

LIMERICK ST. PATRICK'S
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ST. PATRICK'S FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

'MAGIC WINDOWS' MAKE YOUR OWN STAINED-GLASS ART

Saturday 14 March » 11:30AM King John's Castle

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day by creating Harry Clarke-inspired artworks using colourful acetate that will illuminate in the sun. Children will learn about the famous Irish stained-glass artist and explore how he helped shape the Arts & Crafts movement in Ireland at the beginning of the 20th century, while creating their own vibrant, light-filled designs to take home.

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ST. PATRICK WAS A GENTLEMAN – TALES OF ST. PATRICK BY THE LIMERICK FIRESIDE

**Saturday 14 March » 12PM Kilmallock Library
4PM » People's Hunt Museum**

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GO FLY YOUR KITE – WORKSHOP

**Saturday 14 March » 11:15AM, 12:30PM, 1:45PM, 3PM
Harvey's Quay Bandstand**



Get ready to soar at the Go Fly Your Kite's workshop at Harvey's Quay Bandstand, Limerick City. Celebrate the magic of St. Patrick with a burst of colour, creativity and high-flying fun. Kids and families will design dazzling shamrock inspired kites, coloured with bright greens and golds then watch them lift high in the sky in the spring breeze. With music, hands on kite designing and plenty of family fun.

It's a joyful, family fun, sky high adventure you will not want to miss! Limited capacity, arrive early.



HAND-CRANKED TUNES DUO

**Saturday 14 March » 12:30PM, 1:30PM, 2:30PM, 3:30PM
Cruises Street, Limerick**



Fin and Fiona are wandering music-makers, complete with a magical hand-cranked music box, a box that holds the traditional music of old Ireland. Fin and Fiona have a tune for every occasion, and they can tell by the look on your face whether you need a sombre tune or indeed a tune to make your heart race.

They promise to serenade all folks in earshot of Cruises Street where an impromptu céilí is guaranteed! A fun-filled interaction for all the family.



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MUSEUM OF MEMORABLE TREES

Friday 13 and Saturday 14 » 1-2PM Hunt Museum Gardens

The Museum of Memorable Trees is a miniature exhibition on wheels dedicated to preserving and cherishing a collection of stories about amazing trees.

Join the curator as they show you around the museum and invite you to explore. There are doors to open, soundscapes to listen to and stories to read. Have you got a brilliant tree to share? Add your own story to the museum's ever-growing collection.

Kindly sponsored by the Welsh Government.

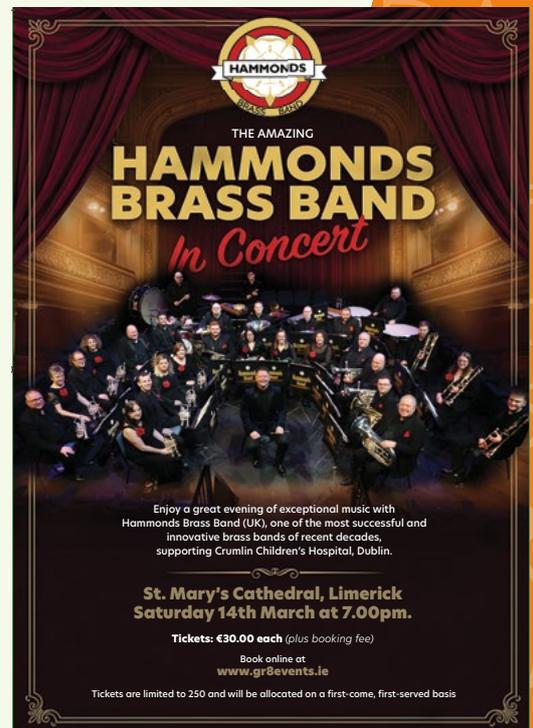


HAMMONDS BRASS BAND IN CONCERT SUPPORTED BY THOMOND WIND ENSEMBLE

Saturday 14 March » 7PM St. Mary's Cathedral

Enjoy a great evening of exceptional music with Hammonds Brass Band (UK), one of the most successful and innovative brass bands of recent decades.

