

ST. PATRICK'S DAY FESTIVAL



TALLAGHT 2025



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TALLAGHT VILLAGE
17TH MARCH 2025



The first St. Patricks Day Parade in Tallaght took place in 1980 and was organised by the Tallaght Youth Band. The band had made an unsuccessful application for inclusion into the Dublin parade and decided to organise a parade in Tallaght instead.

In the intervening years, The Tallaght Community Council took ownership of the parade and delivered many specular events in Tallaght, bringing the parade on various routes, including the Old Bawn Road, Greenhills Road, into Tymon and Tallaght Village.

Due to unforeseen circumstances and the pandemic, there has not been a parade in Tallaght since 2019.

South Dublin County Council is extremely excited to reintroduce the parade and hope everyone enjoys the St Patricks Day Festival.

Freddie White set for Tallaght Theatre

Freddie White will be starring in the second production of the Tallaght Theatre Company's new play, *Freddie White*, at the Tallaght Theatre, at the Castle, North Circular Road, Tallaght, on Tuesday, March 16, at 8pm. The play is written by Paul Lee of Tallaght and is based on the life of Freddie White, a young man who died in the Dublin riots of 1969. The play is directed by Paul Lee and is produced by the Tallaght Theatre Company. For more information, contact Paul Lee on 01-842101.

Rebellion is recalled with library exhibition

DRESS exhibits in short form and strong form, have been produced in the Dublin City Library and Archives, at 115, South Circular Road, Dublin 8. The exhibition is a tribute to the 30th anniversary of the 1969 Dublin riots. It features a collection of photographs, posters, and other items from the period. The exhibition is open from 10am to 6pm, Monday to Saturday. For more information, contact the Dublin City Library and Archives on 01-454 4444.

Northern peace-maker pays visits ahead of parade

THE peace broker from Northern Ireland, who will lead the Tallaght St Patrick's Day Parade, paid his first visit to the city yesterday. Dr Roy Magee, a member of the Northern Ireland Peace Commission, arrived in Tallaght on Wednesday. He is expected to be in the city for several days before the parade on Sunday. Magee is a well-known figure in the peace movement and has been instrumental in bringing the IRA and the British Army to the negotiating table.



Rev. Roy Magee, Catholic Archbishop of Dublin, and County Manager Frank Kenneally study the planned route for the 1999 Tallaght St Patrick's Day Parade. Photo by Paddy Hanrahan.

PADDY'S DAY SET TO BE A MAJOR EVENT IN '99

By DONAL BERGIN
The 1999 Tallaght St Patrick's Day Parade is set to be a major event in the city. The parade is being organized by the Tallaght St Patrick's Day Committee, which has a long history of organizing the event. This year's parade is expected to be the largest yet, with thousands of participants and spectators. The parade will start in the city center and end at the Tallaght Theatre. The committee has received support from the local business community and the Dublin City Council. The parade is a celebration of Irish heritage and a symbol of the city's unity.



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THE Echo Irish Aid Appeal will draw to a close in the next few days to allow The Echo to present the cheque to Irish Orphan Aid - Friends of the Chinese Orphan. We have amassed the money thanks to people like Bernie Rapier. The account will close in the next few days to allow The Echo to present the cheque to Irish Orphan Aid - Friends of the Chinese Orphan. We have amassed the money thanks to people like Bernie Rapier. The account will close in the next few days to allow The Echo to present the cheque to Irish Orphan Aid - Friends of the Chinese Orphan. We have amassed the money thanks to people like Bernie Rapier.



Dunne, and Anne Connolly, with Dave and Brenda Farrell at the Person of the Year Awards in the Roscommon Club. Photo by Paddy Hanrahan.

ECHOES OF THE PAST March 1981



Three of the children enjoying themselves at Tallaght's first Irish playgroup.

St Patrick's Day Parade - in Tallaght

On St Patrick's Day, March 17, Tallaght will have its own parade with a special emphasis on youth. The parade will be led by the Priory Youth Band, starting from St Mary's Priory car park at 11.45 am, following the 11am Mass. Participants are encouraged to come in fancy dress or some unusual dress using your own ideas. On St Patrick's night a special concert will be held in St Mary's Church.

