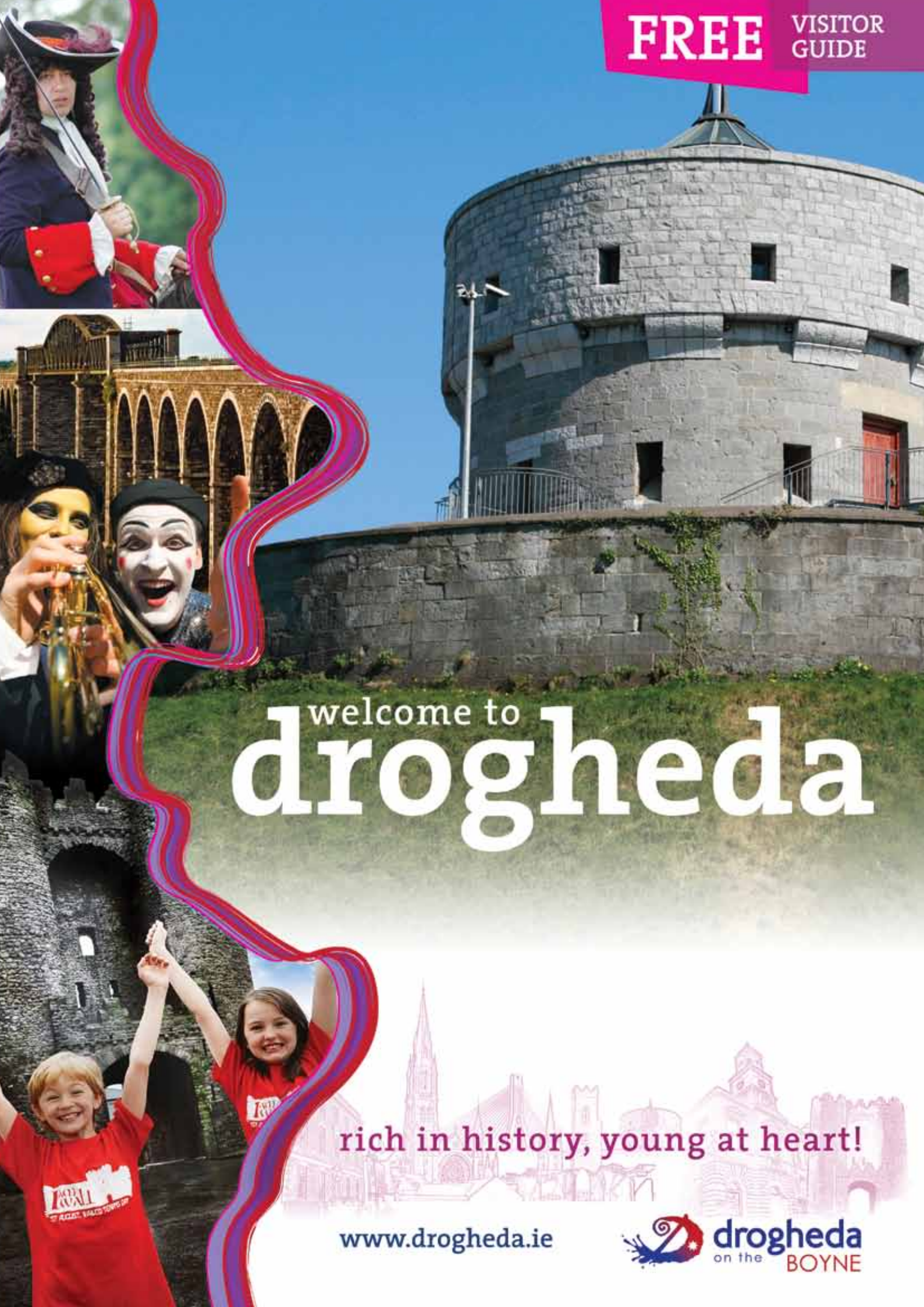


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# welcome to drogheda

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Welcome to Drogheda on the Boyne, a medieval town just 20 minutes from Dublin Airport. Drogheda is the gateway to the world famous Boyne Valley region and the UNESCO World Heritage Site at Newgrange.

Rich in heritage yet young at heart, the largest town in Ireland still has a village feel and a wealth of unique attractions within walking distance of each other.

Take the heritage trail around some of the ancient sites within the town's old walls. Witness the vibrant culture celebrated in the towns many festivals and venues.

Quiet lanes reminiscent of times gone by feed into bustling thoroughfares and shopping areas, with an abundance of restaurants, cafés and nightlife.

The mighty River Boyne – source of myth and legend – slices through the town, yet unites this ancient ground. Throughout its history Drogheda has been a site of military, civil and ecclesiastical importance.

Drogheda is the ideal centre from which to visit the treasures of Newgrange, Brú na Bóinne, Monasterboice, Oldbridge and Mellifont.

A warm welcome awaits you in Drogheda – Céad míle fáilte.

**We look forward to welcoming you  
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# Drogheda on the Boyne

By Paddy Cluskey

*There's a big town by Newgrange  
Its future's looking bright  
Local Heroes gathered  
And changed it overnight*

*Come along with me  
And I'll take you on a tour  
Each day it's getting better  
And each day I love it more*

*Millmount's cup and saucer  
Looks down on the Boyne  
St. Peter's parish church  
Hosts St. Oliver's shrine*

*Magdalene Tower, Old Abbey  
Are relics of the past  
The Viaduct bridge carries  
The express train to Belfast*

*Laurence's Gate is a treasure  
And something to behold  
Part of an ancient fortress  
In those days of old*

*Walk along the rampart  
Its beauty is sublime  
The battlefield at Oldbridge  
Will take you back in time*

*The people here are friendly  
A place to shop and dine  
There'll always be a welcome  
In Drogheda on the Boyne*

newgrange

## Key dates in Drogheda history

**c. 3200 B.C.**

The passage tombs at Brú na Bóinne were constructed.

**442 A.D.**

St Patrick entered the town and founded the Abbey at Old Abbey Lane.

**830 A.D.**

The town was occupied by the Danes.

**848 A.D.**

The Vikings wintered on the Boyne.

**1142 A.D.**

Mellifont Abbey founded by St Malachy.

**1494 A.D.**

Poynings Parliament held in Drogheda.

**1541 A.D.**

Suppression of the monasteries by Henry VIII.

**1641 A.D.**

Siege of Drogheda by Sir Phelim O'Neill.

**1649 A.D.**

Siege of Drogheda by Cromwell.

**1665 A.D.**

A wooden Bridge erected over the Boyne (Site of St Mary's bridge).





# drogheda

oldbridge

baltray

mornington

## 1185 A.D.

Prince John visited Drogheda during a tour of the Pale

## 1210 A.D.

The second visit of John, now King of England.  
North and South of the River Boyne, constituted separate boroughs.

## 1229 A.D.

King Henry III, by charter, granted Drogheda on the Louth side privileges and free customs.

## 1317 A.D.

Edward Bruce, brother of Robert and last man to be crowned High King of Ireland, fails to capture Drogheda.

## 1348 A.D.

The Black Death arrives in Drogheda. Like other towns the population on every level is devastated.

## 1412 A.D.

The two Corporations unite.

## 1681 A.D.

Oliver Plunkett, hanged, drawn and quartered at Tyburn.

## 1690 A.D.

Battle of the Boyne.

## 1839 A.D.

Daniel O'Connell addressed an audience of some 60,000 people 'The repeal of The Union'.

## 1844 A.D.

Dublin and Drogheda railway completed.

## 1922 A.D.

Millmount shelled by Irish Free State forces.

## 1979 A.D.

Pope John Paul II visits Drogheda.



so much to see

# Drogheda's top ten



HERITAGE

1

## World Heritage Site – Newgrange

Nestling in the heart of the Boyne Valley, within a few minutes drive from Drogheda town centre is the UNESCO World Heritage site Newgrange. This neolithic burial ground was constructed over 5,000 years ago, making it older than Stonehenge in England and the Great Pyramid of Giza in Egypt.



HERITAGE

2

## St. Laurence Gate

Once the gateway to one of the largest walled towns in Medieval Ireland, take time to enjoy the sight of one of the finest barbicans in Europe, dating from the late 13th century.



HERITAGE

3

## Millmount

Known affectionately as the 'Cup and Saucer', this martello tower takes pride of place overlooking Drogheda, and is home to a fascinating collection of military memorabilia and artefacts in the adjoining museum. Take time to browse the beautiful local crafts in Millmounts craft shops.

## 4 The Highlanes Gallery

Housed in a former 19th century Franciscan Church, this lightfilled gallery is home to the Municipal Art Collection, as well as several international temporary exhibitions.



CULTURE



KIDS

## 5 Funtasia Waterpark and Tayto Park

One million visitors a year can't be wrong and whatever the weather, there is no shortage of family fun, with the largest indoor waterpark in Ireland or all the cuddly creatures of Tayto Park on our doorsteps.





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## RELIGION

### St. Peter's Catholic Church & St. Oliver Plunkett's Shrine

Set right in the heart of Drogheda's main thoroughfare, this towering Gothic Revival church dating back to the 18th century houses the preserved head of St Oliver Plunkett (1625-81) in its lavish interior.



so much to see

## MILITARY



### Battle of the Boyne

Learn everything you need to know about the Battle of the Boyne – an event that shaped the course of Irish history – in this lovingly restored 18th century Oldbridge house and magnificent grounds.

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### Droichead Arts Centre & TLT

8

Choose from the intimacy of a beautiful gallery space and theatre, or a splendid 900- seater auditorium, both showcasing the best of local, national and international drama, musicians and comedians.



## CULTURE

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## ACTIVITY

### Boyneside Life

Enjoy the outdoor life by going for a run on the Ramparts alongside the Boyne or take a breezy stroll on one of our Blue Flag beaches. Afterwards wander through our medieval streets and sample the finest of local produce.

## EVENTS/FESTIVALS

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Plan your visit to tie in with one of Drogheda's festivals of art, culture, horse-racing, children's entertainment or music.

Drogheda Arts Festival draws the finest international acts and whether it's the thrill of one of the last beach horse racing meetings in the world at Laytown, or the breathtaking Bellewstown course, all are well worth a visit.



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# 24 hours in drogheda

**9.30AM:** Visit St. Peter's Catholic Church on West Street, most famous for the shrine of St Oliver Plunkett.

**10.00AM:** Drop into Drogheda Tourist office in the historical Tholsel building. Meet the team who will help you get the best out of your day. In summer book your place on the Medieval Walking Tour starting 2.00pm.

**10.30AM:** Experience the Highlanes Gallery in the beautifully converted Franciscan Friary on Laurence Street. View the Drogheda Municipal Art Collection, the Sword and Mace and enjoy coffee and a freshly baked scone.

**NOON:** Stroll up to Millmount Museum & Martello Tower. From this height enjoy spectacular views of the River Boyne, Drogheda and the majestic Boyne Viaduct, Ireland's greatest example of Victorian industrial architecture.

**1.15PM:** Savour lunch in any of our wonderful restaurants showcasing fabulous local produce.

**2.00PM:** Enjoy the Medieval Walking Tour of Drogheda starting at The Tholsel followed by a visit to the 17th century Beaulieu House and Gardens. Alternatively visit the Battle of the Boyne site at Oldbridge, home of one of the most significant events in Irish history.

**EVENING TIME:** After a busy day, revive yourself with dinner in one of our delightful selection of restaurants. Sample local specialities from nearby farms or created by artisan producers. If you think our historic town is special, you should taste our locally produced food!



Battle of the Boyne Site, Oldbridge.

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West Street,  
Drogheda.



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# 48 hours in drogheda

**9.30AM:** Imagine being inside a structure that existed long before the Pyramids of Egypt or Stonehenge. Visit Brú na Bóinne\*, a megalithic site dating back to 3,200 B.C. and home to the three passage tombs of Newgrange, Knowth and Dowth. A mere 5 miles from Drogheda, this UNESCO World Heritage Site is a must-see.

**1.00PM:** Return to enjoy lunch in Drogheda.

**2.00PM:** Why not play a round of golf on any of our superb links courses? Enjoy a spot of retail therapy in the old town centre or any of our contemporary shopping centres. Pamper yourself with a trip to one of our luxurious day spas. Visit Ireland's largest indoor water park: Funtasia or enjoy fabulous family fun at Tayto Park.

**5.00PM:** Oh we do like to be beside the seaside... a stroll along the beach at Seapoint or Bettystown will inspire your mind whilst invigorating your body.

**EVENING TIME:** Revel in our long tradition of theatre and music in Drogheda. Book seats for a show at either of our award-winning local theatres: TLT or Droichead Arts Centre. Alternatively enjoy a pint of Irish stout in one of the many bars in the town centre.

