

National Famine Commemoration 2013



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Introduction

Kilrush, County Clare and its environs were among the areas worst hit by the Great Irish Famine between 1845 and the early 1850s.

In the 1840s, half a century before the introduction of Local Authorities, most local government and local taxation were devolved to the level of the Poor Law Union and placed in the hands of the local Boards of Guardians. In the Kilrush Union, which originally stretched all the way from Loop Head in the west to Quilty in the north to Killadysert in the east, the unpaid Guardians lost control of the situation during the famine. In November 1847, Captain Arthur Kennedy was appointed in an advisory capacity as Poor Law Inspector for Kilrush, where he remained until September 1850. His detailed reports documented the further deterioration of the situation, and the Guardians were stripped of their powers, which were transferred between April 1848 and November 1849 to two paid Vice-Guardians.

Between December 1849 and February 1850, the *Illustrated London News* carried a lengthy seven-part series entitled *Condition of Ireland: Illustrations of the New Poor-Law*, illustrated by a total of eighteen sketches. The series and the sketches concentrated on the Poor Law Union of Kilrush, where the effects of famine were particularly harshly felt. These eighteen contemporary sketches are today by far the best recognised images of famine conditions in Ireland. Some or all of them have been reproduced in almost every general work on the Famine.

The 2013 National Famine Commemoration will take place on Sunday 12th May on Frances Street in Kilrush. A full ten-day programme of events leading up to the National Famine Commemoration will begin on Friday 3rd May, including a series of lectures, walks, tours, re-enactments, theatre, music, exhibitions and local commemoration ceremonies. These events recall the impact of the Great Famine on the people and the landscape of the Kilrush Poor Law Union.

There will be no cover charge for any of the events listed in this programme. Donation boxes for charities currently fighting famine around the world will be located at some venues.

Réamhrá

Ba é Cill Rois, agus an ceantar máguaird, i gContae an Chláir ceann de na háiteanna ba mhó in Éirinn inar fhuilg na daoine mar gheall ar an nGorta Mór (idir 1845 agus go luath 'sna 1850idí).

'Sna 1840idí, is é sin leathchhead bliain sular tháinig na húdaráis Áitiúil ar an saol, cineachadh an cuid is mó den rialtas áitiúil agus de chánachas áitiúil chuig leibhéal Aontas Dhlí na mBocht agus cuireadh i lámha an Bhoird Bhardachta iad. I dtosach, chuaigh Aontas Chill Rois a fhad le Ceann Léime san iarthar go Coillte sa tuaisceart go Cill an Díseart san oirthear, ach chaill na Bardachtaí cumhacht le linn an Ghorta Mhóir. Idir na blianta 1847 agus 1850 baineadh na cumhachtaí sin uathu agus aistríodh go Captaen Arthur Kennedy iad, ar rinneadh ceapachán mar Chigire Dhlí na mBocht do Cheantar Chill Rois dó.

Idir Mí na Nollag 1849 agus mí Feabhra 1850, d'foilsigh an *Illustrated London News* sraith seacht gcuid darbh ainm *Conditions of Ireland: Illustrations of the New Poor-Law*, agus ocht léaráid déag ann. Dhírigh an tsraith agus na léaráidí ar Aontas Dhlí na mBocht Chill Rois, inar braitheadh tionchar an Ghorta go mór mór. Is iad seo na hocht léaráid déag a bhfuil sainaithe orthu mar íomhánna an Ghorta Mhóir in Éireann. Atáirgeadh cuid acu nó an tsraith ina hiomlán i mbeagnach gach saothar i leith an Ghorta.

Tionólfar Comóradh Náisiúnta an Ghorta Mhóir, 2013 Dé Domhnaigh, an 12 Bealtaine, ar Shráid Phroinséisi gCill Rois. Dé hAoine, an 3 Bealtaine, cuirfear tús le clár deich lá d'imeachtaí ar aghaidh go dtí Comóradh Náisiúnta an Ghorta Mhóir. I measc na n-imeachtaí beidh sraith léachtaí, siúlóidí, turais, athléirithe, imeachtaí amharclainne, ceol, taispeántais agus searmanais comórtha áitiúla. Tugann na himeachtaí seo tionchar an Ghorta Mhóir ar na daoine agus ar thirdhreach Aontas Dhlí na mBocht chun cuimhne.

