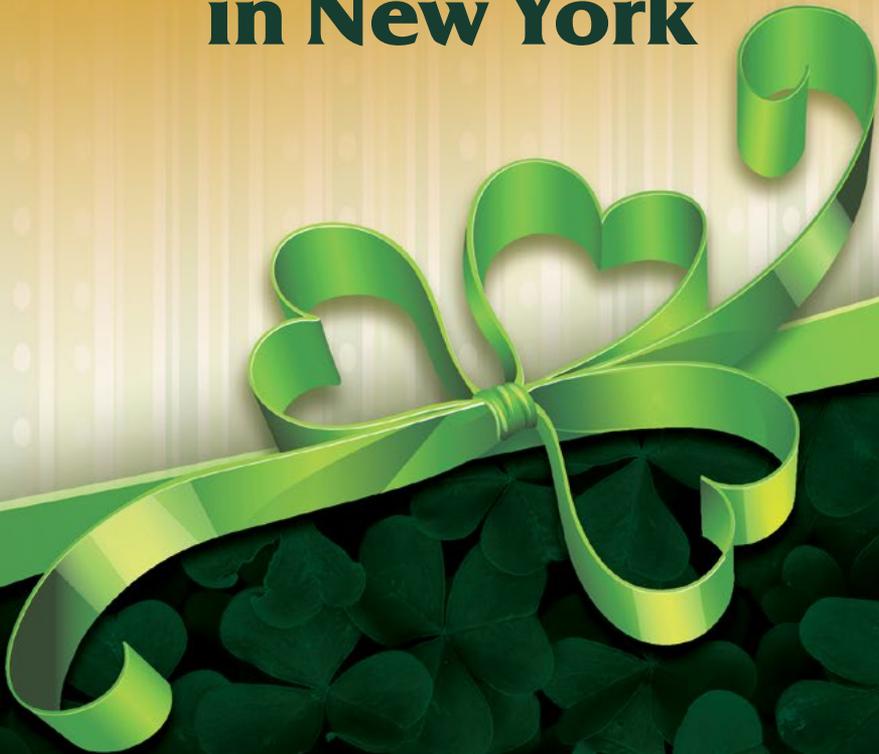




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Annual St. Patrick's Lunch in New York



Monday, March 16, 2026

11:30am Cocktails • 12:30pm Lunch

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Guest Speaker: James O'Connor T.D.

**Chairman of the Joint Oireachtas Committee
on Enterprise, Tourism and Employment
Dáil Éireann - Ireland's Parliament**



He was first elected to *Dáil Éireann* at the age of 22 in the 2020 General Election. He is one of the youngest to serve in public office at a national level in Ireland. He was re-elected in the 2024 General Election. First elected to public office in the 2019 Local Elections to Cork County Council for the Midleton Municipal Area, Deputy O'Connor was recently appointed as the Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enterprise, Tourism and Employment by the *Taoiseach* (Prime Minister) in May 2025. This is his first official visit to New York since his appointment.

Prior to his election to public office, Deputy O'Connor worked for three years in different capacities within Leinster House, the home of the Irish Parliament. He has a strong interest in infrastructure development and was previously appointed by the *Taoiseach* in 2020 to become *Fianna Fáil's* Spokesperson on Transport and also to serve on the *Dáil's Public Accounts Committee*.

The Cork East constituency is located on the southern coast of Ireland in the metropolitan area of Cork city, the second largest urban area in the Republic of Ireland. It is home to world renowned agri-food businesses. These include brands such as *Kerrygold* and *Jameson Midleton Distillery* - the world's largest whiskey distillery.

Cork is also home to Apple's European HQ employing over 6,000 people. Additionally, seven of the top fifteen pharmaceutical companies globally operate substantial manufacturing and research facilities in Cork. Strategically, Cork East District is a critical hub for Ireland's energy security. It is home to Ireland's only oil refinery and the near completed France-Ireland Celtic Interconnector due for completion in spring 2028 which will supply 30% of Ireland's current energy requirements. Major offshore wind development is being planned in the region as part of Ireland's energy strategy.

Deputy O'Connor comes from an agricultural background. He lives on his family's farm where they keep a thoroughbred breeding operation for racehorses and a dairy farm.



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Guest Speaker: Dr. Eoin Lenihan

Our *Guest Speaker* is the author of a best-selling book that offers a different, and perhaps controversial, depiction of some troubling developments in modern Ireland. **Dr. Eoin Lenihan** has written and published “*Vandalising Ireland*” – a thoughtful and provocative take on contemporary developments in Ireland and in Irish society.

Dr. Lenihan’s book suggests that over the past 25 years Ireland has become unrecognizable. His thesis is that unchecked mass immigration, over-reliance on foreign direct investment, and eroded democracy have transformed one of Europe’s most culturally-assured nations into a faceless globalist experiment.



He holds degrees in History and Archaeology from the *National University of Ireland Galway*, and a doctorate in Pedagogy from the *University of Augsburg*. Focusing primarily on politics today, he has written for a wide range of international news outlets including *The Federalist*, *The European Conservative*, *Gript*, *Daily Caller* and *Quillette*.



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Entertainment Program

Andrew Gavin Tenor



Andrew Gavin completed his *Masters Degree in Music Performance* at the *Royal Irish Academy of Music* in Dublin. He has performed in a variety of top roles in popular opera repertoire ranging from Verdi to Handel and Mozart to Puccini throughout Europe.



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Upcoming Events

Friday, June 26, 2026

Midsummer Gala Dinner in Ireland

Dublin, Ireland

Friday, September 11, 2026

Council Golf Day in Ireland

Dun Laoghaire Golf Club, Enniskerry, Co. Wicklow, Ireland

Thursday, November 12, 2026

63rd Annual Dinner of the Council

The Metropolitan Club, New York City