## Don't miss!

St. Laurence Gate, a 13th century barbican that was once a gateway to our walled town.

\* During summer months Brú na Bóinne is extremely busy. Consider advance booking by visiting [www.heritageireland.ie](http://www.heritageireland.ie) to avoid disappointment.



St. Laurence Gate



# 1 week in drogheda

## STEEP YOURSELF IN HERITAGE

Start your day at the landmark Millmount Martello Tower and Museum, where you can learn everything you need to know about Drogheda's rich heritage, military past and industrial roots. Take the short trip down into the centre of the town and marvel at the head of St Oliver Plunkett in St Peter's magnificent Roman Catholic Church. A stroll away is the imposing St Laurence Gate, and as you continue the Heritage Trail, you will spy many more medieval wonders like the Magdalene Tower, Old Abbey and much, much more.



St. Oliver Plunkett's Shrine

## A LITTLE BIT OF RELIGION

If Oxford is the city of dreaming spires, well Drogheda is its little sister, with seven spires to spot as you gaze over the view from Millmount.

You might not get to all of the churches but St Peter's Catholic Church in West Street is home of St Oliver Plunkett's shrine, St Augustine's with its divine Harry Clarke Studio window and St Peter's Church of Ireland with its fascinating cemetery, are just three must-sees.

The walls and gates of Drogheda, which enclosed the city until about 1800, are still impressive with St Laurence Gate being the showpiece.

## FAMILY FUN

There is plenty for children of all ages in and around Drogheda – a great place for family fun. Funtasia Waterpark is the biggest entertainment centre in Ireland, and is just a five minute drive from The Tholsel Tourist Office. With ample parking, you can sample all the thrills and spills of the waterpark and slides, bowling, roller skating, crazy golf and acres of fun rides. Think you have a head for heights – try a skyclimb.

Dominic's Park is a wonderful green site and playground on the Ramparts – on the banks of the Boyne, minutes from the main street.

## CULTURE CULTURES

Drogheda has so much to offer those seeking pursuits of a more cultural nature, it's hard to know where to start. The Highlanes Gallery has a wealth of local, national and international art in the glorious setting of a former 19th century Franciscan Church. The day would not be complete without a trip to one of our theatres, where you can find top comedians, singers or entertainers, or the best in local or national drama.

## MILITARY MANOEUVRES

Attention! Drogheda has a rich and varied military past and you could easily lose yourself in all the town has to offer to the enthusiast.

The sight of the two replica cannons at Millmount will alert you to some of the military treasures that lie inside. In 1649 during Oliver Cromwell's attack on the town it is believed

that much of the slaughter that took place happened on this very spot, with up to 2,500 men killed on September 11th 1649.

The tower was badly damaged during the Irish Civil War in 1922 and was restored to its former glory in 2000.

Just a short hop up the River Boyne at Oldbridge House you can find out everything you need to know about Drogheda's famous Battle of the Boyne between King William III and his father-in-law, King James II, on July 1st 1690.



Oliver Cromwell

Cannon at Millmount overlooking the River Boyne



**BOOK NOW**

## DROGHEDA HERITAGE PACKAGE

Enjoy one night's bed and breakfast, access to Millmount Martello Tower & Museum, a viewing of St. Oliver's head and access to the Highlanes Gallery rounded off with a hearty dinner in your hotel from €69 per adult sharing\*.

Book online at [www.drogheda.ie/packages](http://www.drogheda.ie/packages) or call Drogheda Tourist Office on 041 987 28 43.

\*Terms & conditions apply. See page 46 for details.



# 1 week in the Boyne Valley

## ANCIENT WONDERS

Drogheda is the ideal place to plan your week in the Boyne Valley – Ireland's ancient capital and its most sacred and mythical landscape. Brú na Bóinne is an extensive archaeological area just 5m from Drogheda, and this Unesco World Heritage Site is a must-see, with its interpretive centre and access to the Neolithic tombs.

About ten minutes north of Drogheda you will find the remarkable monastic site at Monasterboice. The Cross of Muirdeach is the finest High Cross in Ireland. Follow the River Boyne until it splits into the River Mattock, and you have found Mellifont Abbey, another ten minutes drive from Drogheda town centre.

## HOMES AND GARDENS

Nothing could be more relaxing than strolling through the many historical gardens Drogheda has to offer. Situated a short drive from Drogheda on the road to Baltray, Beaulieu House is built in a 'Dutch' style, unique to Ireland, and believed to be the first unfortified house built in Ireland. Entering the garden the breathtaking herbaceous border draws the visitor deeper into a haven of floral and horticultural beauty further enhanced by the Victorian Knot garden.

Killineer House and Listoke Gardens are also only a short drive from Drogheda town centre.



© Peter Kierans



Beaulieu House & Gardens



Cross of Muirdeach, Monasterboice



© Malcolm Clarke

## THE GREAT OUTDOORS

The fishing village of Clogherhead is one of the hidden gems of the east coast. With breathtaking views as far as the Cooley and Mourne Mountains, choose between rambling amongst the unique flora and fauna, or heading to the pier, where not only can you buy the catch of the day, straight off the trawler, you can say hello to some of the cheeky seals who frequent the bay. The big strand is also a fine Blue Flag beach.

## TIME FOR TEE

The Boyne Valley can be seen as somewhat of a golfer's paradise. Whether you're a low handicapper or a 'social golfer', there are courses to suit you. These include the majestic Links courses at Co. Louth Golf Club at Baltray, (home of the 2009 Irish Open), Seapoint Golf Links and Laytown & Bettystown Golf Club. Beautiful Parkland courses are also available such as Killeen Castle, (home of the 2011 Solheim Cup), Townley Hall GC, Julianstown GC and Bellewstown GC. For information on all these courses and others visit [www.gui.ie](http://www.gui.ie).

Pitch & Putt is also well represented in the Boyne Valley with 2 courses within Drogheda itself, as well as courses at Seapoint in Termonfeckin, Laytown, Bellewstown and Stackallen. The locations of these courses and others can be found at [www.pputt.ie](http://www.pputt.ie).



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**Rory Scott**  
General Manager  
The d Hotel

No trip to Drogheda would be complete without a visit to the most unique relic in Europe at St Oliver Plunkett's Shrine in West Street, and where else can you get so up close and personal with High Crosses then at Monasterboice? All for free too!





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Ad for Cairnes Ale – brewed in Drogheda until the 1960's



Industrial Parade on Dublin Road 1940's



Railway Poster from Millmount Museum



Drogheda today viewed from Millmount



Drogheda Bakers Banners from Millmount Museum



Industrial Parade with Amalgamated Engineers Banner (circa 1890) (courtesy of Des Clinton)



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Military exhibit at Millmount



Cannon at Millmount

Boyne Fishermen's Banner from Millmount Museum



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Drogheda (Droichead Atha, meaning bridge at the ford) did not have Viking beginnings (the Vikings sailed up the Boyne but never settled here).

It was built on a green field site by the Normans under the guidance of Hugh De Lacy on the southern side of the Boyne, called Drogheda in Meath, which was given a charter in 1194 and by Bertram de Verdon on the northern side, called Drogheda in Oriel. They were not united until 1412 by which time Drogheda had become a thriving port.

2012 will see a host of celebrations to mark the 600th anniversary of this unification.

The earliest monument in the town is the motte-and-bailey fort, now called Millmount, which was also built by De Lacy, some time before 1186.

Legend has it the ancient poet and druid Amergin is buried in the mound on which the fort was built.

Drogheda was the most important town in the Norman part of Ireland, which was known as "The Pale." The Irish Parliament moved to Drogheda for a time and in 1494 Poyning's Law, which subordinated the Irish Parliament to the English King was passed in the town.

Drogheda was captured by Oliver Cromwell in 1649 as part of his conquest of Ireland and in an infamous incident many of the Royalist defenders were massacred.

The famous Battle of the Boyne in which King William of Orange defeated King James was fought at Oldbridge, on the banks of the Boyne, 4km west of Drogheda in 1690.



# Boyneside Heritage

## Medieval



St. Laurence Gate

### ST LAURENCE GATE

Nothing defines Drogheda quite like the iconic St Laurence Gate. Regarded as one of the best preserved barbicans in Europe, this massive structure was built in the 13 century. Originally one of ten gates which allowed entry and exit to the medieval town, it stands almost 20 metres in height, and is one of the most impressive examples of its type in Europe. Visitors can appreciate the spectacular dimensions of the medieval walls south of the gate at Featherbed Lane.

### MAGDALENE TOWER

Two significant events make this tower, at the highest point on the north side of Drogheda, a beacon for peace and reconciliation. It was the belfry tower of the Dominican Friary founded by the Archbishop of Armagh, Lucas de Netterville in 1224. A 14th

Magdalene Tower



The Tholsel circa 1900

century construction, it was here in 1367 that O'Neill and the other Ulster and Leinster chiefs surrendered to England's King Richard II. In 1412, its Abbot, Fr Bennett, helped the two separately administered towns of Drogheda to unite.

### OLD ABBEY (ST MARY D'URSO)

Another surviving belfry from the monastic period can be seen at the site of the Old Abbey where in 1206 the Hospital of St Mary d'Urso was founded by Ursus de Swemele and his wife Christine and run by a religious community. Near the end of the century it was taken over by the Augustinians and after a period of decline was reformed by the Observatines. It was surrendered by its last Prior, Richard Malone, in 1543. The belfry surmounting a Gothic archway and a section of the original town wall is part of the remaining structures.

### MAYORALTY HOUSE

This fine building on Drogheda's quays holds memories of many civic dinners, receptions, banquets and balls. As with the Tholsel, it is a Georgian limestone building designed by George Darley and was opened in 1768.

### THE THOLSEL

This historic building is probably one of the first places you will visit in Drogheda as it plays home to the Drogheda Tourist Information Service. It began life as a wooden medieval building which was demolished in 1765 to make way for the present limestone Georgian building. Designed by George

and Hugh Darley, it was completed in 1770 and was the town's municipal headquarters for 130 years (and site of more than a few hangings) until the Corporation moved to its present location in Fair Street in 1889. From 1890 the building was leased to a bank and in 2010 became the Tourist Office.



Abbey of St Mary D'Urso  
(The Old Abbey)

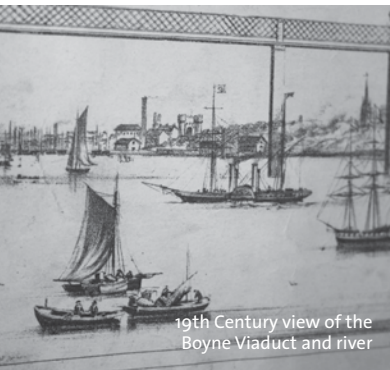
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**Alison Comyn**  
Journalist and travel writer

I love nothing better than watching the evening sunlight spread across the magnificent St Laurence Gate, which dwarves everything - even three story Georgian houses - in its shadow. It's a constant reminder of our unique heritage here in the town.