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REV. DR. ROY MAGEE TO BE GRAND MARSHALL OF THE TALLAGHT ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

Reverend Dr. Roy Magee, regarded as one of the unsung heroes of the Northern Ireland peace process, has accepted an invitation to be the Grand Marshal of the Tallaght St. Patrick's Day Parade. This year the parade, which is one of the largest in the country, will have as its theme 'Saluting the Peacemakers'. The invitation to Dr. Magee was extended by South Dublin Council Chairman, Mick Billane.



Preparations are well under way for the 1996 Tallaght St Patrick's Day Parade. The parade is being organized by the Tallaght St Patrick's Day Committee, which has a long history of organizing the event. This year's parade is expected to be the largest yet, with thousands of participants and spectators. The parade will start in the city center and end at the Tallaght Theatre. The committee has received support from the local business community and the Dublin City Council. The parade is a celebration of Irish heritage and a symbol of the city's unity.

"Best ever" parade for St Patrick's Day

Preparations for Tallaght's St Patrick's Day parade are well under way. The 1996 Tallaght St Patrick's Day Parade is shaping up to be the biggest and best ever, according to a statement released by the organizing committee. The parade is being organized by the Tallaght St Patrick's Day Committee, which has a long history of organizing the event. This year's parade is expected to be the largest yet, with thousands of participants and spectators. The parade will start in the city center and end at the Tallaght Theatre. The committee has received support from the local business community and the Dublin City Council. The parade is a celebration of Irish heritage and a symbol of the city's unity.



The Tallaght Festival Band is marching in the parade. The band is one of the many groups participating in the event. The parade is a celebration of Irish heritage and a symbol of the city's unity.



Event Program

High Street

11.30 am - 1.30 pm

Face painting, Local Tallaght musicians, Street entertainment, Citywise Education workshop.

Old Greenhills Road

11.30am - 1.30pm

Face painting, Local Tallaght musicians, Street entertainment, Replica Sports Trophy station, Ice Cream van, SDCC Community Services Information desk, Community Policing bus, Tea & Coffee dock

11.30am - 2.30pm

Sensory Area - provided by Sensory Explorers

Main Stage on Main Street

1.00pm - 1.30pm

Chris Keeley MC

Live performance by The Keeley Brothers

Performance of Amhran Na bhFiann by Seadhna Starrs

Main Events

12.00pm - 12.45pm

Tallaght AC Annual 5k Road Race

1.30pm - 2.30pm

Tallaght St. Patrick's Day Parade 2025

***As parking will be limited on the day we encourage people attending the parade to walk or use public transport.**

MC | Chris Keeley



Born and raised in Jobstown, a very proud Tallaght man. He was very excited to hear about the return of the Tallaght parade and the St Patrick's Day Festival.

Growing up in Tallaght in the 90s/early 2000s introduced many opportunities - Singing the National Anthem for the Golden Cobra, Hyland Brothers. Representing Gaeilscoil Coláiste de hÍde in the National Concert Hall. Performances with The Now & Then. Tallaght Person of the Year.

Community contribution includes a variety of charity events with The Lost Boys Walking Club(The Dragon Inn) - including events for Suzanne House, HOPE, Irish Cancer Society, Children's Bubblegum Club, Aoibheann's Pink Tie and more.

" To be asked to MC is an honor. I hope everyone has a great day. "

Entertainment | The Keeley Brothers



The Keeley Brothers are a dynamic trio celebrated for their harmonious vocals and engaging performances. With a legacy spanning 30 years, they have forged a deep connection with their audience, making each show a memorable experience filled with music, laughter, and warmth.

Known for their tight harmonies, engaging storytelling, and infectious energy, the brothers will take the stage at the Tallaght St Patrick's Day Festival sharing some of their favourite songs, celebrating the connection they've built with audiences over the years.



Grand Marshal | Cian Murphy



Dublin GAA player **Cian Murphy** plays his club football with Thomas Davis.

A Tallaght native, Cian attended primary school in Scoil Maelruain before moving on to Old Bawn Community School for his secondary school education. Cian is currently in third level education where he is completing a degree in Sports Therapy in Portobello Institute.

The diminutive defender made his debut in a NFL game against Meath in 2020. Cian has won two senior All-Irelands, five Leinster SFC, one NFL title and one U21 All Ireland title.



