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Thursday, March 17, at 7:00 pm—St Benedict Parish Hall, corner of Dunbrack and Radcliffe Streets in Halifax—**St. Patrick's Day Céilí**—Irish stew and traditional music, dancing and singing. Admission \$15.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. For tickets call 240-5278 or 479-1110. Some tickets available at Celtic Traditions.

Saturday, April 2, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm—An Cumann's Irish language day—presented at Saint Mary's University in conjunction with the D'Arcey McGee Chair of Irish Studies—sessions for raw beginners, those with “*cúpla focal*” and more advanced speakers—children's session—Irish song session. For further information call 240-5278.

Monday, April 11, at 7:00 pm—Celtic Corner, Alderney Dr. and Queen St., Dartmouth—**The Music of Irish Migration**—with **Kate Dunlay, Joe Murphy** and **Sailí Ní Dhroighneáin**—Module 4 in **Saint Mary's Certificate in Irish Studies**—Cost: \$30, including light pub fare (no beverage included). For further information call SMU Continuing Education at (902) 420-5492. *Seating is limited.*

Friday, April 29, 8:00 pm—Rebecca Cohn Auditorium, Halifax—**Irish comedian Tommy Tiernan “Just for Laughs”**—Tickets \$37.00—Contact the Dalhousie Arts Centre ((02) 494-3820.

Thursday, May 19—Delta Halifax Hotel—**An Evening with Irish Ambassador Ray Bassett**—a fundraising dinner for the benefit of the **Holy Cross Cemetery Trust**. For further information, see the Trust's website at <holycrosscemetery.ca>.

St. Patrick's Day Céilí

- March 17, 7:00 pm, St. Benedict Parish Hall
- Tasty Irish stew, soda bread and dessert
- Music, dancing, singing, *craic*
- Tickets \$15. (Children \$5)
- Call 240-5278 or 479-1110 or go to Celtic Traditions

“Her Candle Burns At Both Ends”

By Ann Costello

Ann Costello has published a beautiful and moving account of the terminal illness and death of her daughter, Deirdre Porter, and the strength of the bond between them as the

illness progressed.

The book was launched before an enthusiastic audience at The Old Triangle in February, with a background of Irish music that

Deirdre would have loved.

The book may be ordered by contacting iUniverse at <www.iuniverse.com>.

New Irish Ambassador to speak at Holy Cross Cemetery Dinner

Ray Bassett, Ireland's new Ambassador to Canada, will be the guest of honour and headline speaker at a dinner to be held at the Delta Halifax Hotel on Thursday, May 19th. Ambassador Bassett arrived in Ottawa just a few months ago, but has been busy visiting many parts of the country ever since.

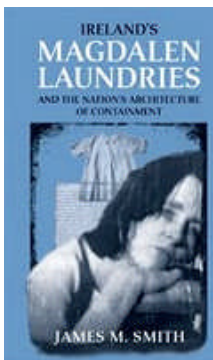
Proceeds from the dinner will help support the work being done by the Holy Cross Cemetery Trust and its many volunteers. The Trust was able to complete the cast iron fence along South Street in recent months, but is now facing expensive repairs at the corner of South and South Park as a result of a serious car accident. There are also hundreds of grave-stones still in need of repair, including several damaged in the same accident.

For ticket information, see the Trust's website at <holycrosscemetery.ca>.

Recent events



Mossie Ó Scánláin (Scanlon) and Cian Ó Móráin (Moran), native speakers of the Irish language from the Corca Dhuibhne (Dingle Peninsula) Gaeltacht in County Kerry performed in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and PEI during their "Maritime Ramble" in the first two weeks of March. Mossie, who grew up next to Mount Brandon a few miles from Dingle Town (*Daingean Uí Chúis*), now lives in Australia. He is a superb *sean nós* (old style) singer and storyteller and generally a supporter and promoter of An Ghaeilge (Irish). Cian, a fine young musician who plays the *uilleann* (Irish elbow) pipes, guitar and low whistle, is also an accomplished storyteller. In his spare time, he is a doctor. The tour was organized by Leo Feinstein, a retired scientist and folksinger from Boston who spends several months a year in Halifax.



On March 11th, D'Arcy McGee Lecture at Saint Mary's Chair of Irish Studies was delivered by James M. Smith, an English professor at Boston College who has become an advocate for the victims of the Magdalen (or Magdalene) Laundries in Ireland. From the 1800s until the last of the laundries was closed in 1996, young, poor Irish women were forced into these hidden institutions and lives of servitude and misery, supposedly for their own good. The laundries were operated by religious orders, with the approval of both church and state and with complete disregard for the human dignity of the young women in their care. The story was a secret, no doubt an open secret in some corridors of power, until recent years. It has, as long last, finally come to light, to the everlasting shame of Ireland and many of its leaders, civil and religious. In November of 2010 the Irish Human Rights Commission called for a full public inquiry and compensation for survivors.



In its short history the Saint Patrick's Church Restoration Society's St. Patrick's Day Parade has never been blessed with balmy weather, but this year's cold and relentless rain was a challenge to even the most enthusiastic supporters. St. Patrick's Day falls on Saturday next year, so perhaps he will lend the marchers a hand and intercede for sun and warmth.

The Saint Patrick's Church Restoration Society warmly invites you to our 4th Annual

Saint Patrick's Day Parade!

When: Saturday March 12, 2011 at 11:30 a.m.



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Membership Application and Renewal 2011

_____ Last name (please print) _____ Given names (underline usual name)

_____ Mailing address _____

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_____ Email Address _____ (Signature)

Membership: () Individual (\$15/yr.) () Family (\$20/yr.)
(If family, please list full names of each family member in your household other than yourself—at time of first application only.)

Aspects of Irish Heritage that interest you:

- () music () theatre () history
- () language (Irish) () dance () genealogy
- () literature () folklore () sports
- () current events () other (specify) _____

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21st Annual

St. Patrick's Day Céili

Thursday, March 17, 2011

7:00 pm

St. Benedict Church Hall

Corner of Dunbrack and Radcliffe Streets, Halifax

Irish stew, Irish music, dancing and singing.

To order tickets or for further information
call 479-1110 or 240-5278.

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Celtic Traditions, Spring Garden Place.