

Commemorating the Executions  
of the 1916 Rising Leaders  
Comóradh ar Chur Chun Báis  
Cheannairí Éirí Amach 1916  
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# Foreword

## Réamhра

When they seized the General Post Office in Dublin on Easter Monday, 24 April 1916, the leaders of the Rising proclaimed a free Irish Republic which, in the words of the Proclamation, 'guarantees religious and civil liberty, equal rights and equal opportunities to all its citizens, and [which] declares its resolve to pursue the happiness and prosperity of the whole nation and all of its parts, cherishing all of the children of the nation equally.'

Fighting during the Rising lasted a week and resulted in the deaths of over 250 civilians, 130 members of the British forces and over 60 insurgents. In an effort to prevent further bloodshed, Patrick Pearse declared an unconditional surrender on 30 April.

Following the Easter Rising, martial law was proclaimed and extended across the country. The British court-martialled almost two hundred prisoners and sentenced approximately ninety of them to death but the sentence was only confirmed for those considered to be the leaders of the Rising.

Between 3 and 12 May 1916, fourteen of these leaders were executed by firing squad in what had been the Stone-breakers' yard of Kilmainham Gaol. Two other prominent insurgents were executed outside of Dublin: Thomas Kent was executed by firing squad in Cork on 9 May; and Roger Casement was hanged in London on 3 August 1916.

Capuchin Friars from Church Street attended the Rebel Leaders in their last hours in Kilmainham and, in lieu of funerals, masses were said for the executed, their bodies having been covered in quicklime.

The commemorations of those executed a century ago are now being marked by the State in this centenary year of the Rising. Members of the families together with representatives of the State are invited to commemorate the memory of the 1916 Leaders.

Nuair a ghabh siad seilbh ar Ard-Oifig an Phoist i mBaile Átha Cliath ar Luan Cáscá, an 24 Aibreán 1916, d'fhogair ceannairí an Éiri Amach Poblacht na hÉireann, saorise agus go 'rathaíonn an phoblacht saorise creidimh agus saorise shibhialta, comhchearta agus comhdheisceanna, dá saoranaigh uile, agus [go n]dearbháíonn sí gurb é a rún séan agus sonas a lorg don náisiún uile agus do gach roinn di, le comhchúram do chlainn uile an náisiúin.'

Lean an troid i rith an Éiri Amach ar feadh seachtaire agus maraíodh 250 sibhialtach, 130 duine d'fhorsáí na Breataine agus níos mó ná 60 diobh siúd a d'eirigh amach. D'fhoínn bás níos mó ná sin a sheachaint, d'fhogair Pádraig Mac Piarais an 30 Aibreán go rabhthas ag geilleadh gan choinniúil.

Fógraíodh dli airm tar éis Éiri Amach na Cáscá agus cuireadh sin i bhfeidhm ar fud na tire. Chuir muintir na Breataine beagnach dhá chéad príosúnach os comhair chuirt airm, daoradh timpeall is deichniür agus ceithre fichid acu sin chun báis ach níor deimhniodh an phianbhreith sin ach amhain i gcás na ndaoine a measadh a bheith ina gceannairí ar an Éiri Amach.

Idir an 3 agus an 12 Bealtaine 1916, cuireadh ceithre dhuine dhéag de na ceannairí sin chun báis os comhair scuad lamhaigh i gClós na mBristeoirí Cloch i bPríosún Chill Mhaighneann. Bhí beirt eile de lucht an Éiri Amach a cuireadh chun báis taobh amuigh de Bhaile Átha Cliath: Thomas Kent os comhair scuad lámaigh i gCorcaigh ar an 9 Bealtaine agus Roger Casement a crochadh i Londain an 3 Lúnasa 1916.

Rinne Braithre d'Ord na Gaipisíneach i Sráid na hEaglaise freastal ar Cheannairí an Éiri Amach i rith na n-uaireanta deireanacha da saol i gCill Mhaighneann agus, in ionad sochraidi, léadh airínn do na daoine a cuireadh chun báis, ó rinneadh na coirp a chlúdach le haol beo.

