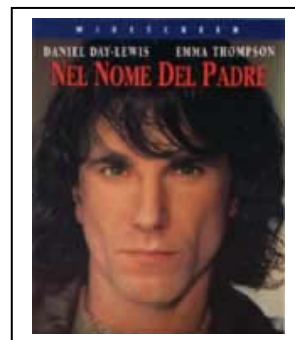


▣ ABOUT THE MOVIE ▣ (subtitled version)

TITLE	In the Name of the Father
DIRECTOR	Jim Sheridan
YEAR AND COUNTRY	Great Britain 1993
GENRE	Drama
ACTORS	Daniel Day Lewis, Pete Postlethwaite, Don Baker



PLOT

A true story (adapted from an autobiographical book) about police brutality, politics and also about the relationship between a gentle man and his son. A reckless, unemployed Irish lad gets accused of terrorism (the Guildford pub bombings) and police, seeking scapegoats, proceed to arrest his relatives and three of his friends too. The four friends are subjected to physical and psychological torture until they confess. All those arrested are convicted and jailed. The story then follows Jerry Conlon and his father Giuseppe through their experiences in jail, where Giuseppe supports his son emotionally, until the process is reversed, and Jerry becomes the stronger one.

Giuseppe dies in jail, and we see Jerry slowly becoming a fighter for justice.

In the meantime, the real bomber has confessed, but the police take no action. However, a young woman lawyer has become interested in the case and becomes convinced of the family's innocence. She starts sensitizing public opinion as regards the case and eventually finds evidence that was kept from the defense by the police, finally proving the whole family innocent.

LANGUAGE

The vocabulary in this film is generally fairly simple (although rather vulgar) and would be easily understood by B2 level students if it weren't for the Irish accent, which is rather heavy at times. There are few complex constructions, as the dialogues are mostly quick, single sentence exchanges.

VOCABULARY

Aye = yes	To jump ship = when you run away from your job on a ship
A head case = a crazy guy	Gangplank = walkway between dry land and a boat
A nervous wreck = exhausted by tension	I'm flush = I have plenty of money
"Neat" = great	Paddy = typical name for an Irishman
A squat = deserted house which people go and live in without permission	Dupe = a victim of deception, somebody made to look a fool
Callous = hard and without pity	Bollocks = balls (of the male variety)
To clam up = stop talking, refuse to speak	Maim = permanently harm or injure
String 'em up = hang them, give them the punishment they deserve	Flipping cheek! = What insolence!
Scum = worthless people	Mind your manners = be polite
A spot of bother = a bit of trouble	