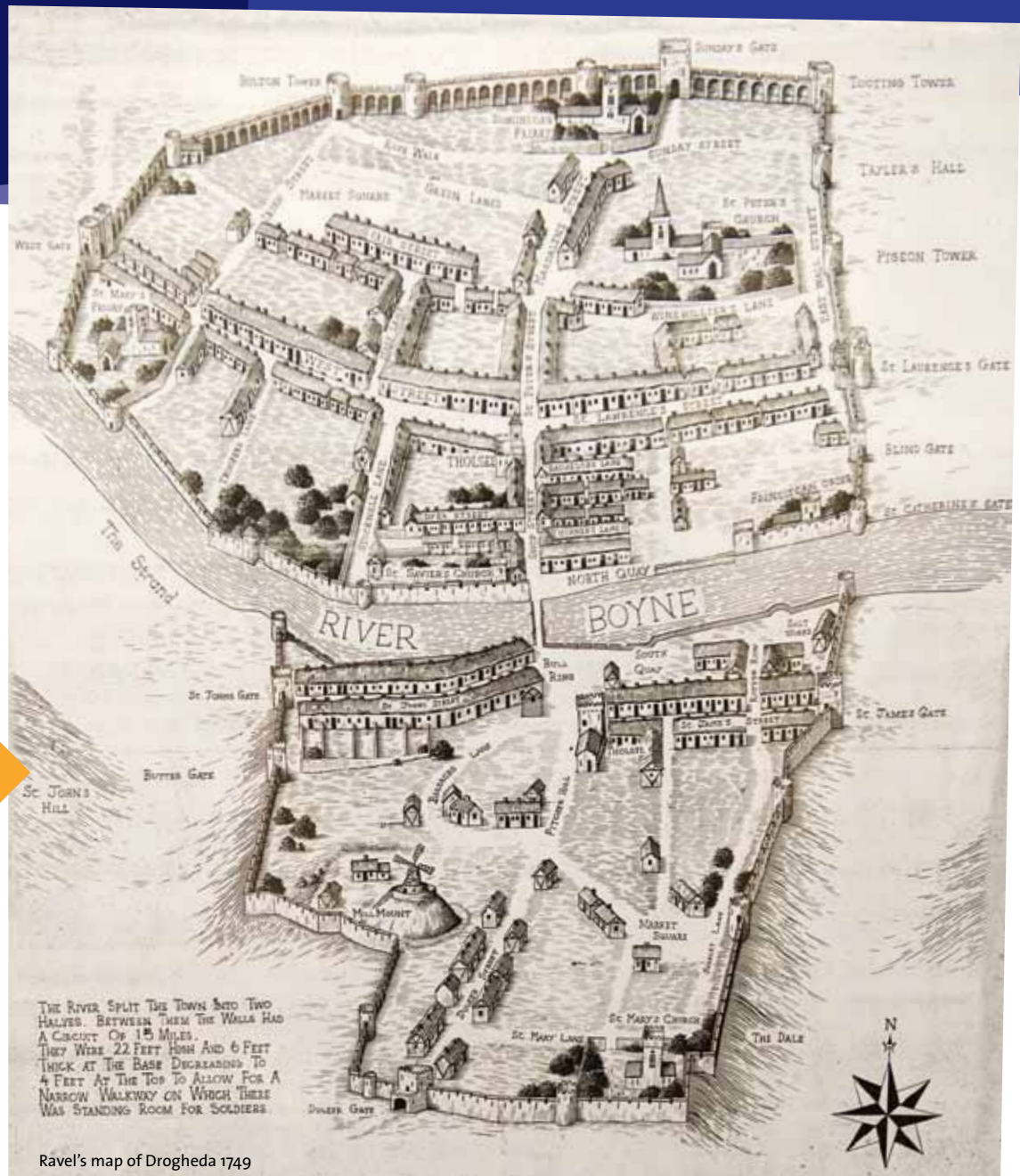


19th Century view of the Boyne Viaduct and river

## Medieval Drogheda

The river splits the town into two halves. Between them the walls had a circuit of 15 miles.

They were 22 feet high and 6 feet thick at the base decreasing to 4 feet at the top to allow for a narrow walkway on which there was standing room for soldiers.



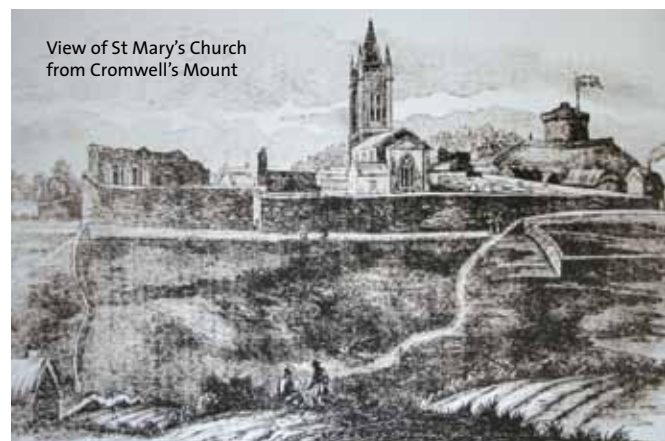
Ravel's map of Drogheda 1749



Cromwellian soldiers portrayed killing townspeople

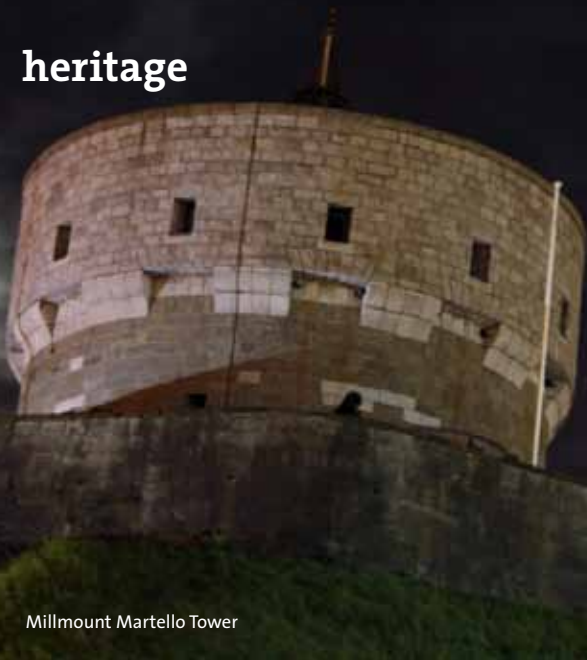


Cromwellian soldier's armour on display at Millmount Museum



View of St Mary's Church from Cromwell's Mount





© Ian McGuirk

Millmount Martello Tower



Death mask of John Boyle O'Reilly in Millmount Martello Tower

## MILLMOUNT MARTELLO TOWER AND MUSEUM

An absolute treasure, Millmount's Martello Tower – known as the 'cup and saucer' – offers spectacular views over the town and its majestic steeples. It is home to a military exhibition of Ireland's struggles displaying guns, swords and John Boyle O'Reilly's death mask. The town was built in 1808 on the site of Amergins burial ground. It was shelled during the Civil War of 1922 but has recently been lovingly restored. You may be lucky during your visit to hear its replica canons being fired. The neighbouring museum contains a wealth of local artefacts giving a unique insight into Drogheda life through the centuries.

## Churches

St Peters Catholic Church



### ST PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

This fine building, on Drogheda's main thoroughfare, is a centre of pilgrimage. It houses the relic of the head of St Oliver Plunkett, the Archbishop of Armagh, which was retrieved from the executioner's fire after he was hanged, drawn and quartered for his faith at Tyburn in 1681. St Peter's is one of the last gothic churches to have been built in the late nineteenth century and is regarded as a masterpiece of design.

### ST MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

St Mary's was built between 1884 and 1892 to a design by Drogheda architect PJ Dodd and is another large modern Gothic design similar to St Peter's Catholic Church. St Mary's is dominated by its slender spire and has three gabled entrances which lead to a very dark, dramatic interior which is highly decorated. Only one side of the aisle has windows and these are filled with dark stained glass.

### ST MARY'S CHURCH OF IRELAND

This church was built in 1807 in the grounds of an ancient Monastery. It was founded by the townspeople for mendicant Carmelite friars some years before the Norman invasion. When the town walls were built in the 13th Century, they were extended, at this point to enclose the Monastery. It was here, at the southwest corner of the churchyard, that Oliver Cromwell's cannon breached the town wall which enabled his forces to enter the town in September 1849. The southeastern wall of the town still stands at the rear of the churchyard.

### THE AUGUSTINIAN CHURCH

Again this is an unusual Gothic building but with a distinctly Irish look. The interior has arcades of pointed arches between the nave and the aisles

and a tall pointed arch divides the nave from the sanctuary. The interior is dark and impressive. Tiny windows in the aisles are filled with stained glass from the Harry Clarke Studios.

### ST PETER'S CHURCH OF IRELAND

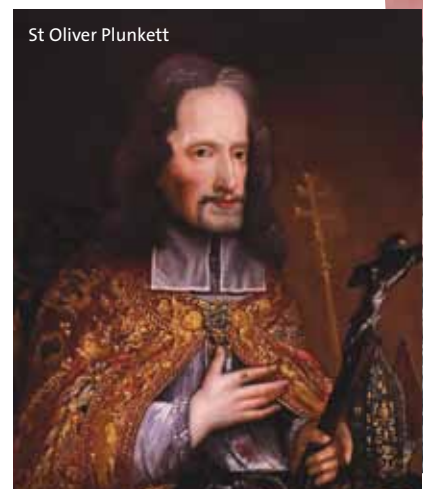
The splendid Church of Ireland building, with its cut-stone facade and rich rococo plasterwork, is one of the finest 18th century churches in the country. Inside is formed a great preaching box which not only provides great acoustics for the voice but also for orchestras which use the church for classical concerts. Various imposing marble monuments and busts in the church are complimented by the adjacent graveyard.



Cadavers at St Peter's Church of Ireland graveyard

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St Oliver Plunkett



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### Eamon Campbell

My favourite spot in Drogheda has to be Millmount – so richly linked with the town's military past yet still a great way to while away an afternoon. You'd also have to drop in and say 'howaya head' to St Oliver in St Peter's Church!

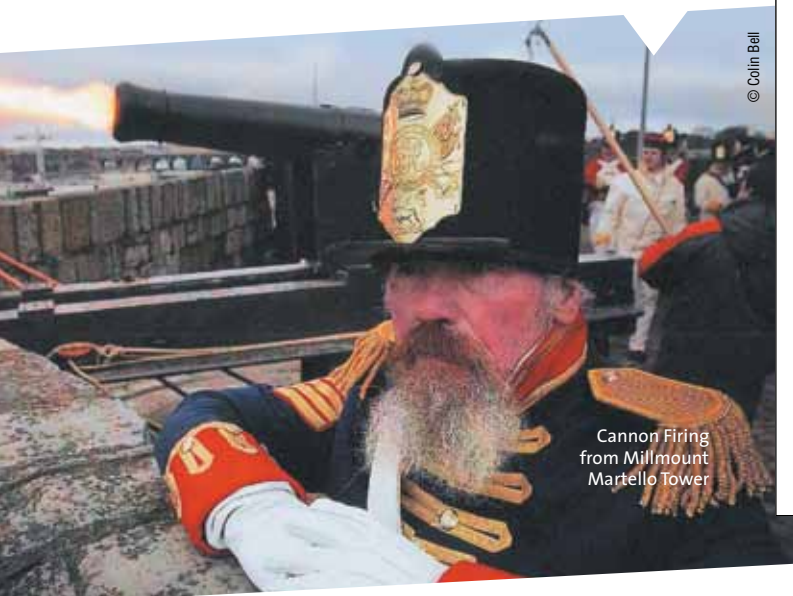


Millmount Tower in the aftermath of the shelling of Millmount July 4th 1922

## Military

Military buffs visiting Drogheda can trace the footsteps of kings. The Battle of the Boyne, a pivotal battle in history, was fought just three miles outside of the town. The site of the battle, in the grounds of Oldbridge House, is open to the public. Little has changed since the forces of King James and King William faced each other across the Boyne. Access to the site itself is free but there is a small entrance fee for Oldbridge House which provides an audio visual show and displays of original and replica weaponry.

More material is available at Millmount Museum which also details the sacking of Drogheda by Oliver Cromwell. The museum also has a weaponry exhibition with items dating from 1642 until after World War II.



Cannon Firing from Millmount Martello Tower

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# culture



## HIGHLANES GALLERY

Highlanes Municipal Art Gallery is in the former Drogheda Franciscan Church, which the order gifted to the town when they ended their 760 year association with Drogheda in 2000. The buildings date from the early 19th century, though the former Franciscan burial crypts date from much earlier.

The main exhibition spaces are bright and airy and house five temporary exhibitions every year, some of which are drawn from the magnificent Drogheda Municipal Art Collection.

## BARBICAN CENTRE

Drogheda has a wonderful sense of community and co-operation. The Barbican is a multi-purpose hall which acts a cultural beat in the heart of the town. It is used by both the public, private and community sectors to host a range of events including shows, classes, photography exhibitions, public meetings, training etc.

A visit to [www.barbican.ie](http://www.barbican.ie) will reveal what's taking place in The Barbican during your stay in Drogheda.

## DROICHEAD ARTS CENTRE

This little gem houses a beautiful exhibition and gallery space as well as a theatre, where the best of local, national and international drama, musicians and comedians regularly showcase their talents.

Located in Stockwell Street, the Droichead Arts Centre is home of the annual Droichead Arts Festival. This intimate setting is the perfect way to experience acts up close and personal. Check out what's on while you are visiting Drogheda by visiting [www.droichead.com](http://www.droichead.com), collect a brochure at your hotel reception or pop in to meet the team.

## DROGHEDA CULTURE PACKAGE

Sit back and relax while you are transferred to and from your hotel to see some of the finest in Irish and International entertainment and culture at a show in the TLT Theatre or Droichead Arts Centre followed by B&B in your Drogheda hotel from €40 per adult sharing excluding show tickets.\*

Book online at [www.drogheda.ie/packages](http://www.drogheda.ie/packages) or call Drogheda Tourist Office on 041 987 28 43.

\* Terms and conditions apply. See page 46 for details.

 **BOOK NOW**



## THE TLT THEATRE

The TLT (Tommy Leddy Theatre) Concert Hall & Theatre is a purpose built, state of the art 900 seat theatre for Drogheda and the North East, which stages a variety of performing arts and commercial events.

