Kaziukas Fair (Lithuanian – Kaziuko Mugė) – is an annual Lithuanian folk crafts fair dating back to the beginning of the 17<sup>th</sup> century, held at main Market places in the suburbs of Vilnius, capital of Lithuania.

As the fair is traditionally held on the Sunday nearest to St. Casimir's Day, March 4 (the day St. Casimir died), it is popularly referred to as Kaziukio mugė, literally – Little Casimir's Fair.

The main idea of the event is the change of seasons – the time to banish out the winter and welcome the first signs of spring. The celebration today is more like a festival of folk art, crafts, music and dance, and attracts tens of thousands of people, as well as many craftsmen from all over the country.

Traditional palms (called 'verbos',
hence 'Verbų Sekmadienis') made of
colourful dried flowers
and herbs, are taken to
church on Palm
Sunday, and
are the fair's
trademark

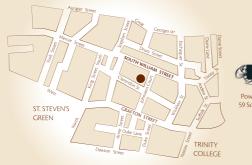
## Bring a little Lithuania home!

The Lithuanian association in Ireland presents 'Kaziuko mugė' – St. Casimir's Fair in **Powerscourt Townhouse Centre** on the 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> March.

For the first time ever, an authentic Lithuanian celebration is coming to Dublin.

This is a two day event designed to introduce Lithuanian culture and heritage to the Irish public. An auction will open the festival on the 10<sup>th</sup> of March at 12 pm, at which presented art works will be put under the hammer, with the proceeds to be donated to St. Casimir's Foster Home, in Kupiškis, Lithuania, and Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin.

Kaziuko mugė atkeliauja į Dubliną kovo 10-11 dienomis. Šventė prasidės labdaringu aukcionu 10 d., 12 val.













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