Tá comóradh á dhéanamh ag an Stát i rith bliain cheiliúradh an chéid orthu siúd a cuireadh chun báis mar gheall ar an Éiri Amach céad bliain ó shin. Tugtar cuireadh do dhaoine dá muintir chomh maith le hionadaithe thar ceann an Stáit comóradh agus cuimhneachán a dhéanamh ar Cheannairí 1916.

# The Leaders of the 1916 Rising executed in Kilmainham Gaol: Ceannairí Éirí Amach 1916 a cuireadh chun báis i bPríosún Chill Mhaighneann

## ÉAMONN CEANNT

Born in Galway in 1881, he co-founded the Irish Volunteers and was interested in Irish culture, language and history. He fought at the South Dublin Union, now St. James's Hospital.

## THOMAS JAMES CLARKE

Born on the Isle of Wight in 1857, he was a member of the Irish Republican Brotherhood and was the first signatory of the Proclamation of Independence. He was with the group that occupied the GPO.

## JAMES CONNOLLY

Born in Edinburgh in 1868, he founded the Irish Socialist Republican Party and was one of the founders of the Irish Citizen Army. He was with the group that occupied the GPO where he was wounded.

## SEÁN MACDIARMADA

Born in 1884 in Leitrim, he was a member of the Gaelic League, the Irish Republican Brotherhood and the Irish Volunteers. He served in the GPO.

## THOMAS MACDONAGH

Born in 1878 in Tipperary, he helped to found Coláiste Éanna with Patrick Pearse where he also taught. He occupied Jacob's biscuit factory and surrounding houses during the Rising.

## ÉAMONN CEANNT

Rugadh i nGaillimh é sa bhliain 1881, bhi sé ar dhuine de bhunaitheoirí Óglaigh na hÉireann agus bhi suim aige i gcultrú agus i dteanga na nGael agus i stair na hÉireann. Throid sé ag Aontas Bhaile Átha Cliath Theas, Ospidéal San Séamas sa lá atá inniu ann.

## TOMÁS Ó CLÉIRIGH

Rugadh ar Inis Iocht é sa bhliain 1857, bhi sé i mBraithreachas na Poblachta agus ba é an chead duine é a shinigh Forógra na Saoirse. Bhi sé ar an dream a ghabh Ard-Oifig an Phoist.

## SEÁMUS Ó CONGHAILE

Rugadh i nDún Éidean é sa bhliain 1868, is é a bhunaigh an Páirtí Sóisialach Poblachtach agus bhi sé ar dhuine de bhunaitheoirí Arm Cathartha na hÉireann. Bhi sé ar an dream a ghabh Ard-Oifig an Phoist agus gortaíodh lena linn sin é.