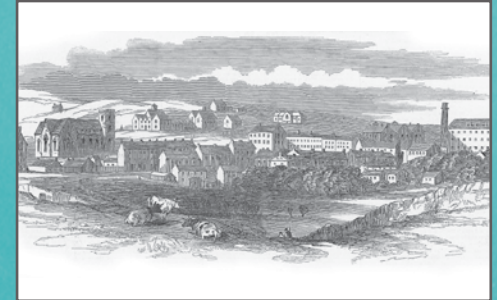
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Illustrated London News

CONDITION OF IRELAND: ILLUSTRATIONS OF THE NEW POOR-LAW



VILLAGE OF TULLIG



VILLAGE OF KILRUSH



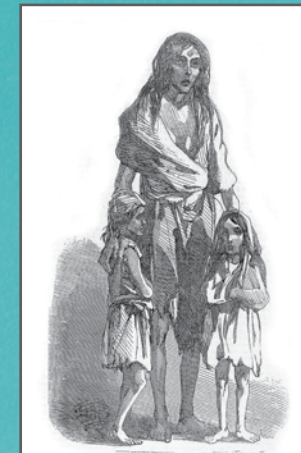
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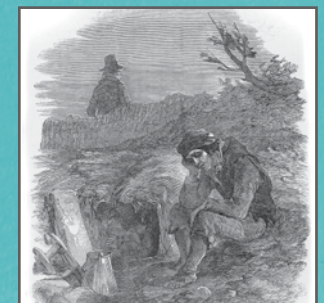
VILLAGE OF MOVEEN



MISS KENNEDY
DISTRIBUTING CLOTHING IN KILRUSH



BRIDGET O'DONNEL
& CHILDREN



SCALP OF BRIAN O'CONNOR
NEAR KILRUSH UNION HOUSE

Friday 3rd May

OFFICIAL LAUNCH - Famine

Commemoration Events in Carrigaholt in association with Carrigaholt Oyster & Music Festival at the Square, Carrigaholt. Performance and oral history from the famine times in Carrigaholt and walk to Carrigaholt Parish Hall.

time 6pm | **place** Carrigaholt



INTRODUCTORY LECTURE by Tom Power

The role Australia played in the Irish Famine

time 7pm | **venue** Carrigaholt Parish Hall

CÉILÍ with music by *The Star of Munster*

time 7pm - 9pm | **venue** Market Sq, Kilrush

Saturday 4th May

GUIDED WALKING TOUR of the Famine Sites

in Kilrush with **Paddy Waldron & Paul O'Brien** - Kilrush and District Historical Society. (This tour will be repeated on Wednesday 8th May)

time 1pm - 3pm | **from** Regina House, Cooraclare Rd, Kilrush

LECTURE by Críostóir Mac Cárthaigh

The effect of the famine on the Irish language

time 3pm | **from** Teach Ceoil, Kilrush

GUIDED WALKING TOUR of Kilkee with **Laura Lyons**

focusing on the history of Kilkee during the 1800s incorporating Commemoration at Edmond Point.

time 3.30pm | **from** Bandstand, Strand Line, Kilkee

FAMINE EXHIBITION hosted by the Killimer & Knockerra Historical Group.

time 7pm | **venue** Knockerra Hall, Knockerra, Kilrush.