Tallaght's St. Patrick's Parade 2025 Groups

Tallaght Marching Band

Established in 2018, but with a shared history stretching back decades, Tallaght Marching Band is an amalgamation of Tallaght Youth Band (originally founded in 1977) and Tallaght Festival band (originally founded in 1983).

After many years of cooperation and joint-ventures, the two bands - who have a combined total of 10+ All-Ireland Championships and various other international accolades - decided that a merger was in the best interest of everyone. The result was Tallaght Marching Band.

Website - www.tallaghtmarchingband.com

Instagram - @tallaghtmarchingband

Facebook - Tallaght Marching Band

The Civic Panto Characters

Panto characters past and present from the family favorite, much-loved #CivicPanto are in the parade. With a few surprises along the way.

Facebook - The Civic Panto

Buion Marc girl guides

The Catholic Guides of Ireland is a nationwide association open to all women and girls. We offer challenging, accessible Guiding opportunities within a safe environment to enable our members to develop their full protection, instilling leadership skills for the future. We have two units in the Tallaght area and our girls enjoy activities such as crafts, hiking, camping, personal development and international travel opportunities.

Website - www.girlguidesireland.ie

103rd Dublin Willington Beaver scouts

103rd Willington Scouts have been an active member of our community for many years catering for young people from 6-17 years. Our Beavers, aged 6-8, learn life skills like first aid, navigation and camping in an informal, fun environment and there's no place better to do this than the outdoors! When we're not out exploring, we love to get involved in community events so we are very excited to be walking in this year's parade!

Website - www.willingtonscouts.ie

Older Peoples Council South Dublin

The Older People's Council is pleased to be part of the 2025 St. Patrick's Day Parade. This is a representative group of older people and is part of the Age Friendly programme.

There is an Older People's Council in every county in Ireland and they identify areas of need that affect older people, for example, a safe environment, the rights of older persons etc. They aim to make South Dublin a great place in which to grow old.

*"If you design for the young you exclude the old,
but if you design for the old you include everyone."*

Website - www.agefriendlyireland.ie

Button Halpin Academy of Irish Dance

We are a local Irish Dancing school located in Kilnamanagh Community Centre. We offer classes to boys and girls from the age of 4 upwards. Our goal is to ensure that all children enjoy learning to dance as well as learning to be part of a team and form friendships that last a lifetime. While our pupils compete in local feiseanna it is not compulsory and completely up to each individual child whether they want to compete or just learn to dance and have fun.

Facebook - Button-Halpin Academy of Irish Dancing

Golden Cobra Boxing Club

Golden Cobra Boxing Club was founded by the late Paddy Hyland along with his best friend John Farrell in 1990 in Jobstown.

After Paddy's sudden death in 2015 his 3 sons Edward Patrick Paulie and his brother Paul snr took over the boxing club with help from some of Paddy's old fighters .

With over 52 titles in the amateurs, and many professional titles. The lads are continuing Paddy's legacy.

They train boys /girls from all communities around Tallaght every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The club now consists of nearly 100 members and keeps growing.

Golden Cobra will continue to train the kids, teens and Adults in Tallaght for many years to come.

We are always open to new members. More information can be found on Instagram and Facebook.

Instagram - @goldencobabc

Facebook - Golden Cobra Boxing Club

Tallaght Rugby Club

Tallaght Rugby Football Club (TRFC) was established in 2002 as part of the “Tallaght Project”, an IRFU initiative designed to introduce rugby to non-traditional areas. Today, the Tallaght crest is proudly worn by senior men's and women's teams, youth boys' and girls' teams, and a mixed minis team. Whether you're an experienced player or entirely new to rugby, TRFC welcomes all who are interested in the sport to join us. There's no better time than now! Contact a Committee member for more information. Happy St. Patrick's Day from TRFC!

Website - www.tallaghtrugby.com

Fusion Twirlers

Fusion Baton Twirlers is a local club based in Tallaght, with over 40 members and four club directors. We focus on baton twirling, teamwork, and mentorship across all ages. Competing in five annual competitions across Ireland, we have earned high accolades in the past, including runner-up in the 'Top Club' award at Nationals. Our athletes proudly represent Ireland at World and European Championships in solo, group, and team events. We also mentor older members as junior coaches. Fusion Twirlers is a proud member of Twirl Ireland Federation, the National Governing Body recognized by Sport Ireland and affiliated with the International Baton Twirling Federation.