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FEILE SHEACHTAIN NA GAEILGE

1-17 MARCH

Féile Sheachtain na Gaeilge comes to life with a vibrant celebration of Irish language, culture, and community spirit. Across the city and county, locals and visitors can enjoy an exciting lineup of music, storytelling, workshops, and family-friendly events. Join us as Limerick proudly showcases its rich heritage and invites everyone to embrace the joy of Gaeilge together.



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CUR SÍOS?	CÉN LÁ?	CÉN T-AM?	CÉN ÁIT?
Seoladh Sheachtain na Gaeilge	1st Márta	1PM - 3PM	Áras na Mumhan, Castletroy
Club Leabhar	3rd Márta	7:30PM	Castletroy Park Hotel
Ciorcal comhrá sa Mhargadh Biaine	6th Márta	1PM - 2PM	Green Acres Café, Limerick Milk Market
Graceful Pilates	6th Márta	6:30PM - 7:30PM	Parkway Shopping Centre
Ciorcal Comhrá in Oispidéal Glean Áine	6th Márta	7:30PM - 9PM	Carmody's Pub, Hospital, Co. Limerick
Preab-Ghaeltacht i gCill Fhionáin	6th Márta	7:30PM - 9PM	McGrath's Pub, Kifinane, Co. Limerick
Oíche Shóisialta Gaeilge Caisleán Nua Thiar	6th Márta	8PM - 9:30PM	Newcastle West, Co. Limerick
Scéalaíocht agus lón	7th Márta	11AM - 12PM	Adare Manor Fields
Oíche Biongó - Áthán	7th Márta	8PM - 9:30PM	Bradshaw's Pub, Castleconnell
Quiz Night as Gaeilge	10th Márta	7PM - 9PM	Sexton's Pub, Limerick City
Preab Ghaeltacht i mBóthar	11th Márta	7:30PM - 9PM	McGrath's Pub, Boher, Co. Limerick
Lá Gaeilge san Iarsmalann Hunt	14th Márta	11AM - 3PM	Hunt Museum, Limerick City
Ceardlann Oghaim	15th Márta	11:30AM - 12:30PM	Limerick Milk Market
An Ghaeilge Bheo	15th Márta	2PM - 4:30PM	Parkway Shopping Centre
Zumba le Darren	15th Márta	6PM - 7PM	Monaleen GAA Clubhouse
Oíche Ghaelach le Conradh na Gaeilge	15th Márta	7PM - 10PM	Conradh na Gaeilge, Thomas St., Limerick City
Preab Ghaeltacht	15th Márta	8PM - 10PM	The Locke Bar, Limerick City

