

PATRICK KAVANAGH CENTRE



Step into Kavanagh Country and Ignite your Creativity Amongst the Poets Beloved Hills

Exhibition | Kavanagh Trail | Raglan Road Tea Rooms | Festivals & Performance | Rural Ireland

Patrick Kavanagh (1904-1967) is one of Ireland's most beloved poets. Widely considered as one of the greatest of all Irish poets alongside William Butler Yeats and Seamus Heaney, his words embody universal themes that explore the essence of humanity and our natural world. With a gift for illuminating the extraordinary moments in everyday life, Kavanagh's work is strongly influenced by his local rural village of Inniskeen in County Monaghan.

Now laid to rest on the grounds of Inniskeen's St. Mary's 19th-century parish church, this special place has aptly become home to the Patrick Kavanagh Centre. In a full celebration of Kavanagh's life, the centre is a beautifully appointed, interactive space that engages and inspires visitors. Moreover, the centre is perfectly located for exploring the very heart of the rolling green landscape and the rural community of County Monaghan.

Highlights of a visit to the Patrick Kavanagh Centre include:

- ❖ **Beloved Irish Poet** | evocation of the poet's life through film, artefacts, letters and photography
- ❖ **A Life Less Ordinary** | follow the story of Kavanagh's life beautifully presented in a series of memory boxes.
- ❖ **Film** | award winning short film featuring some of his best-known poems | exclusive to the centre.
- ❖ **Music** | discover the story behind 'Raglan Road' | Ireland's favourite folk song!
- ❖ **Raglan Road Tea Rooms** | enjoy a coffee in a traditional 200-year-old cottage next to the centre.
- ❖ **Kavanagh Trail** | walk in the footsteps of Kavanagh | discover the places that inspired his poetry.
- ❖ **Kavanagh's Grave** | pay your respects to Kavanagh at his final resting place in St. Mary's graveyard
- ❖ **Festivals** | Inniskeen Road: July Evening (July) & Patrick Kavanagh Weekend (September).
- ❖ **Performance** | the centre is available as a 200-seater space for after-hours performances and events.
- ❖ **Rest assured** | compliant with public health guidelines & sensitive to social distancing requirements



Patrick Kavanagh Visitor Centre | General Experiences

Experience	Short Description	Min-Max Numbers Normal Trading	Min-Max Numbers Covid-19	Duration Approx.	Public Price Per Person
Self-Guided Exhibition Tour	Learn about the life and work of Patrick Kavanagh at your own pace in the Patrick Kavanagh Centre.	1-30	1-10	45 mins	€XX Free: for children aged 6 and younger
Guided Exhibition Tour	Guided tour of the Patrick Kavanagh Centre with a local County Monaghan guide.	5-30	N/A	45 mins	€XX Free: for children aged 6 and younger
Self-Guided walk through Kavanagh Trail	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Starting from the Patrick Kavanagh Centre Walk the Kavanagh Trail and be immersed in the landscape that inspired the poet. There are 10 sites to discover including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inniskeen Parish Hall: an important social point in Kavanagh's time. Kednaminsha National School: where Kavanagh went to school. Shancoduff: immortalised in the poem of the same name, <i>Shancoduff</i>, the field that Kavanagh bought and worked here was an important source of inspiration to the poet. The trail is approx. 6 kilometres in total 	N/A	N/A	2 hours	Free
NOTE:					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scheduled tours are available: please contact Patrick Kavanagh Centre for further details. Private tours are subject to availability, pre-booking, and minimum numbers of 5 people (or a minimum charge of €60 per booking) 					

Patrick Kavanagh Visitor Centre | Premium Experiences

Experience	Short Description	Min-Max Numbers Normal Trading	Min-Max Numbers Covid-19	Duration Approx.	Public Price Per Person
Enhanced Exhibition Tour with Kavanagh Expert	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guided tour of the Patrick Kavanagh Centre with a founding member of the Kavanagh Centre who shares their unique insight into the poet. This tour features four stops on the Kavanagh Trail within easy reach of the Kavanagh Centre. 	5-30	5-30	1 hour	€XX Free: for children aged 6 and younger
Guided Coach Tour	<p>Starting at the Kavanagh Centre the guided Coach tour will be led by a founding member of the Kavanagh Centre who will share their unique insight into the poet.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 sites to discover. The trail is approx. 6 kilometres in total. Finish with coffee in Raglan Road Tea rooms. 	Min 10	Min 10	1 – 2 hours	€XX