INIS CATHAIGH COMHALTAS SEISIÚN

of Music, Dance and Song

time 6pm - 7pm | **venue** Market Sq, Kilrush

MUSIC by *Socks in the Frying Pan*

time 7pm - 9.30pm | **venue** Market Sq, Kilrush

Sunday 5th May

MASS followed by a walk to Shanakyle Graveyard for prayer service including wreath laying, minute's silence and performance of *Lone Shanakyle* by **Assumpta Kennedy**.

time 12pm | **venue** St. Senan's Church, Kilrush

GREAT FAMINE WALK - Kilrush to Cooraclare

by **West Clare Kidney Support Group** Separate Runners' Event commencing - same location at 3pm.

Remembrance wreath - laid by the Kilrush Town Mayor. Famine commemoration medals will be presented to the first 300 finishers. *The distance is approximately 8km. Refreshments will be served at Tubridy's in Cooraclare from 3.45pm with music and dance.*

time 2.30pm | **from** Old Workhouse, Cooraclare Road, Kilrush (Adult Education Centre)

FAMINE COMMEMORATION EVENT - Clare

Roots Society - This ceremony will take place, after a short Liturgy of Prayer, at the site of nameless burials of more than 2000 victims of famine and fever.

time 3pm |

venue Old Drumcliff Cemetery, Ennis

FAMINE COMMEMORATION EVENT

time 3pm | **venue** Pier Head, Killaloe, Co. Clare

'WE WERE NEVER BEGGARS'

Performance of a one-act play written by **Brian Comerford**.

time 7pm | **venue** Teach Ceoil, Kilrush

SCREENING - 2 films set in Irish Workhouses

The films are not suitable for under eighteen year olds.

time 8pm | **venue** Cultúrlann Sweeney, Kilkee

'A ROOM IN AIR' was filmed in the auxiliary workhouse in Ballyvaughan in 2012 and directed by **Frank Golden**. This short film attempts to explore, in a symbolic manner, the way in which the Famine proved to be a psychic and emotional fault line for Ireland and its people.

Running Time 22 mins.

'POORHOUSE' was filmed in the workhouse at Bawnboy in 1995, and aired on RTE in 1996. Based on a short story by Michael Harding and directed by **Frank Stapleton**, *Poorhouse* follows the course of an old man's relationship with a young woman, Anna Magee, who is brought to the workhouse when she is taken ill with fever. It stars Birdy Sweeney and Dearbhla Crotty.

Running Time 30 mins.

Monday 6th May

REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY & WREATH LAYING

at Famine Mass Grave, with Fr Michael Casey and Fr Patrick Culligan.

time 11.30am |

place Moyarta Graveyard, Carrigaholt

13KM WALK in memory of the 41 people

drowned in the ferry disaster at Cammoge Point on 12th December 1849 after they were refused admission to Kilrush Workhouse. This walk will re-enact the daily journey taken by the people of West Clare to Kilrush Workhouse, going through Moyarta, Kilcorna, Lisheencrony, Doonaha, Querrin, Shanganah, Newtown East and Clarefield to Cammoge Point.

time 12 noon - 2.30pm |

from Moyarta Graveyard to Cammoge Point

REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY Welcome address, memorial unveiling and blessing by Fr Michael Casey and a short address by Paddy Nolan.

time 3pm | **venue** Cammoge Ferryboat House

CROSSING POULNASHERRY TO CARNACALLA

in currachs with the West Clare Currach Club (capacity for approximately 30 walkers, people who wish to complete the walk will be taken by bus to Carnacalla to walk from there to Kilrush). Please note: the boat crossing is weather-dependent.

time 3.30pm - 4pm | **from** Poulnasherry

WALK continues from Carnacalla to Kilrush via Leadmore to Pound Street and on up to Old Kilrush Creamery by the Ferry Road arriving at Old Kilrush Creamery at approximately 5.30pm.

