

Dublin

August 2016: Founded in 841 Dublin was settled by Celtic Tribes and Vikings, followed by Danes and the English. Today it is the largest city on the island and capital of the Republic of Ireland.

The river Liffey divides the city North and South. A 1923 painting by Jack Yeats entitled The Liffey Swim won a Silver Medal for Painting at the 1924 Summer Olympics. In 1819 the cast iron Ha'penny Bridge was constructed across the Liffey. The name of the bridge refers to the toll pedestrians were charged.

Kilmainham Prison built in 1796 held leaders of the 1916 Easter Rising many of whom were executed here.

There are more people buried in Glasnevin Cemetery than live in the city of Dublin.

Regarded Dublin playwright Brendan Behan once described himself as a drinker with writing problems. Indeed Ireland has a serious drinking culture best understood by a story Dave Kelly told me: His grandfather was sitting in a pub one day when a big Texan walks in and throws 500 US dollars on the bar exclaiming "there's not an Irishman in this bar who can drink 10 pints of Guinness one after another." After a few minutes his grandfather left the pub only to return a half hour later and ask, "Sir is that bet still available?" Ten pints of Guinness were placed on the bar and his grandfather proceeded to drink one right after the other and collect his winnings. The Texan was amazed but had one question "why did you leave the bar before taking the bet?" His grandfather replied, "Well sir I wasn't sure I could win so I went to the pub down the street just to give it a try first."



Jeanie Johnston & Samuel Beckett Bridge



Ha' Penny Bridge



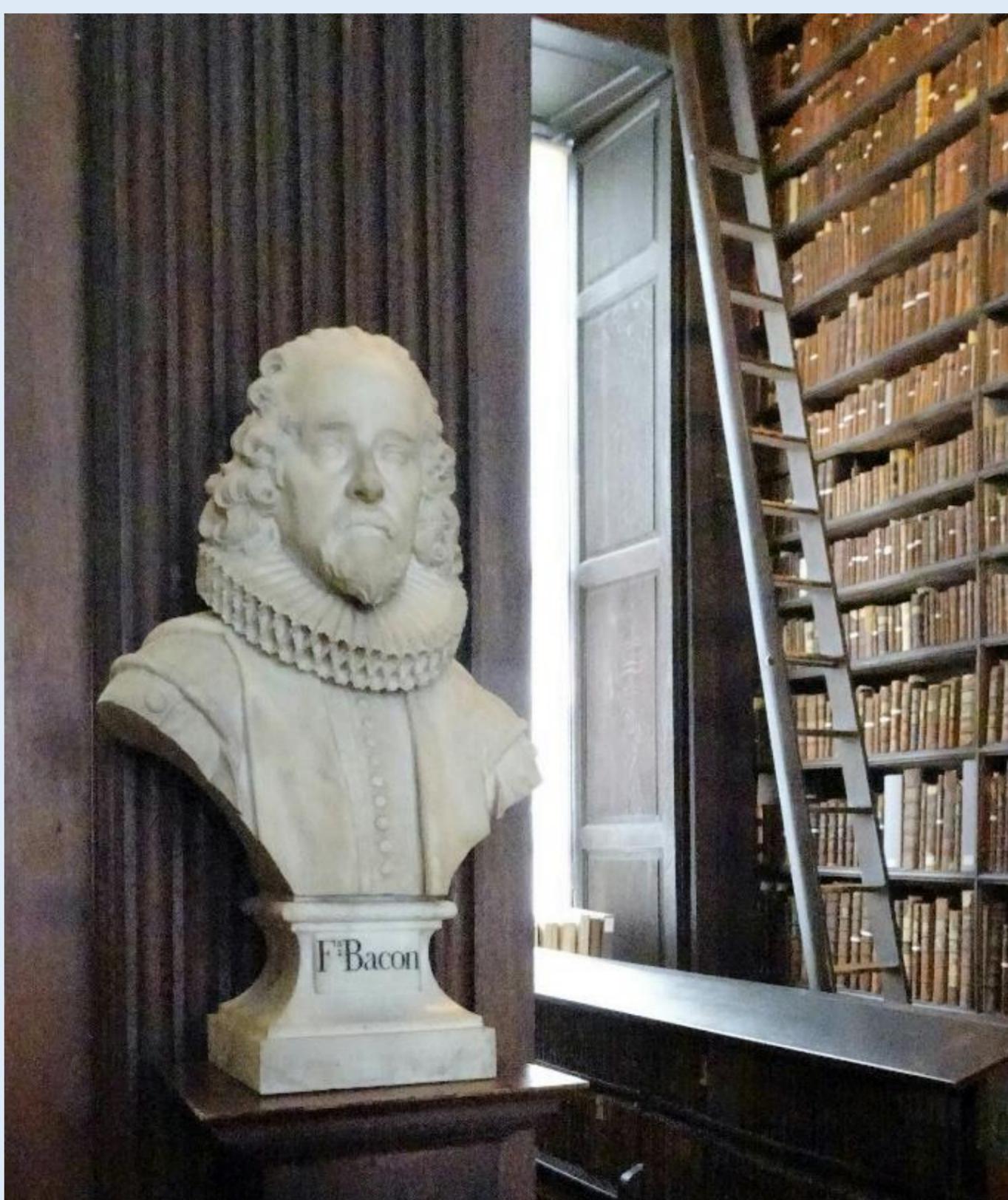
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James Joyce Home