Patrick Kavanagh Visitor Centre | Festival Experiences

Experience	Short Description	Min-Max Numbers	Level 3 (COVID)	Price/Person Public Price
Inniskeen Road July Evening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Inniskeen Road July Evening</i> is a midsummer celebration of Kavanagh's Inniskeen. patrickkavanaghcentre.com for dates & details. 	N/A	Virtual (Online) FREE	€XX weekend pass Under 7's go free.
Patrick Kavanagh Weekend	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The annual <i>Patrick Kavanagh Weekend</i> is a prestigious arts and ideas festival that includes workshops and readings. It takes place over three days on the last weekend in September. patrickkavanaghcentre.com for dates & details. 	Subject to availability of tickets	Virtual (Online) FREE	€XX weekend pass Events subject to separate charges.

Patrick Kavanagh Visitor Centre | General Experience Descriptions

Self-Guided Exhibition Tour

Discover the story and works of Patrick Kavanagh who is widely considered to be one of Ireland's greatest poets. In a beautifully appointed centre, enjoy a leisurely self-guided visit that celebrates the different stages of Kavanagh's life through a series of memory boxes, letters and early 20th-century ephemera. Engage your senses as the magic and musicality of Kavanagh's finest poems are celebrated in a short film that also captures the inspiring raw beauty of County Monaghan's landscape. End with a visit of Kavanagh's final resting place at the 19-century St. Mary's church.

Guided Exhibition Tour

Discover the story and works of Patrick Kavanagh who is widely considered to be one of Ireland's greatest poets. Through a local guide, gain deep insights into this great man's life including his role in Ireland's favourite folk song 'Raglan Road' and how he was inspired by the raw beauty of County Monaghan's rural landscape. Engage your senses through a short film that celebrates the magical musicality of Kavanagh's finest poems and a series of memory boxes that showcase personal photographs and letters. End by visiting Kavanagh's final resting place at the 19-century St. Mary's church.

Self-Guided Walk Through Kavanagh Trail

Starting at the Patrick Kavanagh Centre, embrace this special opportunity to walk in the footsteps of one of Ireland's most iconic and beloved poets through the village of rural Inniskeen and between the whitethorn hedges of County Monaghan's serenely beautiful landscape. On this scenic and illuminating literary adventure, discover Kavanagh's story during a six-kilometre trail incorporating ten key sights from Inniskeen Parish Hall to Kednaminsha National School and Shancoduff where the inspiration Kavanagh took from rural life is immortalised in a poem of the same name.



Patrick Kavanagh Visitor Centre | Premium & Festival Descriptions

Enhanced Exhibition Tour with Kavanagh Expert

With an expert and founding member of the beautifully appointed Patrick Kavanagh Centre, embrace this special opportunity to discover the story behind Ireland's iconic poet. Engage your senses through an experience that celebrates the magical musicality of Kavanagh's finest poems. View precious photographs and letters while gaining deep insights into this great man's life from his early days as a farmer in Inniskeen, to his role in Ireland's favourite folk song 'Raglan Road' and how County Monaghan's raw rural beauty inspired him. This experience will feature 4 stops on the Kavanagh Trail within easy reach of the Kavanagh Centre. End by visiting Kavanagh's final resting place at the 19-century St. Mary's church.

(NOTE: only available once social distancing is no longer a requirement).

Guided Coach Tour with Kavanagh Expert

Guided by a Patrick Kavanagh expert who is native to Inniskeen and a founding member of the Patrick Kavanagh Centre, this is a unique opportunity to gain a very special insight into the life of one of Ireland's most iconic and loved poets. Uncover the essence of a man who saw immense beauty in ordinary things and gain an understanding of how this rural community and charming landscape inspired much of his work. See the places that inspired him from Inniskeen Parish Hall to Kednaminsa National School and Shancoduff. End in the charming Raglan Road Tea Rooms.

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Inniskeen Road: July Evening Festival

The Inniskeen Road July Evening Festival celebrates the life and work of one of Ireland's most iconic and loved poets, Patrick Kavanagh. The scene is set in Kavanagh's birthplace within the rural community of Inniskeen and against the backdrop of rolling hillsides and whitethorn hedges of County Monaghan's serenely beautiful landscape. Feel your spirit soar as you mingle with the locals through a variety of recitals, re-enactments, walks and cycles through Kavanagh Country with everyone appropriately dressed in a costume from the 1920s/1930s!

