



St. PATRICK'S SOCIETY OF HONG KONG LIMITED

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A Chairde,

We are now moving into the busiest month of the Society's year.

Social events for March commence on 15 March with the **Children's Party** in the Grand Hyatt Hotel, Wan Chai from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for children (aged ten or younger) of fully paid up members (form attached!). Contact Anne Noonan (e-mail noonan_anne@yahoo.com) to see if there are still places available. Anne, Dervilla Campbell-Grieve and Orla Thomas have arranged a lot of interesting activities for the event.

We're looking forward to a great night at the **Ball on 15 March**, we have started to dispatch the tickets, so if you were a successful applicant you should have your tickets by the middle of next week. If you have not yet applied(!), there may still be some tickets available with returns etc, so if you still have not made up your mind, now is the time! E-mail me on ronan.delaney@arup.com and get your cheques ready! The evening begins with cocktails in the Grand Hyatt Ballroom Reception Area from 7:30 p.m. Please remember you and your guests **must bring the tickets** to gain entry to the reception area and the Ball. **There will be no exceptions made and we will not be holding any tickets on the door**, so please ensure that your guests are in possession of their tickets before they go to the reception desk. Also if there are guests in your group who require vegetarian meals please inform me at ronan.delaney@arup.com by Tuesday 4 March 2003 (latest!), to avoid disappointment.

On **St. Patrick's Day**, 17 March 2003, Fr. Sean Burke will celebrate **Mass at St. Joseph's Church, Garden Road, Central at 9:30 a.m.** Irish Coffee will be provided after mass. A **wreath-laying ceremony** will be held at the **Cenotaph** in Central at 11:00 a.m. Immediately thereafter cocktails (for adults only) will be provided at the Hong Kong Club. Please note that the Hong Kong Club's **strict dress code** (smart casual, no tee-shirts without a collar, no denim and no sneakers) must be observed to gain admission.

As with previous years we are reintroducing the very popular **Irish Night on 17 March** at the Grand Hyatt Hotel there has been a lot of interest and tickets are selling fast. Our confirmed line-up is **Rig the Jig** with **two Irish Championship Dancers** and some other side entertainers. There will be Irish Stew, a vegetarian dish, Guinness, and a full standard bar with beer, wine and soft drinks all through the show. Tickets this year will cost \$500 when booked in advance, or \$600 on the night – if there are any tickets left. We are expecting a big crowd so send in your completed application forms with full payment now. A booking form is attached.

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Ronan Delaney

President St Patrick's Society of Hong Kong