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Welcome to the latest edition of the IACI e-news.

Founded in 1962, the IACI is the leading Irish American cultural organization. The IACI is a federally recognized 501(c)(3) not-for-profit national organization devoted to promoting an intelligent appreciation of Ireland and the role and contributions of the Irish in America.

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## FAMOUS IRISH PEOPLE

What was the name of the Anglo-Irish polar explorer who led three expeditions to the Antarctic, dying in South Georgia in 1922?	Ernest Shackleton
Kerryman and polar explorer Tom Crean was a member of a famous 1911-13 Polar expedition led by which iconic explorer?	Captain Robert Scott
Who was the Irish-born soldier and statesman responsible for the defeat of Napoleon at Waterloo?	The Duke of Wellington, Lord Arthur Wellesley
In what sport was Northern Ireland's Sir Anthony "A.P." McCoy British champion a record 19 times?	National Hunt horse racing
Under what name did Irish singer and later politician Rosemary Scallon become famous?	Dana
Which Northern Irish footballer, now a football commentator, scored a winning goal against the hosts Spain in the 1982 World Cup?	Gerry Armstrong
Who was the Derry-born radio DJ d. 2014 who popularised the nickname 'Stroke City' for Derry/Londonderry?	Gerry Anderson
Bandon - born Graham William Walker is better known professionally as?	Graham Norton
Which Navan-born comedy writer and actor was the long-term writing partner of Graham Linehan, creating Father Ted?	Arthur Mathews
Which Limerick-born broadcaster was associated with the Eurovision Song Contest for many years, ending his connection in 2008?	Sir Terry Wogan

## **ON THIS DAY IN IRISH HISTORY - NOVEMBER**

### **1st**

1883 - Mater Infirmorm Hospital in Belfast takes in its first patients.

1920 - 18-year-old Kevin Barry executed for killing a British soldier.

**3rd** 1841 - Foundation stone is laid for St. Malachy's Church in Belfast.

### **4th**

1957 - Éamon de Valera attends the coronation of Pope John Paul XXIII.

2001 - Police Service of Northern Ireland established.

**5th** 1992 - The Irish government loses a vote of confidence and the Dáil is dissolved.

### **7th**

1924 - Amnesty declared for politically motivated crimes committed during the Civil War.

1940 - Éamon de Valera lets it be known that Irish ports will not be handed over to the British.

1990 - Mary Robinson is elected seventh President of Ireland.

### **8th**

1949 - Street names in any language other than English are banned in Northern Ireland.

1960 - Nine Irish soldiers serving with the United Nations are killed in the Congo.

1987 - The IRA kill eleven people at a Remembrance Service in Enniskillen.

### **9th**

1907 - The Irish International Exhibition ends after six months.

1919 - Labour leader James Larkin arrested in New York for attempting to overthrow a government.

**10th** 1966 - Jack Lynch receives his seal of office as the new Taoiseach.

**11th** 1997 - Mary McAleese inaugurated as the eighth President of Ireland.

**12th** 1957 - Brendan Behan's Borstal Boy is banned by censors.

**13th** 1991 - Defence Secretary Jim McDaid resigns following criticism of his attending an IRA funeral.

### **14th**

1866 - St Peter's Cathedral in Belfast is dedicated.

1923 - William Butler Yeats is awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature.

**15th** 1985 - Taoiseach Charles Haughey and British PM Margaret Thatcher sign the Anglo-Irish Agreement.

**16th** 1994 - The Fianna Fáil-Labour coalition collapses.

## **17th**

1890 - Captain Willie O'Shea divorces Kitty O'Shea, naming Charles Stewart Parnell as co-respondent.

1926 - Following the killing of two gardaí, President W.T. Cosgrave introduces the Public Safety (Emergency Powers) Bill.

1948 - The Republic of Ireland Act 1948, aimed at repealing the External Relations Act of 1936, is introduced in Dáil Éireann.

## **19th**

1913 - Irish Citizen Army founded by James Connolly to protect workers in the general lockout.

1971 - An Taoiseach Jack Lynch holds talks with British Prime Minister Harold Wilson.

**20th** 1936 - General Eoin O'Duffy leads 600 men to fight for Franco in Spain.

## **21st**

1920 - Bloody Sunday. Following the assassinations of 14 undercover British agents by Michael Collins' men, British forces kill 12 people at a GAA football match at Croke Park.

2001 - GAA abolishes 'Rule 21' so that members of the security forces and British army can play.

**22nd** 1932 - Prince of Wales opens the new parliament building in Belfast.

**23rd** 1867 - William O'Mera Allen, Michael Larkin and William O'Brien are executed at Manchester.

## **24th**

1922 - Erskine Childers is executed for the possession of a gun which Michael Collins had given him as a Christmas present.

1995 - A referendum in the Republic narrowly passes in favour of allowing divorce.

## **25th**

1890 - Charles Stewart Parnell re-elected leader of the Irish Parliamentary Party.

1892 - Douglas Hyde delivers a lecture to the Irish National Literary Society on 'the necessity of de-anglicising the Irish people'.

1913 - Irish Volunteers founded.

1948 - The Republic of Ireland Act is passed in Dáil Éireann.

**26th** 1998 - Tony Blair becomes the first British Prime Minister to address the Oireachtas.

## **28th**

1863 - First edition of The Irish People.

1905 - Sinn Féin founded.

1913 - Andrew Bonar Law addresses a huge Unionist rally in the Theatre Royal in Dublin, encouraging Ulster to resist Home Rule.

1920 - Flying column led by Tom Barry kills 16 Auxiliaries at Kilmichael in County Cork.

### **29th**

1955 - Bord na gCon set up under the Greyhound Racing Bill.

1979 - Taoiseach Jack Lynch greets EEC heads of government in Dublin.

1999 - Ten designated ministers appointed to the Northern Ireland Assembly.

### **30th**

1947 - A sixty day transport strike ends in Dublin.

1956 - Petrol rationing is introduced in response to the Suez Crisis.