



17TH MARCH 2020
**ST PATRICK'S
FESTIVITIES
KILKENNY**



21 January 2020

2020 ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

CALLING ALL ORGANISATIONS IN KILKENNY CITY & COUNTY;

Clubs, Community Groups, Charities, Sports Groups, Tourist Organisations, Schools & Businesses.

A Chairde,

Beannachtai na Feile Padraig daoibh go leir. 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. Patrick's Day parade, which is always a fantastic family-orientated community event which celebrates our Irishness.

The 2020 St. Patrick's Day Parade takes place in Kilkenny city on **Tuesday 17th March at 1.30pm**. The route is; **Market Yard, Parliament Street, High Street, Rose Inn Street and finishing in the Market Yard.** (& not the Castle road) and the chosen theme for the 2020 parade is a continuation of last year's theme 'Bring the Bees Back' which was an enormous success.

THE 2020 THEME IS

'BIODIVERSITY' EVERY CREATURE COUNTS

Biodiversity means the whole variety of life on earth - from you to your back garden, from the rain forest to the desert, from the birds to the bees. It is the variety of life on Earth, in all its forms, starting with genes, then individual species, then communities of creatures and finally entire ecosystems, such as forests or coral reefs, where life interplays with the physical environment.

While we welcome and encourage you to incorporate this theme into your float, it is optional. We want as many groups and individuals as possible to enter the parade and to inject as much colour, animation and fun to your Parade entry as you can. All floats that incorporate the theme '*Biodiversity.....every creature counts*' will be given native apple trees to plant in their community green space. There are also prizes for the best floats in following categories **(1) Most Creative & Entertaining. (2) Best Young People (3) Best Rural (4) Best School and (5) Best Interpretation of the Theme**

SO! LET YOUR IMAGINATION GO WILD, AND ADD SOMETHING SPECIAL TO THE 2020 PARADE BY TAKING PART!

After the parade there will be a street party on John Street from 3pm to 5.30pm and we would encourage all parade participants to come down and enjoy what promises to be a family fun afternoon. We plan to have a stage with music acts like 'Kíla' at the top of John Street and will have other activities along the street such as the Fuinneamh community drum, Deise Medieval Viking Village, Street performers, music workshops and lots more. So! come out, 'wear the green' and celebrate our national feast day with friends and neighbours.

Is mise le meas,

Joe Malone,

Chairperson St Patrick's Day Committee 2020

2020 Committee: Cllr. Joe Malone (Chairperson), Cllr Mayor Martin Brett. Cllr. Eugene McGuinness, Martin Bridgeman, Tim Butler, Ian Gardner, Anne Maria Walsh and Catherine Cooney.

Event Coordinator: Marian Flannery (083) 8722444. **Applications to** admin@stpatricksfestivalkilkenny.com



ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE APPLICATION FORM 2020

'BIODIVERSITY.... EVERY CREATURE COUNTS'

ALL FLOAT ENTRIES MUST COMPLETE & SIGN AN APPLICATION FORM.

NAME OF APPLICANT:	
CONTACT PERSON:	
MOBILE NUMBER:	
COMMERCIAL OR COMMUNITY ENTRY:	Community Groups are free of charge and the fee for Commercial Entries €100. Cheque made payable to: KILKENNY COUNTY COUNCIL
DESCRIBE YOUR FLOAT ENTRY & YOUR ORGANISATION: (PLEASE USE REVERSE OF PAGE TO PROVIDE A LONGER DESCRIPTION)	
<p>CONDITIONS OF FLOAT ENTRIES:</p> <p>Children must be accompanied by adults at all times - there is a child collection point in the Market Yard. (Beside Courthouse) Floats must assemble at the starting line (Market Yard) at 12:30pm – the Parade commences at 1:30PM SHARP. All accepted float entries will be provided with their 'float number' via text to the mobile number provided on this application. Your floats position in the parade will be indicated by a numbered cone - please ensure that all members of your group are aware of this number. Floats must reflect the description provided - an inspection of all floats will take place before the parade commences. Floats can perform while moving through the streets – for a static performance in front of the Review Stage the time is strictly 2 MINS maximum. All vehicles/floats must be fully insured. Large vehicles (tractors, lorries or artics) are not permitted. Max trailer length is 14ft trailers pulled by 4 wheel drive or jeep (2 or 3 axil). There must be a supervisor at each wheel of the vehicle. Participants may not stand on moving trailers without correct handrails and restraint systems. 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 and stamped. The organising 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. Closing date for applications is Monday March 2nd, 2020</p> <p>WE AGREE TO ADHERE TO THE CONDITIONS OF FLOAT ENTRIES:</p> <p>SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE APPLICANT:</p> <p>DATE:</p>	

