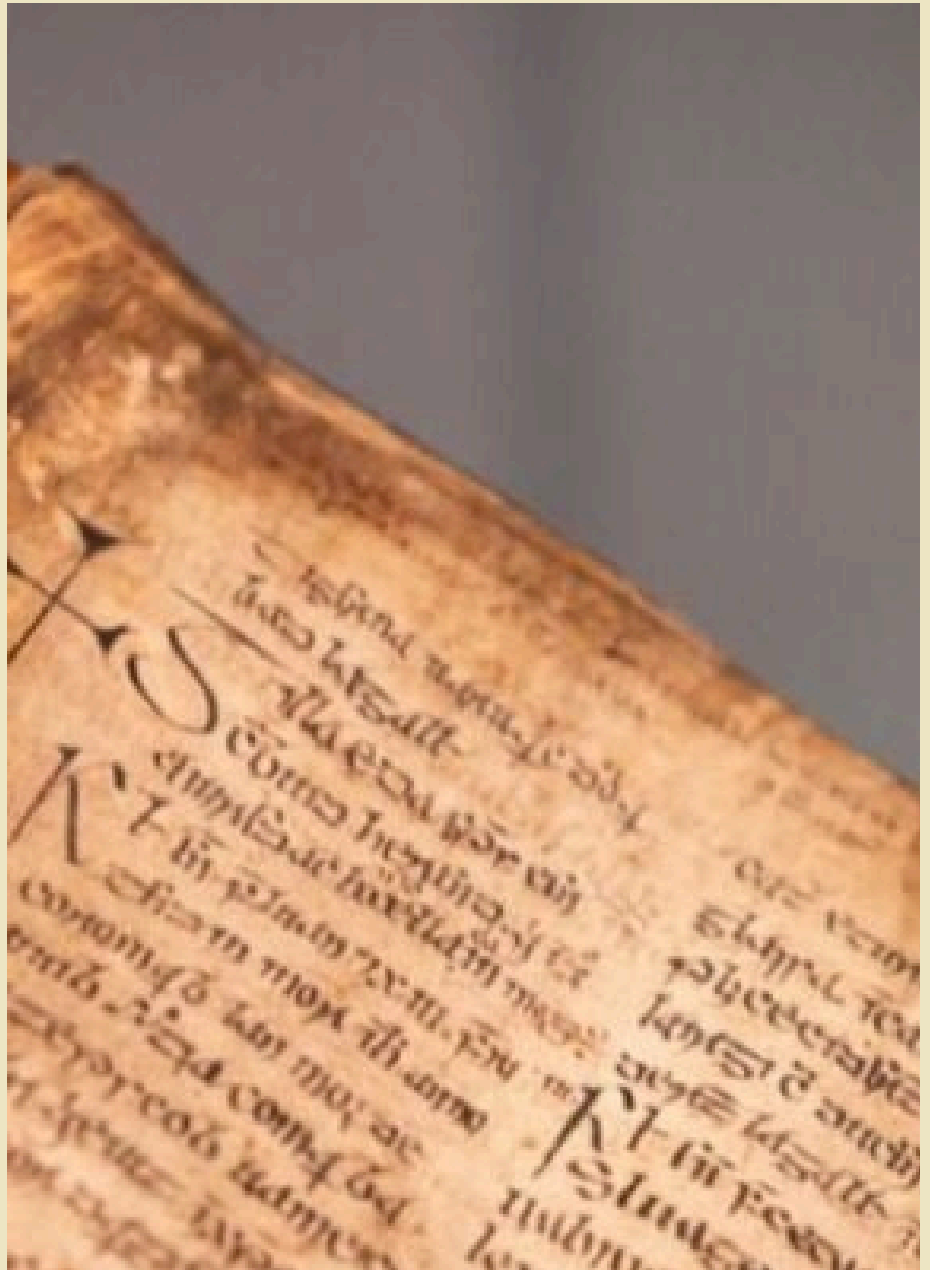


1,000-year-old manuscript recording St. Patrick's Ireland goes on display in Cork

Irishcentral.com, September 2nd, 2026

"The Annals of Inisfallen", unseen in Ireland for more than 40 years, has come home for a landmark exhibition at University College Cork.