The annual programme features a diverse range of shows. From live music, ballet, dance and musicals to traditional pantomimes and youth theatre there really is something for everyone. Traditionally groups and performers visiting Ireland performed exclusively in Dublin but this 900 capacity theatre has succeeded in attracting international artists to perform in Drogheda and they love gigging at the TLT.

Don't miss out – visit [www.thetlt.ie](http://www.thetlt.ie) to see what's on during your stay and watch out for the legendary Tommy Leddy who may be there in person to greet you on your arrival.



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# festivals

## SAMBA FESTIVAL

For almost 20 years, the streets of Drogheda have swayed to a hot Salsa rhythm as the Drogheda Samba Festival hits town.

The three-day celebration of Brazilian, Latin and African music and dance takes place each July. It includes indoor and open air gigs, workshops and a carnival parade. Drogheda Samba Festival is the annual reunion for Irish Samba Schools who come together for a weekend of fun, developing their techniques and exploring new ideas. Most gigs are free and this is a family friendly festival.

See [www.droghedasamba.com](http://www.droghedasamba.com) for listings.

## PRAWN FESTIVAL

Set in the wonderful fishing village of Clogherhead, outside Drogheda, the Clogherhead Prawn Festival is truly unique. This weekend festival takes place in July and is jam packed with fun and activities for visitors old and young. Enjoy the stunning Blue Flag Clogherhead Beach. Watch out for the Prawn Queen and don't miss the most delicious fresh prawns you may ever taste.

For more information visit [www.clogherheadprawnfestival.ie](http://www.clogherheadprawnfestival.ie)

## ARTS FESTIVAL

Culture Vultures – Drogheda is the place to be in May! Drogheda Arts Festival is renowned for a stunning and diverse range of art forms performed and displayed in a selection of evocative and compelling venues. But this 5 day festival is so much more – it spills out onto the streets of Drogheda filling the town with vibrant colours, sounds and cultural experiences.

The calibre of artists and the tradition of commissioning new work have ensured the programming has been critically acclaimed, while the emphasis on family and participation means Drogheda welcomes young and old into its historic streets and buildings for creativity, fun, and new experiences.

For full details of the past and future festival programmes visit [www.droghedaartsfestival.ie](http://www.droghedaartsfestival.ie)

## FRINGE FESTIVAL

You know an Arts Festival has arrived when a Fringe Festival springs up around it. The Fringe encompasses all aspects of the arts including art and photographic exhibitions, poetry, comedy, craft, film and of course music throughout the weekend.

Drogheda is alive with music throughout the weekend. Bands and artists, poets and bards perform on the street, in the cafes and restaurants, in the pubs and bars and some more unusual locations within the town walls, complementing beautifully the vast array on offer at the Droichead Arts Festival.

See [www.droghedafringe.com](http://www.droghedafringe.com) for listings and more information.

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**Marcella Bannon**  
Director Droichead  
Arts Centre

There's nothing quite like running alongside the Boyne River at the Ramparts, down to the canal at Oldbridge on a fresh day. I just adore the warm and intimate evening of Traditional Singing that takes place on the last Wednesday of every month in the Droichead Arts Centre.

Highlanes Gallery  
Drogheda



art

Highlanes Gallery  
is Drogheda's  
Municipal Art Gallery  
exhibiting modern and  
contemporary Irish and  
international art

Highlanes Gallery



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# Something For the Kids



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## Funtasia Bettystown

Funtasia Bettystown is Ireland's premier indoor family entertainment centre. Set in the heart of the picturesque seaside resort of Bettystown,

it has something for all the family, white knuckle rides for the thrill seekers and gentler attractions for the less adventurous. Young explorers will be kept busy for hours with adventures around every corner in the Jungle Zone & the multi level play area. Adults can also enjoy the luxurious casino, 3D motion theatre, American-themed pool areas and Ireland's only rollercoaster on a roof, which makes Funtasia Bettystown a must to visit!

[www.funtasia.ie](http://www.funtasia.ie)

## Funtasia Waterpark Drogheda

One million people this year have passed through the doors of this Egyptian-themed entertainment centre located in Drogheda.

Here you can enjoy the Pirates Cove interactive waterpark, the first of its kind in Ireland. This extensive complex features over 200 water gushing activities including the adrenalin pumping Super Bowl Speed Slide and the Boomerang. Other attractions include the Atlantis Cove play area, a 14-lane bowling alley, roller skating rink, crazy golf, rock climbing, a luxurious Casino, Pharaoh's fast food restaurant, video games, simulators and lots more!



## Tayto Park

Kids of all ages are welcome to visit Mr Tayto in his own theme park near Ashbourne, Co. Meath. The park has a Native American theme and welcomes everyone to get close to weird and wonderful creatures such as ocelots, squirrel monkeys and buffalo, fly through the air at the Eagle Sky Adventure Zone, or simply play 'til you drop at the Pow Wow Playground. Adults are equally well catered for. They can relax in the Teahouse in the Tree House, or have a bite in The Lodge Restaurant after taking a walk around Cool Lough. If all that isn't enough, you can take a tour of the Tayto crisp factory!

[www.taytopark.ie](http://www.taytopark.ie)



## Open Farms

The Fee Family invite you to visit their Red Mountain Open Farm. The farm is a family run mixed farm with tillage, sheep, poultry and horses, set in the open countryside of the

Boyne Valley near the village of Donore and boasts the most extensive indoor facilities of all open farms in Ireland, so no matter what the weather may bring there is lots to enjoy.

Close to the Bru na Boinne site, you'll also find Newgrange Farm, home of the renowned annual Sheepstakes! There are animals galore and café facilities to keep the whole family happy.

[www.redmountainopenfarm.ie](http://www.redmountainopenfarm.ie)  
[www.newgrangefarm.com](http://www.newgrangefarm.com)



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## Children's Soft Play Areas

Sometimes the weather can conspire against you, leaving you with highly energetic children with nowhere to play! Not to worry, as well as the facilities available at Funtasia, indoor soft play areas are also available at Astrotots in Drogheda Leisure Park, and Gymboree in Scotch Hall Shopping Centre. Both provide clean, safe and supervised areas for your kids, whilst allowing the adults to enjoy a relaxing coffee or a spot of shopping!

## Playgrounds

Every child loves to play, and in the Boyne Valley we've playgrounds aplenty!

By the banks of the picturesque Boyne River, you'll find St Dominic's Park, which has ample space for play, adult outdoor gym equipment to work up a sweat, and two playgrounds for children aged 2 to 12. It also has a wonderful Liberty Swing allowing disabled access, with ample parking.



## Looking for indoor activities?

A trip to Drogheda Leisure Park is fun for all the family. Go bowling, enjoy indoor football and toddlers can roam in the indoor soft play areas. For details of charges, opening hours and directions visit [www.droghedaleisure.ie](http://www.droghedaleisure.ie).

Go for a swim at Drogheda Aura Leisure Centre. This state of the art facility is a great location for all the family to enjoy a swim, dip in the Jacuzzi, a sauna or a steam. Kids will enjoy the kids pool. A great location for families. Visit [www.auraleisure.ie/drogheda](http://www.auraleisure.ie/drogheda)

## DROGHEDA KIDS PACKAGE

Take a stroll by the River Boyne and enjoy the kids playgrounds at St. Dominics Park and then ramp up the activity by spending the remainder of the day at Funtasia Waterpark, then relax and unwind at your Drogheda Hotel with two adults and two kids B&B from only €79 per adult per night sharing a family room.\*

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**BOOK NOW**

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**Kevin Callan,  
Mayor of Drogheda**

I really love the history and character of Highlanes Gallery, and of course, the Municipal Art Collection which is one of the finest in the country, along with artifacts like the Sword and Mace and a diverse range of exhibitions. Plus you can get a great cup of coffee too!

## LEANBH CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL

Even the children aren't left out when it comes to the arts in Drogheda, and towards the end of October, the Leanbh Festival provides hours of fun with plays, puppetry, dance, music and crazy visual arts.

The festival is jam packed with new and exciting workshops, performances and visual arts spread over a variety of locations such as Scotch Hall, Highlanes Gallery and Millmount Craft Centre. Every child has a right to get pleasure from high quality artistic experiences, so the programmes are designed to be as accessible as possible to children of all ages.

Visit [www.droichead.com](http://www.droichead.com)



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# retail *therapy*

*If you want to spoil yourself, there is no better place to go shopping than in Drogheda. The town is home to more than 200 shops from locally owned boutiques and creative artisan shops supplying a wide variety of local and international brands.*



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**Karen Devine**

**Strategic Management Consultant**

Shopping in Drogheda is second to none, and what I really love is the range of local crafts available in the Millmount Design Centre or at the Louth Craftmark shop. Totally unique gifts and beautifully made.

## West Street

Drogheda's main street is home to a mix of independent retailers, some high street names, a central location which is home to an open air market every Friday.

## Shop Street

A vibrant street with menswear and footwear shops featuring strongly. Home to Drogheda's largest furniture showroom, the street is also home to a quaint art and hobby outlet.

## Narrow West Street

The street to visit for stylish ladieswear, for all those special occasions.

## Stockwell Street/ Duke Street

Home to the Droichead Arts Centre, check out the vintage shops for some amazing finds and rest your feet at the Artisan café where you can enjoy coffee and delicious local produce.

## Laurence's Street

Cafes, gift shops and boutiques lead the way to the amazing Highlanes Gallery where you can soak up some culture while enjoying a cuppa in the fantastic Andersons Café.



## Scotch Hall

A vibrant mix of new and old Scotch hall is the modern shopping experience, housing many of the high street names. Take some time out from your retail therapy to indulge in some pampering in the centres hair salons, barbers and nail bars.

## M1 Retail

Located on the Northside of the town just off the M1, this retail park has a rich mix of shops including homeware providers, toy stores, sports outlets and specialist shops.

## Drogheda Retail Park

Conveniently located just off the M1 on Drogheda's southside, you can grab a cup of coffee while browsing for bargains in TK Maxx, or looking for household goodies in Homestore and More.

## Laurence Town Centre

A modern shopping centre, great food outlets, High Street retailers and specialist shops.

## Irelands Wedding Mall

Drogheda is a one stop shop for all things wedding, with six bridalwear shops, excellent boutiques, menswear and specialist shops to take care of all the wedding trimmings – cakes, cake toppers, photographers to name but a few. Any potential wedding party will find all that they need for their big day in Drogheda.

*"If you can't buy it in Drogheda – you don't need it!"*

## DROGHEDA SHOPPING & SPA PACKAGE

**BOOK  
NOW**

Enjoy a pampering spa treatment in one of Drogheda's many luxurious spas, a €25 shopping gift card per person followed by a tasty cocktail back at your hotel from €129 per adult sharing.\*

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# Drogheda map

## Top Attractions

- 1 Brú na Bóinne (Newgrange)
- 2 St. Laurence Gate
- 3 Millmount Museum & Martello Tower
- 4 Magdalene Tower
- 5 Highlanes Gallery
- 6 Funtasia Waterpark
- 7 St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church (St. Oliver Plunketts Shrine)
- 8 St. Peter's Church of Ireland
- 9 Battle of the Boyne Site, Oldbridge
- 10 Droichead Arts Centre
- 11 The Tholsel (Tourist Office)
- 12 TLT Theatre
- 13 Old Abbey
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- 16 St Mary's Church of Ireland
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- 19 The Barbican Centre
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## Legend