time 4.30pm | **from** Carnacalla to Kilrush

PLAQUE UNVEILING & WREATH LAYING

followed by blessing and reading at the site of the entrance to the Kilrush Union Workhouse. *The bus will be on hand to transport people back to their cars.*

time 5.30 - 6pm | **venue** Old Kilrush Creamery



CLARE PILGRIM WAY WALK from St Martin's

Well to Kilnagalliagh (Cill na gCailleach) burial site of Cammoge Ferry drowning famine victims to join the main group of walkers at Cammoge Point at 2.45pm. *This walk is approximately 3.5km and will take an hour to complete. Meet at Lisdeen Church to car share.*

time 1pm |

from St Martin's Well to Kilnagalliagh



GUIDED WALKING TOUR with **Maura Harvey** from Paupers' Quay to the former site of Kilrush House at Vandeleur Walled Gardens via Cappa Pier, Kilrush.

time 6pm - 7pm | **from** Paupers' Quay

LECTURE by **Dr. Ciarán Ó Murchadha** *Captain A.E. Kennedy in Kilrush Union 1847-1850*

Ciarán Ó Murchadha is one of Ireland's leading historians of the Great Famine. His best known works are *Sable Wings over the Land* (1998), and *The Great Famine: Ireland's agony 1845-1852* (2011).

time 8pm | **venue** Teach Ceoil, Kilrush

Tuesday 7th May

SOUP KITCHEN - Soup from Famine times will be served by people wearing Irish contemporary dress and a collection will be made for countries currently fighting Famine.

time 11am - 2pm |

venue Potter's Hand Café, Kilrush

BREAD & POTATO FOOD DEMONSTRATION with a focus on the Lumper Potato and other potato varieties from Kilrush Community Garden and Soda Bread made by local bakers, Considine's Bakery, Kilrush. Sharing and tasting and a brief talk about soda bread and potatoes by **Paul O'Brien**.

time 4pm | **venue** Buttermarket Café, Kilrush
off the Square on Burton Street

REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY & WREATH LAYING

to signify all that emigrated and left during Famine times.

time 7pm | **venue** Paupers' Quay

GROW IT YOURSELF Kilrush Talk on *Varieties of Potatoes Grown During the Great Famine* and information on potato planting, growing, harvesting and disease and potatoes display with **Hilary Gleeson** and **Brid Hedderman**.

time 7pm - 9pm | **venue** Kilrush Community Garden, Nagle's Terrace, Kilkee Road, Kilrush.

BOOK LAUNCH: *The mass evictions in Kilrush Poor Law Union during the Great Famine* by **Dr. Matthew Lynch**. The launch will be followed by a lecture from the author on the same subject.

Matthew Lynch is a native of Kilmurphy Ibrickane and co-editor of the book *Clare History and Society*, a set of interdisciplinary essays on the history of the county. He has published many articles and is the author of the book *The mass evictions in Kilrush Poor Law Union during the Great Famine*.

time 8pm | **venue** Teach Ceoil, Kilrush

FAMINE THEMED EVENING by **Kilrush & District Toastmasters**

time 8.30pm | **venue** Haven Arms, Kilrush



Wednesday 8th May

SOUP KITCHEN & Famine Commemoration where soup from Famine times will be available and a collection will be made for countries currently fighting Famine.

time 2pm | **venue** Regina House Nursing Home

GUIDED WALKING TOUR - Famine Sites, Kilrush with **Paddy Waldron** and **Paul O'Brien** of the Kilrush and District Historical Society.

(Repeat of the Saturday 4th of May tour)

time 3pm - 5pm | **from** Regina House, Cooraclare Road, Kilrush

CURRENT FAMINE IN THE WORLD: Querrin National School pupils will give a short presentation about their project *Famine in Africa* to be followed by **Dr. Gerard Downes:** *The Politics of Famine: Supply, Deceit and Deprivation* Gerard Downes is the coordinator of the Master's and Graduate Diploma programmes in International Development Practice at Mary Immaculate College, University of Limerick.

This presentation will involve other retired local missionaries and representatives from Non Governmental Organisations including Trócaire.