Instagram - @fusiontwirlers

Facebook - Fusion Twirlers

Thomas Davis GAA

Thomas Davis GAA Club is delighted to march in this year's St. Patrick's Day Parade, celebrating our deep roots in the community and passion for Gaelic games. Founded in 1888, our club is home to players of all ages, from nursery to senior teams, across football, hurling, and camogie. We are more than a club—we are a family built on passion and wear the green and gold with pride. United by tradition and teamwork, we celebrate the values of sport, friendship, and Irish culture. Marching today are our dedicated players, coaches, and supporters, representing the spirit of our club—where friendships are made, skills are honed, and memories last a lifetime. Up the Little Village!

Website - www.thomasdavisgaa.ie

Facebook - Thomas Davis GAA Club

South Dublin Libraries

South Dublin Libraries is proud to serve the community of South Dublin, offering a wealth of resources, events, and services for all ages. From an extensive collection of books and digital resources to engaging events, workshops, and educational opportunities, our libraries are a hub of learning, community and creativity. With seven branch libraries across the County, and three mobile libraries bringing services to local communities, South Dublin Libraries is here to inspire and connect. Visit us today and discover everything we have to offer – your next adventure in reading is just around the corner!

Website - www.southdublinlibraries.ie

Instagram - @southdublinlibraries

Facebook - South Dublin Libraries

SRLT - Scoil Rince Lar na Tire

What We Offer:

- Irresistible Fun: Watch your child light up with joy as they learn the energetic and enchanting art of Irish dance.
 - Friendship and Teamwork: Our classes promote camaraderie, creating lasting friendships that extend beyond the dance floor.
 - Physical Fitness: Build strength, flexibility, and coordination through the rhythmic movements of Irish dance.
 - Musical Appreciation: Experience the rich tradition of Celtic music, enhancing your child's appreciation for diverse musical styles.
- Our twinkle toes will show the above as they twirl and dance their way through Tallaght in the parade showing Irish Culture at its finest.

Instagram - @srltdancers

Facebook - SRLT Scoil Rince Lar na Tire School of Irish Dancing

JKS Tallaght Karate

JKS Tallaght Karate was established in 2011. Its remit is to teach and promote traditional Shotokan karate to children, young people and adults. The club trains in St Marks Youth & Family centre in Fettercairn and has a range of classes to suit all levels from beginners to advanced.

Instagram - @jks_tallaght_karate_club

Facebook - Scoil Rince Ni Aogain

Scoil Rince Ní Áogain

Scoil Rince Ní Áogain is an Irish Dancing group set up and taught by myself Denise Egan and I have 2 other ex-dancers now teaching alongside me Emily O Donohoe and Beibhinn Boyce. We are based in Killinarden Enterprise Centre and we are celebrating our 30th Birthday on 3rd March 2025. We are home to Regional, Dublin, and Irish Open team champions and solo Champions and are the Current World Freestyle Champions and one of our dancers Ellie is the current World and 3 times World solo Champion. Our motto is fun first!

Instagram - @scoilrinceniaogain

Facebook - Scoil Rince Ni Aogain

Killinarden Celtic Football Club

Our Club is a community-based Football Club that promotes the inclusion of all children in our area. We have created a safe and fun environment for children to enjoy sports while creating friendships. The children will be over the moon to be a part of the parade and showcase their club and community.

Facebook - Killinarden Celtic Football Club

Dizzy Footwork Dance Academy

Dizzy Footwork Dance Academy/Productions Ltd. Located in Rua Red Arts Centre Tallaght is one of the capital's most successful and prestigious dance and drama schools. Dizzy Footwork was established in 2009 by sister and brother duo Lisa and Alan McGrath. Dizzy Footwork holds a variety of classes that provide a diverse range of dance styles including acrobatics, hip-hop, musical theatre, jazz, tap, commercial and lyrical dance and drama classes for tots through to teens/adults. Dizzy Footwork are beyond excited to be a part of the Tallaght St. Patrick's Day parade and hope everyone has as much fun as we intend to do.

Instagram - @dizzyfootwork

Facebook - Dizzy Footwork Dance Academy

Hornets junior darts academy Dublin

Brian Doherty has run the academy for the past 6 years. They accommodate kids from 6 to 17 years of age and they also accommodate and coach all aspects of darts to kids of all abilities whether they be newcomers to experienced players.