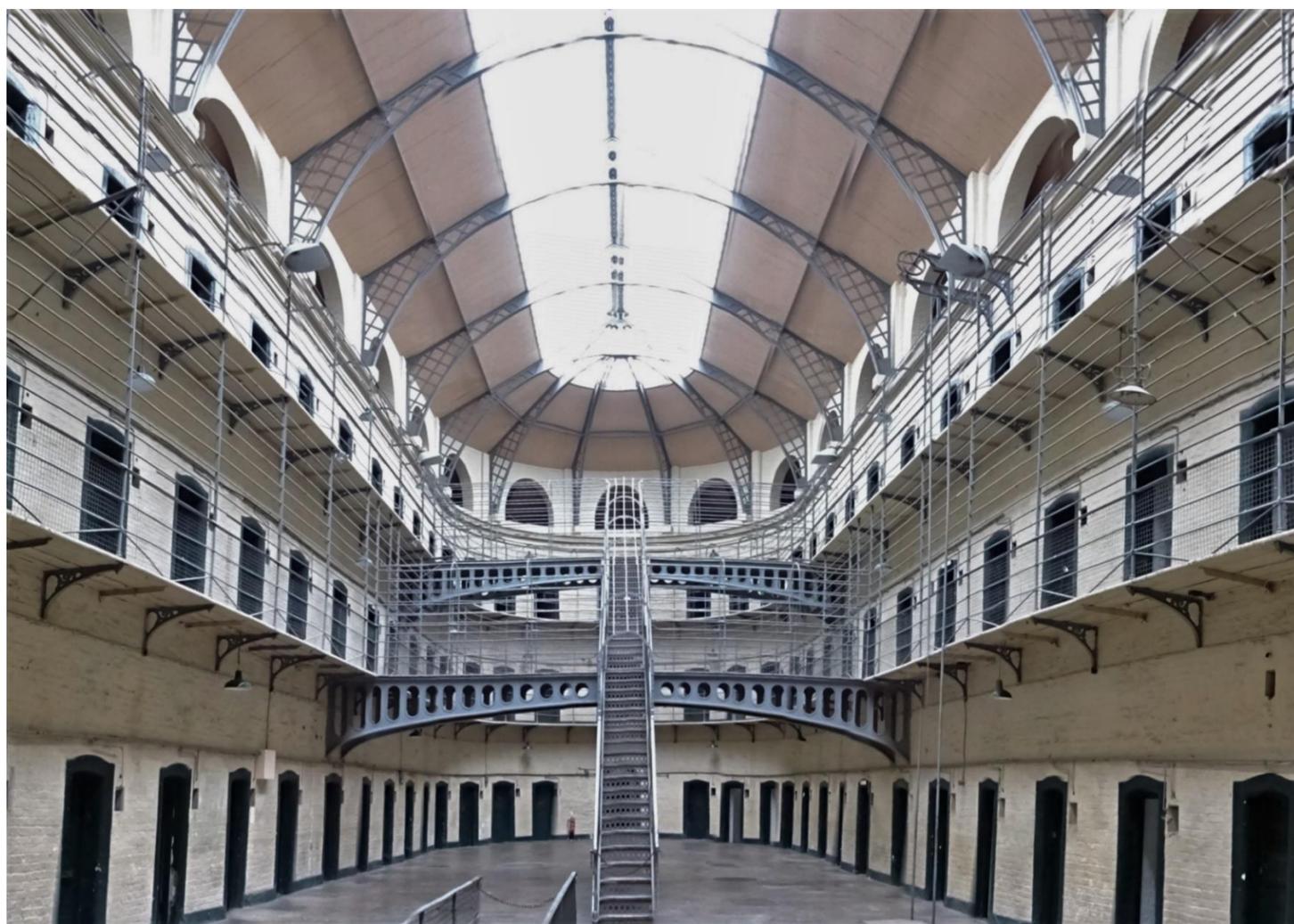
Liffey Swim



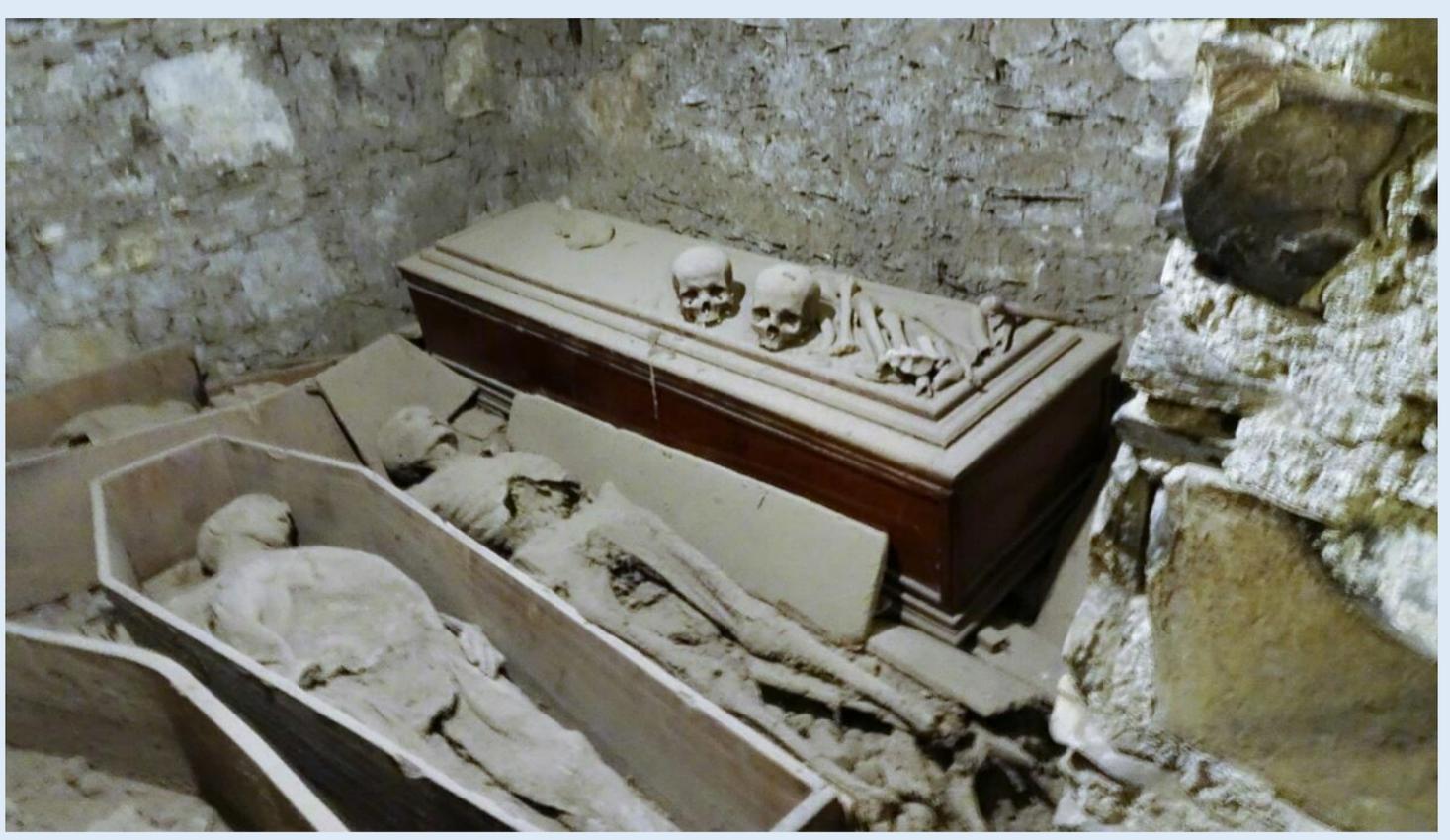
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Buskers