Donation boxes to be provided.

time 5.30pm - 7.30pm |
venue Cultúrlann Sweeney, Kilkee

OFFICIAL LAUNCH of Cindy O'Dell's photographic exhibition *Messengers of Yesterday*. The event will see a guided commentary by the artist illustrating her inspiration for the photographic collection. The collection of images explores the Irish American identity in the historical framework of the famine. Cindy O'Dell is an Associate Professor of Art at DePauw University, Indiana.

time 7pm | **venue** The Quay Mills

OUTING TO BALLYHEE CUTTING Clare Archaeological & Historical Society. This is the location of the Fergus River which was diverted and a Famine wall constructed as a famine relief work at the end of the Famine.
time 7pm |
meet Templemaley Graveyard, Ballyalla, Ennis.

LECTURE by **Michael Nolan** *Failure of Famine Relief*
time 8pm | **venue** Cultúrlann Sweeney, Kilkee

LECTURE by **Dr. Gerard Moran** *Scattering the People: the Great Famine and Irish Emigration with particular Reference to County Clare.* Gerard Moran lectures in the Department of History at NUI, Maynooth. He has written extensively on nineteenth-century Ireland. He is the author of *Sending out Ireland's poor: Assisted emigration to North America in the nineteenth century* (2004).

time 8pm | **venue** Teach Ceoil, Kilrush



Thursday 9th May

BUS TOUR of famine-related sites in Kilrush Poor Law Union, including visits to Cammoge Point, Cill na gCailleach cemetery, Village of Moveen, Kilcasheen, Dunlickey Road (Famine relief scheme), Moyarta cemetery, Village of Tullig, Church of the Little Ark, Judy O'Donnel's Habitation Under the Bridge at Doonbeg, etc. There will be a stop for lunch at the soup kitchen at Myles Creek in Kilkee. Tour guides **Paddy Waldron** and **Paul O'Brien** of Kilrush & District Historical Society.

time 10am - 7pm | **from** Market Sq, Kilrush

SOUP KITCHEN - soup recipes from the Famine will be available and a collection will be made for countries currently fighting Famine.
time 2pm | **venue** Myles Creek, Kilkee

WORKSHOP on Emigration during the Famine and Famine Genealogy by **Lorna Moloney** *The Eyes and Ears of the Past*
time 7pm | **venue** St. Cronan's Church, Tuamgraney, Co. Clare.

LECTURE by **Dr. Jason King**
Children of the Famine: Irish Orphan Migration from Clare and Limerick to Canada in 1847.
Dr. Jason King is lead researcher of the University of Limerick virtual Famine Archive. The purpose of the archive is to make available authentic, extensive, eye-witness accounts of the Irish Famine Migration of 1847 through the digitisation, transcription, and translation of period records that would otherwise be inaccessible and unknown.
time 8pm | **venue** Teach Ceoil, Kilrush.

Friday 10th May

MINUTE OF SILENCE will be observed in all schools (national event)
time 12 noon

FAMINE RE-ENACTMENT by students
time 1.30pm |
venue Labasheeda National School

FOOD FÊTE by local food producers and providers
time 4pm - 6pm | **venue** Market Sq, Kilrush

CÉILÍ with music by **Four Courts Céilí Band**
time 7pm - 9pm | **from** Market Sq, Kilrush

SPECIAL CONCERT Soprano **Edel O'Brien**, baritone **Richard Hayes**, and the **Clare Music Makers** will perform.
time 6pm | **venue** St. Senan's Church, Kilrush

LECTURE by **Professor Christine Kinealy**
Philanthropy during the Great Famine with particular reference to County Clare
Christine Kinealy lectures in the Department of History, Drew University, New Jersey, USA. She has published extensively on the impact of the Great Irish Famine and has lectured on the relationship between poverty, famine, and emigration. She is the author of *The Great Famine: impact, ideology and rebellion* (2002)

time 8pm | **venue** Teach Ceoil, Kilrush

MASS organised by the **Friends of Kilfearagh Graveyard Committee** followed by unveiling of a memorial for the victims of the Great Famine and all those buried in Kilfearagh Graveyard.
time 8pm |
venue Old Church, Kilfearagh Graveyard

