

CALVARY

JOHN MICHAEL MCDONAGH, 2014; 102 MINUTES

Key characters (and the actors who play them)

Father James (*Brendan Gleeson*)
Fiona Lavelle, his daughter (*Kitty Reilly*)
Jack Brennan, the butcher (*Chris O'Dowd*)
Veronica Brennan, Jack's wife (*Orla O'Rourke*)
Dr. Frank Harte (*Aidan Gillen*)
Michael Fitzgerald, the lord of the Big House (*Dylan Moran*)
Simon (*Isaac De Bankolé*)
The Old Writer (*M. Emmet Walsh*)
Teresa, auto-accident victim (*Marie-Josée Croze*)
Freddie Joyce, a prisoner (*Dominic Monaghan*)
Father Leary (*David Wilmot*)
Brendan Lynch, pub landlord (*Pat Shortt*)
Inspector Stanton (*Gary Lydon*)
Leo, Stanton's friend (*Owen Sharpe*)
Milo Herlihy (*Killian Scott*)
Bishop Garret Montgomery (*David McSavage*)

IRELAND



NORTHERN IRELAND

SLIGO AND THE WEST

DETAILS THAT MAY NEED EXPLAINING

References that figure in the film

Fianna Fáil

Fine Gael

The Dáil Éireann

Leinster House

The Gardai Síochána

“Whaddaya hear, whaddaya say”

1990S–2000S GOOD NEWS

Politics

Literature

Cinema

Location filming

Sport

1990–2014 BAD NEWS

Death of the Celtic Tiger

Fianna Fáil's election loss in 2011

The crisis in the clergy and effects on Catholics

CATHOLIC CHURCH POST-1990

A companion piece to *Jimmy's Hall*

Sexual repression since the Famine in the 1840s

In 1991, over 92% of the population in the Republic of Ireland were still Catholic.

1992: Casey, Bishop of Galway, scandal

1993: Cleary's common-law marriage

2009: the Ryan Report

2015: only 30% of Irish people attend church every week (NPR)

THE MCDONAGHS

John Michael McDonagh: *The Guard*; *The Forgiven*

Martin McDonagh: *In Bruges*; *Seven Psychopaths*; *Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri*; *The Banshees of Inisherin*



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SO: WHAT IS THE FILM'S POSITION?