One of the oldest and most treasured records of Irish history is back on Irish soil for the first time in decades. "The Annals of Inisfallen", a manuscript that traces Ireland's story before and after the arrival of St. Patrick, is now on free public display at University College Cork (UCC). Close to a 1,000 years old and handwritten in Irish and Latin, the 57 vellum leaves of the "Annals" form a year by year account of medieval Irish life. The text opens with a fragmented history of pre-Christian Ireland, running from ancient times up to Patrick's mission, before shifting into a detailed, contemporary chronicle of death, conflict, dramatic weather and unusual events, written by roughly 30 scribes between the 11th and 14th centuries. Later scribes extended the record into the 15th century.



The exhibition, called "Recording the Past, The Annals of Inisfallen and the Making of Irish History," opened on September 2 at the Glucksman Gallery on the UCC campus and runs through November 1. Admission is free.

The manuscript is going on public display in Ireland for the first time in 40 years, meaning Irish audiences can now view the original pages in person for the first time in a generation.

The "Annals" cover an epic sweep of Irish history. Invasions of Ireland by the mythical Tuatha Dé Danann, Viking raids on Skellig Michael off the Kerry coast, and the arrival of the Normans are all detailed in its pages. Much of the manuscript's later, contemporary section focuses on west Munster, making it a vital source for the region's history and for the development of the Irish language itself.

Scholars believe the manuscript was first copied at the monastery of Lismore in County Waterford, drawing on material from Clonmacnoise in County Offaly and

Emly in County Tipperary. In the 12th century, it made its way to west Munster, most likely to the island monastery of Inisfallen on Lough Leane near Killarney, County Kerry, where scribes carried on the annual record for generations.

The manuscript later passed into the collection of 17th century historian Sir James Ware and eventually into the hands of collector Richard Rawlinson, whose bequest brought it to the Bodleian Libraries at the University of Oxford, where it has remained for more than 250 years. Its temporary return to Cork reflects a partnership between UCC and Oxford built around shared cultural heritage.

Pádraig Ó Macháin, Professor of Modern Irish at UCC, called the Annals "this powerful, all-action history book" and said it stands as "a monument to the work of a multitude of scribes who facilitated the transition from Latin to Irish as the language of record and scholarship, a language that, remarkably, is still very much with us."

UCC President John O'Halloran said the manuscript is "one of the great treasures of Ireland's written heritage" and that the exhibition offers visitors "an opportunity to engage with a manuscript that has shaped our understanding of medieval Ireland." He added that the goal was "to inspire new audiences to discover the richness of our shared history and the extraordinary work of the scribes who preserved it."

Richard Ovenden, Bodley's Librarian and the Helen Hamlyn Director of University Libraries, said the Bodleian was "delighted to collaborate with University College Cork to exhibit the Annals of Inisfallen in Ireland for the first time in over forty years." He added that letting the public "view and get up close with this much treasured manuscript" would deepen appreciation for the medieval period and for the shared work of libraries in preserving the past.

Minister of State for Nature, Heritage and Biodiversity Christopher O'Sullivan, whose department helped fund the exhibition, drew a direct line between the manuscript and the Kerry

landscape it came from. "The story of Inisfallen is deeply woven into the history of Killarney National Park," he said.

"I hope this exhibition inspires everyone to explore the story of Inisfallen, to reflect on the remarkable legacy preserved within the Annals, and to appreciate the enduring connections between landscape, history and identity."

The exhibition offers a rare chance to stand before a document that helped shape how the world understands Ireland's early Christian era and the legacy of St. Patrick himself. The manuscript remains on free public view at the Glucksman through November 1.

Good & Welfare

Division 9 Scrapbook

From all the items that have turned up in the moving of the hall we have decided to create a division scrapbook. We are looking for a volunteer to put this together. Anyone interested please let Mike Schilling know at the next meeting.

PRAVERS FOR.....



Gaeltacht CORNER

Greeting:

English - Happy St. Patrick's Day

Irish - Lá Fhéile Pádraig sona duit

/‘Lah leh Pah-drig Sun-uh gw-itch’