Kilmainham Gaol



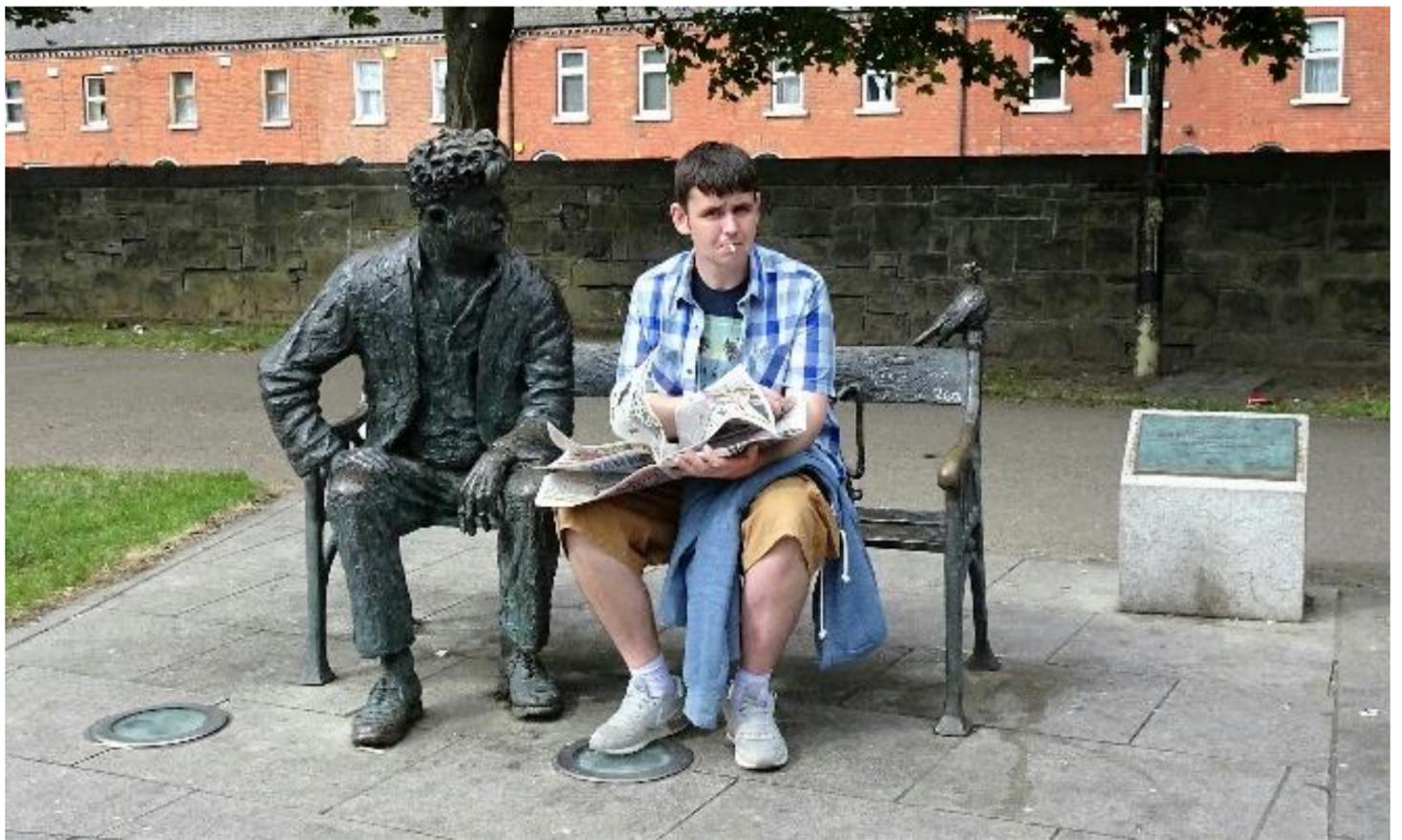
Crypt of St Michan's Church



Glasnevin Cemetery



Gravediggers Pub



Reading to Brendan Behan