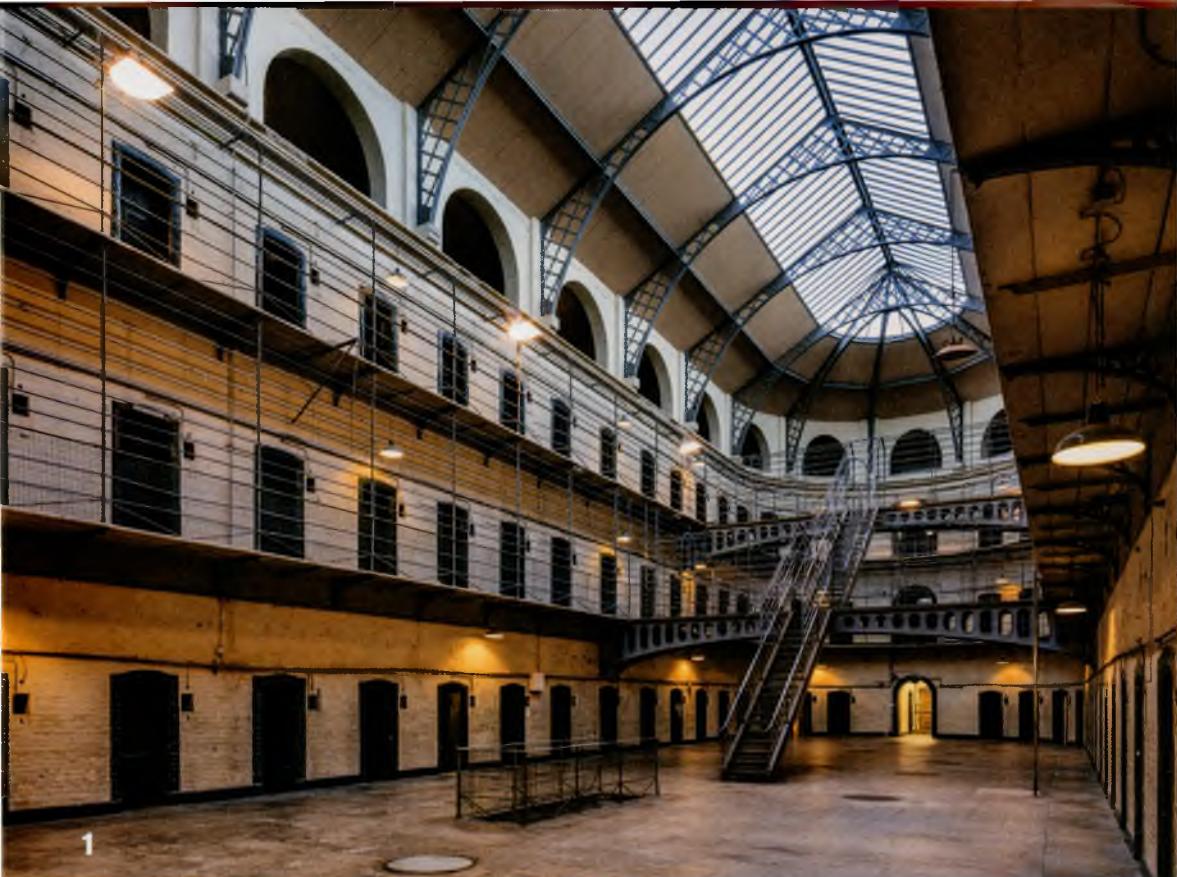
## SEÁN MAC DIARMADA

Rugadh i gContae Liatroma é sa bhliain 1884, bhi sé i gConradh na Gaeilge, i mBraithreachas na Poblachta agus in Óglaigh na hÉireann. Throid sé in Ard-Oifig an Phoist..

## TOMÁS MAC DONNCHADHA

Rugadh sa bhliain 1878 i gContae Thiobraid Árann é, chuidigh sé le Pádraig Mac Piarais Coláiste Éanna a chur ar bun agus bhi ina mhuinteoir ansin. Ghabh sé monarcha brioscáí Jacob agus tithe in aice léi i rith an Éirí Amach.





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#### PATRICK PEARSE

Born in Dublin in 1879, he was a keen believer in the value of education and established two schools, Coláiste Éanna and Coláiste Íde. He authored the Proclamation of Independence and was Commander in Chief of the Irish forces.

#### JOSEPH MARY PLUNKETT

Born 1887 in Dublin, he helped to establish an Irish national theatre. He had responsibility for military strategy and was stationed in the GPO. He married Grace Gifford on the eve of his execution.

#### CON COLBERT

Born in 1888 in Limerick, he was an active member of the republican movement and was in command at the Marrowbone Lane distillery.

#### PÁDRAIG MAC PIARAIS

Rugadh i mBaile Átha Cliath é sa bhliain 1879, bhí sé an-tugtha do chúrsaí oideachais agus chuir sé dhá scoil ar bun, Coláiste Éanna agus Coláiste Íde. Ba é údar Fhorógra na Saoirse é agus bhí sé i gceannas ar fhórsaí na hÉireann i rith an Éirí Amach.

