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# CELTIC vs S.S. LAZIO

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# #FootballPeople

The #FootballPeople weeks are designed to tackle discrimination within European football, raising awareness and helping to bring about positive change. Organised by UEFA's social responsibility partner the Fare network, the campaign takes place from 10 until 24 October 2019, and offers supporters, clubs, and communities across Europe the chance to get involved and add their voice to the movement.

"The #FootballPeople weeks are a crucial focal point of the fight against racism, discrimination and intolerance in football.

Thousands of people are involved each year – and UEFA is a committed partner, using its high-profile competitions as a platform to spread key messages.

Let's all celebrate diversity and inclusion in the beautiful game!"

UEFA PRESIDENT  
ALEKSANDER ČEFERIN

#EQUAL GAME



RESPECT

"There is no place in football for discrimination. The #FootballPeople weeks give the European football community the perfect opportunity to send out a strong and united message supporting inclusion and diversity.

Together, we can bring about change – and ensure that any form of discrimination is a thing of the past."

FARE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
PIARA POWAR

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## SOCIAL MISSION STATEMENT

### Introduction

Celtic Football Club is legendary and as with most legends as much myth as fact surrounds its history and what the Club stands for today. The Social Mission Statement aims to simply define what the Club stands for and seeks to promote within society.

### History

Celtic Football Club was founded in 1888. Its principal founder was a Marist Brother named Walfrid. The Club had two principal aims: The first aim was to raise funds to provide food for the poor of the East End of Glasgow, an area of the City that was greatly impoverished and had a high rate of infant mortality. Within the East End was a large Irish community and friction was growing between the native Glaswegians and the new influx of Irish. Brother Walfrid saw the need for social integration and his vision was a football club that Scottish and Irish, Protestants and Catholics alike could support. A new football club would be a vehicle to bring the communities together and this was the second aim. The Marist brother sought for the Club to have both a Scottish and Irish identity and hence, the Club's name "Celtic" came about, representing a bridge of cultures across the Irish Sea.

### Current Positioning of Celtic Football Club

Celtic Football Club is a Scottish football club with proud Irish links. The primary business of Celtic is as a football club. It is run on a professional business basis with no political agenda. However, the Club has a wider role and the responsibility of being a major Scottish social institution promoting health, well-being and social integration.

### Who is Celtic Football Club for?

Celtic Football Club is for people who want to support a football club that strives for excellence in Scotland and in Europe, is proud of its history, supportive of its local community and seeks to support the following aims: "To maximise all opportunities to disassociate the Club from sectarianism and bigotry of any kind. To promote Celtic as a Club for all people, regardless of gender, age, religion, race or ability."

### Summary

Celtic is a club for everyone who believes in football as a medium for healthy pleasure, entertainment and social integration. The Club always has been and always will simply aim to be the team of the people.

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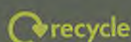
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**'They don't come bigger than games against Lazio, but confidence is high and we're determined to do everything we can to get a positive result'**



**GOOD evening and welcome to Celtic Park for tonight's UEFA Europa League game against Lazio, and I would also like to extend that welcome to the players, management and supporters of Lazio who have made the journey from Rome to Glasgow.**

European nights here are always great occasions and ones that we all look forward to, and to play host to one of the top names in Italian football just makes the night all the more special.

We're pleased with the start we've made to our group-stage campaign, with a draw away to Rennes and then the victory here over Cluj.

The players produced good performances in both of those games, and that augurs well for the remaining fixtures. Our next two ties, of course, are as hard as they come, with this

double-header against Lazio.

In two weeks' time, we'll head to Rome to play in the Stadio Olimpico, but tonight we're at Celtic Park, in front of a sell-out crowd, and we're determined to do everything we can to enjoy another positive result.

Confidence is high within the squad, not least following Saturday's impressive performance here against Ross County. That was the best display by the team since I've returned to the club, and is also right up there alongside the best in both of my spells as manager.

We want to take that form into tonight's game, though we're under no illusions as to how difficult our opponents are.

Simone Inzaghi's side bounced back from their defeat against Cluj on matchday one to beat Rennes in their last UEFA Europa League match. And

at the weekend, they showed their character as a team, fighting back from 3-0 down to draw 3-3 against a very good Atalanta side.

