

“Your Feet will bring you where your heart is”. On a divided island, Joe Biden brought a message of unity. But his business-like visit to Belfast contrasted with a leisurely “homecoming” tour of Ireland, which gave the land of his ancestors the kind of attention that larger countries can only dream of. In a visit to Northern Ireland lasting just 18 hours, the US president promised that his country would be a “partner for peace” in a region that marked the end of the “Troubles” conflict 25 years ago this week. Biden then spent three days in Ireland, visiting regions his ancestors emigrated from and taking time to connect with people. At the heart of what binds Ireland and the US, Biden told a rare joint session of Ireland’s parliament on Thursday, was a “history defined by our dreams, a present written by our shared responsibility and a future poised for unlimited shared possibilities”. State broadcaster RTÉ has provided wall-to-wall coverage as the relaxed-looking president paid emotional tributes — sometimes punctuated by poetry — to what he said were Irish-American values of dignity and respect. The president has a special connection to Ballina, where his ancestors made some of the bricks that were used to build St Muredach’s cathedral, which he visits on Friday. Biden swept through the north-eastern County Louth on Wednesday. It was his first chance to press the flesh, flashing smiles, taking selfies

Jerome McAteer owns the Food House in Dundalk said “American presidents obviously do this to get the ‘green’ vote, but Biden’s really Irish. He really leans into it,” said Mark Hughes, a quiz writer sporting a hat and scarf in Ireland’s national colour. “Maybe he’s not the greatest American president of all time, but he resonates. I feel he really does care because of his connections with this area,” Hughes said in Carlingford, near Dundalk, where Biden visited a tumbledown 12th century castle overlooking a picturesque lough. But Biden’s trip is intended to celebrate the island’s present and future as much as bask in the past. In Belfast on Wednesday, he celebrated the 25th anniversary of the Good Friday Agreement that ended three decades of conflict and he hailed the UK and EU’s new Brexit deal, the Windsor framework, as key to investment. Hours later, in

the aptly-named Windsor Bar and Restaurant in Dundalk, he praised the “faith in an uncertain future” that his ancestors had as they set sail across the Atlantic. He might hope Northern Ireland, where a Brexit row has paralysed politics for nearly a year, can muster the same. The gaffe-prone president did drop a clanger in the Windsor, suggesting that his distant cousin and former rugby star Rob Kearney had trounced “the Black and Tans” — the notoriously violent British police in Ireland’s war of independence. The White House corrected his remarks to “the All Blacks”, the nickname of the New Zealand rugby team Kearney had played against. Joe Biden’s trip comes 60 years after John F. Kennedy’s visit, when the US was glamorous and modern to the rural Irish. Visibly emotional throughout, the president — whose secret service code name is “Celtic” — promised to be back. As he wrote in Irish president Michael D. Higgins’ visitor’s book on Thursday: “Your feet will bring you where your heart is”.

Easter blessing by Poet John O’Donohue May the spirit and light of this Easter bless us all, watch over us and protect us on our journey.



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Recently deceased our sympathies to the family of Kathleen Sheehan, Bushy Island, James Anthony (Tony) Tuohy, of Good Counsel Nursing Home, formerly of O’Curry Place. Jim Hennessy Castlemahon, Co Limerick. Mary McNamara Raheen and West Limerick. May they rest in Peace



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Donoughmore



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Mon.17th	10m	
Tues 18th	10am	No Mass
Fri 21st		
Sat.22nd	7pm	Paddy & Tess Wade. Eamon Higgins. Gerry, Mary, Carmel, Patricia & Martina O’Donnell. John & Alice Shanahan. Mary, Richard, Jackie & Sr. Kathleen Butler
Knockea		
Sun 16th	11am	Birthday Rem. Dolly Woods
Wed.19th	10am	Declan O’Reilly
Sun 23rd	11am	John Smith . Patrick Wilson –April 2021 & Arthur Wilson, Glanworth Co. Cork

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ties. Unacceptable items ;no bric a
brac, no dirty /wet clothing, no single
shoes, no duvets or cushions, no
mats/carpets, Drop off point ; back
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9.30am

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