Members of the academy come from as far as Cork and as close as Tallaght. We compete nationwide and internationally in events partnered with the JDC (Junior Darts Corporation).

Facebook - Hornets Darts (Hornet junior darts academy Dublin)

Electra Stage School

Electra Stage School, based in the Kilnamanagh Family Recreational Centre in Tallaght, are a non-profit community-based organisation and have been an active part of the community for over 35 years, proudly providing children with the opportunities to take part in a variety of dance, acting and singing.

With a large school of 70 students varying in age from 4-27 years, they have children from many areas within the local Tallaght and Clondalkin area. Electra's 2025 productions will take place Saturday 21st June @ 3pm & 7pm with non-stop entertainment varying across musical theatre, hip hop, lyrical as well as drama/comedy and singing.

Recently Electra have re-entered the variety competition scene having taken home multiple awards over the past two years and placing 2nd in Showtops Varietyfest 2024, Ireland's leading variety platform. Electra will be heading to compete for their third year in a row this coming October.

Newcomers are always welcome and can contact Electra on their social media platforms across Instagram, Facebook and Tik Tok if they would like to get involved in some show business!

Website - www.electrastageschool.weebly.com

Instagram - @electra_stage_school

Facebook - Electra Stage School

Goan Association Ireland

Goa is a vibrant western Indian state, known for its beautiful coastline along the Arabian Sea. The Goan Association Ireland celebrates both Indian traditions and Portuguese culture, fostering unity among Goans living in Ireland.

Our mission is to unite all Goans in Ireland, providing a space for support, friendship, and cultural exchange. As a non-profit, non-political, and non-religious organization, we aim to nurture and preserve Goan heritage, sharing our rich culture, traditions, and language with the world.

We believe in living in harmony, with peace, love, care, and understanding within our community. Our goal is to bring Goans together, while also engaging the local Irish community to experience and appreciate our traditions—through food, music, theatre, dance, and much more.

Boland School of Irish Dancing

Boland School of Irish Dancing is a traditional Irish Dance School held in the Belgard Community Centre for students aged 4+. We are focused on building every student's confidence, social and team skills in a fun learning environment that fosters lifelong friendships and a love of Irish dance and culture. Boland School of Irish Dancing provides dancers with the opportunity to learn an art form, perform for audiences, and compete in competitions, locally. We are very excited to share the beauty and our passion of Irish Dance in this year's parade.

Instagram - @bolandschoolofirishdancing

Facebook - Boland School of Irish Dancing

St Mark's Taekwon-Do School

St Mark's Taekwon-Do School are very proud to celebrate 42 years of teaching this very special Art that consists of Courtesy, Integrity, Perseverance, Self Control & Indomitable Spirit to children from 5 years, teenagers & adults. Our instructors are fully qualified both National & International, with all their requirements up to date, i.e. Garda Vetting, Child Protection, 1st Aid.

We are very excited to have students who represented, Ireland & Tallaght at several International & National Championships, winning mountains of Awards over the years. St Mark's Taekwon-Do family welcome new students all year round.

Website - www.tallaghttaekwon-do.com

Tallaght Martial Arts

Tallaght Martial Arts (TMA) has been part of the Tallaght community for over 30 years. The club is so much more than a martial arts or sports club, it offers a place for people of all ages, from 4 years of age to 70 years of age to improve fitness levels, learn life skills and gather regularly in a positive community of supportive people, aspects of modern society that are invaluable. There are two and three generations of families training in the club. The club is family focus due to its roots in kung fu training which is a traditionally family-based fighting system. There is an amazing team spirit in the club which is very evident in all classes held in the club. Even though the sport of kickboxing is a very individual sport, through martial arts members learn to work as a team and support each other, win or lose. Members compete as individuals in competitive kickboxing but the tremendous support they receive from their TMA teammates and parents is incredible to witness. Win or lose, the support is the same. TMA is widely recognised as Irelands most successful kickboxing club and have World, European and National champions training alongside beginners where all egos are left at the door. This creates a unique atmosphere in the club; everyone is made welcome in a friendly, informative training environment. Members are learning all the time, whether by what they do, what they are taught or simply by what they see. The attitude, determination and self-discipline it takes to succeed is there for all to see. We have witnessed the success of this approach over the years, it builds self-esteem. It helps to increase self-belief and confidence. Strong resilient characters are developed with numerous benefits not only in their martial arts journey but in all other aspects of their lives, school college and eventual in their careers.