LIMERICK 54TH INTERNATIONAL BAND CHAMPIONSHIP

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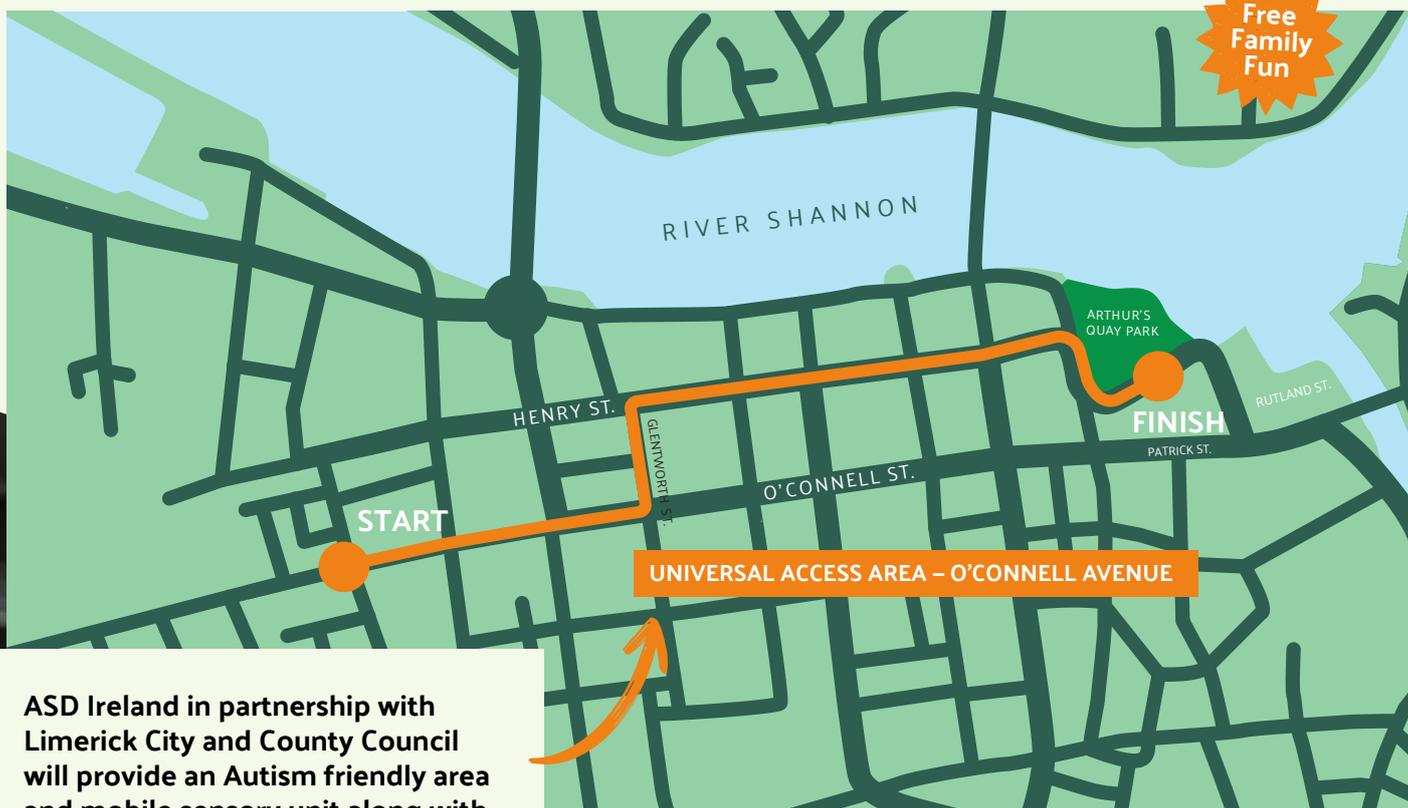
SUNDAY 15 MAR 12 NOON

Make this St. Patrick's Festival one to remember as Limerick once again hosts Ireland's only International Band Championship!

Now in its 54th year, the Limerick International Band Championship guarantees a thunderous display of toe-tapping music and troupes of talented home-grown and international marching band musicians!

Get ready to cheer on the bands as only Limerick supporters can! Watch as colourful performers march through the city, culminating in a fabulous **free concert** in Arthur's Quay Park. Feel the excitement build as you wait for the overall winners to be announced!

Parade Route: O'Connell Street (Barrington Street junction) to Arthur's Quay Park



ASD Ireland in partnership with Limerick City and County Council will provide an Autism friendly area and mobile sensory unit along with a covered wheelchair accessible area to enjoy both parades over the St. Patrick's Festival weekend with a team of volunteers onsite providing additional assistance.



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IRISH NATIONAL CLOWN ORCHESTRA

Sunday 15 March » 1:30PM and 3:30PM Show Limerick Milk Market

The jovial characters of the Irish National Clown Orchestra are heading to Limerick Milk Market with a brand new street show! Join bandleader Jamey as he tries to get his group of fools in tune and facing the right direction for One Step Beyond, a crazy new show filled with mayhem and music. Enjoy fun, eccentric, and upbeat numbers that highlight the joy of live music, featuring a 9-piece clown orchestra including brass and percussion.

One Step Beyond is a joyful celebration of the madness of life as expressed through clown comedy, funky grooves, funny music, and sweet melodies for audiences of all ages.



