

ST PATRICK'S FESTIVITIES

St. Patrick's Weekend
— 16th–19th March 2018 —



23 January 2018

2018 St Patrick's Day Parade - Calling all organisations in Kilkenny City & County; Clubs, Community Groups, Charities, Sports Groups, Tourist Organisations, Schools & Businesses.

A Chairde,

On behalf of the St Patrick's Day committee, I am writing to urge all organisations across the city and county to get involved in our annual St. Patricks Day parade, taking place in Kilkenny on **Saturday 17th March at 1pm**, in what is always a fantastic family orientated community event to celebrate our Irishness.

The theme for the 2018 parade is **'Kilkenny through the Ages'** and while we welcome you to incorporate this theme into your float, it is optional.

'Kilkenny Through the Ages' is a great theme as there are so many interesting aspects to Kilkenny city and County. From its rich history to its industrial successes and its sporting prowess – draw inspiration for your float from a myriad of events and people that made Kilkenny what it is.

Why not reflect the life, times and people. e.g. St. Canice, William Marshall, John Rothe, Cromwell, Dame Alice Kyteler, The Butlers of Ormonde, The Augustinians, James Hoban, The Wandesfordes, The Tighe Family, Lady Desart, Lady Lavery, Farming, Food Production, Coalmining, Brewing, Hurling and of course, our fabulous festivals.

You are encouraged to inject as much colour, animation and fun to your Parade entry as you wish.

There are four categories for prize winners which will be announced on the festival stage at 4.30pm, followed by a special award ceremony with the Mayor of Kilkenny, in the Town Hall later in the month.

(1) Most Creative & Entertaining. (2) Best Young People (3) Best Rural and (4) Best School.

Let your imagination go wild, and add something special to the 2018 Parade by taking part!

Is mise le meas,

Joe Malone
Chairperson
St Patrick's Day Committee 2018

Festival Office, Burrell's Hall, St. Kieran's College, Kilkenny.

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Event Co-ordinator: Marian Flannery (083) 8722444. **Applications to** admin@kilkennytradfest.com

ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE KILKENNY 2018 – FLOAT ENTRY FORM

All groups/individuals wishing to enter the St Patricks Day Community parade must complete and return this form
IN FULL (signed hard copy) to: Festival Office, Burrell's Hall, St. Kieran's Collage, Kilkenny.
For further information contact admin@kilkennytradfest.com

Group Name:	
Contact Person :	
Email:	
Contact Address:	
Contact Mobile Number:	
Commercial or Community Entry :	
Float Description for MC: <i>(Include the approx. number participating in your group, a description of what you're about as an entry/company etc, what your theme is and any interesting/useful information we can share with the crowds)</i>	

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CONDITIONS OF ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE FLOAT ENTRIES:

These conditions are compiled & implemented to ensure a safe & enjoyable event for everyone.

- The Parade follows the route – John Street, Rose Inn Street, The Parade, High Street, Parliament Street, Market Yard.
- Please note that the child collection point will be outside the Country Markets in The Market Yard.
- There is no float entry fee for Community Groups/Clubs etc.
- Fee for Commercial Entries €100, to be paid by cheque made payable to: **St Patrick's Day Parade Committee**
- Groups who do not complete & sign the formal application form cannot be allowed to participate in the parade.
- Floats must assemble at the starting line (St John's Church) at 12 noon – the Parade commences at **1pm sharp.**
- All accepted float entries will be provided with their 'float number'.
- This number will be communicated by text to the contact mobile number provided on this application, (once all applications are received and processed.)
- There will be a traffic cone with your float number on it – please ensure that all members of your group are aware of this number.
- An inspection of all floats will take place before the parade commences.
- Floats must be in keeping with the description provided on their application.
- Floats can perform while moving through the streets – the duration for a static performance in front of the Review Stage (at the junction of The Parade) is strictly **2 mins** maximum.
- For safety reasons, large vehicles (tractors, lorries or artics) are not permitted in the Parade.
- Max trailer length is 14ft trailers pulled by 4 wheel drive or jeep (2 or 3 axil).
- Participants may not stand on moving trailers without correct handrails and restraint systems
- There must be a supervisor at each wheel of the vehicle.
- All vehicles/floats must be fully insured.
- Floats are not permitted to give the audience any handouts/sweets etc.
- Generators must be diesel-where generators/motors are used, you must carry fit for purpose extinguishers e.g : foam/CO2 extinguishers. Fire extinguishers must be in date.
- The organizing committee will not be held responsible for any accident or incident before during or after the Parade events.
- The organising committee retains the right to refuse entry to the Parade.

PLEASE SIGN BELOW

We confirm that we have read and agree to adhere to the conditions of entry.

Signature:	
Name (Block Caps) & Mobile No:	
Position in Group:	
Group Name:	

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