So we will have to be at our best tonight if we want to get anything from this game. Of course, we hope home advantage will play its part.

This match is completely sold out, and I know our fans will generate an incredible atmosphere to help drive the players on. This is what the team thrives on, it's one of our greatest strengths and, together, hopefully we can ensure it's another special European night at Paradise. Enjoy the game.

Neil Lennon



# Walfrid's Wash

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of dinner tables for the children and the unemployed"**

**Brother Walfrid, November 6, 1887**

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## 'We are at the top of the table and we fully intend to still be there at the close of play tonight'

**WE go into tonight's game on the back of two very good home results to put us in a good and confident mind-set ahead of the match.**

First of all, in a European context, our last UEFA Europa League match was our 2-0 win over Cluj here at Celtic Park, and, as far as our most recent game goes, we've all been buoyed by our 6-0 win over Ross County on Saturday in the SPFL.

Both results have us in good spirits ahead of the visit of Lazio, but we know we are in for a tough night against a Serie A side who are used to competing against some of the best in the business. That's just one of the reasons why Lazio began this Group E campaign as top seeds and favourites to top the section.

However, following our opening away draw with Rennes and our win over Cluj a fortnight ago, it's us who go into tonight's game at the top of the table and we fully intend to still be there at the close of play tonight.

Lazio will be still be smarting, though, from their opening defeat to Cluj and, although they got back on track with their win over Rennes, they will be more than keen to take another scalp tonight. That's what we have to be wary of, but we know we have the players here to make sure that doesn't happen.

Our performance at the weekend in the 6-0 win has inspired us even further, and we are determined to claim another three UEFA Europa League points tonight and I know the

crowd will play a massive part in that.

You were magnificent in our win over Cluj and I know that the noise made that night will be amplified even further tonight against a top Italian team. These are the sort of nights that Celtic Park was made for, and we all – players, staff and supporters – enjoy them immensely.

Together, with the noise from the stands inspiring the players on the pitch, we can emerge from this 90 minutes still at the top of Group E.



# CELTIC V ST MIRREN

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## IMPORTANT TRAVEL INFORMATION FOR CELTIC FANS HEADING TO ROME

**THE following information has been provided to Celtic by Lazio and the City of Rome police for the forthcoming UEFA Europa League match on Thursday, November 7 in the Olympic Stadium (KO: 6.55pm local time).**

It is intended to provide Celtic supporters who are travelling to Rome with clear guidelines of what they can expect when staying in the city, travelling to the match and when they arrive at the stadium.

There will be a prominent police presence throughout the city on the day prior to the match and on matchday, and fans are advised to always follow the advice of police at all times.

- It is forbidden to drink from glass bottles in the street. This will result in an on-the-spot fine.

- The Olympic Stadium is 6km from the centre of Rome. On matchday, there will be transport for Celtic fans which will leave from Villa Borghese starting at 16:00 hours. Fans will be required to present their match ticket to use the buses to the stadium. Buses will operate in a shuttle service, and the journey time to the stadium is around 20 minutes.

- The stadium will open at 17:00 and it is recommended that fans start to make their way to the stadium from 16:00. Advice is to arrive at least 1.5 hours prior to the 18.55 kick-off.

- Fan marches to the stadium are not permitted.



- Fans must take their passport or ID (if includes a picture of the holder) with them for access to the stadium. No other form will be accepted, and photocopies will not be accepted.

- Fans will be searched both at the stadium as well as at the meeting point.

- No bags of any kind are allowed within the stadium. Fans will be allowed to take in wallet, passport, phone and keys only, and there is no drop-off for bags.

- On arrival at the turnstiles, fans will be required to present their ticket into the turnstile reader. This will display the name and date of birth of the person who purchased the ticket, and this must match the details on the passport. If the details do

not match, the access will not be granted.

- Celtic fans will occupy sections 18, 19, 20 & 21 behind the goal. This has a centre walkway which must be kept clear at all times for emergency access.

- Banners will be checked on arrival and must be Celtic only. No banners or flags with any political sentiment or mention of any other football team or organisation will be permitted.

- After the match, Celtic fans will be held back within the stadium. This could be for up to one hour. However, a decision will be taken at the time.

- On leaving the stadium, there will be transport provided to take fans back to the central train station in Rome called 'Termini'.