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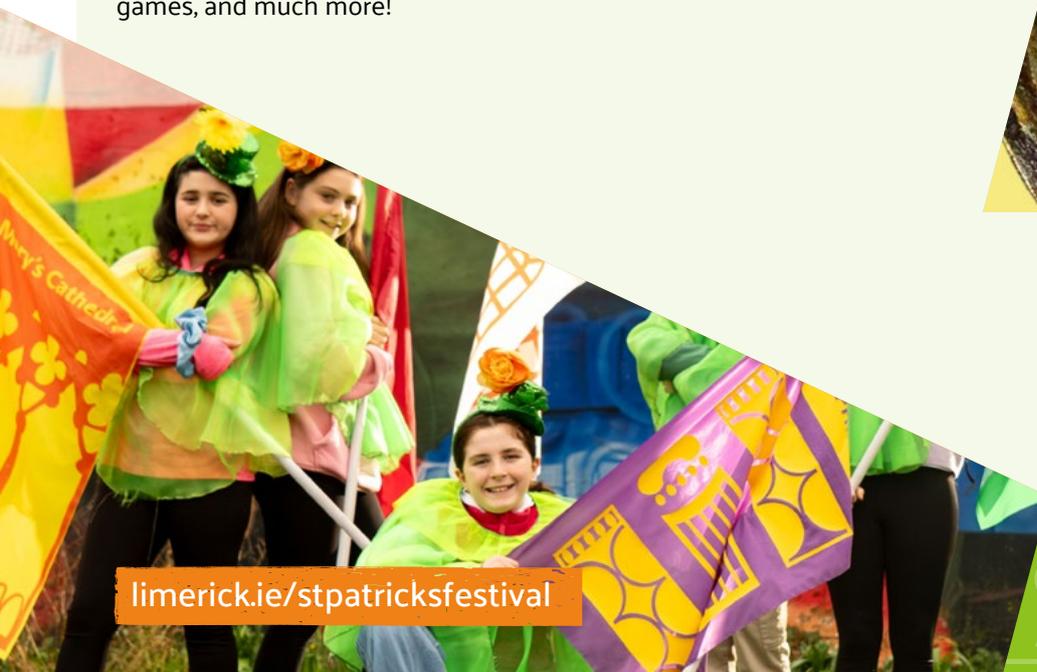
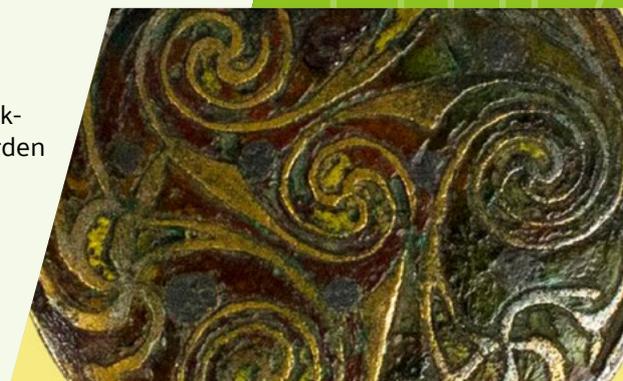
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ST. PATRICK'S FESTIVAL AT THE HUNT MUSEUM

Friday 13 - 17 March

Celebrate St. Patrick's Weekend at the Hunt Museum with our exciting week-end programme of activities, including Celtic arts and crafts workshops, garden games, and much more!



ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

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TUESDAY 17 MARCH » 12PM

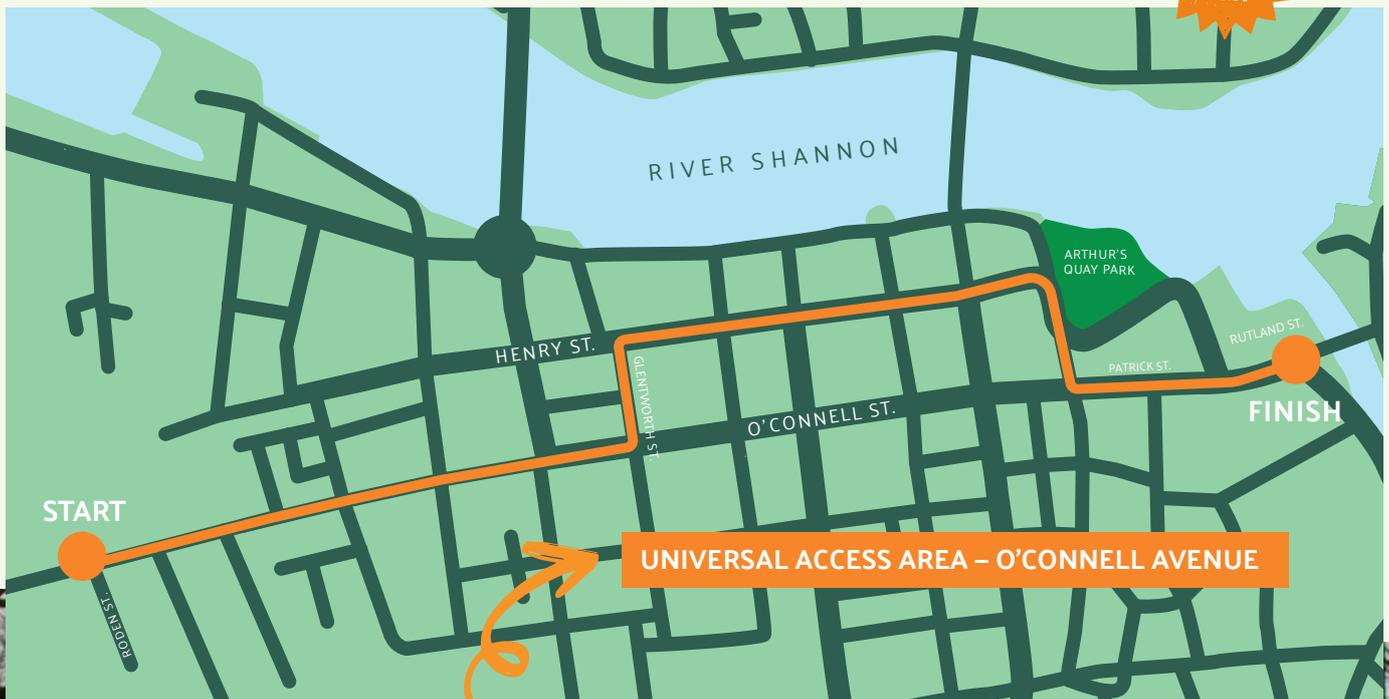
Get ready to celebrate as the streets of Limerick City transform into a spectacular tribute to our very own "Legends of Limerick". This year's St. Patrick's Day Parade promises a burst of colour, creativity, and community spirit like never before.

The parade will feature the whimsical Irish National Clown Orchestra, bringing music, mischief, and tons of family fun! The incredible Fidget Feet Aerial Dance Company returns to wow the crowds with high-flying magic. Plus, hundreds of vibrant local participants, will fill the city with energy, pride, and unforgettable performances.

Join us as we celebrate our national holiday with a fusion of street theatre, arts, culture, and all the joyful moments that make Limerick truly unique, bursting with a different kind of energy.

Grand Marshal: Ava Crean - Ireland's national women's marathon champion

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ST. PATRICK'S FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS LIMERICK COUNTY PARADES 2026

Embrace the celebrations and community spirit at your local parade as St. Patrick's Day festivities take to the streets in towns and villages throughout County Limerick!

LOCATION	DATE	TIME	STARTING POINT
Broadford	15th March	12:00 PM	Lios na Sí Broadford Community Centre
Kilmallock	15th March	1:00 PM	Kilmallock Church
Newcastle West	15th March	3:00 PM	Church Street
Limerick City	17th March	12:00 PM	O'Connell Avenue
Castleconnell	17th March	12:00PM	Scanlon Park Castleconnell
Hospital	17th March	12:00 PM	John the Baptist Community School
Rathkeale	17th March	12:00 PM	Tadhg O'Connors Hardware
Adare	17th March	12:30 PM	Scoil Naomh Iosaf
Mountcollins	17th March	12.30PM	Mountcollins Community Centre
Askeaton	17th March	2:30 PM	Church Car Park
Bruff	17th March	2:30 PM	Scoil Dean Cussen
Castlemahon	17th March	3:00 PM	Church Car Park
Ballylanders	17th March	3.00PM	Natural Sleep Yard
Abbeyfeale	17th March	4:00 PM	Mountmahon Industrial Estate

Full parade details on

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POST PARADE EVENT - BLOCK PARTY

Tuesday 17 March » 2PM Onwards Arthur's Quay Park

The Irish National Clown Orchestra and Fidget Feet join forces to create total mayhem in Arthur's Quay Park for an epic Block Party.

