

Wine&Brunch

Feast fit for an Irishman

St. James Corner serves up a selection of belly-bursting brunches

Is it OK to have a beer with brunch?

I thought about that while scanning the menu at St. James Corner.

Turned from a nightclub into a neighbourhood Irish pub on 1 St. S.W., it's happy hour all day on Sundays, which made a sudsy start emptying.

But having had a few the night before, I opted for the orange juice instead.

Available on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, the brunch menu is fairly standard with a bit of an Irish flair.

If you're in the mood for something authentic, try the Boxty (\$13.95) a traditional Irish potato pancake cooked on the griddle with sliced chicken breast in a creamy bacon and leek sauce.

Or there's the traditional Bangers and Mash (\$13.95) polombo's sausages with caramelized onions and mushrooms and house-made Irish mashed potatoes smothered in gravy.

Less authentic items



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include the Tex-mex Breakfast Skillet (\$9.95) made with three eggs and served with

hashbrowns and toast, or the Belgium waffle, with seasonal fruit, and whipped cream.

Being one, however, I had to have the Irish Man Breakfast (\$10.95).

It would be even more manly if it included blood pudding — which, believe it or not, I actually really liked

while living in Europe — but this version is a stomach filling two eggs, two slices of bacon, hashbrowns, two pieces of Texas toast and a Belgium waffle.

The rich wood interior of the pub looks Irish enough to make me want to drink whisky.

It looks and feels like you'd imagine a Gaelic bar to be in North America, with a long bar running along a wall, perfect if you want to watch one of the big screen TVs sitting above.

Mirrors behind a stack of bottles lets you to still see the room, which has several higher tables in the middle and there's also

Stairs next to the bar lead to the upper section, which is a little quieter if your head is still hurting from the night before like mine.

Our server was friendly and even though it wasn't busy, she didn't look bored. The staff of three was more than enough to handle the early crowd, so they busied them-

selves cleaning and prepping cutlery for the day ahead, but we weren't ever left waiting for her.

A good sign.

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<p>HOURS Brunch available Saturday, Sunday and holidays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.</p> <p>PRICE Moderate</p> <p>MAIN ENTREE Around \$12</p> <p>PAYMENT Visa, Interac</p> <p>WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE Yes</p> <p>RECOMMENDED Irish Man Breakfast</p>	<p>FOOD ★★★★</p> <p>AMBIENCE ★★★★</p> <p>SERVICE ★★★★</p> <p>OVERALL ★★★★</p>
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