Website - www.tallaghtmartialarts.com

Instagram - @tallaghtmartialarts

Facebook - Tallaght Martial Arts

Erin Brown School of Irish Dance

Erin Brown School of Irish Dance is a beginner's Irish Dance Class based in St. Paul's Secondary School. The children participating in the parade only began their Irish Dance journey in January and are excited to showcase what they have learned so far. St. Patrick's Day is a day to celebrate Irish culture and it is great to have a new generation of dancers to carry on this tradition!

Website - brand.site/erinbrownschoolofid

Instagram - @erinbrownschoolofid

Facebook - Erin Brown School of Irish Dance

Croí Ró Naofa GAA Club

Croí Ró Naofa GAA was founded in the year 2000 to provide Gaelic Games to the community of Killinarden and surrounding areas. As of the 2025 season, our club fields teams for boys and girls from our nursery, to U8, U11, U13 and Adult Age groups. Our 'Little Buds' Academy caters for children from the ages of 4-8 and we are always open to new members at every level and age group.

We are delighted to have some of our juvenile members represent our club in the Tallaght St Patrick's Day Parade this year & to raise awareness of our club in the community as we celebrate our 25th anniversary since our foundation this coming year.

Website - www.croironaofa.ie

Instagram - @croiGaa

Facebook - Croí Ró Naofa GAA

Confidance Performing Arts

Confidance Performing Arts is a well-rounded dance school offering multiple styles for all ages and levels. We offer classes for ages 18 months right up to 18 years.

Confidance's mission is to instil a great love of dance while inspiring self-confidence, discipline and respect of the performing arts. - Our school aims to build on self-esteem and CONFIDENCE. What a better way to bring that out in your little stars than in a dance lesson.

Website - www.confidanceperformingarts.com

Instagram - @confidanceperforming

Facebook - Confidance

Sacred Heart FC

Sacred Heart FC, established in 1991, is a proud community football club based in Killinarden, Tallaght. We offer football programs for all ages, starting from toddlers aged 3 through our "Little Hearts Football Academy" up to senior levels, accommodating both boys and girls. Our top-class facilities are utilised not only by our teams but also by local schools and organizations, reinforcing our strong community ties. We are dedicated to promoting teamwork, sportsmanship, and a love for football while encouraging a healthy and active lifestyle for all our members.

In the parade, we will proudly wear our red and black colours, showcasing the unity and spirit that make Sacred Heart FC more than just a club—it's a family.

Website - www.sacredheartfootballclub.com

Instagram - @sacred_heart_fc_

Facebook - Sacred Heart FC

Fit Kids Fit Teens

Fit Kids Fit Teens is an electrifying experience in Hip Hop and Breakdancing! Our weekly classes are designed for all skill levels and welcome everyone from the community. Immerse yourself in dynamic dance routines that promote fitness, confidence, and creativity. Make lasting friendships as you participate in exciting challenges, showcases, and plenty of fun events throughout the year. Our passionate instructors are dedicated to helping each dancer shine while fostering a positive and inclusive environment.

Instagram - @fkft_fitkidsfitteensireland

Facebook - FKFT Fit Kids Fit Teens

Marks Celtic Football Club

Marks Celtic FC is a local football club based in Springfield, Tallaght.

The club was founded in 1973 and has since become an integral part of the community providing opportunities for local youths to participate in organised football. The club fields teams for both boys and girls from age 4 grassroots level up to senior teams and Over 35s and competes in local and regional leagues.

DDSL, LSL, AFL, EWFL

We have Academy, 15 DDSL teams, 2 Men's Senior, 1 over 35 men's league winners 2024. 1 ladies senior league winners 2023.

Marks Celtic FC is known for its strong emphasis on player development and sportsmanship. The club fosters a positive and inclusive environment where players can improve their skills, build friendships, and develop a love for the game.

Coaches at the club are dedicated to helping players reach their full potential and instilling important values such as teamwork, respect, and discipline.

In addition to its competitive teams, the club is committed to promoting a healthy and active lifestyle through football and creating a positive impact on the lives of its players and supporters.