#### SEOSAMH MÁIRE PLUINCÉAD

Rugadh i mBaile Átha Cliath é sa bhliain 1887, chuidigh sé leis an amharclann náisiúnta a chur ar bun. Bhí cúram air maidir le straitéis mhíleata an éiri amach agus in Ard-Oifig an Phoist a throid sé. Phós sé Grace Gifford an oiche sular cuireadh chun báis é.

#### CON COLBERT

Rugadh i Luimneach é sa bhliain 1888, bhí sé gníomhach i ngluaiseacht na poblachta agus i gceannas ar lucht an Éirí Amach sa drioglann i Lána Mhuire Mhaith.





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#### SEÁN HEUSTON

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**Front: plaque marking the executions of the leaders of the 1916 rising**

**I dtosach: Plaic chun ceannairí  
Éiri Amach 1916 a cuireadh  
chun bás a chomóradh**

**1. Image of the inside of Kilmainham Gaol**

**iomhá den taobh istigh de  
Phríosún Chill Mhaighneann**

**2. The Stone breaker's**

**Yard, Kilmainham**

photograph courtesy of OPW

**Clós Lucht Briste na gCloc,**

**Cill Mhaighneann**

Grangraph le caoinchead OPW

#### MICHAEL MALLIN

Born in Dublin in 1874, he was a silk weaver by trade. Along with Countess Markievicz, he commanded a small contingent of the Irish Citizen Army at St. Stephen's Green and the Royal College of Surgeons.

#### MICHAEL O'HANRAHAN

Born in Wexford in 1877, he was a writer and published two novels. He joined the Irish Volunteers from their inception, and was at Jacob's biscuit factory.

#### WILLIAM PEARSE

Born in 1881 in Dublin, he was the younger brother of Patrick and assisted him in running Coláiste Éanna. The two brothers fought alongside each other in the GPO.

#### MICHEÁL Ó MEALLÁIN

Rugadh i mBaile Átha Cliath é sa bhliain 1874, fiodóireacht síoda an cheird a bhíodh air. Bhí sé i gceannas, in éineacht leis an gCuntaois Markievicz, ar dhream beag den Arm Cathartha i bhFaiche Stiabhna agus i gColáiste na Mainleá.

#### MICHEÁL Ó HANNRACHÁIN

Rugadh i Loch Garman é sa bhliain 1877, scribhneoir a bhí ann ar foilsiodh dha ursceal dá chuid. Bhí sé in Óglaigh na hÉireann ó thrath a mbunaithe agus throid sé i monarcha brioscáil Jacob.

#### LIAM MAC PIARÁIS

Rugadh i mBaile Átha Cliath é sa bhliain 1881, bhí sé níos óige ná a dearthair Pádraig agus chuidigh sé leis an Coláiste Éanna a rith. Throid an bheirt dearthair in éineacht in Ard-Ofiag an Phoist.



# The Programme

## An Clár

Welcoming Remarks by a Military Master of Ceremonies (MC)

Reading from the original trial documents of the executed Leader

Speech by the presiding Minister

Reading from the memoirs of the Capuchin Friars relating to the executed Leader and prayer recited by a Capuchin Friar

Minister to lay a wreath

Minute's silence

Piper's lament

National Anthem

Opportunity for relatives to lay wreaths

Ceremony ends

Fáilte ón MC Mileata

Sliocht á leamh as bunchaipéisí trialach an Cheannaire a cuireadh chun báis

Óraíd ón Aire i gceannas

Sliocht á leamh as cuimhni cinn na mBraithre Caipisíneacha maidir leis an gCeannaire a cuireadh chun báis agus paidir a rá ag Bráthair Caipisíneach

Fleasc a leagan ag an Aire

Noiméad Ciúnais

Caoineadh ar na Pioba

Amhrán na bhFiann

Deis do ghaolta fleasca a leagan

Deireadh an tsearmanais



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