

# Brooklyn

Director: John Crowley  
2015 (110')



The tale of a young Irish woman who moves from a small village in Ireland in the 1950s to Brooklyn, New York in search of work and a future. A family tragedy forces her to return to Ireland where she finds herself drawn back into the life she left behind.

*Brooklyn is no mere nostalgia piece. It's also a reclamation of a kind of sincere moviemaking that's gone out of style, where decent characters grapple with real ethical dilemmas and awaken to new versions of themselves.* Time Out New York

*Brooklyn addresses the great dual narrative of the emigration experience: the new life abroad and the ghostly, parallel life that might have been lived at home.* The Guardian

## **Vocabulary and expressions:**

**Rashers:** A common name for slices of bacon.

**Dozen:** Twelve.

*Can I have half a dozen rashers?*

**A tart:** A derogatory name for a woman considered to have "loose sexual morals".

*You mustn't look like a tart.*

**The pearly gates:** The entrance to heaven.

**Irish brogue:** Irish accent.

*I hope that when I go through the pearly gates, the first sound I hear is you asking me for the bill in that lovely Irish brogue.*

**A catch:** Used to talk about somebody who would make a good husband, wife etc. due to their attractiveness or wealth.

*He's a catch for someone.*

**Grand:** Very good; great (commonly used in Ireland).

*That'd be grand.*

**Giddiness:** silliness; not sensible or serious.

**Sermon:** The speech made by a priest or other religious person at a mass or religious service.

**Slothful:** Disinclined to work or exertion; lazy.

*I'll tell you this much: I'm going to ask Father Flood to preach a sermon on the dangers of giddiness. I now see that giddiness is the eighth deadly sin. A giddy girl is every bit as evil as a slothful man, and the noise she makes is a lot worse.*

**Lines from the film:**

**Patty (helping Eilis to look more stylish):** There. That's better. Now you don't look like you've just come in from milking the cows.

**Eilis:** Is that what I looked like?

**Patty:** Just a bit. Nice clean cows. Let's go.