Overall, Mark Celtic FC is a thriving local football club that is deeply rooted in the community of Springfield for the last 52 years. With a strong focus on player development, sportsmanship, and community engagement, the club continues to be a driving force in the local football scene.

We run as a voluntary organisation and in order to provide these opportunities to the community, we rely on funding grants and support from local businesses and individuals, which is crucial for the club to continue its mission of promoting physical activity and community engagement and football for all.

Instagram - @markscelticfc

St Mark's GAA

St Mark's GAA, established in 1975, is celebrating 50 years of providing Gaelic football, hurling and camogie for all ages and abilities in the Tallaght area. The club, represented in this year's St Patrick's Day parade by its juvenile players and coaches, serves the communities of Springfield, Belgard, Fettercairn, Brookfield, Jobstown and Citywest. Excited to be honouring the club's golden anniversary, St Mark's is also looking forward to another 50 years of community, comórtas and craic. Ní neart go cur le chéile.

Instagram - @stmarksgaa

Facebook - St Marks GAA Club

Dance team " Mriya"

"MRIYA" (which means a "dream" in Ukrainian) captures the hearts with their spectacular shows!

Children's dance group was created by dedicated volunteers in 2022 and is now kindly hosted by the Citywest Hotel. Each participant, of age from 5 to 16 years old, brings a unique energy and passion to their dances. MRIYA's performances are a vibrant showcase of classical choreography, folk dance, contemporary dance and acrobatics, featuring intricate footwork, colourful costumes and infectious rhythms to impress and fascinate the audience.

Young performers with their artistry and love to dance serve as an example of youth strength, talent and hard working. It is not just about dancing, but to express joy, unity and beauty of self-expression in every performance.

MRIYA has a dream: to remind all of us that through art and creativity we can overcome differences and create connections that go beyond the boundaries.

Facebook - Dance Team Mriya

Dubh Linn Ostmen

Dubh Linn Ostmen, is a Dublin based Viking Re Enactment group.

We participate in living history from the Viking Era, all over Ireland.

We come together to teach and learn new skills including;

weaponry, camping, cooking, woodcraft, textiles like wool and leather, ironmongery.

Demonstrations are held all over the country such as Slane Castle in May, up to 500 Vikings to see.

We visit charity events and schools such as fabulous Scoil Mochua who held an interactive Viking Day.

Our Dubh Linn Ostmen Family has members from Ireland, Spain, Brazil,USA, Germany and Czech Republic.

Training is held in Fettercairn Community Hall, Friday nights, and open to visitors and new members.

Instagram - @Dubh_Linn_Ostmen

Facebook - Dubh Linn Ostmen

St Anne's Bohernabreena

St Anne's is a small Gaelic Athletic Association club with huge heart opened to all in Bohernabreena and surrounding areas.

The idea of setting up a Gaelic football club in the area came in 1937 by Fr. George Henry. He encouraged and urged men to put the idea into motion. At the first meeting, they decided to name the club St. Annes, and that its colours would be blue and white. Those colours are now proudly worn by range of age groups from four years upwards.

St. Anne's GAA became the home for many. The club is absolutely inclusive and welcomes all age groups , nationalities, men and women and children with additional needs.

You can get touch of Football, Hurling & Camogie, all in a family friendly atmosphere but also an extra bit of craic at social music nights, bingo, quizzes and many more. Whether you are big or small you can be a part of team. (Together Everyone Achieves More).

Website - www.stannesgaa.ie

Glenasmole Community Association

We are a Community Centre nestled in the Glenasmole Valley just 8km from Tallaght. The Centre provides a wide range of services which include activities for everyone young to mature for approximately 420 residents. Some of the services that we provide include a youth /venture club, toddler group, Craft Ladies groups, as well as a wide range of fitness, yoga, Pilates and Zumba dancing. We have an all-weather Astro Pitch and our centre can be hired for a wide range of services which include mindful Retreats and private parties. Our community would be very honoured to take part in St. Patricks Day Parade 2025.

Instagram - @glenasmolecommunitycentre

Facebook - Glenasmole Community Centre

Bohernabreena Classic Car Show

The Bohernabreena Classic Car Show began as a late-night chat between friends and grew into a massive event that far exceeded any expectations and this year promises to be bigger and better. It's a family-friendly event with a huge collection of classic cars, a whole host of craft stalls and food vendors, plenty of fun to be had with some carnival games, and a stage featuring fantastic live music. This a huge community event that brings together people of all interests in the name of raising money for charity. For the latest updates check out our social media and website!