FAMINE COMMEMORATION MASS
time 8pm | **venue** Church, Cooraclare Village

CHAPEL GATE COORACLARE WRENBOYS performance and street theatre
time 9pm | **from** Youth Centre, Kilkee Rd to Market Sq, Kilrush

Saturday 11th May

15KM KILKEE FAMINE COMMEMORATIVE CLIFF WALK led by **Conradh na Gaeilge**, Kilkee, from the Bandstand via Marine Parade, Dunlickey Road and Cliff Road at Knockroe (Look Out Hill) to Goleen (*this road was constructed as part of a Famine relief scheme in 1846*). At the T junction in Goleen turn left to return to Kilkee via Moveen. (*Not suitable for young children.*)
time 9.45am | **from** Bandstand, Strand Line, Kilkee



REDEDICATION OF KILRUSH CHURCHYARD

Presented by the **Kilrush & District Historical Society** (*Gathering event*)
time 1pm | **venue** Kilrush Churchyard, Grace St

FAMILY SURVIVAL CELEBRATION DAY

The day will include family events and an open day at the Kilrush Men's Sheds, who are building traditional curraghs. The curraghs are named after the Cammoge Ferry Disaster victims and will be on display. Followed by a BBQ in association with Kilrush Rugby Club
time 2pm - 5pm | **venue** Kilrush Marina

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH THEATRE - DRAMA WORKSHOP (*runs 1 hour 30 mins*) on their production: *Voyage of the Orphans* engaging drama activities including a text reading on the Famine and migration, which will be improvised and discussed. This drama workshop is aimed at 11-14 year old children (in 5th, 6th and 1st year classes) (*prior booking is essential / Maximum of twenty participants*)
time 4pm | **venue** Cultúrlann Sweeney, Kilkee



DOONBEG FAMINE COMMEMORATION WALK followed by prayer ceremony, wreath laying and evening Mass & Reception at the Community Hall, Doonbeg
time 5pm | **from** Killard to Doonbeg Bridge

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH THEATRE - three act play with a film prologue, the *Voyage of the Orphans*. This is the poignant true story of the 4,000 Irish famine orphans who were transported from Irish workhouses to Australia between 1848 and 1850. It was devised by the County Limerick Youth Theatre to help draw parallels between our nation's experience of migration and the plight of migrants today and is funded by the Youth in Action programme of the European Commission.

time 6pm | **venue** Cultúrlann Sweeney, Kilkee

'AN FÉAR GORTA - THE HUNGRY GRASS', An extract, written and performed by **Eleanor Feely**. An energetic and deeply moving piece of theatre that evokes one woman's desperate efforts to find meaning during the horror of the Famine.
time 7pm | **venue** Cultúrlann Sweeney, Kilkee

COMMEMORATIVE MASS in Quilty or nearby Kilmurry (*weather dependant*) followed by the unveiling of a plaque to the memory of the starving poor of the parish of Kilmurry Ibrickane in the Great Famine and their curate Fr. Thomas Moloney.
time 7pm | **venue** Quilty or Kilmurry

LECTURE AND READINGS by **Evelyn Conlon** from her forthcoming novel based on the lives of the Famine orphan girls: *Records on Globe Street*. This novel is due to be launched at the International Famine Commemoration in Sydney, Australia in August 2013.
time 8pm | **venue** Teach Ceoil, Kilrush



MUSIC by *Seisiún na hÓige*
(Dave Livingstone)
live at the Market Sq
time 6pm - 7pm | **venue** Market Sq, Kilrush

MUSIC by *Hermitage Green* (Folk & Traditional) live at the Market Sq
time 7pm - 9.30pm | **venue** Market Sq, Kilrush

EVENING MASS dedicated to Famine victims
time 8pm | **venue** Labasheeda

Kilrush National Famine Commemoration Ceremony

Sunday 12th May

The 2013 National Famine Commemoration will take place on Frances Street in Kilrush on Sunday, 12th May at 2:30p.m.