Come join us for a fun event after the St. Patrick's Day Parade!

Bring your dancing shoes and join the Fidget Feet DJ who will play some lively tunes with these musical clowns while Fidget Feet perform suspended from moving aerial rigs. Let's all celebrate the St. Patrick's Festival together.

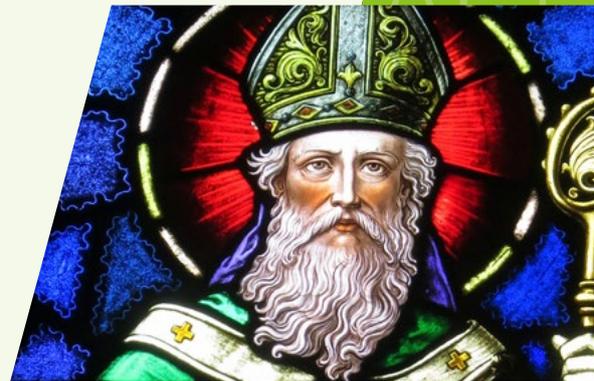


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HARP HARMONY

Tuesday 17 March » 1PM King John's Castle - Glass Building

This St. Patrick's Day, enjoy the enchanting sound of Ireland's iconic harp in a special performance led by Dr. Fiana Ní Chonaill and the Cuisle Harp Ensemble, celebrating Ireland's rich musical and cultural heritage.

Following the performance, Dr Ní Chonaill will give an engaging talk on the harp as Ireland's national instrument and symbol, exploring its thousand-year history, UNESCO recognition, and lasting presence in Irish tradition, while honouring the generations of harpers who have preserved and passed on this unique art form. Join us for an inspiring celebration of music, heritage, and national pride.

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DISCOVER MORE FUN THIS ST. PATRICK'S FESTIVAL

FRIDAY 13 – TUES 17 MARCH

ST. PATRICK'S FESTIVAL AT LIMERICK MILK MARKET

Friday 13 March » 11AM-3PM

Outdoor Café featuring St. Patrick's Weekend Specials and Paint Your Own St. Patrick's Tote Bag Class at 1PM

Saturday 14 March » 8AM-3PM

Enjoy the famous food market. Special St. Patrick's cupcake decorating demo upstairs in the mezzanine from 10AM to 11AM with Lilac Micro Bakery.

Sunday 15 March » 11AM-4PM

St. Patrick's Festival Art Fair featuring live music. Special National Clown Orchestra shows at 1:30PM and 3:30PM.

Tuesday 17 March » 10AM-4PM

St. Patrick's Fun Day with stilt walkers, fire breathers, games, themed characters, facepainting, Live Music featuring Mickey Dunne and Friends on the Uilleann Pipes.



LIVELY LIMERICK!

Whether you're in the mood for a comedy chuckle, toe-tapping trad, buzzing bands or cultural classics, we've rounded up a small taster of the acts taking to the stage over Limerick St. Patrick's Festival!

KEITH BARRY: UNHINGED – 25 YEARS INSIDE YOUR MINDS

Fri 13 Mar » 8PM » University Concert Hall, Castletroy, Limerick



COMHALTAS BRUFF TRADITIONAL CONCERT

Mon 16 Mar » 8PM » Thomas Fitzgerald Centre



THE KILKENNYS

Mon 16 Mar » 8PM » Dolan's Warehouse



SLVL AND USH ST. PATRICK'S TAKEOVER AT DOLANS

Mon 16 Mar » 10:30PM » Dolan's Warehouse

THE BIG LIMERICK SEISIUN

Tue 17 Mar » 3PM & 9PM » The Locke Bar



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