Website - www.bccarshow.net

Instagram - @classic_show_

Facebook - Bohernabreena Classic Car Show & Fair (Bccarshow)

Active South Dublin

Active South Dublin is one of 29 Local Sports Partnerships in Ireland, working to increase participation in sport and physical activity across our communities. As part of South Dublin County Council, we support local clubs, volunteers, schools, and individuals by delivering inclusive programmes, training, and events that make sport accessible to all. From grassroots initiatives to targeted activities for underrepresented groups, we are committed to making South Dublin a healthier, more active place for everyone.

Instagram - @activesouthdublin

Facebook - Active South Dublin

Order of Malta Ambulance Corps Tallaght Unit

Order of Malta Ambulance Corps Tallaght Unit Volunteers have served this community since 1973. The Unit has 35 members and we were proud to be nominated for Tallaght Person of the Year 'Special Carers Award' Category 2024.

We train local creches, afterschool programs and Scouts as CPR/ First Aid Responders. Duties like Jobstown Running Club, Connect4 Project, Now and Then Theatre Productions, Gymgala Gymnastics Expo NBA, Darkness Into Light Tymon Park, or South Dublin County Council Local Election Count Centre, all sees us regularly support a range of local needs.

We hope to expand how we serve the community in a new scheme to be announced shortly.

Find us on the South Dublin Volunteering Centre Portal, or at weekly training in Kingswood Community Centre.

Instagram - @orderofmalta_tallaght

Facebook - Order of Malta Ireland Ambulance Corp Tallaght Unit

Malayalam Kerala Cultural Association and MIC

Our Association Malayalam is a non-profitable, non-sectarian, nonpolitical, socio-cultural organisation formed by the Indian community in Ireland in the year 2006. The main objective of the Association is to preserve and transmit Indian as well as Kerala cultural heritage in particular, fostering community spirit among the association members, celebrating major festivals of India, providing a forum

for members to express and share their cultural talents, promoting friendship and cultural exchange with other organisations and Irish community and providing social service to the Indian community at large.

It is our pride and privilege to mention that lot of Irish and Indian dignitaries and personalities co-operated with our Association by sharing the stages on various occasions.

We are very happy and thankful to you for providing the slot to participate in this year's St. Patrick's Day parade organised by South Dublin County Council. It gives more happiness that Mr. Baby Pereppadan, the present Mayor of South Dublin County Council was the founder President of our Association Malayalam.

Website - www.malayalam.ie

Citywise Education

Our stand offers an engaging fusion of afterschool games and hands-on STEAM activities, where creativity meets learning. Explore interactive sessions, challenge your problem-solving skills, and ignite your passion for science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics, all while having fun in a vibrant, collaborative environment. Join us for an unforgettable experience!

Website - www.citywise.ie

Thank YOU

for joining us at this year's
St. Patrick's Day Festival!

We are looking forward to
seeing you next year.

Festival Team

Project Manager - Joe Lumumba
Project Coordinator - David Farrelly
MC - Chris Keeley
Race Director - Derek Quinn
Tallaght Marching Band
SDCC Community Development Team
Parade Advisory Committee - Roderick Smyth, Adam Smyth,
Ruairi Smyth
Parade Advisory Committee - Sergeant Emer Lamon
Parade Advisory Committee - Celeine McGuinness
South Dublin Volunteer Centre - Fiona Sweeney
Event Management - Fusion Events
TU Dublin, Tallaght Campus - Robert Kiernan, Jennifer McEntee,
John Heaney
Aon Scéal Cafe

South Dublin County Council would like to acknowledge the support
of all our partners and volunteers who have contributed to the
St. Patricks Day Festival, Tallaght. 2025



Comhairle Contae
Átha Cliath Theas
South Dublin County Council

St Patrick's Day Parade



By A.M. Jones



The Evans De Club



St. Martin's Boxing Club

Thousands turn out for Parade

Thousands of people turned out for the St. Patrick's Day parade in the city today. The parade was held on the main street and was a great success. The parade was held on the main street and was a great success. The parade was held on the main street and was a great success.



John's Band