 Old Town Walls

 Walking Route



Bus Station



Train Station



Taxi



Hospital



Car Park



Bus Parking



Hotel



Playground



Golf Course

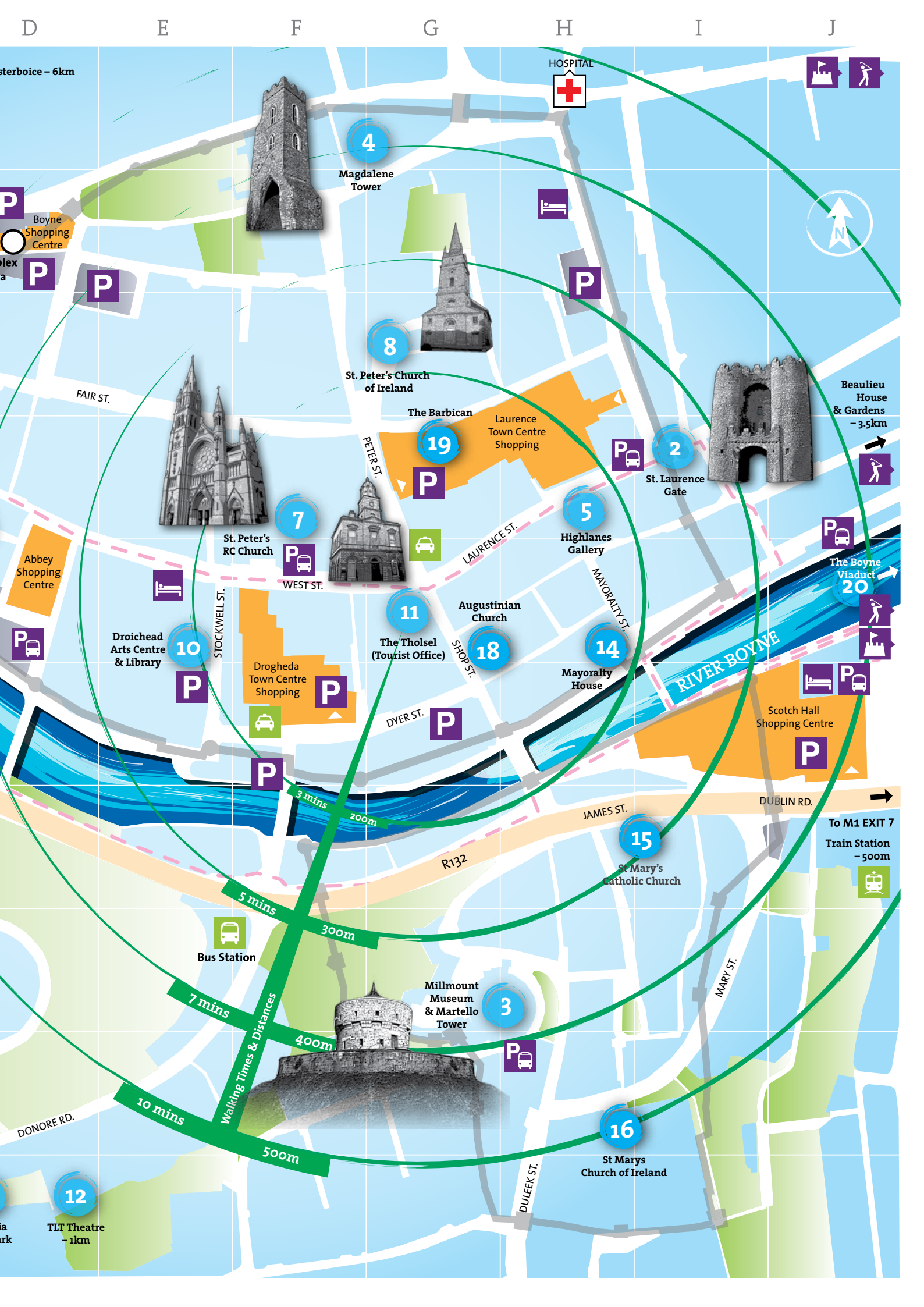


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# Local Activities



Blow Karting on Bettystown Beach

## Walk the walk

Drogheda on the Boyne is a fantastic centre for all your walking activities, whether it's a stroll, a ramble or a trek we have it all. For the history buffs, check out the Walking Tours of Historic Drogheda, (details from the Tourist Office at The Tholsel).

Starting at the d Hotel stroll past the statues of Socks Byrne and Joey Maher and continue along John Street to join the river at St. Dominic's Bridge. Continue along the Boyne river bank then turn left and up to the playground.

When you tire of the swings and roundabouts, continue down to the western end of the recently improved Ramparts walk. At this point you can make a decision to continue along the Boyne and admire the biodiversity it has to offer before retracing your steps (adding up to 3.5Km ) or head back towards the town centre making sure to view the Mythical display boards and try out our out-door gym equipment.

Pass under the bridge of peace en route back to the town centre while admiring the urban graffiti artworks and turn left over the Boyne at the pedestrianised St Dominic's bridge and walk the short distance to West Street. Continue along

West Street (visiting the shrine of St. Oliver Plunkett in St Peters Church) and turn down Shop Street before walking along the North Quay and crossing the Boyne again back to the start.

For those who feel up to a ramble, Drogheda's hinterland provides a wonderful and varied tapestry of interlinked paths, some known and some less well known. The array is such that this guide could never expect to include even a fraction of what is available, for this reason we are creating a trail-book of wonderful routes from beach walks, to grand estates to quiet countryside. This trail-book will be available on line at [www.drogheda.ie](http://www.drogheda.ie) and will include descriptions, directions and most importantly mapping for self guiding with GPS files for the techies.

## On yer bike

Drogheda has a long association with the sport of cycling. The Drogheda Wheelers were the inspiration behind Rás na nOg, a breeding ground for aspiring cyclists. For the enthusiasts, every Sunday morning the local club lead a cycle starting from Quay Cycles, North Quay. Bicycles and equipment can be hired here also .

If you are visiting Drogheda and the Boyne Valley and want to discover the beautiful and historical sites what better way to do it than on a bike.



Dragon boat race on the Boyne





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## Horse Racing

The Bellewstown Races, held in July and August, offer world-class race meets, a full bar and dining area, corporate sections, full tote and betting facilities and plenty of car park spaces and entertainment for children. The Laytown Races in September are one of the few remaining beach races in the world, so have a distinctly unique feel. Both are worth a visit, whether you are fluttering or observing. Visit [www.goracing.ie](http://www.goracing.ie).



## Motor Cycle Clubs

Attention all road captains! In Drogheda you will find that you are very welcome and we will greet you with open arms. There are ideal locations in Drogheda to visit or to park your bikes while you enjoy the refreshments on offer. You can relax knowing that your bikes are receiving the admiration they deserve.

The riverfront plaza at The d Hotel will provide an excellent parking place. The external seating allows alfresco refreshments beside the bikes but if the weather is unkind, the fully glazed walls maintain full view of your mounts from the comfort of the d's bar.

## DROGHEDA HORSE RACING PACKAGE

Enjoy a day at the Bellewstown or Laytown Races including transfer to and from your Drogheda Hotel and bed and breakfast at the hotel from €69 per adult sharing.\*

Book online at [www.drogheda.ie/packages](http://www.drogheda.ie/packages) or call Drogheda Tourist Office on 041 987 28 43.

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## Football

Drogheda has produced more than its fair share of international soccer stars. Gary Kelly, Ian Harte, Nicky Colgan have all strutted their stuff in the English, Scottish and Spanish professional leagues. The local club Drogheda United play their games in Hunky Dory park, close to the Lourdes hospital. The League of Ireland is mostly part time, but continues to supply a stream of quality players to the English leagues. Visiting football nuts will be sure to enjoy an atmosphere where the players are still local heroes. The cream of Irish teams travel to tackle the Dregs, so don your claret and blue and kickstart a great weekend with a match.

Check media for fixtures or [www.droghedaunited.ie](http://www.droghedaunited.ie)

## Rugby

Boyne Rugby Club, situated on the outskirts of the town of Drogheda on the Ballymakenny Road is the longest and most established sporting and social club within the precincts of the town.

Down through the years the club has had a great tradition of entertaining visitors from all over the country as well as guests from abroad.

The senior team is, for the first time, now playing its rugby in the 2nd Div of the All Ireland League, having been promoted this season.

## GAA

The Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA) is prominent among the sporting activities available in the Boyne Valley and although Hurling and Camogie are well represented, it is Gaelic Football that has the most active participation. GAA clubs in Drogheda include O'Raghallaigh's, Oliver Plunketts, Wolfe Tones, Newtown Blues, and St. Nicholas', whilst on the outskirts we have St.Colmcille's near Bettystown, St.Mary's of Donore and St Fechin's of Termonfeckin to name but a few. Regular supporters are always more than willing to welcome first-timers to the sports, and keep you up-to-speed with the rules of the games. For information on fixtures during your visit check out [www.louth.gaa.ie](http://www.louth.gaa.ie) & [www.meath.gaa.ie](http://www.meath.gaa.ie).

## Golf

The Boyne Valley can be seen as something of a golfer's paradise. Whether you're a low handicapper or a 'social golfer', there are courses to suit you. These include the majestic Links courses at Co. Louth Golf Club at Baltray, (home of the 2009 Irish Open), Seapoint Golf Links and Laytown & Bettystown Golf Club. Beautiful Parkland courses are also available such as Killeen Castle, (home of the 2011 Solheim Cup), Townley Hall GC, Julianstown GC and Bellewstown GC. For information on all these courses and others visit [www.gui.ie](http://www.gui.ie).

## Pitch & Putt

Pitch & Putt is also well represented in the Boyne Valley with 2 courses in Drogheda itself, as well as courses at Seapoint in Termonfeckin, Laytown, Bellewstown, Julianstown, Duleek and Stackallen. The locations of all these courses and others can be found at [www.ppui.ie](http://www.ppui.ie).

## Swimming

Fancy a dip? The casual swimmer can dive in at Aura Leisure Centre's 25 metre pool in Drogheda, or there's fun for kids of all ages, (and the adults!), at Drogheda's Funtasia Water Park. If you prefer the outdoor experience and the taste of salt water, connect up with the Drogheda Masters Swimming Club who swim twice weekly from Clogherhead Harbour between May & September. Check out [www.droghedamasters.org](http://www.droghedamasters.org) for more information.

my drogheda



### Shane Horgan Ireland International Rugby Player

Any time I head back to Drogheda, I like to meet up with my old mates in one of the traditional pubs in town, like McPhail's or Clarkes. There's nothing like relaxing with a pint, talking rugby and being brought down to size by the locals!



# BELLEWSTOWN

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## RACING 2012...



### **JULY FESTIVAL**

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> (E)  
Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> (E)  
Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>

### **AUGUST FESTIVAL**

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> (E)  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> (E)



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# 2012 *local* events calendar

## LOUTH FESTIVALS

DATE	FESTIVAL	TYPE OF FESTIVAL	LOCATION
<b>MARCH</b>			
3rd – 4th	The Tain Walking Festival	Walking/Music	Omeath/Carlingford
17th – 19th	St Patrick's Weekend	Parade/Dragonboating/Music	Drogheda
26th – 27th	National Leprachaun Hunt	Children/Arts	Cooley Mts, Carlingford
<b>APRIL</b>			
13th – 15th	National Guitar & Blues Festival	Music	TLT Theatre & Drogheda
<b>MAY</b>			
4th – 7th	Drogheda Arts Festival	Arts/Music/Theatre	Drogheda
6th	Boyne 10k Run	Sport	Drogheda
3rd – 12th	Drogheda Fringe Festival	Music/Comedy/Dance/Poetry/Art	Drogheda
25th – 4th June	Drogheda Walking Festival	Walking/Music	Drogheda
<b>JUNE</b>			
1st – 4th	Beat on the Boyne Festival	Music/Food/Water Sports/Culture	Scotch Hall & Drogheda
22nd – 24th	Drogheda Samba Festival	Music/Dance	Drogheda
24th	Blackrock Raft Race	Raft Race/Family Day	Waterfront, Blackrock
<b>JULY</b>			
1st	Celebration in honour of St Oliver	Religious	Drogheda
1st – 6th	An Chuirt Chruitireachta	International Festival of Irish Harps	An Grianan, Termonfeckin
6th – 8th	Bellewstown Races	Horse Racing	Bellewstown
13th – 15th	Clogherhead Prawn Festival	Music/Food/Sport/Culture	Clogherhead
<b>AUGUST</b>			
3rd – 6th	Turfman Festival	Music/Art/Comedy Poetry/Heritage	Ardee
11th – 12th	Annagassan Viking Festival	Heritage/Culture/Food/Music	Annagassan
18th	Greenore Festival	Heritage	Greenore
10th – 12th	Drogheda Food Festival	Food/Music/Demonstrations	Drogheda
18th – 26th	Heritage Week	Culture/Heritage/History/Music	County Louth
22nd & 23rd	Bellewstown Races	Horse Racing	Bellewstown
26th	Medieval Day & Cannon Shoot	Culture/Heritage/History/Music	Millmount Museum
26th	Walled Town Day	Culture/Heritage/History/Music	Millmount Museum,
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>			
13th	Laytown Races	Horse Racing	Laytown
21st	Culture Night	Culture	Co. Louth
<b>OCTOBER</b>			
1st – 31st	Leanbh Arts Festival for Children	Children/Arts	Droichead Arts Centre
24th – 26th	16th Drogheda Traditional Music Weekend	Music	Drogheda
26th – 28th	Drogheda Samhain Festival	Culture/Heritage/History/Music	Drogheda
<b>NOVEMBER</b>			
16th – 19th	Christmas Bonanza Festival	Culture/Music/Shopping	Drogheda
16th – 18th	Ardee Baroque Festival		Ardee
<b>DECEMBER</b>			
7th – 9th	Feile na Nollaig	Culture/Music/Shopping	Carlingford
21st	Winter Solstice	Astronomy Event	Newgrange

