

Kinnaird Bagpipes & Reeds

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Irish, Scottish, Welsh Gifts & Jewellery

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Greetings!

Merry Christmas in Celtic languages:

Gaelic: Nollaig Chridheil, agus Bliadhna Mhath Ur!

Irish: Nollaig Shona Dhuit, or Nodlaig mhaith chugnat

Scots Gaelic: Nollaig chridheil huibh

Welsh: Nadolig Llawen



New Products



The store is filled with new decorations and gifts for Christmas!!!

Check out the beautiful **ornaments** from Claddagh snowflakes, Celtic Crosses, kilted Santas and Scottie dogs.

Looking for some **delicious Christmas treats**? We've got many of new chocolates, biscuits, shortbreads, and candies. We have lots of small shortbread boxes or gift cones for your minister, bus driver, or teacher. If you're looking to warm up from the cold, try Lyons Original Blend Tea.

We also have a new stock of trendy Ladies **hats**. Different styles and sizes to keep every

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Celtic Christmas Traditions

While many of us celebrate modern Christmas traditions of decorating Christmas trees and waiting for Santa, the Celts celebrated the Winter Solstice. The Druids felt that the sun stood still for 12 days from Christmas Eve to January 6th. A Yule log was burned for light on those days. Its charred remains protected the house for the rest of the year. Mistletoe, a sign of fertility, was hung in the house with other greenery as a symbol of life in the darkness.

The Scots believe that on Christmas Eve, a raging fire keeps mischievous elves from coming down the chimney. On Christmas Day, people dance around bonfires while listening to bagpipes and enjoying oatmeal cake. The biggest celebrations happen on Hogmanay, New Year's Eve. These involve "first footing", where the first person to set foot in a house in a New Year is said to bring either good or bad luck, depending on their hair color. The Night of Candles lights the way for the Holy family, first footers, and Mummers. Mummers dressed in masks and travelled from house to house for music and dancing. The home owners would have to guess who they were. On New Year's Eve, they would circle houses beating on the walls to drive out the old year while saying a special rhyme to request entry for food & drink.

In Ireland, the celebration lasts from Christmas Eve until Epiphany on January 6th. They light red candles decorated with holly sprigs on Christmas Eve. The women bake a seed cake for each person and three puddings for Christmas, New Year's and the Twelfth Night. On Christmas evening, milk and bread is left out and the door was left

Events



**Christmas Hours 9:30 - 6:00p.m.
Monday - Saturday
December 1 - 23**

Clans, Celts & Clover has a kiosk open at Lawson Heights Mall until December 23th! Christmas Hours are M-F 10-9, Sat 9:30-9, Sun 12-5

Traditional Irish Music Session
Monday December 3rd 8-10pm at the "Cluricaune Irish Pub" at the Park Town Hotel

Traditional Irish Music Session
Saturday December 15th 3-5pm at Lydia's on Broadway
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head warm.

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**Don't forget a can of haggis
for your stocking!**

unlocked as a symbol of hospitality. St. Stephen's Day, Dec. 26th, is filled with football and meetings. The Wren Boys Procession is a fun event for boys who would dress up and go door to door singing and playing music while holding a Holly bush on a stick. They would say that a Wren was hiding in the bush and they needed money to feed the starving wren. Actually, the money is for them!

The Welsh are known for their wonderful singing voices and carolling, known as eistodd fodde, is a very popular Christmas activity. In some communities, people gather in a public area to announce who has submitted the best music for a new carol. This carol is added to all the rest that are known and sung in Wales. In some areas, a villager is chosen to be the Mari llwyd, who travels around the town in white clothing while carrying a horse's skull on a stick. Anyone given the "bite" by the horse's jaws must pay a fine. One of the popular sweets for this holiday is Taffy. Christmas goose is also a meal must. Santa gets no cookies and milk; instead, mince pies and a bottle of Guinness! They also maintain the English traditions of holly, mistletoe, pudding, stockings, and snow.

Whatever traditions you may celebrate, we hope you all have a wonderful holiday season!

Visit us at the store! 1 - 1005 Broadway Avenue (On the corner of Broadway and Ninth Street) Saskatoon, SK.
Monday - Saturday 9:30 - 5:30

Sincerely,



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