President Michael D. Higgins has kindly accepted an invitation to lead the official representation at the commemoration ceremony. The commemoration programme will open with a ceremony in which the local community will be greatly involved and it will culminate in the formal State ceremonial event, which will include the National Flag and military honours, and wreath laying ceremonies.

The community element of the ceremony will include music, readings, poetry and prayers and a theatrical piece in remembrance of those who suffered and perished during the Famine; and a minute of silent reflection.

All are welcome to attend this event.

time 2.40 - 4.15pm | **venue** Frances St, Kilrush

Sunday 12th May

FAMINE FOLK MASS

time 12 noon |
venue St. Senan's Church, Kilrush

FLOTILLA OF VESSELS on the Shannon Estuary symbolic of emigration during the Famine including boats from the West Clare Currach Club and *Celtic Mist*.
time 1pm | **venue** Cappa Pier

Searmanas Náisiúnta Comórtha an Ghorta Mhóir

Dé Domhnaigh, an 12 Bealtaine

Tionólfar Comóradh Náisiúnta an Ghorta Mhóir, 2013 Dé Domhnaigh, an 12 Bealtaine ar 3:00i.n. ar Shráid Phrionséis, Cill Rois.

Tá an **tUachtarán Mícheál D. Ó hUiginn** tar éis glacadh le cuireadh dul i gceannas ar an toscaireacht oifigiúil ag an searmanas cuimhneacháin. Cuifear tús leis an gclár cuimhneacháin le searmanas ina mbeidh páirt mhór ag an bpobal áitiúil. Ina dhiaidh sin, tionólfar ócáis searmanais oifigiúil an Stáit a áireoidh gradaim mhíleata agus searmanas fhleascleagain.

Mar chuid de ghné phobail an chuimhneacháin beidh ceol; sleachta léitheoireachta agus paidreacha; bronnadh comharthaí mar chuimhne orthu siúd a d'fhulaing agus a cailleadh le linn an ghorta; agus nóiméad ciúin machnaimh.

Beidh fáilte roimh chách.

exhibitions

The following exhibitions will be on display in Kilrush between May 3rd and May 12th inclusive.

■ Window displays in commercial premises throughout Kilrush will include the

Kilrush Famine Film played on a loop with subtitles in the window of Lillis Travel building, Market Square, for the duration of the Kilrush Famine Commemoration.

■ **Artworks *Messengers of Yesterday*** by lens-based artist Cynthia O'Dell of DePauw University, Indiana at Quay Mills, Frances Street

■ ***The Famine in Clare (1845-1852)*** created by Clare County Archivist at Quay Mills, Frances Street (and at Kilrush Library up to May 2nd)

■ ***Kilrush in Landlord Times*** illustrations at Vandeleur Walled Garden; open 10am to 5pm daily

■ **Pop-up Museum** at Joe Whelan's Museum, Cooraclare Road, Kilrush, adjacent to the Workhouse wall. Tuesday & Thursday from 2 to 4pm and at other times by appointment.

■ **Grow It Yourself**, Kilrush GIY are growing the Lumper Potato and other potato varieties grown during the Famine in Kilrush Community Garden, Nagle's Terrace, Kilkee Road, Kilrush. GIY will host education events for the public and with the local schools, featuring displays on the potato and the history and cultivation of potato varieties that were grown during the Famine. The lumper potato was planted using the lazy bed planting method. The results will be revealed during the week of the Famine Commemoration.

■ **Schools Arts Programme** in collaboration with the Clare Education Committee. There is a programme of workshops in West Clare schools where school children have worked with professional artists to depict famine scenes through creative media.



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Please be advised that the venues have limited capacity, so come early.

Please see Kilrush Famine Commemoration 2013 website and facebook for updates and additional events on

www.faminecommemoration2013.ie
www.facebook.com/kilrush.famine
www.kdhs.ie

For further information on Kilrush and County Clare and for advice on accommodation link to

www.clare.ie
www.kilrush.ie