## ENTERTAINMENT

	Date	Event	Location	Time	Ticket
Weekly	Sunday	Sunday Jazz Sessions	The Brewery Tap	4.00pm	Free
	Tuesday	Trad Music	O'Caseys & Foleys	9.00pm	Free
	Tuesday, Wednesday, Sunday	Trad Music	Ti Chairbre	9.30pm	Free
	Tuesday & Sunday	Live Music	Clarks	9.00pm	Free
	Thursday	Song from the Snug	Black Bull Inn	9.00pm	Free
	Friday & Saturday Night	Live Music	The d Hotel	9.30pm	Free
	Every Night (except Wednesday)	Live Music	Mc Phails	9.00pm	Free
Monthly	Last Tuesday every month	Silver Screen Films	Droichead Arts Centre	2.00pm	Free
	Last Wednesday every month	Saltwater Scribblers Poetry	Droichead Arts Centre	7.00pm	Free
	Last Wednesday every month	Drogheda Traditional Singers	Droichead Arts Centre	9.00pm	Free
	First Friday every month	Bagfull of Songs	Sarsfields	9.00pm	Free
	Bank Holiday Sunday's	All Day Garden Sessions	Black Bull Inn	3.00pm	Free
2012	JANUARY	16th – 29th	Beauty & the Beast Pantomime	TLT	TBA
	FEBRUARY	3rd	Keith Barry	TLT	€30
		4th	Reelin In the Showband Years	TLT	€25
		23rd	Neil Delamere	The d Hotel	€18.50
		25th	Des Bishop	TLT	€20/€25
		27th	Nanci Griffith	TLT	€30
	MARCH	7th	Tragedy of Mac Beth	TLT	€10
		23rd	Mike Denver	TLT	€25
	APRIL	TBC	Rathkenny Revels	TLT	TBA
	MAY	4th – 5th	Gift Grub	TLT	TBA

## ART EXHIBITIONS 2012

### 12TH NOV 2011 – JANUARY 2012

@ Highlanes Gallery, Drogheda  
**The Art of Failure isn't Hard to Master**  
 Thomas Brezining with essay  
 by Clíodhna Shaffrey

### JANUARY – MARCH

@ Highlanes Gallery, Drogheda  
**The Coercian of Substance**  
 Linked with VISUAL Carlow  
 Samuel Walsh

### MARCH – APRIL

@ Highlanes Gallery, Drogheda  
**One + One**  
 Brigid McLeer

### MAY

@ Droichead Arts Centre, Drogheda\*  
**The Far Side**  
 Gary Larson

\*Droichead Arts Centre have a new exhibition every 6 weeks throughout the year.

### APRIL – SEPTEMBER

@ Highlanes Gallery, Drogheda  
**Seventytwo** Linked with Lapua, Finland & Arts Festival  
 Thomas Brezining, Abigail O'Brien,  
 Sean Cotter & Mary Kelly

### SEPTEMBER – NOVEMBER

@ Highlanes Gallery, Drogheda  
**Second Burial at Le Blanc**  
 Linked with Project Arts Centre & Galway Arts Centre  
 Sarah Browne

### SEPTEMBER

@ Highlanes Gallery, Drogheda  
**Texaco Children's Art Exhibition**  
 Various Children's Work

### NOVEMBER – JANUARY 2013

@ Highlanes Gallery, Drogheda  
 Linked with Millenium Court Arts Centre, Portadown  
 Anthony Haughey

## MARKETS & FAIRS

### WEST STREET MARKET

West Street, Drogheda  
 Every Friday Throughout the Year

### Carlingford Craft & Food Fair

Carlingford  
 1st Sunday of Every Month

### Drogheda Town Market

Bolton Square  
 Every Saturday  
 8.30pm to 1.30pm

## MUST SEE

The line up for the legendary  
 Slane Castle outdoor music  
 gigs TBA in early 2012. Watch  
[www.slanecastle.ie](http://www.slanecastle.ie) for updates.



## St. Laurence Gate

Map Ref: I4

The Barbican or outer defence gate located at the junction of Laurence Street and Chord Road is St Laurence Gate. Widely regarded as one of the finest of its type in Europe it dates back to the 14th century. The gate led to the Friary of St Laurence which was located to the East. Part of the old town wall is located to the south of the gate at Featherbed Lane and visitors can see the height and width of the medieval walls.



Twice the walls and gates of Drogheda held face against invasion, firstly when Edward Bruce, brother of Scotland's King Robert Bruce attacked the town in 1317 and again in 1642 when Sir Phelim O'Neill tried to take Drogheda from the garrison commander Tichbourne.

**Laurence Street, Drogheda.**  
**E-mail:** [tourism@drogheda.ie](mailto:tourism@drogheda.ie)  
**Web:** [www.drogheda.ie](http://www.drogheda.ie)

## Millmount and Museum

Map Ref: G8

An absolute treasure, Millmount's 'cup and saucer' offers a spectacular view over the town centre, and houses a wealth of local and national artefacts inside its doors.

Lovingly restored, the Martello Tower was built in 1808 on the site of Amergin's burial ground, and now houses a permanent exhibition of Military memorabilia such as guns, swords and John Boyle O'Reilly's death mask. The neighbouring museum contains a wealth of local artefacts, giving a unique insight into Drogheda life through the centuries.



**Millmount Complex, Drogheda**  
**Tel.** 041 9833097 **E-mail:** [info@millmount.net](mailto:info@millmount.net)  
**Web:** [www.millmount.net](http://www.millmount.net)

## St. Peter's R.C. Church

Map Ref: F4

St. Peter's R.C. Church on West Street is world famous for housing the shrine of St Oliver Plunkett. The first Church on the site was built in 1791 to a design by Francis Johnston and the present church incorporates part of that building and it was opened in 1884. The facade is an imposing structure in the Gothic style, built of local limestone.

St. Oliver Plunkett, was born at Loughcrew near Oldcastle, Co Meath and trained for the priesthood abroad, being ordained in 1654 and becoming Archbishop Of Armagh in 1669. He spent a lot of time in Drogheda and is credited with bringing the Jesuits to town and opening a number of schools. Because of the Penal Laws, Catholics were not allowed practice their religion openly but Plunkett managed to defy them for a period but later he had to go into hiding, travelling only in disguise. He was arrested in Dublin in 1679 and found guilty of high treason. On 11th July 1681, having spent some time in Newgate Prison, he was taken to Tyburn (now Marble Arch) and hanged, drawn and quartered.



**West Street, Drogheda**  
**E-mail:** [tourism@drogheda.ie](mailto:tourism@drogheda.ie)  
**Web:** [www.drogheda.ie](http://www.drogheda.ie)

## The Tholsel

Map Ref: G5

The Tholsel which stands at the junction of West Street and Shop Street is a fine building of local limestone, surmounted by a tower, which houses a large four-faced clock. Erected in 1770 on the site of the old mediaeval wooden Tholsel, it was for almost 130 years the centre of municipal authority, until the Corporation moved its offices and Council Chambers to the then newly-erected Courthouse in Fair Street in 1889. It is now the Drogheda Tourist Office and a must see for all visitors.



The Tholsel has been for countless generations a local trysting place, and before the advent of radio and television, with their constant time checks, Drogheda's clocks and watches were set by its dependable old time-piece. Barnaby Gooche's "Map of Drogheda 1574" shows a market cross standing in the open space before the Tholsel.

**West Street, Drogheda.**  
**E-mail:** [tourism@drogheda.ie](mailto:tourism@drogheda.ie)  
**Web:** [www.drogheda.ie](http://www.drogheda.ie)

## The Sword & Mace at the Highlanes Gallery

Map Ref: H4



Drogheda's two most treasured heirlooms are its sword and mace presented to the Corporation by King William III shortly after his victory at the Battle of the Boyne. They are the most impressive of their sort in Ireland.

The solid silver mace, 5ft 5ins high and weighing 108 ounces, is one of the largest in Ireland and Drogheda is one of the few centres to have a ceremonial sword, which is only presented to town's which withstood sieges. The sword is 3ft 6ins long and the scabbard contains the letters CR for Carolous Rex (King Charles I), suggesting it may be connected to the siege of 1641-2 during his reign. They have now taken up their new home on view in the Highlanes gallery.

**Highlanes Gallery**  
**Tel.** 041 9803311 **E-mail:** [info@highlanes.ie](mailto:info@highlanes.ie)  
**Web:** [www.highlanes.ie](http://www.highlanes.ie)

## The Boyne Viaduct

Map Ref: J5

A great feat of 19th century engineering, the viaduct spans the mouth of the River Boyne and carries the railway line into Drogheda. The viaduct was completed in 1855, 1,400 feet long and comprises of 18 arches, each of which have a 60 foot span. Designed by a native Louth man, John Mac Neill, the viaduct facilitated the Great Northern Main Line between Dublin and Drogheda – the 3rd rail line in Ireland.



Until the viaduct was built, passengers had to disembark in Drogheda and make their own way across the Boyne and meet up with the train again at Ballymakenny some six miles outside the town.

William Evans was given the contract to build the viaduct and was also contracted to build the Newfoundwell Bridge and an embankment, which he completed. In 1853, the bridge was almost complete except for two piers, which were to support the iron lattice portion. The foundations for these piers bankrupted Evans as the muddy bed of the river proved to be quite deep, and the excavations went over budget costs. James Baton later completed the viaduct under a new contract.

**River Boyne, Drogheda**  
**E-mail:** [tourism@drogheda.ie](mailto:tourism@drogheda.ie)  
**Web:** [www.drogheda.ie](http://www.drogheda.ie)

## Magdalene Tower

Map Ref: F1

Magdalene Tower is all that now remains of the once important Dominican Friary. It is the belfry tower of the friary which Lucas de Netterville, then Archbishop of Armagh, founded in about 1224.

The tower itself is of 14th-century construction. It was here that O'Neill and the other Ulster chiefs acknowledged their submission to Richard II, King of England in 1367. In 1412 its Abbot, Father Bennett, was the peacemaker in the conflict between the people on either side of the river Boyne leading to the uniting of the town.

The tower was located near to the now demolished Sunday's Gate and was located just inside the northern walls of the town.



**Magdalene Street, Drogheda.**  
**E-mail: [tourism@drogheda.ie](mailto:tourism@drogheda.ie)**  
**Web: [www.drogheda.ie](http://www.drogheda.ie)**

## St. Peter's Church of Ireland

Map Ref: G3

During the early 13th Century this church was a substantial ecclesiastical site with seven chapels and was the venue of a synod during 1230 which was convened by Private Donal O'Fidabra. The present church was built in 1753 with later additions to the porch and spire designed by renowned architect Francis Johnson.

The interior of the church has beautifully carved memorial tablets of the 18th and 19th Century and an octagonal baptismal font dating from the late medieval period.

In the northeast corner of the adjoining graveyard is a large cadaver tombstone slab. This is one of the few examples of funeral sculpture which was fashionable during the 15th and 16th centuries. The tomb is that of Sir Edmond Golding and his wife Elizabeth Fleming, daughter of the Baron of Slane.



**Peter Street, Drogheda, Co. Louth.**  
**E-mail: [tourism@drogheda.ie](mailto:tourism@drogheda.ie)**  
**Web: [www.stpetersdrogheda.ie](http://www.stpetersdrogheda.ie)**

## Battle of the Boyne/ Oldbridge House

Map Ref:  
A5

The Battle of the Boyne, a pivotal battle in European history, was fought just three miles outside of the town and is open to the public on the grounds of the newly refurbished Oldbridge House. Little has changed since the forces of King James and King William faced each other across the Boyne. Access to the site itself is free but there is a small entrance fee for Oldbridge House which provides an audio visual show and displays of original and replica weaponry.



**Oldbridge, Drogheda, Co. Meath**  
**Tel. 041 9809950 E-mail: [battleoftheboyne@opw.ie](mailto:battleoftheboyne@opw.ie)**  
**Web: [www.battleoftheboyne.ie](http://www.battleoftheboyne.ie)**

## Funtasia Waterpark

Map Ref: D10

One million visitors in one year can't be wrong, and this Drogheda attraction is pulling in the fun-lovers from every corner of the country. A great day out for the young and the young at heart, enjoy an incredible indoor waterpark experience, roller-skating, 10-pin bowling, sky-climbing and so much more.



**Donore Business Park, Drogheda.**  
**Tel. 041 9898000 Web: [www.funtasia.ie](http://www.funtasia.ie)**

## Droichead Arts Centre

Map Ref: E5

This little gem houses a beautiful exhibition and gallery space as well as a theatre, where the best of local, national and international drama, musicians and comedians have showcased their talents. Home of the annual Drogheda Arts Festival, it is a great spot to see acts up close and personal in this intimate setting, almost hidden away in Stockwell Street. Pick up a brochure and see what's in store over the coming months.