Check www.patrickkavanaghcentre.com for dates and more details.

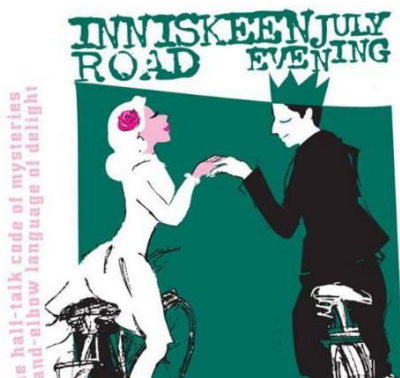
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Patrick Kavanagh Weekend Festival

The annual Patrick Kavanagh weekend is a prestigious arts and ideas festival that takes place every year over three days on the last weekend in September. As a true celebration of literature and culture, the festival honours the life and work of one of Ireland's most iconic and loved poets, Patrick Kavanagh. The scene is set in Kavanagh's birthplace within the rural community of Inniskeen and against the backdrop of rolling hillsides and whitethorn hedges of County Monaghan's serenely beautiful landscape. An action-packed programme includes multiple workshops, recitals and readings.

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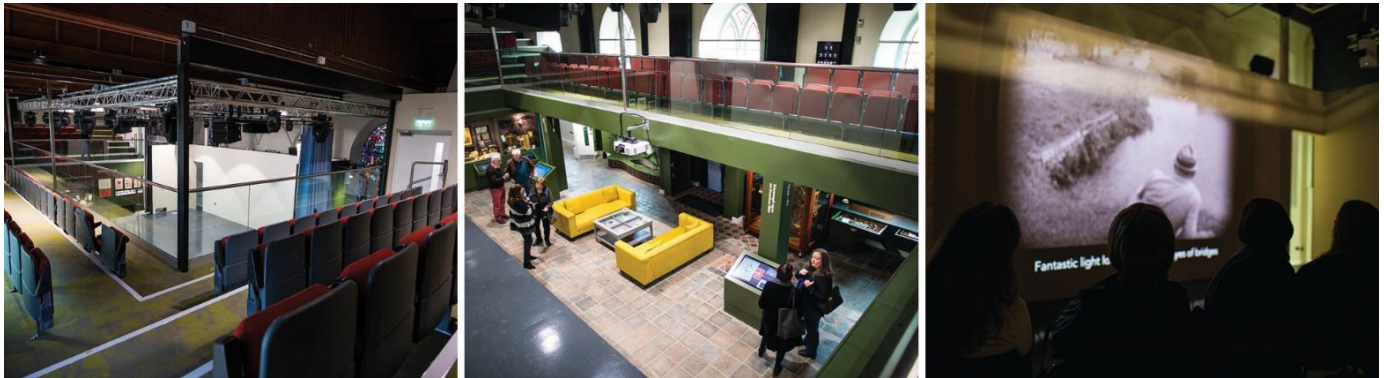
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Patrick Kavanagh Centre | Venue Hire

The Patrick Kavanagh Centre hosts a state-of-the-art performance space available for a range of arts, corporate and community events and workshops. The Patrick Kavanagh library is also available for workshops and meetings.

The venue has a capacity for up to 220 people including a balcony with tiered seating. Seating is also available on the ground floor.



Patrick Kavanagh Visitor Centre | General Information

- ❖ **Website:** www.patrickkavanaghcentre.com for online ticketing
- ❖ **Group Bookings:** T: +353 42 937 8560 | E: kavanaghcentre@monaghancoco.ie
- ❖ **Opening Dates and Times:**
 - Monday to Friday 10.00 to 16.00 (last admission 15.30)
 - Saturday: 10.00 to 16.00 (last admission 15.30)
- ❖ **Raglan Road Tearoom:** available for light snacks, lunches and tea/coffees
 - Groups are subject to pre-booking. Maximum capacity: 20 people
- ❖ **Closure Dates:** Christmas week
- ❖ **Programme of Events:** A twelve-month calendar of events takes place at the Patrick Kavanagh Centre which includes concerts, talks and workshops. Details on our website.
- ❖ **Eircode:** A91 KT20