

# The Good News - Skit

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2 Performers      McCarty the Evangelist/Englishman in Hell  
Paddy O'Reilly/Narrator

Props                1 x Green hat for Paddy  
                          1 x Bell  
                          1 x Hell/Tipperary sign

Knock on door. Door opens.

McCarty "Ah..Top-o-th-mornin' to ya Squire. Oim McCarty, I was jus' passin' by an' I saw the smoke comin' out of ya chimney an' I thought, there jus' moit be someone in there what needs to hear the Gospel."

Paddy "The what?"

McCarty "The Gospel! Ya never hoid it? Well I knew this was the house! The Almoity sent me here to tell you....ya see, In the Beginning there was this couple Adam an' Ave,and they were livin' with the Almoity, and they got up to mischief, so He kicks 'em out and doesn't wanna see them again!' An' along comes Jaysus Chroist an' if you don't do what He says,...you'll be goin' to Hell."

Paddy "Where's Hell?"

McCarty "Ah Puddy,...you don't want to go there! It's full of Englishmen!"

Paddy "What! No, I'm not goin' there!....I'm gonna stay roit here in Oireland!"

McCarty "Good on ya Puddy! When I saw the smoke comin' out o' that chimney I thought, There's a wois man lives in that house for sure!....An' ya proved me roit!...An' now I'll be tellin' ya the 'Good News' Puddy." (Ding ding)

Paddy "Ah there's me dinner bell."

McCarty "But Puddy, I'll jus' be tellin' ya the Good part foist!"

Paddy "I've got better things to do now, Mr McCarty...but I'll be hearing you another toime perhaps...and thanks for warnin' me about Hell I won't be goin' there!"

(McCarty takes two steps away and puts on mask, stays turned away. Paddy takes two steps, has heart attack and dies.) Hell sign held up.

Paddy opens his eyes. "Well this is strange!" Notices other person. "Awful dark in here McCarty, can you toin on the loit?"

Englishman "I'm not McCarty an' there's no light!"

Paddy "You're an Englishman!"

Englishman "Yes, I am."

Paddy "Where are we?"

Englishman "This is Hell. Where did you think we were, Tipperary?"

Paddy 'What? That McCarty, I told him oi wasn't goin' to Hell, an' he's slipped me a mickey, an' he's brought me here....Roit where's the door?'

Englishman "There's no door!"

Paddy "No loits? No door? What sort of a drunken Oirishman built this place? I'm gettin' outta here!"

Englishman "You can't! Nobody gets out!"

Paddy "What? You can't keep an Oirishman from 'es hearth! I'll foind a way, an' when I get's me hands on that McCarty, he'll be wishin' he were born without that lvin' tongue o' his!"

Englishman "I don't care who's born without what. You can't get out of here!"

Paddy "Well, I'll find out who's in charge here an' tell them to get Jaysus Chroist an' he'll get me outta here!"

Englishman "What? Jesus Christ doesn't come near this place!"

Paddy “What? That McCarty, full o’ lois, full o’ lois. He told me Jaysus Chroist could get me out o’ Hell. You wait ‘till I gets me hands on him. He’ll be wishin’ he never saw the loit o’ day. Full o’ lois he was, full o’ lois....an’ his talk about Good News...Oh no!...that’s it...he was gonna tell me how to get out o’ Hell...that’s what the Good News was...No! I shoulda listened to th’ Good News!”

### The End

Narrator. “The Good News will *not* get you out of Hell. But, it does tell you how to avoid going there. Hell was created for the Devil and his Angels, not for mankind, as Matthew 25:41 tells us. So, it isn’t easy to get in. We have to work our way there. ‘The wages of sin is death.’ (Romans 6:23a.) But, there are better things to work for. ‘And he that reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit unto life eternal..’ John 4 v 36.

And there is even better than that. ‘The gift of God is eternal life.’ Romans 6:23b. Eternal life is offered free as a gift, because it has already been completely paid for. There’s nothing left to pay.

All we can do is *accept* it. *Gratis*.

So, we have the choice as individuals. Either, accept Eternal life as a free gift; or, work our way to Hell, which is poor payment for a life of toil.

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