**Stockwell Street, Drogheda**  
**Tel. 041 9838563 E-mail: [info@droichead.ie](mailto:info@droichead.ie)**  
**Web: [www.droicheadartscentre.com](http://www.droicheadartscentre.com)**

## The TLT Theatre

Map Ref: D10

The TLT (Tommy Leddy Theatre) is a purpose built state of the art theatre and concert hall.

The annual programme features a diverse range of shows. From live music, ballet, dance and musicals to traditional pantomimes and youth theatre there really is something for everyone. Traditionally groups and performers visiting Ireland performed exclusively in Dublin but this 900 capacity theatre has succeeded in attracting international artists to perform in Drogheda and they love gigging at the TLT.



Watch out for the legendary Tommy Leddy – maybe he'll be there in person to greet you!

**The TLT Concert Hall, East Coast Business Park**  
**Matthews Lane, Drogheda, Co Louth**  
**Tel. 041 9878560 E-mail: [info@thetlt.ie](mailto:info@thetlt.ie)**  
**Web: [www.thetlt.ie](http://www.thetlt.ie)**

## The Whitworth Leisure Centre

Map Ref: I4

Fancy a flutter? Visit Whitworth Leisure Centre and try your hand at Roulette, Slots, Poker Machines and Texas Hold Em in the comfort of the luxurious casino with complimentary refreshments. Open 24 hours a day 7 days a week – this centre is located in the historic old quarter of Drogheda adjacent to Laurence's Gate.



**Laurence Street, Drogheda**  
**Tel. 041 9833246 Web: [www.funtasia.ie](http://www.funtasia.ie)**



## surrounding attractions

### Newgrange & Brú na Bóinne Centre

Drogheda is set in the rich lands of the stunning Boyne Valley, and nestling within a few minutes drive from the town centre is the UNESCO World Heritage site Newgrange.



This Neolithic burial ground was constructed over 5,000 years ago, making it older than Stonehenge in England and the Great Pyramid of Giza in Egypt. It forms part of a complex of monuments built along a bend of the River Boyne known collectively as Brú na Bóinne - the other two principal monuments are Knowth (the largest) and Dowth.

Newgrange is best known for the illumination of its passage and chamber by the winter solstice sun. Year round visitor access is by guided tour from the Brú na Bóinne Visitor Centre on the south side of the river.

**Donore, Drogheda, Co. Meath**  
**Tel. 041 9880300**  
**E-mail: brunaboinne@opw.ie**  
**Web: www.heritageireland.ie**

### Monasterboice/High Crosses



Monasterboice boasts one of the tallest round towers (30m) and two of the tallest and best high crosses in Ireland. The crosses (highest is 5.5m) contain carved murals depicting biblical scenes, fine examples of Celtic art. The monastery was founded in the late 5th Century by St Buith, a follower of St Patrick, from whom the River Boyne gets its name. The site includes the ruins of two churches and a cemetery. Its importance as a spiritual and scholastic centre declined when the Cisterian monks arrived nearby.

**Monasterboice**  
**E-mail: tourism@drogheda.ie**  
**Web: www.drogheda.ie**

### Mellifont Abbey

Don't miss a trip to Mellifont, founded in 1142 by order of St Malachy, Archbishop of Armagh. Tucked in beside the River Mattock, by 1170 it had 100 monks and 300 lay brothers and became the model for Cistercian monasteries in Ireland. It was the main Abbey in the country until it was closed in 1152. Little of the Abbey remains except for a 13th Century lavabo, some arches and a 14th Century chapter house. The visitor centre has an interesting exhibition of the work of masons in the Middle Ages. An ideal spot for a summers picnic.



**Tullyallen, Drogheda, Co. Louth**  
**Tel. 041 9826459**  
**E-mail: mellifontabbey@opw.ie**  
**Web: www.heritageireland.ie**

## Black Bull Inn

Dublin Road, Drogheda.



We at the Black Bull Inn are privileged to offer all our valued customers the finest quality service complimented by the unique style and comfort that has become the hallmark of dining in the Black Bull. It's what we have done best for over 30 years because customer satisfaction is what we aim to achieve.

We use the freshest seasonal produce sourced from carefully selected local suppliers.



#### Early Bird Specials

Mon to Fri: 5pm - 7pm  
 3 Courses & Tea  
 or Coffee €21.95

#### Dinner Specials

4 Course Dinner €21.95  
 3 Course Dinner €15.95  
 Main Courses from €11.

#### Lunch Specials

Mon to Fri: 12pm - 3.30pm  
 3 Course Special €10.50  
 3 Course Sambo €6.50

Tel: 041 9837139

Email: email@blackbullinn.ie

**www.blackbullinn.ie**

## DARBY O'GILLS



*within walking distance of Millmount and St. Peters Church*

### Live Music Saturday Nights

*Cellars Bar Downstairs*

*Live Music*

*Friday, Saturday and Sunday*

*Quality Food*

*Monday to Saturday*

*10:30 - 3:00*

*Open Hours*

*Monday to Thursday 10:30am - 11:30pm*

*Friday and Saturday 10:30am - 12:30am*

*Sunday 12:30am - 11:00pm*

## Slane Castle

400 years of history, breathtaking scenery, and a natural amphitheatre that has played host to the biggest acts in music including The Rolling Stones, Bob Dylan, U2, Bruce Springsteen and Madonna – what's not to like about Slane Castle?

Home to Lord Mount Charles and his family who have lived on the estate since 1701. The castle is open for tours during the summer months from Sunday to Thursday. Off-season tours can be arranged by appointment. The castle also blends its own whiskey and whiskey tasting tours are also on offer.



**Slane, Co. Meath**  
**Tel. 041 9820643**  
**E-mail: [info@slanecastle.ie](mailto:info@slanecastle.ie)**  
**Web: [www.slanecastle.ie](http://www.slanecastle.ie)**

## Ledwidge House

The Francis Ledwidge Museum & War Memorial Centre is located just outside Drogheda on the main road to Slane. It commemorates the life of Francis Ledwidge one of the most famous of "The Great War Poets". The museum, a 19th century labourer's cottage, is the actual birthplace of Ledwidge. Visitors can see excerpts from the poet's works plus memorabilia and artefacts from the period. Run by a dedicated band of volunteers the museum is open seven days a week. Guided tours can be arranged in advance. See [www.francisledwidge.com](http://www.francisledwidge.com) for more information.



**Slane, Co. Meath**  
**Tel: 041 9824544**  
**Email: [info@francisledwidge.com](mailto:info@francisledwidge.com)**  
**Web: [www.francisledwidge.com](http://www.francisledwidge.com)**

## Bellewstown & Laytown Races

Bellewstown and Laytown Races are two very special, local racing festivals. High on the beautiful hill of Crockafotha, Bellewstown race meetings are in July and August and offer superb racing, full bar and dining area, tote and betting facilities, ample car parking and fun for all the family. Laytown Races, usually in early September, is one of the only remaining beach races in the world. Don't miss your chance to experience something truly unique.



**Bellewstown & Laytown. Tel. 041 9842111**  
**E-mail: [info@bellewstownraces.ie](mailto:info@bellewstownraces.ie)**  
**Web: [www.bellewstownraces.ie](http://www.bellewstownraces.ie)**

## BOYNE VALLEY PACKAGE

Spend your morning taking in the historic surroundings of the 17th century Beaulieu House, have lunch at your leisure and then surround yourself in history at the Battle of The Boyne site, return to your Drogheda hotel for a hearty bed and breakfast from €80 per adult sharing.\*

Book online at [www.drogheda.ie/packages](http://www.drogheda.ie/packages) or call Drogheda Tourist Office on 041 987 28 43.

\*Terms and conditions apply. See page 46 for details.



## Hunky Dory Park

Make your way up to Windmill Road some Friday night to catch a spot of League of Ireland football in Hunky Dory Park. Since being promoted to the premier division almost ten years ago, Drogheda United have gone from strength to strength, winning the FAI Cup, and then the Setanta Cup, two years in a row. The cream of Irish teams travel to tackle the Dregs, so don your claret and blue and kickstart a great weekend with a match.

**Windmill Road, Drogheda**  
**Tel. 041 9830190**  
**E-mail: [info@droghedaunited.ie](mailto:info@droghedaunited.ie)**  
**Web: [www.droghedaunited.ie](http://www.droghedaunited.ie)**



## Beaulieu House & Gardens



Situated a short drive from Drogheda on the road to Baltray, Beaulieu House is built in a 'Dutch' style, unique to Ireland, and believed to be the first unfortified house built in Ireland. A guided tour is available, encompassing a story of living history, spanning over 930 years, through the family of St Oliver Plunkett to Sir Henry Tichbourne, who as Governor of Drogheda defended the town in the 1641 / 1642 siege. No visit is complete without exploring the four acres of walled garden situated overlooking the River Boyne. Entering the garden the breathtaking herbaceous border draws the visitor deeper into a haven of floral and horticultural beauty further enhanced by the Victorian Knot garden.

**Beaulieu, Drogheda**  
**Tel. 041 9838557**  
**E-mail: [info@beaulieuhouse.ie](mailto:info@beaulieuhouse.ie)**  
**Web: [www.beaulieu.ie](http://www.beaulieu.ie)**

## Killineer House

The very attractive 16 acre woodland gardens feature large areas of cut laurel, lawns and terraces including The Walled Vegetable Garden with apricot, nectarine and peach trees together with an extensive herbaceous border, The Wild Garden: many varieties of candelabra primulas and other damp-loving, The Lake: the attractive man-made lake is surrounded with wild life, including mallard ducks, herons, kingfishers, ravens, sparrow hawks and long eared owls.

**Killineer, Drogheda.**  
**Tel. 041 9838563**  
**E-mail: [info@killineer.ie](mailto:info@killineer.ie)**  
**Web: [www.killineerhouse.ie](http://www.killineerhouse.ie)**

## Listoke Gardens

The setting for an international movie, at the heart of the beautiful Edwardian vista is an acre and a half walled garden with a traditional grass tennis court overlooked by a garden room half hidden behind clouds of Japanese anemone blooms in late summer, and with mixed borders around its walls. Past a restored greenhouse and under overarching clouds of white roses is a new arboretum with paths mown in the grass. The estate still has its woodland walks, through beech woods carpeted with bluebells and anemones.

**Ballmakenny, Drogheda**  
**Tel. 041 9832265**



# Clarke's Bar

Drogheda

A grand aul  
boozer at the top  
of the hill!



[www.clarkesdrogheda.com](http://www.clarkesdrogheda.com)



## SLANE CASTLE

**HISTORICAL GUIDED TOURS &  
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SITUATED IN THE STUNNING BOYNE  
VALLEY OVERLOOKING THE RIVER BOYNE,  
SLANE CASTLE DATES BACK TO 1785...

**May - Sept 2012 (subject to availability)**

*(From Sun - Thurs only) 12pm-5pm*

*Off Season tour available upon request*

*\*Closed Friday and Saturday. Large groups must pre-book*

**Admission Charges:** Historical Tour - Adults €7 p.p

Children, Students, O.A.P's and Groups: €5 p.p

Family: €20 (Children under 5 years go free)

Whiskey Tastings: from €12 p.p.



[www.slanecastle.ie](http://www.slanecastle.ie)

Slane Castle, Slane, Co.Meath, Ireland  
Phone: 041 982 0643 Email: [info@slanecastle.ie](mailto:info@slanecastle.ie)

# Whitworth Leisure Centre

**Poker Machines  
Slots  
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Live Poker - Texas Hold 'em  
Free Refreshments**



**Open 7 days a week.  
24 hours a day.**

Whitworth Leisure Centre,  
Laurence Street,  
Drogheda, 041 983 3246



# Stay Over!

## The d Hotel

Total Rooms: 104



The award winning 4 star d hotel Drogheda is located on the banks of the historic River Boyne. This impressive waterfront location includes the Scotch Hall shopping complex and a purpose built pedestrian bridge to the historic town centre of Drogheda. The d hotels 104 bedrooms are contemporary, extremely comfortable and modern and are equipped with tea and coffee making facilities, complimentary broadband, flat screen tv, hairdryers and mini fridges.



The hotel has a host of extensive facilities including 6 meeting and event suites hosting up to 250 guests, the Viaduct Bar & Grill, a Mini Gym and Games Room. A new Restaurant & Bar "The Boyne Grill" will open in 2012. The hotel is located within walking distance of Drogheda Train and Bus Stations and has extensive guest car parking.

The d Hotel is not only a glamorous destination for visitors to Drogheda but it is also the premier location for parties, celebrations, weddings and meetings. The d Hotel is at the heart of all that goes on in Drogheda!

Scotch Hall, Marsh Road, Drogheda, Co. Louth.

Tel: 041 9877700 Email: info@thedhotel.com

www.thedhotel.com

GPS +53° 42' 53" N, 6° 20' 43" W

## Boyne Valley Hotel & Country Club

Total Rooms: 71



The Boyne Valley Hotel and Country Club is a beautiful 19th century country house Hotel set at the end of a tree lined avenue and featuring 16 acres of landscaped gardens and woodland. Located just 20 minutes from Dublin Airport, this hotel has so much to offer. With 71 beautifully appointed ensuite rooms the Boyne Valley Hotel is everything you are looking for whether it's for a quiet break away, meeting, wedding or family celebration.



The hotel has an award winning Leisure Club with swimming pool, Jacuzzi, steam room & sauna, gym and tennis courts.

We invite you to enjoy our hospitality while you explore all there is to offer in the heritage region of Drogheda.

Stameen, Dublin Rd, Drogheda Co Louth.

Tel: 041 9837737 Email: reservations@boyne-valley-hotel.ie

www.boyne-valley-hotel.ie

GPS +53° 42' 30" N, 6° 18' 50" W

For a complete list of all accommodation in Drogheda and surrounding areas, please see the listings at the back of this guide or on [www.drogheda.ie](http://www.drogheda.ie).

## Westcourt Hotel

Total Rooms: 27



The Westcourt Hotel has been transformed into the hippest & liveliest luxury designer hotel in the region. After a major refurbishment in April 2011 the Westcourt Hotel now attains the status as the most popular hotel in Drogheda and the surrounding area. Just 20 mins from Dublin Airport along the M1 Dublin-Belfast route the Westcourt Hotel is located in the heart of Drogheda and the historic Boyne Valley region. The Westcourt Hotel is close to shopping centres, top golf courses, Newgrange and other historical sites. The central location makes it perfect for weekend getaways, midweek heritage breaks, family, and business travel. Well connected by road and rail, and featuring 27 modern rooms with high speed internet access. The team at the Westcourt Hotel are delighted to accommodate your event requirements including weddings, hen parties, banquets and meetings.



West Street, Drogheda, Co. Louth.

Tel: 041 9830965/8 Email: reservations@westcourt.ie

www.westcourt.ie

GPS +53° 42' 54" N, 6° 20' 54.96" W

## Scholars Townhouse Hotel

Total Rooms: 16



This award winning hotel and restaurant has been described as 'an oasis of relaxation' in the heart of the vibrant town of Drogheda. Scholars Townhouse has gone from strength to strength and has won best public house / restaurant 2008 in the Drogheda Beauty on The Boyne Awards, Best new Business 2008/2009 in the Chamber of Commerce Business Excellence Awards. Paulo Tullio, Georgina Campbell and The Michelin Guide also recommend Scholars for both 2008 and 2009.

The McGowan family (Martin, Patricia, Mark & Glenn) who own and manage the hotel have fully modernised the building and created the rich, classic and comfortable interior which you experience today. Both the family and staff are proud to give each and every visitor a homely and friendly yet professional service in what has become known locally as Drogheda's Premier Hotel and Restaurant.

King Street, Drogheda, Co. Louth.

Tel: 041 9835410, Email: info@scholarshotel.com

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West29 @ The Westcourt Hotel, West Street, Drogheda, Co. Louth.

# TRAVEL BACK IN TIME



Trace the history of Ireland through the monuments of the Boyne Valley. With attractions such as Brú na Bóinne (Newgrange), The Hill of Tara, Slane Castle and the lively towns of Drogheda, Trim, Navan and Kells waiting to be explored, isn't it time that you took a break?

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# food



*Drogheda boasts a wide range of restaurants and cafés which offer great food at competitive prices.*

You will find an array of both international and traditional Irish food from locally sourced producers in the Boyne Valley and its environs. Whether you enjoy fine dining, laid back bistros, brasseries, wine bars, tapas bars, artisan cafes or traditional pub grub, it can all be found in Drogheda on the Boyne throughout the year.

Why not take one of the 'Food Trails' in town and visit the numerous artisan producers on Drogheda's doorstep, or gather for a walk about town, sampling foods of the Boyne Valley, while hearing a tale or two.

Many of the restaurants specialise in local produce. Look out on the menus for sumptuous Boyne salmon, local beef, pork and bacon, Bellingham Blue Chees and homemade bread, cakes and confectionary.

The beautiful Louth coastline produces an abundance of seafood, salmon, lobster, oysters, mussels and crab fresh from the sea. Organic and artisan produce is gaining in popularity – one thing is for sure, you will dine like a king in Drogheda, whatever your budget!



## DROGHEDA FOOD PACKAGE

**BOOK NOW**

Enjoy a lunch of locally produced foods at Stockwell Artisan Café, Stockwell Street followed by a roam through the food shops of Drogheda and round this off with a glass of Slane Castle Whiskey with dinner, bed & breakfast at your Drogheda hotel from €75 per adult sharing.\*

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# Restaurants, Cafés & Bars

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Open seven days a week: 10.00am – 11.30pm Monday – Thursday & Sunday, 10.00am – 12.30am Friday and Saturday



## BRÚ BAR BISTRO

Haymarket, Wellington Quay, Drogheda.  
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Brú Bar Bistro is perched on the banks of the River Boyne in the heart of Drogheda. Floor to ceiling windows offer guests a view of life in Drogheda and the friendly staff extend a warm welcome to all our guests. Famed for traditional favourites & seasonal specials Brú offers a wide choice with great value on our brú 22 menu that is designed to satisfy every palate from those looking for a coeliac friendly option or luscious homemade desserts. Brú, where good food & good times meet.

Lunch: 12.00pm – 5.00pm daily Dinner: 5.00pm – late  
Sunday Lunch: 12.30pm – 5.00pm  
Cocktail Bar: Friday & Saturday 6.00pm til 12.30am



## D'VINE

Dyer St, Drogheda.  
T: 041 98 00440  
E: dvinewinebar@gmail.com  
FB: www.facebook.com/Dvinewinebar

Award Winning Restaurant – Recommended by Bridgestone and Georgina Campbell Guides since 2007.

A favourite with the locals, recommended by Lonely Planet as one of the top experiences in Drogheda. Centrally located, d'Vine is renowned for their high quality, reasonably priced dishes that can be enjoyed in a warm, cosy rustic atmosphere. A must visit for locals and visitors alike. Seasonal Opening Times Operate – for most up to date information please check our facebook page.



## EASTERN SEABOARD BAR & GRILL

Bryanstown Centre, Dublin Road, Drogheda.  
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## SCHOLARS TOWNHOUSE

King St, Drogheda.  
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Undoubtedly Drogheda's most outstanding restaurant in terms of food, décor and service, as an all-in dining experience it is second to none. Ceiling frescoes and murals depicting the Battle of the Boyne set the tone of this large room, which is set up with linen table cloths and gleaming glasses.



## THE VIADUCT BAR & GRILL

The d hotel, Scotch Hall, Marsh Rd, Drogheda.  
T: 041 9877700  
E: info@thedhotel.com  
W: www.thedhotel.com

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All day dining from 10am – 10pm  
Live music every Friday & Saturday night

\*Offer excludes Saturday evening and parties over six. Not to be used in conjunction with any other offer.



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For a complete list of all Restaurants & Bars please see the listings at the back of this guide or on [www.drogheda.ie](http://www.drogheda.ie)

## ANDERSONS AT THE HIGHLANES

St Laurence St, Drogheda.

T: 041 9803295

E: info@andersons.ie

Andersons Café at Highlanes Gallery is a family friendly continental style café offering homemade soups, tasty appetizers, gourmet sandwiches, paninis, wraps and salads. Enjoy an Andersons Cheese/Charcuterie or Fish plate with a glass of wine followed by an Illy coffee and one of our delicious homemade cakes or tarts.

During your visit why not also take a tour of Highlanes Gallery and browse the wonderful range of crafts at Louth Craftmark.

Opening hours: Monday – Saturday 10.30am – 5pm



## STOCKWELL ARTISAN FOODS

No 1. Mayoralty Street, Drogheda.

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## MOORLAND CAFÉ

West Street, Drogheda.

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E: moorlandcafe@

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The Moorland Café is located in the heart of Drogheda and has an extensive range of breakfasts, lunches, snacks and confectionery.

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Monday to Saturday: 8am – 6pm Sunday: 11am – 4pm



## CLARKES BAR

Peter Street, Drogheda.

T: 041 9836724

E: info@clarkesofdrogheda.com

W: www.clarkesofdrogheda.com

Clarkes being one of the oldest pub's in Drogheda offers visitors a friendly, relaxed and intimate atmosphere due to it's untouched character.

Visitors have a choice of having an intimate drink in our original cosy snugs or to be amongst the lively atmosphere around the bar.

Acoustic sessions which include traditional, folk, bluegrass and rock takes place every Tuesday and Sunday nights from 9pm with some of the best musicians in the locality.

So come and experience one of the best pints of Guinness you'll ever taste and join in with the 'craic agus ceol'.

Opening times Monday to Thursday 2pm – 11.30pm

Friday from 2pm – 12.30

Saturday from 12pm – 12.30

Sunday from 12.30 pm – 11pm.



## CARBERRY'S PUB (TÍ CHAIRBRE)

11 North Strand, Drogheda.

T: 041 9837409/ 0861700834

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This traditional Irish pub has held its unique character ever since the time it was purchased by the current owner's great grandfather in 1885. Renowned across the country for its traditional music sessions; its unchanged interior and real open fire is certainly the right spot to finish the day with a perfectly poured pint of Guinness.

Open from 9pm (Tues-Sun)

\*Traditional Irish music night (every Tuesday)

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\*Music from all genres (every Sunday)



## McPHAILS BAR & LOUNGE

Laurence Street, Drogheda.

T: 041 98 37371

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Drogheda's Late Night Live Music Venue

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## McHUGHES

1-2-3 Chord Road, Drogheda

T: 041 9835995

W: www.mchughesvenue.ie

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#### JOURNEY TIMES BY ROAD

Dublin Airport: 20 Mins  
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[www.matthews.ie](http://www.matthews.ie)  
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Dublin: 30 Mins  
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#### JOURNEYS BY AIR

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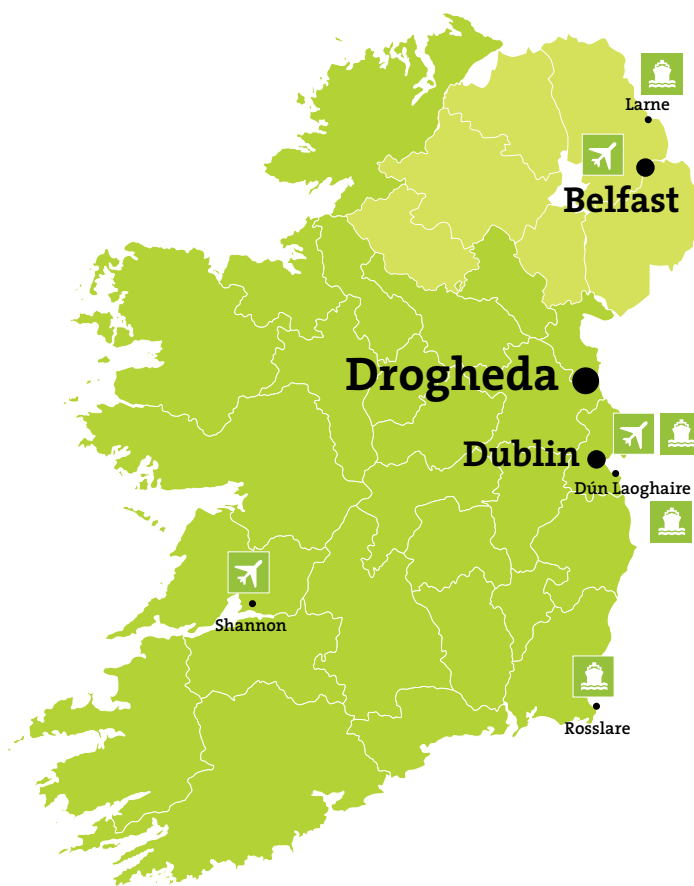


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Chanco's Chinese	Haymarket	041 9873648
d Hotel Restaurant	Scotch Hall	041 9877700
D Vine	Dyer Street	041 9800440
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Eastern Seaboard	Bryanstown	041 9802570
Forge Gallery	Collon	041 9826272
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Little Strand	Clogherhead	041 9881061
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Peony Chinese	Bryanstown	041 9830762
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